



## November

Dates to Remember

**Eastern Shore Community Gathering-**  
**November 9th, 2024, at**  
**Crist Fellowship Bible Church, 5910 Crisfield Highway, Marion Station, Md 21838. DODU is at 3:00 ,pm.** Covered Dish at 5:30 and Praise and Worship at 6:30.

**Eastern Shore Board Meeting** – November 25th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Woodberry UMC, All are welcome to attend.

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



## Eastern Shore Emmaus

### An Article From Our Community Lay Director

November has arrived!

Traditionally a time when we think about what we are grateful for. I am grateful for the wonderful Walks we had in October! There was an awesome outpouring of Love and support for both walks! It was such a blessing to see so many of our community attending the special events !

If you were a sponsor of one of our new community members remember you are not done! It is so important that we encourage ALL of our newbies to attend our Day of Deeper Understanding! It is an essential step in getting them engaged in our community. Also invite them to a reunion group. You don't attend one you say, well now would be a great time to start with them!

I hope to see you all at our November gathering at Christ Fellowship Bible Church November 9th! The DODU starts at 3pm, regular gathering at 5:30. Don't forget we don't ask our new community members to bring food, so please bring a dish with enough to share. The board will provide extra chicken.

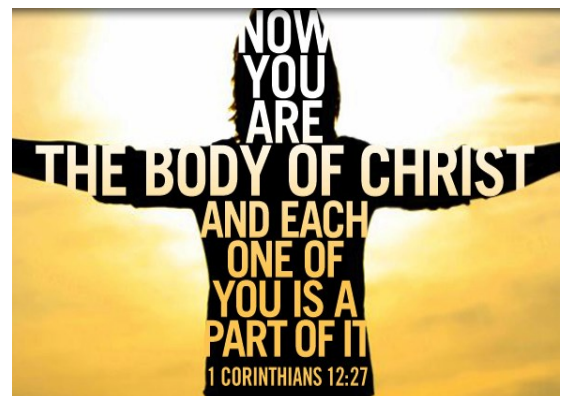
I've said it before, I'll continue to say it; We need your gifts!!!! Specifically, we need those of you who are gifted musically to bring your instrument, whatever it may be and join our musicians at our events and our walks! Just come up and start playing! I guarantee you will be blessed, cause as we all know,.....

It gets better and better!

DeColores!

*John Sutton*

Community Lay Director





## An Article from Our Community Spiritual Director

### Priority

*I was born in a family of six siblings on a farm and I was the baby of the family. I was also referred to as the runt of the family. For those that may not know what a runt is I will tell you. On the farm we raised pigs and sometimes a piglet was born small and we had to bottle-feed the runt, because the mother pig would determine that the runt was not going to survive. For a child like me, it just meant you were smaller than normal. I lived my childhood life as little Joey, only reaching four-foot eleven and one hundred three pounds upon graduation from high school. Everyone of my siblings were great at sports and even heroes at times during their high school years in the sports they played. Then there was little Joey. My priority was to prove that I could do anything they could do and when that failed, I wanted to prove that I was the biggest alcohol drinker, the best fighter, and known as “Bad.” I chose this as my priority, and I paid a price for it even though I was successful in reaching my priority. My name is Joe Barnes, and the title of this talk is Priority.*

*Initial Questions and insights to understanding priorities. Last night in your time of silence, you may have thought about your priorities, what was and what is now important to you. The purpose of this talk is to raise questions about what your priority in life is. In the created order there are three kingdoms: (1) Rocks (2) Plants and (3) Animal. What distinguishes humankind (part of the animal kingdom) from rocks, plants and other animals is the degree of freedom we must establish our own priorities. This freedom is our capacity to respond creatively and purposely to our environment, circumstances, and our limited time on this earth. The capacity to rise above mere instinct, and the power to exercise control our lives. This greatest power is the one we owe ourselves to consciously and wisely exercise—if we want to realize our potential as human beings. When one sees the possibilities through imagination, evaluates the options through intelligence and resolves to move toward a desired end through our will and sets out to accomplish it by action, one is exercising the power and freedom to choose a priority. There was a time in my life that my priorities changed through this process.*

*What is a priority? A priority according to the dictionary’s definition is Superiority in rank, position, or privilege. It is a preferential ranking. The dictionary states that there is something given or earning attention before competing alternatives. It is the number one thing in life that means more than anything else to you. Everyone has a priority. We can have more than one priority at a time but generally one priority ranks higher than any others. A priority consists of our values, beliefs, ideals, and commitment that equals our priority.*



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What are the qualities of an Authentic Priority? It is a conscious decision. It gives your life purpose. It gives life energy and motivation. It gives you freedom from circumstances, expectations, and habits. It is realistic.

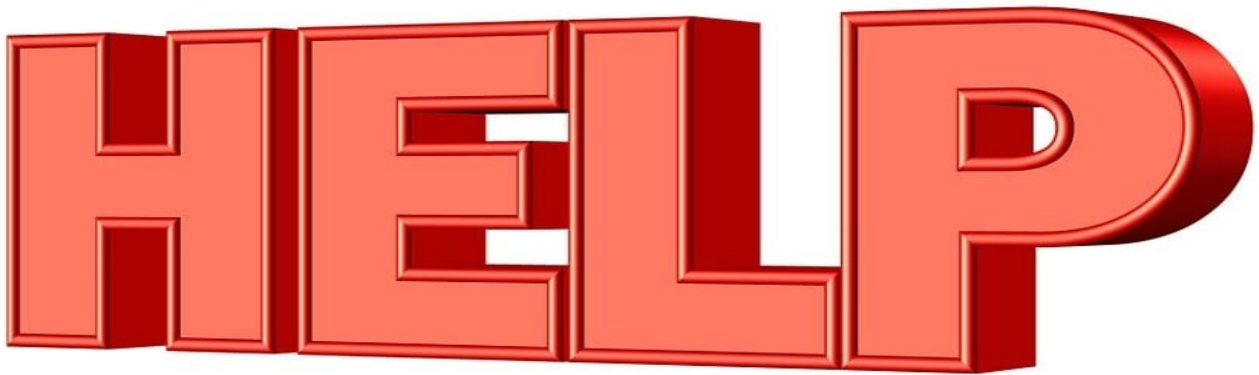
To conclude, I want to ask you this question: What is your priority? What do you think about it? How do you spend your money? How do you spend your time? That is your priority. Is that the priority you want realistically? You have the power to set your priority and if you do not someone else will set it for you.

Declares!

*Joe Barnes*

E.S. 114

Prayer is about  
***His Presence.***  
Prayer is...  
more about **Him** than it  
could ever be  
about us.

*Articles From Your Fellow Community Members*

## Help Needed!!!

As many of you know, Eastern Shore Emmaus owns two sheds at Camp Occohanock. These are used to store practically everything we use for our Walks. Everything from table supplies, to props for the skits, even our song books and stuff for the Agape shed are in one. The other holds all our banners from past Walks, plus the crosses we use for many of the events of the weekend.

Being close to a body of salt water takes it's toll on things and our sheds are in need of some TLC. Some wood and wood trim need to be replaced and they need to be pressure washed and repainted. We are organizing a work effort to take place after the Fall Walks. (date to be determined).

Our Board has authorized a budget for this effort and contributions would be most helpful, as well as a handful of volunteers to do the work. As a Community, we have an opportunity to step up and chip in, like we always do when there is a need. Contributions can be mailed to Eastern Shore Emmaus P.O. Box 91 Franktown, VA 23354 with a note that they are for the shed project, or given to any board member. Any volunteers or anyone with questions can call or text me at 757-678-2684.

## *Sponsorship Corner*

Well Done Community!

The last two walks were amazing and God received the glory He deserves!

Make sure to get your pilgrims to the Day of Deeper Understanding this weekend.

It's never too early to start talking to and praying for pilgrims for our spring walks! Time flies as we well know.

What does sponsorship mean?

“the position or function of a person or group who vouches for, supports, advises, or helps fund another person or an organization or project.”

“Sponsorship keeps our Emmaus Community growing!

DeColores!

***Jean Baker,***

***Sponsorship***



Congratulations to our new:

Spring Weekend Lay Directors:

Men: Bill Sorba

Women: Debbie Colburn

### A letter from our past Men's Lay Director

When I found out that I would be the Lay Director for ES #124, I was honored; little did I know how much of a humbling experience it would be. Shortly after, God gave me the song through a video I saw where a father asked for prayers for his small, dying child. While praying, the songwriter decided to worship God so loudly that the enemy regretted coming at the child. That small, dying child was alive and well in the video. This is where "Raise a Hallelujah" came from and became the Walk song. As I listened to the song over and over, God gave me the theme "Worship Through the Storm" and the verse Psalm 34:1.

The Team for #124 was truly Jesus' team. I know this, because I was undeserving of such a team. We instantly connected like we had been teaming together for years instead of mere weeks. I blinked my eyes, and we were on the Walk. God sent us such a great group of Pilgrims, who were all seeking what He had for them there. A couple times during the weekend, I stepped back, watched, and enjoyed how the Team was openly showing Jesus' love as the Pilgrims took it in. How amazing! God is so good.

There were many big, memorable moments on ES #124. The one that stuck with me the most was when 3 brothers carried another into the water to be baptized, who could not make it on his own.

ES #124 was full of laughter, tears, and men just getting to be men in the name of Jesus. Thank you to my Emmaus family for showing up in such a big way to show your love for this Walk. It was truly humbling, and I am forever grateful.

De Colores!

*Curt Dennis* ES 112/124

### A Letter from our past Women's Lay Director

It was a big blessing and an honor to be chosen to be the lay director for ES125! What a wonderful time we had together serving the Lord.

The theme for the weekend was "Never Separated from His Love", which was drawn from Romans 8:38-39. (For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." NIV) Our theme song was Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing. We were blessed with a full team, including 4 first time teamers, 5 ladies who had teamed once or twice before, and 10 former lay directors. The seven Friday nights of teaming before the walk flew by and before we knew it, we were at the camp setting up to greet our 23 pilgrims. Five of our pilgrims traveled from Texas, New York, and Mississippi to attend the walk!

It was a special blessing to me to be able to team with my sister, have my Dad come from NY to be a guest spiritual director on Saturday, have my Mom's help in the advance preparations, and have my sponsors return from Texas with their daughter (one of my original youth group small group girls) to be a pilgrim.

When we drove up to the Lynch building after greeting everyone at Sponsor's Hour, we were welcomed by the voices of the pilgrims and team worshipping the Lord in song. I'm almost surprised the roof made it through the weekend! These ladies sure can sing! Hearts were shared at the tables, burdens were released at the cross, and much agape love was received from the community throughout.

Sunday afternoon came too quickly and many of us weren't quite ready to go home. Many pilgrims shared that they hope to team, sponsor new pilgrims, and otherwise be involved in helping with the walks behind the scenes. Thank you to the community for the great turnout at all the special events, and for the stacks of kind notes and gifts in the agape bags!

To God be the glory for the great things He has done!

De Colores!

*Amy Austin, WLD ES125*

**The Location of our next Gathering:**

**Christ Fellowship Bible Church  
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Marion station, Md. 21838**



**Please do not forget our next Gathering for DODU at 3:00, Covered Dish at 5:30 with Worship and Praise at 6:30.  
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 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.

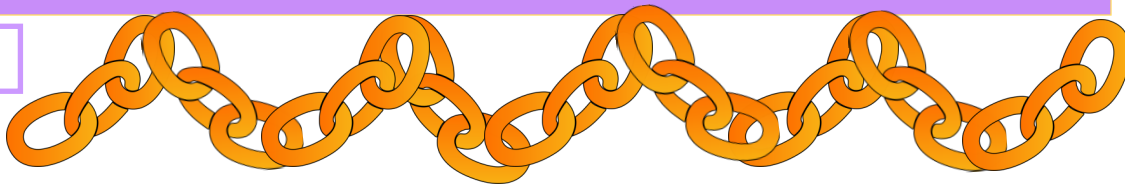
***Gene Ward***

443-944-2742





## *Prayer Chain*



Brothers And Sisters In Christ,

The presence of our God is everywhere. He moves, lives, breathes, and works all around us. Psalm 84:3 declares the extensiveness of our heavenly Father's presence in saying, "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars." Psalm 84 proclaims that even the birds of the air find their home before the altars of the almighty, living God. Even the birds of the air come before God's presence as they lay their young in the canopies. The psalm begs the question: if the birds come before their Creator while simply existing here on Earth, how much more available is the presence of our heavenly Father to us, his children? How much farther does his hand reach to us who are now covered by the powerful sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ?

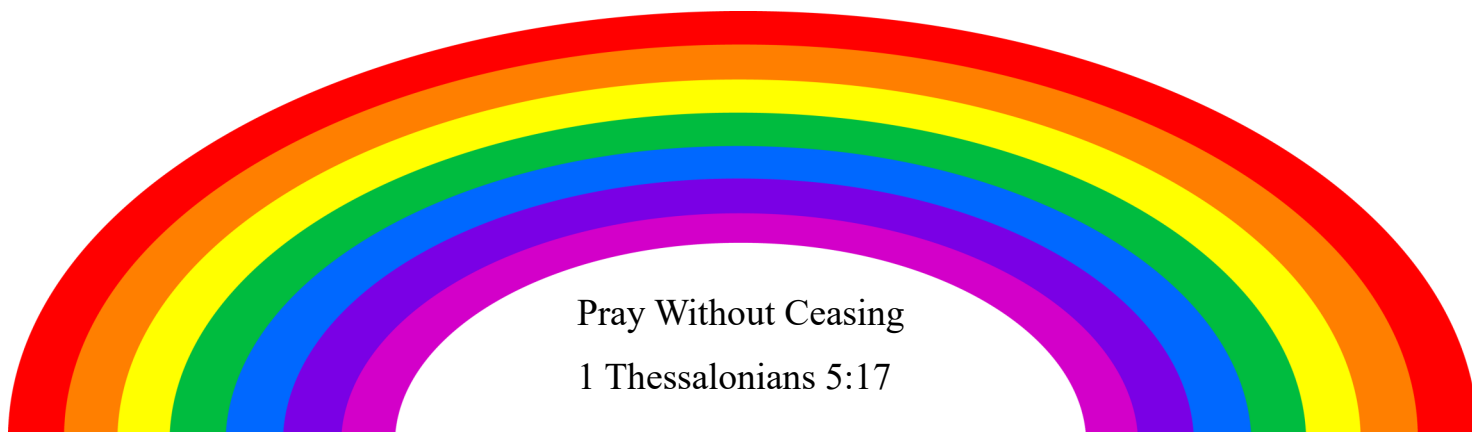
There is nowhere we can run to and escape God's reach. David writes in Psalm 139:7-12, "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you." The God of all comfort, of all mercy, of all forgiveness, and of all love surrounds you right now. And as a child of God, his Spirit now dwells within you.

Prior to Jesus' death, God's people did not have constant access to the fullness of his presence. The nature of his holiness and our sin created an insurmountable crevasse between us and him. But through Jesus' death, we now have access to God's nearness any time, any place.

One way for us to experience God's presence and further our closeness with him, is through a deepened relationship of prayer. With that in mind, I'd like to invite you to join the Emmaus Prayer Team. If you would like to receive prayer e-mail, or make a request, the address to remember is [EmmausPrayer-Team@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausPrayer-Team@gmail.com).

Steve Johnson

Prayer Chain 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 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-  
sible!!

The newsletter will be sent as  
soon as all articles are re-  
ceived as close to the first of  
the month as possible!

Articles to be included in The  
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the editor on or by the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
the month before it is to be  
included (**November 20<sup>th</sup> for  
the December newsletter**) in  
the current 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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