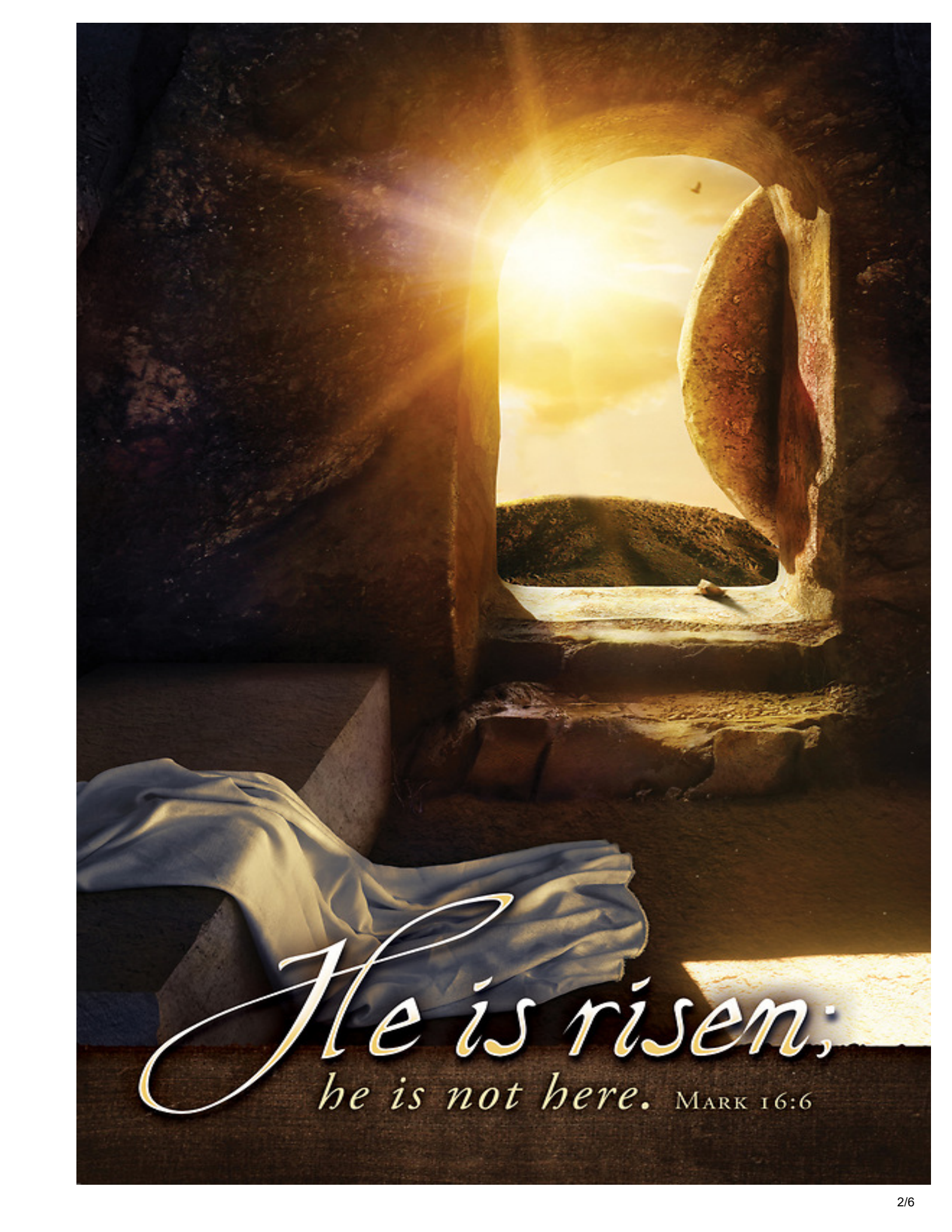




April 2026 Newsletter



He is risen;
he is not here. MARK 16:6

Free Leadership Training

DATE: May 16, 2026

TIME: 9am-12noon

WHERE: TBD

Our Golden Isles Emmaus family is in for a special blessing! Fellow community member John Bostain—nationally recognized law enforcement trainer and CEO of Command Presence—has graciously volunteered to lead a leadership training on Saturday, May 16th. We're still finalizing the location and will share details as soon as it's confirmed. In the meantime, go ahead and mark your calendars and make plans to join us—you won't want to miss this incredible (and free!) opportunity to grow, learn, and serve together. Stay tuned for more details, and invite a friend from the community to come along!

Hello Emmaus Family,

As we step into April, our hearts turn toward the hope and renewal of Easter. This season reminds us that through Christ, all things are made new. Hearts are restored, faith rekindled, and communities strengthened.

Easter is not just a moment... it's an invitation. An invitation to experience resurrection in our own lives and to breathe fresh life into our Emmaus community.

And that's exactly what we're leaning into this month!

We're taking a few exciting steps forward:

We're excited to share that our Facebook page is now open to everyone! This is a big step toward growing, reconnecting, and making space for more people to experience the love and fellowship of Emmaus. We'd love for you to join in, engage, and invite others along the way.

Your Voice Matters!

We'll be sending out a community survey soon—be on the lookout! This is your chance to share your heart, your ideas, and your experiences. As we look toward the future, your feedback will help guide how we grow, serve, and stay connected as a community.

April Gathering:

Join us on April 10th at 7 PM at Kingsland First Methodist Church—we'd love to see you there! Kingsland Family, this one's for YOU — don't miss it!

Just like Easter brings new life, I believe God is doing something fresh within our Emmaus community. Whether you've been involved for years or it's been a while since you've plugged in, this is a beautiful time to re-engage.

He is risen... and He's still moving in our midst!

De Colores!

-Angela Dunn

Community Lay Director

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Friday April 10th, 2026 7pm

Kingsland First Methodist
120 East William Avenue
Kingsland, GA

Friday May 1st, 2026 7pm

TBD

Saturday May 16th, 2026 9-11am

Free Leadership Training

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 mbfmoreno@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.

Unity in Friendship

I enjoy reading, which likely adds to my enjoyment of writing. Recently I read *Of Family, Faith and Friendship* by Mary Hollingsworth. Within that book she shared a poem she'd written called "The Bridge" that she'd shared previously in her book *Just Between Friends*. With this year's newsletter focus on unity and bridges, I thought it appropriate to share her poem with you:

The Bridge

By Mary Hollingsworth

Of Faith, Family and Friendship, page 113

Friendship is the bridge
between lonely and loved,
between a glance and a gaze.
It stretches from the fog into the sunshine,
from hopelessness into faith.
Friendship spans the gulf
between despair and joy,
between girl and boy.
It crosses the chasm from hell to heaven,
from God to man,
and from you to me.

Jesus is our friend who sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). He gazes on us with the purest, most sincere love there is (John 3:16). Jesus bridged the gap between our sinfulness and God's purity (1 Timothy 2:5). By leaning into His friendship we can learn to be godly friends to others.

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 build bridges. Are you counting on Him for direction?

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

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