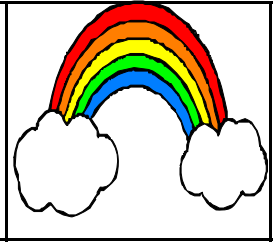


# Emmaus of The Midlands Messenger

## — March 2007



### **Emmaus Sponsorship**

By: Tom Furse

Have you ever sponsored anyone on the Walk to Emmaus? Do you feel that you know how to sponsor and what to do? Do you know what the duties of a sponsor are?

The Emmaus Board of Directors is concerned that new community members may need training in sponsorship. The Board has decided to require each sponsor to receive Sponsorship Training before sponsoring a pilgrim. The Board has also decided that sponsoring a pilgrim and working on a Walk should not occur at the same time. If you are a sponsor of a pilgrim and are asked to be a team member, you should find an substitute sponsor or a co-sponsor to allow you concentrate fully on your Walk duties.

The Board will provide Sponsorship Training after each Walk so that as many as would like to receive the training can attend. The March Sponsorship Training is being held at Wightman UMC in conjunction with the March Gathering on March 23, 2007.

Sponsorship Training will be taught using Richard and Janine Gilmore's "Sponsorship" Emmaus Library Series. The Treasurer of The Emmaus of the Midlands has copies of this booklet for sale at a cost of \$3.00 each. This Library Series booklet presents the 12 steps to effective sponsorship. You may want to purchase a copy.

We hope to see you at the Wightman Gathering. Be sure and attend the short training session that will prepare you to sponsor someone on the fall Walks.

### Emmaus of the Midlands Community

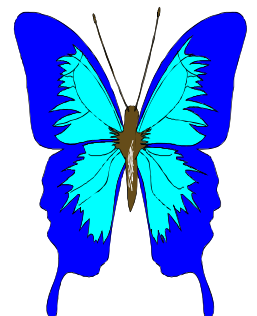
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is to thank you all so much for all the sacrifices of time, prayer and resources you made to ensure the success of the Girls' Chrysalis flight January 13-15. It was so beautiful to witness firsthand the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing the Body of Christ together for a common purpose. Many lives were changed during the flight as was seen during the remarks made at closing. And this is just the beginning! I thank God for all of you and look forward to a repeat performance at the Boys' flight February 17 – 19.

May God abundantly bless you in more ways than you can imagine.

DeColores.

*Sandra Hayes*, Lay Director Emmaus of the Midlands Girls' Flight #2





Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

What a difference a few weeks (and a lot of prayers) can make. Recently, Ken Clarke and I contacted you to let you know that the Emmaus of the Midlands Community was facing a critical financial need. We asked for your prayers, your financial commitment, and for a real drive for sponsorship. Praise the Lord, you have responded!

**(Can I get an “amen” from anyone?)**

We had the largest offering anyone can remember at the last Gathering!

We have full walks (with some being rolled over to the fall)!

Let there be no doubt; people have been praying, and the Lord has answered our prayers.

God is good (all the time). And all the time (God is good). Speaking to the People of Israel, Joshua said, “You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed [Joshua 23:14b (NIV)].” Thank the good Lord for his blessing and for faithfully fulfilling his promises, and thank you all for your support and for faithfully fulfilling God’s call in your lives. Let us continue to pray for and support Emmaus and seek God’s blessing upon our shared ministry of renewal. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DeColores,

*Michael Bingham*, Community Spiritual Director



**Financial Report as of 3/8/07:**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$	<b>3,955.59</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$	<b>10,163.75</b>
<b>Expense</b>	\$	<b>(2,015.80)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$	<b>12,103.54</b>





**Emmaus of the Midlands  
Board of Directors  
2007 Ballot**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Voter #1</b>	<b>Voter #2</b>	<b>Voter #3</b>
Carson Chitty	Chapin UMC	Chapin			
Shawn Crews	Dalzell UMC	Dalzell			
Becky Derrick	Trinity UMC	West Columbia			
Bernie Gathers	Wesley Memorial UMC	Columbia			
Frank Hill	Windsor UMC	Columbia			
Debo Lackore	Windsor UMC	West Columbia			
Barbara Laird	Suber Marshall UMC	Columbia			
Leonard May	Wightman UMC	Prosperity			
Sherri McClendon	Dalzell UMC	Dalzell			
Bob Pettus	Lexington UMC	Columbia			
Greg Prewitt	Windsor UMC	Columbia			
Marlene Sipes	Wesley Memorial UMC	Columbia			

**Important VOTE FOR FIVE CANDIDATES**

Listed above are the names of the individuals who have been placed on the ballot by the nominating committee which is 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 to the Emmaus of the Midlands community. Each member of the household who has attended an Emmaus Walk, Chrysalis Flight or their equivalent is eligible to vote for five (5) 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 March 23, 2007 either in the mail or brought to the March Gathering.**

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## **Up Coming Events**

March 23, 2007 Gathering Wightman UMC  
April 27, 2007 Gathering St. John Batesburg  
May 25, 2007 Gathering Rehoboth UMC Cola  
June 7-10, 2007 Epiphany Boys # 38  
June 22, 2007 Gathering Lexington UMC  
August 17-18 2007 Emmaus Team Training #31  
September 6-9, 2007 Epiphany Girls # 22

### **Wightman UMC**

**302 North Main Street**  
**Prosperity, SC 29127**  
**803 364-2340**

**Directions from Aiken: Take I-20 towards Columbia, take exit 39 (North) towards Camp Agape. Pass by Camp Agape on US-178 and turn slightly right on SC-245 (South Lee Street). Proceed through Batesburg/Leesville on SC-245. Turn slightly right onto SC-391 (Summerland Avenue) and continue through the round-about at Round-O staying on SC-391. SC-391 becomes Main Street when you reach Prosperity.**

**Directions from Columbia: Take I-26 West towards Greenville/Spartanburg. Take exit 82 towards Prosperity on SC-773 (Wheeler Street). When SC-773 ends turn right onto US 76 and then turn left on Langford Street (SC-S-36-516). Cross over the railroad tracks and turn into the Wightman parking lot.**

**Directions from Sumter: Proceed to Columbia and take I-26 West. Proceed as above in Directions from Columbia.**