



September 2026 Newsletter

Hello Emmaus Family!

When I stop and think about what that represents for the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus community, I am honestly at a loss for words. For 20 years our community has been gathering, serving, praying, singing, sharing, encouraging, and walking alongside people as they encounter Christ.

Twenty years. **20 Years of Changed Lives**

How do you measure the impact of lives changed? How do you count the prayers that were prayed, the tears that were shed, the burdens that were carried, the friendships that were formed, the marriages strengthened, the faith renewed, and the people who went home from a Walk determined to live

differently?

We can't.

Because what began 20 years ago was never really about weekends. It was about creating space for God to work in the lives of His people. And He has worked!

Through every volunteer who said yes. Through every person who served behind the scenes. Through every speaker, musician, prayer warrior, sponsor, cook, team member, and all those that support us. Through every pilgrim who walked into the weekend unsure of what to expect and walked away knowing that they were deeply loved by God.

This anniversary isn't simply a celebration of where we've been. It's a reminder of the faithfulness of God and an invitation to ask, "Lord, what do YOU want to do through us next?"

As we celebrate this incredible milestone, we give thanks for where God has brought us—but we also look forward to what He still has in store.

Our upcoming Walk teams are currently in training and preparing for the weekends ahead. **Now, we are looking for pilgrims!** If you know someone who could benefit from stepping away from the busyness of life to spend intentional time with God, please consider sponsoring them for an upcoming Walk.

After 20 years, the story isn't over. There are still lives waiting to be touched, hearts waiting to be renewed, and people who need to know they are deeply loved by God.

Let's celebrate what God has done—and continue saying yes to what He wants to do next.

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" — Luke 24:32

De Colores!

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!

Friday September 11th

Waynesville Missionary Baptist Church

25486 US-82, Waynesville, GA 31566

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
Community Gatherings or Walks, please contact
Brian Vigue at **904-894-6753** or **bikerbrian@tds.net**.

Unity in Ideals

The ideals of Christ are straightforward. In Matthew 22:36 someone was resourceful and curious enough to ask

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” And in verses 37-40 Jesus gives His response.

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (New International Version).

In Matthew 5:43-48 Jesus says:

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (NIV)

And in John 13:34-35, after washing the disciple’s feet Jesus tells them:

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

So, in a nutshell, Jesus’ ideal is love. What does loving like Jesus look like? The old “WWJD – What Would Jesus Do?” is a great place to start. Jesus would eat with tax collectors and sinners. He would meet a woman at a well and express compassion. He would forgive a woman caught in adultery. He would welcome children. He would pay taxes. He would cook. He would listen to questions and respond with patience. And, yes...occasionally he would flip tables and use a whip to clear the temple.

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 share His love. Are you counting on Him for direction?

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

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