



# Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus

The Newsletter of the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community

A Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Bartow



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## GATHERING

**Saturday, September 10, 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.



### What is Kairos?

Kairos is basically patterned like the Emmaus Walk, conducted in correctional institutes throughout the country. This is a valuable ministry that is held within prison walls that helps inmates focus and build their relationship with Jesus Christ. The HOF Community supports this ministry through our gifts and prayers; however this ministry needs volunteers who will serve on the weekends. The next Kairos weekend will be October 13 – 16 and 22 at Avon Park Correctional Center.

If you feel led to be a part of this ministry or seek more information, please call our contact - Curtis Guild at 863/692-2699.

### Sponsor a Pilgrim

Do you remember how much the Walk to Emmaus meant to you? Where would you be if your sponsor had not encouraged you to take that 72 hour journey with the Lord? Now is the time to pray about who God would like you to sponsor on the next walk. There are responsibilities in being a sponsor and the more diligent you are about your role the more effective the experience will be for the pilgrim. Go to the Heart of Florida website under "Forms" to read the sponsorship guidelines and download all other forms needed for the weekend. So pray, speak to your prospective pilgrim and then get those forms in now. The teams do a lot to prepare for these weekends but if we don't have individuals sponsoring pilgrims they can't happen.

## 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 Training

Training begins September 1

Worship for the Team Trainings begins at 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian in Bartow & the Community is invited to come and worship with the teams.

### Training Dates:

Thursday, September 1  
Thursday, September 8  
Thursday, September 15  
Saturday, September 24  
Thursday, September 29  
Thursday, October 6  
Thursday, October 13

Thursday, October 20  
Team Dedication & Gathering  
First Presbyterian Church Bartow  
6:30 pm Dinner  
Open to the Community  
Bring a covered dish to share!

Pray for these team meetings and for all of those involved.

## Ramblings from our Community Lay Director...

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In procrastinating in the writing for this edition of the newsletter I used the oft abused excuse **"I Just Don't Have the Time"**! Finally with the deadline hanging like a dark cloud over my head, I sat down to take the time to write a few words. In thinking about the article, I realized that this article wasn't just about my involvement, it also involves the time of the editor, Gerry Hubbs who waits patiently for not only my input but others as well. It is not just about ME! The same is true of Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus. It must involve all of us within the Heart of Florida Community. We all must take the time to do something no matter how small that duty may be. We must take time to consider what can each of us needs to do to help sustain OUR Community.

"I just don't have the time." Time management is a dreaded and often ignored spiritual discipline. We choose where to invest our time (Remember this from the Priorities Talk?) We carefully plan everything from work related meetings and lunch appointments to play dates and trips to the grocery store - but fail to schedule the most important activity of all, spending time with God. When we are spending time with God are we focused on Him? Are we taking time during our time with God to ask, "What can I do to assist in His ministry

known as Walk to Emmaus?" Are we taking time to listen to what he calls us to do? It takes discipline to carve out time to sit at His feet; however that time spent with Him as each of us can attest will be the most valuable time of our day and part of that time should be listening to what He has planned for us.

I read recently that sin thrives in an out-of-control life, a life without godly discipline. Temptation happily dances across overcrowded schedules, flawed priorities dictate wrong living. Our minutes, hours and days are precious commodities, gifts from God that can be unwrapped only once. God resources and empowers His plan alone, so we need to work His plan and not our self-imposed one. Sometimes we need a priorities adjustment and refocus on the eternal perspective kindled by godly discipline. We need to understand that our time is not really ours, but a treasure on loan to us from God.

I know what it is like to rush headlong through pointless days, trying to prove my worth. For many years, I was busy doing good things ... some might even say great things ... but they were not the highest things for my life. When I take the time to focus on what God wants from me, focusing on His word, spending time in prayer, taking time to listen, He leads me, confirming what He has called me to do no matter how

small the task may seem. Godly priorities embrace God's plan. I am convinced that much of our frustration in life comes from doing things we were never intended to do. We create the plan as we go instead of resting in God's plan. Discipline guides each step and establishes a basis for obedience and success in our walk with God.

We all need to prepare, prioritize, eliminate, simplify, and yield remembering: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33, NIV). Once that priority is firmly established, the rest of life will fall into place.

Be in prayer for the weekends: The Lay Directors - Anthony DuPree and Susan Garrett, the sponsorship of pilgrims, those who will be on the teams, and the weekend itself.

Discipline does not come naturally or easily. We will surely fail but we can always begin again. Join me [today](#) in a new commitment to cultivate, apply and relish the godly discipline of time.

And now I will take the time to thank God for His assistance in the writing of this article.....He takes time for me and I must take time for Him spreading His message in all that I do!

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## Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis Information

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Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis has two Flights coming

up soon! The Girls' Flight is September 17-19, with the Boys' Flight September 24-26. If you know a young person who would make a great caterpillar, go to [www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org](http://www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org) and click on the Forms link to download an application and sponsor form. The

sooner you get the form in, the better for us - we have longer to be praying by name for your caterpillar.

Please plan to come out to Rotary's Camp Florida in Brandon for candlelight on SUNDAY September 18 and September 25 at 8 pm.

If you are interested in helping in any way with the week ends (in the Rockin' Big House or with a meal in the kitchen), please contact Heather Beato

and/or Nate Guteris, the Lay Directors for the weekends (both of whom are from our Heart of Florida community).

We LOVE agape, especially the homemade food variety. We ask for 45 pieces for the talk room and 60 for the dining room. If you need help getting your agape to camp, please contact Courtney Schulz at 863/559-0749 or email at [butterflies4cb@verizon.net](mailto:butterflies4cb@verizon.net). God loves you and so do I! Fly with Christ!



**Men's Teams**

Anthony DuPree Lay Director	Mac McClaine Asst. Lay Dir. Inside	Jerel Eller Asst. Lay Dir. Outside	Dennis Autrey All Around Asst Lay Dir.
Jeff Allen	Tom Friedt	Joe Macias	Jim Nunnallee
Rodney Allen	Jason Hamer	JJ McCLish	Joe Pratt
John Berry	Lynn Hancock	Billy Melvin	Bob Schulz
Jim Bright	Tom Harless	Don Miller	Bob Sarvis
Norm Carrico	Doug Hartsaw	Ronnie Mincey	Don Smith
Alex Chatfield	David Holden	Barney Moore	Rich Stinson
BJ Coryer	Tim Keller	Jeff Moss	Keith Warren
Shawn Fitzgerald	Bruce Lee	Joe Nobles	Hank Henry, Board Rep

**Women's Teams**

Susan Garrett Lay Director	Lee Autrey Asst. Lay Dir. Inside	Courtney Schulz Asst. Lay Dir. Outside	Jeanne Icenhour All Around Asst Lay Dir.
Linda Balliett	Dot Henry	Flora McClain	Angie Reese
Jennifer Barnes	Sheila Hewitt	Jenny McClaine	Ginger Selander
Patti Berry	Melody Horne	Jacque Miller	Cherry Smith
Molly Dupree	Dave Huff	Sandy Mincey	Dorothy Smith
Neva Dupree	Shirley Huff	Kathy Moss	Glenda Sparrow
Jillian Ehrhart	Debbie Jones	Carrie Inman Nash	Candi Straughn
Amy Fitzgerald	Charissa Kesler	Karolyn Nunnallee	Dottie Walters
Kristie Hamer	Kent King	Sheila Oakley	Toni Watts
Renee Harrell	Ruthann Kleinhans	Ginny Pelkey	Cindy Wheatley
Donna Hartsaw	Cynthia Lee	Dottie Pratt	Janet Wheatley
			Kathy White

**Snack Agape Revamp**



For those of you who not are familiar with the method in which those delicious snacks that are served during our Walk to Emmaus weekends: A list of items needed throughout the weekends was developed. Then the HOF community was divided into ten areas and each given part of the list. Each area has a volunteer whose duty is to

call members from their areas to provide those items on their areas list. The volunteer would then gather up the items and see that they were taken out to Masterpiece Gardens for both the men's and women's weekends. This process was overseen by the Board Member whose duty was "Snack Agape Chairman".

Over the past few walks, HOF has had a bit of difficulty with the snacks that are provided by the community for the weekends. Therefore we are

initiating a new method to provide snacks and supplies for the weekends. We have two members who have volunteered to "go shopping" and purchase all of the food, water, and paper goods that will be needed for the weekends. It is estimated that snacks and supplies cost approximately \$600.00 per weekend. Also, we are asking for donations to cover the cost of the items that will be purchased as well as members of the community to bake those delicious

brownies and cookies that are provided.

If you feel led to bake or make a donation toward the snacks for the weekends, please call Bob Sarvis, our Snack Agape Chairman at 863/533-6695 or email [sarvissouth3@yahoo.com](mailto:sarvissouth3@yahoo.com) to let him know how you plan to help with Snack Agape.



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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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