



The Heart of a Pilgrim

I just got back from the Chrysalis candlelight and I am so blown away by the evening. We all love these weekends. We love that we get to witness people grow closer to Jesus. We love knowing that they are in the middle of what is an amazing and life changing experience. We love the prospects that come with these Disciples of Christ and what it will mean to our churches and community.

As I sat there singing and signing "I love you" to all of the people parading by I found myself at that point where you are full of so much emotion that the muscles on your face don't know whether to smile or scrunch up and cry. I looked at everyone around me and even though I wasn't a caterpillar and this wasn't "my" weekend, I found myself looking at the face of Christ.

One of the wonderful things about the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis is that with each event God helps us revisit our own weekend. We have a great opportunity to reflect on what we felt, who was there, all the surprises, and all the love.

It's that enormous love that we took back to our families, churches, and communities that made the difference. It's that amazing love that had us floating and made everyone around us wonder what we have been up too. It's that enormous love that we have to fight to keep inside of us when life gets in the way.

Even though we all received the "assignment" to go back to our church and serve, I find that in

that service I'm not always able to connect with God at that height of a heart gushing with love like I did on my walk weekend, or like I experience with each Candlelight, Closing, Sponsoring, or Teaming. I am in constant prayer to hold on to that heart gushing with love. I don't want to ever forget it. I don't want to ever let it go.



And so my dear brothers and sisters I have a prayer for each of you. I pray with all my being that each and every one of you has the heart of a pilgrim. That heart that is full of so much love that it brings you joy unspeakable. That heart that makes you feel as if you could hug the whole world no matter what is going on in your life. It's the heart of a pilgrim that makes Christ real in the world.

It's the heart of a pilgrim that is the Body of Christ. So whether you just flew on TWC 45 and 46, or you walked on TW-1, I encourage you to reach back to your weekend. Revisit your experiences, try to remember what touched you or surprised you or made you laugh. Hold on to that feeling. Never let go of that love. That love is God's love.

Praying that you have the heart of a pilgrim.

De Colores,

--Lea Anne



“On the web” is a new section that will provide you with a snapshot of the changes that are taking place on

<http://www.tidewateremmaus.org/>

If you are into social networking, then [tidewateremmaus.org](http://www.tidewateremmaus.org) is the place you want to be. TWE recently added a [facebook](#) link on the homepage. Sign-in, start enjoying more Christian fellowship and become a part of the informed generation.

TWE is preparing a list of those who are musically inclined, please contact the Assistant Music Director (AMD) or go to our [facebook](#) page for more information. We also desperately need to replace old and worn-out musical equipment (including laptops). Pray and let the Lord lead you to help so we don't lose any continuity in the quality of our music. Contact either the MD (rancar81@cox.net) or AMD (alan_foster@verizon.net)

We are also in the process of adding walk pictures as well as team and pilgrim lists to the Photo Album page. If you have any walk pictures/team/pilgrim lists that can be helpful and bring back the heart of a pilgrim in you, please share.

There is also a new Agape page which among other things includes the prayer vigils for the walks and a great idea of the month. Please check it out.

Ever wonder what goes on at those TWE Board meetings? The Board is here to support the community and all our members and we want to keep you informed of our activities. A summary of Board meetings is now available on the TWE web site. It's on the home page under "Current News".

If you have other ideas, just send them to me at: bassai@cox.net. I can't promise we'll use them all, but we will consider them all.

The heart of a person is only as big as their love for Christ.

In His service,

Jack



The Tidewater Emmaus By-Laws are being updated. Check out the by-laws on the TWE website home page. The Community will vote to accept the by-laws at the March gathering. If you have any questions, suggestions, or clarification requests, please submit them to any member of the Board. You will find contact information for each Board member on the "Contact Us" page on the TWE web site.

Sponsorship

Christian Leadership

As I reflected on both my pilgrim and teaming experience, one of the issues that kept jumping out at me is Christian Leadership.

As believers and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, We, through the actions of the Holy Spirit on our heart, do have a desire of servanthood. And, as we already know, servanthood (being a follower) equates to Leadership.

As servants/followers, each of us has a Christian leadership responsibility among men. In **Matthew 5:13-14** Jesus called us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. **Matthew 5:13-14** "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." (14) "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

We serve as Christian leaders when we use our unique gifts to **serve** God and others in His name. What better example than Jesus our Lord in **servanthood** as seen in **John 13:14-15** **Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.**

Rhetorically, when you think the roles of a leader what come to mind? Answer: Possibly, **Coach, Good listener, Counselor, Mentor, Motivator, Trainer, and a Change Agent to name a few. Here is what I know:**

1. If we make ourselves available to be molded and guided by the Holy Spirit;
2. If we continue to seek his word; and,
3. If we take time to listen when we pray,

Then, we all can go forth, in confidence, as we "step out" to be a disciple for our Lord in bringing others to the Walk to Emmaus experience. I offer that you step out today and sponsor a Pilgrim for TW-90/91.

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ben lane

Agape



Time to rev up our AGAPE for the upcoming spring walks, TW90 (men's) and TW91 (women's). I have heard from A LOT of you already about making AGAPE. I thank God for all of you that make the weekends such a precious gift to our Father. As we make agape we really are in a place of worship. In all that we do we do it for the Glory of God (1Corinthians 10:31)

Please consider joining us early for AGAPE HOUR on gathering Saturdays at 5:30pm to share ideas and create together for the upcoming walks. Bring your ideas, supplies and glue guns and let's worship, fellowship and CREATE for the pilgrims of 90 and 91. I'll have placemats to color so if you don't feel like making...let the Kindergartener in you come out through bringing the placemats to life!! We'll have directions for making TW classics and lots of handouts for you to take home. Please take a moment and check out the agape webpage on the TWE website.....if you have a favorite agape you'd like to share like that, please let me know!!

I give all praise, glory and honor to our Heavenly Father as our hands lift to serve Him in all things.

Please email me, mbsworld1@cox.net if you have questions, suggestions or just want to chat.....I love to email....and it's my most effective method of communication!!



DeColores Tidewater Emmaus Community! See you on the 20th at 5:30!

Your Sister in Christ ~Marybeth

Community Roster Update

2010 is the year of the census and we are doing just that. In order to make sure our records are up to date, we ask that you send an e-mail to me (arniel@verizon.net) with the following information:

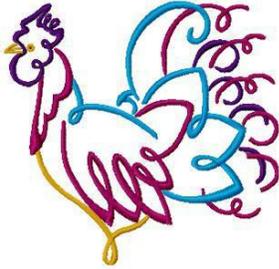


Name
Address
Phone number
Church affiliation
Walk ... (if it is not TW, please write out the name)
E-mail address
Any position you have held with the community

If you filled out a card at the last gathering, I already have you on board.

Thanks, Arnie

Walks & Flights



Spring Walk Dates

Men's Walk: April 15th - 18th

Women's Walk: April 29th - May 2nd

Please be in prayer for the Teams, Pilgrims, and CST.



The Gathering will be held on 20 February 2010 at Christ UMC located at 1601 E. Bayview Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23503

[Get Directions](#)



Chrysalis Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU) will be held at 4:00pm on Saturday 6, Feb at:

***Virginia Beach United Methodist Church
212 Nineteenth Street, Virginia Beach, Va.
757-428-7727***

[Get Directions](#)