

Living Water Emmaus Newsletter August 2009



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Grace at Ft. Clarke UMC Gathering! **Friday, Aug. 28th @ 6:30 'til 8:30.**
9325 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville. Come for a great gathering in Gainesville.



Cool logo don't you think? (more about this later).

And it's a great church with a congregation energized for Jesus Christ. You'll be glad you came; remember to bring a friend. All Gatherings are open to anyone who wants to know more about Emmaus.

The program: Sponsorship & Agape: We'll hear encouragement for Sponsorship and Michelle Gulbransen will lead us through agape stations around the room to make agape for Walk #2. Yes, It's that time again. Making agape is easy and fun when the joy of preparing agape gifts is shared by us all. This is one way everyone can be involved in the Walks, even if unable to work a team or help in other ways.



Child Care? If so, send an e-mail to **Julie Van Tuin**. Her e-mail address: julievtr@yahoo.com.

***Please include ages and the number of children you will bring (*and the number you plan to take home---if different from the number you bring*). 😊

Advance notice, please: as soon possible **but no later than August 21st**.

Teenagers: Julie has already received inquiries from some parents wanting to trade bratty teenagers in exchange for sweet, charming, obedient little children. Says Julie: "Yea, good luck with THAT!"



Remember that cool logo at the top of the newsletter? That one was **Pastor Denny Hieberg's** *second* choice. Choice #1 (left) didn't make it out of committee. Yes, it's true, he's a hopelessly devoted NYY fan. His wife, **Cindy**—the sensible one--favors gardening to the NY Yankees (but then, who *doesn't?*). In Major League Baseball, there are 29 loveable teams, plus the New York Yankees—a total of 30 teams.

Pastor Denny and Cindy have a vibrant, Spirit-filled ministry proclaiming the Bible as the supreme source of truth and the basis of belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior and our *only* means of reconciling ourselves with God and of our Salvation. A look at Grace's website will clearly demonstrate their focus: <http://www.gracefl.org>. If you need driving instructions, you'll find them there. Grace at Ft. Clarke hosts an Emmaus Gathering annually and it is always a fun event.

Walk #2 is almost here!



Men's Walk #2: September 24-27
Women's Walk #2: October 1-4

Sponsors in search of Pilgrims: Be a Sponsor. Give the gift of a lifetime; a gift that keeps on giving. Share the gift of discovering, rediscovering or drawing closer to Christ.

Special Appeal to Walk #1 new Emmaus Community members: If you attended Walk #1, here is a terrific opportunity for you to sponsor someone. We have space available for new Pilgrims but we need your application form and Pilgrim forms *now*. Please invite someone you know to Walk #2. You are welcome to bring them to the upcoming Gathering at Grace church on August 28th. We'd be delighted to have them.

3--Pilgrims in search of Sponsors: We have **3** potential pilgrims in search of a Sponsor: A husband and wife contacted us from our website (Lonnie and Abbie Earnest, from Ocala. Both are full-time involved in Prison Ministry and can be reached at: Lonnie@christian12step.org. Telephone: Lonnie Earnest; PH: 352-732-0877

Third pilgrim: From Pam Rowland's Sunday School class, a single man, age 51, Regis Gates who can be reached at: gatesregisuf@yahoo.com

Please contact Ed Garvin if you know these folks or if you are willing to sponsor them. Ed can be reached at: hegarvin@aol.com.

Applications All applications---Team Member, Sponsor, and Pilgrim forms can be downloaded from our website: www.livingwateremmausfl.org.

How can I witness for Christ? Sponsorship *is* witnessing for Christ. Sponsorship is easy and rewarding and like all witnessing, you'll receive more Blessings than you can possibly give. Contact Pam Rowland pamelarow@gmail.com Ed Garvin Hegarvin@aol.com or Brian Myers bmyers@ufl.edu if you would like more information.



Musicians wanted: We need another musician for the Women's Walk #2. Vicki Crane will be one of the musicians, but she would like to have some help. If you play guitar or keyboard or harmonica, etc., your gift of music will be a big help and asset to the weekend. Please contact Joe Fielding if you can play music on this Walk. Joe can be reached at: Js1field@gmail.com.

Help Wanted: Assistant Wagon Master for Vonnie's **Chuck Wagon Gang**:



Wagon Master *extraordinaire*, Vonnie Peabody, needs help for Walk #2. She will purchase and plan the meals (and prepare most of them) but she has commitments making her unavailable for part of Walk #2. Rest assured, she will make it very easy for you to help because she will have done as much in advance as possible. If you've ever worked with her, you'll know how true this is.

Remember, **Clint Eastwood** got his start as a trail boss on a wagon train. I'm not saying that fame and fortune will follow, I merely point out that it *did* happen once. But if not, this job is still rewarding—you get to eat your mistakes. A sign up sheet will be at the Grace Gathering, August 28th. You may contact Vonnie at: vpeabody@cox.net.



Candlelight: Only YOU can prevent dripping wax! Yes, you're looking at ***The Smoky Bear***.

We have no budget for logo royalties so the best I could negotiate was Smoky Bear---*without* his trademark park ranger uniform. But then somehow that didn't seem quite decent, so I asked: "What else does Smoky have that fits our budget?" Not every question has a good answer.

NO real candles for Candlelight—use only *battery operated* candles. We purchased some battery operated candles but may not always have enough. If you can purchase your own, that would help insure there will be enough for all who attend. They are available at Walmart and probably many other discount stores. And, battery operated candles make great **agape gifts** for pilgrims.





Living Water Emmaus Website: If you haven't seen our website lately, you ought to. Webmaster, **Jan Huffstetler** has done a wonderful job in creating a user-friendly, easy to navigate website. It is chocked full of good information about Emmaus and almost everything you need to know about Living Water Emmaus. No, I don't know if she uses a pink computer just seemed—it just seemed logical.

If you go to the website you'll learn: that our **October Gathering** will be at First United Methodist Church in beautiful downtown Alach-U-AY. You will also learn that our **December's Christmas Gathering** will be held at Trinity UMC in Gainesville.

But there's more: The **Prayer Clock** enables you to sign up right on the website. Need a **Reunion Group**? They are all there along with a contact person for each group. All **application forms** are there; helpful **Sponsor information** for first time Sponsors is there; information **about Emmaus** is there; The **newsletters** are posted there and more.

But WAIT!! There's still more! If you visit the website within the next **90 minutes** we might (or not) send you a **Vega-Matic** (slices and dices) and you might (or not) receive a set of **Ginsu knives** absolutely FREE. Ginsu knives can cut through a nail, a tin can and a radiator hose and still slice a tomato paper thin! Call now, operators are standing by.

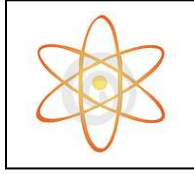
Ok, Mr. Editor, You've convinced me what's the web address? Glad you asked: www.livingwateremmausfl.org.



Green Agape Thank you so much for your continued financial support of Living Water Emmaus. Gifts to LWE purchase food, snacks, supplies for agape and other expenses required to host our Walks. We receive no financial support from Upper Room, Aldersgate—or any other source.

A small basket for love offerings is at each Gathering. If you feel led to give, your donation will be well spent. We are deeply grateful to Aldersgate Emmaus Community in Leesburg who donated much needed (and appreciated) supplies and equipment which we put to immediate use in Walks #1.

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). Contact Debbie Garvin, Treasurer if you have any questions: debbie.garvin@cba.ufl.edu



Green Notice: No trees were destroyed in creating this message, although a significant number of electrons may have been inconvenienced. A few electrons were humiliated by being forced to form corny jokes and display feeble attempts at humor. Then there were two or three electrons that totally refused to participate at all. We call them “free radicals.” Nonconformists--there’s some in every crowd.



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