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# THE MIDLANDS MESSENGER

Emmaus of the Midlands

January, 2005

## NELDA'S NOTES

### IT'S WALK TIME!!!

It's hard to believe that the holidays are behind us and the Spring Walks are just around the corner!



Many of our Christmas gifts are already put aside, having satisfied (or disappointed) our expectation of the moment. But I'll bet that if you are reading this article, not too many weeks pass without you thinking of your sponsor and saying a prayer of thanksgiving for his or her active sponsorship, and their gift of sponsorship to you! Unlike so many of our Christmas gifts, sponsorship is a gift that will stand the test of time and will continue to grow and magnify over the years. If you've been praying about sponsorship, now's the time to act on it. If you haven't, it's certainly time to begin.

As we begin this year, let's review our Christmas gift list and think more purposely about sharing the "Gift of Emmaus." How many people have you sponsored since you made your walk? Don't try to keep the joy of your Emmaus Walk to yourself. Pray for discernment and then act on it. Give a gift that truly keeps on giving. It's Walk Time!!

**Men's Walk #26: February 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>; Women's Walk #26: March 10<sup>th</sup> through March 13!**

## Financial Report- Bill Aiken, Treasurer

Beginning Balance \$7,817.29

Ending Balance \$7,673.70

## Good Sponsorship is Vital to Emmaus

by Jan Smith, Registrar

Sponsorship is an integral part of the Emmaus experience. The aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ.

Wise sponsorship needs to be imbedded with prayer and discernment. Reflect upon and share with one another the names of persons whom God is prompting you to sponsor. We all know that the Emmaus experience is more than the usual retreat or religious workshop. It is an act of sacrificial love from beginning to end.

Single persons are welcome to participate in Emmaus as married couples. Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage or family. Therefore, it is recommended when sponsoring a married couple to approach both a husband and wife together so that they will make an equal commitment to participate. This allows them to grow together as a Christian family while actively supporting Emmaus and the church. It is recognized, however, that circumstances may arise when husbands or wives must take their walks at different times. It is important that the Emmaus experience not become a divisive influence in a marriage.

Emmaus of the Midlands is committed to encouraging strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church.

Please become familiar with the sponsorship responsibilities and become a model sponsor for each of the pilgrims to be sponsored in the future.

1. Help educate your pilgrim about the weekend experience. Brochures are available at Methodist Christian bookstores; on the Emmaus web site; or in some of your local churches. It is recommended to let the Pilgrims know there will be 15 talks and communion. There are appropriate ways to share the Emmaus experience with others without being secretive and without giving the details of things that will take place throughout the weekend. The details

will be a special part of their personal Emmaus experience.

2. Provide a list of any dietary or special medical needs for your Pilgrim to the Registrar.

3. Secure Agape letters early. Be sure first and last names are clearly written on each envelope. Mark the envelope as 'family' or 'friend'.

4. Advise the Pilgrim of camp rules (i.e., no shorts for men or women)

5. Make transportation arrangements for Send-Off. Help your pilgrim check in their luggage.

6. Provide for any special family needs while the Pilgrim is attending the walk.

7. Help provide snack agape during the weekend.

8. Attend all associated walk activities:  
Send-Off (Arrive early between 6:45 – 7:00pm for registration)  
Sponsor's Hour  
Candlelight  
Closing

9. Call or visit your Pilgrim on Monday following the walk.

10. Encourage your Pilgrim in his or her Fourth Day involvement.

11. Mark your calendar early for the gathering following the walk and help ensure both sponsor and pilgrim, are able to participate.

12. Help the Pilgrim sponsor others.  
DeColores, Jan

### UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

**January, 28, 2005 Gathering** will be a Wesley Memorial UMC in Columbia. (Directions below)

**February 17-20, 2005 Men's Walk #26** get those applications in ASAP.

**March 10-13, 2005 Women's Walk #26** get those applications in right away.

**March gathering** – (April 1, 2005) - Windsor UMC. Northeast Columbia, corner of Windsor Lake Blvd. and Alpine Road – across from E. L. Wright Middle School.

**April gathering** – April 29, 2005 (place TBA)

### Prayer Concerns and Requests

1. *Woody Pryor*- Nancy Grills- Pryor's 90+ year old Dad passed away. We extend our sympathy.





**VOTE! VOTE!  
VOTE! YOUR  
BALLOT IS  
BELOW!**

(N. Canada)

Your opportunity to vote for five (5) EOM Board Members will end on April 1st. Please prayerfully complete the enclosed ballot and

return it, in person at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Gathering, or by mail, so that it is received at the post

office box (EOM, P.O. Box 25165, Columbia, SC 29224) by April 1, 2005.

Each member of the community in your household may vote for five of the nominees. You may vote for less than five nominees, however if you vote for more than five, your ballot cannot be counted.

Each nominee has been contacted and Board responsibilities have been explained to each nominee. Each has agreed to serve, if elected. Please return your ballot as soon as possible, but no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Emmaus of the Midlands  
Board of Directors  
2005 Ballot**

CANDIDATE	CHURCH	CITY	VOTER #1	VOTER #2	VOTER #3	VOTER #4	VOTER #5
Pam Rankin	Dalzell UMC	Dalzell					
Alex Tisdale	Lewis Chapel UMC	Sumter					
Doris Crocker	Chapin UMC	Chapin					
Bobby Coker	St. John UMC	Aiken					
Jerry McLemore	McLeod UMC	Columbia					
Carol Frye	Trinity UMC	W. Columbia					
Joyce Kirkland	Nazareth UMC	Saluda					
Wayne Shealy	Chapin UMC	Chapin					
Gail Snow	McLeod UMC	Columbia					
Leigh Stowe	Shandon UMC	Columbia					

**IMPORTANT: VOTE FOR FIVE (5) CANDIDATES**

Listed above are the names of the individuals who have been placed on the ballot by the nominating Committee, which has been made up of the five board members who are rotating off this year. This nominating committee, is in keeping with the Emmaus of the Midlands By-laws, as well as the guidelines established by our charter through the Upper Room. These people have been prayerfully considered for service and leadership in the Emmaus of the Midlands Community. Each member the household who has attended an Emmaus Walk, Chrysalis Flight, or their equivalent, is eligible to vote for five (5) of the people who are listed on the above ballot. Remember this is not meant to be a popularity contest. Please prayerfully consider each vote you cast, and vote only for those individuals who you feel the Lord is leading you to vote for. The people with the highest number of votes will serve our community for a term of three years.

**This ballot MUST be received by April 1, 2005, either by mail (POB 25165, Cola., SC 29224) or brought to the April 1<sup>st</sup> Gathering.**

**Directions for the January gathering at Wesley Memorial in Columbia:**

Wesley Memorial UMC - Columbia  
2501 Heyward Street  
Columbia, Sc 29205  
(803) 771-4540  
7:30 P.M.

*Directions From Aiken:* Take I-20 to I-26 Take exit towards Columbia This will be I-126

Proceed to Dead end which will be Bull Street.  
Turn right on Bull Street and proceed to Gervais (US16) Turn left.  
Turn right on Harden Street and proceed through Devine Street.  
Heyward Street will be on you right (about 1 mile)  
Turn Left on Heyward Street.

## EDITOR'S EDITS

I apologize for the newsletter not being out sooner. I had to wait for several articles to be sent in. I ask you to please have **All** articles to be printed in to me by the first of each month in order for the printer to have time to print and us to have time to snail mail it to you. Thank you for your cooperation. Be blessed as you are a blessing to others, *Kay Nooft, Editor* [kdzines@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdzines@bellsouth.net)

## Snack Agape

*by Joan Gathers*

Think back on your original walk the thrill at break time to see what kind of treats would be waiting for you. It is not about the food this is just another form of Agape. If you are a sponsor I am asking you to provide 1 two litter drink of your pilgrims' favorite soda or juice. Also if they have a favorite snack if you would bring that snack and let me know what you are bringing, please bring enough for everyone on the walk. If you don't know their favorite snack I have a list of items that we can use with every walk. Please pick an item and let me know what you are bringing.

I have found the men seem to like meat and salty items where the women like chocolate, sweets and fruit. I do have some items that I would love: strawberries, Kiwi, Pears (different colors), Bell pepper (different colors), Carrots, Apples, Carmel or chocolate dip for the fruit,

cheese, Peanut M&M's, Dips, Chicken wings, Cake, Cookies, Brownies, chips, crackers, Cashews and other nuts. We use some of the items as garnish; we try to make the dishes appealing to the eye.

We also need some supplies for the needs table such as Tylenol, Aleve, Ear plugs, nasal strips, chewing gum, Tums, and aspirin. If anyone is interested in helping with Snack Agape during the walk please get in touch with me. Come all you creative people let your creative juices flow, I'm telling you if I can do this anyone can.

If anyone in the community would like to donate Snack Agape please give me a call 803-787-4268 or e-mail [jgathers@aol.com](mailto:jgathers@aol.com) and let me know what you are bringing. I really appreciate all the food donated and I know the pilgrims enjoy their snacks.

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