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## August 2024 Newsletter



From the Board Chair

It's been a few weeks since our Town Hall meeting, now the work begins of revitalizing our Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Community.

From Philippians 1:3-6 - I thank my God every time I remember you. In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first

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day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

We are praying for a good work to begin for our community. Part of this will be the formation of the nomination committee to prayerfully seek community members to serve in positions for the upcoming 2025 – 2027 board years. We ask that you be in prayer to serve on the Board of Directors and as well as within our community. We need representation across the counties that are part of our Emmaus community - Ware, McIntosh, Glynn, Camden. We even have community members that live in Nassau County, Florida. The Board positions to be filled are - Team Selection, Kitchen, Registrar, Angels, Facilities/Logistics at a minimum.

I ran across a list of 8 blessings we get when we serve:

1. Serving allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts.
2. Serving allows us to experience miracles.
3. Serving allows us to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience.
4. Serving helps us to be more like Jesus.
5. Serving surrounds us with other Christians who can help us follow Jesus.
6. Serving increases our faith.
7. Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways.
8. Serving is good for your soul.

The Lord doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called.

<https://newspring.cc/articles/8-blessings-we-get-from-serving>

All these blessings hold true for serving on the board, on a weekend as a team member and as a sponsor.

Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Come serve with us and be a light that shines brightly for our Golden Isles Emmaus Community.

De Colores,  
Anne Wojcik, Board Chair

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**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

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### **Old Friends and Newfound Friends**

It was with great excitement that I read the email that our Golden Isles Emmaus community has decided to continue. The Day 4 Restore Event promises to be a great place to meet up with old Emmaus friends and be refreshed. I look forward to hearing more details about that. As we are restored and reinvigorated individually and as a group we will become ready to meet the Newfound Friends (Pilgrims) God will send our way.

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Restore, refresh, reinvigorate. Their meanings are similar but not quite the same. *Webster's New Dictionary of the English Language* © Merriam-Webster Incorporated, 2002 edition defines them like this:

- Restore – 1: give back, 2: put back into use or into a former state.
- Refresh – 1: make or become fresh or fresher, 2: supply or take refreshment.
- Reinvigorate – (unavailable, so we'll go with “vigor”) – 1: energy or strength, 2: intensity or force.

We have heard of restoring furniture, relationships, buildings, beaches, and many other things. Restoration is a process that takes something that's been around a long time but has become rough around the edges and smooths them out. Isaiah 42:16 speaks of God “making rough places smooth.” I am certain that God's hand is in the move to restore our Emmaus community.

We all need refreshing from time to time. It's the reason we take vacations, the reason we drink lemonade or iced tea, the reason we sleep. It's in the resting and relaxing that we are refreshed. Luke 8:22-23 refers to Jesus taking a nap. And even before that, back in Genesis, God set an example of working 6 days and resting on the seventh.

Our restoration and refreshing will naturally lead to reinvigoration. We will have renewed energy and strength. We will be ready to minister to our old and new friends alike.

I am reminded of a song I learned in my youth. “Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.” Silver and gold are both precious metals. Beautiful things can be made of them. Both our old and new friends are gifts from God to be cherished.

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

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## **NEWS FROM YOUR 2024 MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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](mailto:bikerbrian@tds.net) or 904-894-6753.

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

Brian

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***COMMUNITY GATHERINGS***

**August 02, 2024 @ 7pm**

The Chapel Midtown  
114 Harris Farm Road  
Brunswick, Ga 31520

**September 06, 2024 @ 7pm**

TBD

**October 04, 2024 @ 7pm**

TBD

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

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**Melissa Bender Moreno** at [mfbmoreno@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bikerbrian@tds.net).



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 [giwtoreuniongroup@gmail.com](mailto:giwtoreuniongroup@gmail.com)  
Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!

Connie  
Reunion Group Chair

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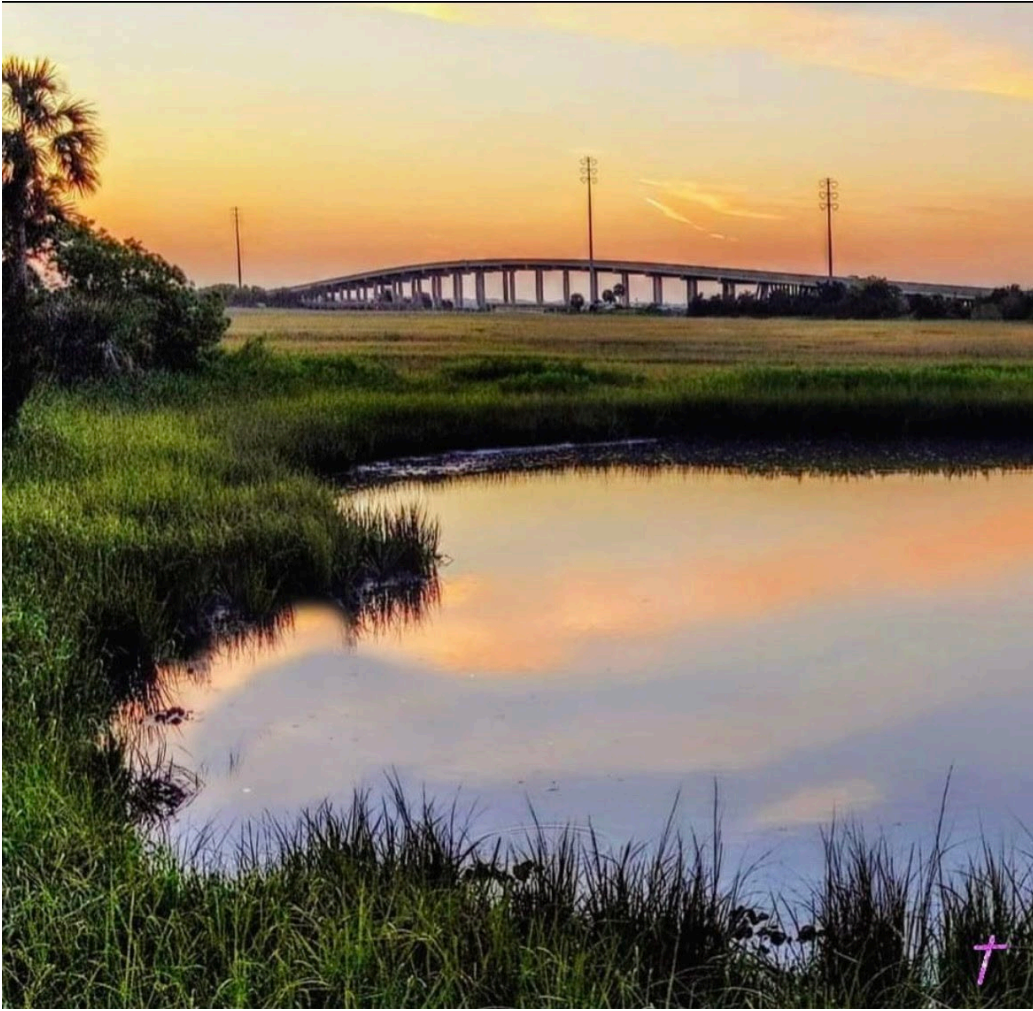
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