



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

February 2020 Newsletter



OUR EMMAUS TEARS

When I was a girl, I loved spending time with one of my best friends. She lived only a few blocks from the Pier on St. Simons Island, so our time together usually included lengthy bicycle rides, swimming or roller skating at the Casino, or admiring the shorebirds at East Beach. Over the years, our friendship continued to thrive, and I eventually realized that the critical adhesive sustaining our friendship was her family's unwavering reflection of God's unconditional love.

It was an added blessing, whenever I was invited to sit at the dinner table with her parents and five siblings. Her father was an ordained Baptist Pastor, and he was also fully called to the ministry of The Gideons. As soon as we were seated at their table, not a morsel of food was shared, until every one at the dinner table recited a Bible verse. Without exception, her brother would remind everyone that "Jesus wept," (John 11:35) was off limits. This simple practice instilled a lifelong desire in me to learn God's Word.

Most certainly, those of us in the Emmaus Community have both witnessed and experienced the release of tears during a Walk. My first tears on my Walk were shed at Friday morning's breakfast. As soon as I

was seated, I heard Gene Barber's voice say, "Here is your first coffee of the day, my friend, with two creams and one sugar, just the way you like it." But why did this simple act bring tears to my eyes? Because Gene, a college administrator who had meticulously guided me toward my post-graduate work in education, was actually serving me with such joy and Servanthood! I was so humbled by his kindness toward me.

There is no question that our time at Emmaus is ordained by God. The weekend of my Walk, our son was serving in Iraq, and our son-in-law was on a Special Forces assignment in an undisclosed part of the Middle East. That Saturday morning, the Holy Spirit issued a special invitation to me to meet Him at the altar, and my tears flowed freely, as I was able to lay down those dying moments into His care (1 Peter 5:7). And then came Candlelight! The countless faces I saw were illuminated by so much more than a flickering candle. I am positive I saw the radiance of God's love lighting the way. (1 John 4:7-8)

A few weeks before Christmas of 2019, our first-born (my Sponsor) told me that one of their most faithful Servants in the Emmaus Community had died unexpectedly during a surgical procedure. She described her friend's funeral as a huge Emmaus Gathering, as the countless lives she had touched had gathered to celebrate her journey into Heaven. Her family requested that their Mother's favorite Emmaus song be played, as they were escorted into the church. At that holy moment, her loved ones entered the sanctuary to "The Servant's Song." And the tears flooded the room!

For each of us, I pray that God will remind us of the sweetness of our own Emmaus tears. And with all my heart, I also pray that you will find a Pilgrim to sponsor, as The Holy Spirit sets aside an appointed time for their Emmaus tears to be released.

De Colores!

Nancy Rivers

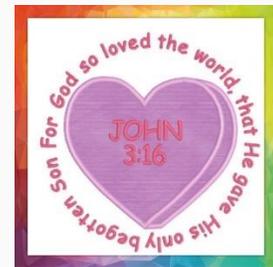
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEART

LOVE

There are many verses in the Bible about love. That stands to reason since the Bible is God's love letter to us, and HE IS LOVE! John 3:16 is my daughter Mary's favorite verse. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." 1 Corinthians 13 is known as "The Love Chapter," providing a distinct outline of the importance of love and how true love is expressed.



In a recent Bible study I came across Psalm 42:8 (New International Version): By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life. This verse brought to mind God as director and Love as His orchestra. I can see Him calling for attention, then gracefully drawing in each section. Here comes patience, echoed by kindness. Can you hear it? Mercy and grace take up the tune. At God's direction compassion adds to the melody. All day long God keeps this symphony going for our enjoyment. Then when night falls we have the opportunity to sing a song of praise to Him, a prayer of thanksgiving. We can 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.

De Colores!

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



SPRING WALKS 2020

MEN'S WALK #39 April 16-19, 2020
WOMEN'S WALK #40 April 23-26, 2020

TRAINING
MARCH

7,

DATES:
8:30AM

First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich Street
Brunswick, GA 31520
MARCH 21, 8:30AM TBA
APRIL 4, 8:30AM TBA

The Spring Walks will soon be here...don't miss your opportunity! The deadline for pilgrim applications is **February 14th!** Pay **love** forward and sponsor a pilgrim!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Friday,

February

7th

at

GATHERINGS:

7pm

The Chapel
114 Harris Farm Road
Brunswick, GA 31520
(Behind Wake Up Coffee Co.)

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@giwte.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@giwte.com) at 912-614-4701.



The next GIWTE Board Meeting will be held on February 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:

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[1400 Norwich Street](#)

[Brunswick, GA 31520](#)
