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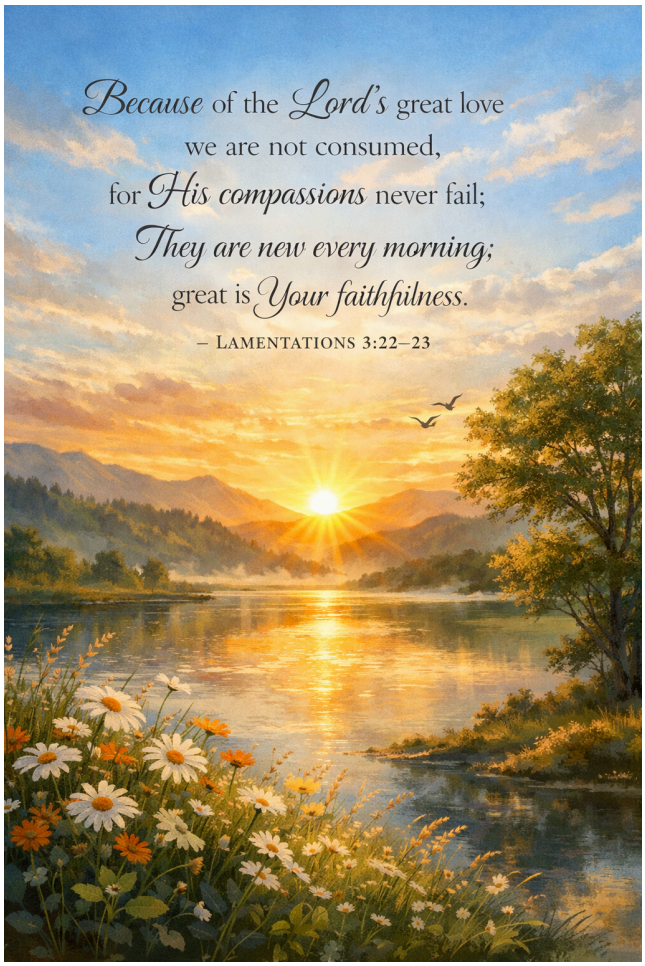

Hello Emmaus Family,

Happy New Year! As we step into January, we are reminded that new beginnings are a gift—an opportunity to reflect on where we've been and to look ahead with hope, faith, and expectation. A new year brings fresh possibilities, renewed purpose, and countless blessings, and we are grateful to walk into it together as a community.

Scripture reminds us of this promise:
"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."
— Lamentations 3:22–23

With the start of the year also comes a time of transition and gratitude. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the board members who have completed their terms of service, Connie Eastwood, Mike Martin and Janet Rainer. Your dedication, leadership, and commitment to this Community have helped strengthen our mission and impact more lives than you may ever fully know. We are deeply thankful for the time, wisdom, and heart you have shared.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome the individuals who have agreed to serve on the board for the next three years. Those individuals are Carolyn

Capps, Lucy Hunter, Mary Gail Lindsey and Ralph Nantze. Thank you for saying “yes” to this calling. We look forward to the ideas, energy, and leadership you will bring as we continue growing and serving together. Please be in prayer for your board as we have difficult decisions ahead of us all.

I will also be serving once again as Chairperson of the board. Leadership is most effective when it is shared, and while seasons of service can look different for each of us, I remain committed to guiding our Emmaus Community forward. As we begin this new year, my hope is for renewed participation, strengthened commitment, and a shared vision for the work God has placed before us.

As we begin this year, let us remain grounded in gratitude and united in purpose, trusting that God will continue to guide our community in all that we do. Thank you for being a part of this journey. We are excited for what lies ahead.

With gratitude and hope,

-Angela Dunn
Community Lay Director

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Friday January 9th, 2026

Southeast Community CHurch
790 May Creek St.
Kingsland, Ga 31548

Friday February 6th, 2026

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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**.

Unity

Welcome to 2026! Every year I try to have my articles relate to each other under a specific topic. This year I feel led to focus on Unity.

The following came from YouVersion, 30 Days of Prayer – A Call to Care for the World's Most Vulnerable, Day 27:

Unity doesn't mean uniformity. It means working together despite our differences, and being dedicated to resolving our conflicts peacefully, and to build bridges rather than walls.

Psalm 133:1-2 New International Version:

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! **2** It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

The description of the precious oil in verse two speaks of the anointing oil Moses poured over Aaron when he was set aside as the first high priest. Others were sprinkled with the anointing oil, but only Aaron was anointed to overflowing.

When we as Christians live together in unity we set a positive example for those around us about how to relate to others through the eyes and actions of love, mercy, and grace.

The hope is that people we meet and invest time with will notice the relationship with Christ and with each other that we have, and they will become hungry for it. Then when they ask us about it we have the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus, the "author and perfector of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

Ephesians 4:2-6 New International Version:

2 *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.* ***3*** *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* ***4*** *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;* ***5*** *one Lord, one faith, one baptism;* ***6*** *one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

YouVersion Guided Scripture from 2025-12-17, Love Like Jesus, CVV Music reminded me that "Before Jesus went to the cross He prayed that we would be unified so that through our unity the world would know that God sent Jesus." The commentator stated that Ephesians 4:2 provides a recipe for living in unity.

To be humble. Not allowing our pride to dictate our attitudes toward one another and the world around us. We're confident in the Lord and our dependance on Him more than ourselves.

To be gentle, thoughtful and kind in our approach. Are we so busy saying what we want to say and doing what we want to do that we forget about the importance of our tone in relationships with those around us?

To be patient. Space is important in our pursuit of unity. Patience is the space where grace has time to work.

To bear with one another in love. Not one of us is perfect. I'll be the first to admit that for myself. And the way we respond to one another's flaws will give license to the way we celebrate one another's strengths.

So today may we take a closer step to unity by being humble, gentle, patient, and bearing with one another in love.

Trisa Chancey
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