



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

August 2015

Regional Leadership Development Training

Our Golden Isles Emmaus community has the honor of hosting a Regional Leadership Development training for both laity and clergy at Kingsland First United Methodist Church in Kingsland, GA. The schedule for the training is as follows: Clergy session will be Friday November 6th from 1-5pm. The Laity session will be Saturday November 7th from 8:30am to 4pm.

Per our Covenant Agreement with the Upper Room, all Emmaus Board members, who have not previously attended, should be in attendance at a Leadership Development Event.

All other community members are also welcome and encouraged to attend! If you are interested in learning more about Emmaus/Chrysalis, want to be more involved in our Golden Isles Emmaus Community and/or interested in possibly serving on the Board in the future, this is your opportunity to attend this training.

An excerpt from the Leadership Team: There's a saying that we use during our Leadership Development trainings: "The less folks know about Emmaus/Chrysalis the more they want to change it; but the more they know about Emmaus/Chrysalis the less they want to change it." These Leadership Development Events not only give our communities the opportunity to educate themselves, but also allow the board of directors to fulfill an obligation they agree to each year when signing their covenant letter with the Upper Room. Remember that the covenant letter is the document that gives permission to each community to operate and use the copyrighted Upper Room Emmaus and Chrysalis programs.

With this training you will get to meet the Southeast Regional Leadership team and other community members where you can share ideas with one another. There will be workshops on a number of topics – Sponsorship, Team Formation, Gatherings and Clergy training to name a few. There will also be a time of sharing and communion.

Go to <http://www.seemmauschrysalis.com/> and click on Register Now, select the November 7th training date from the drop down menu and complete the registration form. Cost to attend is \$10 which covers the cost of lunch.

We hope to see you there!

Anne Wojcik
Board Chairperson

Available at the Gathering Book Table

Coming Down from the Mountain.....	\$4.00
Sustaining the Spirit.....	\$4.00
Sponsorship.....	\$4.00
Fourth Day Forward.....	\$4.00
Day 4— Pilgrim's Continued Journey...	\$4.00
The Group Reunion.....	\$6.00
Purple Worship Book.....	\$4.00
Reunion Card.....	\$.25
Pilgrim Applications.....	Free
Emmaus Brochure	Free
Chrysalis Brochure.....	Free

God Is Good, All The Time!

by Edie Payne

He never changes! He is the same today as He was yesterday and will be tomorrow. I have witnessed this in so many ways throughout my life. And, He is faithful to keep His promises. My favorite one is that He will never leave us. He is with us on the mountain tops and in the valleys. (We all have these!)

God been with me and taken care of me all my life. He has blessed me in many ways, but one of the most important ways has been through the Walk to Emmaus and the Emmaus Community. Since my Walk to Emmaus in 1987 (South Georgia Coastal Walk #1), I have seen God use Emmaus Walks to bring many, many pilgrims, as well as me, closer to Him. He has reminded us of just how much He loves us, and we have felt his amazing grace in our lives. My original Walk was good, but serving on Walks through the years has been even better! These experiences have helped me to grow spiritually more than I could ever have imagined. Oh, I am still a work in progress! God is definitely not through with me yet. (I know many of you who know me are glad to hear that!)

Being in a Reunion Group all these years has kept me accountable, not only to God, but to others, in my continuing to practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, study, and Christian action. Also, attendance at monthly Emmaus Gatherings, whenever at all possible, has helped me to stay connected to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, who are such a blessing to me. God has been good to all of us who have had the privilege of attending and serving on

the Walk To Emmaus!

May our Lord continue to bless all of you!

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Edie Payne

Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #1

My Reunion Group

by Vernon Dillingham

I have been in a reunion group since I went on my Walk in October 2001. The first group only lasted a short time due to conflicts which prevented us from meeting weekly. In early 2002, I began meeting with two other men. One of the men had not been on the Walk to Emmaus when we first started meeting but soon after we started meeting, he attended his own Walk. Over the last thirteen years our group has grown and declined, but the three original members, including myself, are still in the group. During that thirteen years we have held each other accountable and when one of us falters, the others lift him up. We have rejoiced in victories won by one of our brothers and have walked with each other through some dark valleys.

In 2014 we came together in commitment to join one of our group members who felt God leading him to revive interest in the National Day of Prayer in Camden County. Sadly the attendance at the National Day of Prayer in 2014 was less than 15 people. We began to pray that God would use us as a reunion group to create more interest and revive the Day of Prayer in our county. God was amazing in the way He opened every door upon which we knocked. When we gathered in May 2015 for the National Day of Prayer in Camden County we had over 200 people gathered to pray! To God be the glory!

I love my reunion group because they have been the feet and hands of Jesus to me and to our community.

If you are not currently involved in a Reunion Group I would strongly suggest that you either find one or start one. Being in a Reunion Group fleshes out Ecclesiastes 4:10 *“For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up.”*

Vernon Dillingham

Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus, #59

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Discipleship ~ Encourage Our Educators

by Trisa Chancey

For the first time in a considerable while I reviewed my notes from my Walk to Emmaus in preparation for writing this month's article. If you get a chance to review your personal notes from your Walk, I strongly encourage you to do so!

In my notes I found this statement from Theresa Vigue, who gave the Discipleship talk. She defined discipleship as "The process of becoming the whole person God calls us to be." Theresa listed the natural qualities of a Disciple:

1. A disciple knows their priority
 2. A disciple has discipline
 3. A disciple knows reality
 4. A disciple shows empathy in sorrow and joy
 5. A disciple takes initiative
 6. A disciple is generous – blessed to be a blessing
- Disciples are committed to Jesus and put their faith into action.

We have a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to the educators we know. As the new school year starts, many teachers get "first day jitters" the same as the children. Throughout the school year, teachers face challenges that are unknown to those of us who have not entered their world.

Let us commit to stand in the gap this school year for all who work in the education field; whether they be teachers, paraprofessionals, janitors, cooks, food service workers, counselors, clerical, police officers, or volunteers. Look for ways to encourage them, whether by the gift of a kind word or the gift of meeting their needs.

Trisa Chancey

Newsletter Committee

GIWTE Board of Directors

Did You Know.....

The September newsletter will include ballots for the 2016 Golden Isles Board of Director Elections. Did you know.....

- ◆ The Board is made up of fifteen directors
- ◆ Each director serves a three year term
- ◆ The immediate past Lay Director (Chair) of the Board serves an additional year.
- ◆ Every year five directors roll off and five new directors are elected to fill the vacancies.
- ◆ Board meetings are held once a month.
- ◆ The Board is a "working" Board meaning that each director has a specific area of responsibility.
- ◆ The Community Spiritual Director is elected annually.
- ◆ The Board has a Team Selection Committee (or Team Selection Committee chair) and a Nominating Committee.

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www.goldenisleemmaus.org



"Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless and with great joy."

Jude 1:24

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

- ◆ Gathering — August 7, at 7:00 p.m. Waynesville Missionary Baptist, Waynesville, GA.
- ◆ Gathering — Sept. 4, at 7:00 p.m.—Location TBA
- ◆ Gathering — Oct. 2, at 7:00 p.m.— Location TBA
- ◆ Gathering — Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m.— Kingsland United Methodist Church, Kingsland, GA
- ◆ Gathering — Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. — Location TBA

As you can see we are in great need of churches that would be willing to host a monthly Gathering. If your church has hosted a Gathering in the past but has not recently, it may be time to step forward. It would be wonderful if twelve churches would commit to hosting a Gathering for the same month each year. For instance, Blackshear UMC would commit to the month of January each year. First Baptist Kingsland would host for the month of February each year, etc. Please contact Gretchen Bell at gbell_31566@yahoo.com for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS BOARD MEETING

GIE Board Meeting August 15, at 9:00 a.m., 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 UMC.

Spring 2016 Walk to Emmaus Dates

Men's Walk #29, March 3-6, 2016

Lay Director: Dan James

Women's Walk #30, March 10-13, 2016

Lay Director: Cheryl DeZouche

"God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus."

Max Lucado