

# **FOOTHILLS**

#### **EMMAUS COMMUNITY**

## Newsletter/June 2018

#### **Upcoming Events**

No June Gathering

July Gathering July 20 7:30pm

Immanuel United Methodist Church in Welford

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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As we head into summer, our schedules get busy with vacation plans and outdoor activities. Sometimes we put other things in the background like Emmaus. The summertime is the time when we struggle getting people to the gatherings. Let's not do that this year.

We will not have a June gathering but will resume our monthly schedule in July at Immanuel UMC in Wellford.

If you haven't heard we have found a new location for the fall walks. We have moved the dates to our traditional weekends. The Men's Walk will be Oct 4-7 and the Women's walk will be Oct 11-14. Now is the time to start preparing.

Pilgrims are needed to fill both of these walks. Individuals are just waiting for an invitation. Look outside the four walls of your church. Share this wonderful amazing gift of Emmaus with others. Have a happy and safe summer.

DeColores Rhonda Funderburk Community Lay Director



## Who are you sponsoring?

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Wow, time is flying by. Can you believe the Fall Walks are just mere months away? So who are you sponsoring? I am asking for a friend.

You see, a group of us are working the Fall walks at a new camp and it would be very exciting to start off the new camp with a full walk. Surely there is someone you know that would be blessed by the Walk. I remember when I returned from my initial walk, I was on fire. I wanted to volunteer for everything I could. I am sure my pastor had that in mind when he sponsored me. I can't say I went off and did amazing things but I have had some amazing Fourth Days and I have had some rough ones. I haven't been who God wants me to be every day. But the Walk helped me in my path toward Spiritual Maturity. By the time we are adults we have achieved physical maturity and some of us have reached emotional maturity by that time but for others, myself included, it took longer to reach that.

Spiritual Maturity happens as we go along our path with God. He teaches us lessons often times the hard way. With pain and suffering there is usually learning. Painful lessons stick with us the longest. Who in your church could use the blessing of Walk to Emmaus? Who could be an even stronger leader if they were refreshed from such a weekend? Pray for them and then sponsor them.

If they are on Men's walk, I look forward to meeting them in the Fall. I know Sandy is excited about the Women's Walk and her future pilgrims as well. Be the Blessing.

-Roy Richardson Walk #38, Table of Luke **De Colores** 

## Foothills Emmaus Community

Happy June! A time to celebrate the end of another school year, Flag Day, Father's Day, the official beginning of summer, and always, the wondrous love of our God and Savior! May your month be delightful even though we won't have an Emmaus Gathering. Do remember to take time out with our Lord every day and worship His Holy Name.

Please continue to lift up the Fall Walks in prayer as we are working on team formation. If your telephone number is not correct in the directory, you may be missing a call from God. Please be sure your contact information is up to date. It is very difficult to get in touch with folks to even ask them to join the team.

Enjoy the first half of summer until we meet again on July 20 in Welford.

Sandy Shaffer Ministries Chair

## 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.

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