



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

April 2024 Newsletter



Board Chair April Newsletter

Here we are, already approaching April, time seems to march on faster and faster. I pray you are slowing down as we end March and experience the events of Holy Week - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of our Risen

Savior on Easter Sunday. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

During the week of March 18 th we prayed for our Emmaus brother Emory Wilson, a missionary to Haiti who was unable to leave due to the airport being secured. Prayer warriors stepped up and within a few days those prayers were answered, and he was able to safely leave. Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers.

The Board met on March 16th and the main discussion was our community and how do we proceed after yet again cancelling a set of walks, this time due to lack of team members. The Board continues to believe Jesus has more to do for and with our community. We continue to ask for your prayers and participation to work alongside us as we search for our future.

I will be sending a note to pilgrims that attended the last 4 walks (some pre-COVID) to ask them to become involved in our community. Many of our faithful servants who have served our community for many years are asking that the younger community members be the future for our community and the servants needed for walks.

On April 13th we will be having a workday at Lions Camp on the Storage Sheds that have experienced some water intrusion over the last 18 months. We will be patching the shed roofs, inventorying all the equipment stored and getting the items stored in totes. Many hands make light work, come out for this workday. Also, if anyone has any durable totes with lids that you could donate, we will gladly accept them.

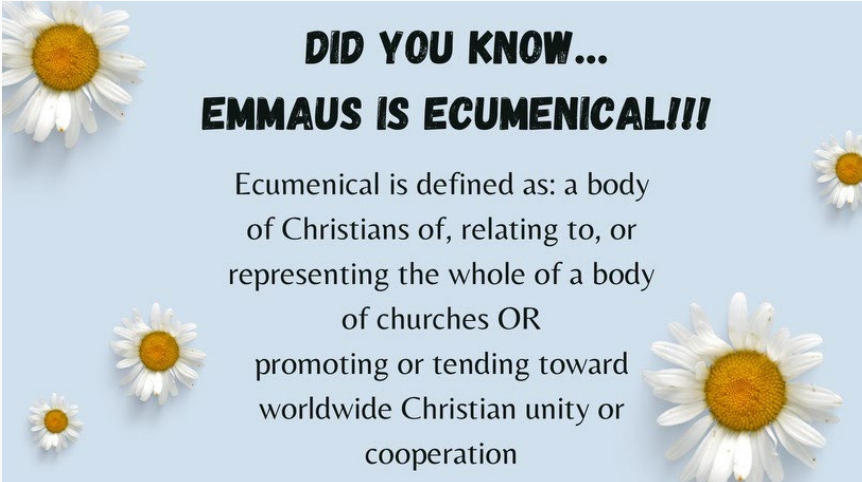
From Sustaining the Spirit (Emmaus Library) – The Walk to Emmaus is a precious gift to us – an instrument through which our Lord can and will work to renew his church. However, the gift bears an obligation for the Emmaus community to sustain it intact in

character and spirit – not just in name.....For Emmaus to survive as a dynamic and continuing renewal experience, it must be cherished, nurtured, protected, and used within its intended context.

Our next Gathering is April 7th at Kingsland First Baptist Church. Come and gather with us.

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. —Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Blessings to each of you and your families. De Colores! Anne



DID YOU KNOW...
EMMAUS IS ECUMENICAL!!!

Ecumenical is defined as: a body of Christians of, relating to, or representing the whole of a body of churches OR promoting or tending toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation



Fellowship

Consider Christ's ministry with me, if you will. What was his first miracle? Turning water into wine at a wedding, and at his mother's behest! There was a party in danger of ending early, and Jesus provided more than enough wine – the very best wine – to keep that party, that fellowship, going.

As he went along, Jesus said "You...follow me." He pulled together a group of people who followed him and learned service leadership at his side. They learned from him through fellowshiping with him, living life with him.

Emmaus offers many opportunities for fellowship. There is the sendoff when hearts and people are brought together for the sole purpose of encouraging souls. Then the Walk when we discover a "Newfound Friend" and introduce them to the Emmaus fellowship, walking the Walk along side them. The Candlelight service where the glow of candlelight is reflected on the faces of people who love us, some of whom we don't even know. Our Fourth Day when we have the opportunity to share what the Walk to Emmaus has meant to us. And every Fourth Day after, hopefully staying engaged in the Emmaus Community.

As part of our Walk to Emmaus we learn about Reunion Groups and are encouraged to join one or start one when we leave the grounds that our Walk took

place on. This is another point of connection, another opportunity for fellowship. I personally am involved in two reunion groups; one online and one in person. Both groups are precious to me. The fellowship obtained in the Reunion Groups is far closer and more personal than at any other point in the Walk to Emmaus. It is there that we are free as we follow the Reunion Group outline to share the ups and downs of our week. Those we meet with don't judge. They encourage and pray...and often provide the comfort of the words, "Hey, I've been there too. You are not alone."

And then there are the Gatherings, a once-a-month opportunity to join hearts and hands as we enjoy good food and the company of the saints. It's a chance to step away from the hustle and bustle of the world and step into the presence of Christ.

Connie Eastwood issues an invitation in every newsletter to coordinate helping people get involved in Reunion Groups. I encourage you to contact her. If you are part of a reunion group, let her know where and when you meet and if you have room for more people. If you aren't part of a reunion group, let Connie know when you are available. She can cross-reference your availability to the groups already meeting and try to find a good fit.

I would like to remind you that as each of us does what Christ is counting on us to do and supports others in what Christ has called them to do, we can't help but become Better Together. *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!* Psalm 133:1.

DeColores, Emmaus Family. I hope to see you all soon.

Trisa Chancey – Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2 – Table of Mary



NEWS FROM YOUR 2024 MUSIC DIRECTOR

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Hi. Brian Vigue here, Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Walk #3, Table of Matthew.

In the future, I would like to share the honor of leading worship to our community during our monthly gatherings. I am seeking volunteers that are willing to share the stage with me and assist me in leading our singing. I think it would be great to have different singers

each month. I want to share that feeling of having God work through you to lead in worshipping our King. It truly is an amazing feeling.

Don't worry, if you are nervous, I am not asking for a solo performance. Everyone is singing so you don't need to be another

Whitney Houston, Taylor Swift, or even Neil Diamond. I'll be right there by your side singing too. I just want to share that

amazing feeling with others. If you are interested, please let me know.

Also, we are still in need of women musicians. As I stated before, I am happy to teach guitar playing so you can be ready to

lead at monthly gatherings and walks. If you are interested and you have a guitar, please let me know.

If you have any questions or I can do anything for you, please contact me at bikerbrian@tds.net or 904-894-6753.

I look forward to serving with you in the future.... DeColores!

Thanks, Richard.

Brian

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

April 5th, 2024 @ 7pm

Kingsland 1st Baptist Church

295 E Chester St.

Kingsland, Ga 31548

May 3rd, 2024 @ 7pm

St. Simons United Methodist Church

624 Ocean Blvd

St. Simons Island, Ga 31522

June 1, 2024 @ 7pm

To Be Determined

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

Melissa Bender Moreno at mfbmoreno@gmail.com 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

Brian Vigue at **904-894-6753** or bikerbrian@tds.net.

SPONSORING A PILGRIM AND YOU

Sponsorship - is a privilege and a responsibility.

Sponsoring a pilgrim for a walk is the most important job in our Emmaus Community as God uses us as His hands and feet to build up the Body of Christ. Sponsorship is a truly amazing privilege but is also a huge responsibility. What a privilege it is to introduce or reintroduce someone to Christ through a Walk to Emmaus. When you have attended Walk closings, you have witnessed with your own eyes and ears the wonderful experiences of so many who have been blessed in exciting ways by being a part of an Emmaus weekend. Sponsorship is also a huge responsibility, one that should not be considered lightly. The act of sponsorship should be bathed in prayer because it is truly God who should decide who we will sponsor, when is the right time to extend the invitation and when a pilgrim should attend a walk weekend.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

Anne Wojcik
South Georgia/Coastal Walk to Emmaus #30
Table of Rebekah



There have been a few people say that they would like to connect with a reunion group. I am working on getting people connected. If you are interested in going to a reunion group or help starting a new reunion group, please contact Connie Eastwood at giwtereuniongroup@gmail.com
Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!
Connie
Reunion Group Chair

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You can now sign up for text messages!

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