

The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmaus Newsletter



A Message From Our Community Lay Director

Please note that our monthly gathering location has been changed to Lower Northampton Baptist Church 24280 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, VA

Hello Eastern Shore Emmaus Community friends!!!!

It amazes me how quickly the pages of the calendar are turning. It's June already! In only 2 months, teaming for the Fall Walks will begin. I know that our WLD's, Johnny Haislip and Nikki Nelson are busy getting ready and the Selection Committee will be doing their thing for leadership and the rest of the team very soon. If you are considering teaming, now is the time to get those applications in, if you haven't already. Also, think about a person you might sponsor and pray on it and God will reveal if the time is right. Remember the gift you were given when asked to attend an Emmaus Walk. It was and continues to be a life changing experience for me. Remember that Emmaus is designed to build and train Christian leaders in our churches.

When I think back to my childhood, I remember attending a Methodist church in the small town of Upland, Pennsylvania. Every Sunday, my brothers and I would leave for Sunday School at about 8:15. For all those years I attended as a child, there is one memory that stands out above all others. That Jesus loves me. The songs, the scripture and lessons. The art projects and events we did all pointed this out more than anything else. That the Son of God, our Savior, loves me and each and every one of us. After 60 plus years, nothing has changed. I have learned and understand better, the depth of that love. John 3:16 says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life". Today, when I attend church and participate in all the other Christian activities that are part of my life, those seeds of Christian faith that were sewn when I was a child receive the nourishment and sunshine they need to bloom and grow. And it always comes back to that all important truth.....that Jesus loves me!

We have found that it was necessary to change the location of our June 13th gathering from Grace Bible Church in Virginia Beach to Lower Northampton Baptist Church just south of Cape Charles. The address is 24280 Lankford Hwy Cape Charles Va 23310. We will commence with our pot-luck community meal at 5:30 and move to the Sanctuary at 6:30 for our worship gathering. We hope to see you there!

De Colores!!!

Frank Walter ES104 Community Lay Director

June Dates to Remember

Eastern Shore Community Gathering

June 13, 2026
**Lower Northampton Baptist
Church**
24280 Lankford Highway
Cape Charles, VA 23310

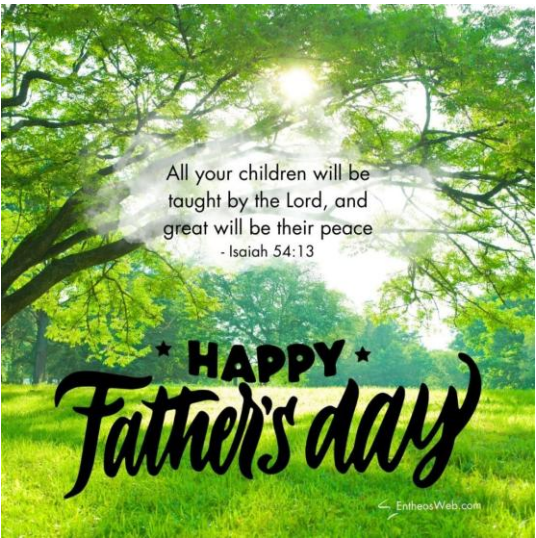
Potluck at 5:30 PM
Gathering and Service at 6:30 PM

ES Emmaus Board Meeting

June 22, 2026
7:00 pm
Craddockville UMC
3346 Boston Rd
Craddockville, VA 23341

All are welcome

Articles from Community
Members are welcome!! Please
submit in MSWord format before
the 20th of the month to:
Jean Baker
Jean.mbakker@cox.net



An Article From Our Spiritual Director



Emmaus June Spiritual Director Devotion

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37- 38

Time to Go Out into the Fields

Here we go into summer, the walks are behind us, we find ourselves with a small break before preparing for the fall walk. It is time to relax from all the time-consuming commitment to Friday night teaming, sponsoring pilgrims and preparing for the fall weekend. But now is a wonderful time to be on the clock as we make our way through the summer. The good news is that it is not an extra call for you to set a time aside to do another task. The task that I am talking about is making your Emmaus task a part of your summer as you go.

How many times have you run into someone in the grocery store, at a ballgame, at church, at a restaurant or any other place, and then you find yourself driving home and asking yourself, “Why did I not mention, inviting them to church, or asking them if they have heard of Emmaus and the Emmaus Walk?”

I have kicked myself hundreds of times for this sad truth in my life. It would not have cost me a single minute of my time. I did not need them to fill out an application on the spot. But the thought never occurred to me. And before I beat myself up over this even if you attempt to beat me up for not doing it, I will ask you this question. How many times has this been you?

Spiritual Director (continued)

Now, I know there are good reasons that come into play, which gives us reason to say, “It just was not the right time to ask them.” We just need to make sure for ourselves that this was the legitimate excuse. How about taking this time of relaxing to pray and ask God if He wants you to be a part of the team or serve in one of the other opportunities that we are privileged to serve.

It all begins with our priorities. My priority may be going to the store, getting what I need and coming back home to take on other important responsibilities that this day requires me to accomplish. Since what I am suggesting will in no way interfere with your priority list for the day. Instead, it requires our minds to walk with the priority of our verse every day of our lives. While I am out each day completing my list for the day, my mind needs to always recognize each person I meet is an opportunity for a spiritual harvest. And pray to the Lord of the harvest that I can be one of those laborers that our Lord is talking about. Begin today! Our teams will be filled; our pilgrim sign-ups will be filled. The job assignments will be filled. And no doubt the prayer list will be first to be filled. Will you be the Lord’s laborer? My prayer is that you and I will be!

De Colores

Joe Barnes – E.S. 114



Messages from our Weekend Lay
Directors

I would like to share with the Emmaus Community the wonderful experience I had to be part of the team for ES 130, The Good Shepherd. When we started on this journey 6 months ago I had some ideas what the walk should be about. But I soon realized that God wanted something totally different. I thank the Holy Spirit for leading and guiding the team and those Pilgrims on our journey together down the Emmaus Road. We walked day by day listening to our Good Shepherd explain to us what He wanted each of us to learn on this walk to Emmaus. As the song goes, road gets dark walk by faith. Sometimes that's what we did because only God knew exactly what was going to happen each step of the journey on that Emmaus road. There is nothing sweeter than to watch You make a way. You walked us through the valley but You never steered us wrong. We saw some mighty mountains just up and move.

SO LEAD ON GOOD SHEPHERD LEAD ON!

De Colores

Miles Brittingham Jr WLD

ES 102



Messages from our Weekend Lay Directors

Being selected as the Weekend Lay Director for ES 131 was such an honor and blessing! Serving the Lord in this manner was a wonderful and fulfilling opportunity.

When the Lord revealed the theme of “Surrender All” to me early on, I didn’t realize the true significance this theme would bring me in preparation for the Walk. This theme required every burden, plan, fear, hurt, and desire to be laid down before God. The only way to let go and let God carry you through is by trusting Him wholeheartedly in everything as Proverbs 3:5-6 teaches. When you give “Everything and Nothing Less” to the Lord, He will show up and show off. That is just what God did this weekend.

God truly blessed this Walk with an amazing team whose servant hearts, faithfulness, and willingness to give their time made such a difference. Each person brought unique gifts, compassion, and dedication. With the Lord’s guidance, we worked together in love and unity to support His purpose. Their service to this Walk was a reminder that when people come together with a heart to honor God and help others, incredible things can be accomplished. I am deeply grateful to every one of them.

ES 131 was a powerful and meaningful time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and reflection. All 14 Pilgrims arrived on time and open to what the Lord had planned. It was a privilege to witness each of these women grow in the Lord. Even though the flesh tried to take over, the Lord prevailed repeatedly. Throughout the weekend, both the Pilgrims and the Team experienced moments of worship, prayer, learning, and heartfelt connection. The friendships formed and the lessons learned will continue to impact lives long after weekend has ended. This Walk will be such a lasting memory and will forever hold a place in my heart.



Every member of the Community who helped make ES 131 possible was such a blessing. Even in a thunderstorm, you all showed up for these ladies. All the events were a success and impacted the Walk in such a positive way. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the true Agape love that was shown this weekend.

As we move forward, may we continue to walk in grace, serve with humility, and keep our hearts open to wherever God leads next.

De Colores!

Becky Dennis



Board Members serve a three year term and Board Elections take place in November. **Five Board Members will be rotating off of the Board this year.** Please take some time to pray and consider if serving on the Board is something that God is calling you to do. Requirements:

- Have teamed on a walk within the last 3 years and 2 years have elapsed since you walked
- Have attended a DODU
- Be active in your local church
- Be active and attend ES Emmaus activities

Outreach

June 4 – June 7, 2026	June 11- June14, 2026	June 18 – June 21
Spanish Men’s Walk #111 Houston Bay Area Emmaus The Lodge at Danbury Danbury, TX 77534	SEGA Chrysalis Flight #91 Dayspring Chrysalis Journey Tattnall Campground Claxton, GA 30417	Men’s Walk #13 Malaysia Sarawak Emmaus Methodist Centennial Park Sibu, Sarawak, 96000 Malaysia
Girls Flight # 53 Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Anderson Hills Church Cincinnati, OH 45255	Boy’s Flight #75 West Texas Chrysalis Circle Six Conference Center Lenorah, TX 79749	SEGA Chrysalis Flight #92 Dayspring Chrysalis Journey Tattnall Campground Claxton, GA 30417
Girls Flight #74 West Texas Chrysalis Circle Six Conference Center Lenorah, TX 79749	Men’s Walk #69 New Horizon Emmaus Amherst Christian Retreat Center Amherst, TX	June 23 – June 26, 2026
Women’s Walk # 96 Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Sidney First Methodist Church Sidney, OH 45365	Vuelo # 23 Chicas (Girl’s Flight #23) Comunidad de Crisalida de Puerto Rico Campamento de Obispo Corson Jayuya, Puerto Rico	Women’s Walk #57 Ashland Area Emmaus Cornerstone Methodist Church Ashland, KY 41101
Vuelo # 20 Chicos (Boys Flight # 20) Comunidad Crisalida de Puerto Rico (Chrysalis Community of Puerto Rico) Campamento Obispo Corson Jayuya, Puerto Rico	June 12 – June 14	June 25 – June 28, 2026
June 5 – June 8, 2026	Boys’ Flight #57 and Girl’s Flight #58 Greater Indianapolis Chrysalis Emmanuel UMC Noblesville, IN	Women’s Walk #13 Malaysia Sarawak Emmaus Methodist Centennial Park Sibu, Sarawak 96000 Malaysia
Men’s Walk # 58 Hawaii Emmaus St. Anthony’s Retreat Center Honolulu, Hawaii		Women’s WLK #165 Rushing Wind Emmaus Waka Christian Center Waka, TX

Outreach (continued)

June 25 – June 28, 2026	June 25 – June 28, 2026
Girl’s Flight 53 Central Mississippi Chrysalis 6 Mile Camp Crystal Springs MS 39059	Women’s Walk # 6 Ohio New Covenant Emmaus WCH Grace Methodist Church Washington CH, OH 43160
Women’s Walk # 64 High Plains Emmaus The ARK Amherst, TX	Boy’s Chrysalis Flight #115 North Georgia Chrysalis The King’s Retreat Dallas, GA 30132



T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Cap, Visors and Pens with various ES Emmaus logos are available for purchase. If you are interested in buying any of these items, please contact, Curt Dennis, Jr. and he will make arrangements to get them to you. He will take orders from you and will deliver them to you at the following gathering.

Curt Dennis
443-783-1892



Why a June Wedding?

June’s status as the peak wedding month blends ancient history, agricultural traditions and modern convenience.

The enduring popularity of being a “June Bride” comes down to several factors

The month of June is named after the Roman goddess Juno who was the goddess of marriage and childbirth. Tradition held that marrying during her month would bless the couple with happiness, prosperity and fertility.

During the middle ages people took their annual baths (!) in late spring. June was a time when everyone was as fresh and clean as they were going to get.

In agrarian societies, a June wedding meant summer pregnancy. This allowed the bride to recover from childbirth by the following spring ensuring she was strong enough to help with the heavy lifting of harvest.

June offers warm, pleasant weather that is ideal for outdoor gatherings.

The start of summer break from school makes travel significantly easier.

June is the only month entirely free of massive national holidays (except Father’s Day) making guest attendance much more consistent.

Abundant Flowers

Spring and early summer flowers are in peak season making them more abundant and readily available. In Victorian and medieval times brides carried heavy bouquets of fragrant flowers to mask body odors. (In case they missed their yearly bath)

Eastern Shore Emmaus Prayer Chain



Sometimes life can be confusing, and it is difficult to know which decisions to make. Thankfully, we have a Father who has sent his Spirit to speak and lead us through life's winding paths.

He has a plan for each of our lives, and he desires to partner with us to watch it unfold. We can find peace and courage in the direction God brings. Scripture is clear that God continues to speak to us and offer us direction straight from his voice. John 10:27 says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

All throughout the New Testament we see God's people living and working by the direct word of the Lord. The Holy Spirit loves to speak to us and give us knowledge of his plans for us. Our job is to keep our ears open to him and to respond anytime he offers us direction. He longs to lead us daily into the incredible plans he has for us. He longs to direct us into abundant peace, joy, and purpose.

As his sheep we must acknowledge the leadership of our Shepherd and trust in his guidance.

One way that God chooses to speak to and communicate with us is through conversations of prayer. He offers us the privilege to be in his presence constantly through our heart-felt and sincere prayers.

With that in mind, I'd like to invite each of you to join the Emmaus Prayer Team. If you would like to receive e-mails or have prayer requests for the community to lift up, the address to remember is EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com.

Steve Johnson,
Emmaus Prayer Team Coordinator



Sponsorship Corner

This month I want to talk to the Pilgrims (now Community Members) of the last Walks.

Remember those two questions that you talked about at closing?

How did the Walk affect your Life? What are you going to do?

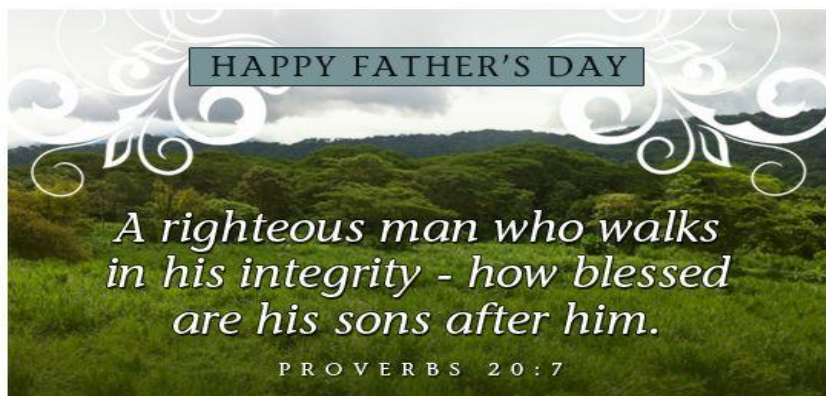
How many of you had ideas about how you wanted to go back to your home church and get involved in a specific area or start a new service to the Community? How many of you wanted to team on the next walk?

My question is, have you done it? Have you gotten involved or filled out a team application?

If you haven't gotten around to it yet I'm suggesting you find a like minded friend and sponsor that person on the next walk, then hold each other accountable to follow up on your idea!!!!

De Colores

Jean Baker ES 107



Directory, Website, Newsletter

Greetings to everyone! The Emmaus directory and website are being maintained by Steve Johnson. Please remember that if you notice errors in the current directory please contact Steve by completing a contact information form on the website (esvaemmaus.com). Please send **any** information you may have such as addresses, marriages, deaths and email addresses on file. Steve has posted a link to the directory on the Eastern Shore Emmaus and Chrystalis facebook page.

Community members may request access to the **Eastern Shore Emmaus and Chrystalis Facebook** page. You will be requested to provide your walk location and date to be allowed in. It is for Community Members Only!

The Walk Way Newsletter will be sent via email as close to the first of the month as possible (provided all requested articles are received). You may submit articles for the newsletter; they will be included (after review) if received before the 20th of the month. The newsletter editor is Jean Baker 757-650-2303 Jean.mbaker@cox.net Please contact me if you wish to be added/removed from the newsletter distribution list, you are not receiving or cannot open the newsletter.

Don't forget this month's gathering and the **change in location**

Saturday June 13, 2026
Lower Northampton Baptist Church
24280 Lankford Highway
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Potluck at 5:30
Gathering and Service at 6:30