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## January 2021 Newsletter

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Greetings All,

May this January Issue find each of you healthy, wealthy, and wise. As we look back over 2020 and all the problems we faced as a Community. We became familiar with new terms such as 'social-distancing', elbow bumps as a greeting and our Gatherings going tailgate style. I suppose something is better than nothing.

I am looking forward to a return of the old normal of handshakes, hugs, and covered dish Gatherings. Finally, I look forward to having Walks and sharing the Emmaus experience just as others sponsored us offering the true Emmaus experience. Please be assured that your Board will take every precaution available to keep everyone safe and provide the Emmaus experience of a lifetime.

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For this Newsletter I chose the following scripture about pressing forward and not looking behind us. We all need to be pressing forward, keeping our eye on the prize.

*Philippians 3:13-14*

*13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

This can be done as we all participate within our Community. It makes no difference how big or small your role; we are all equal in the eyes of our Lord. I encourage each member of this Community to get out their gloves and work boots and get involved. It does not matter if you completed a Willing Servant Form, complete another one. Attend Sponsorship Training, pray about who God would have you sponsor and reach out to that individual. Our Board meetings are always open to any member in the community. We are a team and there is no "I" in Team unless you are an unbelievably bad speller. It is my prayer that with the new year our Emmaus Community will grow as the virus is conquered just as Christ conquered the grave.

As we usher in 2021, let this be the year you get involved and use your talents for the cause of Christ and the good of our Emmaus Community. We all have a higher calling as we press toward the mark of the prize which is Jesus Christ. Do not let anything discourage you from getting involved. Just keep pressing forward. It is a new year where the impossible is now the possible.

In closing, I encourage each of you to pray for one another and pray for this Board as we face unknown challenges, please pray that each board member reaches their potential

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and then some and always keep your eye on the prize. Let us all work together as a team for the cause of Christ and the betterment of our Emmaus Community. We are counting on God and He is counting on us.

Decolores,

Jimmy Johnson  
Community Lay Director



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**Reflections From The Heart**



## Happy New Year!

Hello Emmaus Family! As I was preparing to write this month's article I pulled up an old article I'd saved on my computer. It would appear that I have been writing for the Emmaus newsletter for seven years! I never would have dreamed it had been so long. I thoroughly enjoy writing, and this has been (and will continue to be) a terrific outlet for me. I am humbled by the number of people who have approached me to let me know they enjoy the things I write. I am often asked where I get inspiration for my articles. I'd like to share a poem I wrote for *Seaswells*, a magazine that showcases art and writings of the students at College of Coastal Georgia. (I graduated in the class of 2015.) This poem originally appeared in the 2014 edition of *Seaswells*, on page 62.

### **Imagination, Creativity, and Inspiration**

#### **Imagination is a powerful force.**

You can imagine winning.

You can imagine losing.

You can imagine that your group project will come together.

#### **You can imagine that it won't.**

You can imagine this to be the best day ever!

You can imagine this to be the worst day of your life.

You can imagine better times.

You can imagine worse times.

#### **Creativity is a powerful force.**

It allows you to put your imagination to the best possible use.

You create the positive outcomes you imagine.

You create pictures, poetry, and even friendships.

You create the work you produce.

You create your thought patterns.

You create how you choose to see the world.

### **Inspiration is a powerful force.**

Sometimes inspiration comes from deadlines set by someone else.

Sometimes inspiration comes from within.

Sometimes inspiration comes in the form of a kind word spoken or heard.

Sometimes inspiration comes from oatmeal raisin cookies.

One of my professors enjoyed that poem so much that she read it aloud at an event that introduced *Seaswells 2014*. I had to laugh! The story behind how that poem came about is very simple. I forgot my lunch. Between classes I saw a table set up with a sign that offered “free cookies for *Seaswells* entries.” I smiled. I went to the library and typed up the poem above. I turned in the poem and got my free cookie! (Actually, I think I turned in three poems and got three cookies. I was hungry, you know! But this was the only one of my entries that got printed.)

One thing we have tried to do the past several years with this newsletter is have a theme for the year. We have agreed this year’s Bible verse focus will be *Psalm 33:22*. “*May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in*

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you.” Where did this inspiration come from? The cover of “Our Daily Bread” January|February|March 2021 edition. As we trust in God’s unfailing love, let us also “*consider how to spur one another on (in other words, inspire one another) to love and good deeds*” (Hebrews 10:24).

You may remember that *Hebrews 10:25* encourages us to “*not neglect meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but to encourage each other...*” “Meeting together” has taken on an entirely new perspective since COVID-19 showed up. “Meeting together” now often means meeting virtually by way of social media so that we aren’t physically “together,” but are able to share thoughts and ideas in real time. It’s the sharing of thoughts and ideas that provide the encouragement we need to continue to reach out to the world God has placed us in. Consider how you can inspire others to love and good works today!

DeColores,

Trisa  
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2  
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS! PLEASE WELCOME THEM! BIOS TO FOLLOW:**

New	Incoming	Lay	Director.....Jimmy	Johnson	
New	Incoming	Spiritual	Director.....Bill	Taylor	
New	Incoming	Music	Director.....Sandi	Finn Snider	
New	Incoming	Treasurer.....Susan	Conaway		
New	Incoming	Reunion	Group	Director.....George Kaiser	
New	Incoming	Prayer	Vigil	Director.....Marsha Klecan	
New	Incoming	Worship	Director.....Paula	Harris	
Board	Members	that	still	remain	are:
Kitchen.....Jenny					Scott
Secretary.....John					Rivers
Candlelight.....Brian					James
Logistics.....Matt					Beckham

Gatherings.....Andy

Agape.....Therese

Angels....Joan

Team

Registrar.....Lori

Training

Sponsorship

Communications.....Tammy Langford

Selection.....Wade

Coordinator.....Chris

Training.....Jeff

Amason

Vigue

Scheetz

Conway

Durham

Moncus

Dempsey



### 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**

**SETUP**

**DATE**

**FOR**

**DATES:**

**LION'S**

**CAMP:**

**TBA**

**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.

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

[Click HERE For Pilgrim Applications](#)

[Click HERE For Willing Servant Form](#)

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

[Click HERE for The Ministry Manager.Org Website](#)

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***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS  
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS**

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## Emmaus Tailgate Gatherings For January & February

**Saturday, January 9th, 1pm-4pm**

Sea Gardens

1512 Amason Avenue

Townsend, GA 31331

Oyster Roast

**Saturday, February 6th, 1pm-4pm**

Kettle Creek Southern Congregational Methodist

2523 Carswell Avenue

Waycross, GA 31503

**Saturday, March 6th, TBA**

**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@emmaus.org) 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@emmaus.org) at 904-465-6623.

**\*\*\*LOOK ALL THE WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SONG LYRICS FOR THE TAILGATE GATHERINGS!!!**

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**THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE:**

**JANUARY 16TH AT 9AM\*\*\***

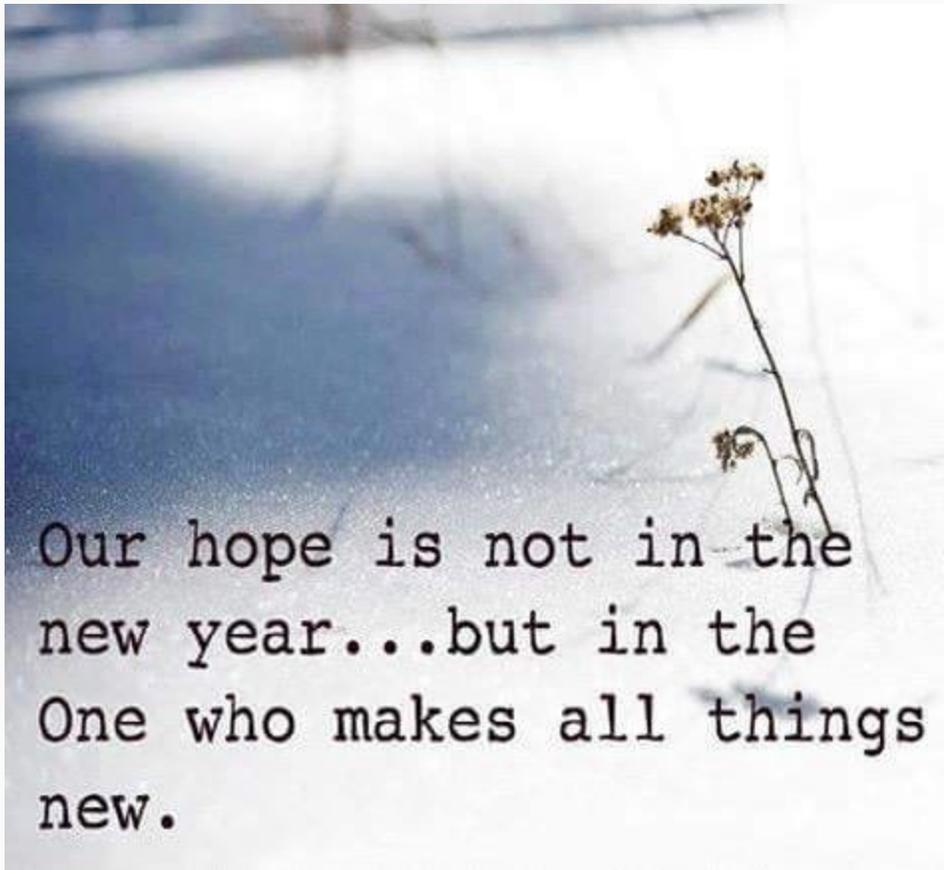
**COMBINED NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BOARD MEETING\*\*\***

**Board members that are rolling off of their position need to bring their information to the meeting to give to their replacement if they have not already done so.\*\*\***

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.

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##### **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

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**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

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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

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**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

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**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

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## **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.

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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?

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## **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

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## **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

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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

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## **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