

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



To the Community:

There was no gathering in March due to Good Friday throughout our community. Our next gathering is located at [Indian Field UMC](#), St George Apr 18, 2008 starting at 6:30 P.M. It will be the potluck following the walks. The board intends to change the gathering order of worship a bit by letting the pilgrims from the walks share there 4th day with the community. This will serve as the 4th day follow up. Team members from the last walk; do not forget to submit your team critique sheets of the walk with the lay directors.

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 8: *loving relationships*. Yes I could hardly wait for this characteristic. I think it is my favorite one. Loving relationships is what Christianity is all about. We share Gods love in our churches, at our Low Country Emmaus community gatherings and especially during a walk. We share His love in our community and place of work, even though it does not seem like it sometimes. The author asked these questions. How much time do members spend together outside of church functions? Does the church give compli-

ments generously? To what extent is the pastor aware of personal problems of the lay workers? And how much laughter is in the church? He mentions that marketing principles do not apply to growing churches. "At best, marketing the church can be compared to artificial flowers. They may look deceptively real, but they have no fragrance. Real love, however, spreads that mysterious scent that few can resist." Ever sense I went on my walk the love for the Lord Jesus has grown daily. The love becomes more intensified with each Christian event I attend (like this last Easter sunrise sevice). I try to share it with all I can, not only through my words but through my actions. God is Love!

I do hope to get back to the ethics and morals discussion before the next presidential election. I have done some research on the topic. It seems the more I read about it the more I have say about it.

The spring walks are on. Ask you board members if there is anything you can help them with during the walks in their areas of responsibilities. Be a volunteer in the name of servant hood.

Let's all be in prayer for Paul Cianciolo (walk 64) and his team. Pray for Emily's (walk 65) team as well. May God bless all the team members as they serve on the teams? Pray that our sponsors fulfill the needs of their pilgrims. Pray God will open the eyes and touch the hearts of all the pilgrims in the upcoming walks.

De Colores Randy Woods

GATHERING THIS MONTH

This month's gathering will be at Indian Field UMC, April 18th at 6:30 PM. This is a potluck dinner to welcome the new community members. Please try to be with us for a Low Country Emmaus welcome!

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.

DIRECTIONS TO INDIAN FIELD UMC

From I-26 take exit 172A and go south on Hwy 15 toward St. George. Indian Field UMC is 3 miles from the exit and 1/4 mile beyond the caution light at Rosinville (intersection of Hwy 15 and 178). The church is located at 2030 Hwy 15N and it is **right** on the highway (**left side** going toward St. George).

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Time is creeping upon us as we work to get everything ready for the Spring Walks. I know I've talked about a lot of things since this article on Sponsorship started about a year ago, but there's just one more thing I feel needs to be said. This will help the on-coming new registrar as I leave after 4 years on the Board. I just want to reiterate the importance of the walk applications. If they're not complete and legible down to the smallest detail then the registrar's work load increases in a very big way. It's important to know the age of the pilgrim, to have a good mix of ages sitting together; the name for the name tags is important, miss-spelled names hurt feelings; medications and diets are important, for very obvious reasons; legibility is important, we have to know exactly where to mail the letters; and the same applies to the sponsorship applications. All the info on the app is used to some degree. So, you say, why can't he/she just make a phone call to get the right info? One phone call is no problem at all, I agree. But when you multiply that by the many things not filled out on the apps, you're left with a lot of phone calls. EMMAUS is a wonderful program and the experience can be very memorable. Let's make every pilgrim's experience memorable in the best possible way. After all, we are a team. I've enjoyed being a part of that team.

DeColores! JIM ROTH

Low Country Walk #64

The Board Members responsible for Agape, Prayer Vigil, Kitchen, Agape Snacks, Transportation and Housing all wish to thank the members of the community who have so helpfully supported the Spring Walks. Your help and prayers are so greatly appreciated. We also want to express our thanks to those who have agreed to sponsor new pilgrims for these walks.

Please be in contact with new prospective pilgrims, now, for the Fall Walks. Remember as you do, the excitement you felt as you experienced Christ in a new and more intimate way, during and after your walk. Please share that privilege with those you know who are in need of the same new relationship with Jesus, Our Lord.

Sendoff for Women's Walk-Jericho April 10, 6:30 PM

Candlelighting-Providence UMC, Apr. 12 at 8:00 PM

Closing-Jericho UMC, Apr. 13 at 4:30 PM

DIRECTIONS TO JERICO UMC

I-26 to Exit 149 (Hwy 33N). Go to the stop sign at the EXXON station in Cameron at Hwy 176. **Turn right** and go 2.5 miles (go over Flea Bite Creek) and **turn left**. It is about 1.6 miles on the **right**.

DIRECTIONS TO PROVIDENCE UMC

I-26 to I-95. Turn north on I-95 (stay south if coming from Sumter area). Go to the exit for Hwy 176 at mile marker 90. Turn **west** toward Cameron. Providence is 2 miles on the right.



Board of Directors

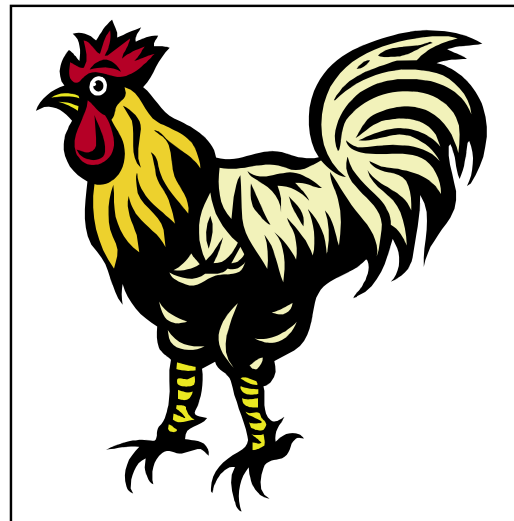
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**Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Re-
port
March 26, 2008**

Beginning Balance - checking **\$1817.40**
Deposits - walk fees **+2860.00**
Disbursements **- 306.66**
 PO Box **68.00**
 Newsletter **238.66**
Ending Balance - checking **\$4370.74**
Savings Balance **+ 4041.12**
Total on Hand **\$ 8411.86**

Anticipated walk expenses **\$6200.00.**

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Calendar of Events

Apr. 18- 6:30 PM(Meal) Indian Field UMC,
St George
May 16- 7:30 PM Trinity UMC, Bamberg

Gatherings-3rd Friday, monthly

Board meets on 2nd Tues. monthly

2008 WALKS

FALL 2008

Men's walk

Women's walk

Sept. 25-28

Oct 9-12

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

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month