



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

February 2015

A Word From Our Community Spiritual Director



Hello Emmaus community,

As the Spiritual Director of this community, I am excited for the opportunity you and God have offered me to serve you in this capacity. It is a very exciting time for our community as we prepare for the spring Walks of 2015, yet I feel more of a burden than I do excitement during this season. The reason for this is surrounding the cancelation of past walks, including the fall men's Walk of 2014. Even as I write this letter there is concern of Walks this spring being canceled due to lack of participation. Someone once said insanity is continuing to do the same thing and expecting a different result. My fear is that if things do not change, our community may not exist much longer. There are some things which we know we need to do and have not been doing well: inviting individuals, praying, attending reunion groups, giving applications, attending gatherings, calling friends, etc., and then there may be things we are unaware of that may bring change to our community. I am asking each of you to join me in prayer concerning our community. I am asking God to show us what needs to be done, and asking how each of us can be an instrument of change in the future. As you pray please ask God what you can do to be that instrument of change. The board and I would love to hear some of your ideas and responses as you ask God what you can do and what we can do as a community. I am looking forward to this challenge and adventure God is offering us. May God bless us as we serve Him by serving others.

With much love in Christ
Emory Wilson

Spring Walks? Maybe Not

Spring Walk applications on file:

Men's Walk #2727
Women's Walk #2821

As we have shared many times, there is a need of a minimum of 35 pilgrim applications on file in order to schedule a Walk. The Board of Directors will be making the decision February 21st whether or not to schedule Walks. There is a great need for new applications. Can you help? Surely you know of someone who would benefit from attending.



ATTENTION REUNION GROUPS

It's time to begin planning Agape gifts. The spring Walks will be here before we know it. There are hundreds of creative ideas available on the internet. I just Googled: Walk to Emmaus Agape Ideas. Try it yourself.

If you need more information, contact our Agape Chairperson, Jan Pearce: janpearce118@gmail.com.

It's time to get to know a bit more about our newest GIWTE Board member, as promised last month. I asked each one a few questions. The first question was the same for each one: Then each was asked two additional questions. I look forward to serving with each of them.

Cheryl DeZouche Walk number: Coastal GA #78 Table: Rebekah

1. **Tell us a little about yourself in ten words or less.** I like to golf, travel and spend time with my family.
2. **Where is your most favorite place to pray? Why?** In the old Sanctuary of KFUMC because it is the first place I went after being saved and I always feel Gods presence so strong there. I love gazing up at the stained glass window with Jesus after the tomb had been rolled away.
3. **If you could travel to anyplace in the world where would you go? Why?** Africa. I felt God whisper Africa to me after I had been saved and just felt like there was something there for me to do. One day I will go.



Dudley Hendry Walk number: Coastal Georgia #39 Table: Luke

1. **Tell us a little about yourself in ten words or less.** I'm a retired internal auditor. Brenda and I have six boys and nine grandchildren. My most prized Christmas gift I received from two of them is a guitar pick that says "Papa Rocks"
2. **What is your family's favorite story to tell about you?** Probably when I crashed my sons scooter trying it out on Christmas Eve and had to go to the emergency room to get my face stitched up.
3. **Music seems to be very important to you. What is your favorite worship song? Why?** Victory in Jesus. Because it says it all.

Amy Hitt Walk number: Golden Isles #19 Table: Ruth

1. **Tell us a little about yourself in ten words or less.** Hardworking, Christian, funny, caring, friendly...(according to my 'other' children) mother to Abby 14 and Hana 12,
2. **What is your favorite Bible verse? Why?** John 15:12-13...because that is the way I try to treat every person I come into contact with. I strive to love that way.
3. **God has given us all special gifts and talents. What gifts or talents are you bringing to the Board of Directors?** Dedication, a desire to maintain unity, hard working, and a servant attitude. I just want to see our community grow.



Melinda Hollington Walk: South Georgia Coastal Walk #12 Table: Ester

1. **Tell us a little about yourself in ten words or less.** Southern Christian wife to Justin and mother of three.
2. **One of the Talks of the Weekend is Changing Your World, how are you changing your world?** One way I am changing the world is by being involved with high school students in several ways. The main purpose being I love these students as God does and pray that they know that they are loved at least for the time they have been with me.
3. **What is your most memorable Emmaus experience?** My most favorite Emmaus experience was the exciting anticipation one Saturday night as the community was waiting for the Pilgrims to come out for candlelight. It occurred to me that Heaven is just like that.

Michael G. Martin (Mike) Walk number: Mountaintop Emmaus #95, Hinton NC Table: Timothy

1. **Tell us a little about yourself in ten words or less.** Living my dream on Saint Simons Island.
2. **When was a time God spoke to you very clearly?** I was not listening to God when he was giving me hints on getting me to become a certified lay speaker. Until I received in the mail a sign up form. No one admitted to sending me this. It was God speaking to me and telling me to get into this program.
3. **If you could change anything about your life right now, what would it be?** I would have moved to SSI much earlier in my life. I love it here.



Do you remember the first time you were lost?

I was about four years old twirling circles in an aisle at Kresge’s Five and Dime when I lost sight of my folks. The world swam around me in dizzying blurs of color. I had the time of my life until I stopped spinning. That’s when I realized I couldn’t see mom and dad anymore. I didn’t recognize anyone. Panic rose in me from the top of my head to the tip of my toes. Tears brimmed in my eyes. Fear enveloped me. Suddenly, I felt a hand on my shoulder. Dad. He had found me. Before long, I was safely in the car headed home.

As I’ve walked my path with God, I’ve often discovered myself twirling absent-mindedly in the aisles of life. I’ve not always heeded His call. My path has been sinful and mired in fog. Yet even in the midst of my confusion, I’ve had enough sense to call out to Him for help.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 promises us: *And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

One of the most significant moments of my Christian walk was on the Walk to Emmaus. There, I renewed my relationship with God. Additionally, I learned He’s counting on me to share His good news with others. As a community of believers, we currently face a challenge. We need to recruit pilgrims for our walks. Perhaps we are twirling in the aisles of life and become complacent to God’s need for our Christian action.

As a community, we need to call to God in prayer. We need to seek Him with all our being. All of us have friends and family members who need to be on the Walk to Emmaus. God knows who they are and is currently wooing them, just as He wooed us. He needs us to do our part.

Please join me and pray for guidance as we seek God’s help in gathering His people together to refresh their relationships with Him.

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Lori Durham

LOVE

There is an old song that says “‘Tis love, ‘tis love, ‘tis love that makes the world go ‘round.” It seems a very simplistic view, but I believe it is true. A desire for love is at the very core of our being. We seek love in all sorts of ways until ultimately we find the love we have sought in Christ.

Emmaus gives us the opportunity to grow in our knowledge of the love of Christ. But it does so much more than that! Emmaus gives us the opportunity to share Christ’s love with others. In that way Christ’s love is multiplied.

It’s a funny thing about love. With most things, the more they are divided the less each person receives. For instance, if you have a bag of M&Ms to share and share them with two, each person gets quite a few M&Ms. But if shared with 20, those M&Ms don’t go as far. Love is different. When love is shared between two people, especially within a marriage relationship, it is truly an amazing thing. But when agape love, the love of Christ, is shared the more people it is shared with, the more there is to give.

One of the best ways to share Christ’s love is to share your own experience with another person. As you relive your experience with Christ through describing it to another, your heart becomes tender and receptive to even more of Christ. And at the same time you have the opportunity to plant a seed and ignite a fire in the heart of another person, softening their heart and helping them be receptive to the pull of Christ.

We have a wonderful opportunity to share our Emmaus experience with those we cherish. We have only to pray that God would place on our hearts the pilgrims He wants us to invite. We can’t predict their answer, but they cannot give an answer at all if they are not first invited. Please commit to pray and invite the person God lays on your heart. Remember your own Emmaus experience. Remember the person who invited you. Commit to pass that love along!

Trisa Chancey

Prayer Vigil

It’s time to begin to commit to prayer for the upcoming spring Walks. Emmaus Walks are covered with prayer from beginning to end. You might say prayer is the glue that holds it all together. To sign up for the Prayer Vigil for upcoming spring Walks just follow this guide:

- Go to www.3dayol.org
- Click on the button that says “Prayer Vigil Listings”.
- Scroll down to find Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus. Click on the date of the walk (in blue) for which you would like to sign up.
- Scroll down until you find the time you would like to pray. Click on the blue Sign-up. Fill in the requested information and click on Submit Form. You’re done!

Thank you for praying. Christ is counting on us. We are counting on Christ.

Upcoming Events

Attention all Ladies—The Grace Place, 608 Second Street, Brunswick, is having a community-wide **“Hearts for Him” - Ladies Day**, Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 from 9:30 a.m.–



12:30 p.m. Coffee and snacks will be offered @ 9:30.

Elizabeth Wolfe– featured speaker
Emmaus ladies Annie Akins and Robyn Kicklighter will be sharing worship through music. For more information contact Dottie Short (GIWTE #23, Table of Naomi) at: dottiedshort@gmail.com or (912) 223-6446.

This is a free event but a Love Offering will be taken to help with speaker/musician expenses.

“The eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly

Gathering Information

If you would like to offer your church as a location for a Gathering please contact Gretchen Bell at gbell_31566@yahoo.com

Gathering **Feb. 6**, 2015 at 7:00 PM — Kingsland FBC, Kingsland

Gathering **March 6**, 2015 at 7:00 PM — Nahunta FBC, Nahunta

No Gathering in April due to Walks

Pio Party: **May 1, 2015** at 7:00 PM — College Place UMC, Brunswick

Gathering **June 5, 2015** at 7:00 PM—Blackshear UMC, Blackshear

GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS BOARD MEETING

GIE Board Meeting February 21, 9 AM Brunswick FUMC, Miller Building. This may be an extended meeting as much needs to be decided.

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



Girls Journey Flight will be February 13-16, 2014.
Boys Journey Flight will be February 20-23, 2014.
Flights are held at Tattnall Campground in Claxton, GA. Applications may be obtained from our website-goldenislesemmaus.org website (under forms) For more information on registering a caterpillar or a willing servant application contact Amy Murray at : citymanager@windstream.net, or (912) 237-3502

Spring Walks

Men's Walk #27—April 16-19, 2015

Gene Barber, Lay Director

Women's Walk #28 — April 23-26, 2015

Lucy Hunter, Lay Director