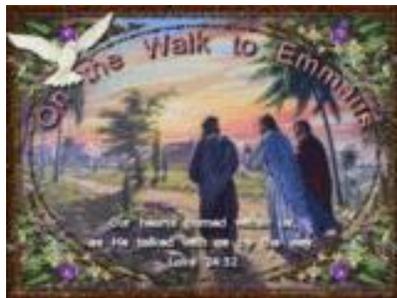




What do you see? What do you hear?

It is hard to believe that it is already February and application deadlines for the Spring Walks are just around the corner! The Walk to Emmaus is designed to renew the Body of Christ by bringing disciples of Jesus Christ together for renewal and revitalization. The Walk to Emmaus is about building up Christ's disciples so they can go back to the local church to strengthen its ministries and be Christ's hands and feet in the world. The Walk to Emmaus is about our 4th Day and what we do with each of those days when we return home. With that in mind, it should come as no surprise that the Upper Room Director's Manual tells us that **SPONSORSHIP** is the most important job in any community. Sponsorship that focuses on the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus will produce fruit that will build up the local church and its ministries and will nurture the Emmaus movement to sustain a healthy community in the years to come. So I ask you,



- Is there a newly appointed leader in your church that you can encourage by affirming them in that new position God has called them into?
- Is there a member of your church that is sitting on the fence about serving in ministry?
- Is there a member of your church, laity or clergy that is in need of renewal to strengthen their ministry calling?
- Is there a friend, a next door neighbor or colleague at work that you personally know is a leader in their church to whom you can share this invitation in an effort to strengthen and renew their church and their ministries?

If you answered, "yes" to any of the questions above, I pray that you would extend an invitation to those persons to take their Walk to Emmaus. If finances currently are an obstacle to you extending an invitation to someone, pray about turning to the Body of Christ for help. Ask for support from your reunion group, your tablemates, or other friends in this Emmaus community. Contact your personal sponsor or members of your church about who God has placed on your heart. If you said, "yes", be motivated into Christian Action to share this invitation of agape love. My prayer is God will open our eyes so wide that we will not only see persons with whom to share an invitation to a Walk to Emmaus weekend but we will not hesitate to respond.

DeColores,

Carolyn Robertson TW 49

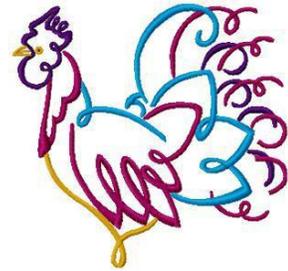
"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear." Matthew 13:16

Spring Walks

Spring Walk Dates

TW 94 Men's Walk: April 7th - 10th

TW 95 Women's Walk: April 28th - May



The pilgrim application deadline for the walks is almost here, hurry up so no pilgrim is left behind.

**Pilgrim Applications for TW 94 must be received by March 17, 2011
Pilgrim Applications for TW 95 must be received by April 7, 2011**

Please be in prayer for the Teams, Pilgrims, CST and the communities that support them.

Meet the

Board

Each month we will be introducing several member of your Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors (TWEB). Where possible, we will include pictures so you can match names and faces.

Your TWEB is here to serve the community and ensure all evolutions are conducted as professionally as possible and in accordance with Upperroom (Emmaus Governing Body) policies and procedures. In fact, the TWEB as well as the other 600 worldwide Emmaus Communities sign a covenant each year with the Upper Room stipulating we will comply with the instructions provided in the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus .

Carolyn Robertson - Community Lay Director



My name is Carolyn Robertson; I walked on TW-49. I sat at the table of *Hearts on Fire*, and I attend Charity United Methodist Church in Va. Beach. My husband, Robbie (TW48) and I have been married for 19 years and are blessed with two wonderful, busy teenagers Michael (17 yrs) and Katherine (15 yrs). God has blessed me and my family in so many ways through The Tidewater Emmaus Community. I am so humbled to serve God and this community as Community Lay Director on the Tidewater Emmaus Board for 2011.

I can be reached at robertsoncar@yahoo.com

Kim McConnaughey - Director of Registration/Community Outreach



My name is Kim McConnaughey and I walked on TW-65...the best walk ever! I'll be serving our God and the community as the Walk Registration and Community Outreach Director for 2011. I am really looking forward to meeting new people in the community and to be the contact person for the pilgrims who have applied for a Walk. It will be a great opportunity to meet new members of the TWE community as they begin their Walk by submitting an application!

I live in Virginia Beach with my husband, Bruce (TW-64), and we are very active in many areas at our church, Baylake UMC. We have 2 young adult children, Michele (21) and Ryan (19). I'm in my 26th year working as a civil servant for the Navy supporting fleet training and ensuring their training ranges are ready to go. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, reading, spending time with friends, and supporting TWE.

In addition to working registration for each of the Walks, as the Community Outreach Director I will be looking to strengthen involvement in the Emmaus movement and the TWE community by engaging with churches who have had little or no participation and re-energizing others who may have not sent a pilgrim in a while. Wouldn't it be great if all of our Walks were full? Please share your ideas with me about how to "get the word out"!

I can be reached at kmcconnaughey2@cox.net

Your Friend in Christ,
Kim

Barbara Edwards - Director of Weekends/Assistant Music Director

Barbara Edwards walked on TW 35, a truly life-changing experience. She has served as table leader and assistant music director. She plays guitar in the band sometimes. A member of Boykins UMC, she is a certified lay minister, Admin Council chair and choir member. I can be reached at tcu70@yahoo.com

DeColores
Barbara

Jon Bennett - Head Spiritual Director

An Open Letter to Pastors

Please remove this page and share it with your pastor



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:2).

The way that the Apostle Paul greets church leaders with a blessing of "grace" and "peace" while brief, conveys a desire for unmerited favor and kindness upon its recipient. I pray God's *shalom* on you and your faith community.

I write as a witness to the wonderful ways that the Walk to Emmaus program and its lively community support the local church. I am a lifelong United Methodist and pastor for many years and have been a member of two Emmaus communities during my ministerial service. I walked as part of the Shenandoah Valley Emmaus community and currently volunteer as the Community Spiritual Director for the Tidewater Emmaus community. I am one of you- a local church pastor. I, too, seek ways to support the spiritual formation and growth in discipleship of members and constituents of my local church. I have used many programs and strategies that support the development of leaders in my churches. And there are many good programs that support that development. In my experience, few have been as thorough or as effective as The Walk to Emmaus sponsored by The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ. As our "walk weekends" conclude there are joyous (and sometimes tearful) words from the pilgrims that indicate their weekend has been life changing. As a pastor, I know of no other program that gives me so much satisfaction as the Walk to Emmaus. As a participant in the community, I too, am able to identify ways I am transformed and renewed. I ask that you support its work and encourage the growth and potential of future leaders in your church.

If you have been on an Emmaus Walk- then you know of its wonderful work and the way in which it supports the development of leaders in your local church. I only ask that you consider becoming involved in the Tidewater Emmaus community. We need you now.

If you haven't been on a walk, consider this as an invitation for further conversation. I am eager to share with you my observations about Walk to Emmaus. Please feel free to contact me.

De Colores

Jonathan Bennett -487-1698

Larry Taylor - Director of Team Selections



I am Larry Taylor, attend Grace Bible Church, walked on TW-53, and sat at the table of "On Eagles Wings". I am blessed to be married to Darlene and to have two wonderful children in Evan and Corinne. Since my walk God has led me to become more involved in my church, to team and serve on CST for several Chrysalis Flights and Emmaus walks. I have joined and participated in several reunion groups along with Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). As Director of Team Selection for 2011, I am honored to serve with God's help, as part of the selection process of the teams for the next walks. I can be reached at lctdkt3@msn.com.

Larry

Contact list for your 2011 Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors

Spiritual Director

Jon Bennett

jbennett64@cox.net

Community Lay Director

Carolyn Robertson

robertsoncar@yahoo.com

Director of Records

Annie Lindblad

arniel@verizon.net

Director of Sponsorship

Assistant Lay Director

Stan Best

stanbest@verizon.net

Chrysalis Lay Director

Carolyn M. Jones

keezercmj@gmail.com

Director of Gatherings

Randy Leazer

rancar81@cox.net

Director of Music

Alan Foster

alan_foster@verizon.net

(underscore between
alan and foster)

Director of Weekends/ Assistant Director of Music

Barbara Edwards

tcu70@yahoo.com

Director of Continuity (Training/Reunion Groups)

Peggy Jordan

jordanpeg62@yahoo.com

Director of Agape

Marybeth Grambo

Mbworld1@cox.net

Director of Registration/ Community Outreach

Kim McConnaughey

kmcconnaughey2@cox.net

Director of Communications

Jack Meservey

bassai@cox.net

Director of Finance

Christy Kapko

ckapko@cox.net

Director of Team Selection

Larry Taylor

lctdkt3@msn.com

Agape

Agape News

Hooray! The preparation for the Spring Walks has begun! If you're not teaming or sponsoring and want to be involved, please consider making agape for the walks. Agape comes in all forms....from making shiny first stones or warm fuzzies to items that our pilgrims can carry or wear on their 4th day to help them remember the weekend and how the Lord spoke to them there. If you are interested in making agape but don't know where to start....PLEASE email me: mbsworld1@cox.net and I'll get you started! ☺

We have a lot of neat bag agape provided lovingly by Margaret Norfleet! Thanks Margaret for your heart and your gifts to the Lord! We're looking for table agape and bed agape and PLACEMATS....so give me shout via email and we'll get started! ☺ And remember....the BEST place to start is on the web at www.tidewateremmaus.org where you can sign up to PRAY on the 72 hour vigil.

Can't wait to talk to you or meet you at the next Gathering! DeColores!!

February CHRYSALIS Gathering and DDDU



The February Gathering will be held on 19 February 2011 starting at 6:30 pm at Foundry UMC located at 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach

[Get Directions](#)