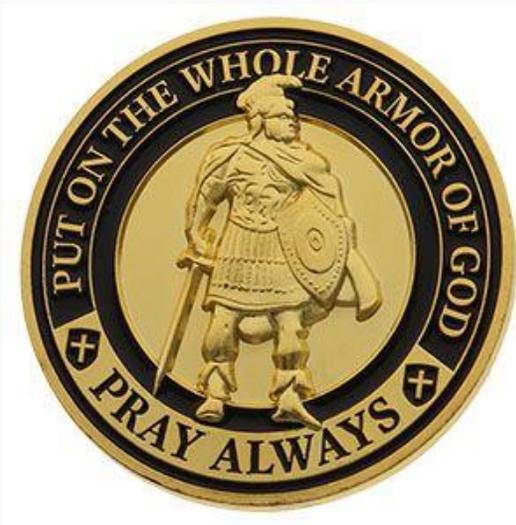




GOLDEN ISLES
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September 2021 Newsletter



Greetings All,

In these trying times of wars, famine, fires, natural disasters, sickness, death, with despair that occurs not only in the U.S. but the world at large. We need to be “Kingdom-minded” and not so

much focused on the problems facing the world today. At the same time, we must deal with the day-to-day calamities of this thing we call life with the previously mentioned occurring daily. Please understand that God has given us the resources to handle everything the enemy puts in our path; in return, He only asks for a commitment from us. I call these resources my spiritual War-Chest.

The time is nigh to build and add to our spiritual war chest and fill it with the weapons to insure victory against the enemy. We are soldiers of the Cross and in God's Army, the battle is as real as the enemy that hides in the dark. May we never forget we are more than conquerors and *we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.*

Everyday in my right front pocket is a challenge coin with the scripture about the whole armor of God, *Ephesians 6:11-18*. I tote it as a constant reminder of who offers my protection and whom I serve.

This scripture was chosen as it is as applicable for today's battles as it was when Paul wrote to the church of Ephesus.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the

wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

These pieces of Armor are more than protection for activities of daily living and protection from the enemy; they are blessings from God. My challenge to each is to inventory your spiritual war chest and sure it up for power, purpose, protection, promises, principles, and prayer.

Let us examine each piece of armor to understand how vital they are in the Christians life and how to use them according to God's purpose and power. God has divine resources for our trials, temptations, and warfare. We only need to know what is available to us and let God use them through us.

The more productive you become as a believer; the harder Satan will work against you; in other terms, higher levels equal bigger devils. It has always been a war, and it will never stop being a war here on earth. However, the longer you fight, the more battle experience and intelligence you gather on the enemy. God's resources and power are available to us, but we have a responsibility too, commitment. The strength and resources are God's, yet the commitment must be ours.

THE BELT OF TRUTH

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth” (Ephesians 6:14a).

The Girdle of Truth protects us from Satan's deception. The only place to find the truth is in God's Word. Ask God to work His truth into your heart by meditating on and memorizing His Word. Truth equips the saints of God for spiritual battle. You will not be able to

stand against Satan alone unless you are ready to fight and to be prepared to compete, you must be committed.

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“and having on the breastplate of righteousness” (Ephesians 6:14b).

Righteousness is being honest, ethical, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people. The worship of God protects us when Satan attacks our hearts, emotions, self-worth, and trust in God. He accuses us of being guilty and unworthy. So, the “breastplate of righteousness” is Godliness. The enemy has an alternative battle plan known as self-righteousness, do not fall in this trap of the enemy. Self-righteousness is the enemy’s plan to steal from God.

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

“And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:15).

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God; available and ready to spread the Good News. The enemy wants us to think that telling others the Good News is a worthless and hopeless task. However, we are to profess Jesus Christ as the Savior and leave a good example for others to follow. This could be why God placed it on our feet so it would be carried and spread like footprints.

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked” (Ephesians 6:16).

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises and protect you when tempted to doubt. The enemy attacks with insults, setbacks, and temptations. The Shield of Faith protects from fiery arrows aimed to destroy our hope in Christ. Refuse to believe the lies. Extinguish the indicators of the evil one with full assurance that if God is for us, who can be against us?

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

“And take the helmet of salvation” (Ephesians 6:17a).

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again. Believers become members of God’s army upon receiving Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Helmet of Salvation protects our minds, Satan’s primary target. As we put on the helmet of salvation, we ask the Lord to make His thoughts our thoughts by bringing every thought into captivity and obedience to Christ.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT – WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

“and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17b).

God’s Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others about what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their evil thoughts and actions and makes them change. The Sword of the Spirit protects us from lies. When tempted, trust in the truth of God’s Word. We use the Sword to attack our enemies with the Word of God. It is the only weapon we use offensively and defensively. Find a passage of Scripture that pertains to your need, apply its principles to the promise, and stand firm in the faith. I encourage each to inventory your spiritual war chest and sure it up if needed. As we dig in for battle against the enemy, we are all soldiers of the Cross. There is no reason to accept anything less than victory, and with victory over the enemy comes joy, happiness, contentment, and peace. The only requirement for us is our individual commitment to God. The only threat of the enemy is to threaten us with Heaven. Is that really a threat or the spoils of victory?

Decolores,
Jimmy Johnson

Community Lay Director



Reflections From The Heart



Love Is In The Details

What comes to mind when you hear the word “love”? Perhaps it’s Valentine’s Day with its cards, chocolates, and flowers. Perhaps it’s the excitement of a first kiss. Or maybe it’s the gentle sound of your mother or father singing you to sleep at night. Perchance it’s the weight of a cat sleeping on your chest or a dog licking your face.

What comes to mind when you hear the name “God”? The vastness of His creation? The sunrise and sunset? The mountains, the moon, the stars? What about love?

Love can be represented by large, sweeping gestures. But I find that the love I feel most strongly is the love represented by attention to small details. My husband Keith and I recently celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary. Our daughter Mary made us a card to take with us when we went out to eat for lunch. Her

excitement for us and her attention to detail let us know how much she cares for us.

Keith has studied me over the years. He knows my favorite color is blue so when he buys tissues for the house, he makes an extra effort to find tissues in blue boxes. He knows I like printed paper towels, so when it's time to buy paper towels that's what he gets.

The Bible tells us that God *"knit us together in our mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)"* Have you ever watched someone knit or done knitting yourself? I imagine God, the Creator of the Universe, sitting in a rocking chair with knitting needles in hand forming the baby that would one day become you. And me. And every other human throughout history and into the future. That's a lot of knitting! *Luke 12:7* tells us that the very hairs on our head are numbered. That's a lot of attention to detail!

The same God who spoke the earth into being; creating mountains, valleys, and oceans by the mere sound of his voice also created the hummingbird, the bumblebee, and the dragonfly. God's attention to detail is a sign of His love for us.

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 pay close attention to detail. Appreciate the air in your lungs. The people God surrounds you with. The life God has given you to live. Look for ways to share God's peace, love, mercy, and joy with those around you.

DeColores,

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

Friday, September 10th at 7pm

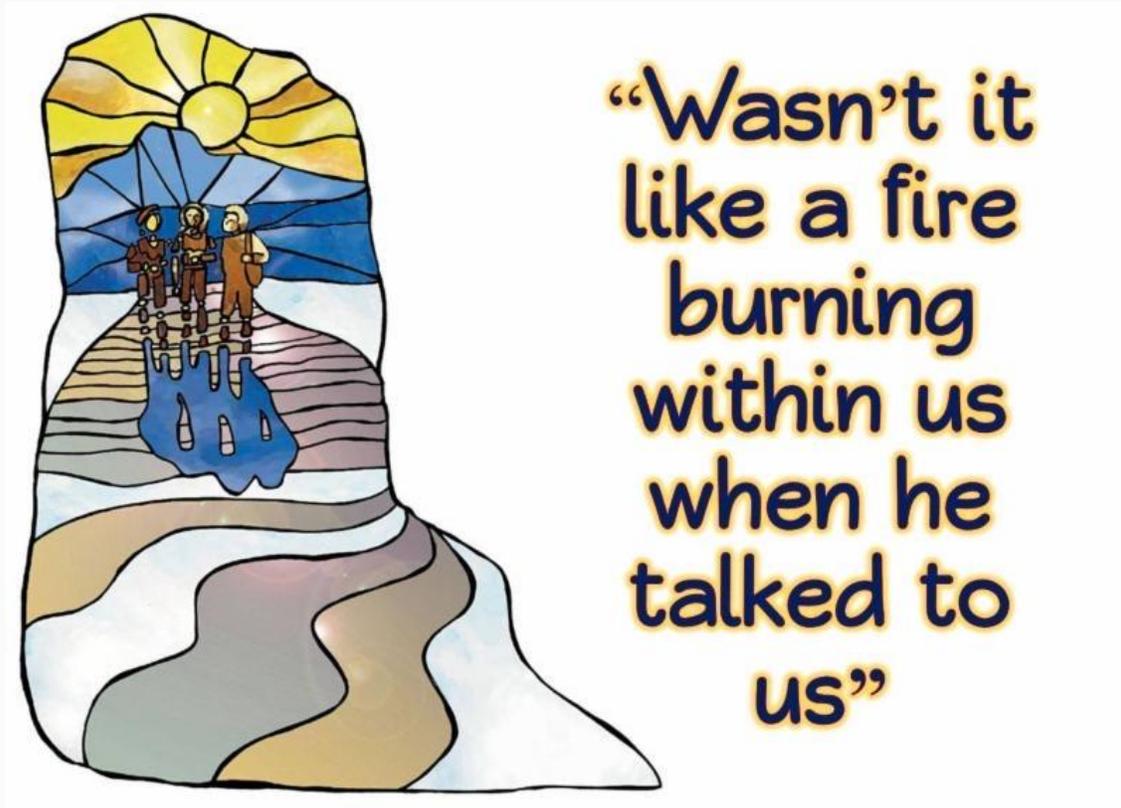
Woodbine Waterfront Park

Hot dogs & drinks will be provided, please bring a covered dish, chairs, and bug spray.

October 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](mailto:Sandi.Finn.Snider@fmc.org) at 904-465-6623.



******THE NEXT GIWTE BOARD MEETING WILL BE: October 16th at 9am at FUMC of Brunswick in the Fellowship Hall. September's meeting will be done by email.**

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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.
