



GOLDEN ISLES  
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## January 2024 Newsletter

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Chairman Letter January 2024

Happy New Year Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Community! I hope this finds you well and enjoying time with family and friends this holiday season.

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I would like to announce that Anne Wojcik has been elected by the board to be the 2024 Board Chairman! I look forward to working with her and the rest of the board this upcoming year. Anne currently serves as our Team Selection Chair; we will have to fill this position now that she will be accepting the role as Board Chairman. If you are interested in serving as Team Selection, please reach out directly to Anne([annewojcik59@gmail.com](mailto:annewojcik59@gmail.com)) or me ([qiwtechair@gmail.com](mailto:qiwtechair@gmail.com)).

Also, we are still in need of a Community Spiritual Director. This is a position that is critical to our community. Unlike many of the other board positions, it is a one-year commitment, and you must be an ordained or licensed minister to serve. If you are interested, please contact Andy Amason at (912-270-7790) or [snowman@darientel.net](mailto:snowman@darientel.net) for more information.

Earlier this week I had a wonderful meeting with Donna Highley, our Emmaus District representative. Our conversation put my mind at ease; I hope it does for you as well. Here is a snippet of her email summarizing our discussion:

“...On the other subject of our conversation, I would like to reiterate that the Emmaus Ministry is NOT under the umbrella of the UMC doctrine, but is "a program of The Upper Room, an International, Ecumenical and Inter-Denominational ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual life of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. The Emmaus Ministry uses the Upper Room to be our publisher of our manuals and other printed materials. The EM is an Ecumenical Ministry and all denominations are welcome to attend, thus because of the recent "Disaffiliation" movement within the UMC the "statement" to be added to page 8 in the 3 Day manual was added. There is no hidden "agenda" in this statement, actually the opposite, those coming with an "agenda" need to leave it "at home" and come be "Renewed" Disciples to strengthen the local church". Which is our Mission Statement, nothing else. We were, we are and we plan to be the same Ministry we were developed to be for 45 years. This verse came to mind as I am writing this email. "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." Eph 4:15...”

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In addition, Sherry Casey, our Registrar, reported at our last meeting that we continue to see an increase in the receipt of pilgrim applications. Thanks to all of you that have been pushing to get these turned in! We currently have applications for 21 women and 14 men, praise God! I encourage all of you to continue to pray about sponsorship and then step out in obedience to the Lord's prompting. Getting the pilgrim signed up helps tremendously in building our pool of pilgrims; ensuring that we can hold future walks too!

In closing, it has been a sincere pleasure to serve as the GIWTE Chairman. I look forward to serving alongside next year's board and the community wherever the Good Lord leads us!

De Colores,  
Wade Conaway  
GIWTE #33  
Table of Matthew

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## ***COMMUNITY GATHERINGS***

**January 5th, 2024 @ 7pm**  
**Waynesville Missionary Baptist Church**  
25486 Highway 82  
Waynesville GA

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 **Theresa Richards Vigue** at 912-882-7660 for more information regarding what is required of a host church. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at Community

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Gatherings or Walks, please contact [Sandi Finn Snider](#) at 904-465-6623.

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## Upcoming Dates

### Spring Walks

Men's Walk  
April 18-21, 2024

Women's Walk  
April 25-28, 2024

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### **Renewal**

As 2024 begins, many people will make New Year's resolutions hoping to be healthier, kinder, in general better in the new year and beyond. I have

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often seen memes and hashtags that promote “Better Together.” I believe the hymn “We Gather Together” provides insight as to why that is so.

### We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
the Lord was at our side – the glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Matthew 18:20 provides additional confirmation that we are, indeed, “Better Together.” For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

This is why our Emmaus Reunion Groups and Gatherings are so important. It is in gathering together that we are nurtured and strengthened in our faith. Our Reunion Groups hold us accountable and provide an opportunity to ask for prayer for our personal needs. The Gatherings remind us of the “cloud of witnesses” who are encouraging us to become all God created us to be. (Hebrews 12:1-2 1Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.)

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I suggest that as we enter 2024, we not “hit the ground running,” but instead take time to be still in Christ. Let Him hold us and stop struggling to do things in our own strength. Reach out to those you know who are experiencing life’s hardest storms. And if you are in the storm, allow yourself to be vulnerable. Ask for the help you need. You will be surprised how people will lift you up and refuse to allow you to call yourself a burden.

DeColores, Emmaus Family. I hope to see you all soon.

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

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### **SPONSORING A PILGRIM AND YOU**

Sponsorship – is a privilege and a responsibility.

Sponsoring a pilgrim for a walk is the most important job in our Emmaus Community as God uses us as His hands and feet to build up the Body of Christ. Sponsorship is a truly amazing privilege but is also a huge responsibility. What a privilege it is to introduce or reintroduce someone to Christ through a Walk to Emmaus. When you have attended Walk closings, you have witnessed with your own eyes and ears the wonderful experiences of so many who have been blessed in exciting ways by being a part of an Emmaus weekend. Sponsorship is also a huge responsibility, one that should not be considered lightly. The act of sponsorship should be bathed in prayer because it is truly God who should decide who we will sponsor, when is the right time to extend the invitation and when a pilgrim should attend a walk weekend.

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (NLT)*

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Anne Wojcik  
South Georgia/Coastal Walk to Emmaus #30  
Table of Rebekah



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 [giwtoreuniongroup@gmail.com](mailto:giwtoreuniongroup@gmail.com)  
Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!  
Connie  
Reunion Group Chair

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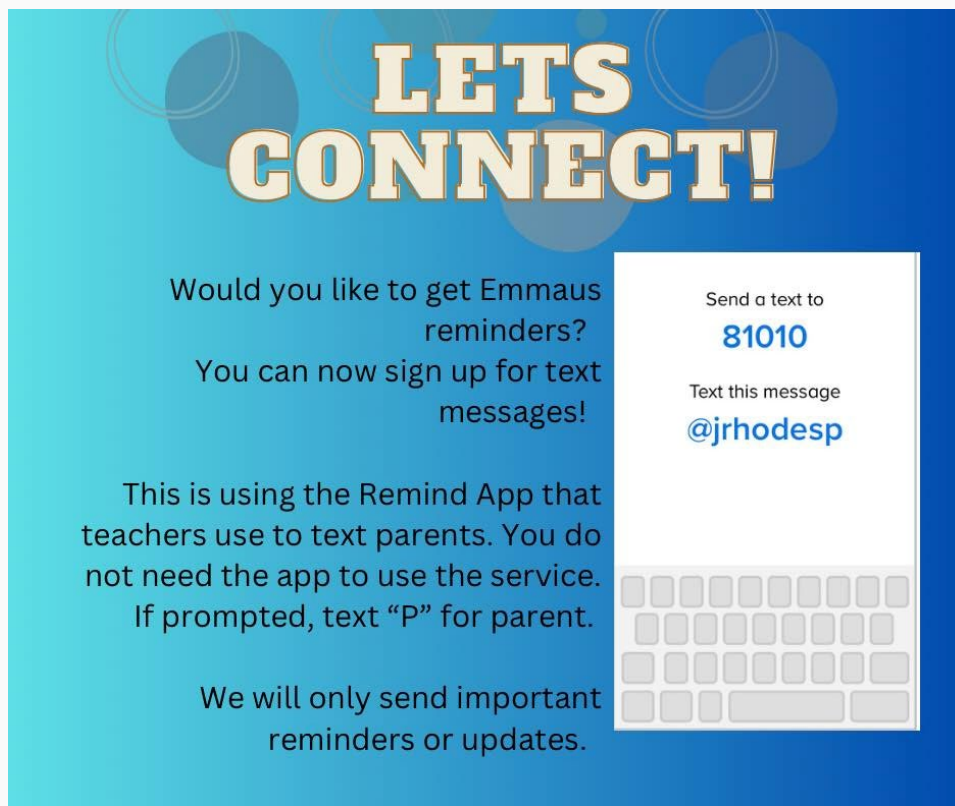
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