



# FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

## Newsletter/October 2016

On behalf of the Foothills Emmaus Community, I want to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of Walk #50. I pray that your walk has changed the way in which you see the world. One of the things that I stress about Emmaus is that it is intended to build church leaders and not take the place of church. I look at the people that Alice and I have sponsored and the contributions they have made in the life of their church and in others. My Emmaus experience had a significant impact on me and because it was such an influential part of my spiritual formation, I have continued to make the Emmaus community a priority and a part of my life.

While I am active in my church, I also want to serve the Emmaus community in hopes that others can experience the same love and joy that I was so blessed to experience. I encourage you to keep the weekend that you experienced in your heart. On various occasions take the letters from your walk and read them again as it reinforces the love that exists in this community and in your family. Look at the “write-downs” and remember the talk and how it affected you. Stay in contact with those people you met during the weekend. Get involved in a reunion group, and attend Gatherings. Be in prayer for the community, upcoming walks, and future pilgrims. But most importantly, consider sponsoring others so that they too may experience the love and grace we are afforded. Your walk was made possible by those who went before you who wanted to be a Blessing to you so that you could share in this experience. It is my hope that you will extend this same opportunity to others. Sponsorship is the most important contribution you can make.

If there is anything I can do to help you, feel free to contact me directly or another member of the board. We will always be here as part of your fourth day. My you be blessed in your walk with Christ.

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John MacKeil  
Walk #28 Table of John

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# Upcoming Events

## WALKS

### October 6th Starts at 7:30

Men's Send Off  
Mauldin United Methodist Church  
100 E Butler Rd  
Mauldin SC 29662

### October 8th at 8:30

Men's Candlelight  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
2708 Augusta Street  
Greenville SC 29605

### October 9th at 4:30

Men's Closing  
304 Monroe Dr  
Simpsonville SC 29681

\* If picking up Pilgrims luggage, with till 4:15

### October 13th Starts at 7:30

Women's Send Off  
Mauldin United Methodist Church  
100 E Butler Rd  
Mauldin SC 29662

### October 15th at 8:30

Women's Candlelight  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
2708 Augusta Street  
Greenville SC 29605

### October 16th at 4:30

Women's Closing  
304 Monroe Dr  
Simpsonville SC 29681

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## GATHERINGS

### October 21st at 7:30 pm

Follow-Up Gathering  
Buncombe St United Methodist Church  
200 Buncombe St  
Greenville SC 29601

### November 18th at 7:30 pm

Central Presbyterian  
1404 N Boulevard  
Anderson SC 29621

### December 16th at 7:30 pm

United Methodist Church of Covenant  
9020 Asheville Hwy  
Spartanburg SC 29316

We are all faced with many challenges as we journey in our 4th days. One of the best ways to be strengthened is to be a part of our monthly gatherings. These are held the 3rd Friday of each month at various churches in our area. We come together as a community to worship, share communion and renew our friendships. The 21st of October, we will gather at Buncombe Street UMC and the third Friday in November, we will be at Central Presbyterian in Anderson.

These are great opportunities to be strengthened and encouraged by our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Friday of each month and make the monthly gatherings a priority.

Gathering Attendance:  
for August - 93  
for September - 86

# Message from Housing

Blessed To Be A Blessing

One of the reasons I love the Emmaus community is because it allows the opportunity to be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior. I feel blessed by all the gifts God has bestowed upon me, and serving my brothers and sisters in Christ is one way I can be a blessing as well.

The upcoming walks give you the opportunity to serve in so many ways. You can attend send-off, candlelight, and closing. You can work in the kitchen, provide agape, or bake snacks. Lastly, you have the opportunity to help create the atmosphere at the camp by volunteering for setup, turnover, or teardown.

Dates and times:

*Setup: Thursday 10/6/16 9am – 1pm*

*Turnover: Monday 10/10/16 @ 9am – 10am*

*Teardown: Monday 10/17/16 @ 9am – 12pm*

However you choose to serve is up to you. Your service will bless the pilgrims, the team, and yourself. Most importantly, your actions will bring glory to God.

## Message from Spiritual Director

I was reminded again this month what Emmaus is really all about. I was talking to someone who is going to be on one of the walks this fall and their comment to me was that they had been in church their whole life and knew a lot about God and has served him in many ways, but just felt that they were still looking for more meaning. Emmaus, regardless of where you are on your journey with Jesus Christ has something for each and every person. I am convinced after all my years with the Walk to Emmaus that regardless of how hard we try we cannot mess it up. We have a God who is going to be shown regardless of how hard we try to control everything. Thank goodness we have a God that loves us in spite of our faults.

Praise God, Steve Keck

## Serve with Your Pilgrim After Their Walk

Sponsors of Pilgrims from Foothills Emmaus Community Walk #51.

It is so important that you bring your Pilgrim to the follow-up gathering on October 21st at 7:30 pm at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

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Our goal is to strengthen Church Leaders  
through a Christ led Pilgrimage know as  
“Walk to Emmaus”



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