

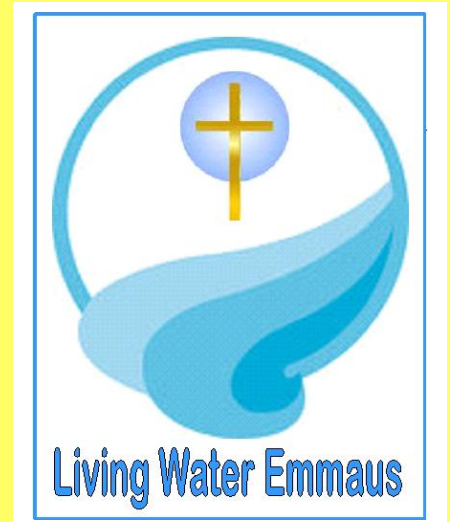
Living Water Emmaus

Newsletter—
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Living Water Emmaus Walks #2, (Sept-Oct 2009) have been **postponed** until Spring.
The new dates are: April 15th-18th (men's) and April 22nd-25th (women's).

Walk #2 Postponed!

Why? For reasons partly within our control and some not.

For the 'not within our control' part, we serve an 'on time God'—our God who is sometimes slow (our way of thinking) but never late. In God's perfect timing, perhaps He knows what we don't; the April/May dates will better serve His Kingdom and His purposes. The Bible is full of curious examples of God's perfect timing, only to be proven later to be precisely 'on time.'

The 'within our control' part: lack of sponsorship of pilgrims. Our Living Water Emmaus Community is large enough to sustain itself—if we share the opportunity to know Christ in a real and personal way as happens on the Emmaus Walk.

The Body of Christ: For just a few moments, let's also reflect upon our responsibility as the body of Christ, which is one of the profound lessons of Ephesians:

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way. (Eph.2:22).

More than 400 years ago, the Divine doctrine of Ephesians was interpreted into every day terms by this practical reminder that we indeed ARE God's hands:

**God has no hands but our hands to do His work today;
God has no feet but our feet to lead others in His way;
God has no voice but our voice to tell others how He died; and,
God has no help but our help to lead them to His side.**



This is a good time to internalize this lesson from Ephesians: ***That we are the body of Christ---His hands and feet; He has none other.***



I didn't know there'd be a test: Let's ask ourselves these fundamental questions:

Do I believe that:

1. Sponsorship for an Emmaus Walk is witnessing for Christ?
2. Sponsorship is an act of 'agape love'?
3. The Holy Spirit gives prevenient Grace to your pilgrims, even before they arrive at their Walk?
4. The Holy Spirit will change lives of anyone and everyone who has an ear to hear and a heart to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
5. The Holy Spirit works through the Emmaus Community to bring about changed lives.

Finally, perhaps the most convicting question of all:

Have I devoted prayer time, shoe-leather, and enthusiasm (and risked rejection) to sponsorship for an Emmaus Walk?

All witnessing carries both **risk of rejection and reward of redemption** through Christ Jesus, by creating opportunities to bring someone to a saving knowledge of Christ. By *any* measure that makes 'embarrassment' hardly worthy of mention.

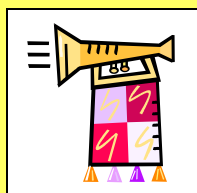
Christ has no hands; no feet but yours and mine!

How can I get involved with Living Water Emmaus Community? The best way is to come to the monthly Gatherings. We had a great one at Grace at Ft. Clarke UMC a couple weeks ago. Gatherings are great places to meet, greet, eat, and share the fellowship of Christ. They are truly fun events; singing, laughing, fellowship and spiritual refreshment. And here's your next opportunity:



October Gathering at First UMC Alachua Saturday, October 17th 6:00p.m until 8:00 pm. Please mark your calendars; you'll be so glad you did.

If you need child care, please contact Jeff VanValey at (352) 514-5958, or email: oldyouthguy@windstream.net



Calling all churches! Would you like to host a Gathering at your church in 2010? If so, you will need to attend a meeting on Sunday, **October 11th @ 4:00 PM, Trinity UMC, Gainesville in Room E225.**

At this meeting you will learn the components of a Gathering, what is needed to host a gathering, and how to make hosting a Gathering easier.

We will also begin scheduling the 2010 gatherings for the LWE community. **All current gathering host contacts should attend this meeting.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Margaret Myers at 386-454-8259 or mcmyers@windstream.net.

Green Notice and Energy Efficiency Rating: No trees were destroyed in creating this message.

Best of all, a significant amount of yard work, rainy-day projects and 'honey-do's' were successfully delayed by the production of this newsletter. That translates into energy savings of dozens of 'man'-hours. A few more newsletters and I'll probably get the Environmentalist of the Year award.

Confidentiality Clause: The information contained in this disclosure is on a 'need-to-know' basis. My wife, Casey, does *not* need to know. Let's just keep this our little secret.



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