



October 2026 Newsletter

A Message from Your Chairperson

As I sit down to write this month's newsletter, I am reminded of the importance of trusting God even when we don't have all the answers. With our Fall Walks approaching, we are prayerfully seeking His guidance and wisdom for the weeks ahead.

As Chairperson, I care deeply about this community, this ministry, our teams, and especially the people whose lives can be touched through an Emmaus weekend. I want us to move forward in a way that honors God, serves our community well, and is faithful to the purpose of Emmaus.

So, I'm asking our entire Emmaus community to pray.

Please pray for our Board as we work through these decisions in the coming weeks. Pray for wisdom, discernment, unity, and clarity. Pray that we will set aside our own expectations and be willing to follow wherever God leads us—even when we don't yet know what the answer will be.

And while we are praying about the future of these Walks, **there is still something each of us can do right now: invite.**

We need pilgrims.

Think about the people God has placed around you. Is there someone who needs encouragement? Someone who is searching for something more? Someone who could use a renewed relationship with Christ? Someone you've thought about inviting to Emmaus but haven't yet taken that step?

Maybe your invitation is the one they've been waiting for.

Regardless of when Walks happen, the mission hasn't changed. There are still people who need to hear the Gospel, experience Christian community, and discover what it means to walk more closely with Christ.

This is what *Rekindling the Fire* means to me right now. Sometimes the fire burns brightly, and sometimes we have to gather together, pray, and carefully tend the flame. But we don't give up on the fire.

Thank you for continuing to pray, serve, encourage one another, and believe in this ministry. I am grateful for every person who has poured their time, talents, prayers, and love into Golden Isles Emmaus.

I don't know exactly what the next few weeks will bring.

But I know Who holds them.

Let's keep praying.

Let's keep inviting.

Let's keep serving.

"Here I am! Send me." — Isaiah 6:8

With love and gratitude,

Angela Dunn

Community Lay Director



A message from our spiritual director.

As the Spiritual Director for our community, my heart is simply to pray, encourage, and support others. I made my Walk to Emmaus in 2006 at Honey Creek during a season when I was struggling in my walk with Christ. Even now, twenty years later, I remember that weekend as though it were yesterday.

The Lord used that experience to renew my faith and rekindle my love for Him. I was blessed by the fellowship of believers, the power of personal testimonies, the sharing of Scripture, communion together, and the genuine love that was shown by others. Most of all, I experienced the Agape love of Jesus Christ in a fresh and powerful way. It was truly a time of sharing, caring, and growing together in Him.

It is hard to believe that twenty years have passed, but the memories and friendships remain as precious as ever. In many ways, that experience helped me understand what it means to be a "bondservant" of Christ. The Apostle Paul used this expression when he opened his letter to the Romans:

“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.” (Romans 1:1, NKJV)

He began his letter to Titus in a similar way:

“Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.” (Titus 1:1-2, NKJV)

The word “bondservant” is so meaningful because it speaks of one who is wholly devoted to another. Paul devoted his life to serving God and serving others. A bondservant serves not because he must, but because he wants to. He understands the joy and importance of giving himself for the benefit of others through the love that Scripture calls Agape.

That is what I remember most from my Walk to Emmaus—the deepening of my relationship with Christ and the friendships that were formed. Many of those friends remain dear brothers and sisters in Christ to this day. Their encouragement and love have been a blessing throughout the years.

As we continue the ministry of discipleship together, I look forward to gathering again with all our willing servants as we prepare for the next Walk. My prayer is that others will experience the same renewal, fellowship, and transforming love that so many of us have found through this wonderful adventure called The Walk to Emmaus.

May we continue to serve faithfully, love generously, and point others to Jesus Christ. De Colores

In His Service,

Martin A. Turner

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #1

Table of Peter



COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

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

October 22nd-25th

Men's walk

October 29th-November 1st

Women's walk

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 byronjohns@yahoo.com for more
information regarding what is required of a host church.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at

Unity in Service

1 Corinthians 12 – English Standard Version

Spiritual Gifts

¹² Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would

not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

For those who have been reading my writing for awhile, you know I rarely begin my articles with a whole chapter of the Bible. But writing today, those words seemed especially important, and I did not want to paraphrase or pull out a verse here or there. What attracted me to these verses is the description of variety of gifts and service.

Do you remember your Walk to Emmaus? The presence of Christ, the beauty, the peace? Hold that memory up and look into it like the facets of a diamond. Turn it this way and that noting differences in reflectivity and color scheme. (When I'm driving and the sun is just right the diamond my husband bought for me puts rainbow spots on the ceiling of our car. He tells me he special ordered the extra rainbows for me. It makes me smile every time!)

On your Walk you had no idea how many people were behind the scenes praying over the weekend, praying for each individual in attendance, laying out

pleasant surprises, preparing Talks, and so much more. Candlelight gave you an inkling of the people involved, but even that representation was incomplete.

Have you helped on someone else's Walk to Emmaus? It grants an entirely new perspective on the Walk you experienced. You can recall how different moments of your Walk affected you and work to ensure the new pilgrim's experience is as meaningful or more so.

We are the body of Christ. We are all needed to keep the Emmaus experience alive in the present and not just a fond memory. Please pray about where God wants you to serve. Prayer is of utmost importance, as it guides the rest of the things that happen (or don't). Fill out the Willing Servant form. Let our Emmaus leadership know where you feel led to serve. And if you feel led to serve but don't know where, let them know that too! They can pray with you to find a good fit.

Remember 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 keep Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus active. Are you counting on Him for direction?

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

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