

November 9, 2001

Footsteps

Foothills Emmaus Community
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The Walk to Emmaus

The fall walks have come and gone and our community now has 62 new faces. Sixty-two people whom one month ago had not experienced the agape love shown by our community during the walks. I want to again welcome our newest members. I do hope you will make an effort to get and stay involved in the Foothills Emmaus Community. There are numerous ways to assist and in the process, meet and get to know some of the finest people in the world! Gatherings, helping during the walks weekend in the kitchen, transportation, prayer vigil, set-up and teardown of the camp...lots of opportunities for you to offer that same agape love you received to the next group of pilgrims.

I had one of the ladies on the walk tell me on Monday that she wasn't going to miss out on anything to do with Emmaus...that she wanted to attend and help in every way she could. She was overwhelmed with the entire experience, particularly how the community portrayed the role of a servant throughout the weekend. Another member of the community asked me had it been a "good" walk...at first I smiled and said "Oh, yeah" then I thought... every walk is GOOD because the Holy Spirit is always with us. Oh, there may be some challenges that present themselves on the weekend but nothing too big for God. Those two comments have lingered with me since the walks...being a servant and having a "good" walk. Sometimes in the middle of the preparations and planning for the walks... we tend to lose sight that God is the One in charge. No matter how hard we humans try to mess it up, God is still there to see it through. We are called to be God's servants and to make disciples for Jesus Christ. By being God's faithful servant, we are assured that each and every walk will be good. One of my favorite songs is *Make Me A Servant*... remember the words... "Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord may I lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be... Make me a servant...Make me a servant...Make we servant TODAY". I trust we will answer that call to be God's servants... *because today is here and now*

DeColores!

*Barbara (BWare),
Community Lay Director*

THE ABUNDANT LIFE IS A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE WITH MUSIC

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer. You may be immature, weak and imperfect, but, if you have been "born again" of the spirit, He dwells in you. You are filled with the Holy Spirit so that you can have JOY. Paul speaks to this in Ephesians 5:18-20. "And be not drunk with wine, but filled with the spirit, speaking to yourself in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always unto God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This has always been one of the strong elements of our Emmaus community since I became a member. It happened again on Sundays as our pilgrims sang with gusto and purpose at their closings, and it reminded me of the wonderful Norman Luboff choir. They (pilgrims) sang with clarity and purpose and harmony. Music is the key to the heart's soul leading to God.

We sing and make melody to ourselves and to God. And that is what happened at our closings. Even David spoke of how the evil ones were consuming him and then he would sing, "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name." Did you notice the pilgrims, that as they sang they were giving their words to God? Powerful, for as they sang, the anointing fell upon them. I can remember being alone in Vietnam and all of a sudden a song would well up inside of me and I would let it go and feel so much better. And I am sure that many of you have been in the pits, only to have a song come to you and you sing it from your heart to the Lord and you are on cloud nine walking with the Lord. So I say to you, pour out your heart in song to God, as it has a cleansing and healing effect. Sometimes you have to have that release to get the garbage out of you. There are times as a believer you can get so caught up in the mechanics of faith you forget the Character of God. God knows you and your heart and He knows what you need. If you would but let go and let God have His way with you, He will restore you back to where you belong. The songs of the Lord are a weapon. They stop the condemnation and onslaught of the enemy in your life. Melodies are medicine to one's life. To sing His praises, produces life, great joy, and miraculous strength. Praise and worship is a travelling vehicle. They should be with you at all times. I encourage you to begin to enter into the songs from your heart. They will put you in remembrance of how great God is. And as you sing, God will be bigger than any problem you face. Joseph Addison said, "Music, the greatest good that mortals know, And all of heaven we have below" and Red Auerback said, "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life". Thank you Community and Music Teams for your joyous participation and leadership.

God bless and see you at the gatherings.

Bob Everett, Community Spiritual Director

WANTED: PILGRIMS!

Now is the time to pray for the people God is leading you to sponsor. Make an appointment with them and help them fill out the applications. Get the Pilgrims and sponsor application along with the \$25 deposit to me.

If you need applications you can download them from the website, pick them up at gatherings or call me and I can send you some in the mail.

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PRAYER POEMS
 by Maggie Hopper
 during Foothills Emmaus Women's Walk #23, 10/20/01

*The dance has begun
 O daughter, rejoice
 Heaviness banished
 Praise is your choice
 Lift up your heart
 Lift up your voice
 The dance has begun
 My daughter, rejoice!*

RUSH THE ROOM

Come, Lord Jesus, rush the room
 Banish doubt, seal fear's doom
 Unleash, Lord, Your heav'nly grace
 Look these women in the face
 And say, "I love you dearly."
 Cut the root of bitterness
 Heal with oil of gladness
 Plant these trees of righteousness.

Holy Spirit, rush the room
 Cast out all that's not of You
 Convict, comfort, cleanse from sin
 Let them know they've been forgiven!
 Pierce their hearts with holy Love
 Turn their weeping into Joy
 Through them, Lord, be magnified
 Christ is alive, beloved Bride!

Abba Father, rush the room
 Uphold them with loving arms
 Sanctify them by Your grace
 As they seek Your lovely face
 Purify their hearts' desire
 Baptize them with holy fire
 Seal them in Your covenant
 Give them Life abundant.

NO LONGER FORSAKEN

(Based on Isaiah 54)

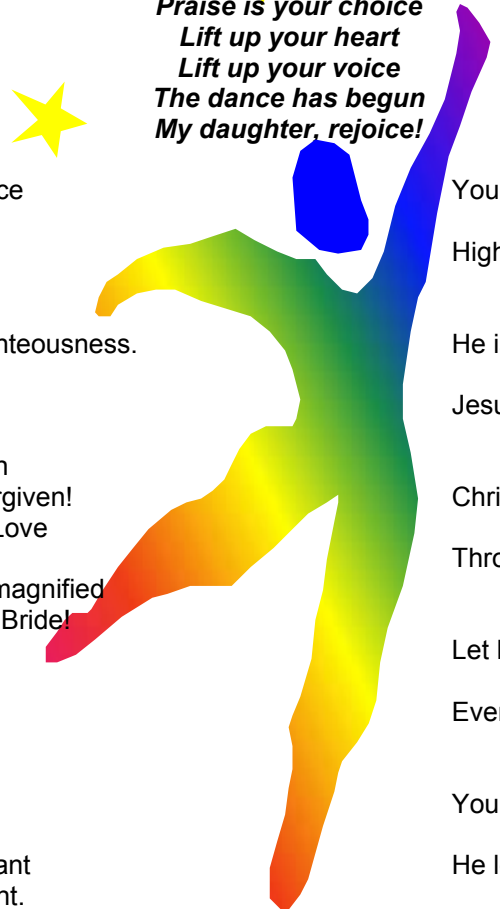
Your Maker, Redeemer, the Lord in your midst
 is the Holy One of Israel, King of all kings.
 High and lifted up His train fills the conference room,
 Son, Light of God, Jesus, your Husband.

He is the One to whom you must bow,
 Lord God Almighty, exalted o'er all.
 Jesus is Lord. God reigns from on High
 giving His followers Authority.

Christ in you, the hope of glory,
 Jesus is your Light, your story.
 Through His eyes you see more clearly
 all, and those you hold most dearly.

Let His Lordship be your lifeline,
 nothing between, before or above Him.
 Everything else follows thereafter
 in Peace, decency and holy order.

You are no longer forsaken.
 You have Jesus as constant Companion.
 He loves you more than you can imagine.
 Collapse in His arms. Let Him have you.



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on how the site
 could be of more
 help to you.



So many times in our Christian lives we have heard the statement that God is so good. We usually use it when we are celebrating one of those times in our lives when we can see the hand of God at work for us. It may be time for each of us to examine our lives when times are not as fulfilling, when times are stressful, even when times are hard and see that God is still good & he is working in our lives.

Just a few weeks ago news came to us that a dear friend had lost a job and that same day we also learned that this dear friend's father had cancer. The dad's attitude was "I'm going to be playing golf again in the spring. I may be bald, but I'll be playing." We knew our friend would soon find another job, the qualifications were there, the striving was there, and things would work out for the best. Now we have learned that the cancer is much more serious than everyone had believed at first. His days are numbered and he does not want to leave his family. He knows that he is needed here. He is well-loved, a good Christian man, active in church and a joy to be around. He practices what he preaches.

Do I now question God? Do I ask where is the good God that this man has served all his days? Do I seek the impossible and pray for miracles? How do I face this?

God is good. He has not promised us that our days will be without sorrow, trouble, nor pain. He has not promised that understanding of his will can be mine. He has only promised that he would not leave me without comfort, that he would never leave me alone.

I treasure the days that we are facing as we share a time with a special friend. I treasure the fact that not only do I have the Holy Spirit to comfort me, I have a friend in hard times that keeps looking ahead & who will help the dad that is about to be gone. I treasure the people of Emmaus who lift one another up in prayer and then reach beyond our community to lift others they have never meet, others they will never know. We share a love from the only source of strength and courage who can help us when we do not understand for He is good. Let each of us now lift our eyes & sing praises, aloud & in our hearts, for God is good.

Fall Walks

72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR WALK #23

Here's one more peek at all those that participated in the Vigil

MEN'S

WOMEN'S

Thursday		Saturday		Thursday		Saturday	
6:00 PM	Lydia Beck	6:00 AM	Mickey Smith	6:00 PM	Lydia Beck	6:00 AM	Hellen Sizemore
7:00 PM	Toby Childress	7:00 AM	Ray Williams	7:00 PM	Dianne Wilson	7:00 AM	Susan Bogan
8:00 PM	Judy Cooke	8:00 AM	Jennifer Williams	8:00 PM	Carol Hetzel	8:00 AM	Leta and Paul Poston
9:00 PM	Matthew Phillips	9:00 AM	Kathy Mims / B. Ware	9:00 PM	Matthew Phillips	9:00 AM	Bob Goulart
10:00 PM	B. Ware	10:00 AM	Bob Goulart	10:00 PM	Mark Poag	10:00 AM	Maggie Hopper
11:00 PM	Kathryn Waldrep	11:00 AM	Laura Keck	11:00 PM	Kathryn Waldrep	11:00 AM	Richard Hopper
Friday		12:00 PM	LeeAnn Hook	Friday		12:00 PM	LeeAnn Hook
12:00 AM	Gary Waldrep	1:00 PM	Shirley Mims	12:00 AM	Gary Waldrep	1:00 PM	Shuler Mims
1:00 AM	B. Ware	2:00 PM	Sandi Garland	1:00 AM	Mickey Smith	2:00 PM	Jan Suttles
2:00 AM	Beanie Robertson	3:00 PM	Paul Keck	2:00 AM	LeeAnn Hook	3:00 PM	Paul Keck
3:00 AM	LeeAnn Hook	4:00 PM	Marlene Chapman	3:00 AM	Quay Farr	4:00 PM	Ray Williams
4:00 AM	Ernest Seber	5:00 PM	Cary Brown	4:00 AM	Conway Belangia	5:00 PM	Jennifer Williams
5:00 AM	Andrea Young	6:00 PM	Lyle Miller	5:00 AM	Andrea Young	6:00 PM	Lyle Miller
6:00 AM	Christina Turner	7:00 PM	Lydia Beck	6:00 AM	Lydia Beck	7:00 PM	Lydia Beck
7:00 AM	Susan Bogan	8:00 PM	Dwayne & Kristi Arledge	7:00 AM	Kathy Eckart	8:00 PM	Dwayne & Kristi Arledge
8:00 AM	Betsy Jacob	9:00 PM	Quay Farr	8:00 AM	Betsy Jacob	9:00 PM	Betty Queen
9:00 AM	Jane Smith	10:00 PM	Carol Hetzel	9:00 AM	B. Ware	10:00 PM	Becky Boyer - Pat Ellis
10:00 AM	Larry Koenig	11:00 PM	Lowell Eckart	10:00 AM	Larry Koenig	11:00 PM	Bill Allison
11:00 AM	Steve Keck	Sunday		11:00 AM	Steve Keck	Sunday	
12:00 PM	Mack Cason Mike Fastzkie	12:00 AM	Lisa Smith	12:00 PM	Betty Phillips	12:00 AM	Maryanne Hayes
1:00 PM	Jan Suttles & Pat Ellis	1:00 AM	MaryAnne Stoeppler	1:00 PM	Sandy Teska	1:00 AM	Phyllis Brown & MaryAnne Stoeppler
2:00 PM	Sam & Bootsie Gilliam	2:00 AM	Duane & Tina Ashcraft	2:00 PM	Beth Moore	2:00 AM	Duane & Tina Ashcraft
3:00 PM	Hilda Menasian Sam & Bootsie Gilliam	3:00 AM	Irene Simmonds (Australia)	3:00 PM	Hilda Menasian Sam & Bootsie Gilliam	3:00 AM	Irene Simmonds (Australia)
4:00 PM	Maryanne Hayes	4:00 AM	Elaine Reid (Australia)	4:00 PM	Maryanne Hayes	4:00 AM	Elaine Reid (Australia)
5:00 PM	Tom & Kelly Hutchins	5:00 AM	Lou Ellen & Jimmy Davis	5:00 PM	Tom & Holly Hutchins	5:00 AM	Lou Ellen & Jimmy Davis
6:00 PM	Bonnie Fox	6:00 AM	Lydia Beck	6:00 PM	Bonnie Fox	6:00 AM	Lydia Beck
7:00 PM	Lydia Beck	7:00 AM	Bob Fisher	7:00 PM	Lydia Beck	7:00 AM	Bob Fisher
8:00 PM	Barbie Cutts	8:00 AM	Tommy Moore	8:00 PM	Catherin D'Azevevo	8:00 AM	Tommy Moore
9:00 PM	Bob and Kim McCauley	9:00 AM	Connie Hembree	9:00 PM	Bob & Kim McCauley	9:00 AM	Quay Farr
10:00 PM	Kimberly Carter	10:00 AM	Bob Goulart	10:00 PM	Lisa Smith	10:00 AM	Bob Goulart
11:00 PM	Scott & Dawn Rampey	11:00 AM	Conrad Robertson	11:00 PM	Scott & Dawn Rampey	11:00 AM	Rick & Connie Hembree
Saturday		12:00 PM	Steve Keck	Saturday		12:00 PM	Brett & Marlene Chapman
12:00 AM	Renee' Reid	1:00 PM	John Hetzel	12:00 AM	Mike & Renee' Reid	1:00 PM	John Hetzel
1:00 AM	Roy Suttles	2:00 PM	Crystal S. Whitfield	1:00 AM	Roy Suttles	2:00 PM	Crystal S. Whitfield
2:00 AM	Irene Simmonds (Australia)	3:00 PM	Shirley Birch	2:00 AM	Irene Simmonds (Australia)	3:00 PM	Shirley Birch
3:00 AM	Elaine Reid (Australia)	4:00 PM	Ann & Ben Cothran	3:00 AM	Elaine Reid (Australia)	4:00 PM	Ann & Ben Cothran
4:00 AM	Jayne Weir	5:00 PM	B. Ware	4:00 AM	Conway Belangia	5:00 PM	Matt Yon
5:00 AM	Hellen Sizemore	6:00 PM	Mack Cason	5:00 AM	Carol Allison	6:00 PM	Mack Cason

KUDOS ALL AROUND FROM THE BOARD

WANTED:

New Dining Room Tablecloths

It is time to replace the tablecloths in the dining room at camp. The tables are eight foot tables (96"x30"). Eight, white, vinyl, flannel backed tablecloths are needed. This is great agape from a reunion group, individual, or group of individuals. If interested, please contact Carol Hetzel at 864-627-8350 or email chetzel1@aol.com.

Thank all of you who provided Agape for the men's and women's fall walks. I am always amazed at the creativity and time that goes in to making of these gifts. I would also like to thank those who so willingly helped me in the Agape room during the weekends.

I still have extra Agape that was not picked up at the follow-up gathering. I will bring any extras to the November meeting for pickup.

God bless you all.

Savonda Medlin

A big thanks to all who helped with transportation on both men's and women's Walks.

Rick Hembree

As 2001 is coming to an end and my position on the Foothills Emmaus Board is also coming to an end, I would like everyone to know what a true blessing it has been to be able to serve the community for the past three (3) years. It has been a wonderful experience and one that I will treasure the rest of my life.

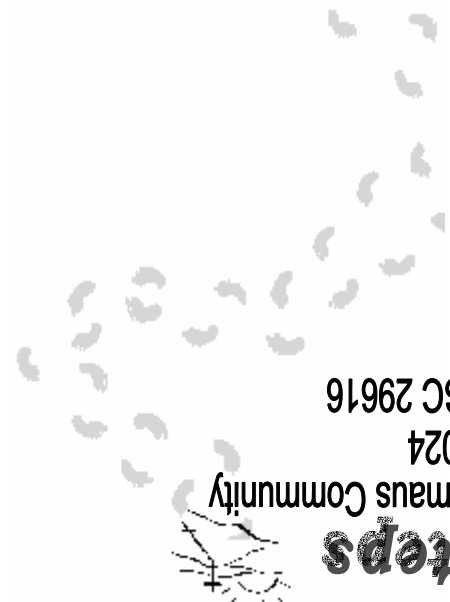
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Mike Reid

Thank you, Servants, who assisted with the Candlelight Cleanup following each of the fall Walks. May God bless you for your selflessness and your willingness. To God be the Glory!

De Colores!
Jayne Weir

Once again, the camp was completely transformed into a special place, because of your help! Thanks and may God bless you for your service!

James Peavey



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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Christmas Gathering will be on DECEMBER 14th at Aldersgate UMC in the fellowship hall.

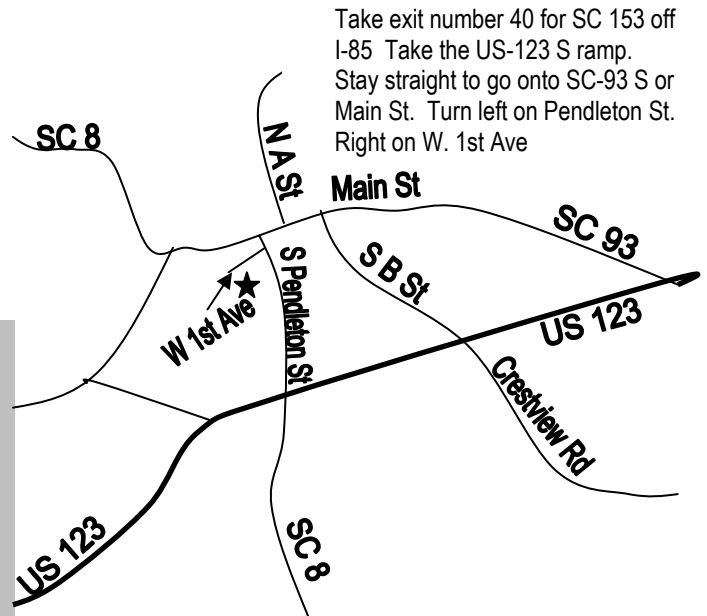
If you are interested in being on the planning committee? Contact Maggie Hopper rdhopper@juno.com, 864-877-2277 or in person at the November Gathering.

**Next Gathering:
 November 16th**

7:30 pm
 Asbury Hall
 First UMC Easley

**Want to host a
 Gathering in 2002?**

Contact
 Maggie Hopper at
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 864-877-2277



2002 Emmaus Board Ballot

The nominating committee presents the following names to the community. Please vote for only five names to serve a three-year term on the Board. There are additional columns for more than one voting member per household. Bring the ballot to the November Gathering or mail the ballot to **Foothills Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 25024, Greenville, SC 29616 by November 30th.**

Name	Voter #1	Voter #2	Voter #3
Mel Arant, Anderson			
Deedie Belangia, Mauldin			
Chris Cox, Clemson			
Sandy Faulkner, Easley			
Robbie Kane, Simpsonville			
Kathy Mims, Greenville			
Joanna Neubert, Cleveland			
Carlton Sharpe, Greer			
Dennis Smith, Greer			
Maryanne Stoepler, Spartanburg			
Maxine Stribling, Gray Court			
Christine Turner, Inman			

Journey to the Manger

Experience the long-ago town of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born and see the Christmas story comes alive at "The Journey to the Manger" pageant.

Simpsonville UMC in Simpsonville will present it's first annual "The Journey to the Manger" December 14 and 15. The drive-through pageant will be presented each night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the church, located at South Main St. in Simpsonville. There will be 25 "living" sets showing all facets of the Christmas story with a cast of hundreds and live animals.

Admission to the pageant is free. For more information please contact the church office at (864) 967-3071 or go to the web at www.sumcweb.org/jtm