



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

September 2016 Newsletter

From the Desk of our Chairwoman:

The time for the Fall Walks is here! If you haven't heard me say then know this, these Walks were not in my plans for this time. Thank God that His plans are always better than mine.

Last weekend, as I was relaying some situations related to the Walks to my daughter, I told her that I've been telling everyone that we just need to trust God. My next sentence was, "I just don't know what we should do." She looked at me and told me I needed to do the exact thing I had been saying. I needed to trust God! I had to confess right then that I had let worry begin to creep in and that I felt I had to do something that would "help".

So now I'm not only saying that I trust God, I'm completely trusting Him and His plan for this set of Walks. I'm so excited! Just in the past few days, I've seen God at work for the Weekends. I know that He has great and wonderful things planned and I can't wait to see how He blesses all of us. I pray for glimpses of His glory and thank Him that He allows me to be a witness of His mighty work.

Please be in prayer for the Weekends. Pray for the Pilgrims and Sponsors, the Conference Room teams and the Background Support teams, and any who will be supporting the Walk in any other way. Pray for the Lay Directors, Fred DeZouche and Gail Ashurst, as they lead the weekends.

Plan to be present for Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing and join me in praising God for his faithfulness!

--Melinda Hollington

Men's Walk #31 and Women's Walk #32

Upcoming Events

- Men's Walk # 31 September 8-11, 2016
- Lay Director: Fred DeZouche

- Women's Walk # 32 September 15-18, 2016
- Lay Director: Gail Ashurst

** Send-off is 7 pm from Lions Camp; Pilgrims begin arriving at 6 pm

** Candlelight is 8 pm at Lions Camp for the Blind, Waycross. Please don't be late!

** Closing on Sunday at 3:30 pm (Pilgrims arrive at 4:00 pm)

WALK #32

I am so excited about the upcoming walk. Excited, and nervous, and totally trusting God to be seen and heard.

A lot of thoughts went through my mind when I was asked to be Lay Director for this walk: pride (as if there was something I had done to earn the honor), excitement (this is an honor and it was nice to think that I would be the one making decisions), nervousness (I don't like talking in front of people, and I really am happy to let other people tell me what they want me to do), and humbled (knowing that I cannot do this unless I am obedient to God in all He asks of me).

I have been praying, friends have been praying, the Emmaus Community has been praying, and now we are just weeks away from Send Off. Putting together the teams of people which compose the Conference Room and the Background Areas was an effort led by God.

God has brought the specific team members for the specific role each will fill as we are His hands and feet to the specific Pilgrims He has called for this specific walk. God is specific: He has called each of us by name to bring glory to His name.

God could have chosen other people to be present at the Lion's Camp, but He chose us.

God could have chosen other people to fill the Prayer Vigil time slots, but He chose us to be in prayer for His people during these 72 hours.

He could have chosen others to sponsor a Pilgrim, but He chose us. We listened to His call, and now He will use us. We will bring glory to His name, and we will receive good. The weekend will be good. It will be good.

Thank you for being obedient to God. It will be good.

--Gayle Ashurst

Community Gatherings

September: NO GATHERING due to the Walks

October 14 at 7:00 p.m. (PIO Party) College Place UMC

November 4 at Waynesville Missionary Baptist Church

December 2 at Wesley at Frederica UMC on St. Simons Island

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 Phil Scott at scottjp@comcast.net for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

Reflections from the Heart

Education

--Trisa Chancey
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When I was growing up I was accustomed to school starting in September and ending in June. But for the 20+ years I have lived in the lovely state of Georgia, I have learned to consider "school time" to be August to May.

So, here we are. School is in full swing. It is an excellent time to look for ways to encourage not only the students and teachers, but all the people who have an impact on education. That includes bus drivers who transport children safely to and from school; cafeteria workers who plan, cook, and serve meals; janitors who keep the education areas clean; office staff who keep things running smoothly; library staff who encourage a love of reading and guide people as they search out information or just a good book to read; nursing staff who help people stay healthy; counselors who guide people through their difficulties in healthy ways; and police officers who work to keep everyone safe. And let's not neglect the principals, administrators, and all-important volunteers! (I'm sure I forgot someone. It's not intentional, trust me!)

The church I attend, Kingsland First Baptist, recently held a Clothing Share for children who needed a little extra help acquiring school clothes and supplies. It was such a privilege to have so many families come through and know that God cares about them!

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) says, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Good works were started and good seeds were planted. We can be confident that God will bring the increase.

As you walk the path God has chosen for you this month, look for ways to encourage those involved in the education process. And as always, remember to “Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle you know nothing about.”

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

GIE Board Meeting August 20th, 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.