



Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus

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GATHERING

Saturday, January 14, 2011

at

First United Methodist Church Bartow

5 - 7 PM

Bring a covered dish - Wear your nametag!

Dinner will in the Education Building

455 S Broadway

First United Methodist Church is located
at 310 S Broadway Ave.
Bartow, FL 33830

A Board Meeting will be held preceding the Gathering at 3:30 pm.

Walk #25 Leadership

Men's Walk - April 19 - 22

Rich Thompson	Lay Director
Rodney Allen	Inside Assistant Lay Director
Mike Oakley	Outside Assistant Lay Director
Jeff Dodson	All-Around Assistant Lay Director

Women's Walk - April 26 - 29

Kathy Bryant	Lay Director
Courtney Schulz	Inside Assistant Lay Director
Shirley Huff	Outside Assistant Lay Director
Karolyn Nunnallee	All-Around Assistant Lay Director

Upcoming Walks

2012

Walk #25

April 19-22

Men's Walk

April 26-29

Women's Walk

Walk #26

Oct. 25-28

Men's Walk

Nov. 1-4

Women's Walk



Team Selection & Meetings

Team Selection

Team Selection will be held Saturday, January 7, 2012. Get those team applications in now.

Applications are available under the Forms area on the Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus site.

Team Meetings

Team meetings start Thursday, February 23 at First Presbyterian Church Bartow.

Pray about being a part of the next walk and the upcoming Team meetings.

Ramblings from our Community Lay Director...



It is with a touch of sadness that I write what will be my last column for the HOF Newsletter. It has been such a pleasure to serve as the Community Lay Director for HOF for the past two years, and as my term on the Board as well as this office, I am so very grateful to have served. Your prayers and support, I have treasured, this community is so amazing. God certainly has built a great family of Christian leaders through our Emmaus movement. Each of you plays such an important role in building God's kingdom and it has been such a pleasure to see you grow in Christ during your Fourth Days.

I would like to thank the members of the Board who without hesitation took on each and every task that I asked of them. They all worked so very hard to make our community the best it can be and I am so very appreciative. The HOF Board has taken the Emmaus Covenant to heart and done everything possible to see that our weekends follow the rules that are required by the Upper Room Ministries. Thanks to each of you for the part you have played in making each of our walks successful.

The Board has formed a great slate of officers to fill the positions that

will be vacated in 2012. Those that are nominated are: Patty Berry, Dick Hewitt, Jenny McClaine, Pastor Vince Price, and Ginger Selander. If elected I am certain that they will be a great addition to the Board. Please come to the Gathering in January and show your support for these nominees.

Sadly those whose terms have ended are Toni Griffith who has done an amazing job as Communications Coordinator, Kent King who was Sponsorship Coordinator and really stepped up to serve as Spiritual Director on the past few walks, Pastor Roy Lowe who has contributed so very much as a Spiritual Director on the Board as well as on the weekends and has made some very positive suggestions to make the weekends more effective, Kim Travolina who has served as Community Letter Agape Chair sending out the letter that represents the HOF Community to hundreds of walks throughout the world and has collected letter agape from communities throughout the world so the Pilgrims on the weekend can visually see that they are being lifted in prayer during their walks by prayer warriors everywhere! I would like to give a special

thank you to those whose terms will be ending this year.

Each of you in the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community plays a vital role in the success of this movement. I hope you will recommit and reconnect to this community in the coming year. Emmaus is a laity driven movement and simply would not be possible without each of you. Please show your support through prayer, working the Spring and Fall teams, making agape for the weekends, attending the Gatherings and Walk activities, or supporting us through "green" agape. Try to do just a little more this year so that others will benefit from a walk, just as you did.

A special thank you to Jim Hatch, our Community Spiritual Director, whose prayers and support has helped to make my job so very easy. We both share a love for this community and Jim has helped so very much in being my Spiritual Guide for the past three years. His passion for Heart of Florida knows no bounds.

God bless you all and thank you.

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Karolyn Nunnallee

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Jim Nunnallee has volunteered to serve as Registrar for Heart of Florida. Currently he is in the process of updating our data base and will be responsible for communicating with Sponsors and Pilgrims for the walks. If you change your telephone, address, or email, please let him know. You can email him at Nunnallee@embarqmail.com.

We would like give a big "Thank You" to Sharon Harris for all of your help with registration and the mailing of our HOF Newsletter.





New Board Policy

The HOF Board of Directors has passed a policy prohibiting materials from organizations outside Emmaus to be placed in letter bags on the walks. Only letters to the pilgrims or team members, the picture book, materials from the Upper Room, or items the Board has approved may be handed out on the weekends.

Snack Agape Update



For Walk 24 a different method was used to provide the Snack Agape for the weekends. All items that each area has provided in the past (with the exception of fresh baked cookies and brownies)

were purchased rather than donated. This new method worked out very well for the Snack Angels. The Board feels that we will be better stewards handling snacks and paper goods in this manner. We will be calling on each area to donate \$100.00 toward the purchase of these

items to be used for both the Men's and Women's Walks and also to provide fresh baked cookies and brownies. Bob Sarvis who is the Snack Agape Chairman on the Board will be contacting each area concerning snacks.



The Upper Room has revised the Worship Booklet for Pilgrims (aka "The Purple Book"). If you would like a copy of the revised version, they are available at a cost of \$1.50. Please contact Karolyn Nunnallee at nunnallee1@embargmail.com or call 863/285-8478 if you would like a copy.

PRAY

Please pray for the Lay Directors, team selections, prospective pilgrims, caterpillars, Spiritual Directors and all who will be working to make the Emmaus & Chrysalis weekends successful.



We pray that each of you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Make sure you take time to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and think about how you as a Christian leader can and will be the hands and feet of Christ to all those you meet in the new year. God Bless!

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Check out the Heart of Florida Emmaus Website
www.hof-emmaus.org

Here are a few things that are on the website:

Directions to Masterpiece Gardens and churches where gatherings are held

Forms – Reservation for Pilgrims, Sponsor's form, Team Application

There is also a Heart of Florida email group – sign up for this group and receive e-mail communications about upcoming events. To participate in this message group, send a request to the group moderator at HeartofFloridaEmmaus-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

The newsletters are also posted there. If you would like to receive it via the website instead of snail mail – please email Sharon Harris at info@fpcbartowfl.org.

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