



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

October 2024 Newsletter



Dear Golden Isles Emmaus Community,

Continued prayers for everyone who was in the path of Hurricane Helene this past Thursday into Friday. There is so much devastation throughout Florida, Georgia, South

Carolina, North Carolina and all the way up to Ohio. I pray that each of you are safe as well as loved ones that were in the path of the storm.

A prayer from Hope For the Broken Hearted.com – Prayer For Those Dealing With Disasters *Dear Lord, we pray for all who are dealing with natural disasters. So many are in dangerous situations. So many have lost everything. We ask for your comfort, peace and provision in the midst of such overwhelming loss. We pray for protection and deliverance for all who are in harm's way. We ask for your blessings, strength, energy and protection for all the first responders and emergency personnel. May people find you to be their source of strength, peace, comfort and hope in the midst of such difficult and stressful times. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Last Sunday, September 22nd, my husband & I attended the memorial service for the Rev. Jim Jensen, a friend to many throughout both the Coastal Georgia & Golden Isles Emmaus communities. To know Jim Jensen was to know his love of Jesus and sharing that love wherever he was and to whomever he met. Whenever I would see Jim at an Emmaus event, his smile entered the room first along with the twinkle in his eyes. I learned from reading more about Jim Jensen that he was a published author of a devotional, *Treasures By The Sea, the Golden Isles*. What a gift to have Jim's words in writing to read and meditate on. Remember this precious servant (and his family) who I know heard these words when he met Jesus face to face, well done good and faithful servant.

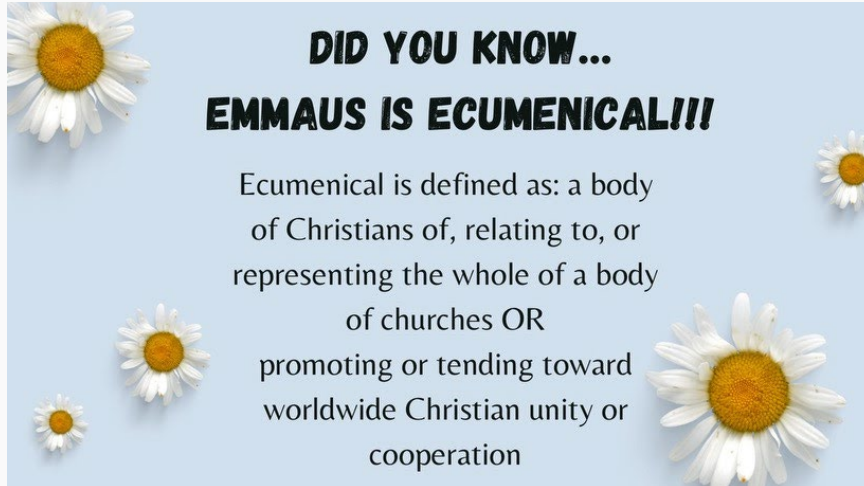
Your Board met on Saturday, September 21st and voted to plan walks for Spring 2025. Now we know where 2 or more are gathered in his name, God is with us. With that in mind, we will be reaffirming with sponsors that their pilgrims still want to attend the Walk to Emmaus. We will also need each of you, our Golden Isles Community to rise up to be the hands and feet of Christ for these walks and the pilgrims. We have a tight timeline to get all aspects moving forward.

The Board will be holding team selection after the October board meeting with the goal of calls being made as soon as possible to Conference Room servants and then background servants. Team trainings will begin mid-late January.

Remember the Golden Isles Emmaus Community, all those that have attended a Walk to Emmaus before we did, those that have attended a Walk to Emmaus since our walk and all those that will attend a Walk to Emmaus in the future. Your prayers are vital as we continue our efforts to sustain our community for the future.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalms 46: 1-3

De Colores! Anne, Board Chair



Scary Stuff

October is a month when people seem to go out of their way to be scared. In 1992 Universal Studios started their annual attraction, Halloween Horror Nights. It brought so much attention that it continues to grow. Of course, “haunted tours” are available in most locales year-round. But there is far more interest in them around Halloween.

I have a childhood memory of a “haunted house” at a state fair. It was set up in a trailer. I walked through with my mom, dad, and little brother. Naturally, my brother and I were startled frequently and frightened throughout most of the tour. As we approached the exit there was a glass coffin with someone lying in it. Something about it captured my attention and held it. My parents and my brother exited but I was still entranced by what I was seeing, trying to make sense of it in my mind. As I watched, the person lying in the coffin began to move. My breath caught in my throat. Just as he sat straight up and looked at me I ran out of the trailer and into my Dad’s arms. It took a long time for me to calm down!

The political climate we are experiencing in the Good Ol’ USA right now is just as scary to me. But just as I was able to run into Dad’s arms for comfort at the state fair, today I can run into my Heavenly Father’s arms and He quiets my fears. God reminds me that He is in control. One of my favorite quotes is “Prayer may not change things for you, but it

certainly changes you for things.” I am “Praying the Vote” this election, as well as researching the candidates. When I place my vote in November it will be well-informed. I pray also that the entire Emmaus community will make the effort to become informed and take that information to the ballot box.

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

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!

Brian

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

October 04, 2024 @ 7pm

Foundation Church
105 South Main St.
Nahunta, Ga 31553

November 01, 2024 @ 7pm

Harbor Worship Center Church of God
140 Colerain Road
Kingsland, Ga 31548

December 06, 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 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.



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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