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# Happy Valentine's Day

#### **February**

Dates to Remember

Eastern Shore Community Gathering-First Baptist Church, 3710 Depot Rd, New Church, VA. Covered dish at 5:30 with Worship at 6:30.

Eastern Shore Board <u>Meeting</u> – February 26th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Pungoteague Community Church, Belle Haven VA. All are welcome to attend.

<u>Newsletter Articles</u>- Due for March Walk Way (February 20th for March Newsletter) <u>PLEASE</u> <u>DON'T BE LATE!!</u> Please send articles in MSWord Doc. TY.

**15 Pilgrim Application:** Men is February 15th, Women is February 29th

The Team & Pilgrim application fees have now gone up to \$200.

# Eastern Shore Emmaus

An Article From Our Community Lay Director

1 John 4;16 And so we know and rely on the Love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

In this month known for Valentines Day we often think of love. We use it to express the love we have for the important people in our lives. Perhaps we should first acknowledge where true love comes from, God. In loving others as He has loved us we can spread His love around, showing His glory to all. As we prepare for the spring walks let remember the love shown to us on our walks, and pass it on to others.

In all our walks, Christ's love is what we strive to show to not just the pilgrims, but to all. What better expression of that love then to sponsor someone from our churches. If you do not have a pilgrim there is still so much opportunity to share. I am challenging everyone in our community to try something new these walks. Whatever you haven't done in the past, step out in faith and gift something new to God!

And speaking of Love I would like to make a suggestion of a gift of Love we could all make. Everyone involved in our community knows of the special relationship we have with Camp Occohanock. As a board we are asking everyone who is able to give a Love offering to the camp this month. Anything donated will help. The camp provides more than just a location for our walks, it is our home away from home! Lets help support this incredible ministry!

They will know we are Christians by our LOVE!

# John Sutton .

2024 Community Lay Director





# The Walk Way



## An Article from Our Community Spiritual Director

Hello everyone, my name is Pastor Joe Barnes, I am a new spiritual director to the board this term. It is my privilege to bring the February article from our Spiritual Director. Since February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day, I found it fitting to look at the word love for our topic. While we all know that Valentine's Day is a time to speak of our affection for our sweethearts, I wanted to address the struggle that is often related to using the word love in the American language especially. The best place to do that is by referring the very One that is Love. We find this in:

#### I John 4:8 "He that does not love does not know God, for God is love."

We get all caught up with trying to make this love confusing by saying such things as we say we love someone, then we say we love baseball, we love pizza, we love ice cream as if there is no way that we can understand what is meant when we say we love someone. Let us get real! When I tell my wife, I love her, she does not go through the ordeal of asking the question, "Does he mean like ice cream or pizza, no she knows exactly what I mean and to what degree that love really is. And that goes for every relationship that we have when we say we love someone. They know what we mean and to what degree that love really is. "How can this be," you say? It is all about how far we go to show it. You have heard it said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Well, I say that the Bible teaches us that our actions are worth a thousand words when it comes to love. When we tell people that God loves them, the degree that they understand that love is often according to the degree of love we have revealed that God has shown us. To conclude, *I John 4:11* says, "*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*" With that same degree of love.

Pastor Joe



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Outreach

Praise, Praise, Praise! Here are the communities around the globe experiencing their walks. Let's all Praise God for his opportunity and his journey! Praise, Praise, Praise!!!

### 02/01/2024-02/04/2024

Heart of Florida Emmaus Walk #41 Lake Wales, Florida

#### <u>02/08/2024—02/11/2024</u>

North Indiana Emmaus Men's Walk #261 North Webster, Indiana

Heart of Florida Emmaus Women's Walk #41 Lake Wales, Florida

Coastal Carolina Emmaus Community Walk #118 Nort;h Topsail Beach, North Carolina

New Horizon Emmaus Men's Walk #62 Amherst, Texas

Golden Spread Emmaus Women's Walk #280 Wayside, Texas

Dayspring Chrysalis Journey Journey #43 Claxton, Georgia

#### 02/12/2024-02/15/2024

New River Valley Emmaus NRV Face to Face Radford, Virginia

### 02/15/2024-02/18/2024

Great Plains Emmaus Men's Walk #116 Hinton, Oklahoma

North Indiana Emmaus Women's Walk #262 North Webster, Indiana

Blue Ridge Emmaus Women's Walk #95 Flat Rock, North Carolina

Memphis Emmaus Men's Walk #193 Millington. Tennessee

Northwest Ohio Emmaus Men's Walk #75 Maumee, Ohio

Arizona Emmaus Men's Walk #259 Sun City, Arizona

Dayspring Chrysllis Journey Journey #44 Claxton, Georgia

#### 02/17/2024-02/19/2024

Northern Lights Chrysalis Boy's Flight #19 Lebanon, Ohio

Nashville Chrysalis Boy's Flight #119 Murfreesboro, Tennessee Nashville Chrysalis Girl's Flight #120 Murfreesboro, Tennessee

#### 0/21/2024-02/24/2024

Central Alabama Emmaus Women's Walk #220 Dadeville, Alabama

#### 02/22/2024-02/25/2024

Great Plains Emmaus Women's Walk #117 Hinton, Oklahoma

Great River Emmaus Men's Walk #35 Quincy, Illinois

Heart of Carolina Emmaus Women's Walk #151 Smithfield, North Carolina

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Face to Face Men's Walk #110 Madeira, Ohio

Memphis Emmaus Women's Walk #104 Millington, Tennessee

Iowa Walk To Emmaus Men's Walk #158 West De Moines, Iowa

Big Country Emmaus Women's Walk #260 Lueders, Texas

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Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Women's Walk #89 Sidney, Ohio

Rushing Wind Emmaus Men's Walk #154 Waka., Texas

Nebraska Emmaus Men's Walk #142 Cozad, Nebraska

#### 02/29/2024-03/03/2024

Richmond Emmaus Men's Walk#141 Buckingham, Virginia





# The Walk Way



Our next Gathering will be at:

First Baptist Church of New Church 3027 Depot Rd. New Church, VA 23415 COME AND SING WITH US! LET'S PRAISE HIM TOGETHER!

Our meeting will start with covered dish at 5:30 and ending with Praise an Worship at 6:30. Please come and bring a friend! We would love to see all of you!

Let's fill up New Church Baptist with all of our friends and maybe some new ones too! Hope to see you there!





# ONCE AGAIN WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your help in getting our 15 pilgrims applications in by the deadline. <u>The men's</u> <u>deadline is the 15th of February</u> and the deadline for <u>the women's walk is the 29th of February</u>!

PRAY, PRAY, AND PRAY SOME MORE!

Remember God hears our prayers and will answer us if we pray about whom to sponsor!

PRAY, PRAY, AND PRAY SOME MORE!

Sponsorship Corner

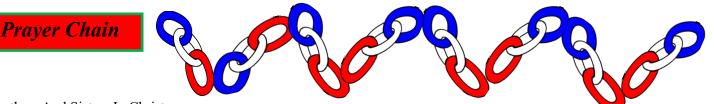
Well we are in month 2 of our 12 year commitment. Month 2 in our calendar set us up for Valentine's Day.

Ahhh! Valentine's Day! That is the time of the year we show the people around us how we love them! Don't you think we can show the people around us how much we love them by sponsoring them on their walk this Valentine's Day? What a gift that would be!

Give someone that application and let God do the work. He knows who he wants on these walks so please do your part and get those applications in.

Ahhh! Valentine's Day! The day we get to show love!

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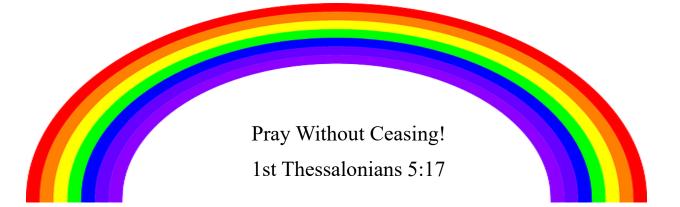


Brothers And Sisters In Christ,

As we enter February and get closer to Valentine's Day I'm sure you've already seen the store aisles that are lined with all of the flowers, candy, and cards that the world tells us should symbolize our love and devotion to one another. While those sentiments are appreciated when we receive those types of gifts, as Christians we have a different perspective on love and how it is shown. "For God So LOVED the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This widely used and well-known verse in the book of John is perhaps the greatest display of love that the Bible gives us. The knowledge that God loves us so much that he sent the perfect, pure, and sinless, lamb into this world of sin to die for our salvation because of his grace and compassion towards us. That is love my friends.

In that same mindset, Jesus tells us in Mark how we are supposed to respond to God's great sacrifice of love. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." He goes on to say to, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. "There is no commandment greater than these." One of the ways that God continues to display his love for us is giving us the ability to come to Him in prayer. Also, in regard to others, one of the greatest gifts as Christians that we can offer to one another is prayer. The knowledge that brothers and sisters are joining us in one mind to pray over the circumstances and the struggles in our lives can make us feel such love and peace in our time of need.

The Emmaus Prayer Team continues to be a great way to join together as a community and offer prayers to one another in love. If you would like to receive updates or have a prayer request, send a message to emmausprayerteam@gmail.com.



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# T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps Visors, & Pens

## WE NOW HAVE NEW SWEATSHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS:

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps, Visors, and Pens are still available for you to purchase for ether yourself or your pilgrims. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Miles Brittingham (info below) 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 after your order is placed.

**Miles Brittingham** 

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WALK APPPLICATION FEE INCREASE



COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

THE 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AFTER MUCH

CONSIDERATION, HAVE VOTED TO INCREASE THE WALK APPLICATION FEE AND THE PILGRIM APPICATION FEE FROM \$175 TO **\$200**. THE INCREASE OF \$25 WAS NECESSARY DUE TO THE INCREASING COSTS RELATED TO THE WALKS. THE IN-CREASE IS EFFECTIVE **IMMEDIATELY**— WHICH INCLUDES THE UPCOMIING WALKS AND ALL FUTURE WALKS. PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPOSIT REQUIRED WITH THE AP-PPLICATION REMAIN AT **\$50** AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE**. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!** 

# Roster, Newsletter, Website

#### "The Walk Way"

A newsletter for the

**Eastern Shore** 

**Emmaus Community** 

Greetings to everyone! The Emmaus Directory is being maintained by Steve Johnson.

Please remember that if you notice errors in the current <u>directory</u> please contact Steve by sending an e-mail to: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com,

<u>or</u> send a note to P. O. Box 91, Franktown, VA., 23354.

Please send <u>ANY</u> updated information you may have such as addresses marriages, or deaths and email addresses. Steve has distributed the revised directory by email.

If you have a current email address on file, Steve will ...email the roster to you. If you need a hard copy let Steve know. It is important to the community to keep the information as up to date as possible. Thank you!!!

You may also request to be a part of the **Eastern Sore Emmaus & Chrysalis** Facebook Page—for community only! Please make sure we know your walk number too, if possible!!

The newsletter will be sent as soon as all articles are received as close to the first of the month as possible!

Articles to be included in The Walk Way are to be sent to the editor on or by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month before it is to be included (January 20<sup>th</sup> for the February newsletter) in the current publication. Thank you so very much! The website is by Steve Johnson and it is up and running.

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Blessings to each of you!

**Gail Deans** 



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