

# Messenger

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## Coming Events

### Events

Dec 2 Gathering  
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8  
Wightman UMC  
Jan 8 Board Mtg @ 7  
Lexington UMC  
January 26 Gathering  
Red Bank UMC  
Lexington, SC  
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8  
Feb 12 Board Mtg @ 7  
Lexington UMC

## Working for the Lord

Whatever you do, work with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. - *Colossians 3:23*

This scripture reminds me of what so many of you have done these past months as we worked on our 25th Anniversary Walk, Walk # 50. We had many people serving on teams, volunteering behind the scenes, praying, making agape and attending openings, candlelights, and closings. All of you were working with all of your heart and working for the Lord. We all know that the Emmaus Walk is one of the ways we serve our Lord. Thank you for everything all of you do to make Emmaus of the Midlands a thriving community.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have so many blessings from our Lord. My prayer is that all of you were able to relax and enjoy some time with family. As we look forward to preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas, let us take the time to remember the true meaning of this season.

Our next set of Walks will be in March 2018. The men's Walk is March 8-11, 2018 and the women's Walk is March 15-18, 2018. Our Lay directors, Christy Bouknight and Joey Mendiola are already working and team selection will take place on December 9, 2017 at Windsor UMC. Team training will take place January 27, 2018 at Lexington UMC and February 3, 2018 at Red Bank UMC.

These Walks are so close this year to our October 2017 Walks that we will have only a few gatherings to give our offering to help put these Walks on. I have had several people offer to make a special donation toward these Walks. I plan to join them in making a special donation and ask that any of you that can join us in helping raise funds for the March Walks.

Thanks to all of you that have helped me with during the time I have served as the chairman of our community. The Emmaus Board members and members of the community have stepped up and helped in so many ways. It has been my honor and blessing to serve our community. With many new members coming

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on the Board, I hope to help in any way I can in 2018.

Bobby Bowers

I would like to introduce myself to the EOM Community as the newly elected Chairperson/Community Lay Director. I am a member of Red Bank UMC. I went on Walk 35 and sat at the table of John.

My Walk to Emmaus was a spiritual awakening for me. I will be forever grateful for friends urging and sponsoring me to go. Since going on my walk I have been active in the EOM Community helping with camp set up and take down, luggage, and being available during the walks to assist wherever I was needed. I have served on the board for 3 1/2 years as treasurer.

I am humbled and honored to be elected to this new position. I look forward to serving our Lord by serving others with all of the other members of the board. If I can answer any questions or help anyone, feel free to call me.

Sid Hawkins

Chairperson

## From the Editor:

It's hard to believe it's been four and half years since I began my three year term as newsletter editor. I don't know where to begin to thank those that have helped me get through each month. Although it was last minute sometimes, we managed to get one out each month. I've had three chairmen during my tenure: Charles Adams, Bobby Bowers and Leonard May. Each of them have always provided something for every newsletter, although sometimes it took some prodding from me to get it on time. I have enjoyed these years, but it is time for someone else to take over. I would also like to thank those that have been nice enough to let me know when I incorrectly put something in the newsletter. I pray that the next editor will have the support of the entire board.

1 Thes 5:11

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