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Newsletter March 2018

Well God has worked his miracles again. Two weeks ago, we had 2 men and 4 women registered for walk 53. In a short week's time, we had 20 women and 15 men!!! These pilgrims are preparing for an experience we all have undergone. We all hope and pray that they all will have a renewal of their relationship with our Lord and now their hearts have the warmth we felt on our walks. They will have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. I encourage all of you to help us make this a weekend they will not forget. Sign up for service spots on the walks where you can and let's all show up for the send-offs, candlelights, and closings. Remember Christ is counting on you.

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Rhonda Funderburk
Walk 32 Table of Naomi

PRAYER VIGIL FOR WALK #53

We still have several spots open for the Men's Prayer Vigil (23 Time Frames)
and on the Women's Prayer Vigil (33 Time Frames)

Click on the links below to sign up for one or more of the openings.

MEN'S WALK <http://www.mccormickfbc.org/cf/Showprayervigil.cfm?WalkID=85>

WOMEN'S WALK <http://www.mccormickfbc.org/cf/Showprayervigil.cfm?WalkID=86>

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Mike Maston
Table of Paul

Candlelight

Do you remember the amazing feeling you had when you walked into the Love and Light that was your Emmaus Candlelight experience? Although it may look as though the sanctuary is spilling over with your new Emmaus family, truth is, it takes a ton of folks to fill that space. If you do not have pilgrims that you are sponsoring for this walk, and are wondering if your presence at Candlelight is necessary, wonder no more. IT IS! The Candlelight experience is an outward display of love for our new community members. So many times, at closing, we have heard that Candlelight is what people imagine Heaven might look like. We want the Emmaus Heaven to be filled with as many loving faces, shining God's beautiful light, as we can manage. Please plan to join us for the Candlelight services for the upcoming walks, 3/10 and 3/17, 8 pm at Buncombe Street Trinity Campus on Augusta Road. Come join us and Be The Light!

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Kelly Dodenhoff
Candlelight Chair

Agape Needed!

Thanks to members of our community and reunion groups for sharing agape for the upcoming walks. Please contact Janet Sandifer at [864.979.6713](tel:864.979.6713) if you have additional items to share or for pickup.

Please remember to bring your Pilgrim letters to send off or candlelight.

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Janet

Upcoming Events

February 16
February Foothills Emmaus Gathering
Trinity UMC (Part of Buncombe Street UMC)
[2703 Augusta St, Greenville, SC 29605](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2703+Augusta+St,+Greenville,+SC+29605)

Gatherings!!!

Don't you just love attending Gatherings? I surely do, and I enjoy the variety of churches we get to visit for them. But... we need host churches for several

Gatherings this year: May, September, October, and November.

Won't you please consider hosting a Gathering? It's not hard. All you have to do is let Sandy Shaffer (tchrsandy@gmail.com or [864-980-8496](tel:864-980-8496) or see me at a Gathering) know which month you would like. Then you arrange for child care (at least 2 Safe Sanctuary approved adults), ushers to pass out prayer cards and envelopes as well as take up the offering and separate money from prayer cards, a Fourth Day speaker (10-15 minutes), and music (you can request help from the music chair, Amanda Thompson). We need a sanctuary for worship and an area for snacks and fellowship afterwards. Gatherings begin at 7:30 pm on the third Friday of each month (usually). March and November will be a little different this year due to changes in the Walk schedules per camp availability.

One more thing: the Board meets at 6:00 pm the same night as Gathering at the host church. So we need a room with tables to seat 16 folks. It is not mandatory but certainly is appreciated if the host church can also supply dinner for the Board. Most of us come straight from work and several have a distance to travel with little opportunity to eat. If you cannot provide dinner, that is okay, but we need to know ahead of time.

Please talk with your Group Reunion brothers and sisters and consider hosting a Gathering. You, and we will be glad you did!

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Sandy Shaffer
Worship Chair

Fourth Day!

Writer and professor of psychology Richard Beck recently remarked that "the critical missing ingredient for so many Christians and churches trying to live into the way of Jesus" is **intentionality**. He suggests that if we want to be spiritually fruitful - becoming "more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled" - we must be intentional about it, engaging in practices meant to help us to cultivate the Fruits of the Spirit. I think that Beck has hit the nail on the head, for, in my own life, I've learned more and more about the importance of living with intentionality. I've learned the hard way that, if we simply float through life with no sense of direction, we will most likely end up where we do not want to go. I've also learned that, when we put forth the effort to grow more into the people God created us to be, God blesses our efforts.

Over the course of my Fourth Day, I have developed a routine of morning prayer and Bible study. I've known for most of my life how important it is to pray and read Scripture, but I did not do such things regularly until I made plans to do so and set my plans into action. I had to be intentional about setting aside time each morning, following a liturgy for prayer, following a plan for reading Scripture, and recording my reflections in a journal later in the day. I had to be consistent, following the same practices each day so that they became a regular part of my life. I also had to be persistent, getting back on the proverbial horse every time I fall. There are still mornings when I end up rushing through my prayers, but all I can do is to try harder the next morning. When I put forth the effort to become a more disciplined Christian, God met me where I was and blessed my efforts.

Ultimately, the three days we spent on the Walk to Emmaus were meant to prepare us for our Fourth Day. What we learned over the course of that weekend means little unless we are intentional to put what we learned into practice. That said, may you have an intentional Fourth Day, and may God make it fruitful.

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Tony Snyder
Walk 43, Table of Matthew

Signup Sheets for Kitchen, Snacks, and Housing are now available on the Foothills
Emmaus Website
[Walk Volunteering](#)



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