



July 2023 Newsletter

Chairman Letter July 2023

Greetings Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Community! As June comes to an end, I pray that you are doing well and looking forward to July.

I have procrastinated writing this letter because I have bad news; with heavy heart and constant prayer, the board voted to cancel the Fall 2023 walks. Our pool of willing pilgrims was too small; 5 men and 7 women. While I am extremely disappointed that we will go another year without a walk; I am reminded that we are not in control, God is in control of everything, and he will use our failures and successes to his glory! Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 "There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven. ... He has made everything appropriate in its time..." Remember, God's timetable is all that matters.

The next major board event will be nominations for open positions on the board. The open positions are as follows:

- Community Spiritual Director (1-year term appointed by the board)

- **Chairperson (1-year term appointed by the board)**
- **Gathering Coordinator (1-year term; elected by community)**
- **Treasurer (3-year term; elected by community)**
- **Communications (3-year term; elected by community)**
- **Music (3-year term; elected by community)**
- **Worship (3-year term; elected by community)**

Ballots will be distributed and voted on in October-November 2023 and terms will start 1 January 2024. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Staci Bowick (giwteseecretary@gmail.com).

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SPONSORING A PILGRIM AND YOU

Trusting in God for everything in our lives can seem daunting. From how our day will go, who we come in contact with and scheduling activities that we will be a part of.

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on

your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)

We talk continuously about the importance of sponsorship and what being a good sponsor is. Without sponsors to sponsor pilgrims we do not have walks. Each one of us needs to follow the leading of the Lord in sponsoring a pilgrim or be praying for who God wants us to sponsor. We need to be intentional about sponsoring, this is how our community grows.

During my time as Registrar and providing Sponsorship training for pilgrims at a Pio Party, one thing remained constant.....God is always in charge and in control. It always amazed me how God was intentional when HE knew the time was right for a pilgrim to attend a walk weekend.

When sponsors talk to prospective pilgrims about attending a Walk to Emmaus weekend.....the conversation should be what your walk meant you, praying for the prospective pilgrim, are they interested in more information and is God leading them to attend a walk weekend. Notice the emphasis, a walk weekend, not a specific walk weekend.

God knows what is going on — all the hows, whens and whys. When you do not know what to do or what will happen next, trust that He does. Follow God's guidelines and commands knowing that as you practice obedience, He is working out the rest. "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him" (Psalm 28:7, NIV).

Trust in God timing, for HE knows when the right time is for every pilgrim to attend a Walk to Emmaus weekend.

Anne Wojcik
South Georgia/Coastal Walk to Emmaus #30
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Freedom!

“Freedom ain’t a state like Maine or Virginia. Freedom is a state of mind!” That’s a line from a song I learned in 5th grade choir. I appreciate the way music speaks to me and tunes that become familiar stay with me. That’s part of why music in Vacation Bible School is so important. Those songs will stay with the children who learn them.

In Disney’s live action version of *Beauty and the Beast*, Belle asks, “Can anybody be happy if they aren’t free?” Through the excitement of Vacation Bible School we are given the opportunity to teach children about the ultimate freedom that is available to everyone through Christ. And in that freedom we can all experience joy...so much more lasting than happiness...that can carry us through the difficult times we face.

Vacation Bible School is set up with a LOT of different activities. This is because each individual has their own best way of learning. By providing music, arts and crafts, physical activity, traditional lessons, and food and keeping the theme cohesive the door is open to reach children’s hearts by the way they learn best.

As our churches host Vacation Bible School this summer, let’s pray for the children who attend, that their hearts will be open to the Gospel, and that they’ll remember the lessons of Jesus’ love for them. And pray for the

volunteers who play with and teach the children, that they will see the face of Jesus in each child and minister to them from a heart of love.

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

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Upcoming Dates

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

July 8th, 2023

Blythe Island Regional Park Pavilion #1

6616 Blythe Island Hwy

Brunswick, GA 31523

August 5th, 2023

Location TBA

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 **Theresa Vigue** at 912-882-7660 for more information regarding what is required of a host church. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at Community Gatherings or Walks, please contact **[Sandi Finn Snider](#)** at 904-465-6623.

A Note from Our Music Chair

Greetings All!!

I need some HELP!!!! (Stating the obvious for those who know me



well)

....Really, we need some community musicians! Singers, we have a-plenty but instrument players, not so much.

Particularly, ladies who play “portable” instruments—guitar, mandolin, autoharp, keyboard and the like.

There are plenty of gentlemen that can be called upon and jump in to help out—we’re blessed with them—but not so with the ladies. Right now, two come to mind (besides me), and you know who you are...

We need to build a musician’s tribe for Gatherings and, especially, Walks! Please feel free to text or call me @ 904-465-6623 if you would like to participate in sharing your talents with the community to help lead worship in song at the Gatherings and Walks. If you don’t sing, but play, we can find someone to sing—as I said before, no shortage of singers....

Maybe if enough people respond, we can have some jam sessions.

We need you!!!!

Yours in Christ.

Sandi Finn Snider

GIWTE Music Chair.



REUNION GROUPS

There have been a few people say that they would like to connect with a reunion group. I am working on getting people connected. If you are interested in going to a reunion group or help starting a new reunion group, please contact Connie Eastwood at giwtoreuniongroup@gmail.com
Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!

Connie

Reunion Group Chair

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