

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

September 2007

Camp Agape Closed – Fall Walks Moved to Spring 2008

On Monday, July 30, EOM was notified (via a phone call to EOM board chair Ken Clarke from Jeff Hunt, the Camp Agape manager) that **1)** a pastor had signed a letter of intention to buy Camp Agape, **2)** the electricity had been cut off and that most of the equipment (including the kitchen equipment) had been removed, and **3)** the camp would no longer be available for use by EOM. We have known for 2 -3 years that the Camp was for sale; however, we have been operating under an arrangement that allows us to “lock in” the scheduling a year in advance for the Walks. In essence we were notified that this agreement would not be honored for the fall walks or team training. Requests that we be allowed to continue with the team training scheduled for August 17-18 were also denied.

At the August board meeting (Monday, August 13) the EOM board voted to **1)** hold the 2008 and 2009 walks at the Nazarene Camp in Batesburg and **2)** move the Fall Walks to the Spring of 2008.

None of the visited sites deemed evenly marginally suitable were available for both the Men’s and Women’s Walks at the scheduled times. A number of alternatives were considered for the fall but all involved some combination of changing the dates and/or using different locations for the Men’s and Women’s Walks. In addition, with the exception of the Nazarene Camp, all of the available sites were considerably less suitable than Camp Agape. Several churches were also considered (Chapin UMC, Lexington UMC, and Wightman UMC) but none were considered suitable for a walk. Concerns included lack of enough showers, older individuals having to sleep on cots or the floor, and conflicts with worship activities on Sunday. In the end, the board decided that the risks associated with ad hoc arrangements were worse than the effects of moving the walks to the spring time slot.

The Spring Walks are now Walk #31 and the team assignments will remain the same. All sponsors have been contacted and asked to notify their pilgrims of the changed dates. You may view the Camp Nazarene facilities at:

<http://www.scnazcamp.com/SCNazCampPromoBook110304.pdf>

The address of the camp is 1420 Nazarene Road, Batesburg, SC 29006-9477. The phone number is (803) 532-3123. Directions to the camp are given below:

From Aiken: (about 25 m)

Take I-20 towards Columbia, take exit #29 onto Wire Road (US-49) Go 3.7 miles and bear left onto SC-391; Go 4.4 miles and turn left on Nazarene Road; Go 1.6 miles to Nazarene Camp

From Columbia: (about 37 m)

Take I-20 towards Aiken, take exit #39 onto US-178; Go 4.2 miles and bear left on Two Notch Road; Go 2.2 miles and turn left on Willis Road (SC-391); Go .5 miles and turn right on Chinquapin Road; Go 0.4 miles and continue on Wallace Street for 0.2 miles; Turn Left on Nazarene Road and go 0.5 miles to Nazarene Camp

From Saluda: (about 20 m)

Take US 178 towards Batesburg Go 15.8 miles and turn right on Willis Road (SC-391); Go 3.7 miles and turn right on Chinquapin Road; Go 0.4 miles and continue on Wallace road for 0.2 miles; Turn Left on Nazarene Road and go 0.5 miles to Nazarene Camp

Who am I?

People from John Wesley's Time – *the questions may have more than one correct answer.*

1. Samuel Wesley

- John Wesley's younger brother, famous hymn writer
- Rector at Epworth and father of John Wesley
- The maker of a popular beer in John Wesley's day
- Son of John Wesley

2. George Whitefield

- A preacher who convinced John Wesley to preach in the fields
- A government official to whom John Wesley wrote a letter on slavery just before his death
- An English cartoonist who drew Methodists as full of "Credulity, Superstition, and Fanaticism"
- A Moravian who influenced Wesley concerning prevenient grace

3. Susanna Annesley

- Became the mother of 19 children, including John Wesley
- Popular speaker who drew crowds to her Bible studies
- She was the subject of Alexander Pope's "Elegy to the Memory of an Unfortunate Lady"
- She has been called the "Mother of Methodism."

4. William Wilberforce

- A government official to whom John Wesley wrote a letter on slavery just before his death
- A powerful Anglican who forbade John from preaching inside churches
- The man whom John Wesley chose as his successor
- The affectionate name that John gave his horse

5. Grace Murray

- John Wesley's wife
- A model leader in the early Methodism
- Charles Wesley's wife
- John Wesley's true love lost

6. Charles Wesley

- A poet and hymn writer
- Father of John Wesley
- Son of John Wesley
- Brother of John Wesley

7. William Hogarth

- Model leader in the early Methodist Movement
- English cartoonist who depicted Methodists as full of "Credulity, Superstition, and Fanaticism"
- First Methodist bishop in England
- Popular musician who introduced "Country Music" to Methodist worship

8. Emma Woodhouse, Moll Flanders, Elinor and Marriane Dashwood

- Women leaders in early Methodism
- Fictional characters in 18th century novels
- Notorious thieves in London who were converted to Methodism
- Women musicians and poets with whom Charles Wesley associated

9. Mary Bosanquet

- John Wesley believed that she attained Christian Perfection
- A French woman who was imprisoned in Newgate; John Wesley tried to save her from the gallows
- John Wesley's wife, with whom he had an unhappy marriage
- The owner of an early perfume business

10. Sarah Gwynne

- Became the mother of 19 children, including John Wesley
- Wife of Charles Wesley, who lived to be almost 100 years old
- After John Wesley refused her communion, family members brought him to trial.
- Wife of John Wesley, who was estranged from him when she died

The answers to the questions are at the bottom of the next page.

Financial Report as of July 2007:

Beginning Balance:	\$8,649.96
Income:	\$200.00
Expenses:	\$0.0
Ending Balance:	\$8,849.96

Application Processing

By: Tom Furse

Have you ever wondered how a pilgrim's application is processed? Well wonder no more!

The Emmaus Application has two parts; the Pilgrim Application and the Sponsor Covenant. The sponsor is responsible for helping the Pilgrim complete all sections of the Pilgrim Application Form and after the Sponsor completes the Sponsor Covenant he/she sends both sections of the application, along with the appropriate deposit, to the Emmaus PO Box in Columbia. The registrar collects all applications from the post office and enters them into the Emmaus database. This database is the source of the many reports and lists that are needed by the different Walk team members and BOD members.

At the next Emmaus Board meeting, a thorough review of each application is conducted. If there are questions regarding information on the application, the registrar is authorized by the Board to contact the sponsor and to discuss the items in question. At the following meeting, the Board is apprised of any new information gathered by the registrar, a decision is made, and the pilgrim is scheduled on the next walk if there is space.

After approval, the registrar sends the sponsor a packet of information that includes a confirmation letter to be given to the pilgrim, a confirmation letter to the sponsor, a Sponsor Checklist, and a Sample Agape Letter request.

All applications are kept on file for one year and are used to create the Emmaus of the Midlands mailing list.

As you can see the process can be lengthy so get your completed pilgrim applications in NOW!

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Answers to “Who am I?”

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 2. a
 3. a, b, d
 4. a
 5. b, d
 6. a, d
 7. b
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 9. a
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Upcoming Events (2007)

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| September 28 | Gathering – Lewis Chapel UMC, Sumter |
| October 26 | Gathering – Wesley UMC, Columbia |
| November 9-10 | Emmaus Regional Celebration at Lexington UMC |
| December 8 | Gathering – Brookland UMC, West Columbia |

Lewis Chapel UMC

Plowden Mill Road - Sumter, SC 29153

Directions: From Columbia: Take Hwy. 378 to Sumter. Go through the light at the Kangaroo station - 2/10 of a mile. Take a left onto the By-Pass - Sign says Florence-Conway. Continue 6.2 miles through end of freeway, 1.5 miles past the Flee Market on the left - take a right onto Plowden Mill Road. Lewis Chapel UMC is 2.3 miles on the right.

Alternative Route: Take I-20 towards Florence. Exit 98 to the right (US 521) towards Sumter. Stay on 521 until you approach Sumter. Just as you pass under the US 378 overpass turn left onto US 378. 1.5 miles past the Flee Market on the left - take a right onto Plowden Mill Road. Lewis Chapel UMC is 2.3 miles on the right.