



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

August 2021 Newsletter



Greetings All:

My parents always told me that hard work and dedication would lead to success. The bible instructs that we have not because we ask not. Asking sure does sound easier than hard work and dedication. Likewise, it is written that it is better to give than receive. But which is better, giving or receiving? I guess that depends on one's perspective.

The Scripture for this newsletter is from **Revelation 3:15-16** - *"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."*

Another piece of advice my Daddy passed down to me is "either you are, or you aren't". This tidbit of advice can be applied to every aspect of life. To carry that advice over to the body of Christ; we are

either working for or against the body of Christ. There is no middle ground of neutrality.

From my perspective, I am here today because someone cared enough to sponsor and serve as a Willing Servant on my Walk. The members of this community and their willingness to serve in different positions have made past Walks successful. There is much hard work and dedication from all Servants to make the Walks a success. It is teamwork that makes dreamwork a reality when it all comes together. The Walks are truly a worthy cause for Christ and the pilgrims receive that benefit. We are all a part of this Community because someone sponsored us and there were numerous Willing Servants to openly display Agape love. That is what serving is all about; the sharing of Agape love.

This thought leads me to ask the question, what have I done for the body of Christ lately? Not, what has the body of Christ done for me? As I near the age of 60, it is my hope to do what I can, while I can-- as there is coming a time that I cannot. There is no rest for the weary in the body of Christ as we need to do all we can for the Master.

One of the greatest gifts we can offer to the Pilgrims is our gift of Agape love through servanthood. Be the example to the Pilgrims so that they may have the Emmaus experience that you experienced. By example, you have the potential to be the person that leads someone into a lifetime of servanthood. Remember, we are not leaders that serve, but servants that lead. Serving has a way of bringing back those fondest memories of your Walk. Cherish that memory by reliving it through serving others. Someone once said, the military has recruiters, all we have is each other.

It is my prayer that each member of this Emmaus Community will put your talents to task by completing a Willing Servant Form, getting involved, and simply say, put me in coach, I want to serve.

DeColores,

Jimmy Johnson

Board Chairman

Please see Addendum after Reflections From The Heart***

Willing Servant Form



Reflections From The Heart



Back to School – Lessons Learned

I recently saw a Facebook post that said “No one remembers their 5th grade teacher.” Of course it was immediately followed by several people listing the names of their 5th grade teachers. Mine was Mrs. Emerson. In Mrs. Emerson’s class I was one of the few girls willing to handle live snails and let them crawl on my hands. I was one of the students selected to help paint a multinational mural on the school wall. And I was one of the students who needed intervention to stop a fight that I was in.

Mrs. Emerson taught at Spartan Village School in East Lansing, Michigan. My parents were attending Michigan State University and we lived in married housing in Spartan Village. My younger

brother and I attended Spartan Village School. I remember few details about Mrs. Emerson, but I clearly remember her compassion and understanding for her students. All of us.

I remember when Mrs. Emerson sat on a table in the classroom. The table collapsed beneath her and we all let out a gasp and stared in silence as Mrs. Emerson lifted herself off the floor. She stood up, brushed herself off, and let us know she wasn't hurt. Then she told us that we had all been very polite not to laugh at her fall, and she appreciated us for it. But now that we knew she was all right, it was okay to laugh. The entire class burst into laughter, and Mrs. Emerson laughed along with us!

I believe that part of my interest in wildlife can be attributed to Mrs. Emerson's classroom and the opportunities she gave us to handle living creatures. She taught us to be gentle so we wouldn't scare the snails. I remember holding one of the snails and gently touching its antennae. The antennae would collapse as I touched it and sprout right back out as soon as I let it go.

That fight? I think I'll save that story for another time. Let it suffice to say that I didn't start it. Mrs. Emerson compassionately finished it.

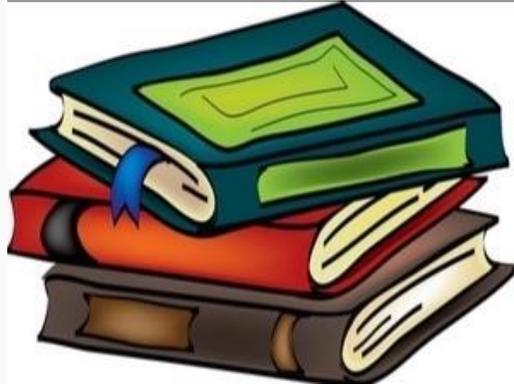
This year's Bible verse focus is *Psalm 33:22: "May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you."* Let us use this month to pray for the students and teachers as school resumes. Pray that their book lessons will be remembered long enough to pass their tests. And pray that the life lessons that don't come from books will be comforting, reassuring, and provide a measure of God's peace in the midst of this crazy world we live in.

DeColores,

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

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*****ADDENDUM TO OPENING LETTER BY JIMMY JOHNSON, BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Greetings All:

It is with much despair and a heavy heart that this message is needed.

I have never been one to give up nor throw in the towel. Now is not the time to give up, but rather, double down all efforts to persevere for the cause of Christ and Pilgrims.

I live by the thought that God always provides for His people, today is no different from any other. We, His people, remain in His care and with His provision. It is written that He would never leave or forsake us. I believe each and every word. That said, my will is not worth a hill of dried beans, it is His will that matters most to me. My encouragement is for each to seek His will for the scheduled Fall Walks.

The Board remains open to suggestions and options to carry out our Heavenly Father's will for this community.

Given the latest crisis in the news with an increase of confirmed virus cases with both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons we must remain prudent and vigilant to the concerns and safety of others.

It makes no difference which news provider, government agency, politician, day of the week, phase of the moon, and how the planets are aligned; I remain confused as to what to do. Do we mask or unmask? The same can be said for social distancing, do we or don't we? The only

constant is the recommendations that change early and often. The only constant that has never changed is the Word of God. It has remained the same since the beginning of time and will be here long after we are gone, leaving dry bones and tombstones.

Please be advised that all training has been delayed until the Golden Isles Emmaus Board can formulate a Plan B. We will be meeting **9AM on August 21, 2021 at Brunswick FUMC**. Please feel free to appear as a guest or submit any comments/suggestions to me or any Board members. This community is ours, each member is important and has a voice.

In His service,

[Jimmy Johnson](#)

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FALL WALKS 2021

MEN'S WALK #39
September 23-26, 2021
Lay Director Phil Scott

WOMEN'S WALK #40
September 30-October 3, 2021
Lay Director Lori Durham

TRAINING DATES: Dates & Places on Standby TBA

SETUP DATE FOR LION'S CAMP: TBA

*****WE NEED WILLING SERVANTS!!!*****

Please click on the "[Willing Servant](#)" button below to fill out a form. We need everyone's help to make these walks successful! Please pray about it

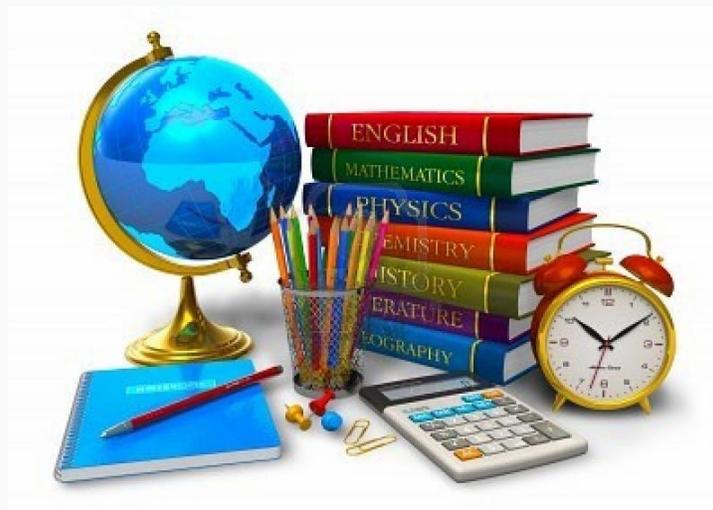
and volunteer to help make this a wonderful experience for our pilgrims! **If you would like to serve on Candlight, please contact [Brian James](mailto:bjamesconstruction88@gmail.com) at 912-218-4572 or bjamesconstruction88@gmail.com.**

The Fall Walks were 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 Ministry Manager.Org Website](#)

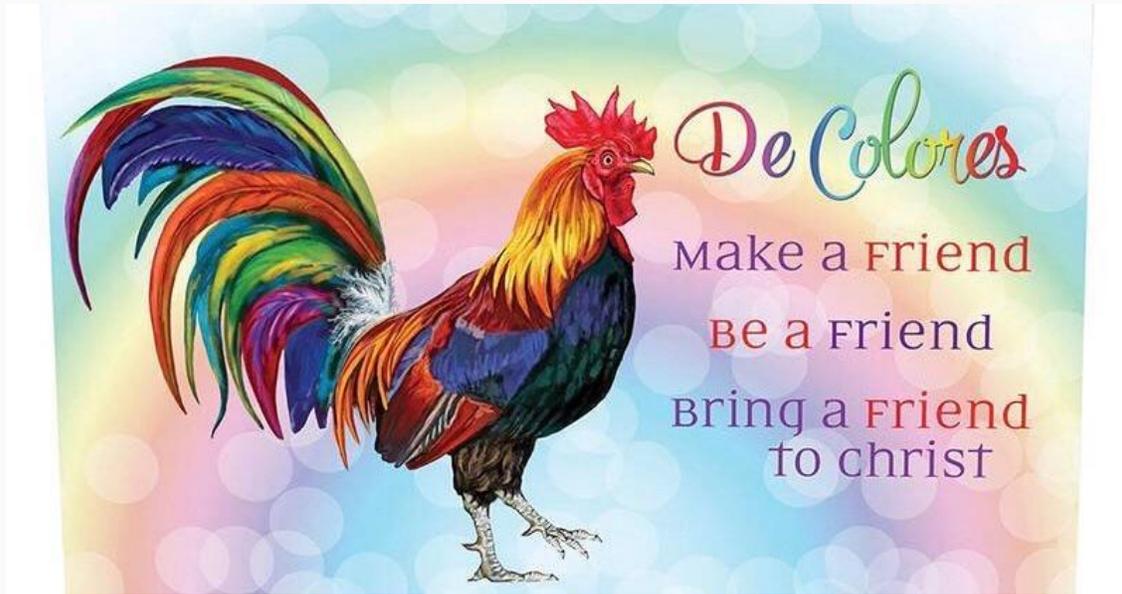


**UPCOMING EVENTS
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS**

Gathering for August has been cancelled.

Stay tuned for future 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](tel: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 at 904-465-6623](tel:904-465-6623).



******THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE: August 21st at 9am at FUMC of Brunswick.**

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Emmaus Community members are always welcome at Golden Isles Emmaus Board Meetings, which are normally held the third Saturday of each month.
