



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

March 2024 Newsletter



Golden Isles Emmaus Community,

Here we are, coming up on the month of March. 2024 isn't slowing down and each day seems to be passing at a faster pace. This month is most notably known for St. Patrick's Day and then there is a list of many "Awareness Days". One is, **Won't You Be My Neighbor Day**, celebrating Fred Rogers and his best quotes. One of his quotes I thought was especially good, "If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."

Last week I let the community know (in a Facebook message) we would not be having Spring Walks. Not due to lack of pilgrims, but to a challenge I have not seen nor encountered in my 30 years of being a part of the Walk to Emmaus community. We struggled to find willing servants to work the walks, most importantly key positions to hold walks. While struggling with the words to convey this message to the community I was going back to the beginning of the Prayer to the Holy Spirit – Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

I was the 4th day speaker at a recent gathering, I talked about how in today's world it is easy to get busy. Some of the busyness of life impacts our availability to serve our Emmaus community or some might just be tired thinking, "I've done my time, younger folks need to step up". Our community needs the hands and feet of all whom Jesus is calling to serve Him in Jesus' unhurried way of life.

I was reading through Sustaining the Spirit (from the Emmaus Library Series) and came across these words – Paul wrote, "Be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable, and perfect" (Romans 12:2). The intentional service and ministry of God's people comes through awareness of the stirrings of our hearts and minds and listening for the voice of God calling us into faithful response.

The Emmaus Community and willing servants are vital to holding walks and ministering to pilgrims on a walk. The Board will be focusing on revitalizing our community in the months ahead and we are asking for you, our community, to be involved alongside us. Whether your involvement is a message to any of the board members, praying for our community or by attending a board meeting, we appreciate any help our community can give. Board meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of every month, and we are meeting at Kingsland First Methodist Church.

Our next Gathering is March 1st at Community Church (at the Glynn Place Mall), come and gather with us.

Be in prayer for our Emmaus community.

De Colores!
Anne Wojcik

DID YOU KNOW...
EMMAUS IS ECUMENICAL!!!

Ecumenical is defined as: a body of Christians of, relating to, or representing the whole of a body of churches OR promoting or tending toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation



Our Future

It was with deep sorrow that I learned that Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus walks for April had to be cancelled. Not due to lack of Pilgrims, but lack of leadership support from our Emmaus community. I believe Covid did us in. It separated us and got us out of the habit of meeting together. Our leaders have done their utmost to get us meeting again. I know they covet your prayers as they strive to revive us.

Try to recall your Walk to Emmaus. My husband Keith participated in Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Number 1. I followed a week later at Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Number 2. Keith came home excited about his experience. He didn't tell me much about it because he didn't want to detract from the beautiful surprises he knew I would find.

I left for my Walk with fear and trepidation. I've never done well in crowds. And it's far worse when it's a crowd of people I don't know. But as I boarded the departure bus, Lucy Hunter and several other people sang the departure song with gusto. I wish I could remember the words that comforted my heart so much that night. I can't, probably because I myself have been away from Emmaus too long. But the memory of Lucy's face and the love in her eyes comes back to me with no effort.

Meals and activities throughout the weekend opened my eyes and heart to God's work in myself and the other women at my Walk. When we reached our Fourth Day and had the opportunity to speak about what our Walk to Emmaus meant to us, I was able to share my thoughts in front of everyone and on my own. Previously I'd had to have someone standing next to me to give me the courage to speak.

The ceremony where a leader shared individually "Christ is counting on you" with the personal response "I am counting on Christ" was a defining moment for me. It helped me see that Christ has a job for me to do. He is counting on me to do it. And I am counting on Christ to give me the opportunity and means to do what He calls me to. As each of us does what Christ is counting on us to do, and supports others in what Christ has called them to do, we can't help but become Better Together.

How good and pleasant it is

when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1.

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

Trisa Chancey

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2

Table of Mary



NEWS FROM YOUR 2024 MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hi. I am Brian Vigue, Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #3, Table of Matthew. I am very happy to be serving our Emmaus community in the area of Music Worship. There are two things I would like to share with you.

First, I used to get disappointed when I would go to a monthly gathering looking forward to worshiping with my Emmaus family. But often times when the music started, I would find that I didn't know the songs. Have you ever felt that way. Well, I am working to fix that. In the future, I will be posting videos on our Facebook page several weeks prior to a gathering with the music and lyrics to the songs we will be singing. So, no more excuses for not singing!!! Just locate my post, play the video, and sing along to learn and/or practice the song. Now we will get to worship together and feel the love of the Lord within us

together.

Second, we have a real need for female musicians. As you know, the previous Music Director posted constantly seeking female musicians, especially guitar players (we favor guitars as they are a very mobile instrument) but keyboard players are good too. Because we have not had much success in obtaining female guitar players, I am going to make an offer. Any female that has access to a guitar and associated equipment (picks, capo, strings, etc.) I would be happy to help you get started in your new music career by offering you lessons. Let me know who you are and your location and I will try to arrange a meeting location or maybe we can do it on a Zoom call. However, know that it will take practice and patience and it will come with some pain in your fingertips until you develop calluses. In return, I will expect you to eventually play gatherings with me, solo at gatherings, and lead music on upcoming women's walks. Please consider stepping out of your comfort zone and serving our Lord in this ministry. Who knows, you may be the next Taylor Swift (If so, I'll expect a cut of your profits to go to Emmaus.... haha).

If you have any questions or I can do anything for you, please contact me at: bikerbrian@tds.net or 904-894-6753.

I look forward to serving with you in the future.... De Colores!

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

March 1st, 2024 @ 7pm

Community Church in Brunswick

181 Mall Blvd

Brunswick GA

(located in the Glynn Place Mall by Planet Fitness)

April 5th, 2024 @ 7pm

Kingsland 1st Baptist Church
295 E Chester St.
Kingsland, Ga 31548

May 3rd, 2024 @ 7pm
St. Simons United Methodist Church
624 Ocean Blvd
St. Simons Island, Ga 31522

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](tel:904-894-6753) or bikerbrian@tds.net.

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)

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
Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!
Connie
Reunion Group Chair

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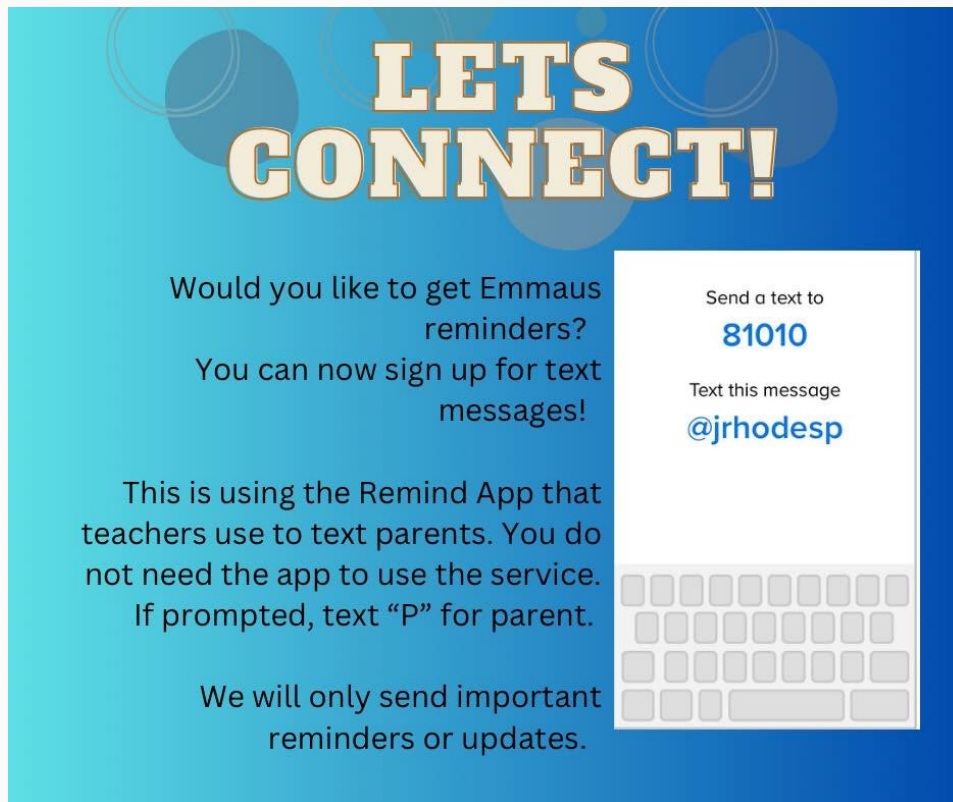
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