



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

February 2024 Newsletter



Greetings Emmaus family, this is my first note to all of you as Board Chair this year. It is a blessing and privilege to serve alongside the 2024 Board of Directors and all of you, our Golden Isles Community.

The month of February is filled with love, most notably Valentine's Day. However, it is God's agape love for each of us that is the whole meaning and purpose of our Christian walk. You may already know that God exclaims His love for us in the Bible 310 times in 280 verses. The word 'love' is discovered 131 times in the

Old Testament and 179 times in the New Testament in the KJV (just to name one translation).

Two verses that may be most familiar are –

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. and

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ash Wednesday, is also this month, the beginning of the Lenten season as we move through the 40 days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Your Emmaus Board is in full planning for the Spring walks in April. The Walk Lay Directors, Joe Taylor and Theresa Richards Vigue are making calls to Conference team members. Each walk takes about 65 weekend servants to be the hands and feet of Christ for the pilgrims God is calling to be ministered to through prayer and to experience God's unconditional love. When team members are called to serve, both clergy and lay servants, God has already brought your name to the hearts of the Team Selection committee.

Currently there are 14 men and 23 women applications in hand. Applications must be received to be counted so if there are pilgrims that God is laying on your heart to sponsor, pray about sponsoring them, meet with them, share your Emmaus walk with them, have them complete an application and get it to Sherry Casey as soon as possible.

I have missed seeing so many Emmaus family members at Gatherings. If you have not been to a gathering in a while, I encourage you to come to gatherings again. The next gathering is February 2nd at Kingsland First Methodist Church. I will be looking for your smiling faces.

If there is anything you, our Emmaus Community would like to share with me, please reach out to by email, annewojcik59@gmail.com or call me 912-552-0332.

I end this message with this verse - "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

Blessings,
Anne



NEWS FROM YOUR 2024 MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hi. I am Brian Vigue, Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #3, Table of Matthew. I am very happy to be serving our Emmaus community in the area of Music Worship. There are two things I would like to share with you.

First, I used to get disappointed when I would go to a monthly gathering looking forward to worshiping with my Emmaus family. But often times when the music started, I would find that I didn't know the songs. Have you ever felt that way. Well, I am working to fix that. In the future, I will be posting videos on our Facebook page several weeks prior to a gathering with the music and lyrics to the songs we will be singing. So, no more excuses for not singing!!! Just locate my post, play the video, and sing along to learn and/or practice the song. Now we will get to worship together and feel the love of the Lord within us together.

Second, we have a real need for female musicians. As you know, the previous Music

Director posted constantly seeking female musicians, especially guitar players (we favor guitars as they are a very mobile instrument) but keyboard players are good too. Because we have not had much success in obtaining female guitar players, I am going to make an offer. Any female that has access to a guitar and associated equipment (picks, capo, strings, etc.) I would be happy to help you get started in your new music career by offering you lessons. Let me know who you are and your location and I will try to arrange a meeting location or maybe we can do it on a Zoom call. However, know that it will take practice and patience and it will come with some pain in your fingertips until you develop calluses. In return, I will expect you to eventually play gatherings with me, solo at gatherings, and lead music on upcoming women's walks. Please consider stepping out of your comfort zone and serving our Lord in this ministry. Who knows, you may be the next Taylor Swift (If so, I'll expect a cut of your profits to go to Emmaus.... haha).

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.... De Colores!

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

February 2, 2024 @ 7pm

Kingsland Methodist Church in the Gathering Place
120 E William Ave
Kingsland GA

March 1, 2024 @ 7pm

Community Church in Brunswick
181 Mall Blvd
Brunswick GA

(located in the Glynn Place Mall by Planet Fitness)

April

No Gathering due to Walks

May 3, 2024 @ 7pm

Kingsland First Baptist

295 E Chester St

Kingsland GA

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 Vique at [904-894-6753](tel:904-894-6753) or bikerbrian@tds.net.

Upcoming Dates

Spring Walks

Men's Walk
April 18-21, 2024

Women's Walk
April 25-28, 2024



Love

I remember an old song I learned when I was a child at church. "It's love, love, love that makes the world go 'round; it's love, love, love that makes the world go 'round; it's love, love, love that makes the world go 'round; love that makes the world go 'round!" Let's consider for a moment how very true that thought is.

Love is evident at the point of creation. God was so filled with love that He wanted to share it, so He created the world we live in. God created the animals so they would care for each other. Then He created humans in His likeness so they could know the immensity of love shared with each other.

Of course, John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Love.

Mother Teresa said, "Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." An excellent gauge for love is 1 Corinthians 13, called "The Love Chapter." Verses 4-7 provide guidance:

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

In your interactions with yourself and with others, ask yourself: Have I been patient? Have I been kind? Have I been envious, boastful, or proud? Have I dishonored others through gossip or other means? Have I been self-seeking? Have I been easily angered? Do I keep a record of wrongs? Have I delighted in evil? Or rejoiced in the truth? The last bit is the hardest because it begins with ALWAYS. Have I protected, trusted, hoped, persevered?

I emphasize that this should be your gauge in your interactions with yourself *and* with others. Loving yourself isn't placing yourself above others, but rather seeing yourself the way God sees you. You are His child. He cares for you better than the best earthly parent could do. God's love set this world in motion and keeps it in His care. And he wants you to treat yourself and others with that same gentle grace.

Sharing God's love does make us Better Together. *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* Matthew 18:20

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

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

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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CONNECT!**

Would you like to get Emmaus reminders?
You can now sign up for text messages!

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