



Heart of Florida

Walk to Emmaus

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Gathering

Saturday, January 10th, 2009

at

First Presbyterian Church

355 S. Florida Ave., Bartow

863-533-5005

5 - 7 PM

Wear your nametag and cross &

Bring a covered dish

Child Care will be provided!!

First Presbyterian is located

On the corner of Florida Ave and Stanford

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Spring Walks

Men's Walk #19 April 16-19, 2009

Women's Walk #19 April 23-26, 2009

Masterpiece Gardens, Lake Wales

. . .from Our Community Lay Director

Another year has passed.....we are again in the time of year that we celebrate the birth of our Lord. The many miracles of Christ's coming still amaze me and leave me awe-struck: the virgin birth; the Angels singing His praises and announcing His Birth to the shepherd's on the night He was born; the star that stood over His birth place and directed the Wise Men that came with their gifts! Above all this, and over-shadowing it, is the *greatest Miracle of all: That is THAT HE CAME AT ALL!*

God loves at a level none of us can comprehend. If it were not so, He would have long ago given up on us! Let us remember that it is because He loves us that He left us with a new and greater commandment "that we love one another as He loved us". May Christ become so real in your life that you find new and rewarding ways to serve Him in the coming new year.

De Colores!
Joe Hart
Community Lay Director

Team Training

Team training dates are as follows: Saturday – January 31, Saturday – February 28, Saturday – March 28.
Team Dedication will be Thursday – April 2, 2009.

Mark your calendars! The Lay Directors (Molly Dupree, and Jay Hannifan) will be calling each of you to discuss your continued commitment to serve on the teams. Pray for Lay Directors, pray for the pilgrims, and pray for the teams as we reconvene and work to open the doors and welcome those whom God is sending to the weekends.

Board Nominations

Nominations were received at the December meeting for new board members. Those leaving the board (Joe Hart, AC Bryant, Jeanne Icenhour, Anthony DuPree and Molly DuPree) will be missed. We thank you all for your time and energy and for your dedication to Emmaus.

Please consider the following names – Jeff Dodson (Bartow), Eric Garnett (Winter Haven), Toni Griffith (Lake Wales), Karolyn Nunnallee (Ft. Meade), and Kim Travolina (Davenport). Roy Lowe and Dave Huff have been nominated to serve as Community Spiritual Directors.

The voting process goes like this: the board chairman will present the names of those nominated by the board to the community before dinner at the gathering. There will be the opportunity to present any additional nominations from the floor prior to voting. The new board will meet after dinner to elect a new chairman and set a date for the next board meeting.

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Here are a few things that are on the website:

Mapquest links to Masterpiece Gardens and churches where gatherings are held

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

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@fpcbartowfl.org

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