



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

March 2020 Newsletter



For decades, I have embraced the practice of both teaching and learning at least one new concept every day. I concede that old brain cells disintegrate into dross, but I cannot conceive a mind that refuses to be innately curious and hungry to attain and retain new knowledge. As God meticulously knitted us into our Mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), it is a common belief that humans are equipped with at least 7 identifiable senses: taste, touch, sight, smell, hearing, proprioception (sometimes referred to as the Sixth Sense), and vestibular. Based upon my own life experiences, however, I have elected to add one more sense to the list: Common Sense.

It is my belief that Common Sense can lead us to relate positively to others, to solve problems, and to support those in crisis, as they try to navigate the rough seas in a difficult world. Common Sense tells us that having a handful of authentic friends is far more valuable than measuring self-worth through the number of friends listed on one's social media account.

An authentic friend is one that can be trusted - in every, single sense of the word. This type of friendship is bathed in unconditional love and acceptance. "A friend loves at all times." (Proverbs 17:17). Even Jesus, fully God, and fully man, initially surrounded Himself with Twelve Disciples. He enlisted them to help with the demands of His ministry, as He healed, taught, fed, grieved, celebrated, and even suffered betrayal among those within His own circle of friends.

While the Walk to Emmaus experience is unique to every new Pilgrim, one of the greatest benefits gleaned is an immediate adoption into The Body of Christ we call the Emmaus Community. Every Pilgrim has the same opportunity to forge new friendships. Some of these may even last for decades. Friendships forged through Emmaus also erase geographic boundaries that might have otherwise prohibited one's path from crossing another. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5-6) When the decision to sponsor a Pilgrim is carried out, the seed that is sown produces eternal fruit.

Life is short. Sometimes it may seem that it is just too hard to live a life that fully pleases God. I urge you to live your life, knowing that while it will be imperfect, you must choose to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14). God will always be there to pick up the pieces and give us a new day. We call it our Fourth Day.

Do not hide His light; do your best to live every day to its fullest potential. Live within a tightly knit circle of

those you know you can trust. Seek those who are seeking truth, honesty, justice, purity, loveliness, a good report, virtue, and praise. “Think on those things” and life will be so much sweeter. (Philippians 4:6-9). Be intentional in using all of the senses God gave you. Common Sense proves that it will be worth the effort.

De Colores,

Nancy Fowler Rivers, Emmaus Chair

Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #69

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I think my favorite version of Saint Patrick’s story comes from Veggie Tales. If you are interested, you can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBhG-7pj43E>. Short version, Saint Patrick was born Maewyn in England. When he was 16 years old, he was kidnapped by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. He worked there for six years, feeding pigs. During that six years, Maewyn remembered his time in church at home and spent many hours a day praying to God. Then God told Maewyn it was time to leave Ireland. So Maewyn got

Patrick



passage on a boat and managed to get back to his home in England. There he went to school and became a bishop in the Catholic Church. As a bishop, his name was changed to Patrick. God called him back to Ireland to share his faith in Jesus Christ. Ireland was converted to a Christian nation by Patrick's diligence in sharing the Gospel.

This Saint Patrick's Day, in the midst of the wearing o' the green and the recognition of Irish traditions and food, let's make some time to remember Maewyn's faithfulness to God through difficult times. And like Saint Patrick, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16, King James Version)

De Colores!
Trisa Chancey
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2
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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

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 Spring Walks will soon be here...don't miss your opportunity! We are still accepting applications! **The NEW DEADLINE for pilgrim applications is MARCH 1ST! Pay love forward and sponsor a pilgrim!**

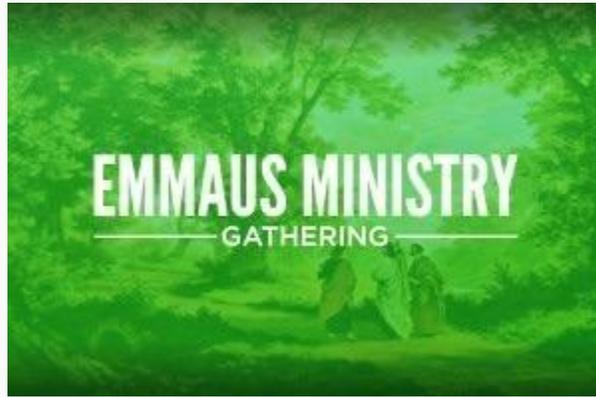
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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Friday, March 6th at 7:00pm
Blackshear First United Methodist Church
225 W Church Street
Blackshear, GA 31516

GATHERINGS:

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 held on March 14th 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:

[First United Methodist Church](#)

[1400 Norwich Street](#)

[Brunswick, GA 31520](#)

