



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

June 2021 Newsletter



Greetings All,

On June 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM the Golden Isles Emmaus Board will meet at the Lions Camp to pray over the property and seek God's will for the upcoming Fall Walks.

It is our hope to resolve any COVID related concerns submitted to the Board. We are prayerfully engaged daily for the Pilgrims that have committed and for those that will. The safety of Pilgrims and Servants in this post-COVID time is important to every Board member. It is my desire for this community to seek God's will for the upcoming Walks.

If any member of this community has a concern, this will be the time to bring forth your concern. I hope that many of the community will join us at the Lion's Camp on the 19th and look forward to seeing all that will come.

The scripture for this Newsletter is *1 Samuel 17:29*

²⁹ *David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?”*

Since March of 2020, the 800-pound gorilla we have battled is the COVID virus even though it is microscopic. Our weapons of protection, according to the science, have been masks, social distancing, and stay at home recommendations.

Our Lord has impressed upon me to write about this as it relates to our community. I pray this will encourage each to find the spirit of David that lives within each of us.

We all have heard the story of how a shepherd boy named David, without any battle armor, killed a giant named Goliath with a sling and a stone, while running towards the giant. If I had to guess, the giant referenced as a champion (*verse 23, 53*) was probably an 800-pounder that got dropped like a stone, with a stone--pun intended.

As the story goes, David left the sheep he was tending with a keeper while he carried supplies to his brothers in the army of Israel. When David saw his brothers, he spoke to them. His older brother, Eliab, questioned David's motives for being there. The shameful truth is the entire army feared the Philistines, including David's brothers. In response to Eliab's questioning, *v. 29 And David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?”* Some scholars believe that the word “cause” was related to King Saul's offer of his daughter and tax-free exemption. I believe that the “cause” was the Giant. I read that David was approximately 15 years old when he killed Goliath. He needed no wife or tax exemption.

David, after meeting with King Saul, took his staff, a pouch with 5 stones and ran towards the Philistine army. David had found his cause. He was prepared by his life experience as a shepherd defending helpless sheep by killing a lion and a bear. The army of Israel, like sheep, was helpless and scared.

The champion, Goliath, cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁵*Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.* David spoke with conviction and knowledge that God would deliver him from the giant just as God had delivered him when he killed the lion and the bear.

For me, the pinnacle of this story starts with verse 48 and 51 as it describes David running towards Philistine, grabbing a stone from his bag, and slung it striking the former Philistine champion in the forehead dropping him like a rock. Then taking Goliath’s sword and chopping off his head for all to see. The battle was won before Goliath could pull his sword from its sheath.

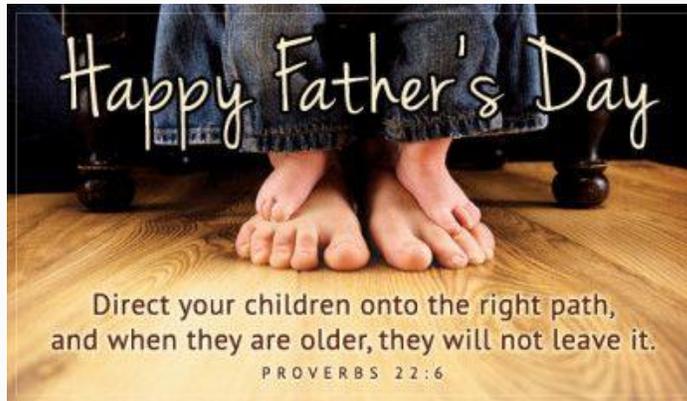
David overcame many obstacles just to fight the giant, for his cause was right and most importantly, God’s will.

When we stand in faith, with and for God, He will fight our battles as we run towards the enemy with only a sling and a few stones. To God be the Glory for fighting our battles as we remain His servants.

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Jimmy Johnson

Board Chairman



Reflections From The Heart



Changing

Times

In my Michigan childhood I loved summer! No school, swimming at the beach, playing with friends. My Mom had Tupperware freezer containers and we used them to make our own popsicles.

Today? I must say I do not love Georgia summers. Between the heat and the gnats, summer is when I hibernate and go from air conditioning to air conditioning, waiting – rather impatiently – for cooler weather so I feel like I can breathe again.

Christian singer, song writer, and comedian Mark Lowry has often been a source of encouragement and laughter for me. He tickles the funny bone and shares Biblical truth in one fell swoop. One of my favorites of his skits is "This Too Shall Pass." If you are interested, you can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1z-nwWEpHdQ>. Mark Lowry provides a one-word description of the Christian life. I won't give it to you here because I'd like for you to watch the video.

I am reminded of *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

(New Living Translation)

For everything there is a season,

A time for every activity under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die

A time to plant and a time to harvest.

A time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

A time to cry and a time to laugh.

A time to grieve and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.

A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

A time to search and a time to quit searching.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear and a time to mend.

A time to be quiet and a time to speak.

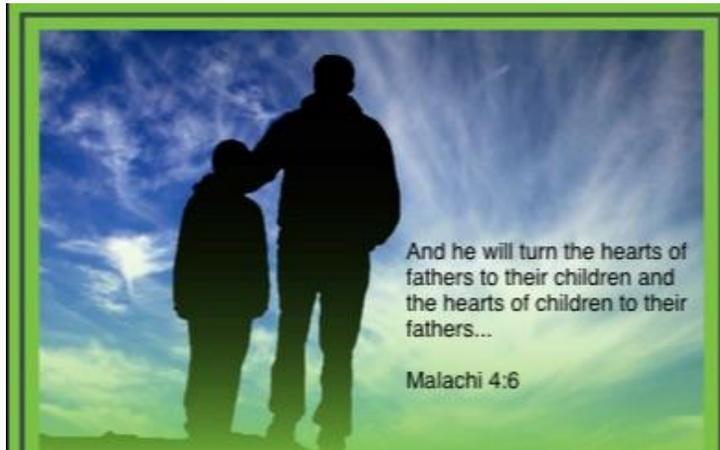
A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

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 to be prepared to receive God's love: our own hearts as well as the hearts of those that God places in our path.

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Trisa Chancey
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.

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



**UPCOMING EVENTS
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS
TAILGATE STYLE**

**Saturday, June 5th, 4-6pm
The Chapel
114 Harris Farm Road
Brunswick, GA 31520**

**No gathering planned for July.
Friday Gatherings will begin in August.**

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: June 19th at 9am at the Lions Camp in Waycross, Georgia to pray over the camp for the upcoming walks. All Emmaus community members are encouraged to attend. *****

Lions Camp

5626 Laura Walker Road

Waycross, GA 31503

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