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# Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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*And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him ~ Luke 24:31*

## Pilgrim Count

### Applications Received:

**10 Men**

**11 Women**



**September Gathering on **Friday**,  
September 20th @ 6 pm  
Knightsville UMC**

**1505 Central Ave., Summerville, SC**

**From Beaufort:** Take I-95 to exit 53 toward Walterboro. Turn right onto SC-63 E. Turn right onto US-17 Alt N. Turn left onto Central Ave. 3.7 miles on the right.

**From Mt. Pleasant:** Take I-526 W to North Charleston. Take exit 17B toward Columbia. Merge onto I-26 W. Take exit 197A onto Nexton Parkway. Turn right onto W Richardson Ave. Turn left onto Parsons Rd. Turn right onto Central Ave. 2 miles on the left.

***Please note: The **Friday** Gatherings begin at 6 pm with fellowship. Please bring a snack or finger food to share with the Community. As always, the church will provide drinks. **Worship will follow at 7 pm.*****

### ***From the August Gathering:***

Thanks to all who came to join us at Goose Creek UMC, for the August Gathering. The Gatherings are a great time to fellowship w other members of the community and offer an opportunity to meet some folks you may not know. Big thanks go out to the members of Goose Creek UMC who worked hard to create a special evening. When I saw the parking lot attendants welcoming us, I smiled. How wonderful is it to have someone show you where to park with a smile on their face? Very! As the Board Member in Charge of the Gathering, I was happy to see old and new friends and to come together in Christ and love.

One of the great joys of being the BMiC is choosing a Fourth Day speaker. I chose Rosie Lamm for a few reasons. I remember when she left for her walk. I met her for the first time, at the Jerico send-off. I remember her energy as she spoke after the walk...something powerful happened that weekend. Rosie reminds us that we may not get the answers we want from the Lord, when we want them but we will learn something while we wait for answers. How many pilgrims arrive at camp with something heavy on their heart? How many times have we felt we can't move forward unless we have more details? I am thankful to have Rosie Lamm in the Lowcountry Emmaus community and also in this world... I am glad to know her! Thank you Rosie for sharing with us.

Prayers, Love and Peace,

Dominica



## **From our Community Lay Director: Dan Hare**

To the Emmaus Community,

I hope everyone is doing well with school back in and we are ready for fall season and cooler weather. We need to be in prayer for our upcoming walks and the Pilgrims.

We had a wonderful gathering at Goose Creek UMC. It was brought up about team selection and our willingness to serve. There will be application forms to serve on teams sent out electronically and there will be some at gatherings. Also we have new Walk card with the dates of the men and women walks on them.

I can remember looking forward to walks and being asked to serve and enjoying it. I also remember when my Wife went on her walk at Camp Bob Cooper which was the last one there (walk 12). I remember seeing her at candle light and saw such a big smile on her face. At closing she told me she was sorry she waited so long after I went to go, but we know it was in his time. The reason I am talking about Dianne at this time is because today is her birthday and Emmaus is what makes my faith in God strong enough to get through these times of missing her. Try and make these walks special for someone you love. There is no greater reward than seeing the joy of Jesus in someone's eye who experienced his love on their walk.

We need sponsors to respond to the registrar and the Pilgrims about going on these walks in March. Confirmation is necessary so we count on them. It is never too early to get these confirmations and new applications.

Remember if you are called to serve be ready to step up as God's servant and say YES.

Decolores,  
Your Lowcountry Emmaus Lay Director  
Dan Hare



## **From Agape: Peggy Lawton**

**Please pray for the following Emmaus walks taking place this month.**

### **September 5 – 8**

AL Emmaus Men #488 Cropwell, AL.  
Bethlehem Emmaus Men #4 Headland, AL  
Hoosier Hills Emmaus Men #117 Orleans, IN  
Southwest Indiana Men #59 Petersburg, Indiana  
Lagniappe Community Emmaus Men #86 Baton Rouge, LA  
West Michigan Emmaus Men #46 Hart, MI  
North Mississippi Women #339 Grenada, MS  
Southern Ohio Women 67 Racine, OH  
New Covenant Emmaus Men #100 Ardmore, TN  
La Mesa De Dios Men #77 Brownfield, TX  
Central Carolinas Emmaus Men #136 Charlotte, SC

### **September 12 - 15**

Hoosier Hills Emmaus Women #118 Orleans, IN  
Purchase Area Men #139 Calvert City, KY  
Great River Emmaus Women #24 Quincy, IL  
Central Carolinas Emmaus Women #137 Charlotte, SC

### **September 19 - 22**

AL Emmaus Women #489 Cropwell, AL  
Noah's of Ark Emmaus Men #193 Hot Springs, AK  
North Ga Walk to Emmaus Men #195 Alpharetta, GA  
Quad Cities Emmaus Men #121 Moline, IL  
Southwest Indiana Emmaus Women #59 Petersburg, IN  
Lagniappe Country Emmaus Women #87 Baton Rouge, LA  
North Mississippi Women #339 Grenada, MS.

## September 22 – 29

Quad Cities Women #122 Moline, IL  
SW Indiana Women #59 Petersburg, IN  
Purchase Area Women #140 Calvert City, KY.

### **From our Assistant Community Lay Director: Tom Thurman**

If you were not able to make the August gathering, the board is asking that you fill out an application found on the last page of this newsletter for serving on a Lowcountry Emmaus Team. We cannot have the walks without a team. If you could please email your form to either Tom Thurman at [Thomas.thurman9@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.thurman9@gmail.com) or Rebecca Stacey at [rebecca\\_stacey1969@yahoo.com](mailto:rebecca_stacey1969@yahoo.com) before September 10<sup>th</sup> that would be great.

### **From Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Runnerstrum**

There are scholarships available for pilgrims as well as team members. Please see a board member for more information.





## The Hands That Served

“Faithful servants never retire.....” – Rick Warren

I've never met Percy. As a matter of fact, I only know a few sentences about his life. It was the humbleness of this man that touched my heart. I listened as my friend Jackie spoke of Percy and the job he did in the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster on September 11, 2001. Many years have passed since that terrible day in our nation's history. The memories remain in the minds of many Americans. Jackie is an FBI agent trained in grief counseling. She was sent to New York in the days following 9/11 to help out in any way she could. Having spent 9 days working in “the pit” she returned with many unbelievable stories to tell. No national secrets were divulged, spoke tonight only of her personal experiences.

On this particular evening, a group of Emmaus friends had gathered to listen as Jackie talked about her time in New York. We listened in such profound silence that it was hard to believe there were 20 people in the room. We each felt a little closer to what was happening in our country at the time because of her willingness to share this very emotional time in her life. But her final story, the one about Percy, was the one that touched me more than any other.

It was such a simple story. You see, Percy's job was to clean the soles of the boots each time someone came up for the pit. No one knew him. No one knew where he came from. He just appeared at the pit and day after day, night after night, he scraped away the flesh and the blood, the concrete and steel, the brick and the wood that had all been crushed into tiny dust particles and had stuck to the soles of the boots of the men and women who had come to help in this pit of devastating ruin and remains. The workers were not allowed to carry the debris on their boots into the rest of the city. And Percy was there to do only that one job of scraping the debris from the soles of boots.

On her last night in New York, as she was leaving the pit, Jackie offered to clean Percy's boots. But Percy would have nothing to do with that idea since cleaning boots was now his new found job. No matter what he had done in the time before 9/11, he now accepted his job as boot cleaner and did it to the best of his ability. That's all I know about Percy....that he loved his new job and would do it for as long as he was needed. God had called Percy in the aftermath of a national tragedy. And Percy responded in the only way he knew how - - faithfully, devotedly and with a servant heart. His willingness is what touched me; his simplicity in the not so glorious task of cleaning the soles of boots. Percy must have felt God had called him for such a time as this.

Jackie finished her story and the quiet rustle of voices silenced as the gentle strumming of a guitar became louder and a single voice began to sing.

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross  
How beautiful, how beautiful, is the body of Christ  
How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise  
How beautiful, how beautiful, is the body of Christ.

Through slightly tear filled eyes I looked around the room at my fellow Emmaus friends. We were a very small part of the body of Christ. They were the "Percy's" in my life. I watched their willingness to serve in any capacity to accomplish Christ's work on this earth. I saw in many of them a humbleness from which I could learn something. Their gentleness, their compassion, their servant hearts came across so clearly each time they worked an Emmaus weekend and completed any task requested of them.

Percy's story reminds me of what is so important in our Emmaus work. We ALL have a part to play, however large or small, we ALL have a part.

Across hundreds of miles, through a face I've never seen, a man I've never met and a heart that mysteriously reached out and touched mine. I learned a very valuable lesson because I was really listened to the message God was delivering through my friend Jackie.

DeColores,  
Peggy Lawton  
North Alabama Emmaus Walk #181  
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(When the call come to YOU – to serve in the kitchen, to present a talk, to sign up for the prayer vigil, to attend Candlelight, to serve in the conference room – whatever capacity you are asked to serve in – consider Percy's story and pray about your willingness to serve. Remember, we ALL have a part to play, however large or small, we ALL have a part to play in building God's kingdom.)

The next board meeting will be held September 10th, 2019 at The Cabinet Shop 9475 US-78, Ladson, SC 29456 at 7:00pm.

