

A Message From Our Community Lay Director

January Dates to Remember

Eastern Shore Community

Gathering- Craddockville
UMC, 33464 Boston Rd.,
Painter VA. 23420.
Covered Dish at 5:30
with Worship at 6:30.

Eastern Shore Emmaus

Board Meeting- January
22nd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.,
at Pungoteague
Community Church, Belle
Haven, VA. All are
welcome to attend.

Team Selection

Committee- January 4th,
2024 at 7:00 p.m at
Craddockville UMC.

Newsletter Articles- DUE
for February's Walk Way,
January 20th, 2024.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!!!

Please send articles in
MSWord Document! (TY)

The Team and Pilgrim
applications fees have
now gone up to \$200.00.

Happy New Year!

It is truly an honor to be the Community Lay Director this year. To those who don't know me I have been involved with ES Emmaus since I walked on ES 29, The Battle Belongs to the Lord! My table name was "Anchored in Christ". I was WLD for ES 84 Armor of God. I am currently serving my second term on the board. I have been blessed to serve on several teams.

Ephesians 3:20-21: **"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."**

Over the last year the Lord has been stretching me in many ways, not the least of these being in Emmaus. How many times have we said to others to step out in faith, let go and let God, or any other of the encouragements we use when someone is being called to do what they feel they cannot do. Yet when we find ourselves in these seasons of life do we practice what we preach? It is so easy to take the safe route and let others take the risks. However, it is through these risks that we can grow, and show others and ourselves what He can do when we do not limit Him. We expect a certain outcome when we attempt a task, not thinking that the Lord already knows how it will turn out and how He will use it for His glory.

Isaiah 41:10: **"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Perhaps you have thought about teaming, or sponsoring someone for the first time, but haven't yet done it. Maybe you play an instrument but haven't brought that gift to Emmaus yet. Let's make this our year! Step out and see what He will do with your gift! We need people in every aspect of Emmaus, from praying to sponsoring to teaming to clean up to musicians to board members! As in everything with Emmaus I can tell you that you will be blessed beyond your expectations! I have always been.

I look forward to what the Lord will do this year!

John Sutton ES 29, 2024 Community Lay Director

Article From Our Spiritual Director**Ephesians 4: 1 - 13**

Happy New Year. What a great chance of having a new start, a new beginning, a new opportunity, and a new resolve to make positive changes in our lives!

Some have probably made New Year resolutions: to lose a few pounds, to quit smoking, exercise more or maybe even relax more. And a year from now I wonder how these people will have done. Will they have succeeded in their resolutions, or will they have not?

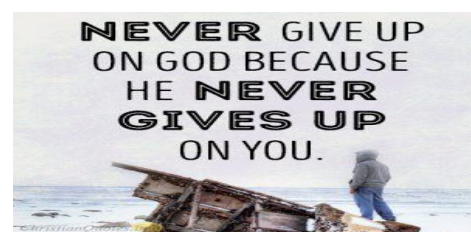
You know one reason why, or an easy excuse for not accomplishing our goals is that time goes by so fast. It seems like no time since we shared Thanksgiving with our family members and friends and now, we are through Christmas and heading into another New Year.

The Bible tells us that our life is like a vapor, here today and gone tomorrow. For this reason, we must be careful how we live, and we must seek to treasure every moment.

There are so many demands of our time that sometimes we don't find time to do the things that are really important, like praying for each other and praying for our churches. So, if we are going to make resolutions this year our first should be to put God first.

Remember: God Never Fails!

Pastor Bob



Articles From Your Fellow Community Members




CAMP OCCOHANNOCK'S
Polar Duck Dip
OUR YEARLY FUNDRAISER TO IMPACT LIVES FOR CHRIST

Saturday, January 20, 2024
11a.m. at Camp Occohannock

 Get Sponsors & **Take the Plunge**
Participate in our **Silent Auction**
Have a **delicious Meal** & More!

NEW! **Zeb Barfield -Auctioneer** will be
leading our Silent Auction!

Register **TODAY** at:
bit.ly/duckdip2024

Prizes ~ Food ~ Family Fun 



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The Polar Duck Dip at the Camp is scheduled for JANUARY 20, 2024 at 11:00 am-2pm in the Worship Center at 9403 Camp Lane. Belle Haven, Va. 23306. It will be a great opportunity for you to help support the Camp, our special spot of “Holy Ground” on the Shore.

You can make a difference by taking the plunge and/or participating in sponsoring someone who is “dipping”. All to raise money to help the camp continue to make a difference in the lives of our community. Again, supporters can help by providing silent auction items, attending the event, taking the plunge, financially supporting a dipper, or by mailing a donation directly to the Camp (9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven, Va 23306). Last year, OOTB gave out nearly \$10,000.in scholarship money to help kids attend camp. The day of the event, there will be food, lots of fellowship, a Silent auction, led by Zeb Barfield, and the Dip! There will be a prize for the one who raises the most money, a gift card from the Island Creamery for a quart of ice cream per month for 1 year!! There also will be additional prizes for “dippers” If you decide to take the plunge, register today at: bit.ly/duckdip2024. Any questions? Please call Joel, Camp Director 757-442-7836.

Sponsorship Corner

And just like that, a new year is upon us. Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Possibly. Possibly not. But let's say you did. Most of us will work hard to keep those resolutions. We'll work hard to keep them for a few months anyway. Sometimes we grow weary of tending to those commitments and we soon give up. But oh how sweet to follow through until the goal is met. Meeting goals gives us great satisfaction! Galatians 6:9 reminds us of this; **So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up.**

That's what Sponsorship is about. Making a Resolution to sponsor a Pilgrim. Then following through the Walk, encouraging your Pilgrim to get involved in Emmaus activities after walking, and become involved in a Reunion Group. Don't forget that ES Emmaus has a sponsorship fund for those who may need a little help financially. And there are others in the community who are willing to lend a helping hand to help you in completing your sponsorship goals.

Happy New 2024!!



De Colores, Sandi Hicks

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

T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps, Visors, and Pens are still available for you to purchase for either 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

410-603-6920

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Please Notice This



Members Fee

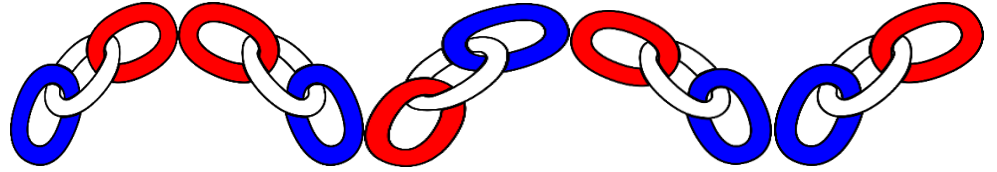
NOTICE – WALK APPLICATION FEE INCREASE

COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

THE 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AFTER MUCH CONSIDERATION, HAVE VOTED TO INCREASE THE WALK APPLICATION FEE FROM \$175 TO **\$200**. THE INCREASE OF \$25 WAS NECESSARY DUE TO THE INCREASING COSTS RELATED TO THE WALKS.

THE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE PILGRIMS HAS ALSO GONE TO **\$200** FOR THE SAME REASON AS FOR THE WALKS STATED ABOVE.

THE INCREASE IS EFFETIVE **IMMEDIATELY** – WHICH INCLUDES THE UPCOMING WALKS AND ALL FUTURE WALKS. PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPOSIT REQUIRED With THE APPLICATION REMAINS AT **\$50** AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

Prayer Chain

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. “ Jeremiah 29:11

Brothers And Sisters In Christ,

As we prepare to begin a new year, we may find ourselves experiencing many different emotions.

From the excitement and hope of new beginnings, to anxiety or concern about what the next chapter of our lives will hold. With these thoughts in mind, I was reminded of the verse above. We can find great comfort and assurance in the knowledge that no matter what our future is, that the Lord has a plan for each of us and He will be there with us every step of the way as we discover what that plan is.

Prayer plays a crucial role in the realization of what God’s purpose is for us. It is a constant opportunity for us to openly communicate with him; to seek his guidance in all things. So, as we move forward in 2023, through the joys and the trials it brings, let us always turn to prayer first and foremost in search of God’s direction for our lives.

The Emmaus Prayer Team E-mails are currently received by more than 130 members of the community. If you would like to be included or simply have a prayer request, please send a message to EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com.

Blessings Through Christ and Happy New Year,

Steve Johnson

757-894-5858

Prayer Team Coordinator



Pray Without Ceasing-
1 Thessalonians 5:17



**Come and let's enjoy good food,
good fellowship, and a good
time by Praising Our Lord
together**

**LOCATION FOR OUR JANUARY
GATHERING!!! Come and join us,
please!**

Our January Gathering will be at:

**Craddockville UMC
33464 Boston Rd.
Painter VA. 23420**

**We would love to see you and all of your
friends too! Bring someone with you!
Remember covered dish is at 5:30
With worship at 6:30.**

Come and sing with us!

Community help is needed!

We need your help in getting 15 pilgrims by the end of January!

Please, please, please, pray, pray, pray!

Send in those pilgrim applications asap!

**You all know what your weekend meant to you so please pass that on
to others.**

**We only have roll-overs and Gordon is in contact with them to see if
they still want to go. Other than that, we are in bad shape.**

**So please do your part and get those applications in! And remember
YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**



Please do not forget that we all love each other and we always will!

Isn't that one of the things Jesus teaches us from the beginning of our lives?

Isn't that the one thing we can show these pilgrims?

Please remember that we love you so much and we will also love the new pilgrims that you entrust with us and Jesus on the weekends!

Please remember that your Community needs you to send us new pilgrims so we can pour out our love on them!

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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 to:

[ESVAEmmausWebmaster
@gmail.com](mailto:ESVAEmmausWebmaster@gmail.com)

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
will distribute the revised
directory by email.

If you have a current email
address on file, Steve will
email the roster to you. 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 (**January 20th for the
February newsletter**).

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

esvaemmaus.com

Blessings to each of you!

Gail Deans



Outreach

**Let us all praise these communities for letting their Walks begin!
Thanks be to God for giving them His opportunity!**

[01/04/2024-01/07/2024](#)

Great Plains Emmaus
Men's Walk #114
Hinton, Oklahoma

[01/12/2024-01/15/2024](#)

North Georgia Chrysalis
Boys Chrysalis #108
YAC #85
Dallas, Georgia

[01/13/2024-01/15/2024](#)

West Tennessee Chrysalis
Boy's Chrysalis #44
Alamo, Tennessee

West Tennessee Chrysalis
Girl's Chrysalis #44
Jackson, Tennessee

[01/25/2024-01/28/2024](#)

Coastal Carolina Emmaus
Community
Walk #117
North Topsail Beach,
North Carolina

Heart of Carolina Emmaus
Men's Walk #150
Smithfield, North Carolina

High Plains Emmaus
The Ark
Amherst, Texas

Rushing Wind
Women's Walk #153
Waca, Texas

Blue Lake Emmaus
Men's Walk #279
Andalusia, Alabama

[02/01/2024-02/04/2024](#)

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



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