

November 2026 Newsletter

Hello Emmaus Family!

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued prayers, love, and commitment to our Emmaus community.

The decision to postpone our Walks was not an easy one. We know many of you have been praying, preparing, and looking forward to serving. While this season may look different than we anticipated, it does not change the purpose of our ministry, or the work God can do through each of us.

Postponing the Walks is not giving up on the Walk to Emmaus. It is an opportunity for us to regroup, strengthen our commitment, and prayerfully prepare for what lies ahead. We remain committed to this ministry and are already looking ahead to March Walks.

As we look toward to the future, I want to challenge each of us to shift our focus. Instead of simply asking how we can get more pilgrims, let's ask a more meaningful question:

Who is God putting on your heart?

There may be someone in your life who needs encouragement, Christian fellowship, or an opportunity to grow closer to Christ. Perhaps God is already placing that person in your path.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, let's remember that the strength of our community isn't measured only by the number of people attending a Walk. It is also seen in the prayers we offer, the encouragement we give, the relationships we nurture, and the love of Christ we share.

Let's continue praying for our board, our leaders, our volunteers, and the future pilgrims God may be preparing.

We may not know exactly what the next Walk will look like, but we can begin preparing today—one prayer, one relationship, and one invitation at a time.

Thank you for continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. I am grateful to walk this journey with you!
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Angela Dunn
Your Community Lay Director
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #21, Table of Martha



🙏 OUR NOVEMBER CHALLENGE 🙏

One Name. One Prayer. One Invitation.
This month, let's make it personal.
ONE NAME: Think of one person who might benefit from an Emmaus experience. A friend, a family member, a fellow church member, or someone God has placed in your life.
ONE PRAYER: Pray for that person throughout November. Ask God to work in their heart and give you wisdom about how to encourage them.
ONE INVITATION: When the opportunity comes, share your Emmaus story. You don't have to have all the answers. Simply tell them what the experience meant to you and invite them to learn more.
You never know how God might use one simple invitation.

This month, don't worry about reaching everyone. Just start with one.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

We can’t wait to worship, laugh, share a meal, and grow together.
Come as you are — and bring a friend!

November 6th

Kingsland First Baptist Church
295 E Chester Street, Kingsland

December 4th

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 **Byron Johns** at **byronfjohns@yahoo.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 in Thanksgiving

Naturally November is the month our minds turn to Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving football games. Thanksgiving for our blessings. I've often read the question, "What if the only things you woke up to tomorrow were the things you thanked God for today?" That question always causes me to pause.

My mind automatically goes to the "big" things…like my personal relationship with Jesus, my family, a beautiful home to share with them, food in the fridge, freezer, and cupboards. Our cats. And I am content. But then I feel a nudge to consider again, "What if the only things you woke up to tomorrow were the things you thanked God for today?"

I consider things that are less tangible like my ability to read, to worship, to pray. And then I think…what about my shoelaces? I need to be thankful for them so I don't trip on my shoes. But wait! I didn't thank God for my shoes! And then I smile and recognize the question is moot. It will never happen.

God provides me with so much, from the very air I breathe to the ability to feel the wind blow. It simply isn't possible for me to thank Him for every single thing. And I don't think He really expects it.

"Our thanks*giving* should inspire our thanks*living*." I don't know who first said that, or how long ago, but a quick Google search provides a lot of information under that premise.

Thanksliving, in a nutshell, is simply living life from a thankful perspective. I believe that is what God enjoys the most. His people living the lives He's

blessed them with from an attitude of wonder and thankfulness. As we do this, our hearts become united to other thankful people. Perhaps together we could start a thankfulness epidemic!

I ask you to recall again the definition of unity 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.*

Recall the affirmation stated during the Walk to Emmaus. "Christ is counting on you." With the response, "I am counting on Christ." Christ is counting on you to build bridges of thankfulness. Are you counting on Him for direction?

Trisa Chancey, Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2, Table of Mary

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