



July

Dates to Remember

Eastern Shore Community Gathering- July 13th, 2024, at Christ UMC, 6260 Church St, Chincoteague, VA, 23336. Covered Dish at 5:30 and Worship at 6:30.

Eastern Shore Board Meeting – July 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Pungoteague Community Church, Belle Haven VA. All are welcome to attend.

Newsletter Articles- Due for August Walk Way (July 20th for August Newsletter)

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!
Please send articles in MSWord Doc. TY.



Eastern Shore Emmaus

An Article From Our Community Lay Director

How is it possible that it is already July! A time for celebration of the independence of our nation! Vacations are happening, Amy & I were blessed to spend a week in NC a few weeks ago, what a wonderful time of rest and relaxation. We are truly refreshed and ready to get back to work, (well, sort of) !

The Leadership selection process has begun for our fall walks, soon teaming will begin again. We need to get the applications in for these walks as soon as possible, please don't wait till the last minute. If you have recently sponsored someone, encourage them to engage in our community. We are all familiar with the phrase " It gets better and better" . In order for this to happen you must participate to experience the blessing He has in store for us.

Ephesians 4 : 11-16

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

We all have our part to play, don't miss out on your blessings!

John Sutton

Community
Lay Director,
2024





An Article from Our Community Spiritual Director

No Such Thing as Partial Freedom

“So, the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus, Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so, the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.” Exodus 14:30 – 31

Here we are in July already and we know the fireworks are about to begin.

The fourth of July, known to us in the United States to be declared “Independence Day.” We know there were some enemies that needed to be defeated for us to have the freedom that our wonderful country has experienced. We reminisce the history of our country and as Christians rejoice over the founding Fathers putting so much emphasis on making God the center of our independence. The greatest freedom was that we could worship the God of our Creation and God of our salvation. And just as God saved Israel from the bondage of Egypt, God saved us from the bondage of sin. But something happened with Egypt, and something happened with us. Let us look at what happened together and hopefully recognize the importance of the Emmaus Community along with Christian Churches in getting us back on track.

Israelites experienced the wonderful miracle of seeing with their own eyes, God dividing the Red Sea so that they could cross over safely. But we all know that time after time they kept saying it would be better if we were back in Egypt. They were saying that bondage was better than true freedom. I do not believe that the Israelites were excited to go back to making and laying bricks, but to them it was better than fighting the Egyptians for true independence. True independence is living a life on God’s terms and enjoying His blessing and fellowship through mercy, grace and love that comes from above. The Israelites really wanted to figure a way that they could get enough independence to satisfy them while staying out of conflict with the Egyptians. Today, in America, we have found ourselves going down this same road of holding on to some form of independence that can satisfy us, while staying out of conflict with the world. In



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other words, we want to enjoy partial freedom. But if true independence (true freedom) is living life on God's terms, partial freedom is just as impossible as partial salvation.

This is why the Emmaus Community is so important, we bring people to the weekends to remind them that God saved them from bondage and that partial freedom still equals bondage and we give each pilgrim an opportunity to remember the freedom that God has already give them and to give them tools to take back the ground that the enemy has stolen. So, Community do not just celebrate our nation's independence but even more so celebrate our independence from the bondage of sin without compromise.

May God bless each of you richly.

DeColores!

Pastor Joe Barnes





TO OUR NEXT WEEKEND LAY DIRECTORS!

Men: Curt Dennis

Women: Amy Austin

**Get those applications in today and show our
support.**

**If you cannot team then there are several ways to
help in the kitchen, clean up pilgrim cabins, etc.**

Let's help these teams out!

Articles From Your Fellow Community Members

What does Emmaus mean to me?

I knew back in 2013, the year of my first introduction to the ES Emmaus, that this walk and experience was going to change me and my life direction forever. It started when I met so many wonderful women, Teamers and Pilgrims, who were so full of love and compassion for everyone and then to actually get to hear and learn about Jesus in an entirely new way! I learned that Grace comes in several different forms and wears many different hats. I was taught that we all have the Grace that GOD has given us and am learning that I can share this Grace with other people I come in contact with, and am being led by the Holy Spirit, to embark on new Journey's to introduce these new people to the Emmaus Walk in an effort to renew their Spirituality, Faith and knowledge of Jesus.

If you had asked me 25 years ago if this is the path I would have chosen for myself, my answer would have been a clear NO. I already had a path in front of me and was moving forward, but GOD had other plans and brought me back to the Eastern Shore and made it possible for me to attend the Emmaus Walk. My walk with GOD has brought me so much closer to HIM than I would have ever thought, but HE found a way to bring me right into HIS plan. GOD knows that I have a strong voice, otherwise what I would have called a Big Mouth, but has been teaching and guiding me in ways that are needed by HIM to share a message that I truly believe is from HIM. GOD is leading me to step out of my shell, or comfort zone, to speak up for things HE wants done for HIS grace.

This new "Journey" or task is a huge ask and I have been praying to GOD with many questions. I keep getting the same answer from HIM. This is a task HE feels is necessary and wants me to do this. I am really nervous and somewhat scared of what I will be facing, but I also understand that GOD is asking me and giving me what I need to accomplish this. I know HE will be guiding me throughout this entire process. GOD just wants to get a message out to HIS children that HE is real and all around us. HE loves and accepts us all, no matter who or what we are or have done.

So if you ask me "What does Emmaus mean to me"? I would have to say that the Emmaus Walks have shown and taught me about grace, unconditional love, consideration, understanding, patience and also has taught me how to love others and walk through my life the way Jesus intended me to utilize my time here on Earth. I totally love what Emmaus is about and want to share it with others as long as I possible can and am looking forward to the new challenges I will be faced with in the future.

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Cristi Medice



Outreach

From Wanda Ward: These ae the Walks for July.

07/09/2024 - 07/23/2024

Heart of Ohio Face to Face
FTF Encounter #8
Ashland, Ohio

07/10/2024 - 07/13/2024

Big Country Chrysalis
Girl's Flights
Lueders, Texas

Big Country Chrysalis
Boy's Flights
Lueders, Texas

Highlands Emmaus
Community of Virginia
Men's Walk
Emory, Virginia

07/11/2024 - 07/14/2024

North Georgia Chrysalis
Girls Chrysalis 107 / YAC 84
Dallas, Georgia

Comunidad Emmaus -
Crisálida / Comunidad
Crisálida (Señoritas),
Vuelo#23
Mexico

Houston North Emmaus
Community
Men's Walk #119
Tomball, Texas

Iowa Walk to Emmaus
Men's Walk #160
Spencer, Iowa

07/18/2024 - 07/21/2024

North Georgia Chrysalis
Boys Chrysalis 110/YAC 87
Dallas, Georgia

Comunidad Emmaus - Crisálida /
Comunidad Crisálida (Jóvenes),
Vuelo #23
Mexico

Highlands Emmaus Community of
Virginia
Women's Walk to Emmaus
Emory, Virginia

High Plains Emmaus
MW #45
Amherst, Texas

Iowa Walk to Emmaus
Women's Walk #161
Spencer, Iowa

Arizona Emmaus
M-261
Flagstaff, Arizona

07/22/2024 - 07/24/2024

Living Water Chrysalis
Women's Flight #1
Wichita, Kansas

07/22/2024 - 07/25/2024

Living Water Chrysalis
Men's Flight #1
Wichita, Kansas

07/25/2024 - 07/28/2024

Nebraska Emmaus
#143 Men's Walk
Norfolk, Nebraska

Arizona Emmaus
W-262
Flagstaff, Arizona



Sponsorship

NOW!

The Questions arise as to the deadlines for applications for pilgrims.

The Answer is **NOW**.

Don't wait until deadlines (two weeks before the start of each walk), because if we don't have 15 applications before the start of the teams (7 weeks before the start of each walk) there will not be a walk. We have a 15 minimum in order to make an attempt to break even for the resources expended.

As community we have gotten into the habit of waiting until the last minute to submit applications. This is a habit that we must break. You know people who will benefit from the Walk to Emmaus experience, we all do. Please pray to see if God is asking you to help this person on their walk with Christ and if the answer is yes, do it now.

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Jean Baker



The Location of our next Gathering:

Christ UMC

6260 Church Street

Chincoteague, VA 23336



Please do not forget our next Gathering for Praise and Worship at 5:30 p.m. on July 13th, with a Covered Dish at 5:30 p.m. and Praise and Worship at 6:30mp.m. Come and join us!

It will be a lot of fun!!!

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

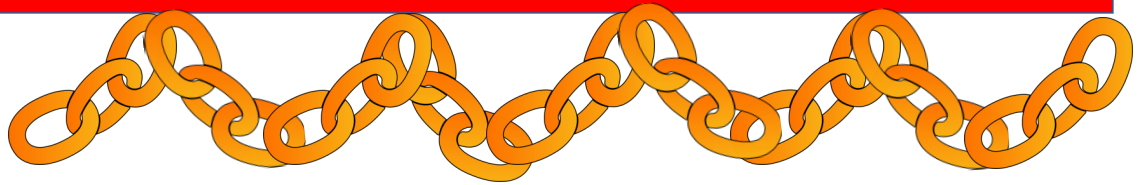
T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps, Visors, and Pens are still available for you to purchase for ether yourself or your pilgrims. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Gene Ward (info below) and he will make arrangements to get them to you. He will take orders from you and will deliver them to you at the following Gathering after your order is placed.

Gene Ward

443-944-2742



Prayer Chain



Trust is foundational to experiencing the incredible life God offers us in relationship with him. Trust is a commodity of the heart that is only truly given when someone or something has been proven to be trustworthy. We serve a God who is perfectly trustworthy. We serve a God who “so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God has already given us everything. He has done more than enough to earn our trust. But no matter how trustworthy God is, we still must make the decision to trust him. No more important decision can be made. To place our trust in God is to anchor our lives on the unshakable, powerful, loving, and resourceful character of our heavenly Father. He alone has the ability to provide for us, heal us, love us, empower us, and save us. He alone is one to trust. When we place our hope in him, we secure our lives, emotions, finances, relationships, and future in a God who wholly cares for us, loves us, and promises to provide for us.

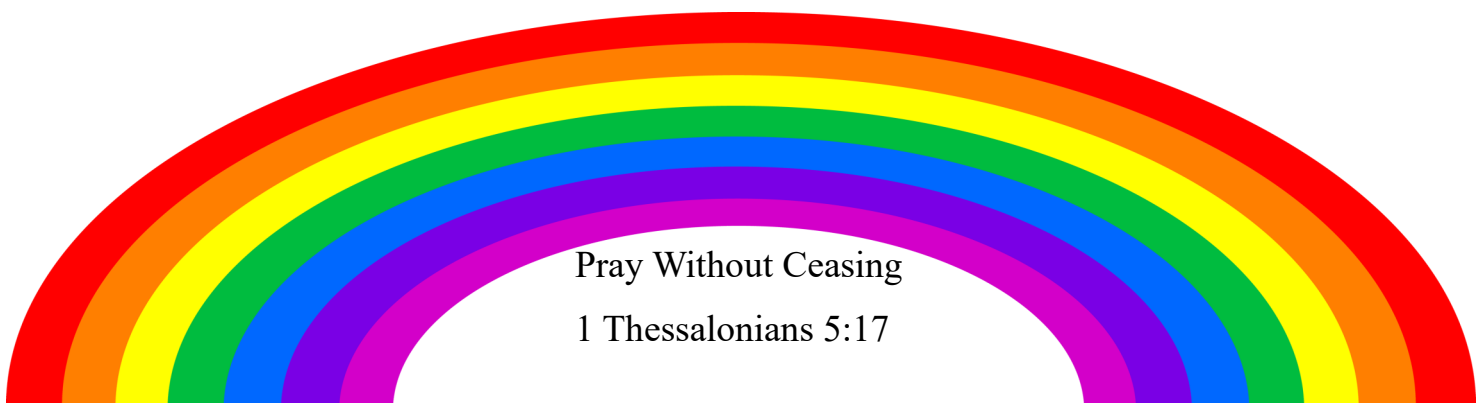
God promises you in Isaiah 41:10, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” You do not have to go through life on your own. You do not have to carve out your own way. You do not have to work to be loved, liked, or provided for. When you place your trust in God, give him your heart, and follow him, you will discover a wealth of abundant life unseen by those living for the world.

One of the privileges afforded for us, when we place our trust in Him is the knowledge of knowing that we can go to Him in prayer. Any situation and every circumstance that matters to us, can be trusted fully to God, because He loves us fully and completely.

With those thoughts in mind, I’d like to invite each of you to join the Emmaus Prayer Team. If you’d like to receive e-mail updates, or make a prayer request, the address to remember is EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com.

Steve Johnson

Prayer Chain Coordinator 757-894-5858



Pray Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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 directory please contact Steve by sending an e-mail

Or send a note to P. O. Box 91, Franktown, VA., 23354.

Please send **ANY** 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 Shore 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 20th of the month before it is to be included (**July 20th for the August newsletter**) in the current publication. Thank you so very much!

The website is by Steve Johnson and it is up and running.

esvaemmaus.com

Blessings to each of you!

Gail Deans



Make Today Amazing

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We are on the web.
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