



## GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

November 2017

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### **From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:**

As I am writing this, we are waiting for the start of the Georgia/Florida game. Everyone looks forward to this event every year with great enthusiasm. People get pumped up for this great event. It is the topic of almost every conversation. People can't wait for this to start.

This used to be the way everyone felt about an Emmaus Walk.

What has happened? Where is our enthusiasm? Why aren't we talking it up?

I talked about this at the last Gathering. I feel we need a revival in our community! We need to get pumped up about Emmaus! We need to talk it up!

Guess what the first thing to do is? PRAY!

If everyone would take a moment after reading this, talk to God in prayer, and then listen for what he has to say to you. That's right, wait for a few minutes, and see what God puts on your heart for the future of Emmaus. I don't think that we have reached everyone that God wants us to. I feel that he has more in store for our Emmaus Community.

But we have come to a point where Emmaus is not as big of a priority as it once was. Some folks have put in "their time" and feel that they burnt out on Emmaus. Some folks don't like the Lions Camp for walks. Some people are disappointed in the way the walk dates are determined.

All of this is just excuses.

What happened if Jesus had made excuses? I'm too tired. I don't like what people are saying about me. I don't want to go there, it's too far. Where would our faith be today?

It is time for a REVIVAL!!!! It starts with us. All of us. Hey you folks that have been with Golden Isles Emmaus since we started, your work is not done yet. If you feel everyone has been reached, then yes our work is done. But, I can't say that. So I am willing to keep working on encouraging new people to experience "A Walk to Emmaus".

How do you feel?

Lots of people talk the talk, but how many walk the walk? The time is right now.

I hope to see a lot of you at our next Gathering on November 3rd, at Nahunta 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist.

DeColores,  
Mike

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## **CURRENT PILGRIM COUNT**

**MEN- 21**

**WOMEN- 39**

**GOAL- 60 each**

Your Emmaus Board is meeting in December to plan for walks in March 2018.

Dates were set, in part, due to information from the Community that applications were being held until dates were set.

These applications need to be forwarded to [Anne Wojcik](#) by 11/30/17. ( Anne Wojcik, Registrar, 247 Peeples Rd Kingsland, GA 31548)

We are looking forward to the Spring walks with prayerful anticipation. Please be in prayer for the pilgrims and the walks.

Phil Scott  
GIWTE #7

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for Pilgrim  
Applications](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Community Gatherings

**November 3rd--Nahunta 1st Baptist Church 7 PM**

**December 1st--Wesley UMC at Frederica 7 PM**

**January 5th--Blackshear UMC 7 PM**

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](#) for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

## Reflections from the Heart

### Thanksgiving--Thanks Living!

**Trisa Chancey**  
GIWTE #2  
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Some years ago I heard that the best form of thanksgiving is thanks living. So what is thanks living? To me, thanks living is remembering God's past gifts and anticipating the gifts He has in store for us. I'm thankful for the air I breathe, the strength to get out of bed in the mornings (even when I sometimes don't want to!). I'm thankful for God's provision of food, shelter, and family. I'm thankful for friends, and I'm especially thankful for my friends who are family! (I truly believe that "happiness is being married to your best friend, but that is a story for another day.)

So how does my thankfulness turn into thanks living? It's like a song I heard my sisters sing years ago in their youth choir. "For the Lord. For the Lord. You gotta do what you do for the Lord." When I breathe, I breathe for the Lord. When I get out of bed in the mornings, I move for the Lord. I am reminded of a quote, "Be the kind of woman that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, the Devil says 'Oh, crap. She's up!'" Being thankful for the body God placed me in should lead me to take care of my body, His temple. This includes eating right and exercising...both easy to talk about, but difficult to practice!

Being thankful for the family and friends God has provided should lead me to pray for them and encourage them when I can. Appreciating the shelter God provided can be expressed by keeping my home a place of hope and rest, not only for those who live with me, but also for those who visit.

Acknowledging God's gifts keeps me focused on Him. Being focused on God makes me available for Him to use to bless others.

For the month of November, look for your gifts. Acknowledge your gifts. Thank God for your gifts, and share those gifts with others. And remember that one of your gifts is the fact that God holds you in His arms.

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### **Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting**

The next GIE Board Meeting will be held December 2 at 9 AM at 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.