



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

July 2026 Newsletter

Hello Emmaus Family,
"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."
Galatians 5:1

This year our nation pauses to celebrate an extraordinary milestone—250 years of America. We are grateful for those whose courage and sacrifice have preserved the freedoms we enjoy today.

As Christians, we also celebrate an even greater freedom—the freedom found in Jesus Christ. Through His love and sacrifice, we have been set free to live with hope, serve those around us, and share the Good News with others. Emmaus exists to remind us of that calling.

Every Walk, Gathering, Reunion Group, and act of service helps rekindle the fire of faith in someone's heart. Every willing servant who says "yes," every sponsor who encourages a pilgrim, every community member who shows up faithfully, becomes part of God's work of transforming lives.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Community. What a blessing to look back on two decades of changed lives, lasting friendships, and faithful servants who answered God's call. As we honor those who came before us, may we also ask ourselves how God is calling each of us to help write the next chapter of our community's story.

One of the greatest blessings of both our country and our faith is the freedom to gather together. Join us on the 11th for our July Community Picnic as we celebrate fellowship, food, music, laughter, and the bonds that make Emmaus so special. Whether you've attended every gathering or it's been a while, we'd love to see you there. There's always a place for you at the table.

Thank you for being part of this journey. May God bless you, your family, and our nation.

Happy Independence Day!
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

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COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Saturday July 11 2026

Woodbine Waterfront Park

103 East 1st St

Woodbine, Georgia 31569

Friday August 7th

TBD

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.

Unity in Purpose

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America" – Preamble to the Constitution.

I remember writing term papers in high school and college. Start with the introduction, which states your purpose in writing. The body supports the introduction, and the

conclusion briefly states how the body supported the introduction. That's what our Constitution gives us.

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."*

I had the privilege of spending three of my formative years (third through fifth grade) growing up in Spartan Village, East Lansing, Michigan. My Mom and Dad were attending Michigan State University, and we lived in married housing. MSU is a multi-national institution, and likewise Spartan Village was a multinational community. During our time there we learned to celebrate our differences, to share thoughts, to understand that we won't always agree and we can be friends anyway. I find that a huge contrast to where we are today, as a world, as a nation, as a church.

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? There is plenty of direction for us in the Bible if we take the time to read and meditate on it.

· *Micah 6:8 – Holman Christian Standard Bible*

Mankind, He has told you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.

· *Matthew 22:36-40 – Holman Christian Standard Bible*

³⁶ *"Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"*

³⁷ *He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹ The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."*

As we recognize the 250th anniversary of the founding of The United States of America let's do our part, as Christ guides, to mend old bridges, build new bridges, and keep those bridges in good working order. Let's put into practice our Emmaus lessons and live out our 4th Days with purpose.

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

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