

# Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

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## June and July 2009

### In This Issue

Our focus this month is two-fold, prayer and seed Agape. We have included the Bible readings for July and the Board of Directors.

#### Do You Believe in the Power of Prayer?

By Jimmy Lawson & Barbara Laird

Some people say "Seven days without prayer makes one weak." What a powerful statement. As we go through our lives, how many of us have heard "We've done all we can. All we can do now is pray." I can't help but feel this is an insult to God. Throughout the Bible we are instructed in the power of prayer.

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, as a model prayer and Jesus himself often went off to pray, setting an example for us to do the same.

In Matthew 14:23, it says,

*"And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone." (KJV)*

If Jesus needed to go off and pray, how much more do we need to? Praying should not be something we do out of duty and routine. Prayer is talking and listening to our loving, all knowing, heavenly Father. It is sharing with God our hopes and dreams. It is a time to reflect on God's plan for our lives.

The book of James tells us to pray for wisdom when we don't know what to do (James 1:5).

In Philippians 4:6,7, prayer is connected with receiving God's peace.

In Ephesians 6:18, prayer is a very important part of battling the forces of evil.

We are also told to pray for those in Authority over us (I Timothy 2:1,2).

Prayer shows our dependence on God, His power and His wisdom. Prayer is a powerful gift from God and so important to building and strengthening our relationship with God.

Studies have been done in the medical field showing the power of prayers. They used two groups of people to observe the difference between the group that was being prayed for and the group that wasn't. There was a marked difference in the recovery of those who were being prayed for, and they weren't even told that they were being prayed for. Most hospitals realize the importance of prayer in the healing process for their patients, and welcome pastors and chaplains to be a part of the healing team.

It has been said that,

"If you are too busy for God, you are *too busy*."

## Opportunity for Prayer

*By Mary Furse*

We will begin a 72 Day Prayer Vigil on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 and continue until the end of the Women's Walk in October. All community members are asked to pray at Noon everyday for the Walks, the Pilgrims, the Sponsors, the Team and our Community. Won't that be awesome? Emmaus of the Midlands praying in unison!! We might start a new tradition.



There are 3 ways to sign-up for our 72 Hour Prayer Vigil:

1. At the July and August Gathering
2. On the internet at the link [www.midlandsemmaus.com](http://www.midlandsemmaus.com)
3. By contacting Mary Furse at 803-699-6557 or by e-mailing [flossyd56@sc.rr.com](mailto:flossyd56@sc.rr.com)

Let's all strive to make Emmaus of the Midlands a more prayerful community.

## Seed Agape

*By Mary Furse*

If you have been at the last 2 gatherings, you know that an Emmaus of the Midlands tradition has been reinstated - Seed Agape.

Many members of our community are not able to take part in the upcoming Walks or attend one of the Walk events, but they can participate through Seed Agape. This is a way to help defray the cost of a variety of items needed during the Walk,

### Seed Agape of the Month

May—Communion Elements

June—Candles—(various sizes)

July—Kleenex

August—Crosses

A display containing special envelopes will be available at each gathering to announce the "Seed Agape of the Month". Watch each month for the featured item.

Can you imagine a Walk without an abundant supply of Kleenex, our Seed Agape for July?

## July Scripture Readings

- 1 Is. 1-3; Tit. 3
- 2 Is. 4-5; Ps. 115-116; Jude
- 3 Is. 6-7; 2 Chr. 26-27; Philem.
- 4 2 Ki. 15-16; Hos. 1; Heb. 1
- 5 Hos. 2-5; Heb. 2
- 6 Hos. 6-9; Heb.3
- 7 Hos. 10-12; Ps. 73; Heb. 4
- 8 Hos. 13-14; Ps. 100, 102; Heb. 5
- 9 Mic. 1-4; Heb. 6
- 10 Mic. 5-7; Heb. 7
- 11 Is. 8-10; Heb. 8
- 12 Is. 11-14; Heb. 9
- 13 Is. 15-18; Heb. 10
- 14 Is. 19-21; Heb. 11
- 15 Is. 22-24; Heb. 12
- 16 Is. 25-28; Heb. 13
- 17 Is. 29-31; Jas. 1
- 18 Is. 32-35; Jas. 2
- 19 2 Ki. 17; 2 Chr. 28; Ps. 46; Jas. 3
- 20 2 Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4
- 21 2 Ki. 18-19; 2 Chr. 32; Jas. 5
- 22 Is. 36-37; Ps. 76; 1 Pet. 1
- 23 2 Ki. 20; Is. 38, 39; Ps. 75; 1 Pet. 2
- 24 Is. 40-42; 1 Pet. 3
- 25 Is 43-45 1 Pet. 4
- 26 Is 46-49; 1 Pet. 5
- 27 Is. 50-52; Ps. 92; 2 Pet. 1
- 28 Is 53-56; 2 Pet. 2
- 29 Is 57-59; Ps. 103; 2 Pet. 3
- 30 Is. 60-62; Jn. 1
- 31 Is. 63-64; Ps107; Jn.2

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### **Upcoming Events**

**July 24, 2009** Gathering—Wesley Memorial UMC  
**August 14-15, 2009** Walk #34 Team Training  
**August 28, 2009** Girl's Epiphany  
**August 28, 2009** Gathering—Trinity UMC—  
Blythewood  
**September 2009** No Gathering  
**September 17-20** Men's Walk 34  
(Candlelight Saturday, 8 pm Sept 19 )  
**October 1-4, 2009** Women's Walk 34  
(Candlelight Sunday, 8 pm Oct 3)  
**October 8-11, 2009** Boy's Epiphany  
**October 23, 2009** Gathering—Windsor UMC  
**November 2009** No Gathering  
**December 5, 2009** Gathering- Brookland UMC

### **Next Gathering**

July 24, 2009  
Fellowship 7:00 pm, Worship 8:00 pm.  
Wesley Memorial UMC—Columbia  
2501 Heyward Street  
Columbia, SC 29205  
(803) 771-4540

**Directions from Sumter:** Take US 378 to Columbia until you reach Harden Street. Turn left on Harden and proceed through Devine Street. Heyward Street will be on your right (about 1 mile). Turn Left on Heyward Street..

**Directions from Aiken:** Take I-20 to I-26. Take exit towards Columbia. This will be I-126. Proceed to dead end which will be Bull Street. Turn Right on Bull and proceed to Gervais (US 16). Turn Left. Then, turn right on Harden Street and proceed through Devine Street. Heyward Street will be on your right (about 1 mile). Turn left on Heyward.