



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

June 2019 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

I want to encourage you to review what sponsorship entails. If you have not attended sponsorship training, I suggest you do so. When you sponsor a pilgrim, encourage him or her to attend the sponsorship training at the Pio party. To encourage me to attend, my sponsor attended the training with me, which was a way of him showing me the importance of doing so. If it has been a while since you attended that training, it would be a great refresher to know what sponsorship is all about.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

Sponsorship is one of the most significant parts of The Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship requires far-reaching prayer, attentive thought, and watchful planning and follow-through. As sponsors, you need to follow the scriptural principles of praying, being open to God, and calling people by name to attend The Walk. Remember that The Walk is not for everyone.

The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus (21) lists three aspects of good sponsorship:

- It is “the first act of agape” before a Walk ever begins.
- It under-girds the whole weekend “with sacrificial love on behalf of each Pilgrim.”
- It is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement, which results in the renewal of the church.

Responsibilities

Here is a list of sponsorship responsibilities:

- Prayer—A sponsor’s first responsibility is to spend considerable time in prayer in an effort to discern whom God wants you to sponsor.
- Once discerned, spend more time in prayer as to opportunities to present Walk to Emmaus materials and opportunities to them.
- Make an appointment to visit with the potential pilgrims.
- Give the prospect an application and ask them to prayerfully consider your offer of sponsorship.
- Obtain and submit the completed application. Ask your pilgrim to hold open the dates for the weekend.
- Begin preparations to request personal agape letters for your pilgrim.
- Call a week prior to the weekend as a reminder of what to bring and how the weekend will progress.

- Take your Pilgrim to dinner the evening of The Walk starting and assist with check-in on site. Remain with your pilgrim until he/she is called to start The Walk.
- Be part of the 72-hour prayer vigil.
- Check in daily with the pilgrim's family to provide reassurance and support.
- Attend the Saturday night candlelight service.
- Attend the Sunday evening closing service and take your pilgrim home.
- Take your pilgrim to the Fourth Day Dinner and their first Gathering. Help them find and participate in weekly reunion meetings.
- Finally, teach the new Emmaus member how to be a good sponsor by understanding these responsibilities.

DeColores!

Dave DuBois

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

[Click HERE for Pilgrim Applications](#)

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

SEPTEMBER WALKS UPDATE

**MEN'S WALK #37
SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2019**

**WOMEN'S WALK #38
SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2019**

As of now, we have 25 Men & 29 Women Applications. We still need workers because some of the previously signed up workers can no longer work due to the new dates. The Worship team needs 2 people, so contact [Jay Clark](#) if interested. The Agape team needs 2 workers for the men's walk, so give [Angela Dunn](#) a call if you are interested. [Vernon Dillingham](#) needs 1 more Assistant Spiritual Director. Please be a willing servant if you receive a call to serve. If you have not received a call and would like to serve, please let [Nancy Rivers](#), head of team

selections, know! Also, Vickie McDonald and John Rivers will need your team member lists for the walks as soon as possible with all contact information included!

TRAINING DATES

FIRST MEETING JULY 27TH
First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

SECOND MEETING AUGUST 10TH
KINGSLAND FIRST BAPTIST
295 E Chester Street
Kingsland, GA 31548

THIRD MEETING AUGUST 24TH
TO BE ANNOUNCED

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.

We have raised \$2,525.93 of the \$3,000 fundraiser for the purchase of the new sound equipment! **Thank you for your generous donations!** The Board decided to make up the difference so that the equipment could go ahead and be purchased so that the music teams could be trained on it for the upcoming walks. **We will continue to fundraise to make up the balance so keep those donations coming in!!** For more information on how to make a donation, please contact Jim Hitt for details! Your donations ARE tax deductible! Please prayerfully consider making a monetary donation specifically designated for the new sound equipment!! Jim is working on training dates for the musicians to get familiar with the new equipment and dates to train new musicians.

Upcoming Gatherings

Community Gatherings:

Friday, June 7th--7:00 pm
New Life Assembly of God Church
2191 Golf Course Road
Blackshear, GA 31516

Friday, July 12th--7:00pm
Glynn Baptist Church in Brunswick
981 Highway 32, Thalman,
Brunswick, GA 31523

Darrell Joiner's Church

Friday, August 2nd--7:00pm
To Be Announced

September - Walks, No Gathering

Friday, October 4th--7:00pm Pio Party
First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

Friday, November 1st--7:00pm
To Be Announced

Friday, December 6th--7:00pm
Wesley United Methodist Church
6520 Frederica Road
St. Simons, GA 31522

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.

The board has voted and Next Year's Assistant Lay Director will be Nancy Rivers!
Congratulations Nancy!

Reflections from the Heart

THANK YOU DAD!

Last month was devoted to Moms. This month, we'll follow up with Dads. Dads can follow the same format as Moms that we discussed last month. There are the biological Dad, and the Dad who raised you; the spiritual Dad, the Step-Dad, and even those who are "like" a Dad. So, guys, how many Dad's do you have? And how many people are you a Dad for?

Dads carry the weight of a huge responsibility that is unlike that of the Mom. We are taught that the Trinity is God the **Father**, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I have emphasized Father today, although the three are equally One. Dads, for good or for ill--the first impression your children have of God the Father is YOU. If you are kind, caring, and compassionate, your children expect God the Father to be kind, caring and compassionate. If you are sarcastic, judgmental, and irritable, your children will expect God the Father to be so. Your children will spend their lifetime either affirming what your example has taught them about God the Father, or they will have their foundation pulled from under them and have to learn anew who God the Father is.

Dads, I encourage you to...

'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

Dads, if you realize you have not been living up to God's standard of what a father should be, you have time to apologize to your children and make changes. The movie "I Can Only Imagine" tells the story of a father and son who had a difficult beginning, but were able to reconcile because of their faith in Christ.

Children, whatever kind of Dad you had, thank God for him. Know that he parented you the best way he knew how. If you are able, give him a call to remind him that God loves him!

De Colores!

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

Happy 40th Anniversary "Walk To Emmaus"! Extending Through June!

The "Walk To Emmaus" experience began in 1978 according to the Upper Room FAQ's. So this May we will celebrate 40+ years of this spiritual journey! The "Golden Isles Walk To Emmaus" organization began in 2005. To spread the agape love and invite others to become part of Emmaus, we are suggesting having an "Emmaus Sunday" in your church. Talk to your pastor and see if one of the members could give a 5 minute talk about Emmaus and have a table at your church entrance with information and pilgrim applications available with Emmaus members present to answer any questions. We ask that the members only wear their badges to church on that "Emmaus Sunday" but feel free to wear your colorful DeColores shirts! This will recognize any Emmaus members in your church and may help spark interest to potential pilgrims!

Pick any Sunday in June that would work for your church!

You can download the Emmaus pamphlet [here](#) to print out and hand out to interested church members!

Dave DuBois suggested this talk to use for your Emmaus Sunday! [Click Here!](#)

In honor of 40 years of Emmaus Ministries, The Upper Room has developed a fundraising initiative. The plan is called 40 for Emmaus. Select the link below for additional information . **[40 For Emmaus!](#)**

Send in a picture of your Reunion Group and information about where and what time you meet for future members to be featured in the next newsletter!!! Click [here](#) for a current list of Reunion Groups! Please verify your group against the published list on the website. If your information is incorrect or missing, send Jimmy Johnson the updated information!

MINISTRYMANAGER@UPPERROOM.ORG

Update on the new Ministry Manager System -

By now you should have received an invitation to register with the new Upper Room Ministry Manager System. Reminder this system is 100% email driven, without a valid email address you won't be able to register. If you have not received an email invitation from ministrymanager@upperroom.org please let me know at annewojcik59@gmail.com so I can get your email address updated in the system and resend the invitation. Also, any pilgrims on file in IMS at the time of conversion received an invitation to register in Ministry Manager. This is only to get them registered in the database and should not be confused as an invitation to attend the walk. Invitations to pilgrims to attend the walks will go out the first week of August. If you have any questions, please let me know by email.

Blessings,

Anne Wojcik, GIWTE Registrar

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

The next GIWTE Board Meeting will be held on June 15th 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 Brunswick First United Methodist Church.