



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

February 2019 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

Greetings to my fellow Emmaus Community members.

I am sure by now you have heard that the board has decided to delay the walk. It was a decision that was not taken lightly. Our goal is to have a walk sometime in the late summer or early fall. This will give us additional time to enhance our pilgrim count and to solidify the walk teams.

Each of us individually needs to ask ourselves what can we can do to make the next walk successful.

First of all, we need to pray - pray for getting the right pilgrim to the walk. If you are thinking of sponsoring someone on the walk, the best way to introduce them to the community is by inviting them to a Gathering. There is no secret to what

we do, and the more the pilgrims are prepared, the more receptive they will be to attending a walk.

Next, pray for the team, and if asked, help. Please strongly consider doing so. Remember that in serving, you too will be rewarded with God's blessings.

Jesus stressed being a servant to the people. At the last supper, he showed the disciples this by washing their feet (John 13:13-14). Are we willing to follow Jesus' example? I know we are because we took that step by going on a walk that enlightened us to His message - the message that Jesus loves us.

So, let us show our love to others by following Jesus and giving others the same experience we had.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

DeColores
Dave DuBois

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

Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings

February 1 at 7pm -- Southeast Community Church.
790 May Creek Drive
Kingsland, GA 31548

March 1 at 7pm-- Kettle Creek Church
2523 Carswell Avenue
Waycross, GA 31503

April 5 at 7pm-- First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

May 4 Emmaus Picnic at 10:30am-- Blythe Island Park
6616 Blythe Island Highway
Brunswick, GA 31523

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 at Mbeckham169@gmail.com _ for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

Welcome to our New GIWTE Board Members

Jimmy attended the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #24 and sat at the Table of Peter.

Jimmy has been married to his wife, Mary, for 22 years. They live in Ware County in a community known as "The Forks of the Hurricane".

Jimmy has served on the Ware County Board of Assessors and was Chairman for 3 years. Jimmy has been employed with Atlantic HomeCare for 35 years where he serves in an administrative capacity.

Jimmy Johnson
Reunion Groups

Jenny attended the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #8 and sat at the Table of Esther.

Jenny lives on St. Simons Island with her husband Phil. She is retired from the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency with 34 years of service.

Jenny is a member of Brunswick First United Methodist Church and is a member of the Covenant Sunday School Class.

Jenny Scott
Secretary/Upper Room Purchaser

Tammy attended the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #23 and sat at the Table of Sarah.

Tammy is married to Jimmy Langford who went on Walk #22. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Tammy attends Brunswick First United Methodist Church and is a member of the Covenant Sunday School class. Tammy and Jimmy run the Welcome

Tammy Langford
Communications

Center at Brunswick First United Methodist on
Sunday mornings.

Tammy has been an ultrasound technologist for 30
years and is employed at Southeast Georgia
Physician Associates Ob/Gyn Office.

Brian attended the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus
#27 and sat at the Table of John.

Brian lives in Blackshear with his wife Wendy and his
youngest son Harrison. His oldest son Mason serves
in the Navy and lives in Brunswick.

Brian attends First United Methodist Church of
Blackshear with his family.

Brian James
Candlelight/Cleanup

Matt attended the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #18
and sat at the Table of Peter.

Matt is married to Jennifer, who went on Walk #19
and they have four children.

Matt Beckham
Gathering Coordinator

Matt is a law enforcement officer and when he is not
working, attends church at The Chapel in Brunswick.

Reflections from the Heart

LOVE IS AN ACTION WORD

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' Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,

As long as ever you can.'
– Author Unknown

Last month we broke this quote down and evaluated it line by line. This month I'd like to take the time to consider how this quote calls us to express love. As the title for this month's article says, "Love is an action word!" 1 John 3:18 in the New Living Translation reads, "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." How can we show our love? Better yet, how can we share God's love in the hurting world around us?

"Doing good" is one way to share God's love. Do you see a harried mother at the grocery store? Give her a kind word or a smile. Or offer to pay for her groceries! They are all examples of ways you can "do good" to that mother. I promise you, that harried mother will be won for Christ more easily by love than if she feels judged for the way her child is behaving. And your own heart is blessed more by expressing love than by judging. It's a win-win!

Another way you can express God's love to another person is to invite them to be a pilgrim on an Emmaus Walk. Do you remember your Walk to Emmaus? I remember mine. I re-read my notes from my Walk from time to time to refresh my memory. I remember the couple who invited my husband Keith and me to become part of the Emmaus family. I remember Keith going a week ahead of me. And I remember seeing him at my Candlelight service. I have had the opportunity to be an "angel" on another walk, and one of the speakers for another walk. That makes three walks I've been on, and each one was an incredible blessing.

James 4:17, again in the New Living Translation, reads "Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it." Has God placed someone on your heart to invite to be a Pilgrim? Act on that nudge!

De Colores!

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

NOTE FROM ANNE WOJCIK, GIWTE REGISTRAR

Our Golden Isles Emmaus Community has used the database Internet Membership Systems (IMS) to track all aspects of our community to include pilgrim applications, walk and willing servant information. The Upper Room Emmaus staff has worked with the IMS developers to create a new Community Management System to be launched by March 31, 2019. The biggest change in the transition - it is 100% email driven for every community member or pilgrim application to be entered and maintained. When our community data is moved from IMS to Community Management System, any community member (or pilgrim application) without a valid email address will not be moved. If you are not sure if we have a current email address on file for you or if you have recently changed your email address, please email me with your email address no later than March 15, 2019.

An important note – when our information is moved to the Community Management System each of you will receive an email from this email address - **from@example.com** inviting you to join Emmaus. Once you have accepted the invitation you will be asked to create a password and you can then log in and update your profile information with your address and

phone numbers. We look forward to using this new and updated database system.

Blessings, Anne Wojcik, GIWTE Registrar
annevojcik59@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING PROJECT TO PURCHASE NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR GIWTE

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS SO FAR FOR NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT!

Please prayerfully consider making a monetary donation specifically designated to purchase sound equipment to use in future walks. If you have participated in the last few sets of walks, then you are probably aware there are some major issues with the sound equipment the community owns, as it is fairly outdated and well used!

The fundraising goal is \$3,000 and thanks to your generous donations we have already raised \$400!

For more information on how to make a donation, please [contact me](#) for details. Your donations are tax deductible!

DeColores!
Jim Hitt
Music Board Representative

SUSTAINING THE SPIRIT

Consider having an Emmaus Sunday at your church with a table and pamphlets to hand out to prospective pilgrims! You may have church members that have not heard about the Walk to Emmaus or not know who to ask about Emmaus! Spread God's love with action!

ATTENTION ALL REUNION GROUPS

Please contact [Jimmy Johnson](#) to update your Reunion Group information for our web page and records. Click [here](#) to see a list of our current reunion groups.

New Guys Reunion Group from Southeast Community Church

Send [Tammy Langford](#) a picture of your reunion group to be put in one of the next upcoming newsletters! Also a little description would be nice, including what day, time and place that you meet! We can have a reunion group of the month! Tell us how many members that you have and how many **NEW** members that you have added! DeColores!

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

GIWTE Board Meeting is February 16 at 9 AM at Brunswick First United Methodist Church, 1400 Norwich Street, Brunswick, GA 31520

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