



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

**“What Kind of Training? Walk to Emmaus Training, Sir!”**

This year, the TW Emmaus board wishes to provide training when and where needed and try to capture some of this information for the community and future TW Emmaus Boards. For example, the Sponsorship PowerPoint slides given by Clif Boyce at our last gathering will soon be located on the TW Emmaus website. If you ever wish to refresh yourself on what is involved with sponsoring, this presentation will be there as a great resource. We hope to add more training stuff as it is produced and available. We also wish to continue to have a little Emmaus training at each gathering.

To go along with this idea to better train our community, for this article I thought I would briefly go over one important aspect of the 'Walk to Emmaus'. I often hear questions such as "Why do we do this?" or "Why is it done that way?" Many times, the answer is "Because that's how the Manual says to do it."

So, what are these manuals? For those new to our community and maybe as a refresher for those who have been around awhile, did you know we follow various manuals to conduct weekends? Two of them are the Upper Room Emmaus Team Manual and The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, by Stephen Bryant.

The manuals try to provide the "why we do it the way we do it in Emmaus." I believe if folks understand the reasons for certain things, it's a lot easier to follow the manuals.

This principle is explained in The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, Preface, pages viii – x under the section discussing **keeping faith with the manuals**. It basically says adherence to the manuals is important to the Emmaus movement, for the church, for The Upper Room, and for persons who are sponsored to go on Walks for the following reasons:

- The manuals **provide quality assurance** that the Emmaus Weekend will be conducted with excellence, will present that which it is designed to present, and will represent the commonly held essentials of Christianity as set forth in the Emmaus Walk.
- The manuals **prevent** Emmaus from **being remade after the likeness of the various leaders**. Emmaus is not leader-centered; it does not depend on charismatic personalities, especially gifted presenters, or an experienced retreat master. Rather, Emmaus depends on a team of ordinary Christians working together in the Spirit of Christ according to the directions of an objective manual for a proven model. The Lay and Spiritual Directors for each walk are responsible to the local Emmaus Board of Directors, and the local Board is in covenant with The Upper Room to lead Emmaus according to the manual.

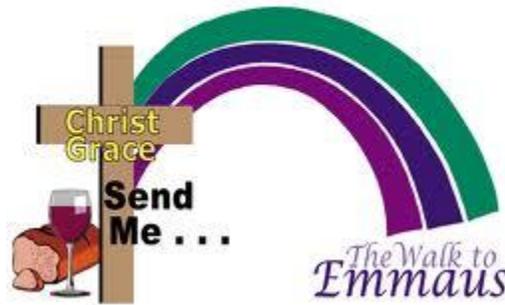
- The manuals assure everyone that Emmaus, **no matter where** it is **conducted**, will be a **common and trustworthy experience**. We should be able to sponsor family and friends in other states and in other countries with confidence that Emmaus will be the same event for them as it was for us. If, on the other hand, communities take liberties with the weekend model, then the trustworthiness of the Walk is weakened and the quality depends increasingly on who the particular weekend leaders are.
- The manuals set forth a model in which **all of the parts are theologically congruent**. The Emmaus Walk is a tightly woven event. Years of experience have gone into honing the model, which has proven its value and effectiveness as an instrument of the Holy Spirit for revitalizing Christians as members of the body of Christ. Every part has a purpose. When we rework the model, adding this part and moving that part, we increasingly diminish its potential for working as a whole toward communicating the Christian message on many levels.
- The manuals **serve as a check on our human inclination to innovate**. The fact is most additions and changes in the model are for the team, not the Pilgrims. Team members may have experienced an especially meaningful worship service or ritual in another religious setting which they feel would add even more to the value of the Walk. The Walk to Emmaus, however already includes more than anyone can absorb in three days and enough to chew on for a lifetime. We must remember that there are many other opportunities for Christian renewal; not everything that is meaningful has to happen during the three days of the Emmaus Walk.
- The manuals **encourage creativity to be focused** where it should be **on given tasks** within the Emmaus model. The place for creativity on the Walk is not in redesigning the architecture of the model, but in making the most of the given design to prepare the way of the Lord for the Pilgrims. Accepting the model and the manuals as a given, frees leaders to focus on the Pilgrims and to trust the Holy Spirit, not their own creativity for designing retreats. The manual is the plumb line centered on the prescribed program.
- The manuals **free the Board and teams to focus their energies in the proper direction**: on preparation for Walks and on Fourth Day Challenges, rather than on the design of the weekend.
- The manuals warrant adherence simply because **a community is an Emmaus Community in covenant with The Upper Room**. As a condition of that covenant, each community has agreed to follow the manuals. Each community will have its own local color, and minor differences will exist between some communities due to their background (location). The direction of change in a community's Emmaus Weekend should always be toward the standard model, not away from it.

I hope this helps folks understand why the TW Emmaus Board considers adherence to the manuals so important. Please talk with any Board member if you have questions about this concept. The manuals are not "secret" and are available to anyone for review.

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*Larry Taylor*, TW 53

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



### **"WHO IS ON YOUR HEART?"**

Summer is here and I know it's a busy time of year for us all with vacations and lots of activities but I also want you to start thinking about the Fall walks. Yes, it will be here before we are ready if we don't plan appropriately.

Next month we start team selection and shortly thereafter the teaming process will begin. That also means it's time to start getting our Pilgrim applications in. So who has God placed on your heart to sponsor? As with everything we do I recommend that you submit it to prayer for anyone you are considering. Sponsoring is the lifeblood of our community and as I've said before the ultimate "re-gifting" program.

If you have not sponsored before, the process and commitment may seem overwhelming so you might want to consider co-sponsoring with someone that has sponsored before. We have a wealth of information available to help you through the process too.

Our website [tidewateremmaus.org](http://tidewateremmaus.org) is a great resource and we are updating it continually with new information. Additionally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Listed below are some important dates to remember as we prepare for TW 102 and 103. As a reminder the deposit fee of \$55 and sponsorship fee of \$195 should be presented with the application. Be blessed.

- Deadline for 20 Pilgrims confirmed for the men's team TW 102 is August 11.
  - ✓ TW 102 is October 24-27
  
- Deadline for 20 Pilgrims confirmed for the women's team TW 103 is September 1.
  - ✓ TW 103 is November 14-17

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [3cboyces@cox.net](mailto:3cboyces@cox.net).  
Cell (757)287-5855. Be blessed.

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*Clif Boyce*, TW 53

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



## **“Team and CST Application Deadlines are Here!”**

Now is the time to submit your application to Team or be on CST. 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 in 07/13 to select the team members for those walks. Don't wait to submit that application!!!

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*Robert Smith*, TW-64



## ***From the Director of Finance.....***



### **“Important TWE Finance Tidbits”**

My job on the TW Emmaus Board is to handle all the finances of the Community, keep the Board informed of the financial condition and bank balance of the Community, and submit a report at each Board meeting. Basically, I make sure we pay our bills. The Board wishes to be transparent and open about how the money is spent. I thought I would share some tidbits for how all this works.

- Things you need to know:
  - a. Tidewater Emmaus is 501c(3) Non Profit organization.
  - b. We take an offering at all of our Gatherings...cash and checks payable to Tidewater Emmaus.
  - c. 50% of the offering received is given to the Tidewater Chrysalis.
  - d. You can also donate from the website [tidewateremmaus.org](http://tidewateremmaus.org). On the left side of main page you will see “Donate Now through Just Give”. You can donate one time or set up recurring donations.
- Offerings cover Tidewater Emmaus and Tidewater Chrysalis basic operating expenses. These are expenses that we must pay to have a functioning Emmaus community. Some examples include:
  - a. Music Licensing - \$427/yr for 2013
  - b. Liability Insurance - \$325/yr for 2013
  - c. Legal Representation and State Incorporation Fee to maintain our status as this organization - \$200 for 2013
  - d. Child Care expenses
- Walk Expenses. It costs \$13,000-\$15,000 for each walk, depending on the number of pilgrims. This includes all off the expenses charged by Wakefield to feed and house us, the materials for the walk, candlelight supplies, manuals/documents, and fees that are paid to the Upper Room for each pilgrim. This past year we have worked really closely with Wakefield as their costs have been going up so you will see that the fees to sponsor and team have had to go up too.
  - a. Pilgrim Application Fee - \$55
  - b. Sponsor Fee - \$195
  - c. Talk Room Team Fee - \$195
  - d. Community Support Team Fee - \$145
  - e. PRICES ARE ON THE APPLICATIONS 😊

- Sponsor Fees must be submitted with the Sponsor Application along with the Pilgrim Application and Non-Refundable Application Fee.
- Additionally, for the fall we are asking team members to mail in their payment just as soon as they are selected to confirm their position on the team. We are no longer waiting for the first team meeting to collect team fees.
- The reason we now require submission of all fees up front is so that we can faithfully make our commitment to Wakefield.
  - a. We make a non-refundable \$300 Save-the-Date deposit one year prior to each walk. We just made the payments for the Spring 2014 walks.
  - b. We make a 50% deposit to Wakefield 60 days prior to the walk start date. This is why we have that "first cut-off" deadline for confirmation of at least 20 pilgrims.
- Although we raised the prices, they are based on a pretty high number of pilgrims...35. So do not linger in asking that friend, church family member, co-worker if you can have the blessing of sponsoring them. Remember we have to have 20 just to hold the walk but our pricing is based on 35, so reach out to someone and invite them!
- We have the Bill Baker Scholarship Fund available for members of the community who may need financial assistance for sponsoring a pilgrim or to help with a team fee. Contact me or Larry Taylor if you are interested in this assistance. It will be kept confidential. Remember that partnering with other TWE friends is a great way to sponsor and eases the financial burden too!

It is my privilege to humbly serve Christ and the TWE Community. Let me know if you have any questions and De Colores!!

Kim McConnaughey – Director of Finance



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



### **“What is a Reunion Group?”**

The Emmaus group reunion is a small accountability group of two to 12 persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of persons' sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week.

Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement, and support of one's stated discipline and plans.

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**I need your help.** I am trying to update our reunion group information so we can help coordinate and place folks in reunion groups. What I need from you is...

First, I would like to get the information on current reunion groups so we can update the TW Emmaus Website. We need the following information for your group:

1. Whether the group is all women, men, or couples,
2. Meeting place,
3. Date/ time,
4. Contact name and number,
5. All current members.

Second, if you are not in a reunion group or if you want to find out more about these groups, please contact me.

My contact email is [leo4jc@cox.net](mailto:leo4jc@cox.net) . My cell number is (757) 770-5789. I will eventually answer text messages if you choose to text me.

If you are ready, we can help you get a new reunion group started. We cannot do life alone. Please contact me.

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*Leo Matuszako* SS 38

## ***From the Director of Records.....***



### ***"I Need Your Information"***

My name is Donnie Gray and this year I have the honor to serve on the TW Emmaus Board as the Director of Records. Some might say, "What the heck does the Director of Records do?" Well, glad you asked.

Basically, my role on the board is to take minutes of all Board meetings, record all Board decisions, and see that they are distributed to Board members in a timely manner. I also handle correspondence duties as necessary, maintain all written materials (including forms), Weekend Lay Director Manuals, Weekend outlines, team member instructions, and all master documents, and order replacement documents as required. Sounds like a lot of stuff.

However, one of the most important functions I provide is to keep all the records for contact information for the community. I am having trouble finding a convenient way to get updates from the Community when contact information changes.

**Can you help me?** In the future when your contact information changes, can you send me an update email with the new information? I would sure appreciate the update. Thank you!

My email is [donniegray1@cox.net](mailto:donniegray1@cox.net)

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*Donnie Gray*, TW 92



***From the Director of Gatherings....***



## **“Pot Luck Supper and Gathering”**

The June Gathering is this Saturday June 15 at Hickory UMC (<http://hickoryumc.org/>). The pot luck supper will begin at 5:30 and the Gathering starts at 6:30.

**Please plan to bring food.**

**The Address for Hickory UMC is:                    2708 S. Battlefield Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA 23322**



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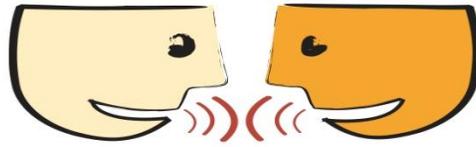
*Barbara Edwards*, TW-35

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**And don't forget to wear your colors!**



## ***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.

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*Rhonda Huffs*, TW-10

**Have something to say?** Did you know there is a Facebook group for TW Emmaus/Chrysalis?



The Community Newsletter is for the entire community. If you have something you think should be included, please contact me at [k4rhuff@msn.com](mailto:k4rhuff@msn.com)



## ***TW Emmaus Reminder Important Dates***

### ***Team applications Due for TW 102 and 103***

- **6/15/2013**

### ***Come to June Gathering at Hickory UMC***

- **6/15/2013**

***Time:           5:30 - 6:30pm - Fellowship Potluck  
                  6:30 - 8:15pm - Music and Prayer***

### ***Deadline for 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 102***

- **8/11/2013**

### ***Deadline for 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 103***

- **9/1/2013**

### ***Fall Walks***

✓ ***TW102 Men's Walk: October 24-27***

✓ ***TW103 Women's Walk: November 14-17***