



The conference center of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida

DaySpring Tree DAY

MAY 2008

Meet DaySpring's New Interim Executive Director



*Dr. Charles Wallace
DaySpring Interim Ex. Dir.*

"I'm a terminal do-gooder who failed at retirement." That, with a wink and a smile, is how DaySpring's new Interim Executive Director Charles Wallace describes himself. Wallace, who replaces Rosemary Benoit, officially begins his tenure May 1. The sixty-five year old ordained Presbyterian minister says he found retiring after four decades of directing camp and conference centers in California and Arkansas wasn't as easy as he thought. "I've learned a lot along the way and found I still had a lot to share." His short-lived retirement ended in 2006 when he was asked to serve as a consultant and interim Executive Director of the Seabeck Conference

Center near Seattle which he describes as "One of the most wonderful experiences of my life." Wallace brings a lot to the table including 25 years as President and CEO of United Camps, Conferences and Retreats, an organization that manages 12 camp and conference centers in Northern California. He also served for eight years as President and CEO of the Mount Sequoyah Program Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Wallace, an avid pilot, holds a doctorate in Educational Administration. He is a founding member of International Association of Camp and Conference Center Administrators (IACCA) serving as President from 1988-1990. One of his most important contributions was the development of a professional certification program for conference center administrators. He continues to serve as Academic Dean of the Association's Certification course. Wallace says people often think of interims as "Someone who keep the lights on until a permanent replacement arrives." Wallace says he doesn't plan any major changes but hopes to accomplish more than that. "First, I want to analyze the current situation at DaySpring and share what I learn with Bishop Smith and Diocesan Counsel." Wallace also plans to work closely with the staff to increase their professional development and with the Board of Trustees. He also wants to find new ways to market DaySpring, and of course, to play a major role in helping to find a permanent Executive Director. Wallace says his contract as interim is "Not time-based but outcome-based. Once I have achieved all that the Bishop has asked of me, I will move on."

Episcopal Church Women "Inspirations Day"



Pastor Rickey Bolden

Former Cleveland Browns offensive tackle Rickey Bolden will speak to several hundred church women coming to DaySpring for the ECW's annual Inspirations Day retreat on Saturday, May 10. After leaving the NFL, Bolden became an ordained minister and now serves as Senior Pastor of the New Community Church in LaGrange, Georgia. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$20. For reservations, contact Eileen Alleman at 941-753-7543.



Men's Conference

Sharing Your Faith; Defending Your Faith; and Discipling are the three themes of the Episcopal Men's Ministries "Equipping the 70" retreat to be held at DaySpring May 16-18. Episcopal Bishop Dabney Smith will be one of the presenters. Participants, who come from a number of different denominations, will receive a six-week follow up curriculum for individual and small group work. For more information about the retreat, or Episcopal Men's Ministries, go to www.disciplemakingswfl.com.



Young Adult Retreat

Young adults aged 19-30 are invited to attend a retreat at DaySpring on June 6-8. The retreat, being sponsored by the Episcopal Vocare Ministry, gives participants a chance to develop friendships and learn ways to integrate their faith in their plans for college and careers. For more information, contact Young Adult Ministries at 941-556-0315 ext. 274.



Coming To Camp At DaySpring

Hundreds of youth will be coming to camp at DaySpring this summer. Hope Hospice of Ft. Myers will be hosting Camp Rainbow Trails on June 13-15 for children who have suffered the loss of a loved one recently. Diocesan Elementary Camp for youth in grades 3-6 will be June 15-20 and Youth Camp for children in grades 6-12 will be June 22-27. Camp Anytown for high school aged youth leaders will have three sessions: June 15-19, July 20-24 and August 3-7. Camp Joy for children whose families live in homeless shelters will be at DaySpring July 3-6. Camp New Horizons for the children of prison inmates will be July 20-25. Camp Able for handicapped children will be July 25-31. Camp at DaySpring is an exciting and wonderful time for having fun, making friends and experiencing the love of God. DaySpring is available to all religious and not-for-profit organizations. For information about rates and availability contact our reservations department.



Cursillo Leaders Conference

Episcopal Cursillo movement leaders from throughout the Southeastern United States will be attending a Cursillo Leaders Workshop at DaySpring May 16-18. Cursillo is an international renewal ministry in the Episcopal Church as well as other denominations. Nina Jo Moore, National Coordinator for Episcopal Cursillo Leader Workshops, will speak, as will Thom Moore, a member of the National Episcopal Curillo Community Board. Joining them will be the Rev. Gene Wise. Father Wise was recently elected as Clergy Representative to the National Episcopal Cursillo Community for the Southeastern District and is Rector Emeritus of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He will serve as Spiritual Director of the retreat and be joined by his wife, Janelee, who is also a member of the retreat team. The Cursillo Community of the Diocese of Southwest Florida is hosting the event and invites local leaders to attend. Registration forms and other information are available on the organization's web site at www.cursillowswfla.org. You may also contact Judy Marx at jmarx9450@aol.com or Barbara Gingrich at baromsc@tampabay.rr.com.

Contact information:

Christie Woodring or
Angela Green, Reservations
P.O. Box 661
Ellenton, FL 34222
1-941-776-1018
www.dayspringfla.org

DaySpring TODAY DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
P.O. Box 661
Ellenton, FL 34222

Non Profit Org
U.S.Postage
PAID
Manasota, FL
Permit No. 945

