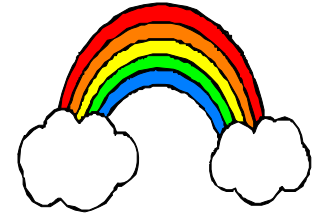


## Emmaus of The Midlands Messenger



February 2007

Emmaus of the Midlands  
Board of Directors  
Statement of Commitment

I agree to have my name placed on the ballot for election to the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors. I received an explanation from a current member of the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors as to the duties of a Board Member.

If elected to the Board of Directors, I understand my obligation will include the following:

- I will serve a term of 3 years unless otherwise specified.
- I will attend Board meetings in Columbia at 7 pm on the second Monday of each month.
- I will attend monthly Gatherings.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- I understand that I may need to serve as a Board Representative on a Walk to Emmaus weekend during my term.
- I will regularly pray for the Emmaus of the Midlands community.
- I will regularly pray for the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors.

**Please sign and date this commitment form and return it to the current Board of Directors Chairperson / Lay Director of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community, before the election each year, if you wish to have your name placed on the ballot.**

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The election of 5 new board members will take place March 2007. There will be 10 candidates on the ballot which will appear in the March newsletter. The ballots need to be received by March 23, 2007. They can be mailed to the PO box on page 4 of this newsletter or you can bring to the March Gathering. Please pray about the election and the candidates willing to serve the community. Above is the form that the candidates need to sign and return to Ken Clarke. We have a few openings, please contact Ken Clarke, Joey Mendiola, Laurel Irving, Joan Gathers, Leonard May or Carol Frye.



## Boy's Chrysalis Flight # 2

The boys' flight will be held at Lexington UMC February 17-19. 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 February 17th at 8:40 am; by attending candlelight on Sunday February 18th at 7:30 pm; and by coming to Closing Monday February 19th 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.

### **"Excuse me, Are you Jesus?"**

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE !!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight. The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

**MEN'S PILGRIMS**

Charles Adams  
 Billy Ammons  
 Billy Bennett  
 Jamie Best  
 Toney Booker  
 Ralph Broome  
 Terry Brown  
 Joe Davis  
 Bill Drees  
 Harlon Drew  
 Leo Dryer  
 Darin DuPre  
 Teddy Elliott  
 Mick Ferrell  
 John Fisher  
 Gary Frazier  
 John Harden, Jr.  
 Jay Harmon  
 Ken High  
 Fred Kelly  
 Kevin Kinard  
 Matt Loibl  
 Jason Merchant  
 Bob Mitchell  
 Mike Mitton  
 Tommy Murphy  
 Craig Ness  
 Joel Peacock  
 Cliff Rivers  
 Troop Sanders  
 Russ Stroup  
 Jerome Taylor  
 Bob Turbeville  
 Jeff Weese  
 David Williams  
 Matthew Williams

**SERVANTS**

Bill Aiken  
 Todd Barwick  
 Randy Bowers  
 Rob Braithwaite  
 Larry Brown  
 Barry Clayton  
 Bobby Coker  
 Steven Douglas  
 Hank Edens  
 Dennis Fish  
 Kathy Fish  
 Dan Flanigan  
 Bernie Gathers  
 Vince Halter  
 Laxton Hinson  
 Jim Holly  
 Steve Hudson  
 Ed Hynson  
 Jerry McLemore  
 Doug Meade  
 Joey Mendiola  
 Barbee Parsons  
 Bob Pettus  
 Kenny Plemons  
 Bobby Sandifer  
 Jeff Snow  
 Catherine Stapleton-Nance  
 Jerry Watson  
 Rebecca Winans

**WOMEN'S PILGRIMS**

Mary Adams  
 Judy Barnes  
 Tracy Best  
 Libby Bolton  
 Dotti Booker  
 Mary Alice Brown  
 Melinda Butler  
 Kimberly Campbell  
 Debbie Carlucci  
 Beth Caskey  
 Ann Cooper  
 Lindsay Crenshaw  
 Laura Davis  
 Deidre Drew  
 Delores Fish  
 Cindy Graham  
 Cindy Harmon  
 Krystal Hayes  
 Pamela Howle  
 Mary Johnson  
 Johnette Kinard  
 Judy McWaters  
 Laura Mitchell  
 Susan Mitton  
 Debbi Moss  
 Denise Musick  
 Sari Ness  
 Peggy Ogburn  
 Millie Powell  
 Kathy Quinn  
 Maggie Siegfried  
 Sally Turbeville  
 Julie Weese  
 Kathy Williams  
 Michelle Wilson  
 Olive Wilson

**SERVANTS**

Bob Allen  
 Emily Allen  
 Melvin Bell  
 Terry Booth  
 Edna Bowers  
 Kathie Brooks  
 Charlie Brookshire  
 Susan Caskey  
 Joan Deremo  
 Shelia Elliott  
 Carol Frye  
 Joan Gathers  
 Cindy Goodrich  
 Sandee Green  
 Millie Hopkins  
 Betty Huggins  
 Ed Hynson  
 Barbara Laird  
 Sheri McClendon  
 Patty McIntosh  
 Vicki McLemore  
 Betsy Meade  
 Mike Morris  
 Diane Parker  
 Melanie Robinson  
 Judi Rose  
 Betty Shofner  
 Joe Stener  
 Georgana Wiseman

Please keep the Pilgrims and the Team in your prayer. Opportunities for service include, the Prayer vigil, Snack Agape, Table Agape 70 needed for both Men and Women's Walk, letters, working in the kitchen, helping with the set up for candlelight and attending candlelight. Candlelight will be held at Trinity UMC, 1132 Gunter Cir, West Columbia SC 29169.

**Camp Agape set up for the up coming Walks to Emmaus will be Saturday February 17 at 10:00 am. Help is needed!!!!**

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<b>February 17-19, 2007</b>	<b>Chrysalis Boy's Flight</b>
<b>February 22-25, 2007</b>	<b>Emmaus Men's Walk # 30</b>
<b>March 8-11, 2007</b>	<b>Emmaus Women's Walk # 30</b>
<b>March 15-18, 2007</b>	<b>Epiphany Girls # 21</b>
<b>March 23, 2007</b>	<b>Gathering Wightman UMC</b>
<b>June 7-10, 2007</b>	<b>Epiphany Boys # 38</b>
<b>August 17-18 2007</b>	<b>Emmaus Team Training Walk 31</b>
<b>September 6-9, 2007</b>	<b>Epiphany Girls # 22</b>

