



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

August 2018 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

There is a painting in Oxford, England in the Keble College Chapel. It is titled "The Light of the World" and was painted by English artist William Holman Hunt. It depicts Jesus holding a lantern in His hand while knocking on a door. What appears unusual at first glance is that the door does not have a handle. When questioned about this image, Hunt explained that he was illustrating the imagery of Revelation 3:20; "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."

Jesus patiently waits for us to respond to his invitation. He does not open the door, he simply waits for us to welcome him in to our lives. He is always there to encourage us if we accept his offer of kindness and love.

The Sunday school teacher began the lesson by asking the class to think about encouragement as the lesson was being given. Everyone has spiritual gifts, and encouragement is certainly one of those. We all need encouragement. Every day. There are myriad sources of encouragement, and access to these sources is easy. Perhaps more important than needing encouragement is giving it. Each and every day, we encounter people that we encourage by merely interacting with them. This is such a blessing for the recipient and the giver. We should go forth, each and every day, with the intention of encouraging the people that we meet. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

This is such an exciting time for the Golden Isles Emmaus Community. Planning for the Fall Walks is proceeding well. The teams continue to be formed and some of you may be called upon to serve. The need for Willing Servants remains a priority, so please support our community if called. Be in prayer for Jonetta McDonald and Byron Johns, our Lay Directors. Also begin praying for the pilgrims, who are about to experience the special blessings of the Walk to Emmaus.

You can sign up for the prayer vigil by accessing the web site, which has a link. Pilgrim applications may be sent to Anne Wojcik. Please plan to support these Walks at send off, candlelight and closing.

Our next Gathering will be held on August 3 at St. Simons UMC. Please join us for the celebration of singing, music, fellowship and communion.

May your days be filled with love, joy and encouragement.

De Colores!

Phil Scott

Prayer Vigil Information

Prayer Vigil Sign-up forms are available on our website. Click on the buttons below to access the forms. Men's Walk #35 is scheduled September 13-16 and the Women's Walk #36 will be held September 20-23. Please find a time on the sign-up sheets where you can commit to go to God in prayer for the new pilgrims. We all know the POWER of prayer and how God answers ALL prayers. Remember that people were praying for you during your Walk with the Lord and how amazing it felt when you found out yourselves.

De Colores!
Craig Miller
GIWTE #12
Prayer Vigil Chair

[GIWTE Men's Walk #35](#)

[GIWTE Women's Walk #36](#)

WHAT DO I PRAY FOR DURING THE PRAYER VIGIL?

Have you ever wondered how to fill an entire hour with prayer during the Prayer Vigil?

It's an issue I struggle with each walk, so I did a little research and found suggestions from some other Emmaus Communities they provide their members.

Each button below will take you to the other Emmaus communities and their ideas.

--Lori Durham
Communications Board Representative

[Dayspring Walk to Emmaus](#)

[Florida Crown Emmaus](#)

[Nebraska Walk to Emmaus](#)

[Southwest Virginia Walk to Emmaus](#)

It's Agape Time!!

Agape gifts are given to participants by Community members over the course of a Walk weekend as a sign of God's loving presence.

There are three main types of Agape:

- * **Community Agape**
- * **Table & Pillow Agape**
- * **Letter Agape**

It's time to start thinking about all that Table & Pillow Agape!

Those are the little gifts that appear on the conference room tables, or on beds, starting on Friday evening.

Table & Pillow Agape must be provided for everyone on the weekend (65 pieces max.)

Start making them now so they will be ready in time for the Walks. They will be here before we know it.

Please deliver your items in a labeled bag so the team can return any extras!

Contact [Angela Dunn](#) if you have any questions on Agape Items.

[Click HERE for Information to Become a Sponsor](#)

[Click HERE for Pilgrim Applications](#)

[Click HERE for the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Website](#)

ATTENTION MUSICIANS:

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at Community Gatherings or Walks, please contact Jim Hitt, the Music Board Rep, at: (912) 614-4701.

Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings:

Friday, August 3rd--7:00 p.m. St. Simons Island UMC

There will be no Gathering in September due to the Walks.

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

School

Trisa Chancey
GIWTE #2
Table of Mary

School. What images come to mind when you think of school?

I still remember chalk boards and overhead projectors, which have been replaced by dry erase boards and smart boards. Some things I don't expect to change are the need for paper, pencils, and pens. Textbooks. The familiar rhythm of a class schedule.

When I was in school we had tornado drills and fire drills. Now students have drills about how to handle a school shooting. Our world is quickly becoming a more chaotic and violent place. Sometimes we can feel helpless to stand against the changes. But we must.

While it is important to be aware of potential danger, it is also important to maintain a sense of hope. Matthew 10:16 advises us to be as "wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." Psalm 147:11 tells us that "the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love."

James 3:1 tells us that God holds teachers to a higher standard than those taught. Let's commit to pray for teachers this year, as well as others who work in the education system. Janitors, bus drivers, administrators, paraprofessionals, nurses...and a host of other behind-the-scenes people...strongly affect student's desire to be in school and to learn.

If you need a prayer guide, I suggest the prayers for teachers and students available at [Gather and Grow: A Back to School Prayer for Teachers and Students](#).

And while you are praying for teachers and students, let them know it! You'd be amazed to learn how much knowing they are being prayed for can help teachers and students be strong and courageous.

De Colores!

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

The next GIWTE Board Meeting will be held on August 18 at 9 A.M.

Emmaus community members are always welcome at Golden Isles Emmaus Board Meetings, which are normally held the third Saturday of each month in the Open Door Classroom at Brunswick First United Methodist Church.