

Living Water Emmaus Newsletter April 2009



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Walk #1: All praise and glory to God! God's strength was made perfect in our weakness--Wow! The Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way during Walk(s) #1, allowing us to see Christ and show Christ to our pilgrims, each other and our LWE community.

Obstacles were overcome, Satan was 'sent packing' and concerns about the daunting task before us turned to confidence as we saw the awesome work of the Holy Spirit.

C.H. Spurgeon, great Preacher and theologian from the 1800's said of the Holy Spirit:

Let the Gospel be preached and the Holy Spirit poured out and you will see the power to change the conscience, improve conduct, raise the debased, and curb the wickedness of man. The change will be so noticeable that you *must* give the glory to God. There is nothing like the power of the Holy Spirit. Let that come, and indeed, everything can be accomplished.

Witnessing for Christ takes most of us out of our comfort zone. Yet each act, devotion of time, prayer, support, talent, gifts, commitment and dedication to Walk #1 was a witness—a powerful witness for Christ. Keep praying; lives are being changed.

Thank you, Living Water Emmaus Community for your support of Walk #1. !! For everyone who prayed, attended Send-Off, Candlelight, Closing, contributed Agape or helped in any way, we thank you for helping make Walk #1 successful.

Clean up crews: for both Walks was amazing! Armies of helpers swarmed the Youth Building immediately prior to both Closings. It was a great gift of your time and effort. Those two 'take-downs' were the fastest and best our leadership has ever experienced. Truly wonderful. Thank you, thank you!!



Next Gathering Saturday, May 2nd @ 4:30 p.m.: At Joe and Sharon Fielding's Farm in Ft. White. **Note:** this is *not* a misprint. This gathering is **this Saturday** and will start early: **4:30p.m.** ***Please bring a covered dish (or two) to share and bring lawn chairs. Drinks and ants provided.***

Which raises this deeply philosophical question: If ants are such busy workers, how can they find time to go to all the picnics? Nonetheless, our full time LWE Community Lay Director and **occasional Agriculture Professor, Dr. Brian Myers**, claims that some day, insects will take over the world. Well, I hope that when they do, they will recall with gratitude how we took them along on picnics.

Now, where was I? Oh, Welcome to our new 'babe chick' members! Sponsors, encourage them to join in the fun, food and fellowship; this is the last Gathering until August. It is important to get our newest LWE community members properly introduced and involved. We need their ideas, energy and Faith-filled fellowship.

Where is Ft. White? Located just a tad south of Mikesville and a smidgen west of Tuskenugee. You can't miss it. Well, ok, actually you CAN miss it, so read on:

Directions to Fielding Farm:

- From anywhere on the seven (7) continents, travel to High Springs.
- As you enter High Springs on U.S. 441, look for and take the cut-off road (on your left) to the stoplight in downtown High Springs.
- At the stoplight in downtown High Springs, you'll see the Great Outdoors Restaurant prominently on the corner.
- Follow U.S. Hwy 27 North (technically northwest) toward Ft. White.
- From the downtown High Springs stoplight, travel 8 miles on U.S. Hwy 27 to ***Fielding Way*** (which is just prior to the Ft. White city limits sign on U.S. 27). Look for "Emmaus" signs.
- Turn right onto Fielding Way. Follow the signs to Joe and Sharon's house.

GPS geeks: If you got one of these for Christmas, (a GPS, that is; you married the Geek) here's your chance to use it. The Fieldings' address: **708 SW Fielding Way, Ft. White, 32038.** (386-497-4735). As a last resort, you could stop and ask for directions (not an option for male drivers).

Need a ride to this Gathering? The Trinity bus is *not* available this time, but anyone wishing to carpool to Joe & Sharon's should meet at 3:30p.m. in the west parking lot of Trinity UMC. Please notify Ed Garvin hegarvin@aol.com (352-371-1871) as soon as possible if you need a ride.

Planning Ahead; LWE Walk #2:



Men's Walk #2: September 24-27.

Women's Walk #2: October 1-4.

Team members and helpers needed: Now is the time to prayerfully consider working a team. There are many ways to help: serve on the team, leadership, table leader, music, work as "outside" servers, work on Vonnie's Chuck Wagon Gang, and many other ways.

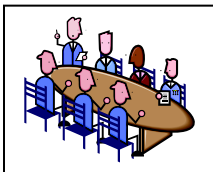
We especially encourage our new community members who attended Walk #1. Your enthusiasm and energy will be a tremendous witness. A mix of team members—those with previous experience working a team AND those with no experience would be great. Please pray about this; Christ is counting on you!

Sponsorship: It's also time to prayerfully consider who you might sponsor for Walk #2. Your walk made a difference in YOUR own life and Spiritual growth—or you likely wouldn't be reading this newsletter. Give that gift to others. Present them with the opportunity to experience Christ in a deeper and more personal way than ever before.

How to get applications? It's way easy. Applications for **Team Members, Sponsors,** and **Pilgrims** can be downloaded from our website: www.livingwateremmausfl.org.

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of our community. But more importantly, Sponsorship is witnessing for Christ; perhaps the easiest, most rewarding witnessing you can think of and like all witnessing, you'll receive more Blessings than you can possibly give.

Contact Ed Garvin Hegarvin@aol.com or Brian Myers bmyers@ufl.edu if you would like more information.



Reunion Groups: As powerful and uplifting as the Emmaus Walk was to us, Emmaus is all about our "**4th Day.**" Our Faith must be exercised and strengthened through Bible Study and Christian fellowship. How is that accomplished? Glad you asked:

Weekly reunion groups help us remain accountable to our Christian brothers and sisters by the Prayer of the Holy Spirit followed by discussion of these key issues which help us keep our focus on Christ:

- **What recent time or event brought you close to Christ?**
- **When did you experience discipleship denied?**
- **What is your plan of Christian action for this week?**

Sponsors help, but... Sponsors will help their pilgrims find a group or help them form a new group. However, ultimately, each of us are individually responsible for finding or

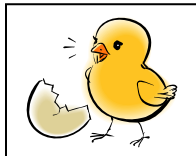
forming a reunion group where we feel comfortable enough to share our Faith, our successes, failures, joys and sorrows. You will quickly find this to be a high point of your week.

Website listings: Many of the current reunion group times and locations are listed on our website: www.livingwateremmausfl.org. Some of our Emmaus members belong to more than one group, which is wonderful. You are encouraged to form a group at a location and time convenient to the folks in your group, and faithfully meet, weekly. It's all about *Priorities*...sound familiar?

Help us keep up with your group: If your reunion group is not listed on our website (or, if you form a new reunion group), please e-mail Casey Glant with the time and location of your group, and, a contact person in case others wish to join. Casey's e-mail: Glantcasey@gmail.com



Youngest Babe Chick **Scott and Michelle Gulbransen** are pleased to announce that "Table of Gulbransen" has just made room for their new arrival: **Timothy Scott Gulbransen** was born during afternoon of Friday, April 24th. Timothy weighed in at 8lbs, 9 oz, and stands 22" tall. Mother, father and baby are all doing great. Congratulations!



Our other new "Babe Chicks" and newest members of Living Water Emmaus Community are listed below. At the Gathering, take the opportunity to get acquainted with our new brothers & sisters in Christ:

Men's Walk #1---(19) New Babe Chicks and Sponsors

Pilgrim	Hometown	Sponsor
Malcom King	Gainesville	John Kirkpatrick
Randy Caton	Gainesville	Brian Myers
Ken Rembert	Alachua	Davis Rembert
Bill Olinger	Gainesville	John Kirkpatrick
J.D. Wallis	Alachua	Alice Wallis
Greg Hodges	Gainesville	Dan Johnson
David Wisener	High Springs	Holly Erskine
Jeff Buttram	Alachua	Dave Glant
Bud Keys	Ft. White	Joe Fielding
Kendall Croly	Gainesville	Alice Wallis
William Geiger	Gainesville	Jim Markle
Ted Nelson	Gainesville	Dan Johnson

Sam Frasier	Gainesville	Frank Moses
Jim Garrison	Orlando	Roger Smith
Martin Sherman	Gainesville	Bob Edmunds
Alex Mraz	Gainesville	Dan Johnson
Mike Sapp	Gainesville	Jeff VanValey
Tommy Diedeman	Ft. White	Dave Huntley
Bob Willits	Gainesville	Bill Lindberg

Women's Walk #1---(28) New Babe Chicks and Sponsors

Pilgrim	Hometown	Sponsor
Vickie Crane	Alachua	Bonnie Tollefson
Elizabeth Gill	Gainesville	Cynthia Hight
Tiffany Worden	Gainesville	Donna Edmunds
June Voyles	Gainesville	Pam Rowland
Yvonne Jones	Gainesville	Mary Jean Baney
Meriem Prosser	Pittsfield, Maine	Mary Jean Baney
Mary Coleman	Trenton	Casey Glant
Susan King	Gainesville	Peggy Kirkpatrick
June Masters	Trenton	Pam Rowland
Linda Butson	Gainesville	Pam Rowland
Sandra Olinger	Gainesville	Peggy Kirkpatrick
Patricia Caton	Gainesville	Margaret Myers
Dora Lee Bryan	Gainesville	Donna Edmunds
Mary Reeves	Trenton	Louise Krause
Cindy Frazer	Gainesville	Suzanne Savage
Mary Hall	Gainesville	Fred Ramirez
Debra Buttram	Alachua	Casey Glant
Donna Tompkins	Alachua	Louise Krause
Rosemary Harrell	Gainesville	Nancy DeLacure
Patricia Milazzo	Gainesville	Nancy DeLacure
Gail Keys	Ft. White	Sharon Fielding
Le Jones	Gainesville	Alice Wallis
Melanie Saxon	Gainesville	Pat Kilby
TJ Frasier	Gainesville	Frank Moses
Kelly Dolan	Gainesville	Donna Edmunds
Jan Sapp	Gainesville	Denise VanValey
Bridget Diedeman	Ft. White	Marsha Huntley
Corinne Willits	Gainesville	Monica Lindberg



Chuck Wagon Gang: Oh, my! Vonnie and her ‘gang’ did a *spectacular* job with meals during both walks. Vonnie, we are so grateful for your gifts and talents in planning, organizing, preparing and serving great meals for the Walks. A special thank you, too, to everyone who helped with food preparation, serving and clean up. This process was a marvel to behold.

Vonnie will need a lot of help in the Fall for Walks #2, so please keep in mind this critical ministry of servanthood. Besides, where else do you get to eat your mistakes?



Snail-mail, e-mail or telephone number changes? Please help us keep our membership directory current so you can continue to receive the newsletter. Contact Snail Registrar Casey Glant at: glantcasey@gmail.com. (If she reads this newsletter carefully, I’m gonna’ be in a heap of trouble).

“Green” Agape Michelle says “Thank you, everyone, for your generous contributions of money to get LWE off the ground!” Without that it could not happen.

The Upper Room and Aldersgate Emmaus provided materials, forms and even some equipment for which we are exceedingly grateful. The financial responsibility for start-up of a new community however, was and continues to be our responsibility. Please continue to support this awesome ministry with donations as you feel led to give.

Please make checks payable to: “Trinity UMC”, 4000 NW 53rd Ave, Gainesville FL 32653 (be sure to indicate “EMMAUS” on the check in the memo section). You may contact Michelle Gulbransen with questions: cmgulbransen@yahoo.com.

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