



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

December 2020 Newsletter



Dear Emmaus Community,

As we enter into our final month of 2020, this will also be my final entry to you as your Community Lay Director. When the members of your Board entrusted me to lead us through the past year, not one of us could have imagined the journey ahead. It is no exaggeration that a precarious learning curve was waiting just ahead of us.

As a retired middle school Science teacher, I ask God daily to encourage me to have an eagerness and enthusiasm to learn new things. In my prayers to Him, I ask Him to help me stay alert and focused, so that I don't miss anything He has carefully laid on the path ahead of me. You see, my love for

teaching was driven by my love for learning and sharing what I learned with others.

It would be impossible for me to describe everything I have learned since the beginning of 2020, but I do want to highlight some of the things that held significant impact upon me spiritually and emotionally.

Holy Spirit was so full of mercy, as my spiritual walk grew to a new level. As each of us faced deleting calendar events and foregoing traditional celebrations, we had to look at new ways to use wisely our time. Once the reality of cancelled obligations set in, I became more intentional in studying God's Word and learning newly revealed facets of His peace and provision. He wanted me to rest in His Word.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

Not one of the plethora of Emmaus manuals provided a set of prescribed guidelines for serving the Community during a pandemic. It was emotionally frustrating and difficult. But God sent the Comforter to me, as He reminded me to look in front of me at the most incredible team of Board members one could imagine! Not once did they waiver in their desire to put others first. They were encouragers, full of determination to focus on Kingdom goals.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the

household of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10)

As laborers together, our Board members experienced the beauty of working together like a perfectly balanced three-legged stool! What an unspeakable gift it has been to work alongside such amazing people. I shall always be grateful for being encouraged by a team of doers, in spite of the significant challenge, during such a time as this.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

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Nancy Rivers
Community Lay Director
Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #69
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Reflections From The Heart



Good Bye 2020

2020 has been a year we'll all remember, but likely would prefer to forget. We have faced world-wide challenges with the Corona Virus that are unprecedented. COVID-19 has forced us to think about how fragile life is, and how much we are interdependent on each other. We have endured "shelter in place" orders. Public gatherings have been limited. I have seen Facebook posts that encourage people to "Check on the huggers. They are not okay right now." As one of the "huggers" I can attest to that!

On the other hand, 2020 has brought to light many creative acts of kindness. At Camden Miracle Field, where my daughter Mary plays baseball, fall season games were played with everyone masked up. Benches for the fans were marked off in certain places to encourage social distancing. In the team lineup at the end of the games smiles and waves replaced the high-fives that were previously the "norm." People in nursing homes who have been unable to have visitors have received cards of encouragement from people they don't even know. And people who love those in nursing homes have made an effort to visit, coming to the window of those they love rather than coming inside. Meals are enjoyed "together" as the nursing home resident eats inside and family and friends picnic outside where they can still see each other.

As Christmas approaches we are preparing for a celebration like no other. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has encouraged us not to travel. So families and friends are finding creative ways to connect. Some choose to connect

through Zoom or other electronic media. Many families are mailing gifts to each other rather than traveling. Letters and phone calls, old traditional ways to connect to far away loved ones, will also be enjoyed.

As Christmas approaches, let's continue to follow the advice of *Hebrews 4:16 (King James Version): "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* Let's do what we can to help and encourage the lonely.

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Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2
Table of Mary



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS! PLEASE WELCOME THEM! BIOS TO FOLLOW:

New Incoming Lay Director.....Jimmy Johnson

New	Incoming	Spiritual	Director.....Bill	Taylor	
New	Incoming	Music	Director.....Sandi Finn	Snider	
New	Incoming	Treasurer.....Susan	Conaway		
New	Incoming	Reunion Group	Director.....George	Kaiser	
New	Incoming	Prayer Vigil	Director.....Marsha	Klecan	
New	Incoming	Worship	Director.....Paula	Harris	
Board	Members	that	still	remain	are:
Kitchen.....Jenny					Scott
Secretary.....John					Rivers
Candlelight.....Brian					James
Logistics.....Matt					Beckham
Gatherings.....Andy					Amason
Agape.....Therese					Vigue
Angels....Joan					Scheetz
Team		Selection.....Wade			Conway
Registrar.....Lori					Durham
Training		Coordinator.....Chris			Moncus
Sponsorship		Training.....Jeff			Dempsey
Communications.....Tammy Langford					



FALL WALKS 2021

MEN'S WALK #39 Fall 2021 TBA
Lay Director Phil Scott

WOMEN'S WALK #40 Fall 2021 TBA
Lay Director Lori Durham

TRAINING			DATES:		TBA
SETUP	DATE	FOR	LION'S	CAMP:	TBA

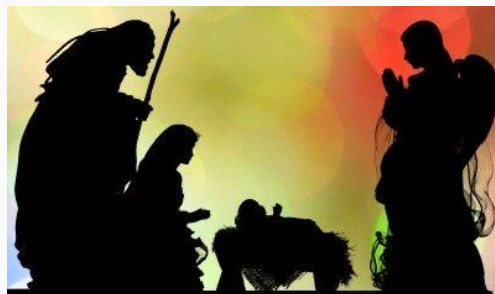
Background Servants only need to be at 1st & 3rd meetings. Training dates begin at 8:30am with food and fellowship, then training begins at 9:00am.

The Fall Walks have been postponed until Fall 2021 due to the Coronavirus. We are still accepting applications. Pay love forward and sponsor a pilgrim! Please continue to pray for the upcoming walks. Pray for a loving unity that only God can give and that no one can break. Pray that our hearts will be truly faithful, available and teachable. With our minds and hearts focused on God, He can and will do great things during our team preparation and the upcoming walks!

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

We would like to challenge ALL Reunion Groups to pray and find a Pilgrim to sponsor! Sponsors...please stay in touch with your pilgrims through these upcoming months and pray for them. Reach out to them and let them know you are here for them.

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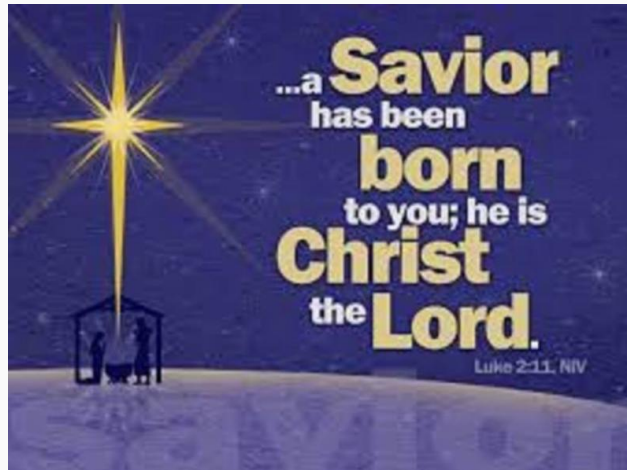
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**UPCOMING EVENTS
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS**

**Emmaus Tailgate Gathering #4
Saturday, December 12th
Blythe Island Pavillion
Blythe Island Park
6616 Blythe Island Highway
Brunswick, GA 31523
12 noon to 4pm
(The pavilion is reserved all day if you are interested)**

**REUNION GROUPS TRY TO SIT NEAR ONE ANOTHER AND
PRESENT A POSTER!
BEST POSTER REPRESENTING THEIR
REUNION GROUP GETS THEIR PICTURE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!!**

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 [Andy Amason](mailto:andy@amason.com) at 912-270-7790 for more information regarding what is required of a host church. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at Community Gatherings or Walks, please contact [Jim Hitt](mailto:jim@hitt.com) at 912-614-4701.

*****LOOK ALL THE WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SONG LYRICS FOR THE TAILGATE GATHERINGS!!!**



THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE:

DECEMBER 5TH AT 9AM***

COMBINED NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BOARD MEETING***

Board members that are rolling off of their position need to bring their information to the meeting to give to their replacement.***

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:

First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

*****DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS WE WILL BE MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT FUMC TO GIVE US AMPLE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE MEETING.**



LYRICS FOR SONGS FOR THE GATHERINGS

Song 1.

Blessing Before the Meal

Gathered at this table,
Holy Spirit come.
Fill us with Your presence,
Bind our hearts as one.
Bless this time together,
Jesus give us peace.
Come, Lord, be with us, bless this food we eat.

Song 2.

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Song 3.**I'll Fly Away****Verse 1**

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Oh how glad and happy when we meet
I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet
I'll fly away

Verse 4

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end

I'll fly away

Song 4

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Song 5

Nothing But The Blood (Plainfield)

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

What can make me whole again

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Song 6

Here I Am Lord

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Song 7

Fear No More

Verse 1

Every anxious thought that steals my breath
It's a heavy weight upon my chest
As I lie awake and wonder what the future will hold
Help me to remember that You're in control

Chorus

You're my courage when I worry in the dead of night
You're my strength cause
I'm not strong enough to win this fight

You are greater than
The battle raging in my mind
I will trust you Lord
I will fear no more

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes I will lift my cares
Lay them in Your hands
I'll leave them there
When the wind and waves are coming
You shelter me
Even though I'm in the storm
The storm is not in me

Bridge

No power can come against me
'Cause You have overcome
No darkness can overwhelm me
'Cause You've already won

Song 8

Victory In Jesus

Verse 1

I heard an old old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

Chorus

O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever

He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

Verse 2

I heard about His healing
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus
Come and heal my broken spirit
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory

Verse 3

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory

Song 9

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine
