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Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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

October Gathering on **Friday,
October 15th @ 7 pm
CIMC's community park
1558 Bushy Park Road
Goose Creek, SC 29445**

Gathering Note: The community park is down the road from this address. Please watch for the signs.
This gathering will be outdoors under a covered shelter. (Bring your own chair if you would prefer).

We would also ask that you consider wearing a mask to protect yourself and those around you.

Community Lay Director: Helen Cash

Greetings Low Country Emmaus Community,

The September 17th gathering was held at the Indian Field Methodist Campground in Saint George. We assembled under the rustic open-air tabernacle to worship together. It was a beautiful and sacred setting. Not long into the program, my husband Carroll collapsed in his pew. He was not breathing well and seemed disoriented. Several people rushed to his side. Someone checked his pulse. Someone called 911. Someone brought water and a wet towel. Someone made efforts to help him breathe. Someone tried to get him to respond to questions. Someone held my hand and put her arm around me to steady

me. Many “someones” circled up, held hands and prayed. What a blessing they all were. Thank you Emmaus family for being the hands and feet of Christ. I told several people the only reason I was able to hold it together was that our Emmaus family was present and responding and praying. When first responders arrived, Carroll’s blood pressure was 92/48. It wasn’t long before he began to revive and started making jokes. It was then that I had hope that it was not a stroke or a heart attack. The emergency medical team placed him in the air conditioned ambulance, and he responded immediately to their treatment. Blood pressure 130/77, pulse oxygen 99%, blood sugar good and a heart check showed no issues. Diagnosis? Overheated and dehydrated. I brought him home and the next day we followed up with Drs. Care and the ER. Medical personnel diagnosed syncope or unexplained fainting. We also followed up with his cardiologist who ran several tests and concluded it was not a HEART event – it was a HEAT event. Praise God. Praise our Emmaus family.

As frightening as this incident was, it profoundly reminded me again that life is fragile. How often we take too much for granted. How often we casually count on tomorrow. If you love someone, make certain they know it. Say it. Show it. Live it.

I have a beautiful card that sits on my kitchen table. I read it every morning at breakfast. It’s a quote from the Dali Lama.

CHERISH TODAY

Be kind whenever possible.

It is ALWAYS possible.

Our next gathering is October 15 at 7PM at the BMIC community park in Goose Creek, SC. We will meet outside in a covered shelter and I know the weather will be glorious!

Decolores!

Helen Cash



From Gatherings: Ronnie Brewer

The “Lowcountry Emmaus Community” held the September 2021 “In Person Gathering” on 17 September 2021 at the Indian Field Campground in St. George, SC. The “Gathering” was held outside under the “Historical Tabernacle”. This was the Communities third “In Person Gathering” since we have resumed the Gatherings. Attendance has increased each time with 42 attendees at Indian Field. A special thanks to Jimmy Hinson for helping with setup and to Keith Yates for stepping in with music at the last minute.

If you missed the September 2021 Gathering well guess what, you have an opportunity to attend the October 2021 Gathering! The following information pertains to the next “Gathering”.

Gathering Date/ Location---The October 2021 Gathering will take place on 15 October 2021 starting at 7 PM. Location will be at the Bushy Park Industrial site, Goose Creek, SC. Address is 1558 Bushy Park Road, Goose Creek (Charleston International Manufacturing Center). The “Emmaus Rooster” will mark your turn, which is actually past the plant and to the left if coming from the Naval Weapons

Station. This will be another outside venue, so dress accordingly because we do not know what the weather will be in mid October.

Social Time---It was decided that once again we will not have any scheduled social time prior to the actual "Gathering". This does not mean that we cannot visit before or after the "Gathering" but it will not be part of the "Gathering" agenda. The "Board" will provide water for the community.

Social Distancing---Seating will be as if it were at a normal church service. Masks are optional but highly recommended. This will be the last "outside" venue until next Spring. Starting in November we will move "inside".

Gathering Agenda---Songs, Guest Introduction, Lay Director Report, Board Reports, Prayer/Prayer Concerns, 4th Day Speaker, 4th Day Spiritual Response, Communion (Self Contained Package) and Closing.

Additional "Gathering" Information: "Gatherings" cannot be held without a host church

or location. I ask that you consider hosting such an event, so we can schedule out for the rest of the year. The "Board" will be meeting soon to further discuss extending the social time with refreshments after the "October Gathering".

There has been some who have questioned the Board for continuing with Gatherings during this pandemic time. A point well taken. As the Board Member in charge of Gatherings I feel that our churches are open and we are in church on Sundays. Is an Emmaus Gathering not an extension of church service? Prior to

starting back with the Gatherings, the Board gave much thought to having or not having Gatherings. We decided that for the Community to survive, there was and is a need to gather.

I look forward to this continued “new start” for our Emmaus family. See you on 15 October 2021 at 7 PM. Any questions pertaining to the upcoming or future “Gatherings”, please call me at 843 754 9257.

Decolores

Ronald L. Brewer, Lowcountry Walk #50, Table of John

Board Member in charge of Gatherings

From Registrar: Karen Ayers

I hope you have all heard the exciting news that we have scheduled walks for 2022! The Men’s Walk is planned for March 10-13 and the Women’s Walk the following weekend, March 17-20. I have sent emails to the pilgrims I have addresses for and heard from several who are still interested in attending so I’ve started a new list. The first 36 I receive for each walk will be confirmed and others put on a waiting list. Sponsors, please talk to your pilgrims, make sure they have the dates and let me know as soon as they are ready to commit to attending. I do not need new applications unless any of their information has changed. If a refund was issued, a new registration fee will be required (\$30); scholarships are available. For more information or if you have questions, my contact is 843-812-8644 or klayers49@yahoo.com. DeColores!

We will meet for a board meeting, October 12 @ 7pm via Zoom.