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## August

**Next Gathering**  
**Lexington UMC**  
**309 E Main St**  
**Lexington, SC**  
**803-359-6838**  
**Pot-luck dinner 7:00**  
**Service 8:00**



From I-20—Take US—1 exit. Go North on US 1 toward Lexington. US 1 will become East Main just below the church. The church will be on the left.

From I-26 take either the US-378 or US-1 exit and travel toward Lexington. US 378 will merge with Hwy 6/North Lake Dr. Take Hwy 6 to Main St and turn left. The church will be on the right. If you take the US 1 exit, follow directions above.

From Red Bank follow SR-6S Lake Dr. Turn right on to US-1/E Main St

From Irmo//Ballentine follow Woodrow St, turn on to SR60/Lake Murray Blvd. Cross the Lake Murray Dam and keep straight on to SR-6/N Lake Dr. Turn right on to US-378/N Lake/Sunset Blvd at the Hess Station and keep straight on to SR-6/N Lake Dr. Turn left on to US-1/E Main St

## Upcoming Events

Sept 9	EOM Board Meeting Windsor UMC @7 pm
Sept 27	Gathering @ First Christian Church (Columbia)
Oct 17-20	Men's Walk #42
Oct 24-27	Women's Walk #42
Oct	No Gathering
Nov	No Gathering
Dec 7	Christmas TBA

# August Messenger

## EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

*From the Chairman*

*The Fall Walks are just around the corner. Selection of Teams is just about complete and schedules have been set. ALD meetings will be this Saturday afternoon at Lexington UMC and Team Training will be September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> also at Lexington UMC. Many thanks to Lexington UMC for letting Emmaus of the Midlands use their facilities for these important meetings.*

*Lay Directors for the upcoming walks are Therry May and Bobby Sandifer. Spiritual Directors are Pastor Wanda Altman and Pastor Wayne Smith. These leaders have already spent countless hours working to make sure these Walks are a success but now they need your help. They need your prayers, sponsorship of pilgrims and participation in the activities of the Walks.*

*Even though the Walks are not until October 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> for the men and October 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> for the women we need at least 12 men and 12 women by September 9<sup>th</sup> so we can proceed with Team Training. Therefore, if you are planning on sponsoring someone or even planning on talking to someone about participation, please go ahead and do so and get their applications in to Tom Furse.*

*Also, even though you may personally not know of anyone interested in participating, please consider taking the initiative to have an announcement put in your Church bulletin or Newsletter for the next few weeks. You never know when someone in your congregation may see this announcement and feel like this is just the kind of spiritual experience they are seeking.*

*Hope to see you at the Gathering Friday evening at Lexington UMC.*

*DeColores.*

God bless,

Leonard May

## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

### Charles Adams - Vice- Chairman

Emmaus of the Midlands Walk # 30

Table of Paul

St. John's United Methodist Church, Batesburg, SC

After more than twenty six years in the U.S. Air Force, eighteen of which was in the Recruiting Organization; administration, supervision, marketing analysis, and hands on procurement of qualified applicants, I entered the civilian world of education and then manufacturing. I again retired in 2007.

Before I was aware of The Walk to Emmaus I was busy trying to be a part of everything in church life. I understood that serving God meant working in every aspect of the "religious" setting. I had served as Teacher, Deacon, Treasurer, Lay Preaching, Prison Ministry, and all-around available worker whether that meant leading small groups or sweeping floors. My "Walk" afforded me the opportunity to stop neglecting my personal relationship with my Lord to now "practicing the presence of God."

I still make myself available to serve and minister as needed. However, I now realize that what I was really thirsting for was the living water of the Spirit, like a hunted deer thirsting after a river in the wilderness (Ps 42). I also strive for this same awakening for fellow pilgrims as we travel this journey.

De Colores,

# AUGUST MESSENGER

From your Registrar!

Do you remember the excitement and enthusiasm that you had on your first Fourth Day? Has the adrenalin rush abated? Are you actively talking to your friends about the Walk experience and what it meant for you?

Can you believe that it is only 10 weeks until the fall Walks? Can you believe that it is only 4 weeks until "D Day"? The day the decision whether the October Walks will be continued or be cancelled will be made.

The Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors has decreed that there must be at least 12 candidates signed up and confirmed for a Walk to proceed. At current we have only 8 men's for the Men's Walk. I hope you are in prayer about who God wants you to sponsor.

Wouldn't it be great if we could have two full Walks in October! If you are able to sponsor only one applicant we would fill this Walk and have to have a carry-over list.

I am confident that if you pray and discern what God responds, the Walks will fill quickly.

Decolores,  
Tom Furse

I would like to thank the Adult Sunday school class at Graham Baptist Church, St. James UMC, Bethel UMC, Larry and Carol Kirven from Trinity UMC for allowing the Emmaus community to give a presentation.

Bobby Sandifer  
PR for the community

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