



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

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## May 2020 Newsletter

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### HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Those of you who know me at all are aware of my lifelong passion for birds. From the Great Horns, Red Tails, Corvids, Shorebirds, to the tiniest Hummers, I have learned so much of the nature of their Creator, just from observing these amazing avian creatures.

Years ago, my maternal grandmother told me it was not only important to recognize species characteristics, but it was most important to know the voice of each species - especially the varied voices of the passerines. Eventually, I became so avid in this pastime, I began to also learn their scientific names.

For instance, did you know the Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) can imitate the voices of almost two dozen other birds? Imagine how God took the time to create such a vocalist. This species alone can perform the most amazing concert, while using many voices! It reminds me

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that God, in the midst of the worshippers at His throne, recognizes my voice when I call out to Him.

“When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.”

(Psalm 34:17)

The birds on this barrier island are fully aware that our backyard is designed to be their safe haven. It is not meticulously manicured, but it is truly a wildlife habitat. John and I have been deliberate in establishing multipurpose flora, along with a variety of feeders, in an effort to attract and care for my little friends.

Our friend, Andy Amason recently extended the deck in the back, as it is where I spend a significant portion of my day. It is the place where I enjoy my early morning quiet time in God’s presence, as my little friends provide a cacophony of worship music to quiet my spirit.

Earlier this week, we discovered a nest with a cluster of purple finch chicks. We accidentally removed a light fixture, not realizing their nest had active chicks in it. The fledge feathers were only days from being ready for flight. I placed the fixture and nest in our front porch swing, covering it at night to protect it from the elements and predators. That night, I prayed to My Father, asking Him to give me the assurance that these little ones would not die, because of me.

I cannot begin to count the ways God has spoken to me through the winged members of my family. I have experienced immeasurable joy, and so

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many times, their song has comforted my hurting heart. Most importantly, God loves it when we notice the slightest evidence of His hand in the world around us.

Beginning with day 5 of The Creation, it is clear that God created birds for a specific purpose: their song covers the Earth, yet they were silenced at the crucifixion. A dove brought good news to Noah, and a dove from Heaven appeared when John baptized The Messiah. The ravens fed Elijah (1 King's 17), and God causes quail to fall from the sky, as they fed the Children of Israel (Psalm 105:40; Exodus 16).

As all of us have struggled with sheltering in place during a pandemic, I have noticed that my backyard birds have carried on business as usual. Their songs are even sweeter, and their celebrations at the feeders seem more exuberant than ever. It's as if even they know that their Creator has His eye on the sparrow.

God's Word brings such comfort and conviction in Matthew 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Our Heavenly Father is watching over each of us with care. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. This morning, I checked on the remaining chick, as the others had fledged, one at a time. Imagine my joy, as I saw that little creature standing on the porch, waiting for me to watch it fly away to its parents! May each of us

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look at life, as we remember that we are His children!

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Nancy Rivers

Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #69

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**Reflections From The Heart**

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## Motherhood

I've heard "Mother" described as "the person who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take." My own mother, through her faith in Christ, has been a great source of encouragement to me throughout the 53 years my presence has made her a mother. Has she made mistakes? Obviously. She's human. Through the fun, laughter, hard times, arguments, and tears, Mom has been a solid foundation of love. I have always been aware of her prayers, even when I chose a different path than the one she prayed for.

Mom was present for the births of all four of my children. I became a birth mother at the age of 15, and surrendered my first daughter for adoption. Mom went to court with me to support me as I gave my parenting rights to a couple I had never met, but trusted God that they were His choice for my daughter. At 19 I gave birth to my second child, also a daughter. She was born three days early, and her dad didn't make it home from basic training until she was several days old. But Mom was there for the delivery, holding my hand. My son came along two years later. My husband was home and the plan was for Mom to wait outside while he went into the delivery room with me. But I wouldn't let go of her hand, so she had to come along. My son was born, and went from red to purple to gray before he took his first breath. I kept asking what was wrong because I couldn't hear him cry. I could sense people scrambling around the delivery room. Mom just held my hand and prayed. She told me later that she focused completely on my son's foot. As he cried and color was



restored there she knew he would be all right.

My fourth child, also a daughter, came along 10 years later. This was a new husband, unfamiliar with my previous pregnancies except for stories he had heard. Mom had always intended to tell him that I had “precipitous labor” (meaning my babies come quickly), but somehow three weeks before my due date she still hadn’t mentioned it. But three weeks before my due date was when this child decided to make her appearance. My husband left work because he had been told that I didn’t feel well, and his presence would comfort me. We didn’t have a cell phone back then, and no way to update him on the fact that the baby was actually coming. Mom took me from the doctor’s office to the hospital, just a few blocks away. When my husband arrived our daughter had just been delivered.

The Corona Virus has made the birth experience considerably different. I read an article at <https://www.nbcnews.com/know-your-value/feature/what-it-s-really-giving-birth-age-coronavirus-ncna1177516>, in which Baltimore’s former health commissioner Dr. Leana Wen chronicled her experience with giving birth during the Pandemic. There are all sorts of concerns about visitors, hospital staff working crossover in multiple departments, whether to deliver at the hospital, how long to stay at the hospital, closely followed by concerns about when to visit the pediatrician and what safety protocols would be in place there.

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This is a time unlike any before. **“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) Let’s continue look for ways to be the hands and feet of Christ. Make an extra effort to encourage Moms today.

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Trisa Chancey  
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2  
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## 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**

<b>TRAINING</b>				<b>DATES:</b>			<b>TBA</b>
<b>SETUP</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>LION'S</b>	<b>CAMP:</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>12,</b>	<b>2020</b>

**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

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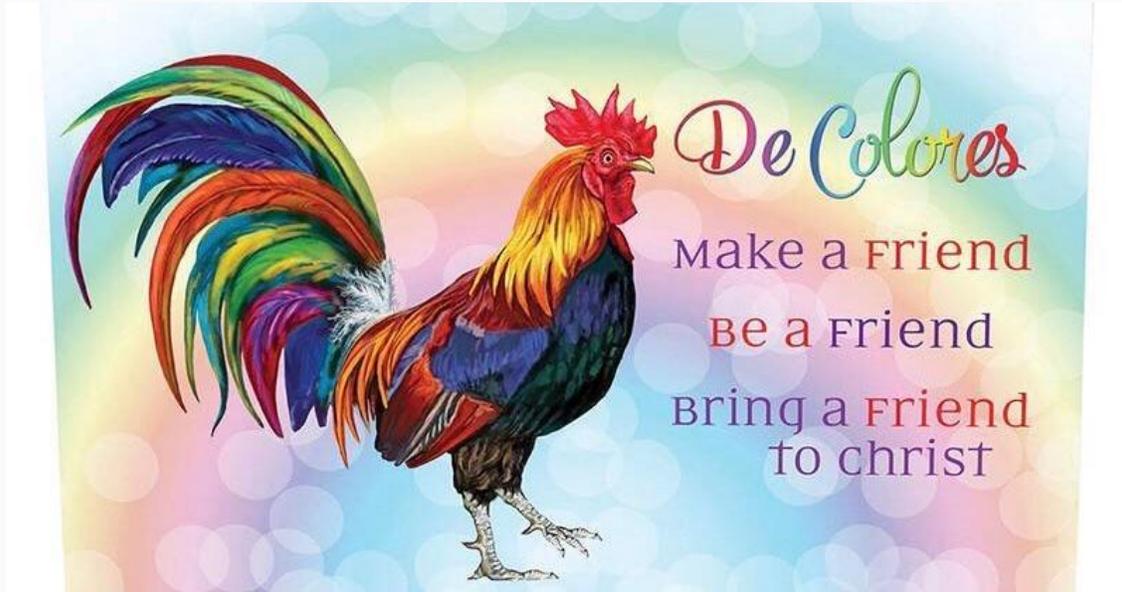
GATHERINGS:

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JUNE

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.

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**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](#)

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