



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

June 2017 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

Summer is here! I am already working on ways to stay cool during the warm days that are coming. Guarantee there will be a pool involved.

We have so many things to be thankful for. Remember every day to give thanks to God for all we have. He does care for all of us, and it shows in how he provides for us.

The number of applications is going up! Thank you for all your efforts that are ongoing to get new applications in to Anne. If you are asking me, "When are we going to have a Walk?" I'm going to ask you, "How many applications did you turn in last month?" It's up to us to decide when we have a walk! The number we are looking for is 50 for each walk. We are getting closer, but we need the community's support. Pray for who God puts on your heart to ask.

I understand some folks are asking for dates before asking future pilgrims to fill out an application. That is the old way we did walks. The new way of thinking should be: Get people to fill out applications. When we get enough, we will set the dates and then send out invitations. Don't be concerned about dates, be concerned about sharing your pilgrim experience with others.

Have you signed up for the prayer vigil yet? We took an idea from one of our family members and set up a prayer vigil for the walks. Go to the site and sign up for a half hour slot or more on the weekend of June 9th thru the 11th. Pray that God directs us for our walks and puts names of people to ask on our hearts. Let's fill this up and have a powerful prayer weekend for Emmaus.

A district training event has been set up for September 16th, 2017 at St. Simons UMC. This event is open to any one who would like to learn more about Emmaus and what the Emmaus Upper Room does to support our community. (Clergy will also be trained that morning.) The cost is \$15.00 per person. You can go on the Emmaus Upper Room website to register. Lori has included the link to the sign up page below.

I hope to see everyone at the Gathering on June 2nd. Wonder if there will be any watermelon there?

DeColores,

Mike Martin

[Click HERE to Sign-Up for the Emmaus Leadership Training in September.](#)

[Click HERE for Information to Become a Sponsor](#)

[Click HERE for Pilgrim Applications](#)

[Click HERE for the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Website](#)

Calling all Pastors!

Darrell Joiner, our Community Spiritual Director needs to know if you have attended a walk. If so, he needs your information.

Also, if you haven't filled out a Clergy Willing Servant Form in awhile, please do so again to update your information.

Click on the **BUTTON** below to access the form. Fill it out and send it to Darrell. Click [HERE](#) for Darrell's email address.

[Clergy Leadership Webpage for Emmaus/Chrysalis Team](#)

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING JUNE 2nd at 6 PM

Did you know SPONSORSHIP is one of the most important jobs in the Emmaus Community?

Without sponsors, there are no applications; without applications, there are no Walks; without Walks, our community doesn't grow.

We need 50 applications each to schedule walks. So far we have 20 men and 37 women.

Join Cindy Jones one hour before our next Gathering in Waynesville for Sponsorship Training so YOU can help us grow our community.

Each One, Reach One

Susan Hohenstein
Coastal Georgia Emmaus #67

I love to think back over my Walk to Emmaus. There are so many treasures that pilgrims receive through the walk.

One of those treasures came as we lay our brokenness at the foot of the cross. That broken place that had held us captive for so long, we surrendered to Him! The freedom, joy, and love we experienced are nothing short of amazing. There is a unity that comes as we realize we are all broken in some way, but He comes with His gentle love and heals us.

Isn't there someone you know who needs to experience the love of Jesus this way? I believe if we will just ask Jesus to lay someone on our hearts, He will. It is not about numbers and just getting enough pilgrims to have a walk. It is about having the right pilgrims, the ones that we've prayed over. The ones that God has prepared for this experience right now!

As a board, we prayed and sought the Lord together and voted to suspend the walks until we had a minimum of 50 applications for both men and women.

It was a difficult decision to make, but I believe God will honor this decision.

One of the single most important ingredients in the Emmaus experience is the prayer that saturates every aspect of it. Prayers go up 24/7. Prayer changes lives and brings freedom, fresh vision, and renewed purpose to lives.

During my times of serving on walks it has been remarkable to see lives begin to open up, hearts begin to open up, and the love of Jesus drop in. So many have found friendships that they continue to enjoy and the sense of family that comes each time we come together.

Do you remember this phrase? "I am counting on Christ and Christ is counting on me."

Can He?

Renew your commitment to Him and the beautiful experience of Emmaus. Ask Him today.

Someone is waiting.

Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings

June 2--Waynesville Missionary Baptist Church 7 PM

July 14--Glynn Baptist Church 7 PM

If you would like to offer your church to host a Gathering in the future, or would be interested in sharing a Fourth Day testimony, please contact [David DuBois](#) for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE
PRAYER VIGIL FOR OUR COMMUNITY JUNE 9-11.

[PRAYER VIGIL JUNE 9-11](#)

Reflections from the Heart

Lord of the Dance

Trisa Chancey
GIWTE #2
Table of Mary

It's funny how songs stay with you, conjuring up emotions and memories you may not have thought of for years. "Lord of the Dance" is one of those songs for me. It had drifted back into my memory so far that it was nearly forgotten, but as soon as the first notes came across the radio the memory came flooding back. I've always loved stories, and "Lord of the Dance" tells the story of God's love through Jesus from creation to today and through eternity.

Jesus IS the Lord of the Dance. As I listen to the song, I can picture Him dancing, as the song describes, in the earth, the moon, the sun, the stars. I can imagine his birth in the Bethlehem stable. I can see Jesus dancing for the Scribe and Pharisee, but them standing grim-faced with arms crossed, refusing to take part in the dance. But when the fishermen, James and John, were invited to dance, they did!

I see Jesus dancing for the love of the dance. When the Scribe and Pharisee refused to join, I imagine His heart hurt, but that didn't stop the dance. When James and John chose to join the dance, I believe Jesus felt great joy in welcoming them into it.

I think the dance is life. And as we go through life, Jesus calls us to dance with him. Sometimes the dance is stately and smooth and solemn like a ballet or a waltz. Sometimes the dance is filled with excitement like hip

hop or jazz. As the song says, "It's hard to dance with the devil on your back." But Jesus still danced, and we can too. The dance is always more beautiful when we allow Jesus to take the lead.

May you find yourself in His hands, following Jesus as he leads the steps that make the dance of your life!

DeColores!

Church Reps Needed

To help assure that all GIWTE community members are receiving information about our community, the Board is seeking a volunteer from each church in our community to facilitate information distribution from emails and Facebook notices among your church's Emmaus group.

Please contact [Lori Durham](#) if you are interested in volunteering to help spread news throughout the churches in our community.

GETTING TO KNOW THE MEMBERS OF OUR GIWTE COMMUNITY BETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this section of the newsletter, I'm asking you to consider writing a short piece (about 300 words) about how you have experienced life in God's Hands.

I'll print stories from Community members each month. It's my hope that this discourse will allow us to get to know each other better and to rejoice in the many ways God has blessed us and kept us safe as we have trusted Him on our 4th day adventures.

To submit your story, please email me by clicking [HERE](#) .

Thank you!

In God's Hands

Bill Hoffman
Coastal Georgia #64

I grew up and lived most of my life in West Virginia and was a member of the Methodist Church. My wife, Jeanie, and I decided after retiring to take a leap of faith and moved to Georgia to live.

The decision to move south was made because my job was becoming very stressful and we had one very harsh winter. We had over 30 inches of snow in one snowfall, a chimney fire, 17 pine trees across our long, steep driveway, and no electricity for a week.

I took early retirement, packed my fishing rod, and headed south. We didn't know a soul when we moved here, but we trusted God to lead us to a church and new friends. After visiting a few churches, we decided to join Blythe Island United Methodist Church, and God gave us some wonderful friends who invited us to go on "The Walk to Emmaus".

After taking the walk, my faith was renewed. I felt God was wanting me to get involved in something else.

I have been a mentor at Burroughs-Molette Elementary school for the past 5 years. Since our grandchildren are 600 miles away, this filled my need to be around children.

My wife and I also volunteer at Altama Elementary doing backpacks for the low income children. (More than 90% qualify at this school.)

The Well, a daytime shelter for the homeless, had just opened and God kept nudging me to volunteer there. I was very uncomfortable with this idea but decided to give it a try. I've been there for 2 years now and have been so blessed.

I thought at first that I could "change the world," but instead, I have been changed.

Even though I am no longer able to serve God in the same way I did as a younger man, at age 77, God has filled my retirement years with new and different ways to serve Him, and I am so blessed to be His Servant.

I don't believe He is finished with me yet.

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Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

The next GIE Board Meeting will be held July 15, at 9 AM at Brunswick FUMC, Miller Building.

Emmaus community members are always welcome at Golden Isles Emmaus Board Meetings, which are normally held the third Saturday of each month at the Miller Building behind Brunswick First United Methodist Church.