

The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmaus



May Newsletter Article

As members of the Emmaus community, each of us has the opportunity to sponsor other persons, to provide others the same opportunity that we each had at one point, to experience a Walk to Emmaus weekend and then to become a vital part of the Emmaus community. Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of Emmaus, and is undoubtedly the most important job in Emmaus. The quality of our individual sponsorship will influence our pilgrim, our community, and the church of which the pilgrim is a part.



As you have heard so many times, the aim of sponsorship is to build up the Body of Christ, as spiritual revitalization is brought to Christians who will then bring new life and vision to their church congregation, home, workplace and community while at the same time building up the Body of Christ.

What are our responsibilities as sponsors? What is our role in the life of the Pilgrim? How do we, as sponsors, promote Emmaus so that the weekend is not just a "flash in the pan" weekend experience, but is a life-changing, on-going journey of faith that will strengthen our community, that will bring a new energy, commitment, and vision into the church and everyday environs for the person who has experienced the weekend, and will help them develop a deeper passion to share Christ and to build up his body?

That sounds like a lot to expect from a sponsor, someone like you and me who are already busy serving in many different ways, who are already on our own journeys. Let me remind you that there are specific responsibilities that we, as sponsors, need to take very seriously before, during, and after the weekend. And the extent to which we take these seriously will largely determine the effectiveness of the weekend and the days and weeks and years to come as the Lord continues to work in the lives of those we have sponsored. Those areas that we, as sponsors, need to be directly involved in include:

- ⇒ Pray, pray, pray before, during, and after the weekend as your pilgrim begins the process of getting involved in Emmaus.
- ⇒ Gather your pilgrim's agape letters
- ⇒ Bring the pilgrim to the weekend
- ⇒ Participate in the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil
- ⇒ Be present at Sponsors' Hour, Candlelighting, and Closing, and Day of Deeper Understanding if interested
- ⇒ Be supportive of the pilgrim's family if there is help needed there
- ⇒ Encourage your pilgrim in Fourth Day involvement. Talk with him or her about the weekend. Take the initiative to get your person into a reunion group or to start one. Go with them to the first and second gatherings after the Walk. Encourage them to serve the community on future Walks, attending the

events, and creating Agape. Share with them how to sponsor others.

If your involvement to any of these items is NO, then who will assist you with the fulfillment of these responsibilities? For this one weekend and the days to follow, this needs to be a priority for each of us involved in sponsorship. The Lord's desire is to use us to bring our pilgrims closer to the Lord, and to see the love of Christ in us as we are involved in direct ministry to them. If we are not able to participate in the weekend wholeheartedly, perhaps this is not the correct time to be sponsoring someone.

On a recent walk, there were pilgrims who had no sponsor at the Sponsors Hour, no one who would stand and pray for them. Others were glad to do it but what could have been more important than praying over their crosses, that the Emmaus experience would be special for them. Please take the responsibility of sponsoring very seriously. The Lord calls us to be involved in relationships and in the lives of others in ongoing ways and sponsorship is one way in which we can live that out. If you live out of the area and it is difficult for you to get to the Eastern Shore for our regular community events, then participate in an Emmaus community that is nearer to you.



On May 11th, we will be participating in the Day of Deeper Understanding at Christ UMC in

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS DAY OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING - MAY 11, 2013, 3:00 P.M. AT CHRIST UMC, CHINCOTEAGUE, VA**
- **EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY GATHERING - MAY 11, 2013 AT CHRIST UMC, CHINCOTEAGUE, VA—COVERED DISH AT 5:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY PRAISE AND WORSHIP AT 6:30 P.M.!**
- **EASTERN SHORE CHRYSALIS BOARD MEETING - MAY 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Mears Memorial UMC, Keller, VA**
- **Newsletter articles DUE for June's Walk Way—May 20, 2013. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!!! Please send articles in MSWord Document! (TY)**
- **EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS BOARD MEETING FOR MAY-June 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Epworth UMC, Exmore, VA.**
- **"Northern Shore" Emmaus Gathering – Third Saturday of the month: Saturday, May 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012.**

A Word from our Spiritual Director



Psalm 30:5 For His anger *is but for a moment*, His favor *is for life*; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

Another set of men's and women's Eastern Shore Emmaus weekends have come and gone. It was wonderful to see the amount of pilgrims on both Walks (Keep up the good work community). Also, it was fantastic to see the large number of community members showing up for the different events during the weekend. Surely, it was a great blessing to those pilgrims in atten-

dance.

Certainly, during these weekends and those past, much was uncovered in the hearts of each one participating. God has a way of using His Love to lay bare the deepest recesses of our souls. The Word says that it is, "...the goodness of God that leads you to repentance" (Romans 2:4). The Lord uses each aspect of the Walk to Emmaus to soften, hardened hearts. This, as we all know, can cause much weeping during a weekend. However, even as we are torn, the Great Healer binds up (Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 30:26).

Our souls may be pierced, but God does not allow us to bleed to death. He moves by the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit to help us lay the burden(s) down and seek the mercy and grace that are found in Jesus Christ.

Many tissues are used over the course of a weekend. The Lord, however, dries every tear and turns our weeping into Joy.

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Steve Willing, CSD



Fly with Christ!

I sure hope that spring is finally here. It really does look like it by the trees and flowers but the temperature just doesn't feel like it. Maybe the Lord is teasing us so we will look at His creation and see the beauty that He has given us. This is the same thing we should do with our youth. Take a look at God's creation and the beauty that He has given us with our children. Our children are very important to Him and we need to show them how important He is to us. Continue to look at your youth at your churches and

see who would like to attend a Chrysalis weekend. Please remember that they need to be between the ages of 15-18 years old. There is definitely some interest stirring and we really want to have a Flight this fall. Please send those applications in so we can start planning for the weekend.

We have also scheduled a movie night for June 1 at Franktown UMC. We will start at 6pm and will have food and drinks. We will try to finish by 10pm or shortly thereafter. This will

be for youth who are 14- 18. Please continue to view website or Facebook page for any changes or updates that may occur.

Your Brother in Christ,

Gordon Ward Jr.

Chrysalis CLD

Outreach

Brothers and sisters,

I would like to share something someone sent me. I do think it was meant for me to share and I think it says it all.

No ocean can hold it back.

No river can overtake it.

No whirlwind can go faster.

No army can defeat it.

No distance can slow it.

No disease can cripple it.

No force on earth is more powerful or effective than

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

Let us reflect on this as we pray for these upcoming walks in May. May they be as powerful as our mens walk and our womens walk.

God is so good.

De Colores,

Barbara Taunitas

May 2 - May 5, 2013

Central Queensland,
Men's Walk #50
Queensland, Australia

Bethlehem Emmaus
Women's Walk #16
Headland, Alabama

Grace Emmaus of Silicon
Valley
Women's Walk #28
San Jose, California

Mountain Trails Emmaus
Women's Walk #37
Medford, California

Blue Lake Emmaus
Men's Walk #229
Pace, Florida

Oceanside Emmaus
Women's Walk #70
Coral Springs, Florida

North Georgia Walk to Emmaus
Women's Walk #192
Roswell, Georgia

Illinois Heartland Emmaus
Women's Walk #78
Washington, Illinois

Southern New England Emmaus
Women's Walk #73
Wakefield, Massachusetts

Delmarva Emmaus
Women's Walk #58
Centreville, Maryland

Jackson Area Emmaus
Men's Walk #56
Michigan

Western Montana Emmaus
Women's Walk #11
Missoula, Montana

Borderlands Emmaus Community
Men's Walk #28
Ruidoso, New Mexico

Mid - Ohio Valley Emmaus Community
Women's Walk #42
Marietta, Ohio

Crossroads Emmaus-Chrysalis of Eastern Pennsylvania
Women's Walk #55
Collegeville, Pennsylvania

Sonlights in Puerto Rico Emmaus Community
Women's Walk #46
Guaynalo, Puerto Rico

Oregon Trails Emmaus
Women's Walk #73
Portland, Washington

Kanawha Valley Emmaus
Women's Walk #84
Charleston, West Virginia

May 9 - May 12, 2013

New York Annual Conference Emmaus
Women's Walk #41
Farmingville, New York

May 16 - May 19, 2013

New Life Emmaus
Women's Walk #25
Decatur, Alabama

Northern California/Nevada Emmaus
Men's Walk #48
Granite Bay, California

Bowling Green Emmaus - New Beginnings
Men's Walk #74
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Mountain Top Walk to Emmaus
Women's Walk #167
Hayesville, North Carolina

Lynchburg-Central Virginia Emmaus
Women's Walk #71
Virginia

May 23 - May 26, 2013

South Eastern Caribbean Emmaus - Trinidad
Men's Walk #16
Arima, Trinidad and Tobago

Gulf Coast Emmaus
Men's Walk #89
Fort Myers, Florida

May 30 - June 2, 2013

Northern California/Nevada Emmaus
Women's Walk #61
Granite Bay, California

Southern California Emmaus
Men's Walk #185
POMONA, California

Gulf Coast Emmaus
Women's Walk #89
Fort Myers, Florida

Sun Coast Emmaus
Men's Walk #70
Palmetto, Florida

New York Annual Conference Emmaus
Men's Walk #41
Farmingville, New York

Southside Emmaus
Women's Walk #86
Farmville, Virginia

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CLD Message continued



You know where after the Gathering!!!

Chincoteague, followed by supper and then our May Gathering. Please be sure that the pilgrim (s) that you sponsored are given the invitation to attend these events with you so that they can begin to experience what it means to be a part of our community.

“We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will

produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.” Colossians 1:9b-10, NLT

Hope to see you on the 11th.

Blessings in Jesus,

Senie Burns,

Community Lay Director

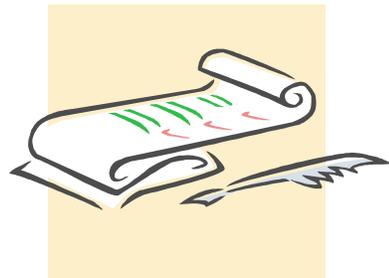
Special, special thanks go to Jon and Mary Grace Woodburn for their tireless service to the Emmaus Community since they walked on ES 46 and ES 47. They will soon be leaving us to move to another church, much nearer to Duke where Jon will be attending seminary. Please keep them in your prayers as they leave the Shore and become acclimated in a new area. We know that the Lord is unfolding His Plan for them day by day and we rejoice that we have been able to participate in it for this season.

Special Info

The Emmaus Community has been invited to the Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dave Hackett on June 1, 2013, at 3 p.m. in Cambridge, MD. If you are interested in attending, see Senie Burns. A reservation is necessary by May 15th. The cost is \$35 for the meal and gift.



We are currently in the process of updating the Community Roster. Someone will be calling you in the next few weeks to be sure that your information is up to date. If you would be willing to help make these phone calls, please get in touch with Allan Burns, 757-331-3633.



A Message from the Heart

My dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Change is always difficult and our moving from our home, the wonderful Eastern Shore, is no exception. The journey has been a blessing to me (and Jon).

For someone who really didn't want to go on a walk for many years after asked, when I finally had the Holy Spirit's nudging, I walked! Upon arriving at the camp on that Thursday, I was ready to go home. I was miserable for 2 days!!! Dying Moments was the beginning of my melting and molding to God's call on my life. I began enjoying the music but couldn't sing because I had lost my voice by that point! (Thank you allergies!) Then on Sunday, something as simple as the JOY flags reeled me in the rest of the way!

I have always taken my teaming experiences seriously, whether Dining Room Servant, Musician, Weekend Music Director, Table Leader, Assistant Table Leader, Assistant Lay Director, or Weekend Lay Director. Each position I have held has stretched me to places where I pray God used me to help make the weekend special for someone else.

Prayer Chain

Hi ES Emmaus Prayer Team!

Please send your prayer requests to Janice Marshall at jan-marsh41@yahoo.com. As before all prayer requests will simply be stated as: "Please pray for Adam." No medical history or personal information will be shared.

Also my home phone number is 757-824-4380, if you get my answering ma-

It has been my pleasure, honor, and JOY to be the Editor of "The Walk Way" and keeper of the website. Although there have been some challenges when folks don't get their articles in on time...(YOU know who YOU are...) With this being said, Gail Deans will be taking over the publication of the Walk Way and the website. Please give her your help and support and DON'T be late with your articles! Send those articles to gaildeans1@verizon.net

Of all the times I have shared with my Emmaus Community, the most JOYFUL for me has always been the music! Music speaks to my soul and God helps me feel the words. When I have left the Eastern Shore and you are at Gatherings, Weekend events, and there is a song or a moment that reminds you of me...please say a prayer. I'm going to need all of them I can get!

This is going to be an exciting journey and I am so thankful to our God that each of you has been a thread in my tapestry of life. Remember I love you and will pray for you always!

DeColores! And MUCH LOVE,
Mary Grace Woodburn, ES47



"Sings the Rooster..."

chine please leave me your: Name, Date, and time of call, and your phone number!

Thank you for all the prayers!

Blessings to all,

Janice Marshall



Pray without ceasing!



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"The Walk Way"
A newsletter for the Eastern
Shore Emmaus Community.

Greetings! The roster has been emailed to our Community Lay Director! If you would like a copy of the Roster emailed to you, I certainly would be happy to comply. But remember that if you notice errors in the current **roster**, please contact Allan Burns by sending an e-mail to: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com, or send a note to P.O. Box 91, Franktown, VA 23354. Please send ANY updated information you may have such as addresses, marriages, or

deaths. It is important to the community to keep the information as up to date as possible. Thank you!!!!

You may also request to be a part of the **Eastern Shore Emmaus & Chrysalis** Facebook Page - for community only! Please make sure we know your walk number too, if possible!!!

The newsletter will be sent as soon as all articles are received as close the to first of the month as possible! Articles to be

included in the Walk Way are to be sent to the editor on or by the 20th of the month before it is to be included. (May 20th for June's newsletter!)

Please be sure to check the Website often as we update pilgrim lists almost daily just before the walks! (esemmaus.org)

Blessings to each of you,
Mary Grace Woodburn