



# Gulf Coast Emmaus

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Walk to Emmaus

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**Please read this NEWSLETTER**  
**It contains very**  
**Important**  
**New Contact**  
**Information**

### Sponsors

We still have opportunities for new Pilgrim applications. We currently do not have enough applications on file to schedule our next walk. Let's pull together to get some more Pilgrims, so we can schedule a walk. This is our **Mission** and it's what we are **called** to do.

## **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 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.

[www.gulfcoastemmaus.com](http://www.gulfcoastemmaus.com)

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.**

## Church Representatives

Please find below our current list of Church Reps.

If corrections need to be made or added, please send us the corrected information.

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Jim Blythe - Alva UMC	Selina Spalding - Beach Baptist
Kim Nugent - Calvary Baptist	Kevin Gilles - Cape Christian Fellowship
John Graff - Cape Coral Community	Kathy Graff - Cape Coral Community
Diane Flower - Cape Coral First UMC	Joy Bridwell - Carlson Memorial UMC
Patrick Bridwell - Carlson Memorial UMC	Liz Easton - Christ UMC, Lehigh
Timothy Easton - Christ UMC, Lehigh	Sarah Marsh - Christ UMC, Lehigh
Judi Potter - Cleveland UMC	Don Warren - Covenant Presbyterian
Isabel Emery - Cypress Lake Presbyterian	Donna Brady - Cypress Lake UMC
Elizabeth McGregor - Cypress Lake UMC	Kris Clemmensen - East Naples UMC
Fran Barnes - Edgewater UMC	Stan Barnes - Edgewater UMC
Nancy Eisele - Englewood UMC	Florence Allen - Estero UMC
Jim Allen - Estero UMC	Tonda Tavemier - Estero UMC
Sharon Mihm - Faith Assembly of God	Peggy Morningstar - Faith Assembly of God
Barbara Steffey - Faith UMC	Joanie Steinke - Faith UMC
Mary Howard - First Alliance	L. David Sims - First Assembly of God
Dawn Foster - First Baptist Naples	Rod Foster - First Baptist Naples
Edward (Mike) Murphy - First Christian, Labelle	Thom street - First UMC, Immokalee
Virginia Spradley - First UMC, Moore Haven	Donette Samons - First UMC, Punta Gorda
Sharon Gable - Good Shepherd UMC	Ron Joray - Grace UMC, Central
Shari Massie - Grace UMC, Central	Michael Mills - Grace UMC, Central
Ron Nafke - Guiding Light Community	Tery Dugan - Living Faith
Diana Teeter - Living Faith	Jim Teeter - Living Faith
Jacki Tripp - McGregor Baptist	Douglas Woodard - Messiah Lutheran
John Castle - New Hope Baptist Fellowship	Dick Boyd - New Hope Presbyterian
Nick Vengco - Next Level	Carol Manning - North Shore Alliance
Rohnda Fuller - Our Lady of Louedes	Dennis Brucker - Pine creek Chapel
Jackie Brucker - Pine Creek Chapel	Brad Beasley - River of Life
Joyce Bell - St. Michael Lutheran	Chris Bruhnke - Summit Church
Janis Dzyndra - Trinity UMC, North Port	Marco Polo - Victory Christian Center
Jennifer Rivera - Vineyard Community Church	Sue Upmann - Vineyard Community Church
Bemice Gorman - Wesley Memorial	Sarah Markle - Wesley memorial

## Reunion Groups

Anyone who leads or participates in a reunion group and is open to new people joining, please send us your contact information. We get requests often from people looking for a reunion group. We would like to be able to give them a list of possible groups to join. This will allow us to better connect with our community members.

## **Training**

My name is Lynn Blakeman and I represent the Upper Room as the Gulf Coast Walk to Emmaus Community. I did my original Walk in about 1998 on Western New York Men's Walk #17 in Olean New York where I sat at Table #2, Mark. I am currently a member of the Edgewater UMC in Port Charlotte.

As our Community Trainer I am a resource the Upper Room and specifically for the Walk to Emmaus. I understand that there are several Group Reunions that meet at various times and places throughout our Community. If any group needs training for Sponsorship please let me know. I have other training materials available as well. You can contact me by email at: [lsblake49@yahoo.com](mailto:lsblake49@yahoo.com)

## **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](mailto: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.

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Our fundraiser was a success.

We had only sold 35 tickets, as there were many other organizations having similar fundraisers. We were not sure how successful the dinner would be.

We ended up serving around 70 people, most of them walk-ins, some of which were local homeless who were not able to pay.

With the help of several generous donations and all of the food being donated, we made around \$900.00. Some monies have yet to be turned in, and we are hoping for more monetary donations, so we do not have a final total.

A special thank you to Pastor Ed Horn and Grace Church, Fort Myers Central Campus, for hosting the event at no charge to us. Another special thank you to board member Sharri Massie, who took the lead in organizing the event and managed to get all of the food donated.

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and attended the fundraiser or helped in any way.

We have around 400 churches within our community area. Imagine if each one did a fundraiser once a year for Emmaus or simply made a yearly pledge and donated \$500.00.

That would give our organization \$200,000.00 to work with.

We have had complaints that our pricing for the walks is too high.

Unfortunately the costs are what they are. Just imagine how many walks we could put on each year, at no cost to the pilgrims or team members if we had that kind of money.

Please think hard and pray on it.

Then let's work together as a community and put it into action.

