

STRAIT FROM THE HEART
HEART OF FLORIDA VIA de CRISTO
MINI- NEWSLETTER



**Mark Your
Calendars Now!**

**The Fruits of the
Spirit**

**16 July, Goodness Ultreya at Hope
Lutheran, 2600 N. Dean Road at
7:00PM.**

**20 August, Faithfulness Ultreya at
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Semoran
Blvd and Curry Ford at 7:00PM.**

**17 September, Gentleness Ultreya &
Community Meeting at Northland
Distributed Annex, 17/92 and Dog
Track Road at 7:00PM. Potluck at
6:00PM.**

**15 October, Self Control Ultreya at
Spirit of Joy Lutheran, Colonial and
Rouse Road at 7:00PM.**

**12 November "The 20th Anniversary
Celebration of HOF Via de Cristo"
held at St. John Lutheran at 7:00PM.
Potluck at 6:00PM.**



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Twenty years ago this ministry began with a few dedicated souls who moved to Central Florida and were seeking other Cursillistas to share in group reunion. The solution—start Heart of Florida! And that they did, with the help of other Florida Fourth Day communities. Over the years we have celebrated 30 sets of weekends and our Women's #31. We have seen those who

began this ministry move away, we have seen some dear brothers and sisters move on to be in God's presence, we have seen our community grow and grow. We have many, many new faces. Our lives have become more hectic and our time commitments have become a challenge.

So how do we keep our community vital and enthused? In preparation for our Anniversary celebration, your Secretariat hopes you will help develop our very own mission statement. We also want to hear your ideas for "Stirring up the Spirit" within the community. Please challenge yourself and attend the **August Ultreya** where we will work to develop the mission statement and listen to your ideas. The Secretariat had a few: 4 potluck Ultreyas per year with fellowship activities between (game nights, concerts, action activities). What do you think? We will be listening.

SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS

Your community is led by a secretariat of 15 positions. Each term is for 2 years. To keep the secretariat renewed and vital, members may only serve for two terms. The terms expire on an alternating basis so that only about half of your leadership chairs are elected each year. Do you have some great ideas for "Stirring up the Spirit" of this community? Has this community given you a gift you would like to pass on by helping to facilitate the goals of Via de Cristo? Do you know someone who you think has the dedication and a passion for this ministry? Now is the time to step forward. Please contact Jan Fry, Sheila Bender or Sandy Moore (Nominating Committee) and let us

know you are interested, or speak with the person currently in that position for more information. Positions up for a 2 year term are:

- Leaders
- Outreach
- Treasurer
- Pre VdC
- Local Palanca
- On Site PA
- Secretary



Ordination

Carolyn Rogers has invited the community to attend her ordination.

She says that attending her HOF Via de Cristo Weekend #10 was the beginning of her realization of a call to Christian ministry. Her ordination will be Sunday, August 21, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at Winter Park Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 760 Lakemont Ave. Please RSVP to Carolyn by August 10 to 407-671-3000 after 1:00 p.m. God's blessings to you Carolyn!

Following is an article written by an 8 year old boy who was given a homework assignment to explain God. I wonder if we could do as well?



EXPLAIN GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time

teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mom and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said "O.K."

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. **And...that's why I believe in God.**

Keep these thoughts with you throughout the coming years!

1. If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
2. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
3. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.
4. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.
5. He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.
6. What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary.

Face it, He really does love you.

Remember: God answers Knee-Mail!



**Christ is counting
on you...**

Your Secretariat:

Lay Director:	Sandy Moore
Treasurer:	Pam Hoepner
Secretary:	Joyce Rodriguez
Leaders:	Diane & Jim DeMark
Pre VdC:	Artie Grindle
Post VdC:	Bob Blasberg
Off-Site PA:	Del & Martha Harriman
On-Site PA:	Richard Buhl
Distant Palanca:	Jan Fry
Local Palanca:	Sheila Bender
Music:	Jill Heroux
Communications:	Tammy Ortiz
Outreach:	Open
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