

Living Water Emmaus Newsletter February 2009



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SPONSORSHIP! (subliminal suggestion) Go to phone; call a friend. More later.

February Gathering Friday, February 27th @ 6:30—8:30 p.m. at High Springs United Methodist Church. This gathering is sponsored by Darrell and Louise Krause, Joe and Sharon Fielding and Dave and Casey Glant. The theme will be **SPONSORSHIP**. There is an urgent need to sponsor Pilgrims for the first men & women's Walks. This Gathering is the last gathering before the Living Water Emmaus Walk #1.



Child care will be provided. But please contact Louise Krause at 386-454-4534 to make reservations for your child(ren) no later than February 20th. We will again provide child care for 2 hours. As always, guests are welcome; invite someone who wants to know more about Emmaus.

Stop the presses!! This just in: A very generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated a Cadillac automobile to be given away at the High Springs Gathering. Must be present to win! There will be a drawing—tickets for the drawing are absolutely FREE. Come to the Gathering; you might just be the winner!

Ok, I want to come, but WHERE is High Springs UMC? on U.S. Hwy 441, between Alachua and High Springs, one mile from downtown High Springs. If you're a **GPS kind of traveler**, the physical address is 17405 N.W. U.S. Hwy 441, High Springs, 32643. If you're over-the-top compulsive or just down right nutty, you can e-mail your Newsletter Editor for Longitude and Latitude coordinates.

Will I need a Passport or Visa to go to High Springs? No, but travelling to High Springs is an adventure. Towering a dazzling **69 feet** above sea level, you'll immediately feel thinner air as you ascend from the sub-alpine regions of Gainesville into High Springs. Note the wildlife and vegetation changes along the way. If you feel light-headed during your ascent, stop and rest just a bit as your body adjusts to the increasingly rarified air.

Emmaus sherpas will meet you in the parking lot of the church in High Springs to carry items in. They're friendly and well-acclimated to the altitude. Tipping is not necessary, but if you just can't stop yourself, the local currency is U.S. Dollars.



Crunch time: 49 days until Walk #1 – Sponsor Pilgrims!:

As formation of our Emmaus Community began, our first walk seemed far into the distant future. But the time is here. So far, we have one (0) pilgrim for the men's and five (5) for the women's walks. We need **20-24 pilgrims** on each walk. (*Sponsor's form attached*)

Pilgrim situation to-date: We have 1 completed application for the men's walk (Randy Caton). We have 6 completed applications from these women:

1. Vickie Crane, Southwest UMC
2. Elizabeth Gill, 1st UMC
3. Tiffany Worden, Assembly of God
4. June Voyles, Wesley UMC
5. Yvonne Jones, Trinity UMC
6. Mary Coleman, High Springs UMC

We have verbal (only) commitments from the following:

Men:

1. Bill Olinger
2. Malcom King
3. Ken Rembert

Women:

1. Sandra Olinger (Bill)
2. Susan King (Malcom)
3. Belinda Rembert (Ken)

A word from Pastor Dan Johnson:

Dear Emmaus Friends,

It's Crunch Time! Our first Men's walk is April 2 – 5; just around the corner. So much work has gone into launching our new Emmaus Community. We have all sensed God's hand in it. Now, we, you and I, need to step up and recruit men (and women for April 16 – 19). Just remember how powerful the Walk was for you; how deeply you were touched; how your walk with Jesus was launched to a whole new level.

So, please:

1. Pray about whose heart God might be stirring for this walk.

2. Pray for wisdom about how best to approach them.
3. Go! Go and ask them. Strongly encourage them.
4. Call me if you need help with it.
5. Call me if you need an application form.
6. Let us know as soon as you have someone ready to go.

Thanks. Christ is counting on you and me.

Blessings, Dan Johnson
Trinity UMC

"Lord, help me to do great things as though they were little, since I do them in Your Power; and little things as though they were great, since I do them in Your Name." Blaise Pascal



Stay Calm: It isn't time to panic until I say so..

.....Ok, NOW! Now it's time to panic!!

Men's Walk #1 will happen in 49 days (April 2-5) and the Women's is two weeks later (April 16-19). We have five **(6) women** Pilgrims and one **(1) men's** Pilgrim.

We need 20 to 24 pilgrims for each walk. It's time for fervent prayer and genuine effort into finding pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider who you will sponsor to experience Christ in an exciting and fun way.

Living Water Emmaus Walk #1: Mens': April 2-5 and Women's April 16-19, 2009) will be held in the Youth Building of Trinity United Methodist Church. **Cost is \$120 for Pilgrims and Team members. Time for sponsoring and team membership is NOW!**



Music: We're looking for musicians to help with the music for our Walks and also for Gatherings. We have song books with chords for the songs. It's a great ministry and the Emmaus songs are very simple. Guitar, harmonica, keyboard or Didgeridoo players are welcome. Please contact Joe Fielding at JS1Field@gmail.com.



Servers needed: We used to call them "Angels" but those volunteers are now called "servers." They are technically not part of the team because they don't stay and sleep on site for the weekend Walk. However, their role is every bit as important as ever and we need folks who can help out. Servers are the 'go-to' people that do any and everything that needs to be

done during the weekend to support the team and assist in making the Walk a success.

You can work part of the weekend Walk or all of it, but we need you every bit as much as we needed Angels under the previous format at Aldersgate. You can see by the clip art that you get to wear cool overalls and a carry around a shovel. That's cutting-edge fashion if ever there was.

Can you help? Contact Donna Edmunds if you can help. Bedmunds@bellsouth.net.

Agape: Michelle says "Thank you!" for a great response to our agape wish. Now we need decorative items such as **banners, posters, tissue holders, pen holders and agape baskets** (one each for the 7 tables). **Also, we need table agape items.** It will take 50 agape items to provide for the pilgrims and team. Can you help? For details, please contact Michelle: (352) 367-8003; cell: (352) 275-1875; or e-mail: cmgulbransen@yahoo.com.



Vonnie's "Chuck Wagon Gang" needs YOU to help feed about 60 people. We are looking for volunteers for the meal committee for our **first Living Water Emmaus Walks, April 2 through 5 (Men's walk) and April 16 through 19 (Women's Walk)** at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville. Vonnie already has the menu planned.

What does the Chuck Wagon Gang" do? Well, they make Trail Mix agape, of course! Experience the joys of cooking for hungry, appreciative pilgrims and team members—without the heat, mosquitoes and "fragrance" of a real cattle drive.

But read on: Cooks and helpers do not sleep-over during the Weekend Walk, which makes it easy to volunteer a day to help with meals. Friday and Saturday we serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sunday we serve only breakfast and lunch. We prepare the food, clean up and go home. All the excitement

Can you help? Please call **Vonnie Peabody:** (352) 376-5584.

Reunion Groups: Our Community and personal Faith walk are strengthened by weekly Reunion groups. In the long run, these small, personal groups can do more to deepen your walk with Christ than even the 3 day Emmaus Walk; they are *that*

important. **The power of the Emmaus Walk is in the Fourth Day.** This is why reunion groups are so vital to deepening our Faith walk with Christ.

Please e-mail Casey Glant with the time/place/date of your Reunion group, and the names of the members of your group: giantcasey@gmail.com.

Address changes? Please help keep our membership directory current so you can continue to receive the newsletter. Contact Casey Glant at: giantcasey@gmail.com.

“Green” Agape Our community has been very generous in giving donations to help launch our own Emmaus Community and Walks. Please continue to support this awesome ministry with donations as you feel led to give.

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



LOST & FOUND: Found: 1 red scarf, left at the Emmaus Training session on January 24th. Please Contact Margaret Myers at (386) 454-8259 or mcmymers@winstream.net to retrieve.

Margaret asks that you either claim your scarf, **or**, drop off the outfit that matches this scarf at her house so she can accessorize the ensemble--your choice. Call Margaret for shoe size.

News?: Please send newsletter items to Dave Glant dglant@windstream.net.



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