



GOLDEN ISLES
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November 2024 Newsletter



Dear Golden Isles Emmaus Community,
As we look toward November, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons are fast approaching. It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of life during the holidays. Remember each day is a gift - This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be

glad in it. Psalm 118:24

This last week has been a hard one for this Emmaus community with the tragic loss of our friend Rev. Charles Houston in an accident at Sapelo Island along with 6 others. As people have posted on Facebook and news media outlets picking up the story, the sentiment among so many that knew Charles (& Elizabeth) were all similar.

He was a big part of individual and couples' lives and spiritual journeys, Chaplain to law enforcement and other agencies, "even to his last breath was trying to help people get to safety". "He's touched people in need all the way to the point of death," "he taught me so much about how to love people and how to love God and to do it in a humorous way." We remember Charles with much Christian love and we lift his family in prayer as they face the days ahead along with the families of the others that lost their lives.

I found one post sharing "Today was a Difficult Day"

Today was a Difficult Day; said Pooh.

There was a pause.

Do you want to talk about it? asked Piglet.

No said Pooh after a bit. No, I don't think I do.

Thats okay, said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

What are you doing? asked Pooh.

Nothing, really, said Piglet. Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

But goodness, continued Piglet, Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh.

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable

Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.

Sending thoughts to those having a Difficult Day today and hope you have your own Piglet to sit beside you.

~ A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

The Board met on October 19th and conducted Team Selection as we plan for Spring 2025 walks. Again, we are calling our community to rise up to be the hands and feet of Christ for these walks and the pilgrims. Team training meetings will begin in mid to late January.

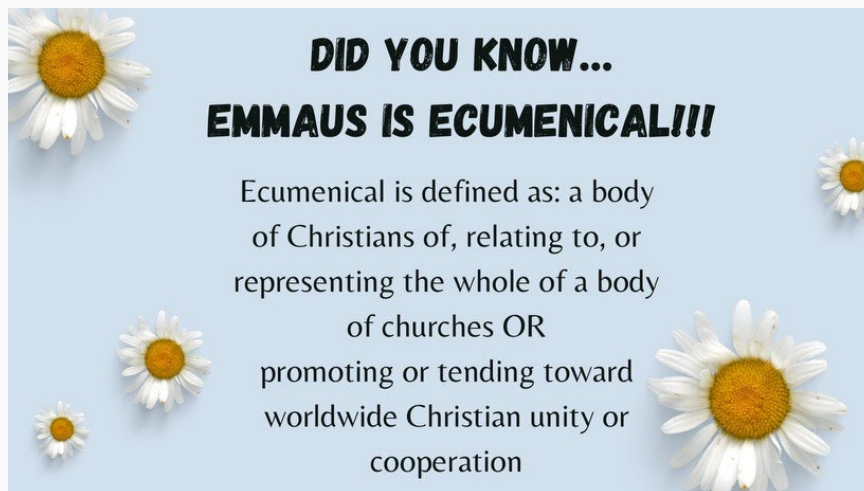
Lift Mike Martin and Theresa Vigue up in prayer as they are preparing to serve as Lay Directors for these walks. If you receive a call from them, please respond, we know we all have many things

capturing our time. Be kind and respond to them. If you would like to serve, please reach out to me (email - annewojcik59@gmail.com) so we can get you plugged in.

Remember the Golden Isles Emmaus Community, all that have attended a Walk to Emmaus, 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.

A prayer in closing from Jim Jensen's book, *Treasures By The Sea*, The Golden Isles – Father God, thank you for your love and mercy. We thank you for your desire to walk with us, even “in the valley of the shadow of death.” Lord Jesus, thank you for that eternal and divine moment when we recognize that you walk with us day by day, moment by moment. Empower each of us to share what we have so freely received. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

De Colores! Anne, Board Chair



Thanksgiving / Thanksliving

I have a collection of poems and quotes. One that comes to me now is that “Our Thanksgiving should result in Thanksliving.” That saying has always stuck with me. It reminds me that my thankfulness to God for all He’s done should result in my living my life as a thankful person. So what would a thankful person live like?

Veggie Tales taught the lesson well with their show “Madame Blueberry – A Lesson in Thankfulness.” Madame Blueberry was sad because she felt she needed more stuff. When a nearby Stuff Mart opened up her only thought was shopping. But along the way

she sees a little girl celebrating her birthday with only her parents and a single piece of apple pie. But the little girl sang:

*A thankful heart is a happy heart
I'm glad for what I have
That's an easy way to start
For the love that He shares
As He listens to my prayers
That's why I say thanks every day*

By the end of the episode Madame Blueberry has learned to be thankful for her blessings, and being thankful helps her not only enjoy her stuff more, it also makes her more generous.

I believe a thankful heart inspires generosity and the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23 (New Living Translation): ²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Hebrews 3:16 (English Standard Version) reminds us: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Who is Christ calling you to share with?

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

November 01, 2024 @ 7pm

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

December 07, 2024 @ 5pm

Christmas Party
Lions Camp for the Blind
5677-5685 SR 177
Waycross, Ga 31503

January 10, 2024 @ 7pm

Community Church
181 Mall Blvd

Brunswick, Ga 31525

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 giwttereuniongroup@gmail.com

Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!

Connie

Reunion Group Chair

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