

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 August gathering. Thanks to Pinopolis UMC for being the host church. Gerald Murray of St. Andrews UMC shared his fourth day witness with the community delving deeper into the question "Why not me Lord?" Dick Broomall gave the fourth day response reinforcing "Why not me Lord". The fellowship afterwards was similar to visiting with relatives or friends on a Sunday afternoon.

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 2: gift-based ministry. The role of church leadership is to help its members identify and integrate their gifts into missions that match their gifts. When you live according to your spiritual giftedness you are no longer working in your own strength, but of the Holy Spirit. We must pray and have faith that the Holy Spirit will guide us when we utilize these gifts. It is also important to work in a ministry aligned with our giftedness. The author states that, "ever since I shaped my ministry in harmony with my giftedness I have experienced three effects: I am happier, I am more effective and I am more misunderstood by other Christians than ever before". The author goes on to say, "Maybe this is a necessary price to pay for wanting to follow God's calling".

The dates for the Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebration are 9 and 10 November at Lexington UMC. Lexington is just outside of Columbia (I-20 towards Augusta). Our community has been asked by the Emmaus of the Midlands (Ken Clarke) to bring our Low Country Banner and 2 different types of agape (175-200 pieces each). The notice is on the Upper Room website. Applications for attendance will soon be posted there as well. Please provide board members with the recommended agape our community would like to take

to the celebration.

Our monthly Gatherings are important to our Emmaus community. The Gathering is the monthly reunion of ALL the members of the community. Its objectives are as follows (from the Emmaus Handbook):

1. To make visible the Christian community- persons of various churches and denominations who are united in pursuing transformation in the calling of "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephes. 4:5).
2. To encourage one another to continue our walk with the Lord and to persevere in grace through the practice of piety, study and action; through membership in a Group Reunion; and through active participation in one's own church.
3. To inspire one another to make profound changes in our own lives and in the environments in which we live.
4. To maintain relationships with other Emmaus pilgrims in order to build a vital community of persons to support future Walk to Emmaus weekends. (My additional comment, Kairos too!)
5. To educate the Emmaus community in the Walk to Emmaus movement, weekends, and method for living in the Fourth Day.

We have another set of walks (#62 & 63). We have been blessed to share God's love with more people. The walks open hearts and let in God's love. Let the upcoming walks not only be a blessing to the pilgrims but also to the sponsors, team members and servants. May it all be focused on sharing His love. Continue to pray for the sponsors, pilgrims, team members and servants for the fall walks. Let us all pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us not only through the walks but in our fourth day.

DeColores 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 John Wesley UMC. Gathering will begin at 7:30 PM

DIRECTIONS TO JOHN WESLEY UMC

John Wesley is located at 626 Savannah Hwy. Savannah Hwy is also known as Hwy 17S.

Coming from the South, the Church is on the **left** and almost at the end of Savannah Hwy. Look for the Catholic Church on the left and JW UMC is one block past this on the **left**. Coming from I-26 or heading South on Hwy 17, cross the Ashley River, go past the round Holiday Inn and stay on 17 S as it **bears right** onto Savannah Hwy. The first stoplight is where Hwy 171 crosses Savannah Hwy and the Church is 2 or 3 blocks further on your **right**. JW UMC is a large Church, well lit at night.

CAMP SET UP/CLEAN UP

Individuals and Reunion Groups. We need your help. Camp Set Up – Oct 6th.

Clean up - Oct 20th

Final clean up - Oct. 29th

De Colores Billy Gaines

AGAPE COMMITTEE

Reunion Groups: Now is the time to begin 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

LUGGAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

Immediate openings for luggage handlers. Great benefits, short hours, no experience needed. Location of job is Jericho United Methodist Church near Cameron, S.C. Hours are from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on October 11th and again on October 25th. Please get in touch with **Norman Murdaugh at 843-871-6392.**

FROM THE KITCHEN

Hello Low Country Emmaus!

My name is Cliff Simpson; Stallville UMC, Summerville; Low Country Walk # 20, Table of Matthew. I have accepted the challenge of being the new kitchen coordinator for the walks. I usually like to think *I'm* in charge, but *I'm* not the boss, **GOD** is, and we just try to follow his lead the best we can. Serving in the kitchen is such a blessing, not to mention FUN! So I'm looking forward to working with you all! I had the sign up posters for both walks at the last gathering in Pinopolis, and had a good response, however there are still several slots open. I will have them at the next gathering for those who did not get a chance to sign up. Please sign up for only two slots per walk so that we give everyone the

opportunity to serve. Thank you, and keep praying for the pilgrims and the team. **De Colores. Cliff**

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER SUPPORT FOR LOW COUNTRY EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #62 AND WOMEN'S WALK #63

The following is a list of the teams who are working on these walks and their respective assignments:

Men's Walk # 62:

Steve Yuhas-Lay Director-"Perseverance" #14
 Ron Bycroft-ALD-"Priority" #1
 Kevin Vannoy-ALD-"Christian Action" #8
 Billy Edgin-ALD-"Fourth Day" #15
 Rev Bob Lee-Spiritual Dir-"Means of Grace" #7
 Rev Wash Belangia-ASD-"Justifying Grace" #4
 Rev Frank McCoy-ASD-"Prevenient Grace" #2
 Rev Albert Cox-ASD-"Sanctifying Grace" #12
 Rev Ed Reynolds-ASD-"Obstacles to Grace" #9
 Norman Murdaugh -TL-"Body of Christ" #13
 David Cabiness-TL-"Life in Piety" #5
 Steve Bilton-TL-"Discipleship" #10
 Rock Strickland-TL-"Changing Our World" #11
 Francis Halter-TL-"Priesthood of All Believers" #3
 Jeff Diemer-TL-"Grow Through Study" #6
 David Smith; Allen Weiss; Rob Philips; Richard Behling; Guido Evangelista and Bud Huff-ATL's.
 Rob Walter and Jon Stroud-Music
 Charlie Peigler, Lay Dir-in-Training
 Board Representative-Billy Gaines

Women's Walk #63

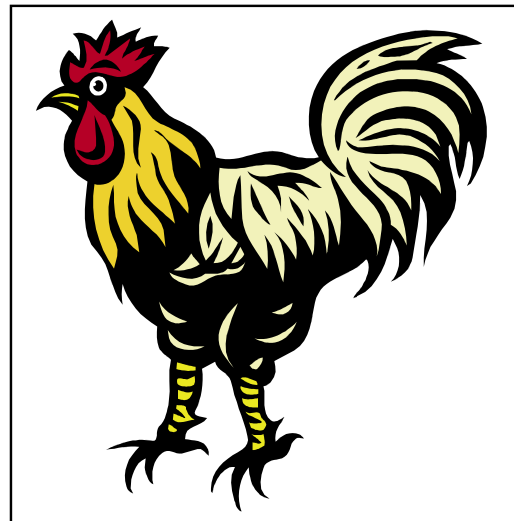
Connie Kelly, Lay Dir-"Perseverance" #14
 Terry Lupo-ALD-"Priority" #1
 Rev Paul Wood-ASD-"Prevenient Grace" #2
 Betty Renaud-TL-"Priesthood of All Believers" #3
 Rev Mike Lack-ASD-"Justifying Grace" #4
 Cindy Murdaugh-TL-"Life in Piety" #5
 Lynn Dukes-TL-"Grow Through Study" #6
 Rev David Lupo-Spiritual Dir-"Means of Grace" #7
 Lynn Gaines-ALD-"Christian Action" #8
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 Harriet Bechtol-TL-"Discipleship" #10
 Marlene Harter-TL-"Changing Our World" #11
 Rev Carroll Cash-ASD-"Sanctifying Grace" #12
 Cherie Buchanan-TL-"Body of Christ" #13
 Beth Pregnall-ALD-"Fourth Day" #15
 Jiannie Coale; Sallie Smith; Helen Ford; Frances Metts; Beth Roehm' and Mary Ekbreth-ATL's.
 Music-Donna Pagette and Helen Cash
 Lay Dir-in-Training-Emily Ghasemzadeh
 Board Representative-Karen Ayers

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

Beginning Balance - checking	\$2384.41
Deposits	+863.00
Gathering	293.00
Walk Fees	570.00
Disbursements	- 475.58
Aug newsletter	238.66
Babysitting	40.00
Mailing seals	26.92
CCLI license	170.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$2771.83
Savings Balance	+4041.12
Total on Hand	\$6812.95



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Calendar of Events

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