Hello Again My Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in the second month of 2016 – February, a month that will bring us cold temperatures, snow and more snow, short days and long nights. Shew, where did the time go, it seems like yesterday I was wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

In last month’s newsletter I talked about taking time to reflect on my relationship with God. I think back to the first months of living for God. I truly was a new creation in all ways. A new life, a new way – I desired to learn all I could about church, the Bible, and God. I felt so alive, a peace I have never felt before and so loved.

I remember being in California on a business trip, and prior to our meetings, a few of us did a little sight-seeing. My colleagues had decided to climb a bunch of steps to get a closer look at the Hollywood Sign. I decided I could see it just fine from the outside center and as I was sitting on the bench the most awesome thing happened. I was watching the fountains and a group of four young people came by me, stopped several feet from me, talked a few minutes, and as they were leaving one of the young ladies came over to me and said, I just want to tell you that “Jesus Loves You”. Awesome! God knew that I needed to hear Him and he used that young woman to show me how powerful He is and how much He loves me.

February is also the month to celebrate love – I am celebrating the love of Jesus Christ. The experiences of God in my life have made me fall in love with Him and because of that I want to give Him all my praise and all my thanks. Psalm 100:1-4 tells us to “shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name”. Our Lord is worthy of our praises!!!

As I close, I ask that you share adoration for God with others so they too will have the opportunity to come to know, love and praise Him as we do! I also ask that you be in prayer for the upcoming walks and the community. It was great seeing everyone at the last gathering and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next one.

Blessings to you,

Chris Smith
Community Lay Director
A Message From Our Spiritual Director

What makes you angry? What sets you off? What makes your blood boil? What causes you to act crazy? What is it that triggers your ire? What makes you lose your head? Do you believe in righteous anger? You should!

The righteous anger of Jesus is told in the second chapter of the gospel of John. He was in Jerusalem and, as was his custom, went up to the Temple. There he found the moneychangers. They were selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifice - at a handsome profit. Jesus was furious at this abuse of the house of God and so he made a whip of cords, over-turned their tables, and drove them from the premises. He wouldn’t stand for the exploitation of the Temple that he had witnessed. He had righteousness on his side.

My point here is that not all anger is wrong. Not all anger is sinful. Not all anger is misplaced. Paul wrote to the Ephesians and cautioned them to “be angry but do not sin” (Ephesians 4:26).

How do you become angry without sinning? It is not becoming angry because someone insulted you or wounded your pride. You become angry without sinning when your anger is directed against acts that violate the gospel, that go against the grain of Christian compassion, which affronts God, which hurts God’s people.

Among other things, we should be angry that abortions have slaughtered millions of babies throughout the years. We should be angry that in our nation, racism is still a problem. We should be angry because there are still hungry children in this incredibly rich and blessed nation.

But let’s be honest for a minute, can we? Maybe I’m speaking for myself here, but I have a feeling that most of our anger does not fall into the category of righteous indignation. I would venture to guess that in the vast majority of cases of our anger, it is the result of having our own self-interest violated in some way or another.

Most of our anger is aimed at piddling little things: like being cut off in traffic; like having your child spill milk on your new suit; like your wife not feeding the dog; like when your teenager backs over a mailbox in your car; like when your college-aged student wastes tuition money on miscellaneous and unnecessary stuff; like when the cat gets hair all over your black pants.

So, this week, this month, this year let’s work on figuring out what makes us mad. Name your anger, put it away, seek forgiveness, and begin living as you profess. Begin living as those who have been themselves forgiven. Begin living within the implanted Word that has the power to save your soul.

Blessings,

Pastor Bob
For God so loved the world He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

February is known as the month of love. It’s a time when we show others how much we love and appreciate them. We give sweet treats, cards of love, flowers, and other delightful gifts. Valentine’s Day is a warm and fuzzy kind of day with little pink and red hearts and of course, chocolates.

However, God calls us to love each other every day and not necessarily with chocolate (but you can’t usually go wrong with chocolate). Leviticus 19:18 states, “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.” Our world would be a much better place if we all lived this. But we often focus on self and how we were wronged and how to ‘get even’.

Love is at the center of Christianity. God demonstrated love through the sacrifice of His son for us and Jesus demonstrated love by serving God’s people while He walked on the earth and ultimately gave His life for sins he didn’t commit.

We are asked to love God’s people, all of them, no matter what. They may look differently, talk differently, act differently, think differently, worship differently, they may be grumpy and hateful, and they may have committed a horrible act. These things are not our concerns; we are called to love everyone. God loves everyone the same, flaws and all.

Maybe this month we could all have a little fun with sharing love with people we meet. Performing little acts of kindness, going the extra mile for someone we meet. Hold a door, give a warm smile, bring a coworker a cup of coffee, or maybe even give people a kiss, (the chocolate kind of course). When we put others first no matter what it cost us we are demonstrating the kind of love already shown to us; and we didn’t deserve it either.

Showering our youth with love is one of the things we are committed to do through Chrysalis. If you would like to join in the fun of loving on and serving our youth please do not hesitate to contact me or another board member. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of each month. Our next RUSH is scheduled for February the 20th. Plans have not been completed as of yet so more information will be coming.

Happy Valentine’s Day.

Fly with Christ!

Denise Johnson
Chrysalis Community Lay Director
For this Valentine’s Day
Jesus Asks You
BE
MINE

For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
That whosoever Believeth in Him
Should not perish, But have everlasting life.
Outreach

To All Prayer Warriors with the Eastern Shore Emmaus:

Well the Holidays have come and gone. However we must continue to celebrate the birth of Christ every day of the year. There are many Walks scheduled for February. We must continue to pray for the Teamers that are preparing for the Walks and most especially for the Pilgrims that are to attend.

We pray that God will open and prepare their hearts for this very special weekend.

Rex Mayfield,
Agape Outreach Chairperson

Feb 11 - Feb 14, 2016
Comunidad Emmaus de Puerto Rico
Men's Walk #56
Summerville, South Carolina

Feb 18 - Feb 21, 2016
Comunidad Emmaus de Puerto Rico
Women's Walk #68
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Alabama Emmaus
Women's Walk #452
Talladega, Alabama

Central Mississippi Emmaus
Men's Walk #143
Mississippi

Blue Ridge Emmaus
Men's Walk #76
Asheville, North Carolina

Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus
Women's Walk #54
Chillicothe, Ohio

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus
Men's Walk #98
Cincinnati, Ohio

Great Plains Emmaus
Men's Walk #92
Yukon, Oklahoma

Feb 24 - Feb 27, 2016
Central Alabama Emmaus
Women's Walk #175
Montgomery, Alabama

Feb 25 - Feb 28, 2016
Channel Island Emmaus
Men's Walk #54
Simi Valley, California

Grace Emmaus of Silicon Valley
Men's Walk #45
San Jose, California

Greater Plains Emmaus
Women's Walk #93
Yukon, Oklahoma

Houston West Emmaus
Women's Walk #89
Houston, Texas

Llano Estacado Emmaus Community
Women's Walk #136
Lubbock, Texas

Lowcountry Emmaus
Men's Walk #120
Richmond, Virginia

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1821
San Antonio, Texas

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1822
San Antonio, Texas

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1823
San Antonio, Texas

Feb 25 - Feb 28, 2016
Central Illinois Emmaus
Men's Walk #258
Springfield, Illinois

Central Mississippi Emmaus
Women's Walk #144
Mississippi

Great Plains Emmaus
Women's Walk #93
Yukon, Oklahoma

Houston West Emmaus
Women's Walk #81
Summerville, South Carolina

Lowcountry Emmaus
Men's Walk #80
Summerville, South Carolina

South Carolina Seaside Emmaus
Men's Walk #135
Conway, South Carolina

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1821
San Antonio, Texas

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1822
San Antonio, Texas

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1823
San Antonio, Texas

Central Illinois Emmaus
Men's Walk #258
Springfield, Illinois

Central Mississippi Emmaus
Women's Walk #144
Mississippi

Great Plains Emmaus
Women's Walk #93
Yukon, Oklahoma

Lowcountry Emmaus
Men's Walk #120
Richmond, Virginia

Houston West Emmaus
Women's Walk #90
Houston, Texas

Rio Texas Conference Emmaus/Chrysalis
Men's Walk #1824
San Antonio, Texas

Dallas Emmaus
Women's Walk #261
Rockwall, Texas

Rex Mayfield,
Agape Outreach Chairperson
Brothers And Sisters In Christ,

As we enter February and get closer to Valentine’s Day I’m sure you’ve already seen the store aisles that are lined with all of the flowers, candy, and cards that the world tells us should symbolize our love and devotion to one another. While those sentiments are appreciated when we receive those types of gifts, as Christians we have a different perspective on love and how it is shown. "For God So LOVED the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

This widely used and well known verse in the book of John is perhaps the greatest display of love that the Bible gives us. The knowledge that God loves us so much that he sent the perfect, pure, and sinless, lamb into this world of sin to die for our salvation because of his grace and compassion towards us. That is love my friends.

In that same mindset, Jesus tells us in Mark how we are supposed to respond to God’s great sacrifice of love. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” He goes on to say to, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. "There is no commandment greater than these.”

One of the ways that God continues to display his love for us is giving us the ability to come to Him in prayer. Also, in regard to others, one of the greatest gifts as Christians that we can offer to one another is prayer. The knowledge that brothers and sisters are joining us in one mind to pray over the circumstances and the struggles in our lives can make us feel such love and peace in our time of need.

The Emmaus Prayer Team continues to be a great way to join together as a community and offer prayers to one another in love. At this time, e-mails are currently received by approximately 125 members. If you would like to receive updates or have a prayer request, send a message to emmausprayerteam@gmail.com.

Steve Johnson

Prayer Team Coordinator

Pray Without Ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Steve Johnson
Emmaus Prayer Team Coordinator
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Challenge of the Month:

1. You are challenged to reach out and touch someone with God’s love!
2. You are challenged to shout to The Lord with praise!
3. Pray for the upcoming walks, our community, and for pilgrims!

Monthly Trivia Question:

Which WLD got personal affirmation from the composer to be able to use his song on the walk?

The first person to come up to me (Gail Deans) at the Gathering with the correct answer will receive some agape!

Who will win this month????

Congratulations to Lou Hopkins who won last month with the correct answer!

Roster, Newsletter, Website

“The Walk Way”
A newsletter for the Eastern Shore Emmaus Community

Greetings to everyone! The Emmaus Directory is being maintained by Allan Burns. Please remember that if you notice errors in the current directory, please contact Allan 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 and email addresses. Allan has distributed the revised directory by e-mail. If you have a current email address on file, Allan will email the roster to you. If you need a hard copy let Allan know. 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 to the 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 (January 20th for the February newsletter).

Please be sure to check the Website often as we give you current happenings and we update Pilgrim and Caterpillar lists almost daily just before the walks!

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Blessings to each of you!

Gail Deans
Newsletter Editor

Happy Valentine’s Day
Pray! Pray! Pray! GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS!

God knows those He wants on these spring walks! Ask God now to show you the person or persons He wants you to send on our Spring Walks and send their Pilgrim Applications in! Please listen to what God is laying on your heart!

Make sure you fill out the Sponsor’s Form when you send in the applications. There is a scholarship fund available if you need financial assistance for your pilgrim: please contact Gail Deans, Pre-Weekend Chairperson, at 757-464-0329 or by email, gaildeans1@verizon.net to apply for a scholarship. Let’s listen to God and fill up these Spring Walks!!!!

SPONSORSHIP CORNER!

Several years ago while enduring a well deserved critique of a talk, a Brother in Christ advised me to turn my thinking around, to not make the talk about me, but about what someone else had done for me. I've used that advice many times, and it has always served me well. So for this Sponsor's corner I'm asking that we do the same, take a moment and contact your sponsor, call, write, email, text them. Let them know what Emmaus has meant to you; what your 4th Day has been like. Then pray and ask our Heavenly Father whom you could pass along that same joy that you have been given!

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