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Newsletter September 2018

Those of us who are baby boomers may remember the RCA television commercial in the 1960's that used the slogan, "Give the gift that keeps on giving". Kodak cameras for those of us who remember those as well, also used this slogan in their advertising campaigns of the 1970's. For our community, this is the lifeblood of Emmaus. We have a new beginning at a new location. There is lots of excitement about the unknowns of these changes. Everything will be new to everyone, not just the pilgrims.

We need to fill these walks. Now is the time to sponsor pilgrims. We need 24 men and 24 women to participate in these walks in October. Go outside your comfort zones. Look for people outside your churches. Many people are just waiting for such an opportunity. They just need to be asked. Christ's last words to his disciples were to go out and make disciples of all nations. It was not a suggestion. Help us to spread His Word and open the eyes of 48 individuals in October.

DeColores

Rhonda Funderburk

Group Reunion/Reunion Groups List Updated

Visit the [Foothills Emmaus site](#) to see the latest updates to the [Reunion Groups list](#)



September Gathering is September 21st at 7:30 pm at Mauldin United
Methodist Church
100 E Butler Rd, Mauldin, SC 29662

Camp Fellowship

Foothills Emmaus Community,

I made my first trip down to Camp Fellowship on Lake Greenwood this past Saturday, I had heard good things about it from those who had visited it earlier, and even though we still have a couple of issues to deal with, it was a beautiful setting on Lake Greenwood and we have a camp manager that is more than willing to accommodate the Foothills Emmaus communities needs.

Board members are busy thinking about how to adapt to the new layout - Lay Directors are scrambling around adjusting the schedule for the weekend - Table Leaders are calling on the Holy Spirit to give them words for their talks - Assistant Table Leaders are wondering what in the world they have committed to and Vivian Ann is waiting on applications!

While it may be a little longer drive for some of us, many others who live around the Greenwood area have been driving to Greenville for years. So, don't let a longer drive discourage you, it took me about 50 minutes from Woodruff Road to get to the camp.

Please come out and support the Foothills Community in some way this October. Whether it's signing up for the prayer vigil, serving in the kitchen, helping with housing or sponsoring a pilgrim.

I was disappointed when we found out that we had to leave the Church of God camp, but I now realize that God has bigger plans for this community and it was meant for us to be at Camp Fellowship!

**Michael Galloway
Literature
Walk #32**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST

31

TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

**DEADLINE TO SPONSOR
SOMEONE FOR FALL
WALKS**

WHO WILL YOU SPONSOR?

EXTENDED UNTIL SEPT 7

Contact Vivian Shaffer with your Pilgrim Applications by September 7th

God is Depending On You

The time for the Fall Walk is approaching rapidly. As we prepare for the weekend I am reminded of how much God wants us to be in community. I don't know how many of you receive the monthly newsletter, but it is my

prayer that many in our very large Emmaus community receive it and read it. In “One” by Nick Cunningham, we are reminded that God is all about community. In fact, He is community, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He sent His only Son so that we might live in community with Him forever. He calls us into community here and promises us community with a host of witnesses.

The question was asked in our Sunday school class, “Can you be a Christian and not be part of the Body?” There were many answers: “Yes, you can believe Jesus is your savior and He died for your sin without belonging to a Christian community;” “You don’t have to attend church to be a Christian” just to name a two. But when we look closer we see that being a Christian is more than believing in Jesus. It involves spiritual growth through community. Part of following Jesus is being a disciple and making disciples which is best done in community. When Jesus established His ministry, He formed a community of disciples. When He left them to be with the Father, He told them, “Go and make disciples of all the world.” God sent His Holy Spirit to help us do that as His modern-day disciples. One way to do this is by being active in our local churches and in the Emmaus community.

When you sponsor someone on the Walk to Emmaus you are fulfilling God’s call to make disciples. You are also strengthening the Emmaus community and your local church to do the will and work of God. Prayerfully consider being a sponsor for this and future walks. Pray that God will give you wisdom in choosing your pilgrim and give you time and grace to complete your sponsor’s obligations.

God is depending on you.

CSD Phillip Stout



What are you waiting for?

Go right now to <http://www.mccormickfbc.org/cf/prayervigil.cfm>

And sign up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Men's and Women's Walk #54!

Let's get those time slots filled as quickly as possible.

Thanks!

Dale Henry

Prayer Chair

Does your Reunion Group want to help with Agape?

Please let me know if you or your Reunion groups have Agape to share with our Pilgrims for our Fall walks. Also, feel free to contact me for ideas of how you can be involved with Agape. I will be at send-off to collect letters for pilgrims. All letters need to be received no later than candlelight for delivery.

-Janet Sandifer

Agape Chair

Want to Volunteer to help on the Fall Walks?

**Visit <https://foothillsemmaus.org/walks/volunteer-walk-54>
to sign up for Kitchen, Transportation, Housing, and**

other ways you can help.



I recently received a new license plate in the mail and my first thought was, “Now I’ve got to memorize a new tag number so I will recognize my car in the parking lot.”

Sad, right? But I have a terrible time remembering to notice where I parked and there are too many silver Toyota Camry’s that look just like mine. Well, they may not have as many dents but you get the picture.

I have always had to use mnemonic devices to retain information. I looked at my new tag to begin thinking of a way to memorize it and immediately God gave me the answer. PYI 144 – Put Yourself In one of the 144 slots available on a 72-hour prayer vigil. (There are 144 30-minute slots in 72 hours). I was so excited to have a daily reminder to be in prayer for the Walks to Emmaus. Only God could come up with that, right? Now it was no longer sad at all.

I encourage you to go now to the Foothills Emmaus website and sign up for one of those 144 slots on both the men’s and women’s Fall walk before they all get filled up and you get left out.

DeColores,
Elizabeth Blackwell

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Upcoming Events

September Gathering

September 21 at 7:30 pm

Maudline United Methodist 100 E Butler Rd, Mauldin, SC 29662

Please remember that just like your walk, we will have plenty of Agape snacks. So don't forget to bring some snacks to the gatherings to share with the community



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