



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

February 2017 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

The first month is over already! Where did the time go? We welcomed a new President of our country. We will keep him, his staff and the country in our prayers.

Here in our community we are getting closer to our spring walks! Exciting times, ladies and gentlemen. We can feel the excitement surging thru the community as we get ready for new pilgrims to join our family.

But we have a very serious concern. We need everyone's help on this.

We need Applications!!

At this month's Board meeting, during our devotional time, we shared some of our best memories from our pilgrim walk. Then the question was asked, "Why aren't we asking more people to come and experience these blessings in their lives?"

How many folks did you ask last month, "Have you heard about the Walk to Emmaus"? That's all it takes! A simple little question. I know we are all very busy with life, but this is important to share. Who knows what is going on in that person's life? Who knows how hungry they are. The questions they are looking for answers to.

We all know what can happen on an Emmaus weekend. I love to see the faces on Sunday afternoon when the Pilgrims share what has happened to them. God is so GOOD!!!!

Why are we not hungry to share this with fellow Christians? We should be asking the people that God puts on our hearts after we pray for direction to those people.

Last month my article focused on commitment. This month I am asking everyone to be passionate about every aspect of our community. If we are passionate about our commitment, we would have waiting lists for walks! Let's work toward that goal. Everyone needs to do his and her part.

I believe that God touches every aspect of our community. I believe that he is pleased when he sees us working to spread those blessings to new folks. I think that he is smiling right now!

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Mike Martin

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Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings

February 3 at 7:00-- The Bridge Community Church, 419 Main Street Blackshear, GA

March-- No Gathering due to the Walks

April 7 at 7:00-- Pio Party at College Place UMC in Brunswick

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 David DuBois at david.dubois@westrock.com for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

Welcome to our New GIWTE Board Members

David DuBois Facilities/Gathering Coordinator

David attended GIWTE #22 and sat at the table of Matthew.

He attends Kingsland First United Methodist Church, where he has been a member since 2000.

He says, "A huge and important part of my life is my family, which consists of my wife, Jan, our daughter, her husband, their two kids, and my son and his wife."

His goal as a Coordinator is "to help others experience what I did on the walk and give back what I received. I will proudly serve our community."

Susan Hohenstein Kitchen Board Representative

Susan attended Coastal Georgia Emmaus #67 and sat at the Table of Rebecca. She is involved in The Blessed Hope Reunion Group.

She lives in Blackshear and is a member of New Life Assembly of God, where she serves on the Altar Ministry Team and 1st Responder Ministry.

Susan is married to Bill Hohenstein. They have three children, Nicole Lee, Tracy Crews, and Rhonda Wittman. (Nicole, Tracy, and Tracy's wife, Sharon, have also experienced their own Emmaus Walks.)

She and Bill have eight grandchildren.

She says, " I love the Emmaus vision and mission and our wonderful Emmaus family. I look forward to serving the community in this new capacity."

Jimmy Langford

Jimmy attended GIWTE #22.

He and his wife, Tammy, live on St. Simons Island. They have four children in their blended family. They also have one granddaughter and a grandson on the way.

Jimmy is currently employed by Symrise on Colonels Island as an industrial maintenance specialist and has been with the company for 32 years.

Jimmy and Tammy are members of

Logistics/Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator

First United Methodist Church in Brunswick.

He enjoys fishing, cycling and gardening.

Cindy attended Southeast GA Coastal Walk #23.

She is a member of Blackshear First United Methodist Church, where she is the Children's Music Director.

She is married with two grown children and six grandkids.

**Cindy Jones
Sponsorship Training**

Angela Dunn attended GIWTE #21.

She lives in Kingsland and is a member of Southeast Community Church.

Her husband, Jared Dunn, attended walk #20.

They have one child, William, who is currently a Junior at Camden County High School.

**Angela Dunn
Prayer Vigil Coordinator**

She works in the HR Department at a Home and Auto insurance Company in Jacksonville.

Reflections from the Heart

Love in God's Hands

Trisa Chancey GIWTE #2
Table of Mary

"I love carrot cake!" "I love my new phone!" "I love your new dress!" "I love my new car!" "I love my dog!" "I love my family!" "I love..."

We throw the word "love" around haphazardly and then expect people to understand us when we tell them that we love them or even that God loves them.

The Greek language has six words for love: **Eros**, the love reserved for our spouse; **Philia**, or a deep friendship (sometimes referred to as **Storge**, the love we have for our children); **Ludus**, the playful love

shared between children or young lovers; **Agape** love, which is unconditional love for everyone. The final two are **Pragma** and **Philautia**,

I found in my research for this article. Pragma refers to a long-standing love, one in which there have been compromises over time that keep the couple together, one in which the couple “stands” in love, choosing the other in all circumstances. Philautia refers to the love of oneself. There are two types of Philautia, the love of oneself that centers so much on the self that there is no care for anyone else, and the love of oneself that flows out and onto those around you.

Christ exemplified Agape love. That is what love in God’s hands looks like. The mission each one of us has been given is to live a life that reflects the boundless and unconditional love of Christ. Correction must be provided from a heart that says “I love you too much to allow you to continue to behave that way.” Correction from God is never a loss of love, but a source of strength, helping us to be all He has called us to be.

As you walk through the month of February, amid all the valentines and sugary candy, look for opportunities God has placed before you to truly be His hands and feet. Actively seek to place your life in God’s hands and allow Him to work through you.

The Meaning of Love

Barbara Kevan
San Diego #26

“Don’t you just love her new haircut?”
“I love peas so much more than corn.”
“I love my family.”

We have used the word “love” in so many different ways that it has come to lose meaning. Hopefully, in the last statement above, the speaker had stronger feelings for what he spoke about, but we have really lost the true meaning of love.

The Bible mentions love in many different ways, but there are primarily three kinds of biblical love.

“**Eros**” love is a Greek term that means desire and longing. It is erotic love, and it is generally considered to be selfish. It is how we feel during the first stage of a romantic relationship, and it is based on physical traits. Unless it is redeemed by the Lord’s presence, this type of love can end up being possessive.

“**Philos**” love is the unique kind of love as for a companion. It refers to loving one another just like your brother or sister. In fact, Philadelphia is known as “The city of brotherly love.” It is the kind of love that many Christians tend to practice toward one another, but it is not reliable, because it can be soured by experiences.

“**Agape**” love is the special term which represents the divine love of the Lord to his Jesus, and to human beings. Jesus showed this love to his Father and to humanity. Agape love is the love God commanded all believers to have for everyone. It should never be determined by our feelings. It is more a set of behaviors and actions. With Agape love, it isn’t necessary to actually feel it for it to be possible to give it. However, sometimes, feelings follow after showing this kind of love.

One of the best definitions of love is given in 1 Cor. 13:4-8 where the Bible says:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

In this month of love, try to practice the Godly gift of Agape love.

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Our Community uses IMS – Internet Membership Systems -- to track our walks, pilgrim applications, and community members.

Each community member can access IMS and update your personal information as it changes such as address, phone numbers, the church you attend, etc.

To access IMS, the link is located on the left side of our community website [Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus](#) .

Your **username** to access is your email address and the **password** is giwtegiwte.

Once logged in, you will see links across the top for Home, IMS

Common, You, and Community.

Under "YOU" is where you can update your contact information and change your password.

If the email address you are using doesn't work (we may not have your correct email on record in IMS) or you have any problems, please contact annewojcik59@gmail.com for assistance.

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

GIE Board Meeting February 18, 9 AM 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 United Methodist Church.