

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

July 2007

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Thank you for considering this option.

Financial Report as of June 2007:

Beginning Balance:	\$10,556.76
Income:	\$649.12
Expenses:	\$1,640.15
Ending Balance:	\$9,565.73

This event, which at first seemed trivial and unnecessary, turned out to be extremely beneficial to all that attended.

It would be extremely informational if this info could be shared with the entire community. There is a lot of work that goes into putting on a Walk and much of that work is invisible to community members. I hope that each Board Director will take the opportunity to share his

responsibilities by writing an article for the Messenger (See the article on Carson Chitty in this issue).

The Board recently approved adding Volunteer (Service) Opportunities to our Emmaus Web Site to allow the community a means

of participating in each Walk. While you may not be able to physically be present at a Walk Event, you can perform service tasks that will give you a feeling of participating.

Tom Furset, Registrar

2007 Board of Director Training

On June 30, 2007, The Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors held the annual training session at Windsor UMC. This Annual event is held to orient all Board members, old and new, to the new board responsibilities.



Chairman Ken Clarke provided each member with a detailed description of the responsibilities of their position. We went through each position and asked questions, updated descriptions as needed, and tried to fully understand the interaction between functions.



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Carson Chitty Prayer Vigil and Seed Agape

Hello, my name is Carson Chitty. As a new member to the board, I was asked to tell you all a little about myself, why I wanted to serve on the board, and what my board responsibilities are.

I worship at Chapin United Methodist Church, where I also serve as the Chair Person for the Son Flower Ministry. This is a ministry that helps families with Special Needs members feel welcome and connected with other groups within the church and the community. This ministry was founded at our church after I realized, through my walk to Emmaus, that when God calls the unequipped he equips them. The Ministry is one that God called me to and God gave me the strength through Emmaus to step out in faith and allow him to work through me and many others to form this Ministry. I also work with the Children of our church through Sunday School and with the youth on Sunday Nights and through Bible study groups.

Emmaus is such a great vehicle that the Holy Spirit uses to reach people. Each Person that attends an Emmaus walk or a Chrysalis Flight is touched in a different way by God. We all have different areas of our lives that have blinded us from God's whole truth. Through Emmaus God reaches each individual in the way he or she needs to be reached. The experience though very similar for all involved, is also very personal. Some may be able to let go of demons such as guilt, anger, or bitterness, others may be called into action, and yet others may be able to finally forgive. I have witnessed, through sponsorship, many lives changed by the Holy Spirit in beautiful miraculous ways. The importance of these life changing experiences is what inspired me to run for the Emmaus Board. I felt a real need to make sure that the Holy Spirit remains in charge of all the Walks and Flights. This can only happen if we as the body of Christ step up and serve as we are called to do and if we continuously search for his will not our own.

This being said, my board responsibilities are

Prayer Vigil and Seed Agape. What does that mean? It means I am responsible for printing all information on the Prayer Vigil and distributing the Prayer Vigil Posters at the walks after Sponsor's Hour. It also means that I serve a Chair on a committee that coordinates the various agape needs of the walk. Such needs might include finding sponsorship for a meal, having deserts donated, and finding people to sponsor the shrimp, fruit or other items needed in the kitchen. Also if other areas of the walk need help this committee will help to coordinate those areas as well. Please be on the lookout for the Seed Agape Board at the upcoming gatherings. More information will be included there. Also, if any of you are looking to be more involved, I would love to have members from various churches serve on this committee. Please feel free to email me for more information or to sign up and get involved. The blessing received from serving others are far too many to count.

I hope this helps you all get to know me a little better. I look forward to serving you and meeting those of you I have not already met.

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Praises:

Joe Horne is doing much better and is scheduled to go home

Prayer Requests:

Families of Charleston Firefighters

Cathy Tisdale (cancer)

Greg Smith (army)

Tasha Sherman (anorexia)

Justin Blein (mental health)

Ariana (1 year old – surgery)

Jim Athey (cancer/chemo)

Robin Andrews (husband died)

Linda Gladden (husband died)

Maggie Cafferty (seriously ill infant)

Rachel Weed @ Suber-Marshall UMC (sister died)

Smyrna UNC (for growth)

Debbie & Tommy Murphy

Shannon Howard

Kathie Brooks (Going on a medical mission trip to American & Western Samoa June 29 to July 14)

Rose Agema (Illness)

Rachel & Ray Weed (death in family)

Bobby Petty Jr & family (cancer)

Chrysalis Flights #3

The members of the Team for Men's Walk #31 are given below – please keep each of these servants in your prayers:

Jeff Snow	Lay Director
Steve Hudson	Lay Director in Training
Boyce Brooks	Spiritual Director
Wayne Smith	Asst. Spiritual Director
David Day	Asst. Spiritual Director
Sam Warwick	Asst. Spiritual Director
Billy Lynch	Asst. Spiritual Director
Robert Pegram	ALD
Bobby Coker	ALD
Greg Prewitt	ALD
Bob Pettus	ALD
Scott Shull	Table Leader
Doug Meade	Table Leader
Joey Mendiola	Table Leader
John Knight	Table Leader
Leonard May	Table Leader
Kirk Atwood	Table Leader
Cassius Rhue	Asst. Table Leader
Barry Clayton	Asst. Table Leader
Steve Wheaton	Asst. Table Leader
Todd Barwick	Asst. Table Leader
Kenny Plemons	Asst. Table Leader
John Denny	Asst. Table Leader
Ed Hynson	Kitchen Coordinator
Ken Clarke	Board Representative
Walt Proctor	Music Leader
Charlie McLean	Asst. Music
Hank Edens	Asst. Music
Frank Hill	Asst. Music

Announcements:

Chrysalis needs meals for the upcoming flights. Please contact Rev Doris Crocker if you are willing to help here.

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Upcoming Events (2007)

July	No gathering
July 26-29	Chrysalis Boy's Flight #3 – Wightman UMC
August 9-12	Chrysalis Girl's Flight # 3 - Wightman UMC
August 17-18	Emmaus Team Training for Walk #31
September 20-23	Emmaus Men's Walk #31
October 11-14,	Emmaus Women's Walk # 31