

Emmaus of The Midlands Messenger

January 2007

God is good all the time.
And all the time God is
Good

Give Thanks
Show Love everyday

CHRYALIS SEND OFF, CANDLELIGHT, & CLOSING

All of you will want to support the people from Emmaus who have worked so hard for more than a year to put on Chrysalis Flight # 2.

All of you should come and see the young people who will attend these flights. They are the future of Emmaus!

The girls' flight will be held at Lexington UMC January 13 - 15. You can support us by praying - sign up for the prayer vigil.

You can support us by supplying snack and table agape

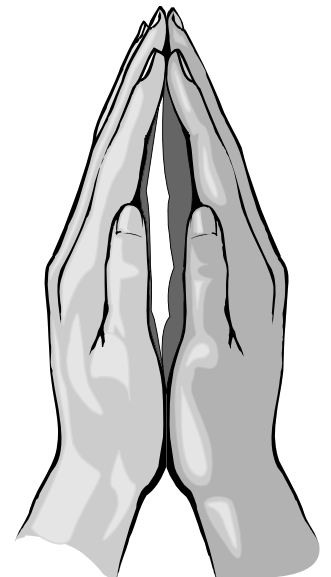
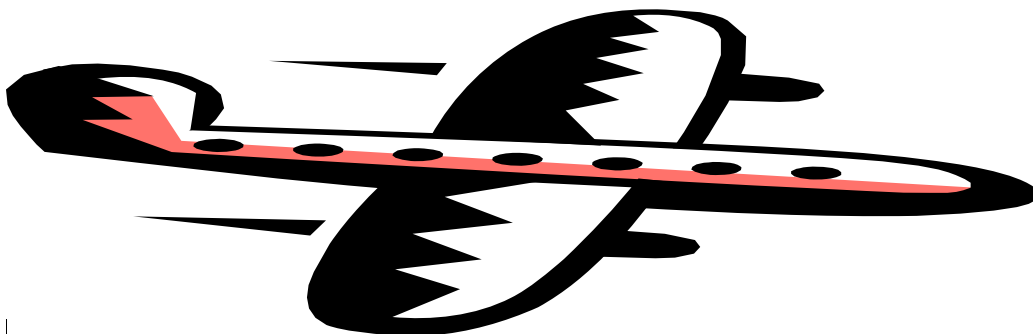
And, you can support us by coming to Send Off on Saturday January 13th at 8:40 am; by attending candlelight on Sunday January 14th at 7:30 pm when Jody Flowers, the pastor at Chapin UMC, will preach; and by coming to Closing on Monday January 15th at 5:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Directions to Lexington UMC, 309 Main Street. Phone 359-6838
From Columbia/Sumter. Take I-20 to exit 58. Turn right onto US-1. This becomes Main Street. The church is downtown, on your left, next door to Lexington County Court House.
From Aiken. Take I-20 to exit 55. Go over the bridge towards Lexington. This is Hwy 6. Turn right onto US-1 and proceed as above.

Sponsorship:

1. Prayer
2. Openness to God
3. Called by Name
4. Provide Application
5. Answer all Questions
6. Turn in application & Sponsor covenant
7. Agape & Letters
8. Remind pilgrim of upcoming walk & what they need to take.
9. Take pilgrim to walk.
10. Prayer
11. Provide for pilgrims family
12. Candlelight service
13. Closing
14. Take to Gathering
15. Encourage participation in Emmaus, Kairos, Epiphany & Chrysalis
16. Prayer





Men's Walk # 30 Team Members

Lay Director: Dennis Fish Lay Director in Training: Jeff Snow

ALD: Steve Hudson - Dan Flanagan - Bobby Sandifer - Bernie Gathers

Clergy: Vince Halter - Larry Brown - Barbie Parsons - Jerry Watson

Randy Bowers

Silent Partners: Todd Barwick - Laxton Hinson - Jim Holly - Bobby Coker

Joey Mendiola - Doug Meade

Table Leaders: Steven Douglas - Bob Pettus - Jerry McLemore - Barry Clayton

Kenny Plemmons - Hank Edens

Music Team: Rob Braithwaite - Catherine Stapleton-Nance

Kathy Fish - Rebecca Winans

Board Rep: Bill Aiken

Kitchen Coordinator: Ed Hynson

Please pray for the team and the Pilgrims

Requirements to serve on the Emmaus Board

The election of 5 new board members will take place in March 2007. There will be 10 candidates on the ballot which will appear in the February newsletter. Please pray about the election and the candidates willing to serve the community.

1. I will serve a term of 3 years unless otherwise specified.
2. I will attend Board meetings in Columbia at 7:00PM on the second Monday of each month.
3. I will attend monthly Gatherings.
4. I will be assigned an area of service for which I am responsible. The Chairperson of the board of Directors will make this assignment each year of my term.
5. I will receive an Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, which I agree to read and to use as a guide during my term as a Board member. This Handbook provides the overall guidance and model for the Walk to Emmaus.
6. I will fulfill all duties of my area of service for all Walk to Emmaus weekends. Also, I will attend as many send/Off, Closing and Candlelight events as I can.
7. I understand that I may need to serve as a Board Representative on a Walk to Emmaus weekend during my term.
8. I will regularly pray for the Emmaus of the Midlands community.
9. I will regularly pray for the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors.

There is a form with these obligations which each candidate must sign and return to Ken Clarke. These forms may be obtained from the following BOD members: Joey Mendiola, Laurel Irving, Joan Gathers, Leonard May, Carol Frye and Ken Clarke.

SHAPE

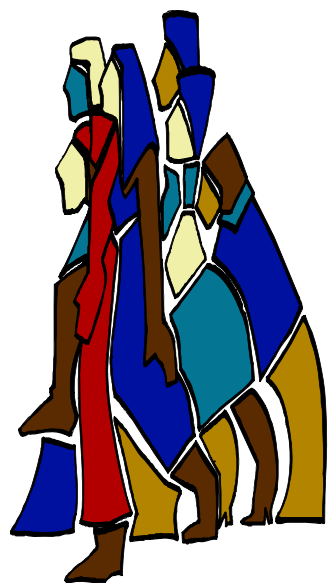
Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences





ABC's of Natural Church Development

Billy Graham tells the story of a fire that broke out in a rural church. The volunteer fire brigade raced to the church with sirens wailing. When they arrived, the pastor recognized a church member. "Hello there, Jim. I haven't seen you in church for a long time."

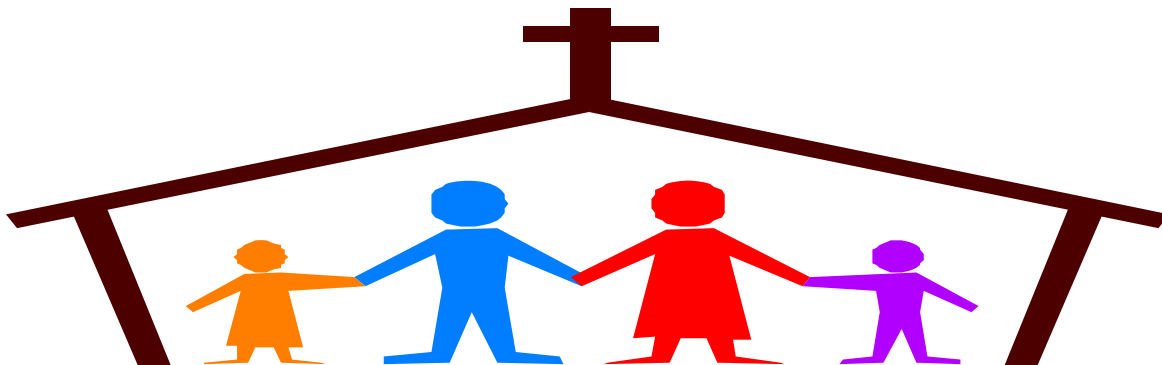
"Well, preacher," answered Jim, "there hasn't been a fire in this church for a long time either" Are you and your church on FIRE!

The eight quality characteristics of growing churches are: empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships. Our research taught us that no church that wants to grow can neglect even a single one of these quality characteristics.

1. Empowering Leadership : Equip, support, motivate and mentor individuals to become all that God wants them to be.
2. Gift-based ministry: The basis for our second quality characteristic is the conviction that God has already determined which Christian should best assume which ministries in the church. The role of Church leadership is to help its members identify their gifts and integrate them into ministries that match their gifts.
3. Passionate Spirituality: First spirituality must be real and a church that lives its faith with passionate fervor will experience success with many a method.
4. Effective Structures: The most important criterion for forms and structures in the church is if they fulfill their purpose or not. Whatever does not measure up to this requirement is changed or laid to rest.
5. Inspiring Worship Service: Worship should be fun something you don't want to miss.
6. Holistic Small Groups: Growing churches have developed a system of small groups where individual Christians can find intimate community, practical help and intensive spiritual interaction.
7. Need-Oriented Evangelism: Share the gospel in a way that meets the questions and needs of non-Christians.
8. Loving Relationships: How much time do members spend together outside of church? Unfeigned, practical love endows a church with a much greater magnetic power than all the marketing efforts of the world.

A rule for which there is no exception is that all eight quality characteristics must reach a quality of 65 or more for the church to grow. You can read more about church development from books written by Christian A. Schwarz.

Live with this list for a while. Find the weak point in your church, improve that characteristics, follow God's lead and watch it grow.



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January 13-15, 2007 Chrysalis Girl's Flight
January 19-20, 2007 Emmaus Team Training Walk 30
January 26, 2007 Dalzell UMC
February 1-4, 2007 Epiphany Boys # 37
February 17-19, 2007 Chrysalis Boy's Flight
February 22-25, 2007 Emmaus Men's Walk # 30
March 8-11, 2007 Emmaus Women's Walk # 30
March 15-18, 2007 Epiphany Girls # 21
March 23, 2007 Gathering Wigthman UMC
June 7-10, 2007 Epiphany Boys # 38
August 17-18 2007 Emmaus Team Training Walk 31
September 6-9, 2007 Epiphany Girls # 22

Next Gathering
January 26, 2007
Pot Luck Supper 7:00 pm
Worship 8:00 pm
at
Dalzell UMC
4180 Black River Road
Dalzell, SC

Directions: Take I-20 east towards Florence Exit at marker #98 (Us-521). Go South towards Sumter. Exit onto SC-441 towards Bishopville. Turn left and proceed to Black River Road. Turn right, the church is located at 3330 Black River Road.

