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Coming Events

January 27 Gathering
Windsor UMC
Meal @7 Worship @ 8
February 13 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm
February 24 Gathering
Platt Springs UMC
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8
March 13 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm
March 16-19
Men's Walk
March 23-26
Women's Walk
April 10 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm
April 28 Gathering
Boiling Springs UMC
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8
May 8 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm

Happy New Year Emmaus Family!

It's a new year and with that comes some changes. I will have the privilege of serving as this year's chairperson of our Emmaus Board and I ask for your prayers as I assume this new position. We have some outgoing members whom I want to thank for their dedication and hard work. I look forward to working with the new members of the Board with great excitement. Please take time to thank those members who are going off the Board and those that have offered to come on the Board. We want all of you to continue to pray for our community's growth and service through Jesus Christ. We have wonderful opportunities ahead of us.

The Board will continue to listen to the concerns of the community and work together toward solutions. A good example of this in 2016 is the new golf cart the community acquired making the campgrounds more accessible to those who need help. The Board will prayerfully serve you in the loving spirit of Jesus Christ.

I would ask that the Midlands Emmaus community think about and pray about this question: In what ways can each of us be the hands and feet of Christ? As you continue this year on your Fourth Day journey keep asking the Holy Spirit to guide you. I would also like to ask all of you to join our Board in prayer as we seek God's guidance for this New Year

I look forward to the new year and hope to see you at the walks and gatherings over the coming year. Please take time to prayerfully consider the person or persons that God is putting on your heart to

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invite to the Emmaus Walks this year. The board with all of your help puts on the Walks, but each of you invites the people who will grow spiritually from the Walk experience. You are the hands and feet of Christ.

Please contact me, or any of the other Board members, if you have any questions or concerns.

"God is good all of the time; All of the time God is good."

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Bobby Bowers

January 27 Gathering
Windsor United Methodist Church
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A New Year's Resolution

People love to celebrate on New Year's Eve. We celebrated this year by watching our Clemson Tigers win another game and a chance to play for the National Championship once again. Others celebrate in different ways. Some may stay at home with family and friends and celebrate quietly, still others may celebrate with parties and music, and some may attend church to celebrate. People may ask God, and others, for forgiveness for the wrongs they have committed the previous year. Most will look to the future and a new beginning. They think about how they can improve on what they did or didn't do in the past year.

The new year is traditionally a time for resolutions. Most of us, at one time or another, have made them. And most of us probably have failed for one reason or another to keep them. A resolution is something you make yourself and it usually means a change in behavior or a new goal. People believe that the first New Year's resolutions were made by the Babylonians thousands of years ago. During a harvest festival, the Babylonians made promises to their gods that they would return borrowed equipment.

On the first day of the New Year people feel great about their changes. Experts say most people do not keep them very long. One university study found that one week after New Years Day only 75% of people have kept their resolutions and less than half keep them for six months or longer.

Should Christians have New Year's resolutions? Resolutions are the building of a habit. And a habit can shape our lives. It's just something we naturally do in the routine of our daily life. The resolution is trying to imitate our normal routine. It just needs to be realistic. This is especially true in our spiritual life. If you don't have a consistent plan for Bible reading or prayer, you may say, "I'm going to set aside a time for both of these things." Then be realistic with your time and make sure you have something that is doable. Start with something small and build on it.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil, plans to give you a hope and a future."

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The minimum amount of pilgrims needed for the men's walk.



Those already signed up.



The minimum amount of pilgrims needed for the women's walk.



Those already signed up.



We need your help. We cannot have a walk without at least twelve persons. Let's get busy. Please pray for that person you have been thinking about and speak to him/her.

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