



Florida Crown Emmaus Newsletter

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RENOVATION UNDERWAY

Rev. Fred Woolsey, Community Spiritual Director

This summer I am watching in my neighborhood as homeowners make major repairs to their homes. There are plumbing and roofing jobs that shouldn't be put off, as well as painting and repairs. Most homes need minor or major renovation to keep things up. The same is true of the spiritual life of many Christians. Too many Christians are content with a "lukewarm" faith. The writer of Revelation warned the Church at Laodicea "because you are neither hot nor cold" the Lord was not pleased with them. (Rev 3:15-16).

We know that the Walk to Emmaus is the renovation of the heart needed by many Christians. The three-day weekend renews and strengthens the faith of pilgrims and sends them back to their church to worship and serve in a new way. Many of our church leaders would benefit from sponsorship to Emmaus. These are the people who burn their candle long and hard in the duties and tasks of the local church. What a difference it would make to see the ministries of the church with new eyes and renewed faith.

The Walk to Emmaus isn't complete without some follow through. As wonderful as our weekends are, we need the support and prayer of a reunion group to keep us renewed. The weekly and bi-weekly groups help us focus on the things we learned at the Walk. We put into practice our priorities and we ask our brother or sister to hold us accountable. If we struggle with anger, bitterness, failure, or fear, we are stronger because we have another Christian to hold us and pray for us. This is part of the process of the renovation of the heart.

As you get out the paint brush and tools from the garage this summer, take a minute to remember that God is not through with us yet. The renovation is an on-going process until Christ is enthroned in our minds and hearts. Have a great summer.

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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Calendar of Events...

- Gathering/Hoot
July 25
Good Shepherd UMC
- Gathering/Hoot
September 19
Swaim UMC
- Men's Walk #65
October 1 - 4
- Women's Walk #65
October 8 - 11
- Fourth Day Gathering/Hoot
October 17
Orange Park UMC
- Bahamas Men's Walk #1
October 15 - 18
- Bahamas Women's Walk #1
October 22 - 25

FCE Team Support Coordinator

Rick Williams, Community Lay Director

As you have previously read in our newsletters (you have been reading them – right?) Florida Crown is attempting to return to the true Emmaus team model. This model requires that a support coordinator be established for each team. He or she is like a 4th ALD and is responsible for coordinating all Behind-the-Scenes support efforts on each weekend. The Emmaus Handbook states that this person should be very experienced with a complete and broad knowledge of all background and support areas such as agape, the chapel, dining room, and the outside angel positions. Now that's enough to scare anyone isn't it?

But it's really not that bad. Most everyone who has served on several teams has done or is very familiar with these positions. You will then work with the Board member over each area to assign individual members or groups

from the community who have volunteered to serve (and been previously trained by attending our community training sessions) to that area. An Orientation Session will be held if needed and then on the weekend you will oversee these positions so the other ALDs and inside team can concentrate on the pilgrims and their walk with Christ.

Have you served in some of these positions? Past Lay Director? Haven't been called to serve recently or just wanting to get re-involved on the weekends? Consider volunteering for the Support Coordinator position or just volunteering in general to serve on a weekend in a support position. **Won't you be His hands and feet?!** Contact our Team Selection Board members, or me, at the emails or phone numbers on the back of this newsletter.

Outside Team Training

Debbie Douthett, Asst. Community Lay Director

I am very excited to announce upcoming training events for persons who wish to serve on Outside Team for the upcoming Walks. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to participate in these events, as the Teams are going to be put together in an exciting way!

The conference room team will still remain at camp for the entire weekend and remain apart from the community for the duration. The Outside Team, including Agape, Snack Angels, Chapel Servants, and Outside Angels will

have the option to serve as part of a group. They will have the option of working with others to form their own schedule, or working together to make sure there is coverage for the entire weekend. Outside Team can include past Lay Directors and newbies.

Intrigued? Come to the Trainings, and serve as your schedule permits! Dates and times of trainings to be announced. If you are interested contact me at 476-4172.

Debbie Douthett

In The Kitchen...

Magi Trotman, Kitchen Coordinator

“He who gives when he is asked has waited too long.”

It's SUMMER! A time for family, travel, the beach, the mountains, fishing, boating - the list is endless! Hot fun in the summer time! This time of year, we all lapse in the smaller responsibilities of life. But if you could, when you seek out comfort from the extreme heat, in moments of hibernation; just for a moment, stop and remember the needs of the Emmaus Community and just mail in a simple Green Agape, (the new FCE address is listed on the following page).

You can post where you want it applied, or just send it for general funds. Especially with our newest sister community in the Bahamas, they will be in need of such gifts. Locally, there are always needs in all areas. A gift of your **time** is also a great thing to give. Consider upcoming Walks that will need servants, prayer, agape, and behind the scene activities. If you have a specific talent, just get in touch with the person in charge of an area. There are so many facets to the Emmaus Community; surely, you can find one or two areas in which you can give of yourself. Have a blessed and safe summer season!

Drinks lots of water and wear wide brimmed hats!

Emmaus in the Bahamas - NEWS

Rick Williams, Community Lay Director

The Bahamas Sonshine Emmaus Community has completed the development of their Steering Committee (Board of Directors). Miss Joy Sargent is their new Community Lay Director and Rev. Charles Sweeting is their new Community Spiritual Director. Please be in **prayer** for these individuals and the remainder of their committee as they proceed with the process of developing their community. Also please remember that they and the teams which are being formed need your financial support. Please send your contributions (tax deductible of course) to:

Florida Crown Emmaus
PO Box 351588
Jacksonville, Fl. 32235-1588

Thank you!!!

Bahamas Sonshine Emmaus Financial Supporters (thru June 13)

- ◇ Robert & Jody Peters, Fernandina Beach
- ◇ Sara Moulis & Teresa Hodges, Jacksonville
- ◇ Jeff & Constance Lamm, Flagler Beach
- ◇ Steve & Barbara Waterston, Jacksonville
- ◇ Ty & Barbara Riddle, Jacksonville
- ◇ Rick & Patty Williams, Jacksonville

And remember, if you have a desire to serve as a team member on Bahamas Sonshine Emmaus Walk #1, please let me know. And if not, then please remember the other ways to help (prayers, financial support, and making agape).

Thank You!

COMMUNITY Service Directory

Florida Crown Emmaus is forming a Community Service Directory, so that Community members can do business with Christian brothers and sisters. We have a lot of service-related people in our Community, and in a down economy it's nice to do business with someone you trust. So if you want to be listed in the Directory, then send along your information (in business card format containing business name, contact name, address and phone number, Table and Walk #). You may also send along information for other Community members you know of who would like to be listed in the Directory.

The Community Service Directory will be an alphabetic index listing, and may also have a cross listing by business type.

Mike Wildes is heading up this effort, so please send any business info to him by email at itsmikeagain@hotmail.com.

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Important Changes of Address

FCE Board

Florida Crown Emmaus has a new address, effective immediately. Mail was not always getting to our old address on a timely basis - so this change was needed.

If you have any Emmaus forms that list a post office box, then please be sure to note this **NEW address:**

Florida Crown Emmaus, Inc.
P.O. Box 351588
Jacksonville, FL 32235-1588

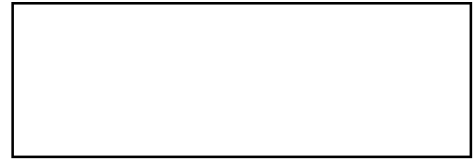
We have filed a Change of Address form with the Post Office, but we still advise you to change or discard any forms or documents you may have that list a post office box address different than the one listed above.

Additionally, we have a new address for mailing in Walk to Emmaus application forms, effective immediately. If you have a Walk to Emmaus application form

with the High Pine Road address on it, please send it instead to this **NEW Application address:**
Jody Matchett, Registrar
5367 Golf Course Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32277

Thank you, and sorry for any inconvenience that these changes may cause. The revised application form will be posted on the FCE website shortly.

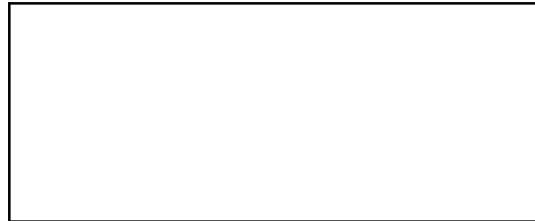
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4958 MAYBANK WAY
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GATHERING/HOOT
July 25th, 2009
6:00 P.M.
Good Shepherd UMC

Good Shepherd UMC is located at 12046 Normandy Blvd. Take the Chaffee Road exit south off of I-10 West, go to Normandy Blvd. and then west about 1.5 miles.

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