



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

November 2020 Newsletter



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God, in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

This Scripture is one I rely upon to help me find the clarity and focus I need for the day ahead. As citizens of this Nation, it is our natural inclination to associate November with a season of Thanksgiving. How might our perspective as Christ followers change, if we look at every day of every month as a season of Thanksgiving? And how do we give thanks in the midst of such unique circumstances?

With most of the year now in the rear view mirror, we have spent the past months creating a new set of habits, especially with regard to how we might interact with others.

We have cleared events from our calendar that were once defined as essential or traditional. Indeed, for many of us, it became quite difficult to even imagine what might lie ahead.

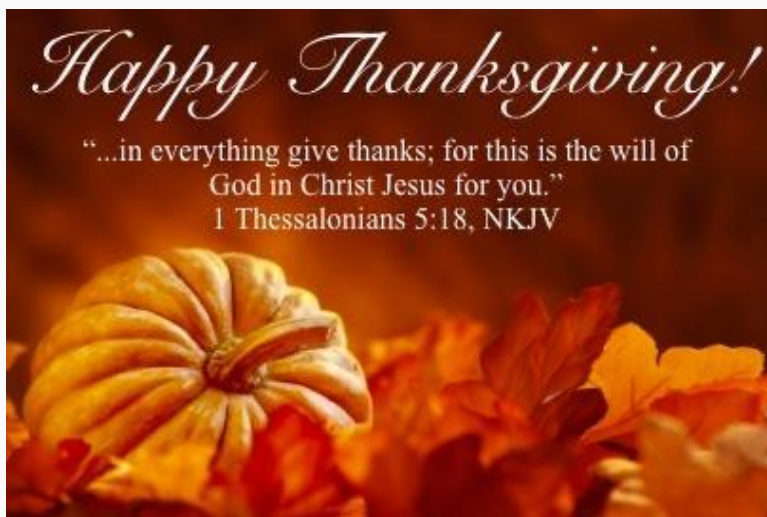
Some of us lost loved ones in 2020, and we were faced with finding new ways to celebrate a life well lived. Some of us have suffered financially, spiritually, and emotionally. In truth, when we allow ourselves to focus only upon the unknown twists and turns ahead, how can we find the will to rejoice?

For my birthday in January of this year, John surprised me with a beautiful prayer kneeler. I consider it one of the most precious of gifts. As co-leaders of the Prayer 5:17 Ministry, John and I have come to treasure the words in [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#), “[pray without ceasing.](#)” How could either of us have imagined the prayers that would be poured out there in the difficult months ahead?

With each morning, I continue to spend time there in His presence: rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks for so many of you. We are The Body of Christ, and we are never alone. And even in the most difficult times, “[The joy of the LORD is our strength.](#)” ([Nehemiah 8:10](#))

During this month of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to find ways to rejoice, to pray for others throughout the day, and to give thanks, every single day, for the countless blessings in the past and those that are yet to come.

De Colores,
Nancy Fowler Rivers
Community Lay Director
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Reflections From The Heart



What Are You Thankful For?

November. Thanksgiving. You saw that question coming a mile away! On the radio today I heard some recordings of children saying what they were thankful for. Some were thankful for their parents. One was thankful for their horse. There is something sweet about children's voices listing what they are thankful for. As much as we enjoy listening to

children talk about what they appreciate, think about how much more God enjoys it! And *YOU are God's child*, so consider how much He enjoys listening to YOU talk about what you're thankful for!

Friends of mine have recently lost loved ones. One friend lost her husband, and another her mother. They are "lost" from this earth, but now found in Heaven with Jesus! That is such a comfort. Their losses are a vivid reminder of the fragility of life. As my one friend pointed out, from the time we are born we are in the process of dying.

Somehow other people's losses make me much more aware of how grateful I am for what I still have. I am blessed that my husband and my mother are still actively part of my life. My daughter and I recently watched the movie "Soul Surfer" about a young lady who lost her arm to a shark attack. She felt terribly sorry for herself until she went on a mission trip and met people who had lost their homes and families to flooding. She realized how grateful she was to still have her family present to lean on.

Our Bible verse focus for this year has been [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." No matter what 2020 has seen us lose or gain, we can all be thankful for the throne of grace, and the mercy and grace we find there.

DeColores,
Trisa Chancey

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FALL WALKS 2021

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

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

TRAINING			DATES:		TBA
SETUP	DATE	FOR	LION'S	CAMP:	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 Fall Walks have been postponed until Fall 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!



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

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS**

**Emmaus Tailgate Gathering #3
Saturday, November 14th
Howard Peoples Park
656 Gross Road
Kingsland, GA 31548
4-6pm**

**REUNION GROUPS TRY TO SIT NEAR ONE ANOTHER AND
PRESENT A POSTER!
BEST POSTER REPRESENTING THEIR
REUNION GROUP GETS THEIR PICTURE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!!**

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.Amason@emmas.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.Hitt@emmas.com) at 912-614-4701.
*****LOOK ALL THE WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SONG LYRICS FOR THE TAILGATE GATHERINGS!!!**



THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE:

DECEMBER 5TH AT 9AM***

COMBINED NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BOARD MEETING***

Board members that are rolling off of their position need to bring their information to the meeting to give to their replacement.***

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.**



LYRICS FOR SONGS FOR THE GATHERINGS

Song 1.

Blessing Before the Meal

Gathered at this table,
Holy Spirit come.
Fill us with Your presence,
Bind our hearts as one.
Bless this time together,
Jesus give us peace.
Come, Lord, be with us, bless this food we eat.

Song 2.

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Song 3.

I'll Fly Away

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Oh how glad and happy when we meet
I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet
I'll fly away

Verse 4

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

Song 4**Open The Eyes Of My Heart****Chorus**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Song 5**Nothing But The Blood (Plainfield)****Verse 1**

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Song 6**Here I Am Lord****Verse 1**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Song 7

Fear No More

Verse 1

Every anxious thought that steals my breath
It's a heavy weight upon my chest

As I lie awake and wonder what the future will hold
Help me to remember that You're in control

Chorus

You're my courage when I worry in the dead of night
You're my strength cause
I'm not strong enough to win this fight
You are greater than
The battle raging in my mind
I will trust you Lord
I will fear no more

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes I will lift my cares
Lay them in Your hands
I'll leave them there
When the wind and waves are coming
You shelter me
Even though I'm in the storm
The storm is not in me

Bridge

No power can come against me
'Cause You have overcome
No darkness can overwhelm me
'Cause You've already won

Song 8

Victory In Jesus

Verse 1

I heard an old old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me

I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

Chorus

O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

Verse 2

I heard about His healing
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus
Come and heal my broken spirit
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory

Verse 3

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory

Song 9

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine
