

We are serving under the leadership of **CROS Ministries**. Excerpts from <http://crosministries.org/content/docs/Gleaningpacket2016-2017.pdf> are reprinted below.

## **BEFORE GLEANING**

1. **Contact the FUMC church office** (772 287-6262, [gteed@stuartfumc.org](mailto:gteed@stuartfumc.org)) to let us know to expect you on Saturday, April 22 and whether you'll carpool from the church (8:15 departure) or go directly to the farm (arrive 8:45 at Agri-Gators, located at 501 SW Long Dr, Palm City 34990).
2. Complete the "Gleaner's Form" for **each gleaner** and bring to the gleaning site. Give the form to the field supervisor at the gleaning site who is collecting them.
3. Expect to finish around 11:30am.

## **RULES FOR GLEANERS**

1. **When gleaning, remember you are on another person's property.** Treat it better than your own property. (Make sure you are leaving no water bottles, candy wrappers, etc.). We are guests, please don't abuse the privilege, or we may lose it.
2. Every gleaner must complete the Gleaner's Form. **All gleaners under 18 years of age must have the waiver signed by their parents.**
3. **In the field the field supervisor is in charge.** Follow his/her instructions and directions completely. They are there to protect your safety, the safety of the produce and to protect the property owner's interest.
4. **Children 12 and under must be supervised** by parents or other responsible adults. **Children under 6 must be within arm's reach** of a responsible adult always. It is suggested that children 4 and younger be left at home due to the nature of field conditions.
5. Glean and pack only in those areas designated by the field supervisor.
6. Safety is of utmost important in gleaning. **If any activity is questionable, do not do it.** Such safety practices include:
  - Do not climb trees or fences.
  - Do not ride on the back of moving vehicles.
  - Stay away from farm machinery, canals, and roadways.
7. The field supervisor can cancel a gleaning at any time if he/she feels these rules are not being followed.
8. **No pets, please.**

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

1. Long sleeve shirts and pants are needed in cornfields. Leaves from the corn stalks are sharp and can cut the skin.
2. It is recommended that all gleaners wear gloves and hats in the field, apply sunscreen and have bug spray handy in case insects are an issue.
3. Bathroom facilities are unavailable in most gleaning fields; it is advisable to use the bathroom prior to coming to the field.
4. Bring water and a snack to the field.
5. A three to five gallon pail with a handle is an excellent container to carry through the field. Fill it and empty it into the packing box or bin.