

The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmaus



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY GATHERING - FEBRUARY 11, 2012 AT EPWORTH UMC, 4158 SEASIDE ROAD, EXMORE, VA. 5:30 P.M. COVERED DISH AND 6:30 P.M. PRAISE AND WORSHIP!**
- **EASTERN SHORE CHRYSALIS BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Mears Memorial UMC, Keller, VA**
- **Newsletter articles DUE for March's Walk Way— February 20, 2012.**
- **EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS BOARD MEETING - February 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Woodberry UMC, Gargatha, VA.**
- **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering – Third Saturday of the month: Saturday, February 18, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012**
- **Deadline for the 15 Pilgrim applications needed to hold the walks:**

**February 17, 2012—Men's Walk
March 2, 2012—Women's Walk**

February is just one month for God's Love

February the month of LOVE. Why do we look at February as the month of love? Yes Valentine's Day is on the 14th but isn't that an earthly thing?

As we read in the Bible, so many verses talk about love. How can we as Christians hold our love only to the month of February? Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. John 15:12 “This is My” commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 1st John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1st Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails. 1st Corinthians 13:13 and now abide faith hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love. Love is used in the Bible 310 times

The greatest verse (what we should do) I believe is Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord God with all your heart,

with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second (what God did) would be John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. With so much love why would we as Christians want to contain love to just one month?

Every day we should tell someone that we love him or her and that God loves them. That one small gesture could make the difference in changing how someone feels. It could be just the words needed to ignite the flame towards a relationship with God.

I ask you to think back to your walk as a pilgrim. Think of the love that you shared with the rest of the pilgrims, the team and all of the agape love that you received from your family and community. Remember as you stood at closing and said that you wanted to give back the love that you had received? Well now is the time. As the spring walks approach, there are still openings on both the

men's and women's teams. If you have never teamed before it can be an awesome experience. One that can renew and possibly rejuvenates your own walk and start a journey that will only strengthen your walk with the Lord.

There are only a few pilgrim applications that have been turned in so we need to PRAY over and for our sponsors and pilgrims.

Sponsoring is a commitment that should not be taken lightly. **Please** read the information on the sponsor forms. Remember to answer all the questions, as this is the first step in your commitment as a sponsor. **There is assistance to help with the cost of sponsoring if needed. Please do not let finances stop you.**

We need to pray, pray and pray some more for the upcoming walks and that Gods will be done as the deadline approaches. If we can reach the deadline at the last minute why

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can't we reach it seven weeks earlier. We can! We just need to start today and not procrastinate.

There must be 15 pilgrim applications in hand before the whole team can begin to meet. The date for the men's pilgrim application is February 17th

and the women's March 2nd. Lets start this year off with full teams and a solid group of pilgrims.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

The next Gathering will be at Epworth UMC in Exmore Va. on February 11th. Cover dish starts at 5:30 with praise

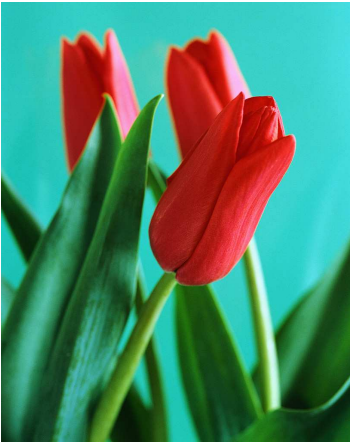
and worship at 6:30 ! Hope to see you there.

The next board meeting will be February 27th at Woodbury UMC 7:00

Giving all the Honor and Glory to God.

Sam Whipps, CLD

A Word from E.S. Emmaus Spiritual Director



"It is in February that some people begin to plan for Spring."

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." **Isaiah 40:3**

It is in February that some people begin to plan for Spring. They start to look ahead at some of the outdoor activities they will become involved in. Some of these activities include, planting flowers, picking up the leftover branches and leaves from the cold winter winds, and just some good old fashioned "spring cleaning." Others may have larger projects to plan for, but regardless of how small or large the endeavor, success will be in the plan-

ning.

Much of our Emmaus weekends' success depends on the preparation that has gone on before hand during teaming. The training, talk critiques, and even gathering drinks are all a part of the planning process.

It is here that we must pause and give thought to the Spiritual preparation also. Often we can become so busy in the preparing stages that we forget the most important part: Preparing the way for the Lord. If the Holy Spirit is to use any individual or group to bring glory and honor to the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, we must be

spiritually prepared.

This preparation involves, but is not limited to, prayer, study, and the willingness to engage in whatever the Lord may be leading us to. Our hope on each weekend is that someone who came looking for Christ would find Him. Our prayer should be that we are thoroughly prepared to reveal Him at anytime during those 3 days together and the 4th "days" that follow.

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Steve Willing
Community Spiritual
Director

Chrysalis



I would like to continue with my article from last month. The resolution has been made and that we will help our youth. To do that, we need to help Chrysalis. We need adults who will team on the next flight. As I stated last month, we had to postpone the girl's flight. Unless there is a miracle in the next couple of

days, we will have to postpone the boy's flight also. I feel that there are youth who would go on either flight but we do not have the adults to have a team. Tidewater Chrysalis has said that they would try to help us with youth teamers. We just need to provide the adults. The Board and I are praying that

our Emmaus/Chrysalis community will show the love that we all have and support our youth. Thank you to everyone who has helped and all those that will.

Your Brother in Christ,
Gordon Ward Jr.
 Chrysalis Lay Director

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Attention All Prayer Warriors

At the January 2012 Board Meeting, it was suggested that the Eastern Shore Emmaus Community select a specific time for ALL of us to pray collectively. Therefore, we would like to ask that every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. pray! Pray for our

Emmaus community. Pray for pilgrims for the upcoming walks. Pray for the sponsors that will be providing those pilgrims. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit that the hands and feet of God will do what is asked of them.

Paul wrote in Colossians 4:2 - “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”

