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## September 2020 Newsletter

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### Save the Dates!

Hello Emmaus Community,

Is anybody out there? Who is ready to find your calendar and save some dates for Emmaus Gatherings?

Recently, I heard Dr. David Jeremiah discuss how quickly an unexpected event can change life as we know it. He actually used his personal reliance upon his monthly calendar as an example of how our routines can change.

Dr. Jeremiah said at the beginning of January, 2020, he was really pleased with himself for completing his calendar for the entire year. He talked about a color coding system he used to denote the type of events and engagements he had planned for 2020, including the annual respite he and his wife set aside to take a special trip together. He described how his colorful, carefully detailed calendar went from fully packed with activity to one that has become black, white, gray, and blank.

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I immediately related to his description and realized how I too had settled into my routine of weekly commitments. Instead of a calendar that had served as my weekly map of activity, I had begun to witness the mundane predictability of nothingness.

For the past two months, the members of your Board have prayed and sought ways to have safe, viable solutions for connecting with our wonderful Emmaus Community. We are now ready to invite you to “Save the Dates” for September, October, and November.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we are going to have three outside Tailgate Gatherings. Please bear with us, as we navigate through the plans ahead.

**Gathering One will be on Saturday, September 12, from 4:00-6:00 at the City Park in Blackshear. We ask you to bring your own picnic supper, beverages, and set up your own chairs at the back of your vehicle. We fervently ask each of you to maintain social distancing, by remaining with your own vehicle.**

Of course, we do encourage you to attend the Gathering with friends and family you have regularly been in contact with, but we must ask that you send hugs and blow kisses to others from a distance.

We would love it if you could make a sign for your vehicle or Reunion Group. Martin Turner and members of the Spiritual Team will lead us in Communion, and we will have disposable, individually wrapped Communion cups with wafers for you to use at your vehicle. We will also have a music team and a Fourth Day Speaker, and we have even asked that a few candles be placed in

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the middle to remind us of our Candlelight experience.

One additional option will include a community dessert table, if you would like to provide individually wrapped sweets for others. No serving utensils can be used at the dessert table.

**We know this will look different.**

**We know this will feel different.**

**We are praying for an attitude of thanksgiving, as we come together again. It's been too long, and I am excited that I have officially got three events posted on my calendar.**

The other two Gatherings will be:

•**Saturday, October 3, at Sea Gardens in Townsend**

•**Saturday, November 7, in Brunswick (location to be determined).**

De Colores,

Nancy Rivers, Board Chair

Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #69

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## Reflections From The Heart



### Labor Day

According to the Department of Labor website, [dol.gov](https://www.dol.gov),

**“Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is ... dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.”**

COVID-19 has brought many of our workers who are usually in the shadows into the limelight.

- Doctors and nurses continue to put themselves at risk every day as they care for COVID-19 patients.
- Child care workers are having to follow new policies and procedures to keep the children entrusted to them safe and healthy.
- Grocers are doing more to sanitize their stores and encourage social distancing.
- First responders are having to take additional precautions when they respond to emergencies to ensure they minimize their risk of contracting COVID.

A talent previously unnoticed is the mask maker. Even people who have never made masks before are using their sewing talents to produce masks. I have a family member and a coworker who make masks and distribute them to people they know who need them.

This month I encourage you to make an extra effort to express your thanks to laborers you meet. It could be the cashier at the gas

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station, the garbage collector, the tow truck driver, the newspaper carrier, or any number of other people. You can smile and offer them an encouraging word...even from behind your mask and from six feet away!

Let's continue to 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."* We could all use a little help right now!

DeColores,  
Trisa Chancey  
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2  
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## SPRING WALKS 2021

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

**WOMEN'S WALK #40 Spring 2021 TBA**  
**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>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](#)**

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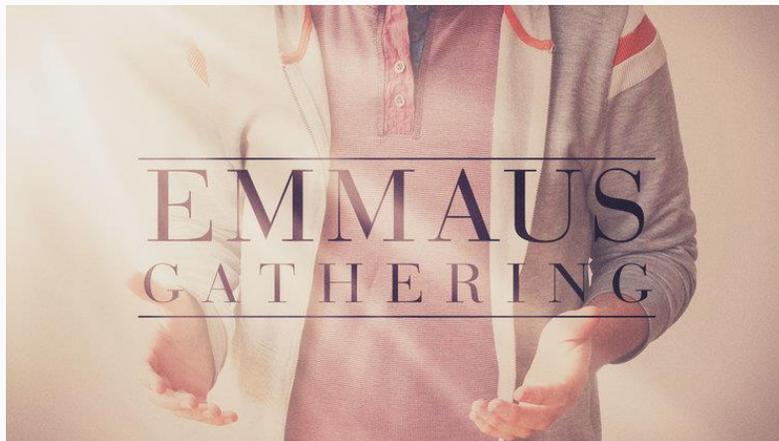
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**UPCOMING EVENTS  
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS**

**Saturday, September 12th:  
At The City Park In Blackshear  
4-6pm**

**FIRST EVER TAILGATING STYLE GATHERING!!**

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**REUNION GROUPS TRY TO SIT NEAR ONE ANOTHER AND  
PRESENT A POSTER!**

**BEST POSTER REPRESENTING THEIR  
REUNION GROUP GETS THEIR PICTURE IN OCTOBER'S NEWSLETTER!!!!**

**A community dessert table will be available. If you would like to provide a dessert,  
please bring them individually wrapped. No serving utensils can be used at the dessert table.**

**Saturday, October 3rd, at Sea Gardens in Townsend  
Saturday, November 7th, in Brunswick, TBA**

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 WILL BE:**

**SEPTEMBER 19th 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](#)**

**\*\*\*DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS WE WILL BE MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP**

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**HALL AT FUMC TO GIVE US AMPLE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE MEETING.**

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