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The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmaus Newsletter



A Message From Our Community Lay Director

Hello Eastern Shore Emmaus Community! I hope you have been having a wonderful Summer so far. The Lord provides for us in so many ways. Whether through the opportunities to serve Him through our churches and our communities, or the blessings received each and every day as we live our lives as He would have us live them.

Even when things are not going as we would want, the Bible tells us that happiness and peace are always attainable. Colossians 3:12-17 reminds us that forgiveness and charity and a grateful heart for the peace of God are always within reach. Look around with eyes wide open and an open heart for opportunities for ministry. There is so much joy in our Christian lives!

As the Summer months are passing, things are getting busier for Eastern Shore Emmaus. The teams are set and Nikki Nelson and Johnny Haislip are busy as Leadership will meet for 2 weeks and then full teaming will commence. If you are teaming this Fall, the community will be praying for you and every element of the Walks. If you are not teaming, take a look at the many opportunities to serve. Your help is

August Dates to Remember

Eastern Shore Community Gathering

August 8, 2026
Christ UMC
6253 Church St
Chincoteague, VA 23336

Potluck at 5:30 PM
Gathering and Service at 6:30 PM

ES Emmaus Board Meeting

August 24, 2026
7:00 pm
Craddockville UMC
3346 Boston Rd
Craddockville, VA 23341

All are welcome

Articles from Community Members are welcome!! Please submit in MSWord format before the 20th of the month to:
Jean Baker
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Our Community Lay Director Continued

Sponsorship, kitchen help, special event attendance, prayer vigil signup, cabin cleanup and so much more. If you aren't sure where you can help, please ask.

Our monthly gathering will take place on Saturday August 8th at Grace United Methodist Church in Chincoteague. Plan to join us for our pot luck meal at 5:30 and our praise and worship service at 6:30 in the beautiful sanctuary. From the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, to the joyful music, our Fourth Day speaker and Holy Communion, it will be a wonderful Christian evening praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

2026 has flown by so far and the end of this year will come before we know it. Our executive board consists of 15 positions with each board member having a specific job. Serving on the Board is a 3 year commitment and is set up so that each year, 5 members rotate off and 5 new members come on board. If you feel led to serve in this way, consider filling out an application. Our nomination chair is CL Brown and he has applications available at our monthly gatherings or they can be printed out on our website, esvaemmaus.com. Applications must be received by October.

May God bless each and every one of us and it is truly a pleasure to serve our Lord as your Community Lay Director.

De Colores!!!

Frank Walter ES104 CLD



An Article From Our Spiritual Director





Emmaus August Spiritual Director Devotion

"Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?"

James 4:11 -12 "Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered" highlights the importance of being reliable with sensitive information." *Proverbs 11:13*

Confidentiality Produces Confidence

We are about to enter a new season of teaming preparing for our Emmaus Fall Walks, numbers 132 and 133. There has already been much prayer given to leadership and team selection. Now, is the time to call on everyone in the community to pray for God to open doors to us to sign up pilgrims. It also is a time to pray and asked God what part of the walks that God would ask the community to participate in. Teams are important but the strength and success of the walks depend on all of us as teamers and community. I want to say, "Eastern Shore Emmaus is blessed with great teamers and a strong supporting community." And I want to thank all of you on behalf of the Eastern Shore Emmaus as the Spiritual Director on the Board.

Now, I want to take this devotion to address our team members serving on the Fall walk. Sometimes we often just look at God doing a work in the pilgrims lives to draw them to a closer walk with Jesus. I can tell you as a devoted member of the Eastern Shore Emmaus, God does a work in my life each time I team. One of the reasons that I get the most out of it is because I follow the same rules that we place on the pilgrims. When I go to camp, there is no phone, there is no watch, there is no contact with the outside, because it is just me

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and Jesus, and any and every problem that may come up on a particular walk I am on, I am depending on Jesus to use it to mold me into the person He wants me to be. If I come looking for Jesus just like the pilgrims do, if I follow the plan, I too, will say, “I came looking for Jesus on this walk, and I found Him.” Confidentiality is a challenge that each of us face every time we obtain information that the team and the pilgrims have put confidence in us to keep it among ourselves and Jesus to deal with. When we feel compelled to share it outside, we fall short of being trustworthy and dependable with sensitive information letting down our brothers and sisters and failing the test that God has put before us. My wife Bonnie knows that when I go to team meetings, the most that she will ask me is, “How did the meeting go last night?” My response is always, “Great.” When I go to camp for seventy-two hours, she knows that she will not hear from me until I get back late Sunday Night, unless there is an emergency, which I will only know if she calls the camp number I have given her. Once again, when I get home, she will ask, “How did the weekend go?” I reply, “Jesus showed up and Jesus showed off.” As teamers, please honor this important part of teaming. For community members, do not look for any more information than did Jesus show up and know that the greatest prayer that you can pray is that Jesus does show up and show off.

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Praise and Worship

Our Walks, Gatherings and other activities of the Emmaus Community are not the same without music. We are in great need of musicians for all of these activities. If you play a musical instrument, please consider contributing your talent to make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Message from a Community Member

Our God is Faithful

One of the most beautiful blessings of our walk with Christ is seeing first-hand how the faithfulness of God unfolds. At times, His promises are not fulfilled overnight. Instead, we must walk through periods of waiting, trusting, and persevering. We cannot always see His hand at work as it is not always clearly visible in the midst. However, we can have assurance because we know HIS words are true, and His love for us is steadfast.

The Lord's faithfulness to His children is beyond measure. Though we can be inconsistent and impulsive, God never changes. Jeremiah said, "Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Each and every day we open our eyes serves as a reminder that God's mercy and faithfulness are fresh and present. Even when circumstances appear uncertain, God remains steady and dependable.

Throughout the Bible, we see God's faithfulness unfold in the lives of ordinary people. Abraham received God's promise that he would become the father of many nations, yet years passed without the birth of his promised son (Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 21:1-3). From a human perspective, that promise must have seemed impossible. However, at the appointed time, in the Lord's time, He fulfilled the promise with the birth of Isaac. This is only one story of an infinite number that demonstrate God's delays are not denials but moments to get closer to Him in our time of waiting. He works according to His perfect timing and that is always perfect.

God's faithfulness is evident in His covenant relationship with His people. Deuteronomy 7:9 reminds us He will keep His promises "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations" Throughout history, and today, God remains committed to His people even when we have wandered from Him. His faithfulness is not dependent upon our freedom of blemishes or faults, but upon His unchanging character.

There is no greater demonstration of God's faithfulness than in Jesus Christ. From the earliest prophecy in the Old Testament to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God fulfilled the promise of salvation. "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20). Through Jesus, God revealed His greatest act of faithfulness by providing His children with redemption. The cross stands as eternal evidence of this.

As believers, we walk through our own lives and often discover God's faithfulness one step at a time. Psalm 119:105 says "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." There are seasons when

Prayers seem unanswered; doors remain closed or the future appears uncertain. Yet God invites His children to trust Him. We only need to take that next step in faith, and He will indeed reveal direction to us according to His will for us.

Isaiah 40:31 declares, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Looking back, Daniel and I can both testify that God was working even when we could not see it. Every answered prayer, every provision, every comfort in hardship, and every unexpected blessing becomes another chapter in the story and another testimony of His faithfulness. Daniel’s recent diagnosis was given by medical doctors BUT the Great Physician will direct our path, and He will be faithful to us. We trust Him and pray for all that is to come according th His will, not our own.

Watching the faithfulness of God unfold is a journey that strengthens faith and deepens trust. It teaches us that God is always at work, even in silence and waiting. His promises endure, His timing is perfect, and His love never fails. Joshua 21:45 says “Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled” The same faithful God who fulfilled His promises then continues to guide, provide, and sustain us today. We must pause and reflect on His goodness. Then, we can truly discover and appreciate every season of life really does reveal the steadfast faithfulness of our God.

Pamela Parks



Outreach

August 6 – 9, 2026	August 21 – 24, 2026
Men's Walk #2217 Concho Country Emmaus Community Christ the King Retreat Center San Angelo, TX 76905	Women's Walk #58 Hawaii Emmaus St. Anthony's Retreat Center Honolulu, Hawaii
August 13 – 16, 2026	**August 27 – 30, 2026**
Men's Walk #70 New Horizon Emmaus Amherst Christian Retreat Center Amherst, TX	Women's Walk # 142 Mesquite Country Christian Emmaus Camp Butman Merkel, TX
Men's Walk #45 Great River Emmaus Lamoine Christian Service Camp Tennessee, IL 62374	
August 20 – 23, 2026	
Men's Walk #290 Dallas Emmaus Community St. Raphael Retreat Center Dallas, TX	
Women's Walk # 46 Great River Emmaus Lamoine Christian Service Camp Tennessee, IL 62374	






T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Cap, Visors and Pens with various ES Emmaus logos are available for purchase. If you are interested in buying any of these items, please contact, Curt Dennis, Jr. 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.

Curt Dennis
443-783-1892



Sunny Outlooks on Life

(Church signs seen on summer vacation)

God's Garden: Lettuce praise Him, squash the gossip, and turnip at church!

Sin burn is prevented by Son screen

Faith is a journey, not a guilt trip

We hope your days are filled with Son shine

Now is a good time to visit; our Pastor is on vacation

Our church is prayer-conditioned

If you like treats, try our Sundays

Well, we had a cool message on the sign but the heat melted it!

If you think it's hot now, just wait!



Our Board of Directors members serve a three year term. Elections take place at the November Gathering.

Five Board Members will be rotating off of the Board this year. Please take some time to pray and consider if serving on the Board is something that God is calling you to do.

Requirements

Have teamed on a Walk within the last 3 years and 2 years have elapsed since you walked
Have attended a DODU
Be active in your local Church
Be active in the ES Emmaus Community

You can print an application from the web site (esvaemmaus.com) and submit it to C.L. Brown or any Board member



Help for the Walks

Just a reminder to contact Pat Johnson to sign up for the Prayer Vigils (757) 894-1108; Karen Thornton for kitchen help (512) 999-8364 and Bethany Busic for luggage and clean up (443) 235-8364

Eastern Shore Emmaus Prayer Chain



Psalm 103:13-14 says, “As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.” God created us. He knows our weakness. He knows that apart from him we can do nothing. But the beauty of the gospel is that as believers we are no longer apart from him. Through the death of Jesus, we are now one with Christ, wrapped up in his story of redemption. We have been saved from having to do life on our own, in our own strength.

Your heavenly Father says to you today, “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” (Isaiah 41:10). Your God is the same God of David, Samson, Paul, and John. The success that they had was the direct result of their choosing God’s strength over their own. Paul wrote in
2 Corinthians 12:9, “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” Paul chose to boast of his weakness because he knew of the steadfast strength of God in his own life. He knew that his success was solely by the strength of his God.

Your heavenly Father promises his strength to you today. Just as he worked to help Paul spread the gospel, just as he helped David slay the giant Goliath, he desires to help you today in whatever lies ahead. Acknowledge your weakness but at the same time, hold fast to the knowledge of the incredible strength of your heavenly Father. Deuteronomy 31:6 says, “He will not leave you or forsake you.” The strength of God is always with you. All you have to do is choose his ways over your own. Live in light of the revelation of your own weakness and God’s strength, and you will experience the power of the Creator of the universe working directly in your own life.

One of the most significant ways that we have to experience the strength and power that God promises is by getting into his presence through prayer. With those thoughts in mind, I’d like to invite each of you to join the Emmaus Prayer Team. The address to remember, is EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com.



Steve Johnson
Prayer Chain Coordinator

Sponsorship Corner

Hello Community!
Once again we are in need of pilgrims for our fall walks. We have a very generous community and if monetary issues are holding you back help can be arranged! And remember our scholarship fund has been increased to $100 per pilgrim.
Do you remember how you felt after your Walk? Is there someone in your life that could use a shot of Faith like that? I don't think we have ever failed to have a walk because of lack of pilgrims and God always provides, but He needs a little help from us. If you have any questions about how to sponsor, please let me know !

Jean Baker
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All I need is JESUS and the beach

Directory, Website, Newsletter

Greetings to everyone! The Emmaus directory and website are being maintained by Steve Johnson. Please remember that if you notice errors in the current directory please contact Steve by completing a contact information form on the website (esvaemmaus.com). Please send **any** information you may have such as addresses. marriages, deaths and email addresses on file. Steve has posted a link to the directory on the Eastern Shore Emmaus and Chrysalis facebook page.

Community members may request access to the **Eastern Shore Emmaus and Chrysalis Facebook** page. You will be requested to provide your walk location and date to be allowed in. It is for Community Members Only!

The Walk Way Newsletter will be sent via email as close to the first of the month as possible (provided all requested articles are received).
You may submit articles for the newsletter; they will be included (after review) if received before the 20th of the month.
The newsletter editor is
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Please contact me if you wish to be added/removed from the newsletter distribution list, you are not receiving or cannot open the newsletter.

Don't forget this month's Gathering!
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Potluck at 5:30
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(followed by Ice Cream at the Island Creamery!)