



# Lowcountry Emmaus Community

And their eyes  
were opened. And  
they knew Him.

-Luke 24:31

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## June Gathering

Friday, June 21st  
7:30 p.m.  
Grace UMC

1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston 29407  
(843) 766-1621

### Directions:

**FROM MT. PLEASANT:** Head southwest on US-17S. Keep right at the fork, and follow signs for I-26N Charleston/Columbia and merge onto I-26W. Take exit 216A/S Carolina 7 S/Cosgrove Ave. Merge onto SC-7 S/Cosgrove Ave. Take slight right onto Sam Rittenberg Blvd. The church will be on your left in approximately 1.3 miles.

### FROM SUMMERVILLE/WEST:

Take I-26 East toward Charleston. Take exit 216A for S Carolina 7 S toward Cosgrove Ave. Merge onto SC-7 S/Cosgrove Ave. Take a slight right onto Sam Rittenberg Blvd. The church will be approximately 1.3 miles on your left.

## UPCOMING GATHERINGS



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| July 19th      | Knightsville UMC,<br>Knightsville                 |
| August 16th    | Church of the Palms United Methodist<br>Okatie    |
| September 20th | St. Andrews Parish,<br>Charleston                 |
| October 18th   | Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist<br>North Charleston |
| November 15th  | Pinopolis UMC,<br>Pinopolis                       |
| December 20th  | Stallsville UMC,<br>Summerville                   |

## Matthew 28:19-20

“<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Dan Broomall, Lowcountry Emmaus Walk #68, Table of Matthew. (*Insert applause here.*) Now that the introductions are over, let's get down to it.

I have been blessed to serve this Lowcountry Emmaus Community over the last year. It has been a humbling and rewarding experience to participate in this community as a board member and I have been honored to serve with this amazing collection of people. But as the year has gone on I have begun to ask myself one question: have we – as a Community – become complacent about the Walk and our respective roles in it?

I was recently having lunch with my father – our Community Spiritual Director, Rev. Dick Broomall – and he asked me to “sell [him] on the Walk to Emmaus”. I am sad to say, I was not ready to answer that question. I was not ready to extoll the virtues and importance of this blessed experience that we all know so well and love so much. Why is that? I know all about the weekend. I've participated as a pilgrim and served on two teams. I know all about the spiritual growth and how the weekend overflows your heart with the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How could I not – at the drop of a hat – be ready to tell someone what is so valuable and important about Emmaus?

In the time since that lunch, I have mulled this over and I've come to one conclusion: I have not accepted my Emmaus commission. I have not accepted the authority given to me to take part in building and growing the Community. Yes, I have supported the Community through my works, but I have not done all that I am called to do to support the growth of this Community. As in the Great Commission, we are called to “go and make disciples” and “[teach] them to obey everything [He has] commanded”. We are called to identify leaders in the church. We are called to share this 72-hour experience with them. We are called to bring in pilgrims.

We are currently going on 14 months since our last Men's walk. In February, the Board was forced to cancel that Walk because we only had 15 men (20 are required to move forward with a Walk). At the last Gathering, that number was unchanged. That lack of movement over a 3 month period concerns me greatly. So, I would like to challenge the Community over the next year to focus on the centerpiece of this organization: the Walks. At each Gathering and in each monthly newsletter, we will begin reporting the current Pilgrim count for each Walk. Can I say with certainty that knowing when the Walk is scheduled has led to Community-wide complacency about recruiting pilgrims? I don't know, but I do believe if we re-focus on bringing in pilgrims, the Walks will take care of themselves. Yes there are logistics that have to be addressed to support a Walk. Right now, we would do well to be stressed about working out the logistical details of scheduling another Walk.

Over the next year I would challenge you to fully accept your Emmaus commission. Be vigilant about identifying potential pilgrims and work to share the Emmaus experience with them. Let's continue to grow and build this wonderful Community together.

De Colores,

Dan Broomall



**from**

**the**

**Lay**

**Director**

## ***Making Disciple-Makers***

**Acts 1:8** ...and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.

Not long ago, while mentoring a candidate for ministry, I mentioned our call to “make disciples of all nations”. He said something like this: “We need to make disciple-makers, not just disciples.” I think his comment was really very insightful. It is one thing to say that I am saved. It is entirely another thing for me to influence another’s life to the point that she accepts Christ for herself. When we create disciple-makers, we ensure that the kingdom continues to grow through dedicated leaders—apostles for Jesus Christ. And the church is always in need of these leaders.

In the churches I have served, I learned quickly who among the congregation was so filled with the desire to do God’s bidding that I could always call upon them to serve in ministry. These folks are the backbone of any church mission, outreach, and ministry. And, because the work of the kingdom is ongoing, we need to continually add to our team those who have a fresh fire, a fresh witness to what God is doing in their lives. This is what expands the church.

So, what does this have to do with Emmaus? Simply this: the Walk to Emmaus is one tool that God has used and can continue to use to raise up leaders in Christ’s church, i.e., disciple-makers. It has been my experience that individuals with a passion for the work of the church have had life-transforming experiences, such as Disciple Bible Study or the Walk to Emmaus, in their backgrounds, and they draw strength for continuing the journey from small groups (reunion groups) and gatherings.

I return, then, to a question I asked of the gathered community last year when I first became the Spiritual Director for Low Country Emmaus, “What difference does it make to your church that you have been on the Walk to Emmaus?” More specifically, “What fruit have we borne in terms of making disciple-makers for the kingdom?”

*[If you read my son Dan’s article [above] already, you are probably wondering “How did we ever let a father and son co-lead this community? It’s like getting both barrels discharged at us!”]*

Let us be in constant prayer to identify those men and women whom God is calling to this experience. Imagine having two or more walks per year each for men and women. Imagine seeing our church worship services overflowing with pilgrims on their fourth day journeys. Imagine what God will do through the faithful disciple-makers of Low Country Emmaus.

De Colores,

***Dick Broomall***



**from**

**the**

**Spiritual**

**Director**

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### **NOTES FROM THE EMMAUS BOARD**



**BOARD MEETING**—The next Lowcountry Emmaus Board Meeting will be held on June 4th at Stallville UMC in Summerville beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is the turnover/training meeting for the prior to new Board. Any interested members of the community are welcome to attend.

**FOUND**—Someone left a grey sweatshirt at Jericho UMC following the closing. It has the name Blackbaud on it. I will bring it to the gathering in June at Grace UMC. Thanks to all for allowing me to serve on the Board again. It has been great.

De Colores,

Francis  
Candlelight, Send-off and Closing

**FACILITIES**—A big thanks to all who helped with camp set up, clean up and take down for the Women's Walk to Emmaus! I have enjoyed my three years on the Lowcountry Emmaus Board and am especially grateful for prayers, encouragement and assistance during this time!

I would encourage members of our Emmaus community to consider serving on the board and let your desire be known to board members for elections next year. In the meantime, jump in and help in any way you can!

God Bless, Peace and De Colores!

Ed Hickey, Facilities, retired!!!