



# Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus

The Newsletter of the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community

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## GATHERING

**Saturday, July 9, 2011**

at

**Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel**

33425 State Rd 54 W, Wesley Chapel

**5 - 7 PM**

**Bring a covered dish; Wear your nametag!**

Trinity Church is located on SR 54 W;  
6 miles east of I -75, Exit 279

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

### Walk #24 Leadership

#### Men's Walk - October 27 - 30

Anthony DuPree	Lay Director
Mac McClaine	Inside Assistant Lay Director
Jerel Eller	Outside Assistant Lay Director
Bob Stephens	All-Around Assistant Lay Director

#### Women's Walk - November 3 - 6

Susan Garrett	Lay Director
Lee Autrey	Inside Assistant Lay Director
Courtney Schulz	Outside Assistant Lay Director
Jeanne Icenhour	All-Around Assistant Lay Director

## Upcoming Walks

### 2011

#### Walk #24

Oct. 27-30

Men's Walk

Nov. 3-6

Women's Walk

### 2012

#### Walk #25

April 19-22

Men's Walk

April 26-29

Women's Walk



## Team Selection

### July 2011

Did you work Walk #23 and can't wait to work the next one? Has it been a while since you've worked a walk? Never worked a walk but would like to? Now is the time to fill out a team application.

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

Each team must be made up of new team members, those that have worked a walk or two and those that are seasoned team members.

Team selection is will be happening in July so get your application in now. Information for where to send apps is located at the bottom of the application.

Please pray about being a part of the next walk.

## Ramblings from our Community Lay Director...

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In March at both the Men's and Women's Closings, I referred to the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community as not just a group, but a family. Well the members of this community are like a family to me only I think you hold me more accountable than my family does! You help me to reinforce my commitment to living in union with Jesus Christ in all aspects of my daily life. The love that is shared throughout this community is amazing. To experience unconditional Christian love does exist in our churches, but it truly exists in Emmaus. Whether we serve on a team, or just show up for the weekend Community Activities, we leave renewed and want to work even harder within in our churches to bring disciples to Christ.

We had an incredible group of Men and Women go through Walk 23. Through God's guidance, Jeff Dodson and Faye Sarvis did a wonderful job as Lay Directors for the Spring Walks. Being a lay director is not an easy job, but they both were the leaders God chose them to be.

No sooner is one walk over than preparations for the next ones begin! Anthony DuPree and Susan Garrett have been chosen as the Lay Directors for Walk Number 24. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for the trainings as well as the weekends. Also pray about being a part of the weekends. Why not apply to serve on the team? Don't feel like God is leading you in that direction? Well, there are so many opportunities to serve. It takes a great deal of effort to make these weekends a reality. Why not be in charge of some of the snacks for the weekend. Call Bob Sarvis and he will be more than happy to give you a list of items we need so the Pilgrims will never go hungry! Begin to make Agape to hand out. It may not seem like much to you now, but remember how excited you were when you received that little bit of agape love? Don't miss out on an opportunity to bless someone on the weekend.

Now is the time to consider sponsoring someone for the weekend. Remember these weekends DO NOT HAPPEN

if there is no one to attend the walk! Who in your church needs to experience a weekend? Who needs that 72 Hour period to listen to God and focus on what He wants them to do for Him? SPONSORSHIP it is an obligation, but what a reward you will receive when your Christian Brother or Sister returns with a new focus on Jesus!

If you don't want to sponsor someone, be chair of snacks or make agape, why not make a donation to HOF Emmaus to help out in one of those areas? Be in Prayer for ways that you can help so that these weekends bringing laity and clergy together to focus on our Christian faith and sharing God's love continue.

Thanks to each of you for being a part of my Emmaus family! Come to the next Family Reunion better known as a Gathering and let's share God's love together!

DeColores,

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## Spotlight on Board of Directors Member

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### Greetings Community!

My name is Toni Griffith. I attended HOF Emmaus #16 where I sat at the table of Mary.

My walk at Masterpiece Gardens may have been 4 years ago but the journey down the road to Emmaus continues in my heart. I have so enjoyed being a part of the Board of Directors for this community as well. It has been with great pleasure I have sat with fellow brothers and sisters and we have talked about the opportunity that God puts before us twice a year. I have gotten to know some awesome

followers of Christ, sinners just like me and I will love them forever.

Emmaus is something I discuss with many people in my everyday walk. How could I not? It was for me a pivotal time, a true spiritual marker where I knew without a doubt that God loved me and wanted me to live everyday with Him. And when I drink from the living waters he provides, I do just that.

I draw to a close my time on the board but I will never draw to a close my love for this community and for God's presence in this ministry. I will always

support Emmaus with prayers of thanksgiving and my time.

Having said all that, Lift high the Glory of God and Praise him without ceasing!

DeColores People of the King.

*The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:11*

## Why I Work a Walk...



Thinking about working another Emmaus team gets me **excited**. Besides the luxurious accommodations in a dorm with many snoring women, the exhilarating tiredness on Monday morning and an over abundance of good food, I would propose there are five reasons to work a team.

**FAITH** – The purpose of the weekend is to deepen the faith of an individual and through that individual, deepen the faith of the home congregations and eventually the world. During the journey of preparing for a walk, our faith is strengthened each week as we listen and open our hearts to God's grace. We are asked to make a commitment: spend 30 hours preparing for a walk to be a **living example** of the servant leadership that we are asking the pilgrims to embark on once they are back in their home churches. Yes, that takes faith; faith in God's love and

grace to each one, faith in the process, and faith in yourself that you can make and keep that commitment.

**FELLOWSHIP** – In preparing for a walk, there is time to bond with the other members of the team as we worship, talk and work. The opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones is a benefit of being on the team. It is a **JOY** to go to team meetings, knowing that you will be meeting with PLU's. (People like us). It is a time of worship and fellowship and...

**FOOD**. – Aw, yes, even at team meetings there is an abundance of food so that the fellowship with other team members is not just **BUSINESS**, but also a time of sharing. It seems it is always easier to share over a cup of coffee and a goodie.

**FUN** – On the weekend, through all of the seriousness, there is time for **FUN**.

The laughter at the poster parties while tackling serious topics is an example. The rooster song, the strut down the hall to the cafeteria, the bright rainbow vests and the tie dye shirts bring out the smiles.

**REFRESHMENT** – Then, being at Masterpiece Gardens is also refreshment for the soul in itself. Quiet, solitude and putting aside the worries of the world for 72 hours is a great reason to serve. Serving on a team has meant renewal of faith, recommitment to Christ for the tasks that He has for me, focusing on those tasks, and reconnecting with friends.

DeColores,  
In HIS Grip  
Dottie Walters  
Grandma Dottie



### Prayer Warriors Needed

On your weekend, do you remember reading all of the Agape letters from different communities? There are many Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends happening throughout the year all over of the world. Why not sign up to pray for Pilgrims and Caterpillars on their weekends. Go to the Heart of Florida website and click on Prayer to access all of the Active Prayer Vigil sign-up sheets.

### Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis Information



Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis Girls' Flight #21 is September 17-19, with the Boys' Flight the following weekend, September 24-26. I am so very pleased to let you know that the Lay Directors for both flights are active members of our Heart of Florida community. Heather Beato is the Lay Director for the girls' flight; Nate Guteris is

the Lay Director for the boys' flight. If you are interested in working either flight, please get in touch with one of the two of them. If you are unable to commit to all three days, we can always use help in the kitchen intermittently and you are welcome to come out and help in the Rockin' Big House by making agape. We always need agape, both food and gift. The kids LOVE homemade food agape.

If you are interested in sponsoring a caterpillar, you will need to download an application and a sponsor form, found under the Forms link at [www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org](http://www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org). Please remember that caterpillars must be at least 15 AND in the 10th grade.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Courtney Schulz at 863-559-0749 or [butterflies4cb@verizon.net](mailto:butterflies4cb@verizon.net).

### **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.

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Check out the Heart of Florida Emmaus Website  
[www.hof-emmaus.org](http://www.hof-emmaus.org)

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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@fpcbartowfl.org).

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