



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

June 2020 Newsletter



God's Timing is Always Perfect

I had a friend who thought it was hysterical that a musical group named The Byrds performed a song entitled, "Turn, Turn, Turn." She noted that the lyrics sounded a lot like Bible verses she learned as a child in Vacation Bible School. While the eclectic band was far from any representation of a worship team, the song was indeed a reflection of the verses in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

In coastal Georgia, the change from one season to the next is a gradual, subtle change, as our warm climate prevails for most of the year. We even mark our calendars for a unique window of time we call "Hurricane Season." In Ecclesiastes, the reference to seasons also parallels with the seasons of change we experience during our personal time here on Earth:

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted." (Ecc. 3:1-2)

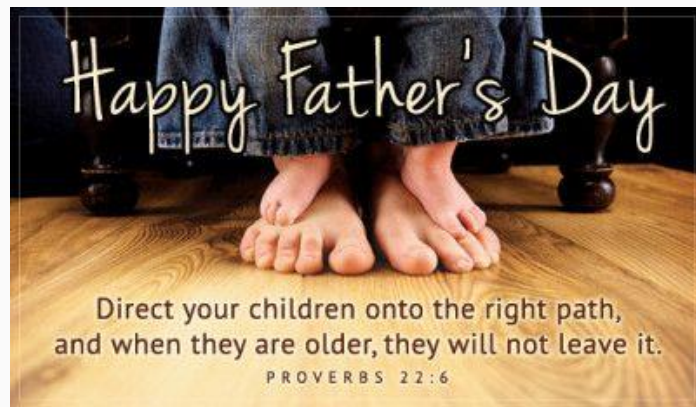
When March of 2020 arrived, we found ourselves held captive by a pandemic that disrupted the normalcy of our lives in ways we could have never imagined. While this season had an identifiable beginning, the experts in the medical field cannot predict when it will end. It has literally recalibrated our time, caused us to clear our calendars, and isolated us from the people and places we may have otherwise taken for granted. In addition to incessant hand washing and disinfecting surfaces, we have been bombarded with reminders that this season is *“a time to refrain from embracing;” (v. 5)*

The learning curve during this season has been challenging, as we attend church via livestream, we virtually celebrate special events like birthdays and graduations, and we depend upon available forms of social media to keep us informed. Has our time been well spent and meaningful? Have we identified new ways to spend our free time, as we reevaluate our priorities during such a profound seasonal change? Have we found new ways to draw closer to God through prayer, Bible Study, and the reading of Scripture? I look forward to a new season ahead, when we can celebrate the goodness of God, among the people of God.

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; (v.11-12).

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Nancy Fowler Rivers, Board Chair
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #69
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FATHERHOOD

We hear far too much about “Absentee Fathers” and “Dead-beat Dads.” I would encourage you to use those labels with caution. There are fathers who desperately

want to be with their children, and support them, but for reasons beyond their control they are unable to do so. It's a good idea to keep all Dads in prayer!

My own Dad wasn't home all the time. When I was born he was serving in Viet Nam, not much more than a child himself. His Navy career sometimes took him away from us when he went out to sea. But when he was home he was the best Dad he knew how to be.

One of my Dad's best gifts to me is a love of nature. I thoroughly enjoy noticing details in flowers, trees, moss, clouds, rain. I like to see how the earth looks reflected in water and capture photos of it. I enjoy walking trails, both familiar and new. The familiar to see how things are the same and how they are different from my last walk. The new trails provide a sense of adventure and curiosity that intrigues me.

My husband Keith and I recently took a walk around the Tabby Ruins in St. Marys, Georgia. I took many beautiful pictures. I'd like to share three of my favorites.

These first two pictured below are very meaningful to me because when Keith and I saw the dragonfly I wondered aloud if it would be still long enough for me to capture pictures of it. The dragonfly not only stayed put long enough for me to photograph it, I kept taking pictures until I realized they were starting to look alike! When we left the dragonfly, he was still perched on the same leaf. The second picture is relevant because it was taken just a few steps from the dragonfly. The dragonfly, in all its unique detail, is still there. It's just lost in the bigger picture.

My third favorite photograph from our nature walk is this old stump pictured above. It reminds me of another old stump I saw years upon years ago that I attempted to draw. My Dad was with me and saw me getting more and more frustrated as I tried to capture the stump. He spoke words of comfort to me, then took my pad and pencil from my hands. As he sketched away he reminded me that I only needed to capture the essence of the stump. This was a drawing, not a photograph. When he handed my pad and pencil back I saw how he had captured the stump beautifully in just a few minutes. It was a blessing to learn that the imperfect is still lovely.

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."* Let's do what we can to help and encourage the Dads we know.

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



FALL WALKS 2020

MEN'S WALK #39 September 17-20, 2020

Lay Director Phil Scott

WOMEN'S WALK #40 September 24-27, 2020

Lay Director Lori Durham

TRAINING				DATES:			TBA
SETUP	DATE	FOR	LION'S	CAMP:	SEPTEMBER	12,	2020

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 will soon be here...don't miss your opportunity! 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY

GATHERINGS:

PICNIC AND GATHERINGS ARE SADLY POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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 TBA

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. THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY, JUNE 20 AT 9AM.**
