



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

April 2021 Newsletter



Greetings

All,

The Lord always provides for His people. I am confident many of you have a story to share of how the Lord provided something or someone in your time of need. Maybe it was a time of need or fear. He has certainly made provisions for me in my life, both people, things, stuff and strength. I am thankful for each person and everything He provided to and for me. He did not have to do it, but He did because I am His. For me, the highlight of this thought is for His people--those that have faith and follow His instruction especially--to *“fear not”*.

Let us look at what the bible says about faith and fear; *Hebrews 11:1* *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”* For those that are fearful, tired and need help: *Isaiah 41:10* *“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will*

strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

What is fear, False Evidence Appearing Real (Fear)? For me having fear is moving away from everything that God instructed. As Christians we believe the Bible. The bible contains 365 phrases that read "*fear not*"--one for each day of the year. As believers in Christ, we have no reason to fear. God has already made provision for His people. If that is not a comforting thought, what is?

When we talk about the Cross at Calvary several thoughts come to mind--was this the greatest act of love, was it a sacrifice, or the greatest gift? I guess the answer depends on one's perspective or possibly all three. The One who gave His life made the sacrifice and freely went to the cross. According to the scripture we were "*so loved*". All we must do is believe and have faith; they go hand in hand.

Jesus Christ went to the cross with the knowledge of what was going to happen. But He did not let that hinder the burden of dying for our sin and providing eternal life for all that believe in Him. *John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

Easter is coming soon, and many will celebrate Good Friday. Business and banks will be closed along with the Federal Government, the same government that removed prayer from our schools take this holiday. The hypocrisy never ends and I don't eat Devil's Food Cake for the same reason. As we go about our holiday and the weekend that follows with the resurrection of Christ celebrated at a Sunrise Service, I want to encourage each of you to place faith over fear. Do not let your hearts be troubled with a spirit of fear. Be of good cheer as Friday is gone and Christ is coming soon.

In closing, please be in prayer for our Emmaus Community and Board Representatives. If you are a willing servant, please complete a Willing Servant Form. Once the Upper Room and CDC give the thumbs-up to have walks, we want to hit the ground with our feet moving for the Fall Walks. Sponsors, please reach out to your pilgrims and get their thoughts in the coming months. We want to soothe any apprehensions and want them to be as safe as possible. If any of our Community has any questions or comments, please email or call me, jimmyjohnson360@att.net 912-288-3644.

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Jimmy
Lay Director

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Reflections From The Heart



All Things New

Growing up in Michigan and Rhode Island I experienced very distinct seasons. Summer was filled with warm weather, playing outside, trips to the beach to swim, and picnics. Fall was when school would start, leaves would change color, and coolness filled the air. Playing outside was still thoroughly enjoyable, but trips to the beach were to walk the beach rather than to swim. In winter when we lived in Michigan my uncle would use a bulldozer to add a huge pile of snow to an existing hill. It created a beautiful place for sledding! The snow would melt and spring would come. I remember looking for the first “robin red-breast” that would signify that spring was truly on its way. The world would transform from a white and gray to splashes of bright colors all over the place! Even the sky seemed to be a brighter shade of blue in the springtime.

Spring reminds me of God’s promise in *Revelation 21:5* that He is “*making all things new.*” Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection was a turning point in history. It is the resurrected Christ who mended Peter’s broken heart and restored the relationship he had with Peter. It was the resurrected Christ who spoke to Paul on the Road to Damascus and transformed a person who was murderously attempting to wipe out Christianity into one who strongly supported Christianity and even wrote many letters to churches he helped plant. Those letters became some of the books of the New Testament, and still encourage those who read them today. The resurrected Christ is the one who called me to follow Him, who has seen me through many hard times and has also been with me in times of rejoicing. It is the resurrected Christ who wants a personal relationship with you so He can make you new!

This year’s Bible verse focus is *Psalm 33:22* “*May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.*” Let us use this

month to point people to the unfailing love of the resurrected Christ and the hope that springs forth from that love. Let us rejoice as we welcome many people into the family of God.

DeColores,

Trisa
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2
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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.

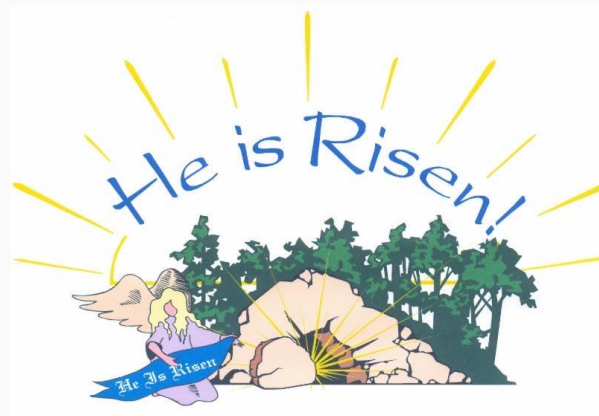
Training dates begin at 8:30am with food and fellowship, then training begins at 9:00am.

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!



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**UPCOMING EVENTS
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS
TAILGATE STYLE**

**Saturday, April 10, 1pm-4pm
Kettle Creek Church
2523 Carswell Avenue**

Waycross, GA 31503

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.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 [Sandi Finn Snider](mailto:sandi@finn.com) at 904-465-6623.

*****LOOK ALL THE WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SONG LYRICS FOR THE TAILGATE GATHERINGS!!! Sandi has updated them!**



THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE:

APRIL 17TH 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 DUNCAN CLASSROOM AT FUMC TO GIVE US AMPLE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE MEETING.**



**LYRICS FOR SONGS FOR THE GATHERINGS
(updated by Sandi)**

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.

The Well

Verse 1

I lay my burdens down

My yoke is easy now
What a friend I've found in You
(Repeat Verse)

Chorus

You're the well that won't run dry
Only You can satisfy
Through every season of my life
You are the well that won't run dry

Verse 2

I will thirst no more
'Cause You refresh my soul
Living waters flow from You

Chorus

Bridge x 3

You have given me freedom
You have given me joy
You have taken my burdens

Chorus

Song 3.

I'll Fly Away Medley--Alison Krauss

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away
Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away

To a land where joys will never end
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home a waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

Chorus

Verse 3

Do Lord, oh do Lord
Oh do remember me (oh Lordy)
Do Lord, oh do Lord
Oh do remember me
Do Lord, oh do Lord
Oh do remember me
Way beyond the blue

Verse 4

I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun
I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun
Way beyond the blue

Verse 5

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by

There's a better home a waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

Chorus

Song 4. All My Hope

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to that river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God my yesterday's gone
(Yes) All my sins are forgiven
(Oh I've) I've been washed by the blood

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to the prison
I've worn shackles and chains
I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

Bridge

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man
Break him down to his knees
God I've been broken more than a time or two
Yes Lord, then He picked me up and showed me

What it means to be a man

Song 5.

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

Song 6.

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Chorus

Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 1

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way

Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Song 7.

Goodness Of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other

I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God
