



Gulfcoast Walk to Emmaus

Gulf Coast Emmaus

February 2019

Contact Us

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

\$10.00 (\$5.00 for Children under 10 yr) includes:
Garden Salad, Bread, Spaghetti w/Sauce and Dessert.
Beverage Included: Lemonade, Water and Coffee

March 23, 2019 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Grace Church, Central Campus

2415 Grand Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Contact any board member for tickets/Walk-ins welcome

IMS Database Converting to CMA

Our current database is in the process of being converted to the Upper Rooms new Community Management App (CMA).

It will eventually replace our current IMS system by March 31, 2019.

All of the current information that is stored in the IMS will be transferred over to the new system on March 31. After that date we will no longer be able to access any of the previous data that was on the IMS. Please go to the IMS database prior to March 31st, to make sure your contact information is up to date (email, phone, address). It can be accessed at the following http://gcec.inetmember.com/Default_CMS.aspx

The new system does not yet have in place a way of doing mass communications (e-blasts) like our old system. The only way we will be able to communicate to you after March 31, 2019 is through the Newsletter, which can be accessed and downloaded via the Gulf Coast Emmaus Website. Here is the link for the website.

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The Upper Room is working on a solution to the communication issue for the new app. Once they have resolved the mass communication issue, we will send out an e-blast to the entire community to let you know.

I urge you to stay in contact through the website until then.
The new system is based entirely on your email as your user name,
so if we do not have a correct, current email,
you will not receive an invite to join the new CMA database.

“Whose Job Is It, Anyway?”

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

The story may be confusing but the message is clear:
no one took responsibility, so nothing got accomplished.

Board Opportunities

There are still opportunities to help out on a committee or as a board member.

Board members may serve on a team during their term in office (except as Lay Director).

The following positions are open: Agape/Prayer, Gatherings/Facilities, Merchandising/Literature and Music/Entertainment

If you are interested, please contact any board member at:

info@gulfcoastemmaus.com and let them know.

Board nomination form can be accessed at:

<https://gulfcoastemmaus.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Board-of-Directors-Nomination-Application.pdf>

Agape/Prayer

Duties include: Leading prayer each month at our Board of Directors meeting for upcoming Emmaus Walks, Kairos, Kairos Outside, Torch, and Chrysalis weekends taking place around the world for the next month. Sending out emails each month, with our wall agape attached to each of those communities. A heart for intercessory prayer.

Gatherings/Facilities

Duties include: In charge of set up and tear down for the walks (a volunteer crew will help) at Port La Belle Inn. This includes supervising the volunteer crew for each walk (both men and women), coordinate with person who has the Emmaus trailer to make sure it is brought out to Port La Belle, inventory of the trailer (supplies for the walk/gatherings and contents of the trailer), set up talk room, chapel and send-off/closing room. After the walks, replace all items belonging to Emmaus back into trailer in orderly manner (volunteer crew to help), take inventory for next walk, and coordinate for the trailer to be picked up. For the gatherings, help to set up, tear down and clean up the facility/church where the gathering is being held. Take extra plates, cups, etc. back to trailer for storage.

Merchandising/Literature

Duties include: Ordering crosses, literature and supplies for walks. Ensure that all items are taken to the facility and verify supplies. Providing closing packet materials to the mailroom servant for the walks.

Music/Entertainment

Duties include: Helping to train Music servants for the walks, organizing, setting up, or providing entertainment for the community gatherings.

Outreach

Alva United Methodist Church

Gulf Coast Emmaus brothers and sisters:

Alva United Methodist Church has started a new Emmaus Reunion Group. Alva United Methodist Church is located about 20 miles west of Fort Myers on SR-80. This church was formed in 1886 and the church was built in the town of Alva in 1903.

Alva United Methodist Church sustained some major damage during hurricane Irma in 2017 when their steeple was blown off the church roof. The cross was removed and put in what was thought to be a safe place, but to add insult to injury someone decided to steal the cross that had been atop the steeple. After all of this the church and surrounding community came together to see that Alva United Methodist Church was able to rebuild the steeple and in November of 2018 the new steeple was delivered and installed.

Alva had their first reunion group meeting on Saturday January 12, 2018 and had a very good turnout. Alva has an Emmaus men's reunion group but this new reunion group is open to all Alva Emmaus. The meeting had an outstanding covered dish dinner, a wonderful time of fellowship, many 4th day testimonies followed by a discussion on the direction they would like to see this group go.

The group is planning to reach out to Emmaus brothers and sisters in surrounding area churches to enhance the Emmaus community. This is an outstanding idea and I hope many of our other Emmaus Community members might consider doing the same.

Written by Stan Barnes