

Living Water Emmaus Newsletter January 2009



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Important! Emmaus Training: Saturday, January 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone invited! (only ½ day) At Trinity UMC, (Room E-222; Education Bldg).

The Upper Room of Nashville, Tennessee is sending Scoofer Jordan, to lead our Living Water Emmaus community through a training session on the The Walk to Emmaus model. It is critically important to start our Walks in accordance with the Upper Room model.

That's what makes this a rare opportunity—training and orientation directly from the Upper Room organization, ***just for us***. We need the community to come together for this training and orientation to get our own Emmaus Walks off to a good start.

Please invite someone to come along to this ½ day session; it is *THAT* important to our community.

Did I mention *free breakfast*? Yes! We'll have breakfast and beverages. After all, what would an Emmaus event be without food (and music)? It will be interesting and *fun*, so please, please set aside ***next Saturday*** and join us. For lunch however, we ask that you please bring a brown bag lunch—although beverages will be provided.

Any questions can be directed to Brian Myers at 386-454-8259 or bmyers@ufl.edu.



Crunch time: **73 days until Walk #1 – Sponsor Pilgrims!:**
As formation of our Emmaus Community began, our first walk seemed far into the distant future. But that time has arrived. So far, we have one (1) pilgrim for the men's and two (2) for the women's walks. We want **20-24 pilgrims** on each walk. (*Sponsor's form attached*)

Remember what your Walk To Emmaus meant to you and your faith walk. Prayerfully seek God's guidance as to whom you can sponsor to share this blessing with others. **Christ is counting on you.**

***Christ has no body but yours;
no hands and no feet but yours.***

***Yours are the eyes through which the compassion
of Christ is to look to a hurting world.***

***Yours are the feet with which he is to go about
doing good.***

Yours are the hands with which he is to bless now.

Will you share Christ with someone? Fervent prayer, guidance of the Holy Spirit, and responding to the Holy Spirit with sacrificial effort by so many enabled us to launch our Community. So now is the time for ***each of us*** to prayerfully consider who we can sponsor for the Walk To Emmaus. Please make this a priority! Sharing Christ should be our priority in life and this is an easy yet powerful way to share Christ.

Who to sponsor? Emmaus Walk is for those who want to grow spiritually and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is for persons who want to build up the church in love and to contribute to its ministry. It is not an evangelistic outreach to non-Christians, but assumes those attending have some basic familiarity with the basics of Christian faith.

When? The Mens' walk is **April 2-5** and the Women's is **April 16-19**. Both 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!

Team members wanted: for the Men & Women's April Walks—now is the time to sign up. Serving on an Emmaus team is every bit as fun and Spiritual as was your own Emmaus weekend. ****Team application form is attached to this newsletter.** The cost to team members and Pilgrims is the same: **\$120** per person.

Many ways to serve: Even if unable to serve on the team, there are many ways for you to help with the April Walks. Please contact Ed Garvin or Brian Myers if you can help. Ed: hegarvin@aol.com; or Brian: Bmyers@ufl.edu



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 players, harmonica players or keyboard players are welcome. Please contact Joe Fielding at JS1Field@gmail.com.

Pilgrim Applications: ***Attached to this newsletter.* Cost for Pilgrims: **\$120** each; (same for team members) We'll accept a maximum of **24 pilgrims** for the April Walks.

Agape: Michelle's wish list' is getting shorter, thanks to many of you. Michelle Gulbranson still needs the following items of agape. Can you help?

Bell (for leadership table of confusion)
Emmaus-themed paintings or prints
Altar rail
Altar covering (Sheet or tapestry)
Chair cushions
Chalice

Aprons (for Angels)
3-leg stool (removable legs)
Name tags (team & pilgrims)
Luggage tags
Communion baskets

To avoid duplication and for more details, please contact Michelle: (352) 367-8003; cell: (352) 275-1875; or by 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: glantcasey@gmail.com.

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

“Green” Agape Thank you for your generous donations to help start our own Emmaus Community. Please continue to support this awesome ministry with donations as you feel led to give. Our Emmaus community does not have dues but we hope each person who experienced a walk will prayerfully consider making a donation to help with the costs for the weekends.

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.

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