

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

July 13, 7:00 pm via Zoom.

July Gathering:

July 24, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Board Meeting:

August 10, 7:00 pm to be determined.

August Gathering:

August 28, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Board Meeting:

September 14, 7:00 pm to be determined.

September Gathering:

September 25, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Board Meeting:

October 12, 7:00 pm to be determined.

October Gathering:

October 23, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Board Meeting:

November 9, 7:00 pm to be determined.

November Gathering:

November 27, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Spiritual Director's Message

When I was young I used to say I wished that I had been able to see Christ in person. But as I grew, I realized that this was actually kind of just a cop-out – because the truth is – I had met Jesus in person. I met Jesus in my mother, in my father, in my Sunday School teacher, in my friend, in a girl I met one time on a blind date. I had met Jesus in person all over the place and all throughout my life. Countless people who reflected back to me the love and truth of God. When I looked at them, I saw the face of Christ. When I received them, I received Christ.

And that's the call –

And I know it's hard. During the last few weeks, it has been difficult to make progress toward living this out by talking about the way we represent Christ with our words. We really need to work on thinking about how we use our tongue and refrain from our complaining about others and speaking ill of them especially during these difficult, wearisome, and trying times. This will go a long way to helping us be Christ's representatives in the world in a fuller way. It is never easy but Christ never said following him would be easy.

And so as you think about your words and your behavior this week, I just want to leave you with the question – Who will meet Jesus this week in you? Who will see you this week and also see the face of Christ? Maybe through something you say or do not say. Maybe the time you take to listen. Maybe the care you offer to someone right at the moment they need it.

When we went on our walk I remember the words, "I am counting on Christ...Christ is counting on me." Who is it that will see Jesus in you? For whom will you be Christ's representative in the world – right where you are, in the places where you already find yourself?

In these chaotic times...who will see Christ in you?

DeColores,
David Anderson

The Chairman's Corner

Due to the Covid-19 virus our newsletter is very minimal. Since we haven't been meeting, we don't have a lot of information to share. Once we begin meeting again and get back to our normal status, we should have an expanded newsletter. But, until then, stay safe and pray for our country.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land”.
2 Chronicles 7:14

When it is appropriate we will again gather and celebrate with food and companionship but until then know that you are all missed, thought of, and loved.

Thad

Upcoming Walks

The Camp Directors, Allen and Bonnie, have retired. The new camp director is Grip Lawson. The next Walks are scheduled for March 4-7, 2021 (Men) and March 11-14, 2021 (Women). We need pilgrims for these Walks. Please be diligent in identifying pilgrims for them. Get your pilgrim applications to Mary Brown as soon as you can. Let's pray for full Walks!

Gatherings

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our Gatherings have been canceled until further notice.

If you would like to host a gathering at your church in 2020 contact Thad Hinnant at 803-490-1202 (thinnant@sc.rr.com).

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Pray for an end to the coronavirus and for healing for those that have it.
- Pray for the pastors who have moved or will be moving as well as the churches
- Pray for those recuperating from surgery – Gary Hooker, Kenneth Bundrick, David Anderson's son-in-law (Brian Cato), David Anderson
- Pray for Karen Hartman's newborn grandson
- Pray for Teri Schell
- Praise for Terry Peterson's son, Josh, who was promoted to Chief of Police

Sponsorship

Sponsorship training is held a few times per year about twenty minutes prior to a monthly Gathering. The next Sponsorship training session will be held before a future Gathering as the need arises. Please submit Pilgrim applications as soon as you can. Pilgrim applications should be mailed to:

Mary Brown (Registrar)
320 Blanding St.
Batesburg, SC 29006
803-447-0179 (cell) maryb1025@gmail.com

Just a reminder, if you have any information from your church (example: yard sales, concerts, special events, etc) for upcoming newsletters please notify me at my contact info below. Also, if you know of a community member that is not receiving the newsletter, either electronically (check your spam folder) or via hard copy, let me know.

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