



FLORIDA SONRISE EMMAUS AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER



GATHERING REMINDER:



Saturday, August 19, 2017

Coronado Community UMC

201 Peninsula Ave. , New Smyrna Beach

6:00 PM DINNER

7:00 PM Worship—Childcare provided

2018 Walk Dates Set

The FSE Board has approved the following dates, and secured the facility for the 2018 Walk to Emmaus:

Men's Walk #50—April 19-22

Women's Walk #51—April 26-29

September 2017

DeColores! Rebecca Hyvonen, Your FSE Community Spiritual Director

Only one more month until the first possibilities of possibly cooler air arrives in Florida! Like the hope of cooler air for a lot of us, the Florida Sonrise Emmaus community is a refreshing thought for us as well.

We are the larger body of Christ as many churches work together to “inspire, challenge, and equip the local church and its mission.” We help people “find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.”

It was with this in mind that I thought of where I would send a potential believer who does not live in the area of the local church where I worship and serve. I was driving over the bridge towards Central Baptist Church for a meeting. I was nearing a certain dining and “entertainment” establishment on Beach Street, where several of us accidentally wandered into in April. Some of you may have heard the story.

In thinking about follow up with the young woman with whom I had conversation, I daydreamed about where I might suggest she go to get connected with a local church. I thought about our Emmaus churches in her area, and knew she would be warmly welcomed and encouraged in her faith life at any one of these beloved bodies of Christ. It was a comforting and inspiring thought. I'm sorry to admit I haven't had that follow-up conversation yet. Please pray for me. In the meantime, however, I want to thank God for each of our churches, and encourage all of us to continue to work together and pray for one another to further the Kingdom of God in our greater Volusia County area.

Thank you for your commitment. I look very forward to seeing all of you very soon.

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.” (Romans 15:5)

2018 FLORIDA SONRISE EMMAUS SERVANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
_____ Male _____ Female

Church: _____ Original Walk # _____

Address: _____

Phone #s: _____ (home) _____ (work) _____
(cell) _____

Email: _____

Group Reunion: ___ Yes _____ No I have sponsored a pilgrim: ___ Yes ___ No

I am interested in serving as the church contact/coordinator in my home church _____

I am interested in serving on the Emmaus board: ___ Yes ___ No ___ Maybe (more info needed)

I am interested in serving on the Conference Room Team for the 2018 walks. _____

Please return to any board member.

GETTING BACK UP TO SPEED

As vacation days are ending, the tourists are leaving the area. Parents and kids are in the “Back to School” mode, and our families are settling back into a more regular routine. This is the time for our Emmaus community to get back in gear and “revved up” for the fall season.

Even though the Florida Sunrise Board did not meet in July, and there was no July gathering, a lot has been happening. After a month off, the FSE Board returned for its regularly scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2017. We have confirmed our dates for the 2018 Walks. We are in the process of selecting our leaders for the future. That is why you will find a **servant service form** on the top of this page. I know you may have filled out a similar form before, but this is the time of year that we are hoping to get all member info up to date. Please join us this weekend at the **August 19, gathering** for food, fellowship, and future plans

We want to be well prepared for the selection of new leadership for 2018.



ARTISTS NEEDED

Wall Agape is requested by other Emmaus communities throughout the year, as they hold their walks. We heard so many people that worked on the last set of walks, rave about the wonderful art work that was produced by our pilgrims. We are hoping to enlist some of our artists to create Agape posters that we can send to other communities.

Praise Band members needed. If music is your art form, please share your talent by participating in the worship music for our gatherings.

If writing is your thing, we are looking for poetry or creative writing to enhance our newsletter.



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INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR ON OUR NEXT WALKS?



The process begins with prayer. If you think you are ready to make the commitment to be a sponsor; please understand that the commitment goes beyond just the weekend of the walk. Now is a good time to look at the potential leaders in your congregation. The goal of the Emmaus movement is to empower leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ. For first time sponsors, please ask questions so you know what your responsibilities require.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ◆ Start a new reunion group if you are not currently in one
- ◆ Volunteer to be the Emmaus communication coordinator in your church
- ◆ Carpool with others to get them to the gatherings
- ◆ Share this newsletter with others
- ◆ Volunteer to host a gathering at your church