

# LowCountry Emmaus

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

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## **FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR**



Thanks to Grace UMC for providing the gathering site. Norman Murdaugh led the gathering and Bill & Sara Dorfner and Rich Robinson provided the music. The Glory Girls, Amanda Nelson, Kath Tamblin and Sara shared a special dance. Alan Weiss gave the 4<sup>th</sup> day witness; AWESOME. Carroll Cash reinforced Alan's 4<sup>th</sup> day. It was AWESOME. Robert Nix performed a very special communion. It too was AWESOME. If you were there and didn't feel the spirit you didn't pay attention.

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 6: holistic small groups. The author discussed anonymity in large churches. This is overcome by having small cell groups. The cell group is a self-reliant group of up to twelve members. The authors last two sentences in this characteristic are: "Christian small groups are not a nice, yet dispensable hobby. No, it is the very essence of the true life of the church of Jesus Christ that is worked out in small groups". My Holistic small group is my reunion group. I do not think any one in my reunion group will argue against the author's description of the purpose of small groups within the church. Following my walk I have been involved with a number of reunion groups. The hardest ingredient of these groups has been to establish and maintain the

Holistic perspective. Pray the Holy Spirit guides your group and that our Lord Jesus Christ is the leader.

I have been calling different people over the past few days. I am soliciting their permission to be placed on the Emmaus board election ballot. I have been calling lay persons as well as clergy. This brings to mind 'excuses'. I prayed about the excuses I heard and the ones I did not hear. Some were from lay and some were from clergy. Did you know this did not bother me; I prayed more. I assessed that excuses are human nature. And with this humanly position of talking to people and getting there excuses I concluded that it does not matter what the excuse is; good, bad or indifferent. I take the statements at face value. Then I ponder...hum.... What excuses do people have for God...hummm..... He gave us a gift of the Holy Spirit (see Luke 11:13). How many of us have been given this gift and not used it? I have my excuses too. Pray and respond to God's Grace.

Pray for Charlie's health and his mother and fathers health. Pray for Emily too. Pray for the teams they are trying to put together. Pray for our sponsorship. Pray for our community of Christians and pray for all of our reunion groups.

## **De Colores Randy Woods**

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**Calling all LCE Community Members.  
We'd like to meet you at the Gathering.  
Come join us for Inspiration and Fellowship.  
We're meeting at Wesley Memorial  
UMC in Hollywood. Details inside. Come  
be with us.**

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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 Wesley Memorial UMC, Hollywood. The gathering will begin at 7:30 PM, with light refreshments to follow.....and lots of fellowship.

**DIRECTIONS TO WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC**

**843-889-2200**

**5412 Highway 165**

**Hollywood, SC 29449**

From Charleston- Take US 17 South 18 miles.

Left at SR 165, 2.1 miles.

From Beaufort- Take US 21 to US 17

N.approx 35 miles. Exit at SR 165,

**SPONSORSHIP/REGISTRAR**

Here are a few frequently asked questions from potential sponsors.

Q. How many people can I sponsor on a walk?

A. If you take a real close look at the responsibilities involved in sponsorship and take into consideration what you may be asked to do for your pilgrim,( being on stand-by to help get forgotten medications, glasses, blood-sugar monitors, to mention only a few) effectively the answer would be one.

Q. Can I sponsor someone from another community?

A. Yes. However, the goal is to build our community not another. Situations may come into play in that there are times when someone has missed a walk in their own community and by attending ours, he/she would be able to join their spouse a little sooner than waiting for their next walk. I can’t imagine excluding anyone just because they’re not in our community. Other situations can also come into play. I would say that each case should be looked at separately and a decision made at that time. Notify the Registrar and if a decision cannot be made, the matter can certainly be brought up at

the next Board Meeting.

Q. What if both spouses don’t want to attend?

A. It is recommended that they wait until a time when they both feel it is the right time to attend together. If this doesn’t happen and one of them definitely does not want to go, then go ahead and sponsor the one willing to attend. If this happens, a letter from their pastor reassuring the community that this action would not be a detrimental to their relationship must accompany the application. Chances are that nothing will become of it, but there is a chance it could work against the relationship.

More Q & A’s in next month’s newsletter  
DeColores Jim Roth

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

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

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**Gathering for Meal after Fall Walks**

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**It is election time for new members for the Board of Directors.** Please select 6 Laity and 1 Clergy from the names listed below. If more than one person in your household has been on the Walk to Emmaus, use the additional boxes to the left of the names. When you have voted, mail the ballot in an envelope by March 1st to:

LowCountry Emmaus  
P.O. Box 51828  
Summerville, SC 29485-1828

**LAITY (vote for 4)**

- Diane Edwins
- Gerald Murray
- Agnes Stewart
- Francis Harter
- Robert Johnson
- Dudley Patrick
- Lynn Dukes
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**CHURCH**

- Harleville Sou. Methodist
- St Andrew Parrish
- Mt. Moriah Baptist
- Cokesbury UMC
- Emanuel
- Hibben UMC
- Bethany UMC

**CLERGY(vote for 1)**

- Carrol Cash
  -
- Friendship UMC

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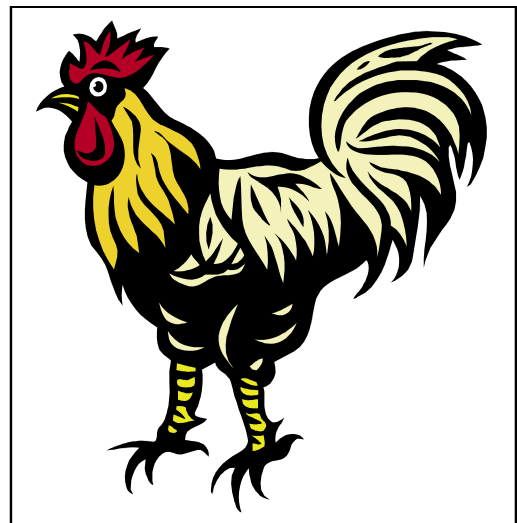
Low Country Emmaus Treasurer's Report

Jan 24, 2008

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance - checking | \$1533.29         |
| Deposits                     | + 556.30          |
| Gathering                    | 436.30            |
| Walk fees                    | 120.00            |
| Disbursements                | -1199.66          |
| Babysitting                  | 60.00             |
| Newsletter                   | 238.66            |
| Liability Ins                | 901.00            |
| Ending Balance - checking    | \$ 889.93         |
| Savings Balance              | + 4041.12         |
| <b>Total on Hand</b>         | <b>\$ 4931.05</b> |

*De Colores, Karen*

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

Feb 15-7:30 PM, Wesley Memorial UMC,  
Hollywood  
Mar 21 – No Gathering – Good Friday  
Apr. 18- 6:30 PM(Meal) Indian Field UMC,  
St George  
May 16- 7:30 PM Trinity UMC, Bamberg

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

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

**2008 WALKS**

SPRING 2008

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

FALL 2008

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|--------------|-------------|
| 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