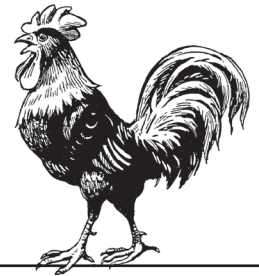


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Central Mississippi Emmaus-Chrysalis-Kairos Newsletter

Spring 2007

Central Mississippi Emmaus Board of Directors

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 Pat Jones 366-8034
 Kathy Luckey 924-6982
 Conrad Mord..... 876-2226

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 Sonny Steel..... 957-5526
 K. W. Douglas 833-2275
 Boopie Winstead..... 859-0794
 Susie Sojourner 892-4021

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 Kay Black..... 662-873-6587
 Cathy Brown..... 662-873-4635
 Charles Jackson..... 982-5831
 Jerry Stevens..... 662-873-6238

Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus

Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, Miss.

Walk 82, *Ricky Long* April 19 - 22
 Walk 83, *Barbie Fleming* April 26 - 29

Reunion groups help sustain the “magic” of Emmaus

One of the pilgrims on South Mississippi Walk to Emmaus #4 commented about how the worship settings, conference room settings, etc. got done. “It was almost like magic”, she said. “You never saw anyone doing it but it always got done!” That is the best compliment that the committees can receive and that is the way it is supposed to be.

All too often we stand back and let things get done “by magic”. One of the most critical issues facing our community is the functioning of local reunion groups. Yes, we have other challenges, not enough pilgrims, too many scholarships, progressive servanthood that constantly renews leadership and others that we can think of. But most of these issues would resolve themselves with a network of faithful, vibrant local reunion groups. We all remember the story of how one burning coal will soon burn out when separated from the other burning coals. This is not just a story, it is the truth. Very few of us can sustain the Spirit by ourselves. We need each other, period. Local reunion groups, when actively seeking the will of the Father, will provide pilgrims, will provide local scholarships for the needy, will give the newer members of the community leadership opportunities, will provide agape and will meet many of the needs of the larger community, often before that need arises.

In the next few months, the Board of Directors will be meeting to strengthen local reunion groups and in some cases, to resurrect local reunion groups. We have some geographical areas that have not organized their local group. Prayerfully consider what your needs are and how the Board can assist. Together we can do so much more than we can individually!

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Conrad Mord
 Central Mississippi Emmaus Board Chair



Reminder: Fourth Day Gathering

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 7 p.m.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6000 Old Canton Road, Jackson

*Bring a snack to share with our newest members
 of the Community. Board meeting at 4:00.*

Visit our website at www.centralmsemmaus.org

Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus #82

April 19 - 22

Pilgrims

Name	Sponsor
Carl Arnold, Hazlehurst.....	Carol Neal, Jennis Arnold
Darrin Beasley, Crystal Springs.....	Wayne Sojourner
Scott Braley, Wesson.....	Michael Rand
Buddy Brown, Natchez.....	Kim McDaniel
Mark Bullock, Madison.....	Janet Bullock
Tommy Cook, Wesson.....	Michael Rand
Tim Dear, Florence.....	Austin Dear
Shannon Edwards, Sturgis.....	Russell Mord
James Etheridge, Meadville.....	Grady Fleming, Pam Johnston
Irby Ford, Flora.....	James & Kristi Tacker
Richard Grant, Boyle.....	Ronald Swafford
Andrew Harsbarger, Pearl.....	Mike Barrett
Darence Johnson, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
J.T. Ketchum, Yazoo City.....	Linda Ketchum
Terry Lentz, Brandon.....	Gail Hutto
Tony Malik, Vicksburg.....	Jennifer Fortner
Ryan Merchant, Morton.....	Walter Hudson
Jim Moore, Terry.....	Robby Britt
Jackie Mullins, Wesson.....	Joey Gremillion
Kevin Murriel, Brandon.....	Sylvester Mims
Jimmy Polk, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
Ken Roberson, Flora.....	Benjamin Wakefield
Ravi Sibal, Jacksonville, Al.....	Amanda Webster
Butler Smith, Inverness.....	Joe Pruden
Kevin Verdecchia, Hazlehurst.....	Wayne & Susie Sojourner
Jimmy Wilson, Roxie.....	Beth Wilson

Community Schedule

Sponsors' Hour: 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 19.
 Candlelight Service: Service for the Community
 begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 21.
 Closing: 4 p.m., Sunday, April 22.

Team

Lay Director Ricky Long
 Spiritual Director Rusty White
 Asst. Spiritual Directors Kevin Griffin
 Lee Kirk, Johnny Crosby, Robbie Britt
 Assistant Lay Directors..... Grady Huff
 Mike Posey, Jullian Crawford
 Music K. W. Douglas, Dan Gibson
 Board Representative Sonny Steel

Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders

Malcolm Taylor..... Arden Weeks
 Mike Barrett..... Steve Oglesby
 Jim Nix..... David Hester
 Pat Larkin..... Buddy Godbold
 Ryan Grayson..... Hamp Dye
 Bo Gabbert..... John Rose

Committees

Committee Coordinator..... Arie Long
 Agape..... Sharon Huff
 Chris Oglesby, Connie Chaplin, Emalee Bell
 Food..... Brandi Fleming
 Wayne Leach, Becky Nix, Sylvia McDuffie
 Worship..... Charm Powell
 Lanell Grayson, Eddy Kay McCall, John Robert Kimbrough
 Prayer Room..... Kim McDaniel
 Ethel Dillon, James Russell Dumas, LaCresa Bell
 Conference Room..... Corey Hicks, Caleb Lehmann
 Literature & Supplies..... Beth Larkin
 Registration & Booklet..... Dena Posey, Linda Doughty
 Floater..... Robert McDuffie
 Prayer Chain..... Mary Baker & Mary Brownlee
 Saturday Night Party..... Meadville Reunion Group

Talks

Priority..... Grady Huff
 Prevenient Grace..... Robby Britt
 Priesthood of all Believers..... Ryan Grayson
 Justifying Grace..... Kevin Griffin
 Life in Piety..... Malcolm Taylor
 Growth Through Study..... Mike Barrett
 Means of Grace..... Rusty White
 Christian Action..... John Rose
 Obstacles to Grace..... Johnny Crosby
 Discipleship..... Pat Larkin
 Changing Our World..... Bo Gabbert
 Sanctifying Grace..... Lee Kirk
 Body of Christ..... Jim Nix
 Perseverance..... Ricky Long
 Fourth Day..... Mike Posey

Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus #83

April 26 - 29

Pilgrims

Name	Sponsor
Everlena Branch, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
Rena' Brent, Byram	Kay Brent
Lisa Counts, Vicksburg.....	Jennifer Fortner
Lyn Day, Hazlehurst.....	Kathy Vanlandingham
Beverly Dear, Florence.....	Austin Dear
Jennifer Edwards, Sturgis.....	Summer Mord
Pat Etheridge, Meadville	Grady Fleming, Pam Johnston
Roxie Ewing, Yazoo City.....	Jo Miller
Stephanie Ford, Flora.....	Buster & Teresa Speaks
Carolyn Gammons, Hazlehurst	Dwayne Gammons
Cindi Goldberg, Doddridge, AR.....	Teresa Strong
Sherri Grant, Boyle.....	Ronald Swafford
Lori Hoskins, Cleveland	Melanie Hudson
Courtney Johnson, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
Michelle Jones, Flora	Gina Bozeman
Nicki Leach, Pearl.....	Gail Hutto
June Long, Richland.....	Gail Hutto
Helen McGill, Poplarville	Gennia Varnado
Cynde Mott, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
Joann Parker, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
Kristi Perkins, Anguilla	Josh Perkins
Donna Polk, Vicksburg.....	Dinna Simmons
Sharon Porter, Yazoo City.....	Jeffrey Porter
Linda Ravia, Jackson	Brenda Tillman
Patricia Riddle, McComb	Earnestine Varnado
Glendora Singleton, Florence.....	Jannie Johnson
Daphne Steed, Brandon	Gail Hutto
Callie Stokes, Hazlehurst	Sandi Rand
Tracy Strickland, Ridgeland.....	Jo Finch
Barbara Thomas, Pickens.....	Jo Miller
Della Turner, Braxton	Jannie Johnson

Community Schedule

Sponsors' Hour: 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 26.
 Candlelight Service: Service for the Community
 begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28.
 Closing: 4 p.m., Sunday, April 29.

Team

Lay Director Barbie Fleming
 Spiritual Director Mike Childs
 Asst. Spiritual Directors David Cox
 Mike Dowd, David McGowan, Roger Puhr
 Assistant Lay Directors Sharyn Davis
 Susie Kimbrough, Stephenie Sullivan
 Music Kaye Scott, Kristi Sherwin
 Board Representative Susie Sojourner

Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders

Tamie Henry..... Lavelle Douglas
 Barbara Herring Jennifer Fortner
 Cindy Jones..... Debra Blackwell
 Julia Simmons..... Avis Mullins
 Joddie Spring Carmen Pruden
 Michelle Stevens..... Sarah Sullivan

Committees

Committee Coordinator Stephanie McCormick
 Agape Dot Oglesby
 Lindsay Jones, Elliot Stebbins
 Food Steve Sullivan
 Jennifer Granger, Stephanie Melton, Robin Vaughan
 Worship..... Sue Sullivan
 Melanie Hudson Robyn Jones
 Prayer Room Ronnie James
 Tim Vaughan, Libby Shelton, Marilyn Weeks
 Conference Room..... Van Jones, Ray Burr
 Literature & Supplies Shelly Jackson
 Registration & Booklet..... Grady Fleming
 Prayer Chain..... Mary Baker & Mary Brownlee
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 Discipleship Michelle Stevens
 Changing Our World Julia Simmons
 Sanctifying Grace..... David McGowan
 Body of Christ Tamie Henry
 Perseverance..... Barbie Fleming
 Fourth Day..... Stephenie Sullivan

Board Minutes

Synopsis of Minutes of Board Meeting – March 1, 2007. Sonny Steele presided over the meeting in the absence of Board Chair and called the meeting to order with prayer.

The motion to accept the minutes from the prior meeting was made by Julian Crawford, seconded by Jerry Stevens and carried.

Sonny Steele presented the board representative report prepared by Sylvester Mims for Walk #80. Cathy Brown presented the board representative report from Walk #81. Both reports indicated the walks were spirit-filled and followed closely the model.

Old business:

- Board members present for the women's walk indicated the outside benches were worked the Thursday of the walk. John Rose confirmed later in the meeting that this task is not finished.

- K. W. Douglas reported that John Poe is working on printing a geographical list of community members. K. W. and Lisa Poe will be coordinating formation of reunion groups once those lists are printed.

- Sonny Steele discussed a handout concerning the duties of the board representative on walks.

- Assignments of board representatives for upcoming walks were discussed.

The matter of serious counseling issues was discussed. The comment was made that Emmaus is not prepared to offer what some pilgrims need. The issue of liability was mentioned.

- The length of talks was discussed. Jerry Stevens stated that the LD should be the one to “nip the problem in the bud” and should use the team meetings to do this. Sonny Steele commented that this issue should be addressed in a more forceful manner during LD training.

- The suggestion was made that music training be held on a separate day from LD/ Committee Coordinator training. The comment was made that the songs selected for the community to sing at Candlelight should come out of the Emmaus songbook, or lyrics should be provided so that everyone can participate in worship.

New business:

- John Garrott and Bo Bowen were present to ask the Central Mississippi Emmaus Community to sponsor a new community to be formed in the Ukraine. They pointed out that they were not asking for financial support. The Upper Room requires a new community to have a sponsoring community. They were asking for that, prayer, and actual participation once the walks are ready to begin. The mechanics of getting everything ready will take approximately two years. The bottom line of what these men were asking was an agreement from the Central Community for sponsorship and an email from Conrad Mord stating the action taken by the board. Jerry Stevens made the motion and Kay Black seconded the motion that the Central Mississippi Emmaus Community sponsor the new Emmaus community in the Ukraine. The motion passed with no opposition.

- The next matter discussed was the election of a Community Spiritual Director. Cathy Brown nominated David Cox, Julian Crawford seconded the

nomination, and the motion passed.

- Sonny Steele discussed the Letter of Agreement the board members needed to sign for the Upper Room. The changes from the previous year's letter were pointed out, and the letter was circulated for members to sign.

- The procedure for conducting Candlelight was discussed. Problems with the way it is being done were: Pilgrims being allowed to have contact with family/friends, keeping the candles lit in high wind, the difficult situation for singing (no singing!), and having the community wait. Discussion took place about what is good/right about the way Candlelight is done in Central. Jerry Stevens made the comment that the pilgrims do not know the difference. Sonny Steele suggested that this matter be tabled until Conrad Mord is present.

- Susie Sojourner brought up a matter that she had mentioned at an earlier meeting. She commented that the community no longer has a waiting list of people wishing to attend a walk, and that many walks have less than thirty-six pilgrims. Jerry Stevens said that we need to get our communities busy sponsoring. It was pointed out that future walks are set through 2008. Board members were encouraged to pray about this matter and it was tabled until the return of the board chair.

John Rose presented the financial report. Boopie Winstead brought up her concern about the number of scholarships being granted. John mentioned that we have people in our communities that could pick up the cost of paying for a pilgrim. The confusion concerning clergy paying/not paying was brought up. The consensus was that the minister pays for the first walk worked in a calendar year and does not pay for any more walks worked that year. It was mentioned that funds from the proceeds for the weekend are sometimes used to purchase food/drink items when the food committee runs short. The comment was made that the team should be providing all such items.

Susie Sojourner commented that profits from the book table go to the scholarship fund. An additional comment was that the problem with so many scholarships extends to team members as well as pilgrims.

- Sonny Steele commented that he is on the Camp Wesley Pines board and suggested that if the board members have any concerns we would like addressed, to let him know prior to the next CWP board meeting. He mentioned the possibility of constructing a chapel at the camp. Jerry Stevens made his LD report on Walk # 80 and Boopie Winstead made her LD report on Walk #81.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by K. W. Douglas.

Donations needed

Donations may be sent to the following:

Central MS Emmaus Community
c/o John Rose, Treasurer
607 Hampton Cove
Clinton, MS 39056

Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus
316 Hillchase Dr
Madison, MS 39110-8841

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