



## Eastern Shore Emmaus

### An Article From Our Community Lay Director

#### November

Dates to Remember

#### Eastern Shore Community Gathering-

Camp Occohannock, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven, VA. No Covered Dish but Praise and Worship @7:15 p.m. Special Service at 9:00

#### Eastern Shore Board

Meeting – April 28th 2025,, at 7:00 p.m. at Woodberry UMC, All are welcome to attend.

Newsletter Articles- Due for May Newsletter (April 20th, 2025,) **PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!** Please send articles in MSWord Doc. TY.

I can barely believe we are entering the month of April. The Walks are rapidly approaching just 2 short weeks away and the men will begin their weekend. The men are ready and very excited to begin with the Pilgrims on board. There are 31 Team and 19 Pilgrims. This is an amazing group of men. Thank you Men of 126 for saying Yes to His call.

The women are right there with you men of 126. All are ready, willing and able to serve as His feet and hands just as you are. The women have 31 team and 27 Pilgrims. This means that the women still have 3 openings left which need to be filled by 4/10/2025 the first day of the men's walk.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Pilgrim and listen to God before you ask someone to go on the walk.

Thank you Teams for saying yes to and for accepting your job assignment so graciously. God is in control but we have been given free will, a choice. So Thank you!

The Walk to Emmaus has been an amazing gift to us not only here on the Eastern Shore but all over the world. We are so very privileged to have the most beautiful place in the world to hold our Walks, and that is at Camp Occohannock on the Bay, which is nothing short of a miraculous, Holy ground. Honestly, it was definitely created by our great God. Holy Ground can be interpreted in various ways.

1. sense of awe
2. a desire of spiritual growth
3. a heightened awareness of sin



4. a call to serve others
5. a deepening faith
6. a peaceful heart
7. a sense of divine protection

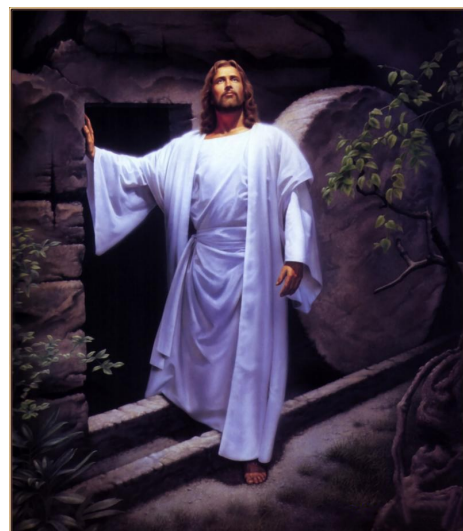
I am sure anyone that has been on the grounds at Camp has felt some if not all of these at one time or another while there. It is Holy Ground.

In closing I pray that all of us have a great month and please come out to support our Teams and Pilgrims during the Walks. Please remember to Pray for the weekend. The Men's Walk begins 4/10, Women 4/24. Remember if you Sponsor someone please have your Pilgrim at Camp by 6:30 on Thursday evening, stay for Sponsors hour right after you drop your Pilgrim off at the Lynch building. It is held at the Worship Center right at camp. This is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a Sponsor. Saturday evening you want to be at the Worship Center at camp around 7:15 pm for the Gathering and later another special service will be happening right at camp. Sunday morning another special service, arrive at camp no earlier than 6 :30 am and no later than 6:45am. Sunday afternoon be at the Worship Center by 3 pm Closing at 4.

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***Wanda Ward***

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### *An Article from Our Community Spiritual Director*

#### **Emmaus April Spiritual Director Devotion**

*The angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed is going before you in Galilee, there you will see Him, behold I have told you."*

*Matthew 28:5 – 7*

#### **I Know you Seek Jesus.**

What an exciting month. We have the men and women's walk to Emmaus. Right in the middle of that we have the celebration of Easter. He is risen just as He said. One of our favorite statements in the "Importance of the Team Member is to have the Pilgrim's to say is after the weekends are over is, "I came looking for Christ and found Him on this weekend."

In some cases a pilgrim finds Christ for the first time. Other pilgrims reconnect with Christ in more authentic way. There are very few times that a pilgrim shows up and is not able to say that when the weekend is over. That is because it is hard for someone to come on that weekend without a desire for something to happen in their life. And that desire is a closer walk with Jesus.

But what is our desire for the pilgrims as they leave after that weekend? Is it not the same thing as the angel? The angel is the messenger, and the angel makes it clear when the angel says, behold I have told you. The team is likewise the messenger, and our message to the pilgrims is this. You came to seek Jesus, and you found Him. Now go quickly and tell your family about Him, go and tell your friends about Jesus. Remember, Jesus did not stay in the camp, He is with you wherever you go. It is important that they go back and immediately share that they came to weekend seeking Jesus and a closer relationship with Him while you are experiencing the excitement of the weekend. And you will want more of Jesus every time you share. My friend, Jesus has risen just as He said He would and now as we celebrate Easter this year let the joy of Lord spill out every where you go. May God bless each of you this Easter.

Declares!

***Pastor Joe***



*Articles From Your Fellow Community Members*

What does Emmaus mean to me?

This question was asked of me several years ago. My answer hasn't changed! I have asked several people in the community to answer it and they did a wonderful job. Now it's my turn!

Emmaus means the WORLD to me, That's why I have teamed so much Just to pay back the love I received from everyone of you is amazing! That is what I received the most on my Emmaus walk and I intend to pay it back. I considered getting all emotional in this article but God has told me what to say.

As you know I have been in and out of the hospital to find out what is wrong. I received the news that my liver is failing and there is nothing they can do about it., That is what I am facing now. The cancer did not kill me, the broken bones did not kill me, but this is different! I am waiting to pass on.

Due to this predicament I am ready to go but I need to turn over the things I love the most in Emmaus. Therefore, I am turning over the newsletter responsibilities to Jean Baker. She will take over for the May newsletter.

I want to thank all of you for your love and compassion! It has been wonderful! I will be attending all of the Emmaus events I can and I will be there with full force. GOD IS WITH ME! And he is there for you as well!. Always remember that! GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!

I know this not what you wanted to hear but God knows best and I am counting on his guidance, and love to show me where to go now. It is hard knowing your really passing on but all you can do is trust in Him and let him lead the way for you. That's what I am doing. TRUSTING IN THE LORD!

You can trust him too! Just let go and let God do his thing!

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*Gail Deans*



## *Sponsorship Corner*

Well done sponsors!! Both the men's and women's walks have at least minimum number of Pilgrims to proceed!

Don't forget to feed your pilgrim dinner before you drop them at the camp (not before 6:30 pm). After you get them settled and make their beds, head over to the Worship Center to pray for them at Sponsor's hour.

Make every effort to attend the Gathering and Candlelight Saturday evening and Rise 'N Shine Sunday morning. You can pick up your Pilgrim's belongings from the Worship Center at Closing and take your Pilgrim home.

The Day of Deeper Understanding will be the first Saturday of May, please make sure your Pilgrim attends.

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Jean Baker



**The Location of our next Gathering:**

**Camp Occohannock**  
**9403 Camp Lane**  
**Belle Haven, Va,**



**Please do not forget our next Gathering for Praise and Worship at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center.**

**Come and join us! It will be a lot of fun!!!**

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

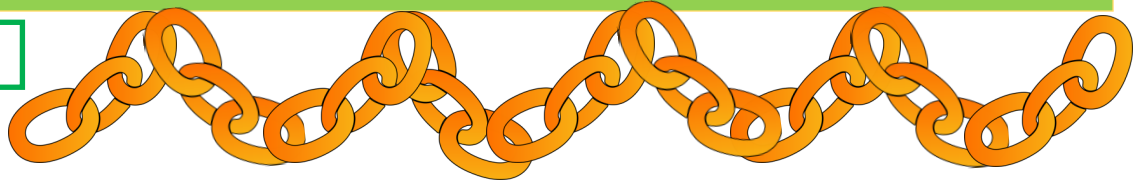
T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps, Visors, and Pens are still available for you to purchase for either yourself or your pilgrims. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Miles Brittingham (info below) and he will make arrangements to get them to you. He will take orders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

***Miles Brittingham***

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## *Prayer Chain*

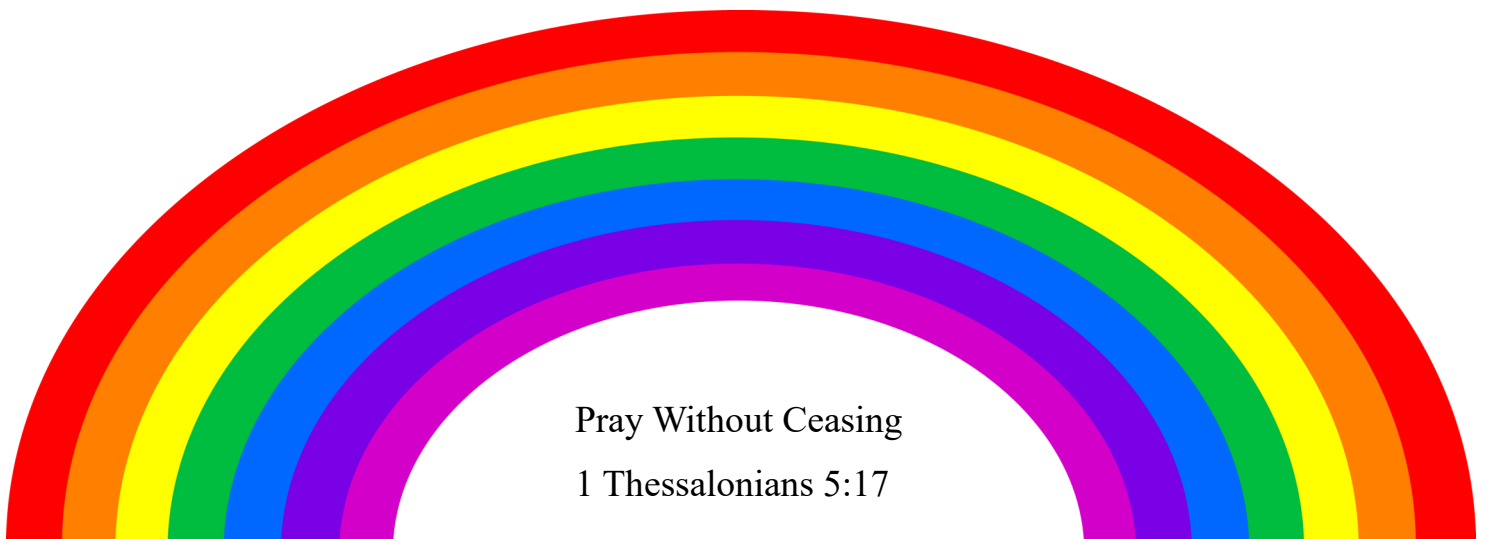


Exodus 33:7-11 says,

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Moses, a sinful man, was able to see the living God “face to face” and speak with him “as a man speaks to his friend.” Picture that tent in your mind’s eye. Picture the cloud of God’s presence descending from heaven in a way that everyone could see. Place yourself in that tent, hearing Moses talk with God, seeing the glory of God face-to-face with a broken, sinful man. What a picture of God’s heart for us! If Moses could enter into the presence of God, surely all of us can. If Moses could speak with God face-to-face, surely we who have been bought with the blood of Christ can. If God would encounter Moses, speak to him, and guide him, he will surely do the same for each of us. In humility today, let’s learn from this man who so faithfully encountered and followed God. Let’s allow this story in Exodus to teach us how we might more fully and consistently meet with our heavenly Father.

One thing we learn from this text is that Moses set up a place to meet consistently with God. It is crucially important that we find a place we can consistently seek the face of our heavenly Father. We need an uninterrupted time and place to rest in his presence in order to live our lives with his Spirit, word, and love as our foundation and fuel. Where can you meet with God consistently? What time in your day can be uninterrupted? When we aren’t able to find this time, we can struggle to remain free from the burdens, lies, and sin that so easily entangle us though we have been set free by the blood of Jesus. May we be children of God who learn from Moses and make space and time in our lives to meet with our One, True Source of abundant life.



Pray Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Also, we must believe that God longs to encounter us just as deeply as he longed to encounter Moses. God loves each of us to the absolute fullest extent possible. You are created for intimacy with your heavenly Father. There is no other path to the abundant life and destiny he has called you to than life lived in his presence. And there is no other way to live in step with his Spirit than spending time consistently encountering his presence. Hebrews 11:6 says, "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." God's greatest satisfaction is spending time with his children. His greatest joy is meeting with you face-to-face as he did with Moses. So great was his desire to encounter you that he offered up his only Son as payment for restored relationship. Believe in his desire to encounter you, believe that he will reward you when you seek him, and believe that you will discover a deeper reality of God's presence than you have ever encountered.

With those thoughts in mind, about finding being in God's presence and His desire to spend time making a deeper connection with us, it is important to remember, that an important element of strengthening that connection is in prayer. I would like to invite each of you to join the Emmaus Prayer Team. The address to remember to make a prayer request to the community, as well as receive e-mail updates, is [EmmausPrayer-Team@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausPrayer-Team@gmail.com).

Steve Johnson

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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

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

Please send **ANY** updated in-  
formation you may have such  
as addresses marriages, or  
deaths and email addresses.  
Steve has distributed the re-  
vised directory by email.

If you have a current email ad-  
dress 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 infor-  
mation as up to date as possi-  
ble. Thank you!!!

You may also request to be a  
part of the **Eastern Shore Em-  
maus & Chrysalis** Facebook  
Page—for community only!  
Please make sure we know  
your walk number too, if pos-  
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The newsletter will be sent as  
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the month as possible!

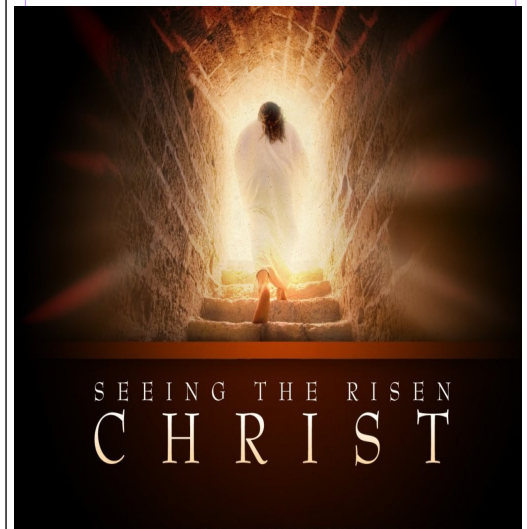
Articles to be included in The  
Walk Way are to be sent to  
the editor on or by the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
the month before it is to be  
included (**April 20<sup>th</sup> for the  
May newsletter**) in the cur-  
rent publication. Thank you so  
very much!

The website is by Steve John-  
son and it is up and running.

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Blessings to each of you!

**Gail Deans**



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