

Heart of Florida Walk to Emmaus

April 1, 2005

Dear HOF Community:

I write to you today for the specific purpose of "HELP". As you all are aware, we are blessed to have a wonderful facility to utilize for our fall and spring weekends. We have been fortunate in that Paula and Lamar have kept our "deposit" for reserving the camp at a fairly modest rate. The difficulty at present is the district office of the Assembly of God camp (Masterpiece) has mandated an increase in the initial deposit to 20%.

In essence, the end result of that figure is \$6,200.00 for the four weekends in 2006. At present, our community treasurer stated to me that those funds are unavailable. I called and conferred with Lamar and he agreed to reduce our deposit to \$4,000.00. First Presbyterian Church of Bartow will loan these funds to our community. (Thank you so much, Brian Hinton and the Board of First Presbyterian Church of Bartow.

I have a simple plea . . . we need our community to help us in the form of a monetary gift to pay this \$4,000.00 back to First Presbyterian. We have over 1000 members of our community and I am asking that each of us give \$4.00 to help defray that bill. Some reunion groups may want to help, as well as churches affiliated with our community.

We as a board will meet next month to address the future ability to pay deposit to the camp, but need to have a place for our upcoming walks. Again, I thank you all for stepping up to the plate and helping us with this financial burden.

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Jeff Allen
Community Lay Director