



## GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

### Why Sponsor???

October 2015

Each of us had the blessing of attending the awesome Walk to Emmaus where the love of Jesus was poured out on us in powerful ways! I would ask have you given back to others by sponsoring a pilgrim?

God transformed my life through Emmaus in 2007 and even more since 2009 when my first pilgrim “asked me” to sponsor him. Since then God has blessed me to either sponsor or “influence in” for others to sponsor over 50 pilgrims. I truly can't imagine my life and how God has grown my faith without those amazing experiences!!!! I've been blessed to see people “saved”, captives of sins and shames set free from bondage, marriages strengthened, families transformed for eternity and ministries launched....all because a friend was asked to go!!!

How do you sponsor someone? Here are some easy tips. First, pray for God to put people in your path and for friends to attend. Second, and this is the “complicated” part....**YOU HAVE TO ASK SOMEONE!** :) I've asked many “someone's”, some said yes and some said no. Some I asked repeatedly before it was “their time”. I always tell them generally about the weekend and make it as non-threatening as possible. **DO NOT** tell them it's “life changing”....if they wanted

their life changed they'd do it themselves! But we know what God can do at Emmaus!! :) Next, I keep applications in my car and fill them out with the pilgrim, I often take it to their pastor to sign for them, and “bug them” until you get it back. And lastly, get them to the weekend and be blessed by what GOD does there!

We really need people to share the gift that was given to them. Remember what was said at the end of your Walk when you received your cross? **“I'm counting on Christ!”** and **“Christ is counting on you!”** Please ask a friend today!

De Colores!

Brad Headley GIWTE #5

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*“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.”*

*1 Corinthians 9:24*

## Living a Life of Piety

On my Walk to Emmaus, I had the privilege of hearing Linda Forbes speak about Piety. She stressed that piety is NOT momentary pious acts, outward religiosity, or religious routines. Linda Forbes said that piety IS a life surrendered to God. Even Jesus, in John 7:16, declared that his words were not his own, but directed by the One who sent him. Jesus gives the supreme example of piety by the way he lived his life, in complete surrender to God.

In order to live a life of piety, it is necessary to seek God. "What Would Jesus Do?" is a good way to start, but more important is time invested in reading the Bible and in prayer. It is through Bible reading and prayer that we can best understand God and what He calls us to do. Linda Forbes pointed out in her talk that "searching the Scripture is the source for learning the mind, heart, and soul of God," and that prayer is the "communication language of the soul."

Living a life of piety is easier when we surround ourselves with people who are also seeking to live that way. In her talk, Linda Forbes pointed out that worship is the foundation of all Christian life and community. Holy Communion reminds us of the love God shows us through Jesus Christ. When we have friends who share our beliefs, we can strengthen each other along life's way.

Living a life of piety can't stem from a desire to draw attention to oneself. As our Bible study and prayer time helps us better understand the mind, heart, and soul of God, our desire will naturally become to deflect attention from ourselves and point that attention toward the God we love and serve.

Trisa Chancey  
Newsletter Committee

### **Southeast Leadership Development Training**

Our Covenant Agreement with the Upper Room requires all Board members, who have not previously attended, to be in attendance at a Leadership Development event. In the past some of our Board members have traveled great distances in order to do so. The Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus community has the honor this year of hosting this training event in our own area, at Kingsland United Methodist Church, on November 5th & 6th. Friday is Clergy training from 1:00-5:00 p.m. (all Emmaus clergy are encouraged to attend) and Saturday both Emmaus and Chrysalis meet together from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. These events are specifically targeted toward Board members; however, all community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. With anywhere from two to ten different communities present, it is a great opportunity to network and share ideas. This is a wonderful chance for those new Board members who will begin serving in 2016 to attend training without having to do a lot of traveling.

It may be that you would like to come help with registration, handing out lunches, or many of the other jobs necessary for a smooth training experience. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Wojcik at [annewojcik59@gmail.com](mailto:annewojcik59@gmail.com). There is a registration link on our webpage: [www.goldenisleemmaus.org](http://www.goldenisleemmaus.org).

## Our Obedience as Christ Followers

Laws are established to maintain peace and well being for all citizens. In spite of these statutes, there are those who choose to disobey the laws of the land, and appropriate consequences are in place. *The Book of Jonah* is an example of the consequences suffered in disobeying God's law.

Jonah lived in Gath Hopher, a few miles north of Nazareth, just west of the Sea of Galilee, near the Tigris River. Nineveh was a three day journey to the east, and was the capital of the Assyrian Empire (Syria) - a bitter enemy of Israel. God told Jonah, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me" (Jonah 1:1).

Jonah fled to Joppa (Tel Aviv) where he found a ship going in the opposite direction. When a great storm arose, he was tossed overboard, swallowed by a great fish, and stayed in its belly for three days. *The Harmony of Science and Scripture* tells of an English sailor who fell overboard and was swallowed by a fish. Days later, the fish was taken ashore and was opened up. The man was alive, but his skin

had turned chalky white and remained so for the rest of his life.

Jonah is a picture of God's faithfulness. While he could have died from drowning in rough seas, God sent a great fish to rescue him. Jonah had three days in unimaginable despair. During those three days, Jonah repented and begged for mercy. God was intent upon sending Jonah with His message, and He went to great lengths to "encourage" the prophet to go. When the message was delivered to the Ninevites, they immediately repented, and God spared them. (Jonah 3:10)

We too are expected to share God's Word with the lost - even if they are our enemy. Our choice not to share the Gospel is a reflection of Jonah's disobedience, as it separates us from God's command in The Great Commission.

By Nancy Fowler Rivers  
Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #69  
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## Growth through Bible Study—It Happened To Me

Throughout my early 20s I avoided Bible studies at my church. I disliked the idea of studying someone else's thoughts about the Bible instead of developing my understanding of it under the leading of the Holy Spirit. In some of the groups I did attend, it seemed like we never actually opened the Bible to study it for ourselves. I stopped going very soon after having these experiences, because I wanted something more. I knew my peers were trying their best, but I yearned for something deeper. I so badly wanted someone to teach me how to read my Bible, but I never knew who to ask. In my later 20s, major life changes were happening and some of those changes influenced my study of the Scriptures in a profound way. During this season of change, I met a new friend who introduced me to an amazing inductive Bible study. For me, it was one of those 'Eureka!' moments. Through inductive study, I began learning to understand God's Word verse by verse in its right



context. And, you know what? I began to change. I found myself in awe of God again, desiring to know His Word, and wanting to share it with everyone. I began learning how to be the person God called me to be, because the Holy Spirit was able to reveal God's truth to me in study. I began spending time with fellow believers who were also studying the same Scriptures and we encouraged one another. I was becoming a better disciple and the more I knew the more I wanted to know and share. God's Word became real, personal, and alive in my life and it was (and still is) exciting and awesome. It's my sincere hope that studying your Bible becomes just as important, personal, and meaningful to you.

De Colores,  
Misty (Boones) Gilliland  
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #8  
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# Upcoming Events

## COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

- ◆ **Gathering** — Oct. 2 at 7:00 p.m.— Southside Baptist Church, Nahunta
- ◆ **Gathering** — Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m.— Kingsland 1st United Methodist Church, Kingsland, GA  
Please bring extra food for visitors who may be attending Regional Training on 7th.
- ◆ **Gathering** —Dec .4 at 7:00 p.m. — St. Simon's UMC  
 Birthday party for Jesus. Please bring a baby gift (to be donated to Care Net)

If you would like to offer your church to host a Gathering in the future, please contact Gretchen Bell at [gbell\\_31566@yahoo.com](mailto:gbell_31566@yahoo.com) for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

- ◆ **Southeast Regional Leadership Training — Kingsland First UMC**  
 Clergy Training— Friday, Nov. 6th from 1:00—5:00 p.m.  
 Regional Training — Saturday, Nov. 7th from 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

## Spring 2016 Walks to Emmaus

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

Lay Director: Dan James

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

Lay Director: Cheryl DeZouche

### GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS BOARD MEETING

*GIE Board Meeting October 17th, 9 AM Brunswick FUMC, Miller Building*

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



*Give Thanks with a grateful heart*