



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

November 2021 Newsletter



Greetings All:

Our Next Gathering will be 7PM November 5, 2021 at The Chapel, 114 Harris Farm Road, Brunswick, Georgia. Please contact Andy Amason (912) 270-7790 to RSVP. This Gathering will be catered so please bring desserts and let Andy know how many is in your party.

The Board of Directors will have a meeting on November 6th, 9 AM, FUMC Brunswick, Georgia. This meeting will focus on getting our Community up and going for the new year. The Community is invited to attend. We need your input and appreciate your participation. The Board needs dedicated replacements to fill 5 vacancies. Those coming off the Board are Matt Beckham (Logistics), Joan Sheetz (Angels), Tammy Langford (Communications), Jenny Scott (Kitchen), and Marsha Klecan (Prayer Vigil). Please reach out and thank these people for their

dedicated service.

WE SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS by Rick Warren

Many people have the misconception that being “called” by God is something only missionaries, pastors, nuns, and other church leaders experience. But the Bible says everyone is called to serve God by serving others.

“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

We are not saved by serving, but we are saved for serving. The Apostle Paul gives three insights related to this:

First, the basis for serving others is salvation. Paul says, *“You were called to be free.”* You cannot serve God until you’ve been set free by Jesus. It’s the prerequisite for serving. Until you experience the transforming power of God’s grace in your life, you’re too enslaved by your own hurts, habits, and hang-ups to think much about others. Without the freedom of forgiveness, you’ll end up serving for the wrong reasons: trying to earn the approval of others, trying to run away from your pain, trying to remedy your guilt, trying to impress God. Service motivated by these illegitimate reasons is bound to leave you burned out and bitter in the end.

Second, the barrier to serving others is selfishness. Paul warns, *“Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature.”* The number one reason we don’t have the time or energy to serve others is that we’re preoccupied with our own agendas, dreams, and pleasures. Only a small minority of people use their lives to serve others, but Jesus said, *“If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the*

sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.” (Mark 8:35, LB)

Third, the motive for serving is love. Paul says, “*Serve one another in love.*” This is an important key to building community: **1 Corinthians 13:3** records, “*No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.*” (MSG) God is far more interested in why you serve others than in how well you serve them. He’s always looking at your heart, serving willingly and eagerly out of love for Jesus and gratitude for all he’s done for you. You are most like Jesus when you’re serving others. After washing his disciples’ feet, Jesus said, “*I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.*” (John 13:14–15 NLT)

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Jimmy Johnson
Community Lay Director
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Reflections From The Heart



Thanksliving

Nope. That title is not a typo. A quote I remembered led to that title. The quote? “Our thanksgiving should inspire our **thanksliving.**” I have no idea who originally said it, but I like it a lot. I imagine it may have been the title of a sermon I heard once upon a time.

What does “**thanksliving**” look like? I believe thanksliving requires accepting God’s blessings with the understanding that everything is His in the first place and entrusted to us for a time and a season. Our blessings need to be held with an open hand, prepared to release our blessings to become blessings to others.

For starters, God gives each of us the gift of Life. How do we use that gift? The most valuable asset you and I have is the gift of time. Each one of us has the same 24 hours every day. Do we invest that time in others, or do we squander our gifts of life and time in pursuit of our own pleasure? In my own experience I have found that the more I seek my own pleasure, the less pleasure I actually experience. But when I invest in others through prayer, cards and letters, and deliberate and random acts of kindness I find I enjoy my life a whole lot more.

I see deliberate acts of kindness as planning ahead to enrich someone else’s life. Right now Samaritan’s Purse, a division of the Billy Graham Association, is encouraging support for Operation Christmas Child. This ministry provides shoeboxes filled with goodies for children in need all over the world, providing the opportunity to share the love of Christ. Preparing a shoe box is a deliberate act of kindness.

Random acts of kindness are more spur-of-the-moment decisions. It can be as simple as following the advice, “If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.” Or giving your jacket to a person who is cold. Or buying a meal for a homeless person and not only giving them the food, but sitting with them and eating with them, and learning about their life.

Do you have a truck? Maybe God wants you to use that truck to help someone move. Do you have a car? Perhaps God wants you to use that car to take someone to the doctor. Are you able to walk and reach? Maybe God wants you to literally be the hands and feet for someone who can’t walk and can’t reach. Are you able to read? Perhaps God wants to you read a book to a child. Or maybe God wants you to participate in adult education and teach an adult who can’t read how to do it. Whatever gift God has given you, He means for you to share.

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 live out our thankfulness to God for all the gifts He has provided us.

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

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FALL WALKS 2021 Have Been Postponed Until Spring 2022

MEN'S WALK #39
Postponed until Spring 2022
Lay Director Phil Scott

WOMEN'S WALK #40
Postponed until Spring 2022
Lay Director Lori Durham

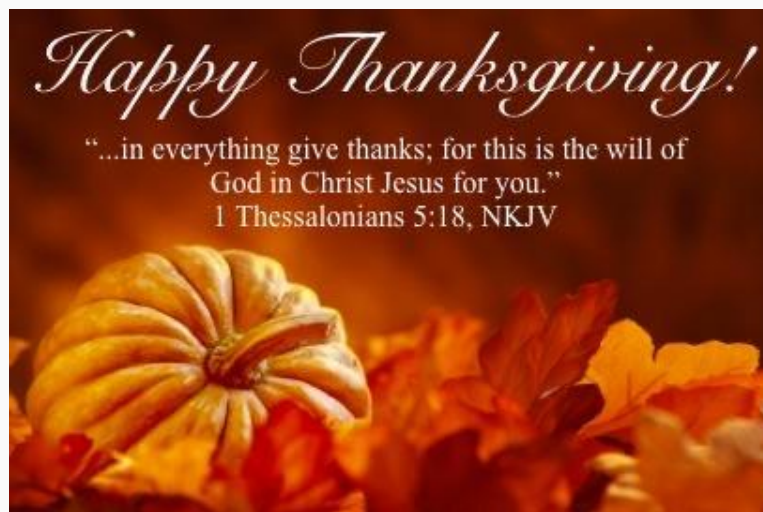
The Fall Walks are being postponed until Spring 2022 due to the Coronavirus. We are still accepting applications. Pay love forward and sponsor a pilgrim! Please continue to pray for the upcoming walks. Pray for a loving unity that only God can give and that no one can break. Pray that our hearts will 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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UPCOMING EVENTS COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

November 5th, at 7pm

The Chapel

114 Harris Farm Road

Brunswick, GA 31520

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December Gathering TBA

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: November 6th at 9am at FUMC of Brunswick in the Fellowship Hall. The Community is invited to attend. This meeting will focus on getting our Community up and going for the new year!**

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.
