



Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus

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Team Dedication

Thursday, October 20, 2011

at

First Presbyterian Church

355 S. Florida Ave., Bartow

863-533-1904

6:30 PM - Dinner

Bring a covered dish

A brief Board Meeting will be held following Team Dedication.

Post-Walk GATHERING

Saturday, November 12, 2011

at

St. Johns United Methodist Church

1800 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven

863-324-6347

5 - 7 PM

Bring a covered dish

Directions from Hwy. 17: Turn east on Cypress Gardens Blvd., and follow Cypress Gardens Blvd. about 3 miles. Turn left onto DeSoto Road. Parking lot is on the right.

Directions from Hwy. 27: Turn west on Cypress Gardens Blvd. and follow Cypress Gardens Blvd. about 5 miles. St. Johns is on the right. Turn right onto DeSoto Road. Parking lot is on the right.

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

Come meet the new members of our Emmaus Community

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

Walk #26

Oct. 25-28

Men's Walk

Nov. 1-4

Women's Walk



Agape Needed

Everyone Loves Agape!

Agape is needed for the upcoming weekends – get your reunion groups together, make agape and have fun in the process. The Men's weekend will need eighty-five pieces and the Women's weekend will need ninety pieces.

If you prefer to make agape only for the pilgrims – we request 60 pieces (pilgrims plus table leaders for the conference room). Be sure to clearly mark your agape "For Pilgrims Only" and indicate the number of pieces.

Ramblings from our Community Lay Director...



For over a month, the teams for the Fall Walks have been in training. From all reports, training is going well. I hope each of you have been praying for both the members of the Men's and Women's teams as they prepare for the weekends. If you have not been in prayer over the weekends, please put the team as well as the pilgrims named and unnamed on the top of your list. We all know how powerful these weekends are, and why are they so? We should know the answer. It is because God is in charge and the weekends have been bathed in prayer for months. Have you taken the time to pray?

I realize that all of our lives are busy. Daily we are called upon to do a plethora of things. Many times we allow our lives to be filled with activities and distractions that cause us to lose our sense of peace and tranquility. We tend to forget that first talk we heard on our weekends. Remember the one entitled "Priorities"? Remember what our top priority should be? Yes, God! He alone is able to take our smallest and largest concerns and deal with them in his way. By trusting Him first and foremost, he

will indeed bring us peace and calm. Isn't it a blessing to know that God is in charge and we don't have to be? We simply need to seek Him daily through prayer.

In all things we must appeal to the Lord. The Bible tells us that "Through God All Things Are Possible". As believers, we must claim this. We must pray fervently that hearts not only be drawn to Christ but for all to be strengthened through Him. Make it a priority to pray for the upcoming weekends, the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community and also for the part you are to play in the Heart of Florida Community to help build God's Kingdom.

Recently a dear friend sent me an email and it served as a reminder as to who I am supposed to be as a Christian. I would like to share part of it with you.

Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

As we carry the name of Christ on our shoulders, remember who is carrying us! Never forget how blessed we are to be in the family of Christ. Are your thoughts, words, actions, and habits those of someone who calls themselves "Christian"? As members of the Heart of Florida Community, we must all be held accountable so when we are out in the world others will see the face of Jesus in each of us.

Make plans to come and support both the Men's and Women's walks by attending Send-off, Candlelight, or Closing, but most certainly through your prayers.

DeColores,
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Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis Information



What is Chrysalis? It's a three-day event much like your Walk to Emmaus, but it is geared toward teenagers. Your Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis Community welcomes teens who are 15 AND a sophomore in high school up to 21 and a sophomore in college (provided there are enough college-age students to make a table). There are a few differences between the Walk and Chrysalis, though. While there are still 15 talks, the talks are a little bit different. For example, we call the Grace talks "God talks:" God

Loves You, God Designed You, God's Gift to You, God Sustains You, and God Empowers You. The students also hear a talk on being a single Christian and a talk on being a married Christian. Also, instead of Dying Moments communion, we celebrate Mime Communion.

One way for you as a member of our adult community to get involved is to serve on a weekend. I know there are many of you out there who are a little reluctant to commit to a full three-day event with teenagers. Here's a bit of good news: You don't have to commit to

three days! Yes, we need adult team members to work in the talk room, in agape, in logistics, in the prayer chapel, and in the kitchen. We also need some fill-in help sometimes. Rotary's Camp Florida doesn't have a kitchen staff like Masterpiece Gardens, so we have to prepare all of our own food. We **always** need help in the kitchen. Besides, an afternoon of helping in the kitchen is a good way to get your feet wet with Chrysalis. We also have an outside support team – the Rockin' Big House – that stays on camp and makes agape, sets up the dining room, serves

meals, and prays in the chapel. RBH is at camp from Friday evening to Sunday after Candlelight and doesn't require that third day commitment.

Our spring Flights are scheduled for February 25-27 (girls) and March 3-5 (boys). If you are interested in serving, please let me know so I can put you in touch with our team selection committee or give you more information about serving outside the team.

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Community Events During Upcoming Walks



<u>Event</u>	<u>Men's Weekend</u>	<u>Women's Weekend</u>
Pilgrim Registration	Thursday, October 27th 6:15 - 6:45 pm	Thursday, November 3rd 6:15 - 6:45 pm
Sponsor's Hour	7:00 pm	7:00 pm
Candlelight	Saturday, October 29th 8:00 pm	Saturday, November 5th 8:00 pm
Closing	Sunday, October 30th 4:00 pm	Sunday, November 6th 4:00 pm

The Emmaus/ Chrysalis Mission Statement:

"Empowering leaders through Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ"

The Community is welcome at ALL Community events and in the Prayer Chapel but please respect the privacy of the pilgrims and do not go into the Johnson Building. Wives and relatives that have not attended the walk should not attend the Community events. Please remember that candlelight and closing are for the pilgrims and are not the best places for small children.

During Candlelight please remember the following:

- Do not hug the pilgrims or pull them out of line;
- Don't go inside the circle of tables in the gym.
- We must all vacate the parking lot immediately after candlelight is over.

We would also like to remind you that no photography of any kind is permitted during the weekends, including send-off and closing. The only exception is Friday morning photos.



PRAY

Please pray for all the pilgrims, the team, Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors and all who will be working to make the weekends successful.

Prayer Warriors Needed! Below are the days and times that Talks are being given. Mark your calendar to pray for at least one talk each weekend.

Priorities	Friday, 9:15AM	Obstacles to Grace	Saturday, 4:30PM
Prevenient Grace	Friday, 11:15AM	Discipleship	Saturday, 6:45PM
Priesthood of All Believers	Friday, 1:45PM	Changing Our World	Sunday, 8:50AM
Justifying Grace	Friday, 3:05PM	Sanctifying Grace	Sunday, 10:00AM
Life in Piety	Friday, 6:30PM	Body of Christ	Sunday, 11:00AM
Growth Through Study	Saturday, 8:45AM	Perseverance	Sunday, 1:10PM
Means of Grace	Saturday, 10:15AM	Fourth Day	Sunday, 2:00PM
Christian Action	Saturday, 3:00PM		

Spotlight on a Board Member

Hi! My name is Debbie Jones and I attended the Aldersgate Walk to Emmaus #105 where I sat at the table of Rachel. It is my honor to be serving this year on the HOF Board of Directors as Secretary.

Originally from Pennsylvania, I have lived in Orlando and worshiped at Peace United Methodist Church in Hunter's Creek for nearly 20 years. Our church has been blessed with an active and growing Emmaus community. After attending our

ends (almost 2 months apart due to the active hurricane season in the fall of 2004), my husband Ralph and I both experienced a deeper faith and commitment to Christ. Although we often discussed going back to work on teams, we never seemed to find the time to actively participate in the Aldersgate community.

Our busy lives came to a grinding halt on a Sunday morning in late August 2009 when Ralph suffered a fatal heart attack. I

drew strength and support not only from our four children and extended family, but from our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ at Peace Church. Our Emmaus experience had provided me with the foundation I needed to trust in God's love and grace through the grief.

I am excited and blessed to now be serving on my fourth Emmaus team with the Heart of Florida community and continue to lean on God and the

love and support of my reunion group and church family as my source of hope and strength. DeColores!

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13



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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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