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Can Christ Count on You?

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The Fall Walks are behind us now. But, I have continued to reflect on those weekends and what transpired. At the last minute I was asked to serve as a table leader on the Women's Walk. What a joy! I had the awesome privilege to serve and be a part of all God had prepared for these pilgrims and even the team! I LOVE watching God show up and show out! It is mind-blowing.

I pray that each one of you will get involved in the Foothills Emmaus community so that one day you too can experience this first hand. There is nothing else like it. Watching folks be transformed — to lose the chains that had them bound — to experience God's Grace and Love up close and personal.

When I speak about the Walk to Emmaus, I always make sure to tell them that this is where I actually felt God's love. I grew up singing the Children's hymn, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so." I believed it too. But, for me, that was simply head knowledge. Up on that mountain Jesus became so real to me. I finally got it! I received the heart knowledge. What a fantastic gift! I was truly in love with Jesus for the first time.

How about you? What was your experience like?

Having taken many youth to Chrysalis, which is very similar to the Walk to Emmaus, you can tell who was changed by their experience. All of them had an enjoyable time, but many

were changed. What it comes down to is whether or not they were ready to receive...and, what they did with it after their weekend ended.

It's the same for you and me. When you received your cross, you were told that, "**Christ is counting on you.**" You replied, "**And, I am counting on Christ.**" Well, what have you done with your Emmaus experience? Has it grown? Are you in a Reunion Group? Have you sponsored others on the Walk? Are you serving in your church and/or community? Are you in a Bible study or maybe even leading one? Are you teaching Sunday school or serving in a leadership position? Have you feed His sheep? Have you clothed His children? Have you visited Him in prison? **How has Christ been able to count on you?**

After every Walk I've had the privilege to serve on, it's caused an awesome amount of inward reflection and evaluation...to set my priorities back in order...to let Christ, once again, count on me.

Love you all!

DeColores,
Bonnie Franklin

Mark your Calendars for Our Upcoming Gatherings

November 16 — Bethesda UMC, Powdersville

December 14 — My Father's House, Easley

January 18 — Mauldin UMC, Mauldin

February 15 — Covenant UMC, Greer

March 21 — Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville

The Joys of Sponsorship

My husband and I took our walk during the fall of 2000. Since then we have sponsored many pilgrims — most were asked and prayed over many times...

Then, there was this one pilgrim...

On the way to see Nancy (about some business) God whispered to me and told me to ask her about going on the Walk. So I arrived and said, "Nancy, have you heard of the Walk to Emmaus?" She said, "No, is it something I would like?" And I said, "Yes, I think you would". She then said, "OK, sign me up!" Boy, how refreshing I thought! Just like that...Then I got a little nervous because it wasn't suppose to be that easy... The rest of the conversation went like this:

"But you have to take a day off work."

"OK, sign me up".

"You don't know when it is."

"OK, when is it?"

"Week after next". (I encourage you not to wait to the last minute like me but if its Gods time...)

"OK, sign me up".

"Don't you want to know about it?"

"Well, if you think I'll like it, sign me up. I trust you."

Not everyone is open to the idea of going on the Walk. If you are interested in sponsoring someone pray about it and then be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Remember: Emmaus is not something they need. It is not a fix all. It is simply a gift for those who believe and are already active in serving the Lord.

Julian Ford at Send-off reminded us that pilgrims do not forget their sponsors. This provided comfort to me and not only did I think of my sponsor, I thought about those that we have sponsored. What a JOY it has been!!

If you want to sponsor someone — first pray about it and then be led by the Holy Spirit.

DeColores,
Lou Ellen Davis, Registrar



Volunteers Needed!

Kairos Outside needs Angels and Team members for their

Weekend April 3-6, 2008. Kairos is designed to support the families of men and women who are, or have been incarcerated in the country's state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and our offender programs. The spouses, parents, other relatives, and friends of the incarcerated often "do time" right along with their relatives/friends. It is important for them to know that they are not alone and that there is a Christian community that cares about them. **The Purpose of Kairos Outside** is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relatives or friends who are or who have been incarcerated.

We are also in need of travel size toiletries and Christian books for the guests. Prayer is also needed. To sign up to help or for more information, call Holly Parrott, 944-7998 or email hparrott@bellsouth.net or Toby Childress, 944-9090.

New 2008 Board Members

I am excited to announce our newly elected board members to you all. We had great people to choose from this year and it was a close race all the way around. Here are the winners:

For the five three-year terms — Steve Grose, Laura Keck, David Norrell, Leah O'Neal, and Barbara Rambo. For the three one-year terms — Lydia Beck, Connie Herring, and Roy Suttles.

I look forward to a great year in 2008, and I know that all of these newly elected members will do a fantastic job. Come to the Gathering to meet them on November 16:

DeColores,
Dawn Rampey, Vice-Chair



Delores' column answers your questions regarding the Walk to Emmaus and/or our Foothills community. Send your questions to foothillsemmaus@charter.net. Delores will attempt to answer them.

Q Man, I wish there was something like the Walk to Emmaus for my teenager. Has anyone thought of that?

A Yes, they have. They are called Chrysalis for high school students and Discovery for middle school students. And, although neither are available in the upstate there are many communities near us for your youth. It's set up much like the Walk to Emmaus — three days with 15 talks, but everything is based upon their age and emotional levels. Team members include adults, who have been on the Walk, and youth, who have already experienced Chrysalis. For a Chrysalis or Discovery near you, check out the community locator on the Upper Room's web site at <http://www.upperroom.com/chrysalis>. You'll also find lots of helpful information there.

Committee News



Agape Nook

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful agape provided for the October walks! Our community has a lot of creative members! Keep your creative juices flowing – March 2008 will be here before we know it! Plan to have your agape for the Spring Walks ready by the February 2008 gathering.

Hear ye! Hear ye! To all Reunion Groups: Are you in an active reunion group? Is your reunion group listed? If your reunion group is active and **not** listed, **please** send me the following information: NAME, TOWN, SHEPHERD/CONTACT, and TELEPHONE. Reunion groups on the current list are: A-Town Apostles, Buncombe Streeters, Covenant UMC, Dandelion Sowers, G.I.F.T, God's Groupies, His Mighty Moos, Jubilee Planters, Mustard Seeds, Soul Sisters, Spreading HIS Love, St. Mark Mountain Movers (Greenwood), St. Mark Reunion group (Seneca), Wild Hog Reunion group, YaYa Sisters.

Even if your reunion group has been active for a long time, please submit the information. Thanks in advance for assisting in updating the Foothills Reunion Group list for the pilgrim's packets.

DeColores,
Libby Waldrep, Agape
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Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Thank you all who helped with transportation during the fall walks. Your assistance in getting the luggage to the rooms and the pilgrims to the camp is so appreciated. And to all the pilgrims who attended the walks, know that we can transport you to the camp, but it is the Grace of God that will be there to take you on your travels in your fourth day!

DeColores! John, MacKeil. Transportation

Singing His Praises!



The Foothills community is MISSING approximately 200 (yes, 200) Praise Books, and we would like to get them BACK. Please check your closets, desk drawers, car trunks, refrigerators, wherever these books might hide. If you discover you have one - or some - or a large box full - they can just anonymously "show up" at a Gathering. No questions will be asked. Thank you ALL for checking, because these 200 books were a HUGE expense for our community and cannot be replaced. They are out of print..

DeColores, Connie <><

Letting His Light Shine

A special Thank You to all that helped with clean up after Candlelight! All too often your silent servant hood goes unnoticed.

I and the community applaud you. May God Richly Bless you!
Carlton

Wonder where Debbie Is?

Have you lost contact with a member of our community? Then check out the directory on our web site at www.FoothillsEmmaus.org. While you're at it, please check to make sure your information is correct. If not, give me a call or email me your changes.

Let me know whether you'd like to receive our newsletter via mail or through the web site. If you opt for the web site, you'll be saving the community money on printing and postage.

DeColores! Bill Houx, Newsletter/Web



Where does all the money go?

It costs about \$10,000 to put on the Men's and Women's Walks in the Fall. With registration fees set at only \$85 for pilgrims and \$65 for team members, it doesn't take too long before you realize that even with two full Walks (which we haven't had in a long time), registration does not cover all of the Walk expenses. Who covers the rest? **You do!** It's covered by your generous donations and offerings at Gatherings and Candlelight.

As you look towards the end of the year, please consider making a tax deductible contribution to Foothills Emmaus. We are a 501c3. Bring your checks to the Gatherings. If you can't make the Gatherings, contact me and we'll make other arrangements.

DeColores!
Sherrill Austin, Treasurer
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Welcome Our New Community Members from Walk 35

Cheryl Wright	Barbara Richey	Wanda Hagood
Cora P. Ball	Ernie Richey	Emily Edwards
Michael Whitmire	Renee Clark	Woody Matthews
Teresa Whitmire	Shirley Rutledge	Toni Norris
Bruce Matthews	Joanne Crow	J.B. Boley
Brad Norris	Jennifer Northcutt	Mike Reid
Stacy Norris	Tim Northcutt	Michael Herring
David Whitt	Bob Corby	Robin Burgess
Rhonda Whitt	Toni Corby	Clarissa Brown
Wayne Goff	Roie Johnson	Jeremy Noon
Sylvia Goff	Jennifer Rowell	Dana Noon
Carol Burdette	Shana Sutherland	Tommy Springfield
Art Maco	Rachael Blackburn	Sheila Springfield
Laurel Maco	Sandy Hagood	

Foothills Emmaus Community

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A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

Save the Date!

Most Gatherings are held at 7:30 PM on the third Friday of each month. **December's Gathering is the second Friday this year.** So, go ahead and mark these dates on your calendar — make Emmaus a priority in your schedule.

When you come to the Gatherings, bring your family and friends along with soft drinks and snacks to share with others. Nursery is provided.

AGAPE is always Enthusiastically Accepted!

Newsletter & Directory Info

If you would like to send articles for the newsletter, have an address change, or would like to be removed from the email list, send an email to newsletter@FoothillsEmmaus.org.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We have an on-line
Foothills Directory at :
www.FoothillsEmmaus.org

Please make sure your contact
information is correct.

Plan now for the SPRING WALKS

MEN's #36
March 6-9, 2008

WOMEN's #36
March 13-16, 2008

**This month's Gathering will be on Friday,
November 16 at 7:30 at Bethesda UMC,
516 Piedmont Road, Easley, SC 29642**



If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter, have an address change, or want to be removed from our mailing list, please contact: newsletter@FoothillsEmmaus.org or go to www.FoothillsEmmaus.org.