



## July

### Dates to remember:

#### Eastern Shore

#### Community Gathering

July 12, 2025

5:30 pot luck & fellowship

6:30 Service

Christ UMC

6260 Church Street

Chincoteague, VA 23336

#### ES Emmaus Board Meeting

July 28, 2025 at 7:00pm

Woodberry UMC

All are welcome

Newsletter articles due for August's Walk Way by July 20th. If you would like to contribute an article let me know. Please use MSWord-format.

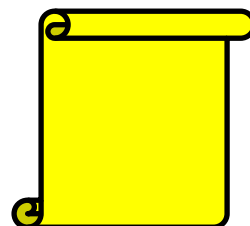
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# The Walk Way

## Eastern Shore Emmaus

### A Message From Our Community Lay Director



Hello my Friends,

Well, here we are again. Time goes by so quickly, over half the year is gone! I surely can't keep up sometimes. It's already July and Leadership has been chosen for both teams. The Lay Directors (Andy Glenn and Karen Thornton) have both listened to our Lord and chosen well. The team selection will be held July 17. Buuuuu we need pilgrims!!! So please Pray, Pray, Pray about who God wants to send on this walk. Deadline for 15 pilgrims for the men's team is August 14th, and for the women's is August 28th. We can add more up until the week before the walk starts but need that many to start! So keep praying and get those applications in !It's all about Him!!

I am praying everyday that each and everyone of you has a great summer and a safe summer.

Remember our July Gathering is at Chincoteague UMC, 5:30 potluck dinner and our Gathering at 6:30 pm. Then, if you choose (and who wouldn't?), the Island Creamery !! Yum Yum. We are going. Oh yes!

DeColores

Wanda Ward, CLD



## An Article From Our Spiritual Director



### Emmaus July Spiritual Director Devotion

*"Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent."*

*Revelation 2:4 – 5*

### Help Finding Your First Love

On the last women's walk, Pastor Brenda Laws shared with the ladies that when asked the question to explain the Emmaus Walk to potential pilgrims that she says each one is special and different and one must truly experience it to understand what she means. I thought to myself, what a wonderful, truthful way to explain it. This past month, I have had that question asked of me from potential pilgrims and my response has been centered around what Pastor Brenda said and what the Holy Spirit has spoken regarding our verse today, "During my Christian life, I have read this verse and sought to return to my first love." Now, I realize Jesus was speaking to the Ephesian Church, but the church is individual Christians thus the individual challenge.

So, to continue my response to the pilgrim asking me the question, "I tell them there has been nothing that I have done to best help me return to my first love than the "Emmaus Walk." The fact is that at anytime in my Christian life there may be something different going on that I need to deal with personally at this specific time. Therefore, each of our walks will be personal, which means that everyone's walk will be personal, different, and special. I conclude by saying, "I really want you to experience the joy that I experienced by taking



by taking by taking 72 hours and returning to your first love with Jesus.”

I do not tell them at this point, but I will share with my Emmaus family that every time I team, I get to experience returning to my first love with Jesus. And how that lifts me up to continue serving Him when I return from those weekends. And I believe everyone of you teamers out there agree with me on this fact as well.

**De Colores!**

Pastor Joe Barnes



### Sponsorship Corner

Religious sponsorship can take many forms, including both individual and organizational initiatives.

For events like the Walk to Emmaus sponsors provide encouragement and support to those embarking on a focused spiritual retreat, including prayer, letters and practical assistance.

I would like to think that our sponsorship extends beyond the walk itself, more like a mentorship with the pilgrims we bring into the community. I know that it took me awhile to meet and feel comfortable with the community at gatherings. I would like to challenge our more experienced members to have dinner with someone new and get to know them, help them feel welcome, learn about them and tell them about you. Answer questions and support their spiritual growth.

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

De Colores

Jean Baker





## T-Shirts, Ball Caps, Visors and Pens

T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Ball Caps, Visors and Pens with various Emmaus logos are available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing 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



## CHRYSLIS

Chrysalis signifies a period of transformation and spiritual growth especially in youth. It's a three-day flight designed to foster discipleship and a deeper understanding of faith. If you have a young adult (14-18) that would benefit from a Chrysalis flight or if you want more information please contact:

Brittany Holston 757-709-1647

[brittanycrockett979@gmail.com](mailto:brittanycrockett979@gmail.com)

## OUTREACH

## Here Are The Walks for July

**July 10—July 13,  
2025****Concho Country Emmaus**

Womens Walk #2212

Christ the King Retreat Center

San Angelo, TX 76901

**Georgia Foothills Walk to****Emmaus**

Men's Walk #40

Camp of Colors

Dahlonega, GA 30533

**North Georgia Chrysalis**

Boys Chrysalis #111

King's Retreat

Dallas, GA 30132

**New Horizons Emmaus**

Women's Walk #89

The ARK

Amherst, TX 79312

**Greater Indianapolis Emmaus**

Men's Walk # 198

Indianapolis, Indiana

**July 16—July 19,  
2025****Reynoldsburg Emmaus**

Women's Walk # 124

Reynoldsburg Community  
Church

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

**July 17—July 20,  
2025****High Plains Emmaus**

Men's Walk #47

The ARK

Amherst, TX 79312

**Georgia Foothills Emmaus**

Women's Walk # 40

Camp of Colors

Dahlonega, GA 30533

**Central Mississippi Emmaus**

Women's Walk # 189

6 Mile Camp

Crystal Springs MS 39059

**July 17—July 20,  
2025****Iowa Walk to Emmaus**

Men's Walk # 162

Faith UMC

Humboldt, IA 50546

**July 23—July 26,  
2025****Rushing Wind Emmaus**

Pastor's Walk

Waka Christian Center

Waka, TX

**July 24—July 27,  
2025****Iowa Walk to Emmaus**

Women's Walk #163

Humboldt, IA 50548

### Outreach, continued

## July 25—July 27, 2025

### Red River Chrysalis

Boy's Flight # 39

Camp Chaparral

Iowa Park, TX 76367

### Red River Chrysalis

Girl's Flight # 38

Camp Chaparral

Iowa Park, TX 76367

## July 31—August 3, 2025

### Blue Lake Emmaus

Men's Walk #286

Blue Lake Assembly

Andalusia, Alabama

### Plea of the Innermost

Your will be done Lord

For my greatest prayer is to be with you in one accord

The free will You give me, I mess it up all the time

Though I know within me that You have chosen me to run this mile

I cannot count the many blessings You bestow

And the saving grace that I have come to know as Your love

Yet, I can't fan the fire that I know is smoldering in my soul

Because some part of me doesn't want to lose that control

At times, I allow the darkness and lack of fulfillment to overtake me

Then I come to You with tears falling in my innermost plea

I do not feel alive when I am not totally immersed in You

It's like part of me is dead but I know You will pull me through

I strive to be so immersed in You that I am filled to overflowing

And the love between us is indeed always growing

So, I ask You Lord, pour into me once again

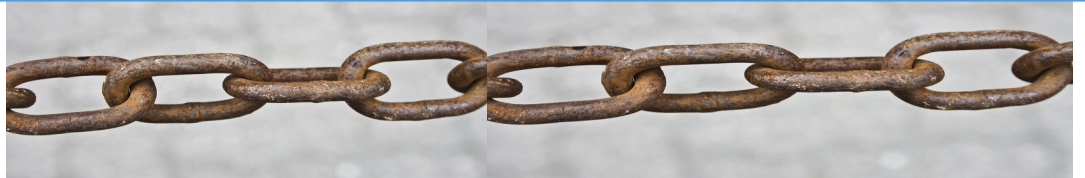
I never want there to be a final Amen

Submitted by Pamela Parks

Recent graduate of Christian World College of Theology



Prayer  
Chain



Dear Community

Through prayer we have access to deep encounters with the heart and mind of our heavenly Father. Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." God longs for us to call to Him as our source of life, wisdom, guidance, and truth. He longs to answer our calls by shepherding us into a lifestyle of continually seeking and receiving revelation from His Word and Spirit.

God longs to make us a people who know him the way you know your family and friends. He longs to make us a people who live, think, and work out of true encounters with Him. And learning to encounter God throughout your daily life starts with getting alone in the secret place, quieting your heart, and growing in your knowledge of God. Jesus taught us in [Matthew 6:5-6](#): *And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* May you seek and find the knowledge of your heavenly Father as you quiet your heart, and listen to him in prayer.

With those thoughts about prayer in mind, I'd like to invite each of you to join the Emmaus Prayer Team. The address to remember is [EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausPrayerTeam@gmail.com).

Steve Johnson

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Emmaus Prayer Team Coordinator



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 email to :

Esvaemmaus.com, or send a note to P.O. Box 91, Franktown, VA .

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 upon request. If you need a hard copy let Steve know.

It is important for the community to keep the information as up to date as possible.

Thank You!!!

Community members may request access to the **Eastern Shore Emmaus & Chrysalis** Facebook page. You will be requested to provide your walk 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 (providing 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.

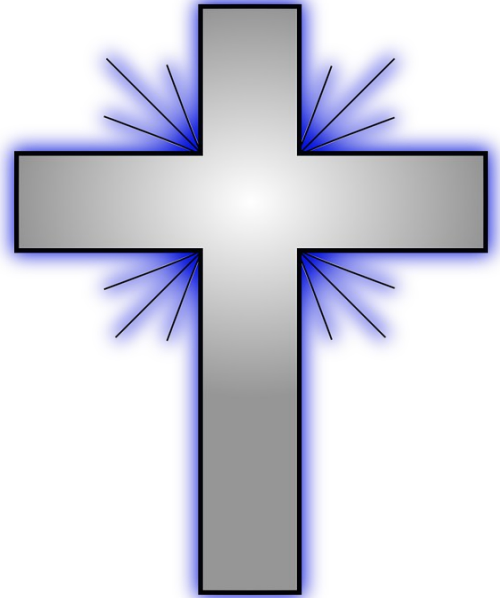
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Please contact me if you cannot open or do not receive the newsletter.

The website is up and running is maintained by Steve Johnson

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### July Gathering

5:30

Potluck

And

Fellowship

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Christ UMC

6260 Church Street

Chincoteague, VA 23336

6:30

Worship

And

Service