



Doing Good

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

I would like to welcome the many new brothers and sisters into the Tidewater Emmaus Community. Many of us were foreigners, "Strangers in a Strange Land" when took that Walk, but we now know why we felt that way. God has called each of us to be special and to use the special gifts that He has given us to His glory. As your Fourth Day continues, the promise that "it keeps getting better," also continues. Emmaus is not to be anyone's church, but to develop all of us to do mighty works within our own churches. That development does not stop at the walk, it continues, as you are involved in making this experience possible for others. Before my walk, I felt God's call to work outside of my church to reach others for Christ. I was considering becoming part of a different ministry as God's love hit me in a meaningful way at Wakefield. At closing, I knew God was calling me to be a part of this community reaching those in our churches who desire to experience God's love as we do on the Walk. Emmaus became a part of my action plan that I committed to make on my Walk.

As I stated at closing, the beginning of reaching those in our churches is coming to Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU). This time, we will hold DODU at Community UMC at 4pm on May 19. Not only do we get to rejoice together again (and eat good food), we get to learn how to be a part of the behind the scenes at Emmaus. One of those opportunities is coming to Gathering every third Saturday of the month at 6:30pm. We meet at different churches and start with a potluck agape feast at 5:30. There we get to worship together in song and word. Another is Teaming or serving on the Community Service Team. I believe your walk is not finished until you have a chance to serve someone else on a weekend. Of course, that service may be in sponsoring. That is another way to reach out to a brother or sister, and after you sponsor you will have a dear friend for life. I would also like to encourage each of you to stay connected through a Reunion Group. It is a way to meet regularly with those who have walked to stay accountable for those things that Christ washed us clean. Talk to your sponsor to help find a reunion group for you to join or look for several open reunion groups on the Tidewater Emmaus web site.

We all heard on Saturday afternoon, that we are to be in action for Christ and Emmaus is one of many ways we can do that. This reminds me of my favorite scene in the 1977 movie "Oh, God." While God is talking to Jerry in the bathroom, Jerry asks why God does not do something about all the suffering in the world. God says I did, I got you to carry the ball. This faith thing is not meant to be enjoyed on our laurels, it is meant for us to be the hands and feet of Christ. Is Emmaus the only way to be in ministry for God? Of course not, we are not even meant to be your church. Our simple mission is to help everyone be the most he/she can be for their local church and the Kingdom of God. My prayer is that you will find a place in this community to serve. I believe in telling the truth and just like our faith; this experience is a pyramid scheme.

Again, I would like to welcome the brother and sisters of TW 96 & 97. I hope your Fourth Day keeps getting better. May all of the community remember, ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

Blessings,

Stan Best

CLD, TW-74

THIS SATURDAY, May 19

Day of Deeper Understanding: 4:00pm

Gathering: 6:30pm

Community United Methodist Church

1072 Kempsville Rd

Virginia Beach

And don't forget to wear your colors!



Praising God for the new Pilgrims of

Tidewater Emmaus 96 & 97! Welcome to the Community!



TW 96

1. Wayne Adams
2. Matt Allain
3. Scott Amerson
4. Bruce Ausink
5. Michael Bennett
6. Charlie Bennett
7. Steve Bradley
8. Rick Brenneman
9. Steve Burns
10. David Collins
11. Larry Corfey
12. Gary Denette
13. Bob Edwards
14. Bill Eliason
15. James Ellis
16. Alex Fretz
17. Bob Hoffman
18. Ed Hopper
19. Alan Hosack
20. John Klemer
21. Paul Lancione
22. Dan LoAlbo
23. Tim Mallery
24. Mac McClain
25. John McLain
26. Jeremy Miller
27. Luke Oliva
28. Chris Parker
29. Alan Price
30. Kevin Rickard
31. Chris Santa Maria
32. Josh Seaburg
33. Mark Shifflett
34. Jerry Thomas
35. David Timmerman
36. Nick Trahan
37. Hoy Wood
38. Doug Yeates
39. Dan Zook

TW 97

1. Georgia Allen
2. Aimee Amerson
3. Yvonne Aucoin
4. Penny Best
5. Dawn Bradley
6. Charlotte Carroll
7. Donna Denette
8. Penny Escobedo
9. Joyce Fifield
10. Betty Figg-Cartwright
11. Sheryl Ghiloni
12. Dawn Green
13. Amanda Herman
14. Brenda Hopper
15. Karen Hosack
16. Rachael Lewis
17. Gena Lindquist
18. Tracy LoAlbo
19. Joyce McClain
20. Maggie McKenney
21. Cindy McLaren
22. Fran Morris
23. Kathy Neild
24. Caniah Oliva
25. Cindy Plater
26. Berta Presby
27. Arlene Price
28. Carolyn Pursell
29. Donna Reynolds
30. Kristin Rickard
31. Tara Schwartz
32. Sangita Seaburg
33. Holli Smith
34. Michele Sutton
35. Jessica Topping
36. Hope Walker
37. Martha Watson
38. Sherry White
39. Debbie Wood
40. Sherrie Yeates

Get Connected!



The following Reunion Groups are open for joining:

- 1. Bayview/Oceanview area of Norfolk**
 - meets at Miles Memorial UMC at 7 pm on first Thursday of every month
 - men and women, singles/couples are welcome
 - contact Jack or Sue Meservy at 583-3472
- 2. McDonald's on Indian River Rd across from Kemps River Shopping Center**
 - meets at 6am every Tuesday morning
 - men's group
 - contact Robert Smith 589-5391
- 3. Kempsville area**
 - meets at 6:30pm every other Friday night
 - mixed/couples are welcome
 - contact Darlene Taylor 621-8465
- 4. Hickory UMC**
 - meets at 7:00pm on second Monday of every month
 - women's group
 - contact Cheryl Best 546-1818
- 5. Angies Restaurant at 335C S Centerville Turnpike, Chesapeake**
 - meets at 7am every Saturday
 - men's group
 - contact Stan Best 546-1818/358-5521
- 6. Community UMC Room 123 (the parlor)**
 - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
 - 7pm - 8:30pm
 - Women's Group
 - contact Marybeth Grambo at mbsworld1@cox.net
- 7. IHOP on N. Military Hwy (1295 N. Military Hwy) in Norfolk**
 - 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
 - 7:30 AM
 - Men's Group
 - contact Jack Meservy at 567-6392 or email bassai@cox.net

**If you have any questions please contact
the Emmaus Board Director of Continuity,
Clif Boyce at Clif_Boyce@sra.com**

Mark Your Calendar!



I know our lives are busy, so it is time to Mark Your Calendars and to start praying for God's guidance as you decide who to Sponsor and if you can Team!

2012 Emmaus Walks:

TW98 Men's Walk - October 18-21, 2012

TW99 Women's Walk - November 01-04, 2012

Tidewater Chrysalis Flights 51 and 52

Jan 12-16, 2013

2013 Emmaus Walks:

TW100 Men's Walk - April 18-21, 2013

TW101 Women's Walk - May 2-5, 2013

What a great way to share that

