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THE MIDLANDS MESSENGER

Emmaus of the Midlands

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NELDA'S NOTES

by

Nelda Canada, Community Lay Director

2005 Emmaus

Board of Directors

Please join me in welcoming the new board members! The new members are Gail Snow (McLeod UMC), Pam Rankin (Dalzell UMC), Doris Crocker (Chapin UMC), Jerry McLemore (McLeod UMC), Alex Tisdale (Dalzell UMC), and Carol Frye (Trinity UMC). All were elected for the Class of 2008, except Carol Frye. Carol was elected to complete the term of a resigning board member (Eddie Rembert) from the class of 2006. Since Carol will be serving the remainder of a term "for twelve months or less", she is eligible to stand for reelection to a three year term during the next election.

New officers were elected at the April Board meeting. They are Laxton Hinson, to serve as Community Lay Director and Board Chairperson, Joan Gathers to serve as Vice-Chairperson, Joey Mendiola, to serve as Secretary, and Alex Tisdale, to serve as Treasurer.

It is certainly a big comment to help further God's work in the Midlands area through the Walk to Emmaus. Each person, comes aboard, with prayer and dependence on Christ for strength and direction. It is the responsibility of the Emmaus Community to uphold the Board with their prayers and their support of the upcoming Walks.

One of the most rewarding parts of being the Community Lay Director is attending each Walk closing and to stand there and look into the faces of the newest members of this Community. What a joy to see the community grow. It has truly been a blessing to have served as the Community Lay Director. This year has challenged me to step out of my comfort zone and grow in my walk with Christ. I praise God for the opportunity, and thank Him for allowing me to grow in such a nurturing community. All of you have embraced me and extended the grace that carried me through. I ask one more thing of you: join me in praying for Laxton, the new officers, and the newly constituted Board. It is the best agape they can get!

DATES TO REMEMBER

April Gathering – April 29 Lewis Chapel, Sumter.

6:00 fellowship and eating

7:00 gathering and learning

Emmaus Mailings

If you have an email address and receive the Emmaus newsletter by postage mail, please notify Tom Furse at furset@bellsouth.net and **provide him with your email address**. With the cost of postage increasing, we need to look for ways to save money on the rising cost of postage.

If you receive this newsletter and no longer wish to be on the mailing list, please contact Jan Smith, registrar, at janinsc@yahoo.com, or by mail attention Emmaus of the Midlands, PO Box 25165, Columbia, SC 29224-5165. Your name can be removed from future mailings. Also, if for some reason you receive multiple copies of the newsletter, in the same household, please let us know. We are currently in the

process of updating the address list and sometimes we may overlook some duplicates.

Another way you can help defray the cost of postage for the Emmaus of the Midlands is to make a donation through seed agape or offering. This past month, two such offerings were unexpectedly received in the mail. This is truly answered prayers since we received the money before this request was sent out to the community.

Emmaus of the Midlands is in sound financial condition, but it is our responsibility to be good stewards with the funds that God has entrusted to this community. Your help in cleaning up our mail list by responding to this article is greatly appreciated.

DeColores, Jan Smith Registrar

Editor's Edits

I welcome any articles you would like to submit to *THE MESSENGER*. My addresses are kdzines@bellsouth.net and 324 S. Shields Road Columbia, SC 29223. Kay Nooft, Editor

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