



# Heart of Florida

## Walk to Emmaus

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### Open Gathering

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

at

**First United Methodist Church  
455 South Broadway Ave., Bartow  
863-533-0904**

**5 - 7 PM**

**Bring a covered dish**

Please wear your cross and nametag

### **First UMC, Bartow is located**

Four Blocks south of Business Route 60 (Main Street)  
The Gathering will be held at the First Methodist School, one half  
block south of the church on the west side of the street

**Childcare will be provided.**

This is an open gathering where you may bring your prospective  
pilgrims to fellowship and worship with the community.

## . . .from Our Community Lay Director

Hi Community,

Summer is almost gone---my, how time flies! In the past, I have written about Gatherings, Reunions, and tried to summarize a lengthy presentation that I gave at a Gathering on Sponsorship.

This Newsletter is about "Team Participation". This is a major commitment, both of time and of money. Often, when the weekend is over, the new members of our Community are "ready" to serve on a team, but just as often, many fall by the wayside. It is a major call on your time and energy. We have many of the community that have served time and time again because frequently we do not receive enough applications to fill all the areas needed for the weekend.

Please pray about working a team! Remember: you must submit an application for each new weekend date. Finally, the time has passed for applications for the Oct/Nov. Walks, but it is not too early to begin prayerfully thinking of the April walks---Time Does Fly!!!!

Decolores,

Joe Hart

Community Lay Director

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### **Pilgrim Reservations for Walk #17**

Now is the time to turn in the Reservation form for your pilgrims. Remember that a Sponsor's form **MUST** be turned in at the same time, and that the cost is \$130 for the weekend. Be sure to include any special food requirements for your pilgrim, and whether they have special medical needs. Please indicate on the form if your pilgrim requires an electrical outlet for medical equipment.

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### **Everyone Loves Agape!**

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

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## Reunion Groups

We always encourage the pilgrims on each walk to join a Reunion group after they complete their walk. In fact, we emphasize that it is their sponsor's responsibility to get them into a group. In a perfect world we know this would always happen, but since we do not live in a perfect world, this sometimes slips through the cracks.

One tool we have that can help the new people find a group is the Reunion Group page on the Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus website (<http://www.hof-emmaus.org/>). If you haven't visited this page, I suggest you do so soon. You can go to this page by clicking on Reunion Groups link at the top of the Home page.

What you will find there is that we only have 12 reunion groups (listed) in the entire area Heart of Florida covers. Now, I know there are many more than this, at least I hope there are. If you do not see your reunion group listed, please send me the information and we will add it. Here is what I need: The name of your group (if you have a name), where you meet, who your group is aimed at, when you meet (day), what time you meet, who the contact for the group is, the contact's phone number and/or an email address, and if the group is open to new members. Send this information to Bill Dwinell ([bdwinell@comcast.net](mailto:bdwinell@comcast.net)).

Remember, when someone sees the small list of groups we have I believe they get the impression that we are not really too serious about our reunion groups. With your help we can improve our image and let our visitors see that we really are serious about our reunion groups.

Bill Dwinell

## Heart of Florida Walk #17 Teams

### Men's Team

Jeff Allen	Jay Hannifan	Arne Oak	Keith Thompson
Jay Allen	Dave Pischel	Rodney Allen	Bob Stephens
Joe Nobles	Jim Nelson	Jim Allen	Monkey Sellers
BJ Coryer	Mike Wheeler	Ron Gosselin	Tom Selander
Ron Mincey	Mike Oakley	Eric Garnett	Jeff Dodson
Rick Batson	Wade Willey	Dennis Autry	Steve Cole
Frank Hicks	Roger Kenny	Walt Nelson	Greg Skinner
Kevin Respress	Norm Smith	Jerel Eller	Wayne Lance
Jordan Cavanaugh	Barrett Nelson	Bill Metcalf	Joe Hart

### Women's Team

Laura Oak	Molly DuPree	Michelle Brewington	
Kathy Bryant	Faye Sarvis	Merrilyn Seib	Peggy Obel
Susan Allen	Toni Griffith	Michelle Tattersall	Monya Garnett
Sandy Mincey	Christina Jeppsen	Lee Autry	Rebecca Cole
Kathy Willey	Dawn Eller	Patricia Kennedy	Gerri Hubbs
Susan Garrett	Candy Pischel	Heather Joyner	Ginger Selander
Jeanne Icenhour	Diane Sellers	Tari Lance	Karolyn Nunnallee
Shirley Huff	Sally Stahl	Courtney Canady	Janie Nelson
Diana Harrison	Dottie Walters	Barb Hart	Mary Beth Kipel
April Wheeler	Sharon Allen	Kim Travelina	Jane Meyer
Judy Jones			

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Here are a few things that are on the webs ite:

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 email communications about upcoming events.

**The newsletters are also posted there.** We are hoping some of you might prefer to read your newsletter online instead of receiving it by mail. If you would like to receive it via the website instead of snail mail – please email Sharon Harris at [info@fpcbartow.org](mailto:info@fpcbartow.org).

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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### **Men's Walk #17**

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### **Women's Walk #17**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### **Post Walk Gathering**

November 10th, 2007

St. John's United Methodist – Winter Haven

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