

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Emmaus of the Midlands Board seeks your help. Like many other organizations, our costs have increased over the past several years and we are currently spending about \$3,000 more per year that we are taking in. It costs a little more than \$14,000 to put on a set of Walks. This cost is very reasonable when you consider that a pair of Walks in 1999 cost about \$11,000; the increase is 2.7%. At the beginning of May 2008, EOM had a balance of a little more than \$5000, our total income to date has been \$15,865, and our total expenses are \$18,643, leaving us with a balance of a little more than \$2700. We have our set Spring Walks coming up in February and March. We need your help!

The Board has been discussing ways of ensuring that the necessary funds are available for Walks 33 and 34 in 2009. We want to keep our costs as low as possible and we do not feel that we should raise the fee for the walks. We ask for your help in one or more of the following ways:

- Help us to have full walks by increasing your sponsorship efforts – since much of the cost of the walks is fixed, full walks reduce our financial burden.
- Make a pledge to support the Emmaus of the Midlands community. A monthly contribution of \$10 per person—less than \$0.40 per day—is a basic level of support.
- Participate in regular EOM activities, including Reunion Groups, Gatherings, and contributions through Seed Agape. Seed agape helps offset the cost of walk items such as the Christ candle, hand crosses, neck crosses, etc.

We are asking you to please prayerfully consider how you can help. The well being of the EOM community is a responsibility shared by all of us.

If you feel this commitment in your heart, we ask that you fill out and sign the commitment form below and return it to our Treasurer, Doug Meade, or mail it directly to EOM at Emmaus of the Midlands, P. O. Box 25165, Columbia, SC 29224-5165.

We need your help now! Please, do not put this off until later. God is counting on you to act immediately. These pledges, along with any other offerings, can be turned in at the monthly Gatherings or mailed to the Emmaus of the Midlands P.O. box.

As always your prayers and support are deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless each of you as you serve Him daily.

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Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors
Debbie Carter, Community Lay Director

“...God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

I, _____, do pledge and am committed to giving \$10.00, or _____ per month to support the Emmaus of the Midlands community.

A Word from the Community Lay Director

Welcome to all the pilgrims from Walk 32, I am SO looking forward to getting to know each one of you personally through the service of our Lord and Emmaus.

At the October gathering Charles addressed sponsorship, how to be a good sponsor and the importance of sponsoring. Sponsorship is an extremely important part of the Walk to Emmaus because without it — there would be no Emmaus! The Spring Walks are coming up. Pray now for those that you may sponsor. Also pray for the sponsors that the Holy Spirit will lead them to invite those whom He has chosen for this wonderful experience of His love, mercy, and grace.

As you know—and are learning—a lot of prayer goes into the preparation of the walks—before, during and after each walk. We are called to be God's hands and feet—whether in our church, our place of work, serving as a team member in the Emmaus conference room or in the background during a weekend. Every job is important! Find your special place to serve God and our community. Some of you may be called to share your talents through singing or playing an instrument; some may be called to work in the kitchen, cooking, washing dishes, serving meals or setting the table with agape; and some may help with parking, luggage, camp set-up to name a few.

Not everyone is called to or wants to serve in the conference room. I remember when I went on my walk, wondering how to get involved? But then I had great sponsors who got me working in the kitchen on that first walk after mine. They made sure I was at the gatherings and they told me what to bring. Together we formed a reunion group and began making agape for the upcoming walks, praying for Emmaus, our church, friends, family, etc and we held each other accountable in our daily lives. Through my reunion group I began to daily to reflect on Christ in my life and this continues to help me grow as a Christian.

I want to challenge each of you to become involved with Emmaus and our Emmaus community. Become leaders in your church. Attend the gatherings. Begin working in the background of Emmaus. Become a member of a reunion group; if you can't find one, start one. I know you will be blessed and we will be blessed

as we well.

Emmaus needs your support financially as well as physically. Check out our Web site, www.midlandsemmaus.com; there you will find a list of up coming events. You can surf this site and find out about the history of Emmaus. You can find the list of your board members and the jobs they do. See if there is a place you would like to serve and call the person who is responsible for that area. Tell them you would like to help. We need YOU to make the Walk to Emmaus successful. We have our walks and chrysalis flights coming up: February 19-22 (Emmaus of the Midlands Men's Walk 33); March 12-15 (Emmaus of the Midlands Women's Walk 33); January 17-19 (Chrysalis Girls Flight 4) and February 14-16 (Chrysalis Boys Flight 4). These are great opportunities for you to serve others as you have been served. We need you.

DeColores! Debbie Carter

Daily Bible Readings for December

1 Rom. 5-8, 2 Rom. 9-12, 3 Rom. 13-16
4 Eph. 1-4, 5 Eph. 5-6; Ps. 119; 1-80
6 Phil. 1-4, 7 Col. 1-4, 8 1 Tim. 1-4
9 1 Tim. 5-6; Tit. 1-3, 10 2 Tim. 1-4
11 Philem. Heb. 1-4, 12 Heb. 5-8
13 Heb. 9-11, 14 Heb. 12-13; Jude
15 Jas. 1-5, 16 1 Pet. 1-5
17 2 Pet. 1-3; Jn. 1, 18 Jn. 2-4
19 Jn. 5-6, 20 Jn. 7-8, 21 Jn. 9-11
22 Jn. 12-14, 23 Jn. 15-18, 24 Jn. 19-21
25 1 Jn. 1-5, 26 Ps. 117; 119: 81-176; 2 Jn.; 3 Jn.
27 Rev. 1-428 Rev. 5-9, 29 Rev. 10-14
30 Rev. 15-18, 31 Rev. 19-22

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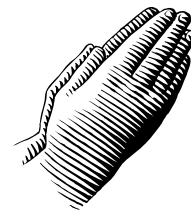
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November 2008 Prayer Concerns, Praises, & Announcements

To all of our Midlands Emmaus Family,
Chris and I extend a heartfelt thank you to all who kept us in your prayers and thoughts and also to all whom had send cards to us. We could not have dealt with such a devastating circumstance without the help and support from all of our family, friends, and church families. We all prayed for the news to be better and the situation not to be so grim but it was all God's will. He chose this path for our child to be with Him now instead of later. We both know that when our time here on earth is done, we will see that beautiful baby, happy and healthy. We both have our good days and bad days but we know with His strength & love and the love of all of our family and friends we will be able to get through this dark time. It has meant the world to us to have so many people praying for us. We have felt God's unconditional love wrapped around us with all the prayers and love we have received from everyone. Thank you all for everything you have done for us.

God Bless, Chris and Christina Galvin



Maxine Steed (Boyce Brook's sister) – Cancer
Kate Hopkins – please pray for her as she goes on the next Chrysalis Flight

The homeless, the lost souls, those who have lost their jobs, homes, and family members in the war, our country and our leaders – Melia Atwell & Shari Williams – Walk 32 Pilgrims
Johnny Walker (Wightman UMC, EOM Walk 29) – surgery

Jerry Holt (Dalzell UMC) – health concerns
Shirley & John Poole – Shirley is in a wheelchair following a stroke and John is unable to care for her

A new job and a place to live for a friend
Michael Walker's father – massive stroke

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Upcoming Events

December 6, 2008 - Gathering at Brookland UMC
January 23, 2009 - Gathering TBA
Jan 17-19, 2009 - Girl's Chrysalis Flight 4
(Candlelight Sunday, 7 pm Jan 18)
February 5-8, 2009 - Boy's Epiphany
Feb 14-16, 2009 - Boy's Chrysalis Flight 4
(Candlelight Sunday, 7 pm Feb 15)
February 19-22 - Men's Walk 33
(Candlelight Saturday, 8 pm Feb 21)
March 12 - 15, 2009 - Girls Epiphany
March 12 - 15, 2009 - Women's Walk 33
(Candlelight Sunday, 8 pm Mar 14)
March 27, 2009 - Gathering at Wightman UMC

Next Gathering

December 6, 2008
Fellowship 6:00 pm
Brookland UMC
541 Meeting Street
West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 791-1450

Directions from Sumter: Take US 378 to Columbia. Bear left on to Gervais Street (US 1). Go 2.3 miles, through Columbia and cross the Congaree River Bridge on US 1 (Meeting Street). Go .3 miles to the church.

Directions from Aiken: Take I-20 towards Columbia. Take exit #61 towards West Columbia. Go 5.8 miles and turn right on to Meeting Street (US 1). Go .3 miles to the church.