

# Living Water Emmaus

Newsletter—  
August 7, 2011

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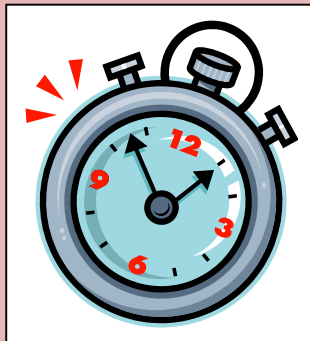
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**August Gathering:  
Saturday, August 20th  
6:00—8:00 p.m.**



Bring a covered dish, please.

**South West Gainesville UMC**

**2400 SW Williston Road  
Gainesville, FL**

Summer vacation is drawing to a close. Come get reacquainted with your 'new' old friends, 'old' new friends, 'old' old friends, 'new' new friends, and some 'new' friends you haven't met. Or, simply trade in the ones you're tired of.

If NONE of the above categories apply to you, come eat some great food and join in wonderful Christ-centered fellowship. Then, for sure, you'll meet some new friends.

Although it remains a mystery to Biblical scholars, it is an ecclesiastical fact that the Holy Spirit works miraculously and powerfully through great food, especially chocolate brownies. He can't do much with Tofu or Arugula salad, but everything else works wonders. Just come see.



**Child care:** Please contact Mary Ruth Butler at: 352-335-1977 or [mrurubutler@yahoo.com](mailto:mrurubutler@yahoo.com)

Please notify Mary Ruth as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made by the Church.

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**A message from Donna Edmunds, L.D.N.T.C**

[Lay Director, Notorious Table of Confusion]

De Colores Sisters and Brothers; warm greetings from your Board of Directors!

Recently your representatives shared their concerns about the health of our new community and asked for your input on critical issues which threaten our survival. By far the most frequent response: "we are overloaded with things to do". The second common concern: "need better communications."

Unfortunately, the Board can't help with your sense of overload except to remind you of the first Emmaus talk: **priorities**-- which invites a self-examination of our priorities by looking at how we spend your time, money and talents.

Certainly in life, priorities change because of job or family needs, age/health issues or changes in God's specific calling on your life. Please ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if your priorities are the correct ones for where you are in your walk with Christ.

In its last two meetings the Board dealt with the issue of communication and made significant improvements. First, we are trying to update email addresses which will reach those who use email. For those who don't, we are blessed with a wonderful reunion group which volunteered to send paper copies of the newsletter to those folks.

We are seeking a mechanism to place Gathering Announcements in various church newsletters or bulletins. (Of course, it is still up to you to make it a priority to read the messages we send out by email or postal service mail.)

Another significant improvement: we developed a new plan for Gatherings to make them more regular and accessible. This plan will be explained at the **August Gathering**. If you can't attend please read about it in the September newsletter or ask a friend who will be attending to explain it to you after this month's Gathering.

The most critical issue facing our community is **sponsoring pilgrims**. The Board will conduct more **sponsorship** training between now and the walks next spring. In the meantime I would encourage you to do two things:

- Please pray about whom you might sponsor. Remember the purpose of Emmaus is to facilitate believers to grow deeper in their faith walk and to become leaders in God's work through His Church.
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- You might consider asking the person who sponsored you on your Emmaus Walk to teach you what they did or ask them to co-sponsor a pilgrim with you. If your sponsor is not accessible ask the person who was your table leader on your walk. Be proactive about sponsoring, passing along the great blessing you have already experienced!

On behalf of the entire Board I wish you a great last month of summer. Stay cool!  
De Colores,

Donna Edmunds, **LDNTC**  
Lay Director

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**A note from Jan Hufstetler, our Living Water Emmaus webmaster:**

Jan sent me a link to a Spanish speaking Emmaus Community named: "La Resurreccion' Emmaus Community." It is in more than one location in Florida and has a colorful and interesting web page--more so if you speak Spanish! I tried to paste their very artistic Agape Letter into this newsletter, but was unsuccessful. However, it's worth a few minutes of your time to visit their website. Find it at:

[www.laresurreccionemmaus.org](http://www.laresurreccionemmaus.org)

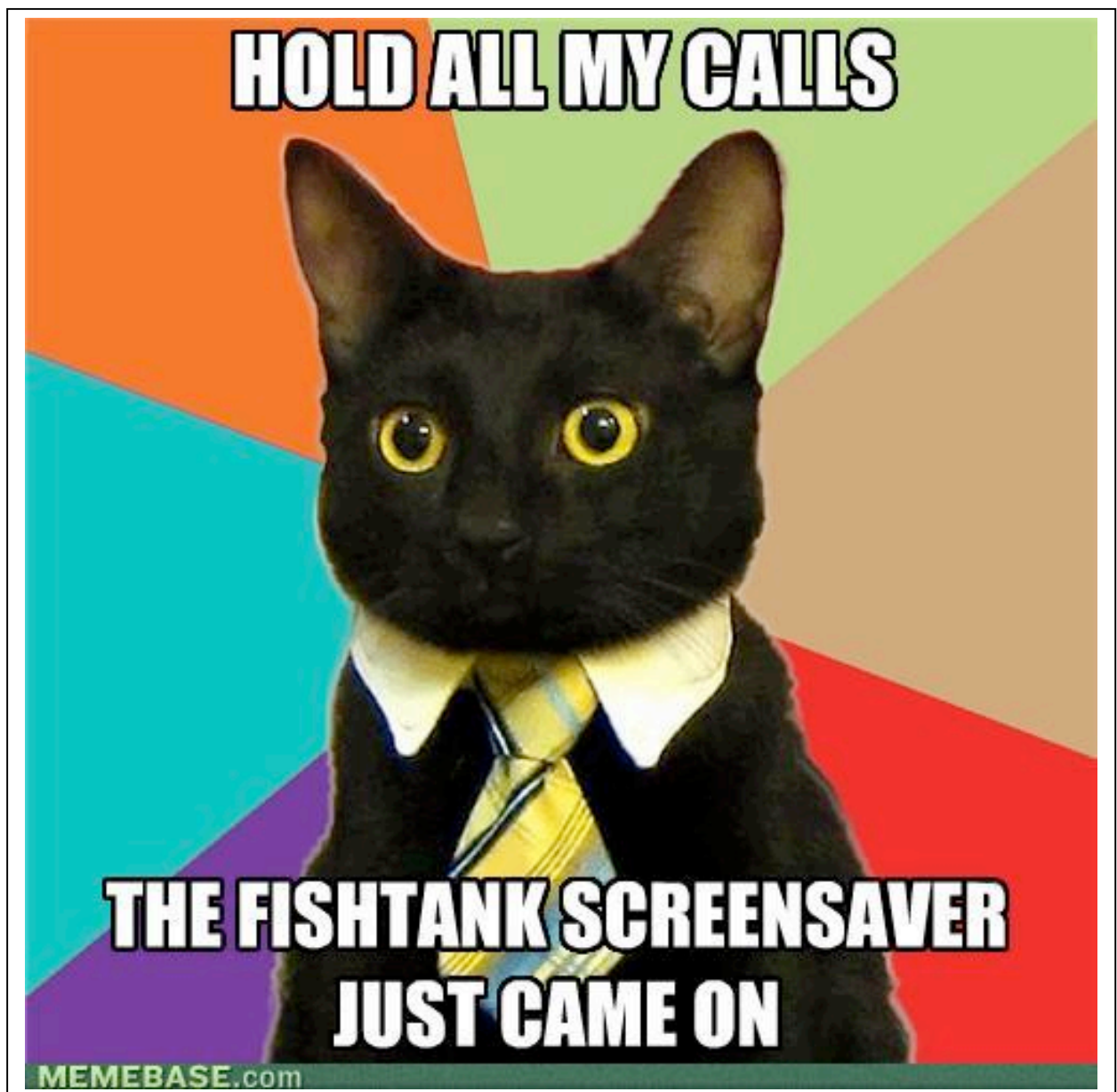
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**And now a word from** your newsletter *Editor* and *Grand Pooh-Bah of The Insignificant*.....but you can call me "Sir."

**Emmaus Lay Director Donna Edmunds [LDNTC]** although capable and experienced, has a demanding, even overwhelming job. Our Board of Directors authorized bringing on board an **Executive Assistant**, pictured, below. He will be at the August Gathering doing a 'meet-and-greet' somewhere near the Fish & Chips. Stop and say 'hi.'



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