



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

July 2021 Newsletter



As we celebrate the Fourth of July and our great country's Independence, may we never forget our founding fathers and their belief in the Almighty, our Creator. In doing so, the First Amendment of the Constitution specifies numerous freedoms. The First Amendment protects several basic freedoms in the United States including freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble, and the right to petition the government. These protected rights are what separate us from the tyranny of an over-bearing government. I thank God for these freedoms and we should practice them early and often.

It is with joyous elation that the Golden Isles Emmaus has announced dates for the upcoming **Fall Walks**. These walks are the result of the power of prayers that God has answered, and now the Community must pull together for **Walks #39 & #40** to be successful.

We need everyone to make these **Walks** successful. We need more than the usual **willing servants** to meet the needs in a post-COVID

era. Please, all that are willing to serve, please complete the "**willing servant forms**" and get involved. This is a community effort for the cause of Christ and to offer our agape love to the **pilgrims**.

For all **willing servants**, this is where the rubber meets the road-- to the training locations, the set up at the Lions Camp and then the **Walks #39 and #40**. We need all hands-on deck. Many hands make for light work. As training dates and locations become available, the website will be updated and department heads will notify their team members.

Please remember, the **Walks** are not for the **willing servants**, but rather, the **pilgrims**. It's all about the **pilgrims** and showing them the agape love that we were all shown as **pilgrims**. I can only speak from my experience as a **willing servant**; serving was such a blessing to me. I encourage each to complete a "**willing servant form**" and volunteer to serve in the background as an angel, in the kitchen, as a worship assistant, or in the conference room. **Willing servants and sponsors** are equal in being the backbone of our Emmaus Community. Do not depend on others, let others lean on you.

If you are sponsoring a **pilgrim**, please understand your sponsorship responsibilities to your **pilgrim**. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: gathering and turning in a minimum of twelve agape letters, offering guidance about what to pack for the walk, and providing positive encouragement and reassurance. Take your **pilgrim** to send-off early and assist with check-in. After send-off, remain for the "**sponsor's hour for prayer**". Be sure to sign up for the "**72-hour prayer vigil**". Attend "**candlelight**" and during the **Walk**, reach out to the family to provide assistance as necessary and be a point of contact in case of an emergency.

I want to encourage each member of the Golden Isles Emmaus Community to step up and step out to and support these **Walks** by

participating in every aspect from send off to closing. We are striving to return to normal. Please be a part of your Emmaus Community by participating, praying, serving, sponsoring and supporting those who are serving. We serve Christ by serving others.

Decolores,

Jimmy Johnson
Board Chairman

[Willing Servant Form](#)



Reflections From The Heart



Freedom

What is freedom? Google's online dictionary offers this definition: "The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint." I don't remember who said, "A child must have the freedom to choose, even to choose wrong, if he or she is ever to learn to choose right."

Think about it. Our lives consist of a series of choices. There are the day-to-day choices such as when to get up, what to wear, what to eat, and when to go to bed. Then there are monthly choices such as when to pay a bill. Annual choices such as whom to invest time in during the holidays. Then there are life altering choices. Should I marry? Have children? Go to college? What career should I pursue? Each choice leads to a series of other choices, and so our lives are spurred on in the direction our choices dictate.

It is important to remember that our choices rarely affect us alone. Choosing to marry brings two families together with all their various and sundry attitudes, habits, and idiosyncrasies. Children bring another layer of people affected by the choices we make. My personal choice to go to college affected my husband and children. They chose to allow me to focus on my studies so I was able to complete college well. My personal choice to go to college also affected my professors and classmates, and their presence in my life affected me.

The truest, purest freedom comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He provides us with freedom to love, to live, to forgive. As we walk the Emmaus road together let us consider those who walk ahead of us, beside us, and those who will come after us. The choices we make today will have repercussions we can't anticipate and won't necessarily see.

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 reflect on the times we live in and pray for hearts prepared to receive the freedom God provides through Christ: our own hearts as well as the hearts of those God places in our path.

DeColores,

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

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THE DATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED!!!

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:	August	14,	28,	September	11
Places						TBA
SETUP	DATE	FOR	LION'S	CAMP:	September	18
Time	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!

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 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.

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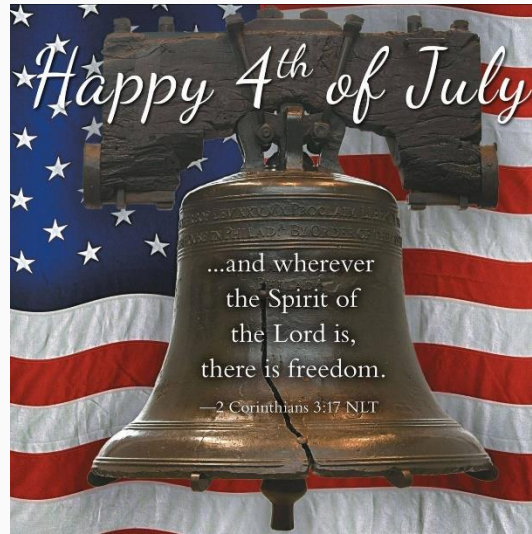
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UPCOMING EVENTS COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

No Gathering is planned for July.

Have a Happy 4th with your family & friends!

We are returning to our Friday Evening Gatherings beginning in August!

Friday, August 6, 2021

7:00pm

Kingsland First Baptist Church

295 E. Chester Street

Kingsland, GA 31548

Please bring a dish to share as well as your purple worship book! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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 [Sandi Finn Snider](#) at 904-

465-6623.



*****THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE: July 17th at 9am at FUMC of Brunswick.**

[FUMC Brunswick](#)

1400 Norwich Street

Brunswick, GA 31520

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