



A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

October 2004 Newsletter

THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM, AND HE DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR SIGHT. THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE TALKED WITH US ON THE ROAD AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?"

LUKE 24: 31,32

DISCIPLINE OF DISMAY

"And as they (the disciples) followed, they were afraid." Mark 10:32

One of my favorite devotionals from Oswald Chambers **MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST**, is the one dated March 15th. The disciples were so very sure they knew all about our Lord Jesus Christ. So much so that it was a delight to sell all and to fling themselves out in deep love, but as He continued His walk, they were not quite so sure. Jesus was on in front and He looked strange.

Chambers goes on to say that there is an aspect of Jesus that chills the heart of a disciple to the core and makes the whole spiritual life gasp for breath. This strange Being with His face "set like a flint" and His striding determination, strikes terror into me. You see, when we first begin our walk, we seem to have a confidence that we understand Him, but now we are not so sure. "I begin to realize there is a distance between Jesus and me; I can no longer be familiar with Him. He is ahead of me and He never turns around; I have no idea where He is going, and the goal has become strangely far off."

You see before too long in our walk with Jesus, we experience the dismay of discouragement at the prospect of some difficulty or problem which we do not quite know how to resolve. We quickly get discouraged at the prospect of trouble or danger. We are filled with apprehension and lose our confidence in the mist of trouble.

But Chambers points out that the discipline of dismay is essential in the life of discipleship. You see when the darkness comes, so endure until it is over, because out of it will come that following of Jesus which is an unspeakable joy. Do you remember YOUR Walk to Emmaus? Do you remember THE JOY when you finished?

Blessings, Beryl Rosenberger Spiritual Director

Life's Hurricanes

Over the past month, the Southeast has experienced numerous hurricanes, especially in Florida. First and foremost our thoughts and prayers go out to the hurricane victims. We have all seen in the news the latest technology of tracking these huge storms and when they will hit landfall. This technology has allowed many people in the forecasted storm's path to begin preparation of securing their homes, personal items, and even evacuating if necessary. I cannot even begin to imagine the range of emotions these people have felt storm after storm.

The hurricanes prompted me to think about the storms of life that we all experience. Life's storms can be either small or large, but when it's our life's storm, we have to find ways to deal with them. While hurricanes can be forecasted, life's storms can be sudden and unexpected. So then, how can we prepare for life's storms? We have a wonderful book of solutions already prepared for us, the BIBLE. God knew that we would all experience storms during our lives but if our faith is strong then we can weather the storms no matter how large or small. In Matthew, the disciples experienced fear during a storm on the Sea of Galilee. They cried "Lord save us" and in turn Jesus replied, "you of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples then and will calm our storms today, if we just have faith.

Walk #29 will be well underway by the time you receive this newsletter. Satan has been busy creating storms so that the pilgrims, our teams and our community will be distracted from receiving the blessings that God has in store for us all. God has blessed us with a wonderful Emmaus community, church families, and friends to help us through these storms. My prayer is that our faith will remain strong so that this Walk will realize the complete calmness that only our Lord can supply.

I want to thank all of you for giving of your time, talents, and service in making Walk #29 a great success. Thanks be to God for all he has done and for what he will do during the upcoming walks.

DeColores!

Dennis Smith

Community Chairman

FROM THE BOARD

As we are completing another awesome pair of Walk weekends, it's time to look towards the future.

There will be five dedicated board members finishing their three year terms in December. The Community will be voting for five new members to take their places in November.

Our election process begins with nominations from the Community.

The qualifications of a good candidate are :

1. Be active in the Community
2. Be willing to work on the Board
3. Be willing to attend monthly meetings (with a Summer break).

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, there are two easy ways to nominate them. Either:

1. Tear the nomination form off the back of this newsletter, fill in the person's name, and bring the form to the Follow-Up Gathering.

OR

2. Contact one of the following board members:
Dennis Smith (292-5188), Tom Howard (836-3368),
Larry Boyer (244 -0957), Kathy Mims (233-5438),
or Joanna Neubert (836-6046).

The ballot for the November Board election will be published in the November newsletter. Voting will conclude at the November Gathering and the results will be announced in December.

Thank you for your support of the Community!

See you at the Follow-Up Gathering!



**REMEMBER TO
VOTE!!!!
NOVEMBER
2, 2004**

Camp Clueless



A hearty welcome is extended to all new members! When you arrived at camp you didn't have a clue about the loving and caring community you were about to enter. Each day overflowed with surprises and expressions of love. By now you know there were a lot of things happening in the community prior to your walk! As you become active you will discover even more.

Our prayer is that your agape will be a reminder of your mountain top experience and of God's never ending love through His community of believers.

DeColores!
Dianne Perry, Agape chairperson



72 PRAYER VIGIL...

Thank you and God bless you for participating in the 72 hour prayer vigils covering each weekend of Walk 29.

If you would like to be added to the Community's e-mail prayer chain, send me an email, FECPrayer@aol.com. I will be happy to add you in.

DeColores,
Jeff Young



TRANSPORTATION

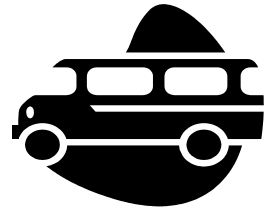
Congratulations are in order for all of the Pilgrims as they complete their Walks. As we each think back to this personal experience that we went through, it brings great memories into focus. I know that my Walk left a lasting impression on me and continuously reminds me of the greatest gift of all.

Once again, congratulations to the Pilgrims.

Also, a special thank you from the Transportation chairperson to all of the volunteer's who come through again and again.

God Bless All of you.

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From the Literature Chair

Welcome to our new brothers and sisters from Walk 29.!

If you made a purchase from the Literature Table during the weekend and paid by an I.O.U., please see me at the Follow Up Gathering on Oct. 15.

I will also be bringing any unsold books to the Follow Up Gathering in case someone wants to make purchases.

Thank you for your great support in the past. Our Community is very blessed!

Christina Turner
Literature Chair



Blessings from the Kitchen Committee!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and efforts to serve the new members of our community. Your humble servanthood is inspiring to us all.

I also want to thank those that traveled to get chicken, donated new table cloths, purchased new aprons, cleaned bread baskets, helped collate and proofread the new kitchen manuals, and supported the Kitchen Committee in any other way.

DeColores,

Joanna Neubert - Kitchen Chair



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Check out our Community Website
For news, Weekend directions and updates:
WWW.FOOTHILLSEMMAUS.HOMESTEAD.COM
Password Hint: The song you sang for your meals!

*****THIS MONTH'S FOLLOW UP GATHERING*****

Friday October 15, 7:30 pm
Buncombe Street UMC
200 Buncombe Street
Greenville, SC 29601

I-85 to I-385 towards downtown. Turn right on Academy St (123). Turn left on North Street. Church is on the left corner.
Parking on right side of North Street.

This is your nomination ballot for next year's Foothills Emmaus Board of Directors. There will be 5 three year positions available. Please write your nominee's name below, tear this box off and bring it to the Follow Up Gathering. Your nominations will be collected then.

Ballots will be sent out in November. Thank you for your nomination.

If you cannot make it to the Gathering, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee:
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