



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

JANUARY 2017 Newsletter

Committing Our Lives to God's Hands for the New Year

From the Desk of Our Community Lay Director:

Welcome to 2017!

Here we are welcoming another exciting year for this Emmaus Community. I can't wait to see how God is going to work in our family again this year!

I need to begin by saying "Thank you" to an amazing group of people who are rotating out of our board positions, especially to our Board Chairperson, Melinda

Hollington. Thank you all for your leadership and new ideas to keep our community growing.

Welcome to all of our new Area Chairs to the Board. We are looking forward to the work that will be done by you.

We have a great team for 2017! We are not letting moss grow under our feet. March walks will be here before we know it. Teams are being formed now. Just thinking about how the Pilgrims will be touched brings up God bumps!

I believe that all of us want to grow our community and prepare people. Let us not forget the purpose of Emmaus is "to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ".

"Committed!"

This is an important word. For 2017 let us all be committed to introducing Emmaus to everyone one who wants to have a closer relationship with God. When God gives us that opportunity, let us jump in with both feet. The blessings on both sides will be incredible!

I look forward to working with all of you in doing just that.

Decolores!

Mike Martin

The following individuals are rotating off the Board of Directors at the end of 2016.

The GIWTE Community wants to thank you for ALL the dedication and energy you have brought to your positions during your tenure.

Melinda Hollington
Emory Wilson
Richard Bunkley
Martin Turner

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Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings

January 6 at 7:00 PM at Brunswick FUMC

February 3 at 7:00 PM at The Bridge in Blackshear

March no Gathering due to Walks

April 7th Pio Party at College Place UMC

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.

REUNION GROUPS: We Need Your Help!

Elizabeth Houston is compiling an updated list of Reunion Groups to put on the GIWTE Webpage.

Kindly assist her by clicking [HERE](#) to email her. Be sure to include the name of your Reunion Group and the day, time, and location where you meet.

Thank you!

Reunion Group Sponsorship

It's often wonderful getting to know folks who join our Emmaus community from other communities. They bring new ideas and share what works and what didn't work for them.

One such idea shared with our community was the idea of Reunion Groups Sponsoring Pilgrims.

My Reunion Group liked the idea, so we started collecting \$1 each week. We drafted up a chart to keep track so we'd stay on target. With 5 gals that was \$260 before the next walks and just enough to sponsor two Pilgrims, not just one!

We prayed about who God would have us Sponsor, and before long we had our prospective Pilgrims.

I want to encourage Reunion Groups to consider this as a Group Agape gift to our Community. The entire Group can share responsibility of the Sponsorship, or one person can take it. Whatever works for the Group.

It makes it so much easier by collecting only \$1 a week. It doesn't hurt anyone's pocket book. And what a gift to the new Pilgrim not to have to worry about the financial part!

Our group is still collecting and praying on who our next Pilgrims will be!

Cheryl DeZouche

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SX3 Reunion Group (Silly, Sassy, Saints)

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

GIE Board Meeting January 21st, 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 United Methodist Church.