



The Leap

Have you ever seen *Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade*? It's the one where Indiana and his father (played by Sean Connery) go in search of the Holy Grail. There's a scene where as he follows a riddle with clues to the Holy Grail he must take the "leap of faith". Indiana takes a large step off a cliff and as soon as his foot comes down, and we're wondering if he's going to fall, an invisible bridge supports his foot in mid-air.

What a great visual that was in the movie. When we are truly called by God to just have faith and go for it, and He is there just as He promised. Not only do we feel complete relief when we take a risk and God provides, but there is a feeling of reassurance and satisfaction in knowing that deep down you were right. Your faith has not been misplaced. Our Father loves us.

The thing about taking a leap of faith is that we typically don't do it until we are absolutely forced to. Just like Indiana Jones, it seems we have to be pushed to the edge of a cliff with nowhere else to go and it's in that moment that we find if we have faith, we don't have to worry.

Have you been pushed to the edge of the cliff lately? I have, thus the inspiration for this article. As a planner I often have things laid out for quite a while. I have plans for the next hour as well as the next decade. It's pretty funny to say that ... "I have plans" ... yeah, I kid myself into thinking my plans are mine. Can you relate to that? I think the Father is just letting me feel good about myself, building my self-esteem and allowing me to feel like a planner, like I'm prepared. I do know better, but with the chaos of life, it's easy to forget who is really in control. God bless those of

you who are able to live by the seat of your pants – you are the blessed ones who truly put God in the driver's seat. I'm working hard on letting go of the wheel. Sometimes God just takes the wheel out of your hands.

There is a freedom you feel when you let go and let God. When you are pushed to the cliff you learn things about yourself that you might have never known. You feel stronger in the end for having learned the lesson. You learn that faith sustained you through a change, or a trial, or something scary. You learn that He is there all the time. He strengthened you. He says ... I have faith in you, child. You can get through this and I'm here to help.

There is also a point after the leap where the peace you feel begins to bring on a bit of curiosity: "okay God, I've taken the leap, what plans do you have for me? What is it I'm supposed to learn?" On the other side of the leap, a hope builds up in you with anticipation of what He is going to do next. After all, he placed that bridge under you just when you needed it, something else special is in store for you.



So whatever cliff you face: a child going off to college, retiring from your job, trying a new medical treatment, starting your life over, or working up the courage to invite someone on The Walk to Emmaus, please remember that God is there to catch you when you leap. And the rest of your Emmaus brothers and sisters? We'll be there, holding up that bridge.

Praying you have the heart of a pilgrim.

--Lea Anne

Have you checked out our  lately.

Take a couple minutes to see the changes, catch up on old business or if you are like me, jog your memory. <http://www.tidewateremmaus.org/>

Walk Pictures



We still need walk pictures along with team and pilgrim lists. Please check the “Photo Album” page on the website to see if your walk is listed. If not, please let us borrow your picture, we will scan it (the picture won’t even feel it) and return it unharmed. If you believe your walk was, “The Best Walk Ever”, then share.

Reunion Groups

Reunion groups are a way of staying in touch with your Emmaus brothers and sisters but more importantly staying routed in the principles of Emmaus. The bonding experience is phenomenal.

There are many evolutions associated with being a Christian that are difficult, starting a Reunion Group is not one of them. If you check the list on the Reunion Group page and there isn’t an open group in your area, then start one. Trust the Lord to guide you.

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)

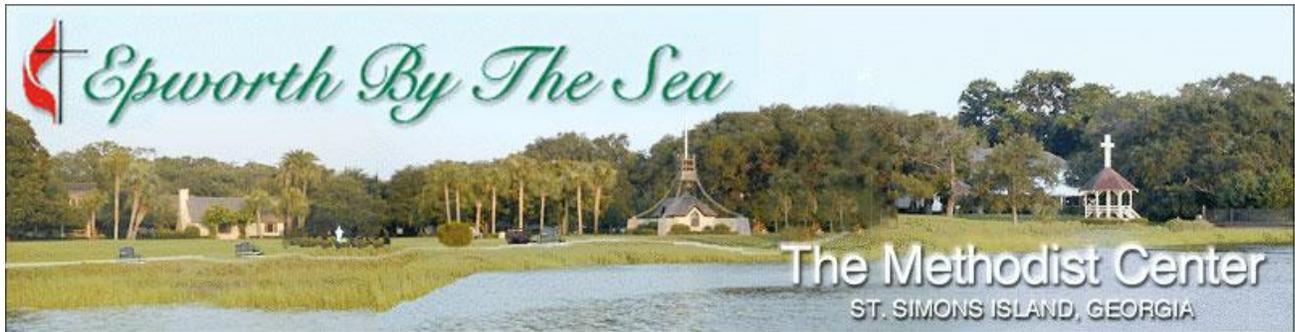
The Board

The board didn’t meet during July but be sure to look for August “Board Notes” in a few weeks on <http://www.tidewateremmaus.org> under “Current News” on your home page.

Although I have quite a number of e-mail addresses, I still believe there are Emmaus Community members who aren’t getting the newsletter but more importantly, they aren’t getting or submitting prayer requests.

If you know of someone who is being deprived of this valuable information, please let me know so they don’t continue to suffer from “Emmaus Information Withdrawal”.

If you have ideas to improve our communications, just send me an e-mail at: bassai@cox.net.



Annual Regional Emmaus/Chrysalis Gathering

Don't forget Emmaus/Chrysalis by the Sea 2010.

A regional Emmaus/Chrysalis gathering led by the Southeast Emmaus Teamleaders.

This event will be held Labor Day weekend (Sept 4-6) at St. Simons Island, GA.

For more information click on the following website:

<http://www.epworthbythesea.org/emmaus-2010brochure.pdf>



Sponsorship/Registrations

The Deadline is Getting Close

The deadline for submitting applications will be here before you know it. Please continue to pray for your prospective pilgrims, plant a few more seeds and the Lord will harvest the crop.

Dates and Application Deadlines for the Fall Walks are:

TW-92 Men's Walk: Oct 14-17, 2010 (**Application Deadline = 30 Sept**).

TW-93 Women's Walk: Oct 21-24, 2010 (**Application Deadline = 07 Oct**).

Emmaus Sponsorship Training Reminder

Has it been a longtime since you have sponsored? Did you miss Day of Deeper Understanding? Maybe you would like to learn more about the importance of sponsorship. This session will offer a brief overview of "Sponsorship" and the role of a sponsor. This is open to all members of the community.

Saturday, August 21 at 5:30 - 6:15 pm,
Charity UMC in Va Beach prior to the Emmaus Gathering, Conference Room.

Thursday, September 9 at 7:00- 7:45 pm,
Great Bridge UMC in Chesapeake,
Room 112.

If you have any questions, email either of us.

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

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

Music



What a wonderful Lord we serve, the way He brought the Community together to provide us with the equipment we so desperately needed is nothing short of a miracle. We thank Him for speaking to your hearts.

Randy and Alan

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Colossians 4:2 Continue earnestly in **prayer**, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving

Prayer is our invitation to the Holy Spirit to come into our lives and our situations. As Paul said in 1 Thessalonians (5:19). "Do not hold back the work of the Holy Spirit". Each weekend at Wakefield is completely about "the work of the Holy Spirit" "...not about us or the world around us. Who invites Holy Spirit into every minute of that weekend? We do. The body of Christ that is the Tidewater Emmaus community and beyond.

Please consider signing up for the upcoming walks to pray. The prayer vigils are posted on the TWE website: www.tidewateremmaus.org

You sign up for a 30 minute block to pray....30 minutes to reach up your hands to your Father in Heaven and make supplications for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the pilgrims and teams of TW92 and TW93...30 minutes to worship, give thanks and give hope to the continued spreading of the gospel through the strengthening of the Christian walk of those on the road to Emmaus

Please choose to be a committed part of the only agape our pilgrims really need. Our prayers.

You can ALWAYS email me at: mbsworld1@cox.net

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~ ~ ~ Marybeth

August Gathering



The August Gathering will be held 21 August 2010
starting at 6:30 pm at
Charity UMC, 4080 Charity Neck Rd, VB

[Get Directions](#)