



## GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

### May 2019 Newsletter

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#### From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

#### **How can we put our talents to work for Emmaus? Are we giving the energy from our talents to make our Emmaus Community Grow?**

The devotion below is from TheBillyGraham.org website.

#### INVEST YOUR TALENTS

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17

God, in His mercy and goodness, has endowed every man with certain gifts, talents, and capabilities. These are not to be used selfishly for our own profit, but for the glory of God and for the building of His kingdom. Our personalities, our intelligence, and our capabilities are gifts from His own bountiful hand. If we divert their use for our own profit, we become guilty of selfishness. It is good business for an employee or junior partner in the firm to work for the profit and interest and glory of the owner. When the owner profits, all members of the firm profit. So, as stewards of our talents, we should invest them for the glory, praise, and honor of God. If God is glorified, we as His partners will be blessed. Our voices, our service, and our abilities are to be employed, primarily, for the glory of God.

God wants you to put your talents to use.  
Let us give God the Glory with the passing of Easter!

DeColores!

Dave DuBois

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

[Click HERE for Pilgrim Applications](#)

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

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## SEPTEMBER WALKS UPDATE

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

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

As of now, we have 24 Men & 27 Women Applications. We still need workers because some of the previously signed up workers can no longer work due to the new dates. The Agape team needs 1 person for each team as well--contact [Angela Dunn](#) if interested! So 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!

## 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**

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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.*

We have raised \$1,745.00 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!!

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## Upcoming Gatherings

### Community Gatherings:

**Saturday, May 4th-- 10:30 am - 2pm**  
**Sponsorship Training at 9:30am**  
**Blythe Island Picnic Grounds, Pavillion #2**  
**6616 Blythe Island Highway**  
**Brunswick, GA 31523**

**Friday, June 7th--7:00 pm**

**New Life Assembly of God Church**  
**2191 Golf Course Road**  
**Blackshear, GA 31516**

**Friday, July 12th--7:00pm**  
**Marshes of Glynn Baptist Church in Brunswick**  
**3780 US Highway 82**  
**Brunswick, GA 31523**

**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.

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## GIWTE COMMUNITY COOKOUT

**Music! Games! Communion! Fellowship!**

Pavilion #2 Blythe Island Regional Park  
6616 Blythe Island Highway  
Brunswick, GA 31523  
10:30 am - 2pm  
Saturday, May 4th

**Community Members : Bring a side dish or dessert and any outdoor games you might have. Bring your WHOLE family and any friends.**

**Your Emmaus Board will provide Hamburgers, Hot**

**Dogs, Drinks, and ALL the rest!**

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## Reflections from the Heart

### THANK YOU MOM!

Here's an odd question for you. How many Moms do you have? What kind of question is that? How many Moms can one person have? Answer: It depends. There is the birth Mom and the Mom who raised you. Sometimes they are the same person, and sometimes they are not. Throw a spiritual Mom into the mix. Again, she may be the same as the other two...but she may not. Then there is the step Mom. The step Mom and birth Mom aren't likely to be the same person, but the step Mom could also be the Mom who raised you, and the spiritual Mom. Are you still with me?

I am blessed because my birth Mom, the Mom who raised me, and my spiritual Mom are one and the same. When I grew up and moved out from the shelter of my Mom's care, other Moms "adopted" me. When I moved to Kansas I picked up my "Kansas Mom." With my Mom living in Rhode Island, I needed a Mom who was

geographically closer. My “Kansas Mom” talked me through many of my early parenting scares.

My Mother-in-law has also been a special treasure. When Keith and I married and I became more and more involved in church programs, his Mom gently reminded me that “God created the family before He created the church,” so my first responsibility needed to be to my family. That is spiritual advice I have cherished and followed over the years.

I have also had the privilege of being called “Mom” by children I have not given birth to. These are children whose hearts are connected to mine because God brought us together.

So I’ll ask again. How many Moms do you have? And a new question...how many people are you a Mom for? (Guys...get ready...you’ll be addressing similar questions next month!)

Just as babies are physically born and need care, so those who are spiritually born need care. Those of us who have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord become brothers and sisters in Christ. And that is a wonderful thing! But we need to be aware of where people are spiritually. If someone is a spiritual infant, they need spiritual parents to guide them. They need older brothers and sisters to show them the way.

‘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

For your good deed this month, if you can, call your mother. If you can’t call her, call someone who has been like a mother to you. Let them know the ways they have influenced you.

De Colores!

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

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## Sponsorship Training

Cindy Jones  
GIWTE Board  
Board Sponsorship Training Chairperson

### Sponsorship Training

I know, "training" sounds boring. So, why don't new say "opportunities to find pilgrims" instead? I know you have all been on the walk, but what IS the "Walk to Emmaus"? I mean, how do I explain it to possible pilgrims? And speaking of pilgrims, who do I invite? Everyone I know? Those who have questioned me about it? Co-workers? ??? What am I allowed to tell those I invite? Can I tell them about all the food? Candlelight? The communion services? The talks? WHAT??? After all, I didn't know everything, but there are some things I wish I had known about. What are my responsibilities as a sponsor? Is it invite people all I have to do, then give their name to someone? Maybe a board member? Is it hard to be a sponsor?

Do any of these questions sound familiar? You may have some of these questions, and possibly others that are not listed. Sponsorship training is an opportunity to have these and other questions answered. It also gives you the chance to ask any questions you may have that I do not cover; even if not about sponsorship in particular but anything about Emmaus. I don't promise I'll have ALL the answers, but I can find out the answers to any questions you may have and get back with you.

Right now, the plan is to have Sponsorship Training before our picnic on May 4th at 9:30am. Also, if you are unable to attend a scheduled training, and know of others in your area, let me know and we can try to work something out for me to come to a church, or somewhere nearby, to have a Sponsorship Training. Good sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus.

Hope to see many of you on May 4th at 9:30!!!

De Colores,  
Cindy Jones

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## Happy 40th Anniversary "Walk To Emmaus"!

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 May that would work for your church! You can download the Emmaus pamphlet [here](#) to print out and hand out to interested church members!

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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!!!  
Contact [Jimmy Johnson](#) for Reunion Group information!  
Click here for a current list of [Reunion Groups](#)!

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**MINISTRYMANAGER@UPPERROOM.ORG**

Everyone should have received an email from [Ministrymanager@upperroom.org](mailto:Ministrymanager@upperroom.org) inviting you to join Emmaus. This was for our new database that the Upper Room Emmaus Staff had created with the IMS developers. If you did not receive this email or deleted it by mistake, contact [Anne Wojcik](#) and let her know!

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## **Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting**

The next GIWTE Board Meeting will be held on May 18th 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.