



August 2026 Newsletter

Hello Emmaus Family!

As summer begins to wind down and students head back to school, many of us find ourselves settling back into routines. August is often a season of preparation—a time to look ahead to what God has in store.

Here in our community, we are also preparing. Lay Directors and the team selection committee are diligently working to build teams for our upcoming Walks. Every phone call, every prayer, and every "yes" helps create an environment where pilgrims can encounter the love and grace of Jesus Christ in a powerful way.

If you receive a call inviting you to serve, we ask one small favor. Please respond, even if you're unable to serve. A quick phone call, text message, or voicemail lets our leadership know you've received the invitation and allows us to continue planning. We completely understand that work, family, health, and other commitments sometimes make it impossible to serve, but your response, whether yes or no, is a tremendous help in the process and is greatly appreciated.

As Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:23:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Whether God is calling you to serve on a team, pray for a Walk, support agape, sponsor a pilgrim, or simply encourage someone in our community, every act of service matters. The Kingdom is built one faithful step at a time.

Please continue praying for our Lay Directors, team selection committee, and for those God is already preparing to attend these upcoming Walks. We trust that He is working long before the first candle is lit or the first talk is given.

May God bless you and your family as we enter this new season. We look forward to gathering with you on Friday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. at The Foundation in Nahunta for our monthly Gathering. Bring a favorite dish to share, invite a friend, and come ready for a wonderful evening of worship, fellowship, and encouragement.

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



Our Agape Teams Need Your Help!

As we prepare for our upcoming and future Walks, our Agape Team is beginning to gather supplies for the many crafts, letters, and special touches that help make the Emmaus experience so meaningful.

With back-to-school sales happening right now, this is a great time to pick up a few extra items if you're able! Every marker, glue stick, and piece of cardstock helps us bless our pilgrims in a tangible way.

If shopping isn't your thing, or you'd rather contribute financially, that's perfectly fine too! You can send a donation via PayPal or Venmo directly to the Agape Head, and I'll purchase the supplies we need.

To donate via PayPal or Venmo, please message us or see the information below. Or message Penny and she can meet up with you. Items can also be dropped off during Gatherings.

PayPal: @Penny328 or jpclark3400@gmail.com

Venmo: @Penny-Clark-12

Please include "Emmaus Agape Supplies" in the memo line if possible.

Or another option is to shop our [Amazon Agape Needs List](#)

No gift is too small—when we all do a little, it becomes a tremendous blessing for our Walks.

Thank you for helping us share God's love through Agape. Your generosity makes a difference!

De Colores!

Penny Clark

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

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

Friday August 7th

The Foundation

105 N Main St, Nahunta, GA 31553

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

Mindy Finholm Morris
She faced her fears.



She clung to Jesus.



She embraced transformation.



She is home.

September 23, 1980 – June 27, 2026

A candle has been snuffed out. To her life was a grand adventure, and her obituary states that to her “the world was a magical place full of beauty, inspiration, and joy.” She spread that joy wherever she went. A song was written about her that contains the chorus, “Shine on, your lantern’s here. Have no fear cuz you lit it for us. We’ll ride strong cuz you taught us how to live out loud even when it gets tough.”

This candle was part of our Emmaus community, although her Walk took place in New Mexico. Her mission that she lived out so adeptly was to help people feel “seen, valued, and heard.” The people who spoke at her Celebration of Life service shared story after story of how her values impacted their lives. One of my favorite comments was that she told someone they needed “more silly in their life.” Bright colors and costumes were the dress code for her homegoing celebration.

Her daughter – not yet 18 years old – shared the impact growing up within that light has had on her life. She intends to live out her mother’s mission of helping people feel “seen, valued, and heard,” and she tasked the rest of us to do the same.

So...who was this light? She is my sister Mindy. The baby of our family. These paintings she created over the course of her cancer journey tell her story. You are welcome to use them as a guide for your next difficult period in your life...or the one you’re in the midst of right now.

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. Mindy’s life of helping people feel “seen, valued, and heard” created many strong bridges. I know she counted on Christ through it all. May we do the same.

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

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