



# FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

## Newsletter/September 2017

### Upcoming Events

September 15th 7:30PM  
BSUMC Trinity Campus  
2703 Augusta St  
Greenville SC

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

October 20th 7:30PM  
Maudlin UMC  
Maudlin, SC

November 17th 7:30PM  
Covenant UMC  
Greer, SC

December 9th 7:30PM  
UMC Covenant  
Spartanburg, SC

**NOTE CHANGE TO THE  
SEPTEMBER GATHERING  
SHOWN ABOVE.**

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Many of you remember the Vacation movies starring Chevy Chase. If I had a nickel for every time I watched the Christmas Vacation movie, I'd be a rich man. One of the lines from that movie comes when Clark, played by Chevy Chase, receives his Christmas bonus. He was expecting a check and got a subscription to the "Jelly of the month" club. Eddie, his dim witted cousin, played by Randy Quaid, responds to his "Jelly of the month" gift by saying, "Clark, it's the gift that keeps on giving". Not an appropriate response to Clark who had plans to build a pool in his backyard with the bonus money.

Whenever I think of this line I think, well, that's true, it is a gift that keeps on giving. You get a new kind of jelly every month for a year. Then I think, what is a gift that can really keep on giving, even after a year?

There are lots but, when you think about a long time, you think about eternity. The gift of Jesus is good for this life and the life to come. How can we give this gift? We can teach kids about Jesus, we can inspire people to regularly read their Bibles, or we use the mighty tool of prayer to impact people's lives while teaching others to use prayer also.

Another way to offer the gift of Jesus would be to have someone go on a weekend retreat where they can spend time learning about and with Jesus. Yeah, maybe something like that!

Hmm... I wonder if there is such a thing as that?

It's time to pray, it's time to sponsor, it's time to do both now!

The walks are coming and, if we don't have enough pilgrims, it's our fault. Don't let your friends or Jesus down, sponsor someone today!!

DeColores, David Stubbs

# BLESSED — TO BE A — BLESSING

# Fall 2017 Walk #52

## Walk 52 Applications Due

**Men's Walk #52 - October 5-8, 2017**

**Women's Walk #52 - October 12-15, 2017**

It is time to turn in your Pilgrim applications and sponsor form for Walks 52. Also, we invite you to bring those who are interested in or curious about attending the walks to our gathering in this month. Remember, it does not have to be someone from your church family - this might be the right opportunity to reach out to a neighbor who is part of another congregation so they can have an impact as a Christian leader where they worship!

**Sponsor fee \$135.00**

## Forms & Sample Agape Letters

Click on one of the below icons to view or download the application or sample agape letters.

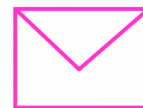
Once the applications & sponsor forms are completed, you can bring them to the gathering or you can mail them to:  
Foothills Emmaus Community PO Box 25024 Orchard Park Greenville, SC 29616.



Emmaus Application  
and Sponsor Forms



Agape Sample  
Letters for Men



Agape Sample  
Letters for Women

*We have also attached a copy of the Pilgrim Application on the next page for your convenience.*

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To be filled out by Registrar:  
Is Spouse attending walk? Y N

Postmarked:  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash

Discount: Y N

**FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY "WALK TO EMMAUS"**

This is only an application. A letter of acceptance will be sent to you prior to the walk.

Request for reservation (circle): Men Women Spring Fall

Please print & fill in all blanks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preference for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: S M D W

Is your spouse attending this walk? Y N If No, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Current church attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Current or previous church activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Current community activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Current occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Y N

Have the follow up activities been explained to you? Y N

Why do you want to attend the Walk to Emmaus? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special dietary needs? Y N If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any of the following: Hearing impaired Physical limitations

Please provide Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number(s):

Please enclose a \$25.00 registration fee, which will be applied to your total fee of \$135 (\$110 Early Bird).

Please make checks to:

Foothills Emmaus Community. The balance will be expected at send off for the walk.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# About the Emmaus Weekend



## So what is the weekend all about?

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

## What happens on the Emmaus Weekend?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy.

These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

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Do you remember coming out of that 1st talk on Saturday to find a long table set up with wonderful books to help you as you grow through study?

If you have any fabulous books that are new or gently used that you think would be beneficial to our pilgrims, please donate them to the literature committee.

I will be collecting them at both the August and September Gatherings.

Thank you, Mandi Cox

## Kitchen Sign-Ups

Click on the links to sign up:

[Men's Walk](#)

[Women's Walk](#)

## Prayer Vigils

Click on the links to sign up:

[Men's Walk](#)

[Women's Walk](#)

## Kitchen Sign-Ups

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## Message from Literature

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## Message from Agape

We all have memories from our walk! I want to remind you of the awesome agape you received on you walk!

Please think about items that would be simple daily reminders for the pilgrims on the upcoming walks!

There has to be enough for pilgrims and team, total is approx. 60. per team.

(There is a mens and a womens team) This would be a full walk, numbers do vary.

Extra agape items are returned to you! Please include reunion group name and contact person information.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me (864) 421-3098 or email (Christinemaston@yahoo.com) with any questions! Thanks!!

## Send Off

Send Off for the upcoming walking will be at the Church of God Campground,  
Look for more information to come.

## Housing

The only thing happening this fall better than college football is the Fall Walk to Emmaus. If you truly want to give your best tailgating pals a gift that lasts longer than a winning season, sponsor them on this falls' walk! Also we could really use your hands/feet for camp setup on Thursday, October 5th @ 9am.

# 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](http://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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