



# Low Country Emmaus

*And then their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Luke 24:31*

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## GATHERING AT THE CAMP

Saturday, October 17th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Camp Summers & Manget, Cameron, SC

Spend the day under the trees at the Camp, enjoying a variety of music groups, having chance to find out about Sponsorship or signing up for several Volunteer opportunities, and visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Bring your Reunion Group,  
invite prospective Pilgrims,  
call folks from your walk to come to the  
biggest Gathering ever!

Pack up your lawn chairs and blankets and meet at the Camp around 10:00 am. Lunch will begin at noon—bbq and drinks will be provided—all you bring is your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Then we'll congregate that afternoon in the Chapel for the Service.

RSVP by October 14th...either sign up at the August or September Gatherings, or email the number in your group to [bilyngains@aol.com](mailto:bilyngains@aol.com)

*Please...no smoking, no alcohol, no pets.*

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SUMMERS & MANGET

Exit I-26 at the Orangeburg/Cameron Exit (SC Rd 33). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp toward Cameron.

After entering Cameron, you will see some large storage towers on your right (also in view from several miles outside of Cameron). When these towers are on your right, there will be a road on your left which will take you to the Camp. (There is a white sign with the name of the camp on your left at that intersection.) Go approximately 1.5 miles down that road and you will see the entrance to the Camp at the white gate on the right. (Please use the main entrance to the Camp and not the kitchen entrance.)

If the weather looks iffy on the 16th, just go to our website at [www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus](http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus) to see if the Gathering will happen on the 17th. If not, the rain date is Saturday, October 24th.

Several years ago when Lowcountry Emmaus had a Gathering at Camp S&M, we invited several of the Pilgrims we were sponsoring on upcoming Walks. Later they told me that visiting the Camp and seeing where they would be staying on their Walk took away some of the “anticipation” anxiety. The October 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering at the Camp is a perfect chance for you to introduce your candidates to the serenity of Camp S&M, and to give them a better idea of what to expect on a Weekend.

The Sponsorship booth will be set up for you to get information about sponsoring, or to pick up and turn in registration forms. If in the meantime you have any questions, please contact me at [lpeigler@comcast.net](mailto:lpeigler@comcast.net), or call me at 843-814-0181.

See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

DeColores,

Sponsorship/Registration

Leigh



### FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP

As we gather at Camp we will enjoy a time of fellowship and fun through food! Lowcountry Emmaus will provide BBQ, sauce, drinks and paper products for the meal. Please bring your favorite family picnic dish to share. Please label your containers and bring them to the dining hall after you have arrived at camp.

If you would like to be a part of the kitchen crew at this Gathering, please let me know at [LDukes@sc.rr.com](mailto:LDukes@sc.rr.com) or 843-873-3303.

Decolores,

**Lyn Dits**

Kitchen Committee



### MUSIC

Music will be ringing from the hills! With a varied list of groups playing and singing, we will have music bringing praises to God and we'll be lifting our voices with joy for Him. Come join us as we celebrate our awesome God!

*Elaine Walter*, Board member for Music



Musicians & Singers

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Gospel Choir

Grace UMC Praise Team (Bill Dorfner)

Eternal Praise Singers (Simi Benchaley)

Eagle Creek Gospel/ Bluegrass Band

St. Andrews Parish Praise Band (Kristin Cole)

A Little R & R Praise Band (Randy Woods, Rob Walter)

## Servants of the Servant Lord...

Jesus was and is a Servant Lord. He won our victory by being a servant.

On Walk Number 1 to Emmaus, two men walked along from Jerusalem with a stranger. It was at the table when He broke bread that their eyes were opened and they knew that they also must be *servants*. Perhaps they remembered then the parable of the talents and the voice of the Master when he said, “well done thou good and faithful *servant*, you have been faithful over a little, so now I will set you over much. Enter the joy of your Master.”

Our Walk to Emmaus began with *servants*. A *servant* sponsored us, picked us up, drove us to the “gathering place”, and possibly paid for our dinner. Another *servant* took care of our luggage. A *servant* drove the bus. Beginning with that first evening a *servant* prepared our meals, poured our drinks, placed “agape” on the table, and cleaned up when we left the dining room. Every 30 minutes of the 4 days, a *servant* prayed for us by name. *Servants* around the world were praying for us. Our every need was met by someone who chose to be a *servant* of Jesus Christ. And a group of *servants* gathered to clean commodes, mop floors, take out trash and make sure the camp was fit and comfortable for the next group.

Emmaus is about a Fourth Day, a lifetime, of being a *servant*. On Saturday, October 17 we will talk about being *servants* and following progressive *servanthood* at Camp S&M. But in order to effectively share the Emmaus message we need to make sure we have a lot of our Lowcountry Emmaus family at the camp.

As a faithful *servant* let each of us invite seven (7) Emmaus friends we haven't seen at a Gathering in a long time. Call some who were on your Walk. Call some who attend church with you. Call someone who might benefit by sharing a day with the Emmaus community. Invite your pastor and their spouse. And if you really want to be a *servant*, offer to pick them up and bring them to Camp S&M on Saturday, October 17.

We just might be in the presence of our Servant Lord.

De Colores

## INFORMATION BOOTHS

(Manned 10:30 am—12:00 P.M and 1:00—2:00 PM)

“The Emmaus Experience’

**Servanthood**

**Re-Union Groups**

**Where are they now?**

**Books/Literature**

**Newsletter/Website**

# *From the Spiritual Director...*



Some places are special. When my grandfather's family has a reunion, the turnout is usually better if the reunion is held at the church where the family's life was centered generations ago. When people travel to a college homecoming, it's more than the prospect of a football game, or even the possibility of seeing an old friend, that draws them. There's something important to human beings about places where important things have happened to us, and about places where others have shared such experiences.

Celtic Christianity often speaks of "thin places," where the ordinary world and the world of the spirit seem somehow closer than usual. For many people, the Holy Land is such a place. The Hebrew people, when they were in exile, wrote, "By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion." Jerusalem was the place where God had chosen to dwell with his people. From the first century up to our own time, Christian pilgrims travel to Israel to walk where Jesus walked.

Perhaps, for many of you, Camp Summers and Magnet is such a special place. There many of us stepped away from the noise and distraction of the world for three days, to join our fellow pilgrims in walking with Christ. The Gathering at the Camp this month offers an opportunity to return to this special place, to meet friends, but also to walk the grounds once more, to listen once again to what Jesus has to say to you.

I hope to see you there.

De Colores,  
David Luppo

## **New Crosses**

The International Emmaus and Chrysalis Office is pleased to announce the introduction of a new Walk to Emmaus neck cross and a new Chrysalis neck cross. Both crosses are made of Alder wood, a hardwood which grows in the Northern Hemisphere. Alder wood is straight-grained, shock and decay resistant and stains well. It is used in making guitars, artificial limbs and cabinets. There is a ring at the top of the cross so a wide or thin lanyard can be added to complete the neck cross.

The current pewter neck cross was introduced in 1988, ten years after the start of the Emmaus movement. The Chrysalis cross was added when that movement started in 1985. The pewter neck crosses require molds, thirteen of them for all the languages, and those molds wear out and need to be replaced from time to time. In addition to the molds, The Upper Room does not own the rights to the design or the rights to the molds. Our current manufacturer is the only company that will or can produce these crosses and we do not have the rights for the sale of these items. They are under no obligation to sell these neck crosses exclusively to us.

The new wooden crosses are our own design and can be laser-cut, leaving no reason to have and replace molds. We originally looked at many designs, sizes and materials. We eliminated some styles and once down to a "Final Four" for design and type of font, the Chrysalis, Emmaus and Clergy Regional Leaders chose the final design for our communities to use.

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**Calendar of Events**  
*(Gatherings)*

**October 17th/ 10 am—4 pm**  
**Gathering at the Camp**

**November 20th/ 7:30 P.M.**  
**Silas UMC**

**December 18th/ 7:30 P.M.**  
**New Hope UMC**

*Gatherings are on the 3rd Friday  
each month at 7:30 p.m.*

*Board meetings are on the 2nd  
Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.*

**Treasurer's Report**

**Checking.....\$2870.20**  
**Savings.....\$2619.64**  
**Total.....\$5489.84**

*Sympathies...*

The Lowcountry Emmaus community extends its condolences to Lisa Hawkins and family in the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Jackson Groves who died on Sept. 14th. Also to Alice Thompson in the death of her husband, Ray, who died Sept. 15th. Please keep them/family in your prayers!