



**Low
Country
Emmaus**

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AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED,
AND THEY KNEW HIM
-Luke 24:31



GATHERING SCHEDULE

**April 15th Gathering
Hibben UMC
Mt. Pleasant
Covered Dish Supper at 6:30
Worship at 7:30**

Directions to Hibben UMC, 690 Coleman Blvd in Mt. Pleasant, SC:
From the Mark Clark Expressway (I-526): Go all the way to the east end of the expressway. Bear right onto Coleman Blvd. Turn right at the first stop light (at the OOPs store), then turn left behind OOPs. Hibben UMC is immediately on the left.
From Charleston: Go over the Ravenel Bridge and bear right at the bottom onto Coleman Blvd. Pass over Shem Creek. Turn left at the fourth stop light after crossing Shem Creek (at the OOPs Store). Turn left behind OOPs, and Hibben UMC is immediately on the left.
 There is parking in front, behind, along the street (church side only), and to the west side of the church. A nursery will be provided.

**May 20th Gathering
St. George UMC—St. George SC**

Gatherings are at 7:30 on the
3rd Friday of each month
Board meetings are on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month

We welcome to Low Country Emmaus...

From Men's Walk #71
 Tony Almeida ~ Mike Cline
 Del Collins ~ John Dicks
 Gerald Duke ~ Bob Fusarini
 Bill Griffin ~ Wesley Harvey
 Willie Hawkins ~ Jim Hunter
 Richard Johnson ~ Todd Johnson
 Mark McGue ~ Lamon O'Neal
 Michael Parker ~ RenDale Samuel
 Lewis Smith ~ Jonathan Stalb
 Richard Toy ~ Ron Underwood
 Jonathan Walsh ~ Robert Wrenn

From Women's Walk #72
 Donna Besco ~ Pam Cato
 Nan Cline ~ Charlene Duke
 Elaine Graham ~ Margaret Griffin
 Trish Harlan ~ Jean Hart
 Karen Harvey ~ Nadine Mack
 Rose McGue ~ Sinji Murry
 Andrea Nasrallah ~ Linda Rhyne
 Lucille Rodda ~ Pat Russell
 Toni Skidmore ~ Lois Voyles
 Jane Wells ~ Elaine Whisnant
 Sherran Wingler ~ Renee Wolpert
 Mary Kay Wrenn

From the Community Lay Director

Weather is fine, wishing you were here... Friends, I hope that you were able to experience the joy and excitement of the new Fourth Day Pilgrims as the love of Christ radiated from their faces and echoed off the walls of Jericho and Providence churches these past two weekends. If you were not able to make it to Send Off, or Candlelight, or Closing - then take my word for it or just ask someone who was there - the Holy Spirit was present in a powerful way!

We now celebrate and welcome 45 new brothers and sisters to the Low Country Emmaus Community as they go back to their families, their communities, and most importantly their churches with a renewed fervor for Christ's ministry in the world. A great big "thank you" goes out to the families of the pilgrims, the sponsors, the teams, the board, and all of the anonymous servants who spent countless hours preparing for and executing the weekends.

Now as we begin (or as we continue) our own Fourth Days, I am reminded of David Lupo's words from Sunday at Closing. He quoted a leader in the Emmaus Movement as saying that the most important part of the Movement is not the weekend (though it is quite obviously a very special part), but rather the Fourth Days, where the real work takes place.

And, the real work is bringing folks to Christ - "make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!" I look forward to being in ministry with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

De Colores-
Dudley Patrick

From the Spiritual Director:

Eduardo Bonin, a founder of the Cursillo movement, once said that, if he had to choose between the three-day weekends or the fourth-day reunion groups, he would choose the fourth day without hesitation.

It's in the fourth day that the regular discipline of the reunion group moves us toward changing ourselves, our churches, and our world. The weekend, while a wonderful experience, has as its primary purpose preparing people to live in their fourth days. We hold weekends because they are one of the best ways we know to kindle the fire and give persons a vision of what life in grace can be.

If you're not currently meeting with a group that will help you keep your eye on the road Christ walks, I encourage you to find or organize one. A group doesn't have to be large. It may be you and one other person. I've heard of groups who met by phone or even by email when schedule and distance made meeting in person impossible.

And if you know someone who wants to walk with Christ day by day, invite that person to join your group even if he or she has not yet made the Walk to Emmaus. There's no rule that says the fourth day can't come before the other three.

De Colores-
David Lupo

Registrar

It was such a joy to meet the new 45 community members at send-off. I pray that your 4th Days will be blessed and hope to see you all at the Gathering this month. Thanks to all those who helped with registration! Now it is time for all of us to begin praying for the pilgrim we are to sponsor for Walks #73 and #74.

DeColores-
Linda Mack

Kitchen

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen, made snack agape and/or prayed for the kitchen team. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing.

Working in the kitchen has been such a blessing for me and something I have long wanted to do and will always remember. Thank you for your service, your caring and your support.

De Colores-
Lynn Dukes

Facilities

Congratulations to all new members of Low Country Emmaus from Walks 71 and 72. Also, a big thanks to all who assisted with camp preparations to include set up for Men's walk, refresh for Women's walk, take down, clean up and storage. It could not have been done so efficiently and with as much fun without your help!

Hope to see you all at April Gathering!
 Peace and

De Colores-
Ed Hickey

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SendOff/Candlelight/Closing

Anyone who has been to a candlelight service knows what a pain those candles are to keep lit. Twist them too tight and they won't stay lit. Not tight enough and they won't stay lit. Not to mention they take a long time to assemble and disassemble after each walk as well as the storage headache of nearly 400 C batteries. The Board of Low Country Emmaus has voted to replace the "Old Faithful's" with new, LED flickering candles that run on two AA batteries. The newer LED candles are more energy efficient, lasting for over 700 hours on only two AA batteries. The Board made this decision because we would have to make a major battery purchase to keep the old candles. For a little more than the cost to replace the C batteries alone, we can buy the new LED candles and the AA batteries to run them. The cost should be around \$400 for enough to handle a crowd like we just had for Walks #71 & 72. If anyone is interested in donating towards the cost of the new candles, you can do so by writing "Candlelight Fund" on your check or cash contribution to Low Country Emmaus, PO Box 51828, Summerville, SC 29485-1828 (or you can drop it in the offering plate at a Gathering.)

De Colores-
Wendell Bailey

Treasurer

Checking account \$ 6,582.90
 Savings account \$ 3,625.53
 TOTAL \$10,208.43

De Colores-
Francis Harter

Agape

On behalf of the pilgrims and team members for both weekends (Low Country Walks 71-72), I am extending my heartfelt thanks. It was evident that much love was put into providing agape for both walks. Pilgrims and team members experienced God's presence through each gracious overture extended. Again, the prayers, table agape, banners, letter agape and other loving acts extended during these past two weekends were signs of God's presence being manifested through loving individuals. I have no doubt that we will continue to extend God like love on behalf of or toward future pilgrims and team members during Emmaus Weekends! Let's continue to allow God to move us to be a blessing to others in this Christ centered community of believers.

De Colores-
Anthony Hodge

Records

Is your information up to date with LCE (Low Country Emmaus) database IMS? To update your information go to <http://lce.inetmember.com>. Sign in using your User ID and Password. At the top you will see blue Icons:

1. Click on **You/All about you** then you will see another set of blue icons. Click on **Your information/Contact / Credentials**. The next screen will be your information. After entries click on **Update Your Information** at the bottom. **The next step is very important!**
2. Click on **Your information** again; then click on **Options**. At this screen you indicate how you want to receive the newsletter, either **E-Mail** or **Hardcopy**. Please click **E-Mail** if at all possible to save the expense to LCE by having to mail a hardcopy to you. Make sure that you click on **Save changes** or it will not update your information.
3. Click on **Your Reunion Group** and add member. (If your reunion group is not listed I can help you to add your reunion group). Would you like to volunteer to be the contact person for your reunion group? Please e-mail me and we can talk about how to get started updating your reunion group information.
4. Click on **Your Weekend**. If your information is not already entered I can help you get that information entered into the database.
5. Click on **Your Church Community**. This information should be already entered from the contact information screen and will show you all your church members. Look at the list and see if there are other Emmaus church members that should be added to this database. If you would like to help with adding your church members that are part of the Emmaus community contact me and I will get you started.

The other Icons—Team Signups and Vol. Signups—are not being used at this time.

If you have trouble with a step I'm available to help. My e-mail address is dcunha@sc.rr.com or I may be reached at (843) 695-0913.

De Colores-
Dave Cunha

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