



# Messenger

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## Coming Events

**August 28 Gathering  
Beulah UMC, Gilbert  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8**

September 14 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC  
Columbia

September 25 Gathering  
Lexington UMC, Lexington  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

October 12 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC, Columbia

October 15-18  
Men's Walk  
No Gathering

October 22-25  
Women's Walk  
No Gathering

## Community Lay Director's Voice

It's hard to believe that the scorching and dry summer of 2015 is drawing to a close!!!! Our Emmaus Community is very busy preparing for the many events: — Walks in October ... monthly gatherings... Walks in the Spring of 2016... .. just to name a few!!! The teams for Walks #46 under the direction of Bill Rose and Sandy Sirhal are meeting to prepare for the Men's and Women's Walk weekend. Board members are busy pulling together their work-area committees to assist behind the scenes. In the center of it all, God is placing names on OUR hearts — names of those whom HE is calling to walk this beautiful journey called the Walk to Emmaus. Whose name is God placing on YOUR heart? Listen for those nudges from the Holy Spirit. Watch for those God-moments of opportunity to share about the Emmaus experience. This newsletter contains lots of information that we pray you find helpful. Let's continue to be the Hands and Feet of Christ in 2015 — to share the Emmaus opportunity with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, community — to be the 4th Day Community whose eyes are open to the risen Christ!!

*Charles Adams*

August 28th Gathering [map](#)

Beulah UMC

Gilbert, SC

Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8

Driving directions on next page.

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My name is Therry May. I attended Walk # 24 and sat at the Table of Hannah. I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for Emmaus of the Midlands.

My Board Responsibility is Housing and Camp Setup and Takedown. I want to thank all of you who have been so faithful in serving as volunteers in setting up the camp on the Wednesday before the Walks begin and return to take everything down and put it in storage until the next set of Walks. I am looking forward to working with this crew and any new volunteers in October and for all of the upcoming Walks.

Many of us have heard that there are people that would attend the Walks if there was more privacy in the dorm restrooms. I would like to see us design some type of privacy curtain/screen that we can use to separate the shower area from the rest of the restrooms that would at least give some privacy to those who are showering. We may not be able to provide something around each shower but at least we can partition that area off and everyone is not “completely” exposed! These partitions will have to be easily put together and taken apart and store easily.

I would love to have your ideas, designs, help in any way. This could be a fun project to work on! Please call me at -803-364-1894 or email me at [therrymay@att.net](mailto:therrymay@att.net).

Directions to Beulah UMC:

From Lexington: Head north on S Lake Dr/SC-6 toward E Main St/US-1 213 ft

Turn left at E Main St/US 1 0.7 mi

Turn left at US-1/US378 0.6 mi

Slight right at US-378 W 9.4 mi

Turn right at Beulah Church Rd 0.3 mi

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The following article is borrowed from the March 2013 "Rooster Tales", the newsletter for the Arizona Emmaus Community. I found this article to be very meaningful, since communion is such an integral part of every Emmaus weekend and Gathering. Hope you enjoy... (CMA)

## COMMUNION ON THE MOON

July 20, 1969 (Article by Eric Metaxas)

I presume that most of us were unaware of this story. I didn't know this, but it's awesome! 44 years ago, guess what happened? Two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts Magazine. A few years ago I had the privilege of meeting him myself. I asked him about it and he confirmed the story to me, and I wrote about it in my book, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (But Were Afraid to Ask)."

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his minister to help him. So the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup.

Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.' "I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

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Here's a list of your new Board and their responsibilities:

Charles Adams	Chairman
Bobby Bowers	Vice Chairman
Lucie Bingham	Secretary
Sid Hawkins	Treasurer
Carolyn McLean	Registrar
Duane Sirhal	Candlelight
Gary Hartman	Music
Ginny Braddock	Snack Agape
Billy McCoy	Newsletter
Bobby Sandifer	Transportation/Luggage
Therry May	Housing/CampSetup
Dorothy Longshore	Table Agape
Susan Matthews	Prayer Vigil/Seed Agape
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