

# The Rooster Crows



## Seaside Emmaus Fall Walk Dates

Men's Walk – #147  
9/26/19 thru 9/29/19

Lay Director:  
Rob Kayton  
Spiritual Director:  
Mike Henderson

Women's Walk 148  
10/3/19 thru 10/6/19

Lay Director:  
Betsy Phillips  
Spiritual Director:  
Ann Kovan



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

### ALL THE JOY YOU NEED

Thirteenth Century priest Thomas Aquinas once said, “No one can live without joy.” But many people do live joyless lives. And the reason is often simply because they don't know how to be happy. They are so intent on the three P's – power, prosperity and prestige – that they miss out on simple joy.

French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson pioneered modern photography as an art form during the early decades of the 20th Century. He was a master of candid photography and something of a genius at spotting and photographing apparent contradictions: pictures that left mysteries unexplained.

One of his famous photographs was shot in a poor section of Seville, Spain in 1933. The picture depicts a run-down alley surrounded by decaying walls, strewn with rubble and riddled with bullet holes dotting gray walls. The setting alone evokes feelings of sadness and despair.

But then...the contradiction. Within the grim alley children are playing. They wear dirty and tattered clothes, as one might expect in such a setting, but like playing children everywhere, they laugh with carefree joy. In the foreground, a tiny boy on crutches hobbles away from two other boys, his face lit up with a broad grin. One boy is laughing so hard he has to hold his side. Others lean on the cracked walls, beaming with delight.

It is easy to spot the contrast – and the point. Joy amid the rubble of life. Laughter among life's ruins.

We cannot avoid pain, however hard we try. But we can avoid joy. We cannot escape hardship and trouble, but we can miss out on much of life's peace and laughter.

If you feel as if you could use more joy, here are a few tips:  
Do something today just for the fun of it.  
Decide to fill your thoughts with less anxiety and more peace.  
Laugh a little more. A little more heartily and a little more often.  
Practice a hopeful attitude.

Love as much as you can. Love people. Love experiences. Love ideas. Love beauty. In short -- love life.

You may occasionally find yourself amid life's rubble. But strangely - even there you can discover joy.

It's one of the beautiful contradictions of life.

DeColores, Jim Witten LD

## Message From the Community Spiritual Director

### The Invisible Man

I served a church in downtown Charleston for a few years. Engadi, a homeless man, would sleep between the buildings of my church during the winter. He and I became good friends over the years.

Some of my church members, who also loved him, asked me to check in on him. "He's acting weird, Pastor Mike," they said. "We're getting worried about him."

I found him that afternoon sitting on the steps of the church. His hair, which was long and frizzy, had been colored with magic markers, making it look like one of those multi-colored wigs "Rock 'n' Roll" Stewart (the John 3:16 guy) would wear at sporting events. (I wonder how many people actually came to faith in Christ because of him, and how many were chased away?)

Engadi had also colored his face with different colors from the markers. I sat beside Engadi and asked how he was doing. He looked at me strangely and said "You can see me?" "Of course," I answered. He sat there for a while not saying anything.

"Engadi, you're beginning to scare people," I said. "How am I doing that, Henderson?" he asked. "Coloring your hair and your face like this. It makes you look like you are crazy."

"Oh no," he said. "It does not do that. It makes me invisible." "Now you are acting crazy," I said. "I see you plain as day." "Yes, you do, but no one else does." "What do you mean?" I asked. "Come with me," he said.

We got up from the steps and walked across the Charleston peninsula. We ended across the street from a rather large, old, very affluent church, one I knew very well. They were finishing up some kind of early evening mid-week prayer service, and people were beginning to come out of the doors. "Watch," he said, and walked across the street to stand in front of the church gate. The crowds came out of the church, maybe 200 or so worshippers and pray-ers. Engadi was at the gate so that almost everyone had to pass close by him. No one spoke to him. Most did not even look him in the eye.

When they had all gone, he walked across the street and said, "See, I am invisible." Engadi was not trying to make a point, to bring home some lesson, to show me something new. He really thought that he was invisible. But God was trying to make a point, bring home a lesson, show me something new. "Engadi," I said, "I think you still are scaring them." "No," he said, "I'm invisible."

I walk the streets of Florence a lot. I wonder how many invisible people do I pass. And what will it take for me to see them?

"... you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear..."

Jeremiah 5:21

Pastor Mike Henderson

## From Community Kitchen

I would like to Congratulate and Welcome Mary Heflin as the New Kitchen Board Member.

Please remember to sign up for walks #147 and #148. Sign up sheet at the Gatherings.

Kitchen Volunteers are needed. All hands are utilized. We also need people to wash linens, rags, carry garbage and help with set up and tear down. Please plan to come and help make these walks a success!

DeColores, DelAnn Treat

## From Community Lay Director

### HELP

**WE NEED PILGRIMS FOR FALL WALKS!!**

**MEN'S WALK SEPT. 26-29-2019**

**WOMEN'S WALK OCT. 3-6-2019**

**APPLICATIONS ON WEBSITE**

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### Next Gathering July 12, 2019

Centenary UMC: 1527 Hwy 544, Conway, SC

Board Meeting 6:00, Gathering and Fellowship 6:30, Worship 7:30

**From Florence/Manning/Conway:** Take 378 to Conway. Take 501 toward Myrtle Beach. Turn right onto Highway 544. The church will be just past the McDonald's on the left.

**From South Strand Area:** Take Hwy 544 toward Conway. The church will be just past Horry County Fire Station on Hwy 544 on the right (turn right onto Singleton Ridge Road and the driveway is on the right immediately after you make the turn.

**From Myrtle Beach:** Take Hwy 501 toward Conway. Turn Left on Singleton Ridge Road (driving by Conway Medical Center) to the end, where it meets Hwy 544. The church is at the intersection of Singleton Ridge Road and Hwy 544 and the driveway is on the left just before reaching Hwy 544.

**From Little River:** Take Highway 31 to 501 North and take Singleton Ridge Road (where Conway Hospital is) to where it dead ends at 544. On your right is McDonalds and on your left is Centenary.

