



Heart of Florida

Walk to Emmaus

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The Newsletter of the Heart of Florida Emmaus Community

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Gathering

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

at

Mulberry United Methodist Church
306 North Church Ave. (State Rd. 37)

863-425-3401

5 - 7 PM

Bring a covered dish & your prospective pilgrims
Child Care will be provided!!

Mulberry UMC is located on the west side of SR 37

2 and a half blocks north of SR 60

(There is parking north and south of the sanctuary)

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Spring Walks

Men's Walk #18 April 17-20, 2008

Women's Walk #18 April 24-27, 2008

Masterpiece Gardens, Lake Wales

Post Walk Gathering

May 3, 2008

First UMC, Lake Wales

. . . from Our Community Lay Director

Greetings Community,

"I will pray for you." "I will put you on my prayer list." The Prayer chain at your fellowship calls: "Please pray for-----." As brothers and sisters in Christ, have we fallen into the trap of a Christian response that is verbal and not spiritual? Have we used these special words as a Christian greeting and not as a spiritual commitment?

Emmaus Walk Number 18 is coming in April. During the weekend we will tell the Pilgrims that we have prayed for them even before we knew who they were, or that they would be there.

God has a MIGHTY PLAN for the weekend and it will happen! We can share in this incredible happening, not because GOD needs us, but because GOD wants his children to be a part of, and rejoice in, what Christ through the Holy Spirit will do during the week end.

Prayer is a gift from the Father. The scripture in: 1st Thessalonians 5:17 (KJ) reminds us to " **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING** " Are you committed to praying for the week end?

De Colores!
Joe Hart

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Inspirational Notes

I thought it would be nice to begin to share those special messages that touch our hearts and lift our spirits. I welcome suggestions and submissions from the community for future newsletters. Here's one that was recently shared by a colleague. Enjoy!

Susan Garrett – HOF #9, Table of Sarah

The Eagle (Author Unknown)

When an eagle is old, its eyesight dims and its feathers and wings become heavy. To rejuvenate itself, the eagle flies up to the region of the sun, which burns away the mist over its eyes and burns off its old feathers. The eagle then plunges three times into water, and its youth is restored. Also as a result of age, the eagle's beak grows until it can no longer eat; by striking it against a rock, the eagle breaks its beak which then grows back.

The eagle's eyes are very sharp and can see fish when the bird flies over water. The eagle can look directly into the sun. As a test of the worthiness of its young, the eagle holds them up facing the sun. The birds that cannot stare into the sun and turn their eyes away are cast out of the nest.

As the eagle renews its youth so too can the man with "old clothes and dim eyes", who should seek the spiritual spring and raise the eyes of his mind to God. The rock on which the eagle sharpens its beak is Christ, on which man can sharpen his soul; the eagle also represents Christ, who came from heaven to catch souls, just as the eagle catches fish. The eagle's ability to look directly at the sun represents Christ's ability to look directly at God, and as the eagle lifts its young to the sun, so do angels lift worthy souls to God.

Teams

Men's Walk

Ronnie Mincey	Jim Nunnallee	Bruce Strayer	Marion McMillan
Jeff Dodson	Dick Mattock	Will Tolson	Mike Oakley
Dennis Autrey	Don Miller	Bruce Lee	Mac McClaine
Rich Thompson	BJ Coyer	Bill Skukowski	Tom Friedt
Dennis Guenther	Bob Devlin	Bob Stephens	Bob Sarvis
Hank Henry	Monkey Sellers	Tom Selander	Larry Harrison
Mike Collis	Al Reese	Sammie Allgood	Bill Kleinhans
Bob Funnell	Don Clark	Ron Hosler	Jim Hatch
Vince Price	Charlie Watts	Al McGowan	Keith Reiley

Women's Walk

Michelle Brewington	Heather White	Jeanne Icenhour	Faye Sarvis
Laura Oak	Whitney Lewis	Kim Travolina	Jackie Guenther
Sandy Mincey	Roxanne Pareti	Virginia Toering	Debbie Hannifan
Diane DiMonaco	Karolyn Nunnallee	Jeanette Lewis	Kathy Bryant-George
Marie Price	Dottie Walters	Shirley Huff	Bev Clark
Ann Plunkett	Jeanyne Isaacson	Becky Pischke	Kathy Bryant
Diane Sellers	Toni Watts	Betty Tolson	Sheila Oakley
Sally Stahl	Diana Harrison	Melinda Devlin	Joan Batchellor
Stevie Hosler	Susan Garrett	Courtney Canady	Toni Griffith
Laura Allgood	Bobbi Skukowski	Katie Bailey	Darla Mattock
Ruthann Kleinhans	Ginny McClaine	Maggie Lewis	Dave Huff
A. C. Bryant	Kim Uchimura	Sharon Davis	

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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.

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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