



The Best Conversationalist

Matthew 7:8

**For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.*

At the May Gathering one of my colleagues on the Board, Jack Meservey, stood before the community and asked “how would you like to have about a thousand people praying for you?” To that I say ... YES! Sounds great, who couldn’t use that kind of support. The power of prayer is unbelievable. Have you ever heard of someone turning down prayers on their behalf? It seems even the most skeptical people welcome prayers “just in case” and “because it can’t hurt”. I’m willing to bet deep down they know the prayers are effective, even if they won’t admit it.

Some people question that if everything is according to God’s plan, can we “pray Him into changing His mind?” Well, there’s no time or space for getting into that debate, however I will say that God understands us. He knows that even if His answer to our prayer is “no” or “not yet”, that we humans have a need to be heard. He is the one who designed us. He knows how we’re wired. Don’t we all feel better just saying what’s on our mind or in our hearts and knowing that we’ve been heard?

What is it that we receive? What is it that we find? What is on the other side of the door? If it’s not the answer that we hoped for, perhaps it’s the comfort and peace we feel when we know we’ve been heard.

As a parent, I’m trying to follow His lead. The question ... “can I stay up past my bedtime” ... will

receive the answer “no”. However, allowing my son to explain why he wants to stay up later, and me validating that I heard what he said, but my answer is still the same, results in a smoother discussion. He might not love the answer, but he knows I listened to him and that does give him some peace in the situation.

Does God throw us into storms in our life just to test us to see if we’ll pray for His guidance, comfort, or cure? Can’t get into that one here either, but I do know that God wants a relationship with us. If we confide in Him as we do our earth-bound BFF then He can make a bigger impact in our life. And when we invite Him in and converse with Him we absolutely receive something every time. We receive His love and peace.

We have seen an increase in prayer requests that have been emailed to the Community and posted on the TWE FaceBook page. How wonderful it is to see our brothers and sisters coming together, outside of Gatherings, outside of Walk Weekends, and lifting each other up in prayer. I love the line in the Amy Grant song *Better Than a Hallelujah* ... “We pour out our miseries, God just hears a melody”. Like any proud father, He loves it when we share ourselves with Him. No matter how off key it may seem, it is truly music to His ears.



If you are in need of prayer, please consider giving us the privilege of speaking to our Father on your behalf. What an amazing melody we could all make.

Praying that you have the heart of a Pilgrim.

--Lea Anne



"On the web" provides you with a snapshot of the changes that are taking place on <http://www.tidewateremmaus.org/>

Walk Pictures

Thank you so much for sending us your walk pictures. What a blessing it is to see so many of our community with the aura of the Holy Spirit around them.

If you have a picture of your walk along with the names of pilgrims and teamers, won't you please share so everyone can see "The Best Walk Ever".

Reunion Groups

It has been mentioned often that Pilgrims are the lifeblood of our or any Emmaus Community. This statement couldn't be more accurate, but in order to keep the blood flowing we need Reunion Groups.

There are several open groups listed on our website or if there are none in your area, start one.

If you need assistance or know of an open reunion group that is not listed, please contact the Continuity Director (training/reunion groups) (jordanpeg62@yahoo.com)



Don't forget to check out the summary of Board meetings on <http://www.tidewateremmaus.org/>. It's on the home page under "Current News".

If you have other ideas or if you know someone who isn't receiving our newsletter, just send me an e-mail at: bassai@cox.net.

When we walk with the Lord, we will never get lost or lonely
With His love and support,
Jack

Music



We have been extremely blessed by the outpouring of Agape shown by the community. Although you have been more generous than we deserve, we are still in need of donations to purchase 1 laptop and projection equipment that is either broken or in need of repair. The total for these items is approximately \$2400.00.

We understand this a lot of cabbage to swallow but if we look at it as less than \$3.00 per person in the Community, it is very doable. Let your heart guide your wallet. *Please contact either the CMD or ACMD for additional information.*

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Randy and Alan

Sponsorship/Registrations



The role of sponsor comes with many blessings and responsibilities. Below is a list of things that you, as a sponsor, do for your pilgrim.

- **PRAY!** Be sure to pray before, during and after the weekend.
- **Be honest with your pilgrim.** Refrain from making "jokes" about the weekend. Answer your pilgrim's Emmaus-related questions.
- **Collect at least 12 Agape Letters.** These should be from close friends/family of the pilgrim. Bring your letters to Sponsor's Hour on Thursday night of the Walk. "The intent of the letters is that through the love behind the words, God will give them grace and peace."
- **Bring your pilgrim to the Conference Center at Wakefield by 6:30 PM on Thursday of the Walk.** Arriving on time is extremely important since "nothing starts until everyone is present".
- **Plan to attend Sponsor's Hour on Thursday night.** This when the sponsor prays over the individual crosses and pays the weekend walk fee of \$180.00. This fee is in addition to the \$50.00 that your pilgrim paid to reserve their spot.
- **Plan to attend** the Saturday Night Candlelight Service, the Sunday morning Sunrise Service, and the Sunday Closing.
- **Plan to return your pilgrim back home once the weekend is over.**
- **Keep in touch with your pilgrim's family during the weekend.**
- **Leave the family a contact number** for you so that you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- **Assist your pilgrim in finding a reunion group after their walk.**
- **Make every effort to bring your pilgrim to the Day of Deeper Understanding** and to some of the first gatherings after his walk.

An Emmaus weekend is an experience of grace, love and holy presence. You are living agape to your pilgrim - the hands, heart and face of Christ.

If you have any questions, please email either of us.

Blessings,

Carolyn Robertson, Sponsorship Representative (robertsoncar@yahoo.com)

Ben Lane, Registration Representative (benlane1@cox.net)

Teaming

The deadline for teaming applications is June 19th. Applications can be turned in to Stan Best at the Gathering at Hickory UMC. There is still a need for people to serve on the Community Support Team (CST) and Team for both walks.

At 5:30 on June 19th at Hickory UMC Stan Best will be conducting training on Teaming for anyone in the community who would like to attend. This will be a more in depth discussion than was covered at the Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU). Topics will include the teamers schedule, the process, and the requirements to move into leadership positions in both the CST and Talk-Room Team. This will be a seminar with plenty of time to answer questions. Also, attending this training will meet the requirement of DODU for purpose of teaming. Please plan on attending, there will even be Teaming applications available if you desire to serve on the next walks.



As I continue to rebuild the archives for Tidewater Emmaus I am seeking pilgrim and team lists. If you have team or pilgrim lists for any of the walks listed below, please forward me a copy at arniel@verizon.net.

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De Colores,
Arnie

June Gathering



The June Gathering will be held 19 June 2010 at
Hickory UMC, 2708 S. Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake

(757) 421-2778

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