



Heart of Florida

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Gathering

Saturday, July 11th, 2009

at

Trinity United Methodist Church
33425 State Rd 54, Wesley Chapel
813-788-2898

5 - 7 PM

Bring a covered dish

Child Care Provided

Trinity UMC, Wesley Chapel is located

Six Miles East of I-75 on Hwy. 54
(The exit is Wesley Chapel / Zephyrhills)

or

Take SR-39 from Rte. 60 thru Plant City,
before reaching ZHills, turn left onto CR-535/Chancey Rd.,
travel 4.3 miles, turn right onto CR-579/Morris Bridge Rd.,
travel 0.7 miles, turn left onto SR-54
travel 1 mile to the church

. . .from Our Community Lay Director

(Luke 24:13-32) Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus.. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Walks 19 were so powerful and spirit-filled. The leadership, the team, the talks, the pilgrims, the sponsors, the community (both local and around the world), the weather, Masterpiece Gardens...so much to be thankful for. Were not our hearts burning within us?

As we begin to prepare for the fall walks, please consider what *you* can do to serve. We need team members, sponsors, set up and clean up assistance, agape (bed, conference room, dining room, and OF COURSE – snacks!) and so much more. You can also support the community with donations (no amount is too small). The bottom line is: *find a way to serve* – be a part of the Body of Christ. Your faith walk will only grow stronger as a result of your efforts to serve Him. Christ is counting on you!

DeColores,
Susan Garrett

****Please Note: The 10 week Fall team training will begin on Thursday, August 20.
Team applications should be completed before June 12th.**

Team Selection Information

Guidance for the Walk to Emmaus is provided to us by The Upper Room. Heart of Florida operates in covenant with The Upper Room to assure that Emmaus, no matter where it is conducted, will be a common and trustworthy experience. Team selection guidelines are designed for both the building of the team and the building of the community into a body of mature Christian leaders for the church.

How are team members selected? Those interested in serving on a team, can apply using Team Application forms (on the HOF website). Names of potential team members are also taken from community membership records indicating persons' progressive team experience and from other lists indicating persons' support of Emmaus (prayer clocks, agape providers, set-up and clean-up volunteers, etc.).

What is the "One-third rule"? The team selection committee strives to staff each team with approximately one-third new team members, one-third who have some experience, and one-third team veterans (those with much more experience). This model incorporates new persons into teams and gradually moves those with some experience into leadership positions.

Board Update

The Board will have a special day of training on July 11th from 10:00 – 3:30 at Trinity United Methodist Church – Wesley Chapel. The day will be focused on developing operational manuals for each Board role, Upper Room guidance, team and leadership training. A regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at 4:00 prior to the 5:00 gathering.

Current Board members and all past Board members are invited to attend. Please contact Susan Garrett (garrett.susan08@yahoo.com) to reserve a spot. Lunch will be served.

Thinking of Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

You were blessed to have a sponsor who thought of you and led you to the Emmaus experience. Think of those you know who would also be blessed by the experience. Sponsorship forms are on the website. If you have questions about sponsorship, please contact Tom Selander (407) 922-1066. cortneysdad@cfl.rr.com.

Communicating with the Community

If you have information to share with the HOF Community, or want to ask the community to pray for you, or a loved one, please contact Toni Griffith (863) 696-2480, gahbabe@sao.com .

****Newsletter and Email Update****

As postage rates and other newsletter-related costs continue to rise, it is important that we remind each member of our ever-growing community that the newsletters are available on our HOF website: www.hof-emmaus.org. If you want to print the newsletter from the site, you can.

If you have signed up for the HOF-Emmaus Message Group in the past and need to update the email address that you currently are using, all you need to do is log on to the message group (using the old address) at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HeartofFloridaEmmaus/>, and then go to "edit membership" where you can update your profile and add your new email address and delete the old one. If, after trying this, you are not successful, send a note with your old email address and the new one to our webmaster for help (webmaster@hof-emmaus.org).

If you are not already a member of our message group, you can join by going to our website and selecting the "message group" menu item and then click on the link in the paragraph "How do I join?". When completing this email, be sure to include the information on your walk, e.g. Your name, walk location, walk number and table. After you have joined the group, you will get notices from the webmaster whenever a new newsletter has been posted on the website.

For those who prefer to continue receiving the "snail mail" paper version of the newsletter, please let Sharon Harris know this by sending a little note to her (at: **First Presbyterian Church of Bartow ; P.O Box 1412; Bartow, FL 33831-1 412**) with the name and correct address you wish the newsletter mailed to. It would also be nice if you included a small donation to cover paper, postage, and even the gas for her to drive to the closest post office that accepts bulk mail.

Fall Walks

Men's – Oct. 29th – Nov. 1st, 2009

Women's – Nov. 5th – Nov. 8th, 2009

Masterpiece Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

Post Walk Gathering

November 17, 2009

St. John's UMC, Winter Haven

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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 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

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