



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

September 2019 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

With the upcoming walks I want to stress how we need to serve. The main objective is for the pilgrims to get the best spiritual experience they can have. We do that by humbly serving pilgrims whether as a sponsor, in the conference room, as a background worker, or even in prayer for the pilgrims. The following is a devotion on Serving God in humility; please read it and take it to heart.

Taken from the Newton First United Methodist Church Website
November 9, 2017 By Amos McCarthy

“Serving with Humility.”

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13

Servitude is a beautiful thing. It is fulfilling to the one who serves. It is honorable before God. God has called each one of us to the life of servitude. Service is one way to put aside our self-centeredness. It allows us to see how we are obligated to one another in the house of God. When we look at the needs of others, we will reconsider our own entitlement. We must understand that none of us are where we are in life by our own efforts. It is by the help of others, from our earliest years, that made us come to this point in our lives. Someone contributed to our success. Someone gave us the right advice we needed at the right time. Someone bought our bus ticket or our train ticket to school. Someone put food in the fridge. Someone bought us Christmas gifts to cheer us up along the way. There are many people in our lives who made sacrifices and investments in our lives. Our service to others reflects the bond between us. It reflects the love of God in our lives. When we notice the service another person renders to us, and when we serve others, it points to the grace of God. It directs people to Christ. God has called us to put others first in our lives. Especially in this “me first” culture of ours, it is important when we put others first. Do not serve others with the intention of attracting attention. When you serve others, do not go around talking about it. Do it in humility and in quietude. Your heavenly father who sees you in secret will reward you. Let us pray that God will teach us how to serve others. Let us pray that God will help us to put the needs of others first.

Ephesians 5:21 “Submitting to one another out of reverence to Christ”

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Mahatma Gandhi

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Dave DuBois

SEPTEMBER WALK UPDATES

SETUP DATE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

**9am-Noon Lions Camp
Lions Camp Road
Waycross, Georgia 31503**

MEN'S WALK #37

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2019

**Sendoff Thursday 6:30-7pm, Pilgrims begin arriving at 6pm
Arrive 8pm Saturday night for candlelight-Please don't be late!
Closing Sunday 4pm**

WOMEN'S WALK #38

SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2019

**Sendoff Thursday 6:30-7pm, Pilgrims begin arriving at 6pm
Arrive 8pm Saturday night for candlelight-Please don't be late!
Closing Sunday 4pm**

ATTENTION SPONSORS:

Make sure your pilgrims have confirmed their reservation with Anne Wojcik as soon as possible. She only has received confirmations from about half of the invitations that have been sent out! Also, make sure you have your pilgrim's letters ready!

WE STILL NEED KITCHEN WORKERS, GOLF CARTS, AND BODIES TO HELP SETUP ON SEPTEMBER 7, 9AM-12PM!! Please contact Justin Hollington, Kitchen Head 912-617-7912 for the Women's Walk and Sheree Mobley, Kitchen Head 912-614-1608 for the Men's Walk if you would like to serve. Please don't let the financial burden hold you back. There are scholarships out there in some of the Reunion groups that can help! Contact Jimmy Langford, Logistics Head 912-223-5160 if you have a golf cart that you would be willing to let us use for the walks. We need as many bodies as possible to set up the walks and move the beds in the dorms on September 7th. The more people we have, the quicker it will be!

Also everyone needs to sign up for the prayer vigil on the setup day!

ATTENTION SPONSORS

This is especially for all you folks out there who have a Pilgrim attending one of the upcoming walks. I would like for you to encourage your Pilgrim to attend our next Sponsorship Training. It will be just before the Pio party (October Gathering), at 6:00pm.

Better yet, you can offer to bring them to the training. Hope to see lots of Pilgrims!

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Cindy Jones, Sponsorship Training

WHAT DO I PRAY FOR DURING THE PRAYER VIGIL?

Have you ever wondered how to fill an entire hour with prayer during the Prayer Vigil?

Here are suggestions from some other Emmaus Communities that they provide their members.

Each button below will take you to the other Emmaus communities and their ideas.

Due to the prayer vigil now going through the new database Ministry Manager, we will have sign up sheets available at the work day on

September 7th and also at the sendoffs for each walk! Please sign up for the Prayer Vigils! Or contact **Craig Miller** at 912-571-6317 to sign you up! **DeColores!**

[Dayspring Walk to Emmaus](#)

[Florida Crown Emmaus](#)

[Southwest Virginia Walk to Emmaus](#)

It's Agape Time!!

Agape gifts are given to participants by Community members over the course of a Walk weekend as a sign of God's loving presence.

There are three main types of Agape:

- * **Community Agape**
- * **Table & Pillow Agape**
- * **Letter Agape**

It's time to start thinking about all that Table & Pillow Agape!

Table & pillow agape are the little gifts that appear on the conference room tables, or on beds, starting on Friday evening. Table & Pillow Agape must be provided for everyone on the weekend (60 pieces max for each weekend.) Start making them now so they will be ready in time for the walks, they will be here before we know it. Deliver your items in a labeled bag so the team can return any extras!

Contact [Angela Dunn](#) (912-617-1509) if you have any questions on Agape Items.

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

[Click HERE for Pilgrim Applications](#)

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

Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings:

There will be no Gathering in September due to the Walks.

Friday, October 4th--7pm Pio Party & Sponsorship Training at 6pm

First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

Friday, November 1st--7pm

TBA

Friday, December 6th--7pm

Wesley United Methodist Church
6520 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, 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](#) (912-275-3898) for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

Reflections from the Heart

Letters

Letters have made a positive difference in my life. When I was in second grade I opened a Cracker Jack box, ate all the contents, and didn't find a prize inside. My Mom encouraged me to write a letter to the company. I did, and their response was to send me a little box filled with a bunch of their tiny toys. My favorites were two plastic prisms that I was able to click together and look through. Each prism individually was beautiful, but clicking them together provided fantastic images that could have been created in no other way.

Still in my childhood, we lived far away from my Grandma when she was ill. I sent a letter addressed simply to "Grandma F." and listed the hospital's address. The hospital was able to figure out which patient the letter belonged to!

In seventh grade I went to a church camp. There I met a friend and we started writing to each other after the camp ended. However-many-years later we are still in touch, and she remains one of my faithful friends and Prayer Warriors.

Right around 24 years ago I wrote a letter that changed my life forever. I responded to a request that "someone" write to a gentleman whose name and address were on a poster board in my new Sunday school room. I was new to the area, and loved to write letters. So I wrote. He responded. And we just celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary.

There are other letters I have that I cherish. Some of them came to me at my "Walk to Emmaus". Those letters brought happy tears to my eyes as I realized the impact my life has had on others. One of my favorites is from a lady I used to babysit for. She credited me with instilling a love of reading in her children because I read to them so often when I was watching them. Her words made my heart soar!

This month "Walk to Emmaus" #37 and #38 will take place. Don't miss the opportunity to write letters! Even if you don't know the people walking, you can write letters and address them to "Christian Brother, Walk to Emmaus #37," or "Christian Sister, Walk to Emmaus #38." These can be given to our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not have as many letters as some of the other people. It is an opportunity to provide people with tangible evidence that they are loved and appreciated and cared for.

I would like to remind you once again that we should all...

'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

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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 October 19th at 9am
Due to the walks there will not be a board meeting in September

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
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520.