

# LowCountry Emmaus

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

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## **FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR**



Thanks to Wesley Memorial UMC in Hollywood for providing the gathering site. Jim Roth led the gathering and Donna Padgett provided the music. Blaine Smith gave a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> day witness. Blaine had a lot to say about how he and his wife have been walking in the Lord centered in Jesus Christ. Michael Arant shared a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> day response.

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 7: need-oriented evangelism. The author states that the practice of evangelism contributes to church growth. He says that some people feel evangelism works best when people are pushed to commit to Jesus Christ. No wonder many of us feel a strange sensation in our stomach when we hear the word "evangelism". What has been learned from growing churches is the opposite of this practice. The secret is the way the gospel is shared that meets the questions and needs of non-Christians.

Before I fully committed to Christ I felt pushed by the "pushy evangelist". Only now do I understand the desire in their hearts. They have a burning desire to do God's work. Maybe they are tired of listening to people talking about what they would like to do to serve God. Maybe they were just led by God to take action where no one else did. When you review the previous qualities, what quality(s) may have been

missing is the evangelist's body of Christ. Keep in mind too that pushy evangelism may be an effective part of their church's growth. I think I fall into the need-oriented evangelist. I just pray I am fulfilling the desires of Christ as I fill the needs of others.

I have taken this article a bit long already but I have been thinking about a point to ponder. I have encountered a discussion with my youngest son and only daughter that included laws that are generated by our government, ethics and morals. The discussion included goals and different subgroup goals. With all of the caucuses as of late younger folks are trying to understand and make a judgment of the candidates which entail ethics and morals of the candidates. I will try to have more on this in the next article.

The spring walks are on. Let us pray for Paul Cianciolo and his team. Pray for Emily's team as well. Pray for the pilgrims. Pray that our sponsors fulfill the needs of their pilgrims. Pray for our Emmaus community and our reunion groups. Special prayers go out to Charlie Peigler's health and his mother and father's health. By the way we can continue to sponsor people until 2 weeks prior to the walk. We do need more men for walk 64.

## **De Colores Randy Woods**

### **FROM THE KITCHEN**

From the Kitchen:

I'm so excited about the upcoming Walks and working in the kitchen again with everyone. I think I worked out most of the kinks in the kitchen on the last set of Walks, and we didn't get any complaints, so let's do it again! With only one gathering before the Walks to get the sign up sheets filled out, the community really did a great job. I still have a few openings on the Men's Walk on Friday, the 28th and Sunday, the 30th of March. The Women's Walk has a few spaces left open only at breakfast on Sunday, the 13th of April. If anyone would like to call or e-mail me, please do. Thank you again for your help and prayers. Cliff Simpson.

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**

**No Gathering this month only.(Good Friday)**

**SPONSORSHIP/REGISTRAR**

A few more questions and answers to look at.

Q. We have heard a lot about the number of agape letters. How many and Why?

A. The goal is usually from eight to twelve. This is a good number because there is a limited time allotted for reading the letters. The more letters they have to read, the more time it takes and when this happens we begin to fall behind schedule. Another point is that we want an equitable amount so feelings do not get hurt. Additional letters can be delivered to the pilgrim either by you or us after closing to read on the way home or at a later time.

Q. What about gifts and special surprises?

A. These items should be given to the pilgrim at a later time, not as part of the program. Not all would be receiving one. Here again feelings could easily get hurt. That is not the intent of the program. After the closing would be a better time for the giver (sponsor, reunion group, friend, etc.) to present these items.

Q. Do I have to send a sponsor application? Can I just sign the pilgrim's application?

A. It is just as important to get the sponsor's information as the Pilgrims. Not only do we get all of the pertinent mailing information, but when you look at it there are certain things required that you do with the pilgrim before they make the walk. With this you are telling us that you are aware of everything that has to be done and you will do everything you can to make that week-end a success for the pilgrim. Your pilgrim will not be accepted without both applications

**DeColores Jim Roth**

**PRAYER VIGIL/REFRESHMENTS**

We all have the opportunity to provide servant acts for the upcoming walks. Please consider some of the following for the Men's Walk No. 64 and the Women's Walk No. 65. **The Men's Walk** needs snack Agape as follows; 5 / 2 liter drinks X 3 sets; 2 dozen home made cookies; 2 dozen brownies X 2 sets; 2 dozen home made goodies X 2 sets; and 14 pears or plums. **The Women's Walk** needs snack Agape as follows; 5 / 2 liter drinks X 2 sets; 5 / 2 liter **diet** drinks X 3 sets; 2 1/2 gallons of juice; 2 dozen home made cookies; 2 dozen brownies; 2 dozen home made goodies X 3 sets; 12 apples; 7 pounds of grapes; and 14 pears or plums. *Many*

**servants are also needed for the prayer calendar for both walks.**

Please forward you servant gifts to Carroll Cash at [cashbilly143@aol.com](mailto:cashbilly143@aol.com) or by telephone to 843-873-1037 so that your names can be added to the snack agape list and/or the prayer chart.

**De Colores Carroll**

**HOUSING**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Set up camp before men's walk. Remember to bring your own cleaning supplies: mops, brooms, chorox, etc.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Clean up camp between men's and women's walk.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Tear down materials after women's walk.

**De Colores Billy Gaines**

**Be in prayer for the teams and the pilgrims.**

**Men's walk team:** Paul Cianciolo-Lay Director; David Lupo-Spiritual Dir.; Asst. Spir.

Dirs.-Lisa Hawkins, Webb Belangia, Robert Nix and Paul Wood; Lay Dir.-in-Training, Ron Bycroft and Wayne Dukes; Asst. Lay Dirs., Joel Strickland, Gray Pregnall; Table Leaders-Lindsay Mack, Frances Harter, Billy Edgin, Trey Gin, Dave Cunha, Gary Ayers: Asst. Table Leaders-Steve Bilton, Bill Owens, Jim Roth, Charles Reeves, Brian Preveaux; and Board Representative Perry Buchanan.

**Women's walk team:** Emily Ghassemzadeh-

Lay Director; Spiritual Dir.-Annie Edwards; Lay Dir. In Train.-Terry Lupo; Asst. Spir. Dirs., Judy Hames, Carolyn Matthews, Lisa Hawkins, Debra Armstrong; Asst. Lay Dirs., Roberta Vannoy, Judy Lee, Agnes Stewart; Table Leaders, Alicia Hinson, Marcia Roth, Kristin Cole, Ernestine Wardlaw, Sharon Thompson, Dawn Brewer; Asst. Table Leaders, Sandy Hickey, Debby Humbert, Myrtle Johnson, Karen Roberts, Alice S. Thompson, Norma West; Music, Sara Dorfner, Elaine Walter Miriam Hunter; Bd. Rep. Jennie Goodman

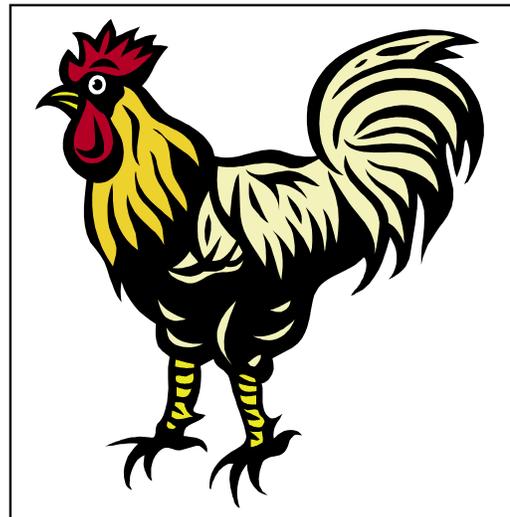
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**Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report  
February 23, 2008**

Beginning Balance - checking     \$ 889.93  
 Deposits                             +1299.00  
     Gathering 409.00  
     Walk fees 890.00  
 Disbursements                     - 371.53  
     Babysitting 60.00  
     Newsletter 238.66+72.87  
 Ending Balance - checking       \$1817.40  
 Savings Balance                   +4041.12  
 Total on Hand                     \$5858.52  
 PS No gathering in March, but expenses continue for the walks, newsletter, etc. Donations can be mailed to 984 Grafton Drive, Beaufort, SC 29902  
**De Colores, Karen**



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

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

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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