



Newsletter August 2018

Happy August!

If you were not at our July Gathering you truly missed a Blessing. God showed up and we worshipped, laughed, cried and prayed. You could just feel the presence of the Holy Spirit there with us. I hope that everyone will try to make our August Gathering on August 17 at First UMC Laurens.

Please be in prayer for our Fall Walks that will be held at Camp Fellowship in Waterloo on October 4-7 for the Men's Walk and October 11-14 for the Women's Walk. The teams will start training soon and we all need to be praying for them and sending in our pilgrim applications. As we discussed at our July Gathering we have lowered our fee for our pilgrims to \$75 so there will not be an early discount this time. Please consider sponsoring someone so they may have the opportunity to share in the Emmaus experience as we have.

I also would ask you to pray for our community as we are considering changing to only one Walk per year. Our Board discussed this due to our low participation in the last few walks. Please pray that we would make the decision that God would have us to.

Remember CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

DeColores!

Rhonda Funderburk

Walk 32 Table of Naomi

Group Reunion/Reunion Groups

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



August Gathering is August 17th at 7:30 pm at First United Methodist Church
244 W Main St, Laurens, SC 29360

My Prayer For Each of You

Sue and I just returned from a month in Scotland and Ireland. Both countries are beautiful, and we had a great time. We saw many unique things and met some interesting people. Some of these people were in the two countries and some were on the tour with us. There was a Jewish couple on our tour from New York. As we got to know them they began to ask us many questions about our faith in Christ. We had a long conversation in which we shared the gospel message with them. They had read the gospels and had lots of questions. On parting, they promised to read the rest of the New Testament. We exchanged phone and email information and have already been communicating with them. It is exciting to see people of the Jewish faith inquiring about Jesus.

We also went to a sheep ranch and met a shepherd who had several dogs he

had trained to work the sheep. They were amazing as they worked to every command. As we watched them work I thought about how we are called to work among God's sheep in answer to the Great Shepherd's command to make disciples of the earth.

Which brings me to my next observation of Scotland and Ireland. While these countries are filled with many churches very few are being used for religious service. Many have been turned into museums or abandoned. The people claim to be religious but for the most part, have stopped meeting together to worship God. In Northern Ireland, there is a wall between the Protestant and Catholic sections of Belfast. Out of the 250 schools, only 50 have both Catholic and Protestant children attending together. Sounds very religious but on Sunday morning the churches are nearly empty. One of our guides told us that they don't even know why they hate each other.

As I read through Colossians this week I was reminded how Paul prayed for the church in various places. In verse 9 chapter 1 he prays asking God to fill the church with the knowledge of God's will through spiritual wisdom and understanding in order that the church may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him. This is my prayer for each of you and for the people of Scotland and Ireland.

Phil Stout SD



Don't Read this

So I was in the church when they called my name. I stood up and stated my name and then walked to the wall to stand with the others. I was confused, this was a men's walk and there were a couple of ladies called as well. Then we head down the middle between the pews heading outdoors and getting on school buses. And people came out of the church and were singing. I didn't understand. I didn't know anyone else on the bus. We were driven the longest path to nowhere. Then when we get there, we are rushed into a room where we meet our "new best friend" and so begins our four day weekend. It was life-changing for me. I had begun a journey at my church participating in a Disciple Bible study. It was the first time I was "forced" to read almost the entire Bible. From there my pastor at the time, Chris Arries, asks me if I would be willing to go on a walk to Emmaus and he would sponsor my wife and I if we were willing to go. I agreed immediately and so did my wife when I asked her. I wasn't sure what it was at the time. Do you remember your walk? Now, isn't it time you shared that experience with someone else? Give the gift. Who are you sponsoring for the Fall Walk? Pray for them now, start right now, pray for them and

God's will in their life. Then ask them, do you want to go on Walk to Emmaus? Tell them you will sponsor them if they will. Then do it.

De Colores,

Roy Richardson

Walk #38, Table of Luke

Walk to Emmaus

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." Then He said to them, "**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?**" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

The Newsletter and the Website

Do you have writing ability? Want to write for the Foothills Emmaus Newsletter? We are always looking for articles from our Foothills Emmaus Community. See a typo on the [Foothills Emmaus website](#) or have an idea of something that would be great for the website?

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Upcoming Events

July Gathering

July 20 at 7:30 pm

Immanuel United Methodist at 1351 Main Street Wellford, SC 29385

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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