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GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

December 2019 Newsletter

As we enter a special time of the year, let us give thanks for the simple things we take for granted. Just look around you and see what you have been blessed with. Reflect on how the year has gone in your life and ask yourself, “have I been a good Christian? Have I been a Christ-like example to my friends, family, or even a stranger I have met on the street?” Also, reflect on our Emmaus Community and pray that we continue to show Agape love.

Taken from the Billy Graham’s Website:

As you prepare for Christmas, are you seeking to follow God’s call in your life? Billy Graham’s Advent devotion focuses on how we can follow the lead of Mary and Joseph in responding to God.

Read Matthew 1:19-21—We’re given just a little glimpse of Mary and Joseph before Jesus was born. They lived in the hill country of Galilee. Joseph was a religious man. Mary gives every evidence of having a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures, even though she was a teenager. The Bible teaches that God was so pleased with her that He chose her to be the mother of Jesus. Mary and Joseph weren’t married, and yet Mary became pregnant. I’ve often put myself in Joseph’s place—imagined his thoughts, his aspirations about the girl to whom he was engaged. But Joseph decided to break the engagement privately. While he was thinking about these things, God’s angel appeared to him in a dream to give Joseph an explanation of the situation. All Joseph’s suspicions were put away. He accepted what God had said through the angel, and he was immediately married to Mary. Both Joseph and Mary followed the call and plan of God, and through their obedience the way was prepared for Christ to come and bless us.

Are you seeking to follow God’s call on your life?

Are you actively responding to Him?
How will you respond to God?

Merry Christmas!
Dave DuBois

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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, December 6th--7pm
Wesley United Methodist Church
6520 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

*******Please make sure your ballots are in by the December 6th meeting for the Nominees for the Board of Directors for 2020. They must be postmarked by December 2nd or turned in at the December Gathering.**

<https://conta.cc/32zlt7X> Click here for the ballot.

**Friday, January 3rd--7pm
TBA**

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 [Matt Beckham](mailto:Matt.Beckham@wumc.org) at **912-275-3898** for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

Reflections from the Heart

The Gift of Words

Christmas is generally considered a season of giving. A group of ladies and I just finished the Bible study "The Power of Words" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. In that study the author talks about "the gift of words." She points out that "wise, kind words are gifts that can change lives."

Speech is an incredible gift that I believe is under-appreciated. There are some people who are nonverbal and never learn to speak. Their loved ones have to make an extra effort to understand them and their needs. My daughter Mary, who has Down syndrome, was delayed in learning to speak. She learned to sign, and we learned along with her, so we could communicate with each other. The first sign she learned was "fish," which she would use to ask for goldfish crackers. Mary's sense of humor became evident in her signing when she would deliberately mix up words. When she finally started to speak, naturally we rejoiced. Of course, now she even talks in her sleep!

The ability to share words provides the opportunity to communicate thoughts and ideas, to express opinions, and to take part in the give and take of conversation.

Proverbs 16:24 tells us that “Gracious words are like honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”

Proverbs 25:11 compares a “word fitly spoken” to “apples of gold in a setting of silver.”

God calls us to...

‘Do all the good we can,
By all the means we can,
In all the ways we can,
In all the places we can,
At all the times we can,
To all the people we can,
As long as ever we can.’

– Author Unknown

Let’s make an extra effort to allow our words to be gifts to those who hear them.

De Colores!

Trisa Chancey – Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2 – Table of Mary

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

The next GIWTE Board Meeting will be held on December 7th at 9am

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 First United Methodist Church**
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520