



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS



JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

Happy New Year!

I want to welcome the new members on our Emmaus Board. With the members currently serving on the board and the new members who have just joined them, I feel we have a very strong team to carry us through the year.

We have two walks planned in 2019, and it will take the entire Emmaus Community to make them successful.

If you are asked to serve, please prayerfully consider the challenge. It will take a strong response from each one of us to fill all the tables. I encourage you to do your part in spreading the seed of Christianity in our communities.

Feel free to contact me with any needs or suggestions that you believe will strengthen our community.

I have included below a short devotion from Rev. Art Schoonveld, a retired minister, who wrote this [message](#) for January 1, 2006. I believe his message is still relevant today.

DeColores!
Dave DuBois

Encouragement for a New Year

Scripture Reading — Joshua 1:1-9

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement. A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

Prayer

Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of a new year and for your promise to stay with us. We ask for your guidance and wisdom each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The following individuals are rotating off the Board of Directors at the end of 2018. The GIWTE Community wants to thank you for ALL the dedication and energy you have brought to your positions during your tenure.

Lori Durham
Darrell Joiner
Cory Knox
Kathy Marshall
Sheree Mobley
Phil Scott

Introducing Our New Community Spiritual Director

Please welcome Martin Turner as our 2019 Community Spiritual Director.

ATTENTION ALL Reunion Groups!

Please contact [Jimmy Johnson](#) to update your Reunion Group information for our web page and records.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR GIWTE COMMUNITY

DeColores to you our Golden Isles Community!

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.

I would like for you to prayerfully consider making a monetary donation specifically designated to purchase sound equipment, so we can make a purchase in the near future.

The fundraising goal is \$3000.00, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information on how to make a donation, please [contact me](#) for details.

Sincerely,

Jim Hitt
Music Board Representative

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Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings

January 4th --Waynesville Missionary Baptist Church 7 PM

February 1st --Southeast Community Church

March --No Gathering because of the Walks

April 5th --PIO PARTY, Brunswick First United Methodist Church 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 [Matt Beckham](#) for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

Reflections From the Heart

A New Year

Trisa Chancey
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Do you make New Year's resolutions?

I don't as a rule. I have so often made a resolution and not upheld it, that I prefer not to make the resolution in the first place.

I do keep myself accountable to my Emmaus reunion group and to my husband. If they notice behaviors or attitudes in me they think I need to change, I take their advice to heart and work on the change right then rather than wait until January 1 to do it...whatever "it" is.

The quote below has been attributed to many people, so I am just going to classify it as "Author Unknown."

*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.*

Read it again. Dwell for a moment on each statement. Every day God allows us to live, we have the opportunity to live out that quote.

Do all the good you can.

Ephesians 2:10 states, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," The verse assures us that God has planned good works for us to do. It is up to us to find them, and get them done.

By all the means you can, in all the ways you can.

When God gives us a mission, He also provides the means to accomplish it. Perhaps you are to donate money to a specific organization, buy a hamburger for a homeless person, or give a smile to a stranger you pass by. The good that God intends you to do could be even closer to home. It could be that your spouse or your child need a word of encouragement from you. Maybe *they* need a hamburger, a smile, or even a hug!

In all the places you can.

Your first place of ministry should be your own home. Anybody can be kind to a stranger. It takes extra effort to be kind at home because home is where we often let our guard down. The worst of ourselves that we don't allow to be seen in public sometimes rears its ugly head when we are home. In Acts 1:8, Jesus admonishes his followers to preach the Good News "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Let home be your Jerusalem.

At all the times you can.

Really. Always be on the lookout for someone God wants you to serve. This could mean buying someone's coffee or simply holding a door so the next person can enter unhindered. It could also mean stopping to help someone change a flat tire when you are on your way to an important meeting.

To all the people you can.

The person who just cut you off in traffic? Yes. Them too.

As long as ever you can.

If God has given you another day, use it for His glory.

As we begin a new year together, let us search diligently for the people God would have us minister to. Perhaps you are called on to fix soup for a sick family member. Perhaps you are called on to go on a mission trip to Detroit, Ethiopia, Guatemala, or some other place that is far away. Perhaps you are called on to help a local ministry, either financially or with your time.

Throughout this coming year, keep yourself open to the possibilities God has in store for you.

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Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

The next GIWTE Board Meeting will be held January 19th at 9 AM.

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.