



***From the Community Lay Director.....***



**“Welcome”**

To all the ***Pilgrims from Walks 100 and 101***: Welcome to the **Tidewater Emmaus Community!** It has been a privilege to pray for you and support you as you experienced God’s Love and Grace during your Walk weekends. We look forward to seeing you at the Monthly Gatherings and hope you are ‘anticipating’ working to support future Walks.

On your ‘Fourth Day’, I imagine you have seen the typical wide range of ups and downs we all encounter during our lives. May your faith in our Loving Heavenly Father sustain you, strengthen you, and give you peace as you trust in Him.

I pray you have been inspired and equipped to better serve God in your local church. This is the true purpose of the Walk to Emmaus. Also, consider ways you can also become active in the Tidewater Emmaus community. For example:

- **Attend Gatherings** – Gatherings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted. They rotate between churches. POT LUCK supper starts at 5:30 with our gathering worship service at 6:30 pm. Gatherings usually last about an hour to an hour and a half. Childcare is typically provided. Next gathering is after the Fourth Day Follow-up meeting.
- **Join a Reunion Group** - We strongly encourage you to become a part of a reunion group or some form of accountability group. This is part of the fourth day experience and helps to bring you back to your walk as often you meet. We can’t do this alone! We need God and we need each other. Discover the blessing of praying, sharing, and supporting others along the way.

- **Sign up to Team** - Would you like to be a part of the team you hung out with on your walk? Teams are thoughtfully put together based on a progressive servant hood model.
- **Become a sponsor** - Sponsoring is the lifeblood of Emmaus.
- **Other ways to serve** - Serve on the community support team (CST), making individual agape, and writing letters. All kinds of ways to serve.

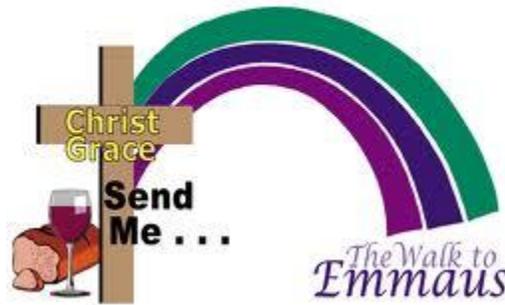
Applications to team, to be on CST, and pilgrim and sponsor are located on our website at Tidewater Emmaus.org. However, don't wait to be asked. Show up; roll up your sleeves and find the joy that comes from helping others to encounter God's Love and Grace on the Walk to Emmaus.

DeColores!

*Larry Taylor*, TW 53



## ***From the Director of Sponsorship.....***



### **"Love, Love, Listen, Listen"**

The above title is a prevailing message in the Christian Action talk. Can you imagine for just a moment, how wonderful this world would be if everyone subscribed to that philosophy? Surely, there's a whole lot of darkness in this world, but we can make a difference loving ONE person at a time as we go fishing, carrying out the Great Commission.

Friends, we just completed two incredible walks...31 men and 40 women are now walking it out in their 4th day. That's 71 people that were established in their Faith, but are NOW renewed and reinvigorated and making a difference in their families, neighborhoods, churches and communities. Just like the story of the starfish washed up on the beach and the little boy tossing them back in the water, I am confident that you can ask anyone of those 71 Pilgrims and find the weekend made a difference in their lives.

As we prepare for May's Fourth Day Follow-up meeting and Gathering, we should also be looking towards the Fall walks. If the Lord has put someone on your heart, I encourage you to prayerfully consider sponsoring; it's **the lifeblood of our community** and together we can make a difference one person at a time. When you realize the gift someone gave you it is natural to want to pass that on.

**Read up on the responsibilities for sponsoring on the TW Emmaus Website. In your fourth day packet there is also booklet on sponsoring.** I would suggest co-sponsoring the first time to get the hang of it.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 3cboyces@cox.net. Be blessed.

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*Clif Boyce*, TW 53

## ***From the Director of Team Selection.....***



### **“Sign Me Up!”**

What a great joy it was to see how the team and pilgrims of TW 100 and 101 bonded together to become one....just like the “Body of Christ”.

As I mentioned in the March newsletter, each team has 23 positions for laity and possibly 5 positions for clergy. The Tidewater Emmaus Board selects the Weekend Lay Director and Board Representative for each walk. The Team Selection committee fills the balance of the team. Our goal is to have the team balanced with experience and progressive servant hood. Of the 21 positions, approximately one-third should be folks that have not previously served on a conference room team. In addition, approximately one-third should be folks that have served on 1-3 teams. The final third should consist of folks that have served 4 or more times.

The Fall Walks will be here before you know it. Now is the time to submit your application. To get an application go to [TidewaterEmmaus.org](http://TidewaterEmmaus.org).

The deadline for team applications for the Fall Walks is the June Gathering (6/15). The Team Selection Committee will meet on 07/13 to select the team members for those walks. Don't wait to submit that application!!!

DeColores,

*Robert Smith*, TW-64



**From the Director of Continuity (Training/Reunion Groups).....**



**“Reunion Groups”**

Are you in a reunion group? If not, let me encourage you to make a commitment or a renewed commitment to finding or creating an Emmaus Reunion Group. Emmaus is not just a weekend. Emmaus is a commitment to making God first in your life and the Emmaus Reunion Groups are the best way for us to make sure that commitment is kept.

In the coming months we will be putting together a group of folks to help me help you connect to a reunion group. If you have a passion for helping to further reunion groups, I want to work with you. We cannot do life alone. Please contact me.

DeColores!

*Leo Matuszako*, SS 38

**From the Director of Agape.....**



**“Thank You, Thank You, Thank You”**

I want to say thank you to all of the TW Emmaus community who made our spring walks a great success. We had lots of Agape for the pilgrims; they were really decked out at closing. It is not too early to start getting Agape ready for the fall walks. Just bring what you have to the gatherings and pass it on to me. I have plenty of space to store until the walks. I will have placements to color at the June gathering, look me up and I will give you some.

Again thanks for all your prayers and agape for the spring walks and I cannot wait to see what you have for the fall walks.

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*Joyce Thompson*, TW-54



## ***From the Director of Communications.....***



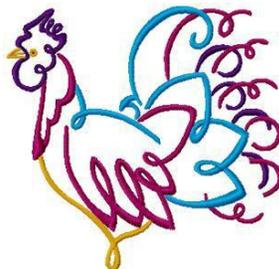
### **“My Fourth Day Story”**

We would like to start a new article section in the monthly newsletter called “My Fourth Day.....” Would you be willing to share your story? We would love to hear from you! Here are some general guidelines to follow”

- Article length should be approximately 1/4 page to 1/2 page - 8.5 x 11, single-spaced. Font size should be 10pt or 12 pt.
- Subject matter should relate to your walk, 4th day experiences, reflection on a special moment prior to, during your walk weekend, or following your walk, etc.
- When submitting your article, always include "Article for TW Emmaus Newsletter" in the subject line of your email. Also include your full name, walk #, and table.
- Submit article to email ([k4rhuff@msn.com](mailto:k4rhuff@msn.com))
- The TW Emmaus Newsletter is published monthly usually before the Gathering (third Saturday of the month). So deadlines for an article will be roughly the first of the month to allow time to prepare the newsletter.
- All articles submitted will be greatly appreciated. Every attempt will be made to publish them all. However, due to the varying number of articles that may be submitted in any given month, it may not be possible to publish every article submitted for each Newsletter cycle. We appreciate your participation and look forward to learning more about the common Spirit in each one of us.

DeColores!!

*Rhonda Huff*, TW-10





## ***Important Dates***

### ***Fourth Day Follow-up, Pot luck, and Gathering***

- ***5/18/2013, Community UMC, 3:45, 5:30, and 6:30***

### ***Team applications to team on TW 102 and 103***

- ***6/15/2013.***

### ***Need to have 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 102***

- ***8/11/2013***

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- ***9/1/2013***

### ***Fall Walks***

- ***TW102 Men's Walk: October 24-27***
- ***TW103 Women's Walk: November 14-17***
- ***Fourth Day Follow-up Meeting: November 23***