



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

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## July 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Emmaus Friends,

The Board met last Saturday and unanimously voted to postpone all Walks for 2020. While this is the second time we have faced this difficult decision this year, we are confident that our responsibility is to ensure that all members of the Golden Isles Emmaus Community are in a physically safe environment.

The recent spike during a second wave of the Covid pandemic would make it impossible for us to adhere to health and safety guidelines for our Pilgrims. It would also present a significant burden upon the members of our Willing Servant teams.

So where do we go from here? I believe it is safe to say that we deeply miss our time with each of you. In an effort to find some creative ways to come together for what remains of 2020, we have decided on the following plan of action:

During September, October, and November, we will plan outdoor gatherings on a Saturday, using a tailgating format. Each family is asked to come to an outdoor

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location (locations are currently being selected), park your vehicle in a designated area, and enjoy a picnic, worship music, and a Fourth Day speaker from your own chairs set up near your vehicle. Please also remember to invite guests or Pilgrims you have sponsored, and have them park near your vehicle. We will also be ordering prepackaged Communion juice and wafers, so that we can still share this Holy Sacrament together.

It is our hope that December will afford us the opportunity to celebrate our annual Christmas Gathering at an indoor location.

The Board will be meeting again on July 18th. We will continue to keep you informed, as we move ahead. More than ever, we ask you to pray for the members of our wonderful Community, as we seek wisdom and direction from The Holy Spirit.

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Nancy Rivers, Board Chair  
Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #69  
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## Freedom

Of course July, America's anniversary, is a good time to talk about freedom. COVID-19 has stolen many of our freedoms; our freedom to come and go as we wish, our freedom to assemble in great numbers, our freedom to see each other's faces, among others. But we are largely still a free people. We remain free to think, to feel, to be.

Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu is credited with this quote:  
Watch your thoughts, they become your words;  
Watch your words, they become your action  
Watch your actions, they become your habits;  
Watch your habits, they become your character;  
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

The Bible also cautions us to guard our thoughts: **2 Corinthians 10:5** admonishes us to "take every thought captive

*and make it obedient to Christ.” Romans 12:2 encourages us to “let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” And Philippians 4:8 gives us a road map to make those things possible: “Whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”*

I have been a prisoner of my thoughts. I know what it is to struggle with depression and anxiety. They feed off of each other and the downward spiral they cause in my thought life can be swift and painful. I am blessed to have a network of people I can turn to when I sense that cycle starting; first and foremost my husband Keith. As I take my thoughts captive I can return to the truths God has for me: *I am loved (John 3:16).* *God has a good plan for me (Jeremiah 29:11).* *The night may be filled with tears, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5).*

I pray that the Fourth of July finds you free in Christ, and that His peace will continue to sustain and strengthen you for the adventure that lies ahead. *Let’s 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.”*

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

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**SPRING WALKS 2021**

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

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

<b>TRAINING SETUP</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>DATES: LION'S</b>	<b>CAMP:</b>	<b>TBA TBA</b>
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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 Spring 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.**

**De Colores!**



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[Click HERE For Information To Become A Sponsor](#)

[Click HERE For Pilgrim Applications](#)

[Click HERE For Willing Servant Form](#)

[Click HERE For The Upper Room Walk To Emmaus Website](#)

[Click HERE for The Ministry Manager.Org Website](#)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### COMMUNITY

### GATHERINGS:

**PICNIC AND GATHERINGS ARE POSTPONED FOR JULY & AUGUST.**

However, during September, October, and November, we will plan outdoor gatherings on a Saturday, using a tailgating format. Each family is asked to come to an outdoor location (locations are currently being selected), park your vehicle in a designated area, and enjoy a picnic, worship music, and a Fourth Day speaker from your own chairs set up near your vehicle. Please also remember to invite guests or Pilgrims you have sponsored, and have them park near your vehicle. We will also be ordering prepackaged Communion juice and wafers, so that we can still share this Holy Sacrament together! Hopefully by December we will be able to celebrate our Christmas gathering at an indoor location!

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](#) 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](#) at 912-614-4701.



**THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE:**

**JULY 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

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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.**

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