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

**Please stay safe and continue practicing
social distancing.**



From the Community Lay Director: Dan Hare

To the Lowcountry Emmaus Community

I hope everyone is well and we as a board are in prayer for the community, state, Nation, and the World in these trying times.

The Board is meeting to find ways to spread this Walk To Emmaus experience in our present situation. We are possibly looking at a Gathering at the Camp where everyone can socially distance or consider some kind of Zoom gathering. We are open to suggestions and volunteers to help carry out these events.

The Board has decided to move our election period to begin in January so we are looking for volunteers to help with the process by placing their names on the ballot to serve on the Emmaus Board.

I mentioned last month about the International Emmaus Gathering that took place and it was reassuring that the Walk to Emmaus is still strong all over the world and impact on people from so many different walks of life. The Walk to Emmaus is only one tool to strengthen the spirit God in Christians, but it sure has helped a lot of people and strengthened a lot of local churches.

I personally would like to welcome back Steve Gaither to the Lowcountry Emmaus community and also has been willing to step up and serve as our Assistant Spiritual Director. I know there are many more of you who would be a great addition to our board in servanthood.

The board has appointed Helen Cash as the Data administrator for our Community, so if you have questions about Ministry Manager and how your records are put in there or need updating, please contact her.

On another subject is our election in this country, I hope everyone will pray hard for our Country and for whoever is elected that our Country and its leadership will keep God's will in mind. I know this newsletter will come out after the election, but God is listening to our prayers so keep praying without ceasing.

May God Bless and keep you all

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Dan Hare

Lowcountry Emmaus community Lay Director



For Peggy Lawton:

A Collective Thanks

“The things that I love and hold dear to my heart
Are just borrowed, they’re not mine at all, Jesus
Only lets me use them to brighten my day. So
Remind me, remind me, dear Lord” – Dottie Rambo

Thanksgiving. The very word speaks of family and fall and fun times. Although I try to give thanks all through the year, this is the season, right now, that I am most thankful for.

I love the season of “giving thanks.” For many years, it was just a day off from school; a time to relax and do what I wanted to do. But as I have gotten older this day, this season has grown to mean a lot more for me. I don’t remember many Thanksgivings from my childhood years. Those memories are gone now. I can, however, remember as far back as the first Thanksgiving after I was married. Many Thanksgivings have come and gone since then but the memories of those times are still vivid for me. My 7 siblings and I would gather together from all over the country at our childhood home. There was too much food, a great many people, pickup football games in the front yard, football on TV, naps on the couch and lots of other fun things. In later years, the grandchildren began to come, too.

It was truly a special time. I remember that I often thanked God for giving me a family that wanted to spend time together. But I don't think I ever thanked him for the memories. Think about it. Where would we be without our memories to remind us of times past, of those we love, of those we miss, and of those we hold dear in our hearts?

Emmaus gives us an opportunity to offer a collective thanks at our monthly Gatherings. But because of covid, we haven't had a gather in almost 9 months. So take just a minute, sit back, and think of Gatherings in the past and I bet a smile will come to your face. Remember that hug from that person you haven't seen since your walk? Remember the wonderful music we all sang along to? And what about that inspiring 4th day talk that spoke of God's love and forgiveness? Remember when your name was called to help with communion? And the food, my gosh, the wonderful food we share together on the third Fridays of the month! The laughter, the tears, the fellowship with other Christians are all part of our memories.

As I sit and write this my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for all that Emmaus has done for me. I also think of all that we have missed over these past months by not being able to gather as a community. But we serve an awesome God and He will see us through these tough times. So before all the razzle dazzle of the holidays start, sit back for a moment and think of all the fond memories of your Emmaus family.

“Roll back the curtain of memory now and then,

Show me where You brought me from and where

I've been. Just remember, I'm human and humans Forget. So remind me ,
remind me, dear Lord.”

Peggy Lawton

North Alabama Emmaus Walk #181

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Featured Board Member:

Meet David Beal

Our Board Member profile this month highlights David Beal. David attended Lowcountry Emmaus Walk #64 and sat at the table of Mark. David is married to his wife, Tricia, and they have two daughters, Meghan and Hannah.

David is General Manager of a ship repair company. As a Lowcountry Board member, David is in charge of kitchen activities, purchasing the food and preparing it for each meal served on a walk. There are many other responsibilities that go along with being the kitchen person in charge that David is far too humble to mention, but we all know (or can imagine) what a tremendous job it is to prepare the kitchen for a walk. I'm sure David will be the first to admit that his job would be impossible to accomplish without the many volunteers who help him at each walk.

David says that he continues to be involved with Emmaus because of the people. He described his favorite Emmaus moment as "every Candlelight." And the biggest impact Emmaus has had on his life is that it has brought him closer to God and made him want to be more involved at his own church.

When asked what year he attended his walk, David simply responded "the same year as Tom Thurman." It is special, indeed, to remember who you were on a walk with rather than the year you attended. His response is a reminder to us all of the amazing people we each shared our own walk with and the blessings that have come into our lives because of the friendships we made.

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We will meet for a board meeting, November 10th @ 7pm via Zoom.