



Clergy and Laity

¹ ...To God's elect, strangers in the world ... ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. (1Peter 1:1-2)

God is good! Last month I pointed out that, we needed a few more confirmed pilgrims to ensure both walks would occur this spring and you responded in a great way. At candlelight for Chrysalis, I explain this deadline was for two reasons; one is a form of agape to those who give of their time and their treasure to team so that we will know that we will have the walk. The second reason is now we have to pay a nonrefundable deposit to Wakefield. They have been a true blessing to this community, but they do have legitimate business concerns with a group as large as Tidewater Emmaus. I am happy to announce that we have enough men and should have enough women to ensure the walks. Therefore, we will take applications until the March 29 deadline for the men and the April 12 deadline for the women or until the walks are full. Please be aware that full walks are a possibility, so get those applications in early.

I also pointed out in the last newsletter that we did not have a Spiritual Director of the community. I was pleased to announce at the Chrysalis candlelight that Clark Cundiff has agreed to be the Community Spiritual Director. Rev. Robertson anointed Clark that night for this very important position in our community. I am also pleased to announce that Lisa Nordan has agreed to serve as Assistant Spiritual Director (ASD) for the community. We thank God for her willingness to serve. I hope to have the last ASD position filled shortly and I ask for your continued prayers in this matter.

Please be in constant prayer and offer support for the clergy that serve the Walk to Emmaus. We could not function without both clergy and laity being in ministry together, revealing the Face of Christ, to others. All of us are called to be a holy Priesthood. We learn this on our Walk. I certainly saw that last month as so many came and supported all the newest members of our community at Chrysalis. I have seen it on the walks as the community shares the love of Christ with pilgrims. I have personally felt it as so many of you have prayed for me during my recent gall bladder attack. I see that priesthood at gatherings and at reunion groups as they lift others up in prayer and invite others to Christ.

As priests, we must be about God's work. We must honor one another's ministry. That is what we should see on the walks. The laity has a role in organizing the weekend and the clergy have the responsibility for the conducting the chapel services, both works together to have the "Best Walk Ever." The walk cannot happen with just clergy, nor could it happen with just laity. As we work together, we share God's love in an authentic way that holds true to the tenets of the church. Thus, this priesthood works together to build leaders in our churches. I thank God for Clark and Lisa and for all of the clergy that work so hard to make our community work. We should vow to do all we can to support each other in our ministries. Because **⁹ .. you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)**

Blessings,

Stan Best

CLD, TW-74

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THIS SATURDAY, February 18

Day of Deeper Understanding: 3:30pm

Chrysalis led Gathering: 6:30pm

At Foundry United Methodist Church
2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(757) 340-0595

Childcare is provided for both events



Calling all **Rainbows**, **Roosters**, & **Butterflies**!

**Where your finest Emmaus bling to the
next Gathering!**

Let's show off all of our many colors!

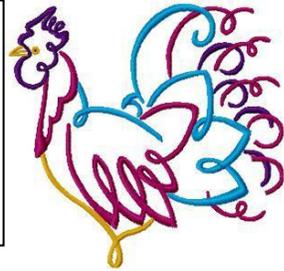


Spring Walks

Spring Walk Dates

TW 96 Men's Walk: April 19th - 22nd

TW 97 Women's Walk: May 3rd - 6th



Praise God! We have enough Pilgrims confirmed to have both Walks. But keep sending in your applications!!!

The Final Deadline for Men's applications is March 29th
OR until the Walk is full!

The Final Deadline for Women's applications is April 12th
OR until the Walk is full!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise God we have the numbers to hold the Men's Spring Walk. The Women's Walk is looking good too. The Airfield 4H Center in Wakefield VA is happy to be hosting us again. We not only give them good revenue by our attendance but we are excellent stewards of their buildings and grounds. We have been blessed to have so many good weekends for Tidewater Emmaus to build up the local church and strengthen our Community. Continue to pray for God's guidance for sponsoring your friends and loved ones.

In His Service,

Barbara Edwards

Director of Weekends



Greetings Tidewater Emmaus Community!!!

I am honored to serve this community as the Agape Coordinator. I know many of you and still have yet to get to know many more of you. I cannot express enough what a blessing it is to serve in this way. So with that, it is time for me to jump in and do the job you have entrusted me to do, as well as I possibly can with the help of our Lord and Savior.

Agape is such a gift, one that our Lord shows us through His many blessings each day and one that we have the chance to shower upon those stepping out in Faith over the Emmaus weekends. I have had the chance to go through everything passed on and have a list of things we have ready to go for the spring walks. We can still use more tissues, tissue covers and table Agape for both the Men and Women's walks. Let's shower the upcoming walks TW96 and TW97 with our great Love!! If you feel the Lord's tug to pass something along to the pilgrims, please send me an email and I will let you know the types of items that are sparse at this time.

Another way to support the Emmaus Community is through the "Just Give" green button link on the Tidewater Emmaus web page at www.tidewateremmaus.org this is an easy way to support the mission of the Tidewater Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movement.

Please consider signing up for the Prayer Vigil for the Evansville District Walk. This is a fellow community located in Indiana sharing God's love through their Walk, which the Men's walk will be March 15-18 and the Women's walk will be March 22-25. This is a great way to support our brothers and sisters in Faith. You can sign up at <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvld=6598&commid=577>

I will have the PRAYER VIGIL at the next gathering and we can begin to start signing up to give the gift of Agape through our time through prayers during the walks. It is a greater blessing to the giver than the receiver when the gift of time you give comes from the heart created by our Father in Heaven.

I am so excited to be in the presence of such greatness as these upcoming walks are sure to be "the best walks ever!"

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Hey all you Butterflies!

Mark Your Calendars!

Chrysalis Hoot: It's a Bonfire!

April 28 @ 7pm Tim and Robin's Lee home

Meet the new butterflies of Tidewater Chrysalis 49 & 50!
Welcome to the Community!

