



## Eastern Shore Emmaus

### An Article From Our Community Lay Director

Hello everyone!

We are definitely coming off of a High Point after these wonderful walks we just had! However, I wanted to mention something that troubled me. We had a wonderful turnout at the day of deeper understanding. However, as time came for the gathering to start I noticed looking out at the crowd, a large amount of people were gone. Even more troubling, was it before we ate, one of the new community members asked me if anything else was going on after we ate. This tells me we have a communication problem. Sponsors need to make sure that their new community members understand what our gatherings are and when they're held. Yes, it's mentioned on the weekend and again at closing, but we know the whirlwind that weekend is. We must communicate about our community. It is so important that we get new community members to engage, in whatever position they feel comfortable, but if they're not told about these things, how can they participate?

Now, before you say it, I know how busy life is. And I appreciate people taking the time and getting community members to the day of deeper understanding, but we are short changing them. If we don't let them know what else is going on.

Now for more positive news! Praying and planning is underway for our fall walks! I know, it's hard to believe, but they will be here before we know it. Now is the time to talk to people about attending the weekend. Giving them applications, and making sure they're sent in. If you were interested in teaming, get that application in also. Let's support these walks early! God has blessed us beyond measure let's work to pass on that blessing to others.

DeColores,

*John Sutton*

Community Lay Director, 2024

### June

Dates to Remember

**Eastern Shore Community Gathering- June 8th, 2024, at Grace Bible Church, 2956 Ansol Lane, Virginia Beach, VA. 23452.** Covered Dish at 5:30 and Worship at 6:30.

**Eastern Shore Board Meeting** – June 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Pungoteague Community Church, Belle Haven VA. All are welcome to attend.

**Newsletter Articles**- Due for May Walk Way (June 20th for July Newsletter) **PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!** Please send articles in MSWord Doc. TY.





### An Article from Our Community Spiritual Director

#### —Summertime, and the living is.....well....not so easy.

As I turn on the news, not surprisingly, it seems all bad. How did we get to this point in society? Where did it all go so wrong? I heard a man once say it started with rock-n-roll music and Elvis in the 50's. (I don't know about that.) He then said the 60's added fuel to the fire with drugs and "free-love." Maybe, he had a point. (I really don't know.)

But, as I think about this, perhaps we got off track about 966 B.C.

Specifically, we started our downhill journey when the Israelites chose not to follow Exodus 20: 1-17. The Ten Commandments:

**You shall have no other gods before Me.**

**You shall not make idols.**

**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet.**

What would the world look like if we followed the Commandments set forth by God? Well, maybe it would look something like this:

1. Godly worship each and every day. Godly worship to the one and only Jesus Christ.
2. Our idols would not be money, our home, our yards, our cars, or anything else. Our devotion would be to the one who died to set us free.
3. So often the name of God is only used when a 4 letter word comes after it. Truly sad. This shows no respect for the one who deserves



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our utmost respect. Respect the Holy name of God.

4. Sunday is just another day for our world. God rested. Why can't we rest in the arms of our loving Savior? Slow down people! Look around and see that God is great!

5. As a society we fawn over little children. We love babies. But how about our parents? Let us never fail to care for our mother and father as they cared for us during our childhood.

6. I would love to live in a society where murders weren't an everyday occurrence.

7. Marriage is not sacred anymore. Turn on the T.V. and you will see society urging us to commit adultery. God help us!

8. Pretty simple. If it is not yours; leave it alone! I would rather lend you something than have it stolen from me.

9. Living in harmony with our neighbors would spread like ripples on a pond. Each life touching another life in a perfectly harmonious way.

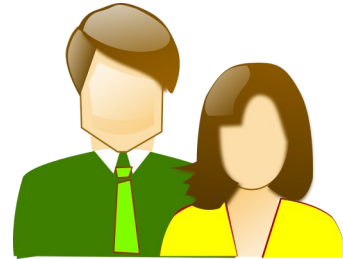
10. Stop wanting what everyone else has. Bloom where you are planted and be thankful for all your blessings.

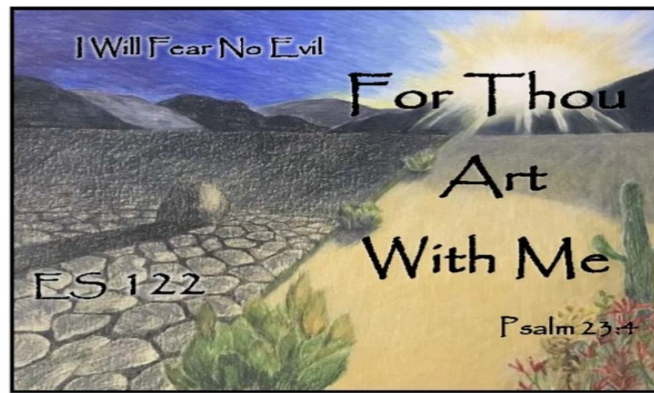
If we want to get back to God, let's start with the Ten

Commandments!

Grateful,

***Pastor Bob***





What an honor and privilege to be chosen as the Weekend Lay Director for ES122. And a truly wonderful opportunity to serve The Lord!

In selecting the theme for the Walk, I immediately thought of Psalm 23. Verse 4 makes the statement that no matter what, God is always with us. That would be the theme...."I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me". Earlier in the year, we sang "It Is Well With My Soul" in church and I felt led to read about it. When I saw the origin, it touched me deeply. It seemed just the right song for the Walk.

Our team consisted of 6 first time teamers, five who had teamed once or twice and the balance numerous times. We had 10 past Lay Directors on the team. Our obvious task through teaming was to blend the vast experience with the energy of the newer teamers. What a wonderful time we had through the 7 weeks leading up to the Walk. The Lord was with us through all of it and we jelled as a team.

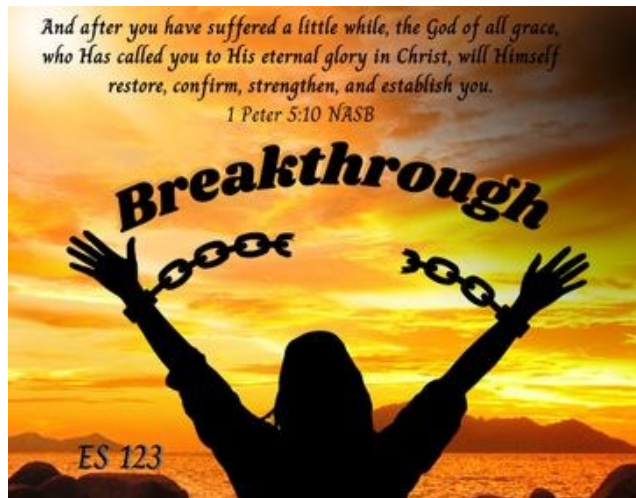
On Thursday evening, we had 22 Pilgrims for the Walk and what a wonderful group of men The Lord blessed us with. With open minds and hearts, we laughed, cried and praised Jesus for all that has been done for us. Before we knew it, we were at the closing in the Worship Center. The Emmaus Walk changes us and opens our eyes in so many positive and wonderful ways as we experience our 4th Day. Truly a blessing to be part of!!!

One particular moment during the Walk that touched my heart. After the Candle lighting, The Team and Pilgrims walked up the hill towards the Lynch Building. At the top, we turned toward the community members and sang the first verse and chorus from our Walk Song.....

When peace like a river, attendeth my way  
 When sorrows like sea billows roll  
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
 It is well, it is well, with my soul, It is well, With my soul  
 It is well, it is well with my soul  
 DeColores!

*Frank Walter* WLD ES122

*Articles From Your Fellow Community Members*



A big **shoutout** and thank you to the community for showing up for ES#123! You were amazing! We had so much agape that the strings broke holding the agape bags! I think that is one for the record books! You showed up for all the events in a big way and made a HUGH impression on the pilgrims. I can still hear them saying “did you see how many people were out there with candles”?

We also had a great turn out for DODU and many want to team and sponsor in the upcoming walks, which is a blessing. The Holy Spirit was truly present and continues to work in all our lives since the walk.

As I shared with you at the closing ceremony, the Holy Spirit had awakened me to the fact that our theme “Breakthrough” was not just for this weekend, but for a lifetime. We need to choose and be looking for Breakthroughs in our relationship with God, one after another. Our heart’s cry should be **2 Corinthians 3:18 “But we all, with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.”** (English Revised Version)

It is only by how we live each day of our lives and by our actions, we bring others to Christ. Thanks so much for supporting us like you did!

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**Outreach**

From Wanda Ward:

**6/03/2024 - 06/05/2024**

Greater Indianapolis  
Area Chrysalis  
Boys Flight #55 and  
Girls Flight #56  
Noblesville, Indiana

Malaysia Sarawak Emmaus (MSK)  
Mens Walk  
Malaysia

High Plains Emmaus  
Women Walk #60  
Amherst, Texas

Dayspring Chrysalis Journey  
SEGA Chrysalis Flight 87  
Claxton, Georgia

Ohio's New Covenant  
Emmaus Community  
Womens Walk #2  
Washington Court House, Ohio

**06/06/2024 - 06/09/2024**

Hi Sky Chrysalis  
Girls Flight  
Stanton, Texas

Hi Sky Chrysalis  
Boys Flight  
Stanton, Texas

Pioneer Country Emmaus  
Mens Walk #156  
Perkins, Oklahoma

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus  
Womens Walk #45  
Tollesboro, Kentucky

New Horizon Emmaus  
Mens Walk #63  
Amherst, Texas

Rushing Wind  
Women Walk #155  
Waka, Texas

**06/20/2024—06/23/2024**

Pioneer Country Emmaus  
Womens Walk #155  
Perkins, Oklahoma

Malaysia Sarawak Emmaus (MSK)  
Womens Walk  
Malaysia

Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis  
Boys Flight #48  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Greater Sidney Area Emmaus  
Women's Walk #90  
Sidney, Ohio

Dayspring Chrysalis Journey  
SEGA Chrysalis Flight 88  
Claxton, Georgia

**06/21/2024 - 06/23/2024**

Western Rockies Emmaus  
Womens Walk #72  
New Castle, Colorado

Lansing Area Chrysalis  
Flight Of Hope Chrysalis  
Michigan

**06/07/2024 - 06/10/2024**

Southern Ohio Chrysalis  
Girls Chrysalis Flight #50  
Portsmouth, Ohio

**06/27/2024 - 06/30/2024**

Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis  
Girls Flight #51  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Houston Bay Area Emmaus  
W-102  
Danbury, Texas

**06/13/2024—06/16/2024**

Dallas Emmaus Community  
Mens Walk #287  
Dallas, Texas



## *Sponsorship*

Sponsorship for Newbies and others:

Do you know how a community grows? By increasing our members! To increase our members, we need pilgrims who walk to become active in the community. Being part of the community includes bringing others to the Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship is another form of agape to our Emmaus Community. Since we have many new community members this is intended to help you through the steps of being a sponsor.



If you have never sponsored anyone but have someone in mind first pray, pray, pray.

Remember that Emmaus is never intended to take the place of a church but is supplementing it. Applicants should already know God but may be looking for a way to learn more or enhance their walk with God.

If you feel that God is encouraging you to have someone walk, approach them and discuss how they would feel about attending a three-day adventure in Christianity away from pressures of the world (including phones, watches and outside distractions). Tell them of the talks covered by lay people and pastors, the music and worship shared by all and the sense of joy and love that is felt by the end of the weekend. Do NOT tell them about the special events (you know what I mean). Do tell them about the Day of Deeper Understanding that will take place on the second Saturday of the month following the walk and ask them to keep that date available.

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Advise them of the camp conditions (rustic, bunk beds that may need a little extra padding)

There is a two-part form to be downloaded from the website ([www.esvaemmaus.com](http://www.esvaemmaus.com)).

The first part of the form is to be completed by the applicant, the second form by you.

When the application is submitted there is a \$50.00 fee to be included. As a sponsor you may choose to pay this or let the applicant pay it. This is deducted from the \$200.00 fee for each pilgrim. There is a scholarship fund available for up to \$75.00 per pilgrim. Please indicate if you need scholarship funds and how much on the application form.

**\$50**

If you don't see the applicant on a regular basis, keep in touch with them, especially as the date of the walk nears. Obtain from them a person to contact in case of emergency.

Without the applicant's knowledge, contact that person and ask for family and friends

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that you can contact for letters of affirmation for their agape bags. Make arrangements to get those letters before the walk. You may also want to provide some extra agape for your pilgrim.

The Weekend Lay Director will be in contact with your pilgrim and the Pre-Weekend chairperson will send them a letter advising them of items to bring.

You are responsible for picking up your pilgrim (they may pack their luggage, but you take charge of it from there) and taking them to dinner before arriving at the camp.

Please do NOT arrive at the camp before 6:30 pm. Upon arrival, check your pilgrim in, get luggage bags and tag all luggage with name and cabin number. Take your pilgrim to their assigned cabin, carry their luggage in and make their bed.

You will then assist your pilgrim back to the Lynch building and help them to start socializing with others until you are asked to leave, and the weekend begins. You will then proceed to the Worship Center for Sponsor's Hour. If you have not completed payment for the weekend you can do so at this time.

If you are not the one bringing your pilgrim to the camp (e.g. you are teaming and are relying on a friend/spouse to bring them, they need to be able to fill your responsibilities and stay for Sponsor's Hour in your place)

Please make sure you are present for the Special Events on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

At closing on Sunday, you can pick up your pilgrim's belongings from the Worship Center and have them ready to go upon conclusion of the events. You should plan upon

taking your now community member to dinner and then home. Make arrangements with

them to pick them up and bring them to the DODU at the gathering on the first Saturday of the month following the walk.

Good luck on your Sponsorship Journey and make sure to get all of the above things accomplished for your pilgrim!

DeColores!

***Jean Baker***



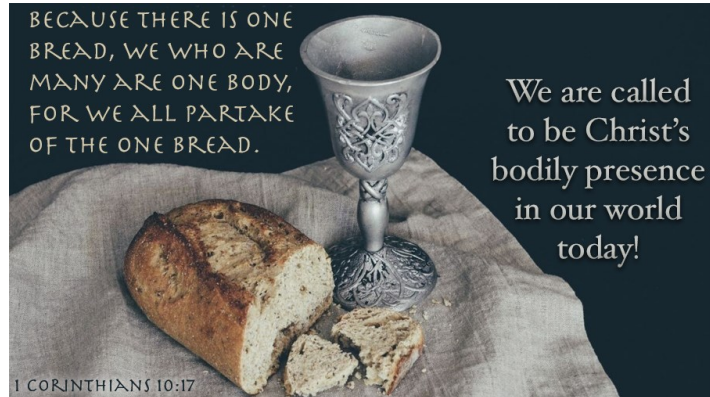


The Location of our next Gathering:

## Grace Bible Church

2956 Ansol Lane

Virginia Beach, VA. 23452



**Please do not forget our next Gathering for Praise and Worship at 5:30 p.m. on June 8th, with a Covered Dish at 5:30 p.m. and Praise and Worship at 6:30mp.m. How exciting to have a Gathering on the other side of the Bay!**

**Come and join us!**

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

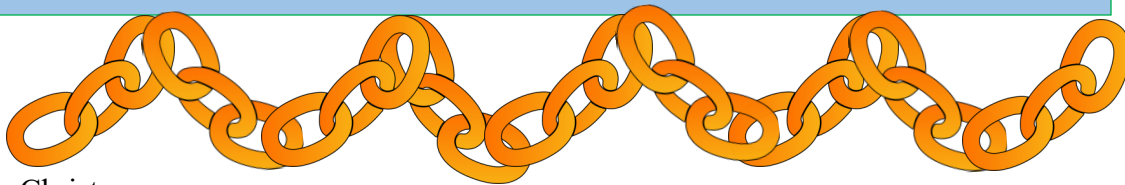
T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps, Visors, and Pens are still available for you to purchase for ether yourself or your pilgrims. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Gene Ward (info below) and he will make arrangements to get them to you. He will take orders from you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

### ***Gene Ward***

443-944-2742



## Prayer Chain



Brothers And Sisters In Christ,

You and I were made to be loved by God. And until we make room to receive the unselfish, unsteadfast, tangible love of God, we'll spend the rest of our lives striving, vying for affection from others. May striving cease today as we receive the lavish affection of our good and loving God. You need to experience the love of God. Perhaps the single most important thing that we can do is receive the love of your heavenly Father. Without being loved by God, you can't fully love him or others. And the Bible says in *1 Corinthians 13:1*, "***If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.***"

You're called to live your life in response to God's love, because God asks that everything you do be done in love. If what you are doing isn't done in love, it is not pleasing to him, and you can't live a lifestyle of loving others without being loved by him first. What's more, God's desire is to completely overwhelm you with his love right now. He doesn't want to love you just so you'll love him back or love those around you. Loving God and others is a natural by-product of receiving God's love. He loves you just because he loves you. He longs for you to live a lifestyle of love because he knows that's the absolute, most fulfilling, purposeful, and peaceful way of life for you. He longs to set you free from the burdens of living for your own gain. He longs to lead you to the path of abundant life.

But it all starts with simply receiving his love. The love of God will guide you, establish you, empower you, and fully delight you. His love will free you, compel you, and sustain you. His love for you is eternal, real, and right now. All you need to do is simply open your heart to him and set aside a little time right now to receive his amazing gift of love.

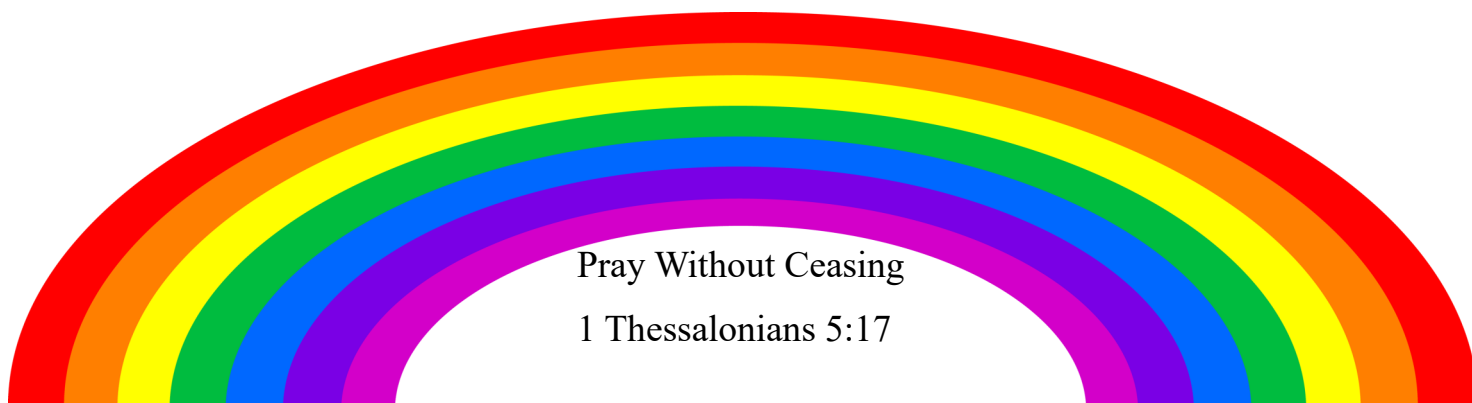
One way that God shows and communicates His love to us, is by meeting us in prayer. He welcomes us into His presence and asks that we that we give him our desires, thoughts, and feeling in a submission of prayer. With those thoughts in mind, I'd like to invite you to join the Emmaus prayer team. To receive updates or submit and prayer request, the address to remember is [EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com) .

DeColores,

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month before it is to be included (**June 20<sup>th</sup> for the July newsletter**) in the current publication. Thank you so very much!



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

[esvaemmaus.com](http://esvaemmaus.com)

Blessings to each of you!

**Gail Deans**



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