



FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Newsletter/November 2017

Upcoming Events

November 17th
Covenant UMC
Greer, SC
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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

December 9th
UMC Covenant
Spartanburg, SC

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Foothills Emmaus Community, I want to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of Walk #52. 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.

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.

Decolores
David Stubbs

BLESSED — TO BE A — BLESSING

From the Community




Several years ago, I was having a “Whine” Festival in the shower. I told God that I have everything that I needed and was only asking to be able to maintain what I had. The roof was getting older and the car was getting older yada, yada, yada. I only wanted my fair share. In my head I heard “Do you really want your fair share?” God then proceeded to ask me what I thought my fair share would be of all the suffering, abuse, sickness and disease, death and poverty in the world. If we could gather it all up and divide it evenly amongst all of humanity, what would my fair share be. I was overwhelmed with the thought of what my portion would be and tears rolled down my face.

While sitting in the chapel one night during an Emmaus Candlelight service, sitting in the quiet and dark I began to understand the amount of hurt and brokenness in the room. Everyone, every single person in that room from pilgrims to clergy, from ALDs to Table Leaders was suffering from some hurt or other. At that moment of vulnerability, I could feel the weight of all the pain and I began to pray.

On this walk while sitting in the chapel for the Dying Moments service I placed my impatience in the Lord’s hands and asked him to help me in this area of my life as it affected everyone I came in contact with. Several months of stress and tension at work had taken it away and I found myself rushing myself and others. When I sat down that feeling of overwhelming hurt again came over me and I remembered a time I had asked God to show me others as he sees them. Again, he asked me did I really want to see others as he sees them? Did I really want to see all of the hurt and pain? Could I handle all of that weight? I said no. It would knock me to my knees. He said “But that’s where I want you. On your knees. You should be praying for them all.” Even as I write these words I am crying. Because I know he is right. My prayer life is weak. I need to make it a priority in my walk with Christ. This is what I took away from Walk 52.

De Colores
Cathy Trevino
Walk 33, Table of Sarah



We have an ongoing project to crochet and knit lap blankets and shawls to be used as Conference Room Agape on the Men’s and Women’s Walks. Our goal is to have enough (around 50) for everyone in the Conference Room to be able to wrap up in when it gets a little too chilly for comfort.

If you would like to help with this project, please contact Dale Henry for the size specifications at 864-357-4022, or send a message to fourthdaymom@yahoo.com.

When we have completed this project, we will look at other ideas for Pilgrim Agape.

DeColores!
Dale Henry
Walk 27

Member Directory Update

Please log on to the website ([www/foothillsemmaus.org](http://www.foothillsemmaus.org)) and click on the (connect) tab and click on (Member Directory Update Form) or just click on the link below. This is an ongoing effort to update our member database. It will also ask if you are willing to serve on a team.

Connect

Literature Chair

Thank you to everyone who helped with the literature committee during the walks. It's a big job that could use a few extra helpers. Here are some areas that could use helpers:

1. Labeling the Agape envelopes with names and walk number then stuffing the agape envelopes with the Emmaus packet of papers, 4th day book, Upper Rooms, Emmaus brochure, and walk picture. (That's both weekends. If you are interested in volunteering for one or both, let the Literature chair know.)
2. Taking the walk picture on Friday mornings.
3. Setting out the Literature table on Saturday morning while the Grow through Study talk is going on. It takes about 10-15 minutes. If you live close to camp, it's a great way to help and it doesn't take up much time.
4. Put away the book table on the Sunday after closing of Men's Walk so that it's ready for the Women's Walk.

If you would be interested in helping with any of these tasks, please contact Mandi Cox cox.mandi@gmail.com or 590-3672. DeColores!

Spiritual Director

You may remember Aesop's great fable about an old crow who was out in the wilderness and very thirsty. He had not had anything to drink in a long time. He came to a jug that had a little water in the bottom of it. The old crow reached his beak into the jug to get some of that water, but his beak wouldn't quite touch the water. So what did he do? He started picking up pebbles one at a time and dropping them in to the jug. And as more and more pebbles accumulated in the bottom of the jug the water rose in the bottle until finally the old crow was able to drink all that he desired.

God has chosen to work out His plan in each of us in the world. Most of us in the Foothills Emmaus family serve God in our local churches. As each of us drop our own little pebble in our local churches and in the Foothills Emmaus Community in our own special way, we all have the opportunity to experience the love and grace that God offers to us. Maybe your pebble is to serve on one of the roles for the Emmaus Board, or to provide transportation for the Candlelight Worship service during the weekend walks, or to attend the monthly Gatherings the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30pm, or to pray for one of your table mates that you may know is in need of support and prayer, or to be a Fourth Day speaker at the Gatherings, or to serve a meal at the next Walk, and the list could go on and on.

Utilizing the gifts that are ours to serve in the ways we can may not seem all that important at the time, but as the pebbles accumulate in the bottom of the jug, and the water rises, God builds His kingdom and brings his plan to fruition. You are a very important part of the Foothills Emmaus Community!

DeColores,

Allyson Helvie, Community Spiritual Director

Foothills Emmaus Community

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

Visit our website below for more information and upcoming events.

www.foothillsemmaus.org

Share the Gift

Thinking about who you can sponsor on the next walk?

The Upper Room has released a great video with testimonies that explain what happens before, during and after an Emmaus weekend. You can view this video online, and share the link with anyone you would like to sponsor.

Click on the link or copy and paste:
<http://vimeo.com/8697255>

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