

# LowCountry Emmaus

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

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## **FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR**



Thanks to Stallville UMC for providing the gathering site. Cliff Simpson led the gathering while Larry Mercer, Kim Lions and I provided the music. Steve Waterhouse shared his witness with the 4<sup>th</sup> day talk and David James responded to the fourth day talk. It was a great gathering. It was more special than most because the community sang Christmas carols.

The ABCs of Natural Church Development quality characteristics continued: *empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships*; Quality Characteristic 5: inspiring worship services. The author asks the question “is the worship service inspiring for those who attend?” He goes on to say that many Christians attend the worship service to fulfill a Christian duty. They do not attend church because it is a wonderful experience. It is as if they are doing God a favor. Some even believe that their “faithfulness” in patiently enduring an unpleasant exercise is blessed by God. This makes me ponder as to why I go to church and why I love Emmaus. I go to church because I have the desire to know the Lord better and to share in His love. Sharing in His love is the blessings I receive. An example is His love is shared with fellow church goers when we discuss bible verses and come to a better understanding of His word ‘together’. Another is feeling the Holy Spirit move. I should not have to describe sharing His love in the Emmaus community or during a weekend.

God has done it again. His artistry continues to amaze me. I witnessed the most beautiful sunrise I had seen in a very long time. The greatness thing about Gods art is it constantly changes as He paints and He does not mess up. The sunrise began with a small dash of burnt red on the horizon. It changed into a burnt orange. As the orange evolved into a bright orange the clouds turned from black and gray to a fluorescent gold and silver. As the clouds began to glow He changed the sky into pastel green followed by a pastel blue. Are moments like these the ones that inspire us to continue sharing His Love?

Charlie Peigler and Emily Ghassemzadeh are the Lay Directors for the up coming walks. The men’s walk is 64 and the women’s is 65. Also Terry Lupo and Ron Bycroft have agreed to be the Lay Directors in Training (LDIT). It is time to begin praying for the upcoming walks. Please be in prayer for Charlie and Emily as they assemble their teams for the weekend. Keep Terry and Ron close in prayer too.

I realize it is a busy time for us all. We must be mindful to each others burdens yet continue to move forward. To have the next walks in the spring we must have 20 men registered by the end of January and 20 women registered by the middle of February. Pray for our community, sponsors and new pilgrims. Let us continue to share His love.

## **De Colores Randy Woods**

### **FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**



**A Happy and Blessed New Year**

**De Colores Robert**

Need an application? You can download one on the web at <http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus/application.pdf> don’t forget to check the important dates on the back page.

**THIS MONTH'S GATHERING**

To be held at Grace UMC Charleston. The gathering will begin at 7:30 PM, with light refreshments to follow.....and lots of fellowship.

**DIRECTIONS TO GRACE UMC**

Grace United Methodist Church  
1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407  
843-766-1621

From West and North take I 26 toward Charleston. At Exit 216A merge on SR-7 toward US 17 South. Approx 3.3 miles to church.

From East take US 17 to I-26 toward N Charleston/Columbia; then take Exit 216A and merge on SR-17(as above)

**SPONSORSHIP/REGISTRAR**

Congratulations to all of the new 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers who've just completed Walks #62 and 63. As we continue our articles on Sponsorship I'd like to talk a bit about the application which is probably one of the most important information getting tools we have. A lot of care should be taken when filling it out. If the information is inaccurate or we cannot read it, our record keeping is impeded quite a bit especially when it comes to special diets or medications.

A few points:

**PILGRIM Side of Sponsorship Form**

1. Please print clearly and legibly with strict attention to phone numbers and addresses.
2. Let us know your pilgrims e-mail if they have one.
3. Their age helps us to mix up the age groups at the tables, but don't make a big deal if they do not want to give it.
4. What name they want on the name tag is important (i.e. nick name)
5. What church they attend is important to know so we do not put two or more people from the same church at the same table.
6. Special diet! We need to know about any allergies to foods.

7. Medications! We also need to know of any special medications needed for your pilgrims health, especially if they have a time table on which to take them. Remember, they won't have a watch so they will have to depend on the ALDs to keep track of time for them.

8. Health - A physical handicap. Let us know if there is anything that would keep them from attending the walk that we could possibly provide (I.e. golf cart, wheel chair, etc.) If we know of any special needs up front we'll have plenty of time to let them know if we can or cannot provide the item.

**SPONSOR Side of Sponsorship Form**

Here again, clear and legible printing is essential. Keep in mind that you are the contact person once your pilgrim is on the walk. There have been occasions where we had to contact a sponsor.

Take the time to go over it with them and answer any and all questions they might have. Please explain the program with them. It's disturbing to receive an application and read "NO" or "N/A" where you are asked if you've discussed the walk to Emmaus with them. It looks like you didn't care. We do not want to keep anyone in the dark. When sending in the application make sure the deposit of at least \$30.00 accompanies it. Send it to:

LowCountry Emmaus  
P. O. Box 51828  
Summerville, S. C. 29485

OR to the Registrar at the time:

Jim Roth  
4312 Quail Dr.  
Beaufort, SC 29906

OR give the application to a board member.

**DeColores Jim Roth**

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**P U S H – Pray Until Something Happens**

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**See You at the Gathering-Feel the Warmth**

**Board of Directors**

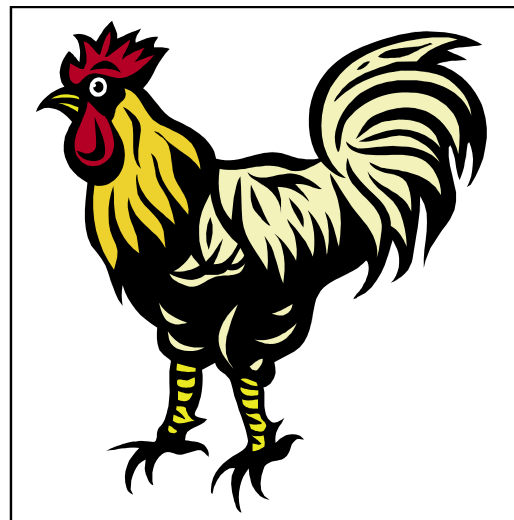
Position	Name	Phone	E-mail address	Class
Lay Director	Randy Woods	843-873-7061	<a href="mailto:randall.woods@att.net">randall.woods@att.net</a>	2009
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Vice Chair/Treasurer`	Karen Ayers	843-525-0882	<a href="mailto:gwayers@islc.net">gwayers@islc.net</a>	2009
Secretary/Team Selection	Barbara Bilton	843-563-8444	<a href="mailto:biltonts@bellsouth.net">biltonts@bellsouth.net</a>	2009
Kitchen	Cliff Simpson	843 875-5342	<a href="mailto:Csimpson3@sc.rr.com">Csimpson3@sc.rr.com</a>	2010
Literature/Letters/Supplies	Cindy Weatherford	843-563-2163		2008
Agape	Annie Edwards	843-568-1320	<a href="mailto:aedwards20@knology.net">aedwards20@knology.net</a>	2010
Registrar	Jim Roth	843-846-0459	<a href="mailto:jaxon05@earthlink.net">jaxon05@earthlink.net</a>	2008
Gatherings	David Lupo	843-856-9246	<a href="mailto:david@lupofamily.org">david@lupofamily.org</a>	2009
Luggage/Transportation	Norman Murdaugh	843-871-6392	<a href="mailto:stumpbump@aol.com">stumpbump@aol.com</a> .	2010
Fourth Day	Perry Buchanan	843-525-6166	<a href="mailto:twostep2@charter.net">twostep2@charter.net</a>	2009
Music/Entertainment	Jennie Goodman	843-766-9597		2008
Prayer Vigil/Refreshments	Carroll Cash	843-873-1037	<a href="mailto:cashbilly143@aol.com">cashbilly143@aol.com</a>	2008
Newsletter	Joel Hand	803-245-2395	<a href="mailto:joel@handclan.net">joel@handclan.net</a>	2008
Housing	Billy Gaines	843-766-2066	<a href="mailto:bilyngains@aol.com">bilyngains@aol.com</a>	2010
Sendoff/Candlelight/Clos'g	Teresa Strickland	843-871-1406	<a href="mailto:jstdhs@yahoo.com">jstdhs@yahoo.com</a>	2010

**Low Country Emmaus Treasurer's Report**

November 24, 2007

Beginning Balance - checking	\$1701.56
Deposits	+1793.20
Fees	1330.00
Gathering	463.20
Disbursements	-1782.79
Babysitting	80.00
Newsletter	238.66
Walk exp	724.13
Upper Room	440.00
Jericho & Providence UMC	300.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$1711.97
Savings Balance	+4041.12
Total on Hand	\$5753.09

If anyone would like more detail, please send request to [gwayers@islc.net](mailto:gwayers@islc.net).



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**Lowcountry Emmaus**  
**Calendar of Events**

Jan 18 -7:30PM, Grace UMC, Charles-  
ton(West Ashley)  
Feb 15-7:30 PM, Wesley Memorial UMC,  
Hollywood  
Mar 21 – No Gathering – Good Friday

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**Gatherings-3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, monthly**

**Board meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. monthly**

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**2008 WALKS**

SPRING 2008  
Men's walk                      March 27-30  
Women's walk                  April 10-13

FALL 2008  
Men's walk                      Sept. 25-28  
Women's walk                  Oct 9-12

**Please begin NOW to submit applications  
for pilgrims you would like to sponsor on  
these walks. DON'T WAIT**

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the **25<sup>th</sup>** of each month