

WORK AREA REPORTS

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Registration

May the Peace and Joy of Christ be with you in 2007. We look forward to working with you this year as you sponsor persons to take the Walk that has blessed us all so much.

Please use the new application forms which are available to be downloaded and printed from the Heart of Carolina Emmaus website (<http://rtpnet.org/~emmaus/>). They are also available at gatherings. Please note that the application includes three sheets: one for the prospective pilgrim to complete and two for the sponsor. Our name and address is on the sponsor's part of application form.

Sponsorship training is required for the sponsor prior to the processing of the application.

For more information call (919) 575-4158 or e-mail lpittardjr@nc.rr.com or ppittard@nc.rr.com.

Financial Aid

Those of us who experienced God's love in a powerful way on the Walk to Emmaus want everyone to have the opportunity to attend. Due to MANY requests for financial assistance, our Financial Aid Fund is almost completely depleted. If you are sponsoring a candidate, please ask for financial assistance ONLY if a financial need exists. Some sponsors pay the entire cost of their pilgrim and many pay at least the application fee. If you, as sponsor, are unable to do this, please check with your reunion group or with your church since many churches have funds available for this purpose.

Please consider donating to our Financial Aid Fund. Contributions can be made at our gatherings, Apostolic Hours, send-offs and closings, or by contacting our treasurer Faye Cress at (919) 552-0713.

We will also gladly accept donations mailed with applications. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope that the funds are for the Financial Aid Fund.

In His Service,
Roy and Paula Pittard

Snack Room and Kitchen

Remember the great food and snacks you enjoyed during your Walk? Well, it takes many of us to provide this during each Walk. We need each of you to do your part! What a great opportunity for reunion groups or individuals to serve behind the scenes. If you feel led to help serve a meal or work in the snack room, sign-up sheets are available at all gatherings, closings and follow-ups. You can also contact Fred and Debbie Gossert at (919) 844-4701 or e-mail them at debfredg@aol.com.

2007 Snack Assignments

Members of the Emmaus Community are asked to supply snacks for each Walk. We are asking the following churches to supply the following items as needed:

- Low Fat and Sugar Free Snacks: Hollands UMC, Westover UMC, Horne Memorial UMC
- Fruit, Vegetables, Cheese and Dips: Edenton Street UMC, Hayes Barton UMC, St. Francis UMC, Glendale Heights UMC, Mt. Sylvan UMC
- Salty Snacks, Salsa, Trail Mix and Crackers: Garner UMC, St. Luke UMC (Sanford), First UMC Cary
- Candy and Nuts: Fuquary-Varina UMC, Nashville UMC, White Memorial Presbyterian
- Fruit Drinks and Soft Drinks: Gateway Community, Fremont UMC, St. Andrews UMC, Benson UMC, Elevation UMC

- Baked Goods: Millbrook UMC, Apex UMC, Wake Forest UMC, White Plains UMC, All Other Churches

Sponsors

Please bring a snack and a drink. We are especially in need of more fruit, vegetables and homemade baked goods. Cash donations are welcomed if you don't have time to shop or bake. We can use the funds to purchase items as needed.

Luggage and Transportation

Let's face it ... our Pilgrims are arriving at Short Journey with baggage and issues! That's right ... bags packed full of clothes and stuff and travel issues ... and we can help! We need willing hands (and a few strong backs) and able drivers with vans on Walk weekends.

Helping with luggage and transportation is a fun and easy way for individuals and reunion groups to serve behind the scenes. We need bag handlers on Thursday evenings at sendoff and on Sunday afternoons before closing. We also need church vans with authorized drivers to assist with transportation too. Apostolic Hour on Saturday evenings. Please sign up at gatherings or contact Keith and Lynda Stewart at (919) 242-6287 or by e-mail at lyndapage@msn.com.

We are new to this job and will appreciate your involvement. Thanks to James and Renee Gamble, Burt and Beth Smith, Jon and Ann Sands and Kim and Freda Davis for serving on this committee. We look forward to serving in this capacity and are eager to handle the pilgrim's baggage and travel issues.

The author (Melody Bonnet) shared she was writing her "usual" list of resolutions. At a weekly get together with some friends over a cup of coffee, we each read our goals. I ticked mine off as if I were reading a grocery list. She said, "Lose five pounds, no more sweets. Get up an hour earlier every morning for prayer time. Write in my journal daily. Exercise every evening for 30 minutes. Turn in my school assignments early (an adult back in school). Wash my car every week. Go to bed by 10:00 p.m. Read one book a month." I snapped my notebook shut, proud of my goals.

Jesse, new to the group, had a different idea. "My goal is to get up 10 minutes earlier every morning for prayer." There was a bewildered silence. "Is that it?" I asked. She smiled. "I learned a long time ago that keeping one realistic commitment is far better than a litany of promises that are too overwhelming

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for me to ever accomplish."

Melody goes on to share, on Sunday, the pastor offered a suggestion for those writing New Year's resolutions. "He told the story of Elijah, who was looking for God in the big things — a powerful wind, an earthquake, a fire. But the Lord was not in the big things," he said. "After the fire came a gentle whisper. There Elijah found the Lord." Her pastor paused, looking across the pews. "The Lord was in the gentle whisper," he said softly. "Mother Teresa believed in doing small things with great love. Maybe our resolutions should reflect the same."

The writer said she left church knowing what I needed to do. I would rewrite my resolutions, not with an attitude of impractical zealousness, but with a sense of humility that tells me grandiose goals don't count if they don't get done."

As I continue on my Fourth Day, I am reminded of a talk given on each Walk. The first time I heard it was 13 years ago this January. Priorities. Where do we spend our time, where do we spend our money, and what do we think about? I would encourage all to think about those things, and what we are giving priority in our lives, and then write our list of New Year's resolutions, also. Don't worry about the length of it, but about what He would have us to accomplish.

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Mike Pierotti
H.O.C. Walk to Emmaus #7,
Table of Luke, F/V UMC

2007 Walks

- Walk #91, Feb. 1-4
- Walk #92, Feb. 15-18
- Walk #93, April 19-22
- Walk #94, July 26-29
- Walk #95, Aug. 9-12