

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



Thanks to all that came to the gathering and thank Knightsville UMC for being the host church. Mark Edwins shared his walk with the Lord and added a little humor to help brighten some that needed to laugh after a rough week of work. Carroll Cash gave a wonderful fourth day response reinforcing each of our walks and the humbleness we have all been through. Robert Nix provided communion in a very special way reinforcing why we love the Lord. The Saint Andrews Parrish reunion group Faithful Spirits performed a skit about sponsorship, The Dos and Don'ts of Sponsorship. The atmosphere seemed to be one of a unified Spirit for all that attended.

Over my next news articles I intend to describe what the author says about the eight qualities of the ABCs of Natural Church Development. The ABCs of Natural Church Development quality characteristics: *empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships.*

Quality Characteristic 1: Empowering Leadership. The author defines the difference between empowered and empowering leadership. Empowered indicates one multi-gifted leader with a gifted vision. He leads and everyone follows his direction and he becomes more power not of the church but of himself. Empowering leadership is the leaders empowering the individuals of their church. The leader's most important task is to equip, support, motivate and mentor

individuals to become all that God wants them to be. The theme sounds like that of the Priesthood of all Believers talk on the weekend. Pray for the leaders of our churches so they will be empowering leaders.

The dates for the Celebration are 11 and 12 November at Lexington UMC. Lexington is just outside Columbia. I have inquired with Scoofer Jordan to obtain POC information for the Celebration coordinator. I intend to ask how our community can help. Please do not forget to leave your calendar open for the Southeastern Celebration of Emmaus and Chrysalis.

I have been lead by the Lord to describe some of the information provided in the Emmaus Handbook about the 4th Day Witness for gatherings. A fourth day talk is a witness to God's presence in a person's life as to the developments in their walk with the Lord. I have observed many fourth day speakers when they finish their talk. Most of the time I see the fourth day speaker looking at their spouse, reunion group members or board member in charge (BMIC) with a big smile when they walk down from the lectern. That is a smile of God shining through them. A lot of the time the 4th day speakers do not seem to think they can get up in front of the community and share their walk with the Lord. That's why there is a lot of prayer, not only for the words to use but for the courage and assurance given to them by the Lord. Christ in our lives can let us to step out of our comfort zones with faith in the Lord. Use the Holy Spirit to guide and direct all that we do. Have faith in the Lord and pray for everything.

Continue to pray for the sponsors, pilgrims and servants for the fall walks. We almost have enough men for a weekend.

De Colores
Randy Woods

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 MONTHS GATHERING

This month's gathering will be held at Pinopolis UMC. Gathering will begin at 7:30 PM

DIRECTIONS TO PINOPOLIS UMC

Pinopolis United Methodist Church
1833 Pinopolis Rd
Pinopolis, SC 29469
(843) 761-8477

From Charleston: Take the Moncks Corner/Goose Creek exit off of I26 and head up Hwy 52. Stay on 52 until you pass the welcome sign in Moncks Corner. **Turn left** at the **first** light onto "old" 52. At **second** stop light take another **left** onto Hwy 6 (Main St.). Pass Berkeley High School and **bear right** at the fork. This will bring you into Pinopolis. The church will be on the **left**.

From Columbia: Take Pinopolis exit off of I26, go **left**. Cross Hwy 176 and Hwy 6. You will enter Pinopolis and the church will be on the **left**.

SPONSORSHIP-FROM THE REGISTRAR

Sponsorship #5

Last month we talked about the "unwise" sponsorship. A few examples of choices for "wise" sponsorship would be:

- 1) Church leaders, anyone both clergy and laity. Those in visible leadership roles
- 2) those who are active in the church, working behind the scenes fulfilling the role of the servant
- 3) those persons who are seeking their service role
- 4) Christians with a desire to grow spiritually.

Of course we're not limited to these listed here - they are, as stated, examples. Once you get to know a person or couple - you would have a feeling or an instinct as to whether or

not they would be a good candidate. However, sometimes people can fool us. We've had some in the past who attended but it wasn't the right time for them. We know these things happen in God's time and that is why it's so important to start with prayer - continue in prayer - and finish in prayer. Turn it over to God and let Him make the decision.

As of today 7-25-07 we have a total of 15 men and 31 women's applications on file. We have until August 12th to reach the magic number of 20. As stated before by Nashville bylaws, we need a minimum of 20 applications on hand before we can schedule a walk. We need (5) more applications for men or we may have to cancel another walk. None of us want that to happen again. So please, pray and let God do what's best.

De Colores Jim Roth Registrar

CELEBRATION-WALK TO EMMAUS

Please join us at Lexington UMC in Lexington, SC, on November 11 and 12. It promises to be a wonderful time of inspiration and learning, plus fellowship with others from other communities.

FROM AGAPE COMMITTEE

Reunion Groups: Please continue creating agape items for the Men's and Women's Fall Walks. You will need to provide 65 items for each of the walks. Two note of caution, first, do not use copyrighted materials on your agape and secondly, no personal names are to be used; only the name of your Reunion Group may appear on agape items.

De Colores—Annie

WE NEED PILGRIMS. Share the joy of Christ through a Walk to Emmaus.

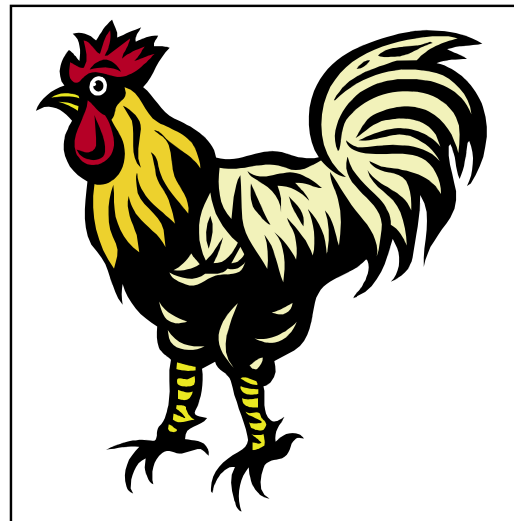
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**Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report
July 24, 2007**

Beginning Balance - checking	\$2175.82
Deposits	+ 487.25
Gathering	397.25
Walk Fees	90.00
Disbursements	-278.66
Aug newsletter	238.66
Babysitting	40.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$2384.41
Savings Balance	+4032.95
Total on Hand	\$6417.36

**De Colores,
Karen**



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Calendar of Events

August 17 - Pinopolis UMC, Pinopolis
Sept. 21-John Wesley UMC, Charleston
Nov. 16-Bethany UMC, Summerville
Dec 21 – Stallsville UMC, Summerville

Gatherings-3rd Friday, monthly
Board meets on 2nd Tues. monthly

2007 Walk Dates

Men: October 11-14

Women: October 25-28

SPRING 2008

Men's walk March 13-16

Women's walk March 27-30

Tentative walk dates, pending board approval.

FALL 2008

Men's walk October 9-12

Women's walk October 23-26

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