

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 September gathering. Thanks to John Wesley UMC for being the host church. I wish I could have been there. Work again gets in the way.

The community has done a wonderful job with sponsorship. Sponsorship has to continue year round so please continue with the effort. Don't put off sponsoring someone. The registrar can accept applications throughout the year. Let's continue to share the Walk to Emmaus gift of His love.

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 3: passionate spirituality. The author states the important thing about passionate spirituality is not the way spirituality is expressed but the fact that faith is actually lived out with commitment, fire and enthusiasm. He states that the methods a church uses are really a secondary concern. A church that lives its faith with passionate fervor experiences success with different methods. The bottom line of what he is saying is: If a church lacks passionate spirituality it will not matter even with the best methods being employed. The best methods alone will not accomplish anything. He goes on to say we Christians have reached a sad championship: We invent strategies to avoid this spiritual passion. Make me think of 'church work' instead of 'work of the church'.

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). Thanks to Linda Mack's reunion group one piece of agape will be a coaster with 'This is the day' on it. The second piece is the wooden fish given to the pilgrims in the conference room. Applica-

tions and the weekend agenda are posted in the Upper Room web site. Click on the Emmaus selection and go to events. 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 all not only through the walks but in our fourth day. Also pray for our Emmaus community and the Emmaus and Chrysalis Celebration

DeColores Randy Woods

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



The biblical message is clear: Human Beings are created to be in relationship with God. That relationship is best defined by God's grace. It's true, God's grace is a wonderful gift that constantly works in the lives of human beings.

God's grace has many facets. We describe the experience of grace with different words---Prevenient: Justifying: and Sanctifying. There are others. God, in Christ, offers us this gift of relationship that includes salvation, reconciliation, and eternal life.

Prevenient grace, describing one relationship with God, means God is present with us from conception through conversion, into eternity.

Even before we are aware, prevenient grace is at work in our lives. God draws us with his grace so we can accept the gift of salvation. It is in our responding to this prevenient grace that we become spiritually empowered.

As empowered Christians, we continue to experience prevenient grace. It continually unfolds in our on-going relationships with and in the Body of Christ, the universal catholic church.

More on God's grace in later newsletters..

DE COLORES ROBERT

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.

NO GATHERING THIS MONTH
DIRECTIONS TO SEND OFF, CANDLE-
LIGHTING AND CLOSING:

DIRECTIONS TO JERICHO 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**.

SENDOFF/CANDLELIGHTING/

CLOSING

Remember to put these dates, times and places on your calendars:

Men's Walk- Send off. Jericho, 6:30 PM, October 11th

Candlelighting-Providence, 8PM October 13^h

Closing-October 14^h at 4:30 PM, back at Jericho.

Women's Walk- Send off, Jericho, 6:30 PM, October 25h

Candlelighting, October 27h, Providence, 8 PM

Closing, back at Jericho, October 28h at 4:30 PM.

LUGGAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

We have enough busses for the men's walk but are still looking for one more bus for the women's walk. Please contact Norman Murdaugh (843-871-6392) if you can help us with this.

Also if you are available on Thursday night and or Sunday, please see Linsey Mack at the send off for help in delivering and picking up the luggage on the men's walk.

De Colores, Norman

CAMP SET UP/CLEAN UP

Individuals and Reunion Groups. We need your help. Camp Set Up – Oct 6th. 9 AM

Clean up - Oct 20th 2 M

Final clean up - Oct. 29th 9 AM

De Colores Billy Gaines

AGAPE COMMITTEE

Please get your Agape material, for both Men's and Women's Walks, to Marsha Roth, Jeri

Nix, or to me, Annie Edwards.

De Colores—Annie

LETTERS FOR PILGRIMS: To the Community: I'm so excited about the upcoming walks. Please bring your letters to Send Off or Candlelighting. Bags will be provided for the letters.

GATHERINGS

Want to attend a Gathering really close to home? Then how about

rounding up some friends from your reunion group and offering to host

one of the monthly Gatherings at your church? Here is some

information that may help you plan:

* Gatherings are held every month on the third Friday with the

exception of Walk months and Good Friday (March 21 in 2008).

* At Gatherings immediately following Walks, we begin with a

covered-dish meal. This requires a large enough fellowship hall and a

little more set-up work.

* If your church building is small, you might want to consider one of

the summer months, when attendance is usually lower.

* The host group is responsible for arranging child care, ushers, and

paper products, and generally provides most of the drinks for the

refreshment time.

* Please remember to check the church calendar and talk with your

pastor before offering your church for a Gathering.

* February 2008 is already scheduled.

De colores, David Lupo

PRAYERS NEEDED

Your prayers are important. Please be in prayer for the Walks, the Teams, and especially **THE PILGRIMS!**

NEWSFLASH

Please spread the word.....

Chrysalis Flights are taking off!

Girls Oct. 6-8, 2007

Boys Oct. 20-22, 2007

They are looking for sign-ups for the Prayer Vigil, agape, agape letters.....contact Billy Dillard at

bdillard@sccoast.net

Board of Directors

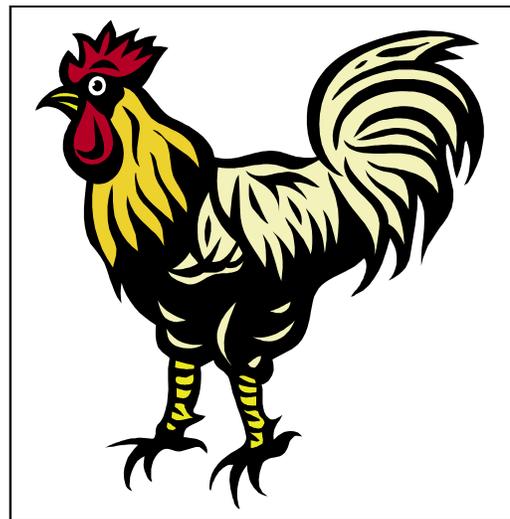
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Sendoff/Candlelight/Clos'g	Teresa Strickland	843-871-1406	jstdhs@yahoo.com	2010

**Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report
September 22, 2007**

Beginning Balance - checking	\$2771.83
Deposits	+2154.52
Gathering	519.52
Walk Fees	1635.00
Disbursements	-332.82
Aug newsletter	238.66
Registrar	64.16
Refund	30.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$4593.53
Savings Balance	+4041.12
Total on Hand	\$8634.65

Thank you all for your extra generosity
the Gathering, we are in good shape
for the walks.

De Colores, Karen



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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