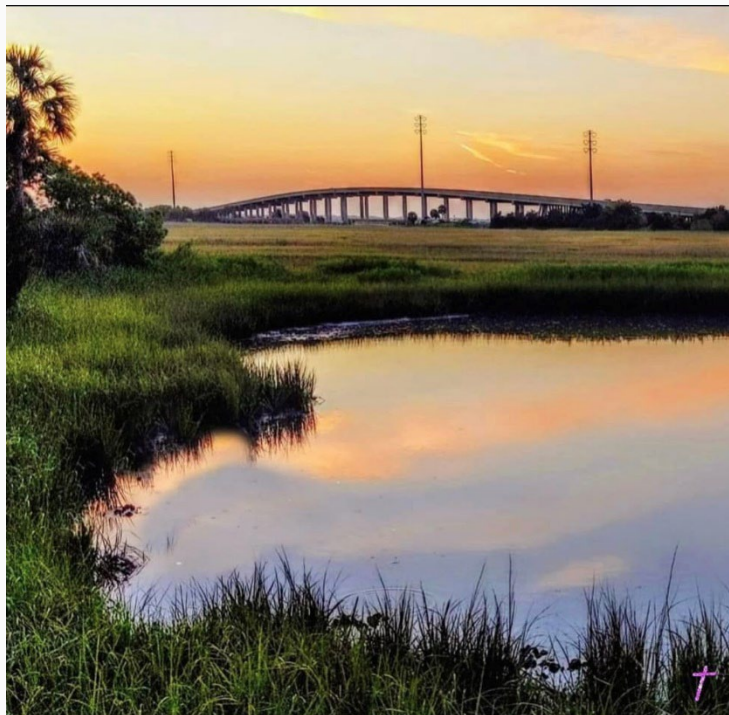




GOLDEN ISLES  
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## June 2024 Newsletter



June Newsletter Note from Board Chair –

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Here we are at mid-year, time seems to be traveling faster than a freight train some days.

Your Board continues to talk, pray and discern what God wants for our community. There have been so many scriptures placed on my mind and heart since our May Board meeting. Here are two:

1. *Jeremiah 29:11*

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

2. *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

Our community continues to struggle to find our way since COVID, the average monthly gathering attendance is around 35-40 (this number stays constant wherever the location of the gathering is), we are grateful for these times of fellowship, 4th day speakers, and communion together.

We realize that there are many activities that everyone is juggling in our lives – family, work, recreation, other groups and lastly health issues. To that end our community does not have the support it once did. As has been stated in previous newsletters many of our faithful servants (both clergy and laity) are older now and able to pray for our community just not able to be the hands and feet of Christ on a walk weekend. Some of our faithful servants have passed away or moved away and we cherish all they gave to our community.

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The Board of Directors for the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Community wants to hear from you, and we have planned a town hall meeting for our community on Saturday, July 13th at Brunswick First United Methodist Church (1400 Norwich St.) at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be a fellowship time so when we gather, we eat, please bring your favorite brunch dish to share. In preparation for the Townhall meeting we ask that you consider a time of praying and fasting for our community. During your prayer time remember the 2 questions at your Walk closing -

1. What did your walk mean to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?

Your attendance at this Townhall meeting is vitally important for you to have the opportunity to share your heart for Emmaus with the Board and community. The Board desires complete transparency as we make decisions for our community - do we continue to move forward or do we disestablish our community. Those are hard words to put on paper to all of you.

After the Townhall meeting and fellowship, the Board will be meeting to hold a vote on the future of our community.

From the Bob Goff Live in Grace Walk in Love devotional for May 25 –  
Sometimes we ask for help and God gives us hope, not because it's different but because it's the same

*Matthew 5:14-16:*

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

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No matter the outcome -

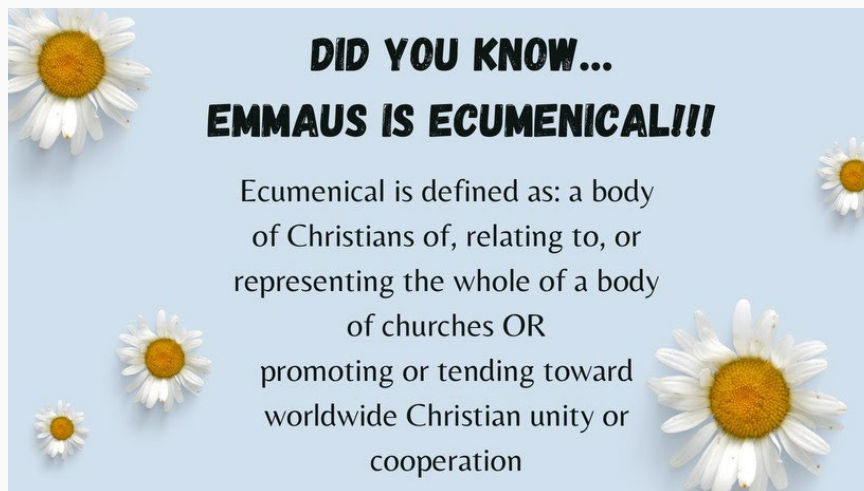
*Psalm 118:24*

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

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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## Education

“Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.” – Henry Peter Brougham, *The Present State of Law*, 1828. From the series *Great Ideas of Western Man*.

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

— William Butler Yeats

With so many graduations taking place last month I think taking a look at education is appropriate. People who have access to good education have the opportunity to learn not *what* to think, but rather *how* to think.

Emmaus has provided each of us with a good education. It is our job to live what we learned there and to continue the education process, both adding to our own knowledge and teaching others. Emmaus taught us that:

- **Life is a marathon.**

- o We must constantly be training to overcome the obstacles we face.
- o Perseverance keeps us in the race.

- **Relationships are important.**

- o Our personal relationship with Christ provides GRACE – God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.

§ Prevenient grace is at work before we know it!

§ Justifying grace is what we receive when we realize Christ died for each of us individually, and accept that gift.

§ Sanctifying grace is the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us.

§ Grace comes to us from God and from other people. We are responsible to be a means of grace to others.

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- o There are obstacles to grace.

§ We limit God by sins of commission and sins of omission. We limit God when we are disobedient.

- **All believers are priests.**

- o A priest is anyone who has experienced the love and forgiveness of God and helps others experience it as well.

- o Priests intercede (pray) for others.

- o Priests are called to action to help others.

- **We grow in faith through study.**

- o Study is being informed of the Truth, and being formed in the Truth. Study is also a lifelong commitment.

- o Discipleship is a form of study – learning from others, and then teaching others.

- **We are the Body of Christ.**

- o As the Body of Christ we are called to gather – worship God together and nurture each other, and we are called to scatter – to be witnesses and to serve where God places us.

That was a lot to learn in three days! It was the “lighting of a fire” in us, preparing us for every day following our Walk to Emmaus. Each Fourth Day is a day to do what we can individually and collectively to strengthen the Christian community. We are to change ourselves first, then our family, then our neighborhood, then the world. It’s a tall order.

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**

### NEWS FROM YOUR 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.

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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***

**June 7, 2024 @ 7pm**

Southeast Community Church  
790 May Creek St  
Kingsland, Ga 31548

**July 13, 2024 @ 11am**

**Town Hall Meeting**

Brunswick First United Methodist Church  
1400 Norwich St  
Brunswick, Ga 31525

**August 02, 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

**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).

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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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