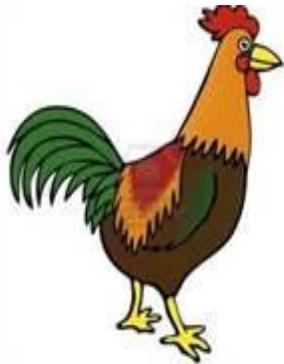




January 17, 2013



TW Emmaus:

- **Where have we been?**
- **Where are we going?**

Community LD Corner

Where have we been?

I am so grateful to all who supported the TW Emmaus community in 2012. It was a busy year. We had four TW Emmaus walks and two Chrysalis flights. If you stop and think about it....between the two men and women's walks, about 152 pilgrims had the opportunity to get away and experience a little slice of heaven in Wakefield Va. Add to that the two Chrysalis flights of about 40 at Triple R, and over 192 pilgrims and Caterpillars got to experience Gods love. Add to that the number of TW Emmaus and Chrysalis teams and community support, and least another 200 people were involved. This does not include others who prayed, wrote notes, or participated in candlelight. It takes a lot of people to coordinate and put on a weekend. This is where we have been. 2012 was an awesome year watching God work in the lives of everyone involved.

Where are we going?

So where do we go from here? Well, the 2013 TW Emmaus walks are scheduled. The Chrysalis Flights are this month. The leadership for the two spring walks is in place and team selection is in progress. New board members have been elected and are in the process of turning over their duties to the next servant. TW Emmaus is planning and activities are happening now.

I am honored and humbled at the opportunity to be a servant in the role this year as the 2013 Community Lay Director. The TW Emmaus community should be very confident in the abilities of the 2013 Board as each one is truly a servant of God. I am in awe of their talents and their willingness to serve. I thank you all.

One of the areas we will be working on in 2013 is our cost per pilgrim at Wakefield. As a board, we are required to be able to reasonably predict the costs. Due to changing expectations from Wakefield, we will be working with them to keep the cost as low as possible. For their part, they are struggling to make ends meet and have been running deficits with the State. Obviously, businesses cannot last long if that continues. They have been generous with us over the years and never required a significant deposit for reserving the weekends nor have they required half the total payment for the weekend within 90 days of our events. Other organizations that use the Wakefield facilities are required to do this. They would like us to transition to that model.

We plan to collaborate with them in the coming months and change some of our processes in the coming year to be able to meet their request. We want to continue to use Wakefield for our walks. They want us to continue to use their facilities.

In the short term, we encourage two things from our community.

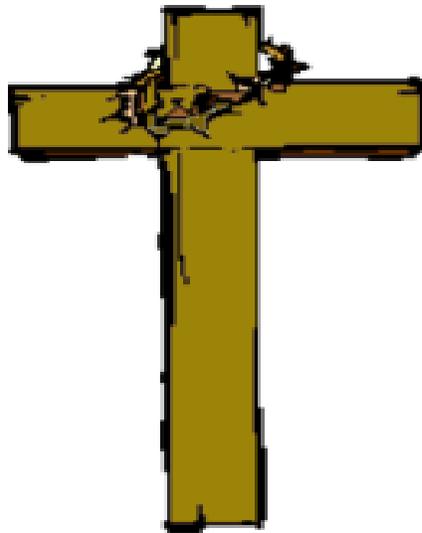
- **First, please pay the sponsor's fees for the Spring Walk when you submit your application or soon thereafter.** We typically have waited until sponsors' hour to expect payment. Having the money on hand when the application is submitted will allow us the ability to pay half the event fee about 60 to 90 days prior the walk. Those who are unable to comply with this request for the Spring Walks, please do not be dissuaded from sponsoring. Contact our Director of Finance Kim McConnaughey. She will work with those who may not be in a position to pay at this point since paying up front is a change in expectations. Payment of the sponsor's fee for all future walks will be collected with the application.
- Second, it is very wise for us as TW Emmaus to **try to reach our max capacity of 42 pilgrims per walk.** The current cost per pilgrim for sponsors is \$180. Please consider sponsoring for the spring walks. We will need at least 20 confirmed by February 1, 2013.

I share this information with the community because as a family, we need to be able to frankly discuss our financial needs as well as spiritual needs.

Despite all the activities and accomplishments mentioned above, the greatest accomplishment of our community this past year, and every year, is the opportunity that we provided for our pilgrims and Caterpillars to come closer to Jesus Christ and have their lives changed through Him.

Each year, we have an opportunity to serve about 228 Pilgrims and Caterpillars on our walks / flights. Often we will not know the "rest of the story" about the effects of the Walk on their lives, but we have to keep reaching out to others and be confident in the fact that God will use us and our efforts to bring them closer to Him.

Larry Taylor, TW 53, CLD for TW Emmaus.



From the Director of Gatherings.....

Hey folks! Come on out to Candlelight at Triple-R Ranch this weekend and show the light of love to our butterflies. Chrysalis will be doing some great music. Plan to arrive by 7:30 for Gathering with the candles to be lit about 9:30 pm.

- **There is no potluck this time.**
- **Remember Sunday Jan 20, not Saturday.**

My name is Barbara Edwards. I am the new Gatherings person this year. FYI, I still have a few slots open for 4th day talks and hosting a gathering.

Call me (757-621-2725) if you would like to share your story. You only need to do 10 minutes but your story of your 4th day can be a blessing to others.

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Barbara Edwards,





From the Director of Sponsorship....

Hello and Happy New Year! My name is Clif Boyce and it's my honor and pleasure to serve as the Director of Sponsorship for 2013. The Chrysalis flights are just around the corner and the spring walks will be upon us before we know it. I want to take this time to inform you of some **important dates** as well as **some changes** that we must implement.

Application deadline for the Men's Walk is February 1, 2013

- Walk Weekend TW-100 is April 18-21, 2013 (MUST have 20 confirmed apps in by this date in order to proceed with the walk)

Application deadline for the Women's Walk is February 15, 2013

- Walk Weekend TW-101 is May 2-5, 2013 (MUST have 20 confirmed apps in by this date in order to proceed with the walk)

As you may have read in Larry's Lay Director column there have been some new developments in our community that you need to be aware of. Just to reiterate recently, several members of the Tidewater Emmaus Board met with the management from Wakefield 4H; by all accounts it was a very productive meeting. I think we are all in agreement that Wakefield holds a special place in our hearts and the management stressed how much they loved our community. However, costs of doing business have increased dramatically and the bottom line is that Wakefield can no longer charge and bill us at the same rate as they have in the past. With that, both sides worked together to produce a workable solution. The good news is that for the 2013 spring walks the cost will remain the same as it has been \$50 deposit and \$180 sponsorship fee.

So here's the change: we must now provide a 50% deposit 60 days prior to the walks; **to accomplish this we are asking that every sponsor submit their sponsorship fee with the application.** In doing so, this will allow us as a community to provide payment to Wakefield and avoid increasing the cost per Pilgrim for the spring. My prayer is that by getting the word out early we can make this an easy transition.

DON'T FORGET.....the deadlines for Pilgrim applications for the upcoming Walks are approaching soon. ***Who has God laid on your heart to sponsor?*** Please contact me or Karla Barron if you have any questions!

Clif Boyce – Director of Sponsorship (3cboyces@cox.net)

Karla Barron – Director of Registration (the5barrons@yahoo.com)

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Clif Boyce



From the Director of Finance.....

"JUST GIVE"



We take up an agape offering at our monthly Gatherings. But did you know that you can give an agape donation through **"JUST GIVE"** on our website? Donations from our community cover our community-operating expenses including our music licensing, legal and insurance fees, postage, etc. You can use **"JUST GIVE"** for a one time donation and you can also establish a recurring donation if you want to make it really easy. Because we are 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible. Look for the **DONATE NOW** button on our website! If you have any questions, just let me know. (kmcconnaughey2@cox.net),

Kim McConnaughey

Mark Your Calendar!



Jan 19-21, 2013 -

- Tidewater Chrysalis Flights 51 and 52
- At Triple R Ranch in Chesapeake
- Sunday Jan. 20 Candlelight
(ALL Are Invited!)
- Monday Jan. 21 Closing
(ALL Are Invited!)



See you there!

February 1 2013

- Deadline for Men Pilgrim applications

February 15 2013

- Deadline for Women Pilgrim applications

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

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

**When in doubt, check the Tidewater Emmaus
Website: tidewateremmaus.org**