



Heart of Florida

Walk to Emmaus

The Newsletter of the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community
December/January 2005/2006
www.hof-emmaus.org

Gathering

Saturday, January 14th, 2006

at

St. John's United Methodist Church

1800 Cypress Gardens Blvd.

Winter Haven

863-324-6347

5 - 7 PM

Bring a covered dish

St. John's is located

Directions from Highway 17: Turn east on Cypress Gardens Blvd. and follow Cypress Gardens Blvd. about 3 miles. The road curves around a large lake on the right and St. John's is on the left. (It's a white church.) Turn left onto Desoto Road. Parking lot is on right.

Directions from Highway 27: Turn west on Cypress Gardens Blvd. and follow Cypress Gardens Blvd about 5 miles. St. John's is on the right. Turn right onto Desoto Road. Parking lot is on right.
We will put signs on the road.

Child Care will be provided!!

. . .from Our Community Lay Director

HO! HO! HO! Emmaus Community

Can you believe it? It seems like only yesterday it was 80 degrees!!! I think today's high will top 75 (BRRR, brrrr...icicles are starting to form on my nose as I write) Florida may not have a WHITE Christmas, but for those of us who know the reason for the season...God became man and as HE was laying in that crude manger, Mary was blessed to kiss the face of our Savior!!!! Jesus lived, died and was resurrected after the horrendous crucifixion. But we know that He is coming again. The blood He shed was for our sins and because of Jesus, we are able to come to Him and ask Him to forgive us for our wrongdoings and ask HIM to live in our heart. So we can have a white Christmas because He has cleansed us from all unrighteousness. Kim and I have been so honored to be a part of this wonderful Emmaus community. I want to personally thank our tremendous board for the efforts that have been made and the accomplishments that we completed this past year.

I pray for a blessed Christmas season and a joyous New Year

Jeff and Kim

Walk #14 – Yes, there will be one!

Heart of Florida Emmaus Walk #14 will be held in April 2006!

The Men's Weekend will be April 20-23, 2006

The Women's Weekend will be April 27-30, 2006

The teams will remain the same – if you cannot serve in the spring, please contact your Lay Director, Karolyn Nunnallee or Bob Stephens.

If you sponsored someone for Walk #14 and they cannot attend in the spring, please contact our Registrar, Sharon Harris at First Presbyterian Church in Bartow at 863-533-5005.

There will be five (5) team meetings to prepare for the spring walk. Meetings will begin on Thursday, March 9th, 2006 at 7PM, at First Presbyterian Church in Bartow.

Everyone is invited to come worship with the teams!

Heart of SunCoast Chrysalis Flights

Girls weekend is February 4-6, 2006

Boys weekend is February 11-13, 2006

Both weekends are held at Camp Gilead in Polk City

Cost of the weekend is \$85

Must be 15 or in the 10th grade to attend

Reservation forms are available at their website

www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org

or call their registrar, Kathy Bishop at 813-684-3633

Notes from the HOF Board

The fall weekends have been moved one week in hopes that they will not have to be rescheduled due to hurricanes! The men's fall weekend will now be the last weekend in October and the women's weekend will be the first weekend in November. The post-walk gathering will now be the second Saturday in November.

The board discussed team scholarships at the last meeting; the following guideline was established:
If money is available, team members may request a 50% (\$65) scholarship.
This request may be made only once a year.

Upcoming Events

March 9, 2006 - 7PM
Team Meetings Begin
First Presbyterian Church
355 S. Florida Ave., Bartow
863-533-5005

March 11, 2006
Open Gathering
Mulberry United Methodist Church
306 N. Church Ave., Mulberry
863-425-3401

April 20-23, 2006
Heart Of Florida Walk #14
Men's Weekend
Masterpiece Gardens
Lake Wales

April 27-30, 2006
Heart Of Florida Walk #14
Women's Weekend
Masterpiece Gardens
Lake Wales

May 6, 2006
Post-Walk Gathering
First United Methodist Church
230 N. 5th St., Lake Wales

July 8, 2006
Gathering
Location TBA

July 28-30, 2006
Heart of Florida Beach Weekend
Mark your calendars now
You won't want to miss the fun!

September 9, 2006
Open Gathering
Location TBA

Heart of Florida Walk #15
Men's Weekend October 26-29, 2006
Women's Weekend November 2-5,
2006

Post-Walk Gathering
November 11, 2006
Location TBA

2007 Walks
Men's Walk #16 April 19-22, 2007
Women's Walk #16 April 26-29, 2007
Men's Walk #17 October 25-28, 2007
Women's Walk #17 November 1-4,
2007

If you would like to hold a gathering
at your church in July - please contact
Stevie Hosler at 863-425-7455

First Presbyterian Church of Bartow
P.O Box 1412
Bartow, FL 33831-1412

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Our website contains a wealth of information about

The Walk to Emmaus and the Heart of Florida Community.

The website is easy to navigate - you can read the article 'What is Emmaus' then click a tab and read about Chrysalis! Here are just a few things that are on the website:

Links to other Communities

Links to churches in the Heart of Florida Community

Upcoming Walks and the Teams

Board of Director's Page

Mapquest links to Masterpiece Gardens and churches where gatherings are held

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

Reunion Groups

Coming Soon - Prayer Clocks for the 72 hour Walks

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.

This would save our community the cost of postage.
