



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



**“Bury Your Treasure?”**

Do you recall the **Parable of the Talents** in Mathew 25:14-30? It's a simple story Jesus tells about a man who is preparing to leave on a journey and entrusts his possessions to his servants. He distributes his wealth among three servants, apportioned to them on the basis of their abilities.

To the first he entrusted five talents, to the second two talents, and to the third one talent. The first two servants quickly set to work with their master's money. The third servant did not invest his master's money at all; he dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

When the master returned, the first two eagerly met their master, apparently delighted in the opportunity to multiply their master's money. Both were commended as “good and faithful servants”; both were rewarded with increased responsibilities in their master's service; both were invited to share in their master's joy.

The master's dealing with the third servant is a very different. This servant came to his master with only the talent his master had originally entrusted to him. He did not increase his master's money at all.

This servant offered a feeble excuse for his conduct. He told his master that he was a harsh and cruel man, a man who was demanding, and who expected gain where he had not labored. He contended that this is why he was afraid to take a risk with any kind of investment. And so he simply hid the money, and now he returned it, without any gain. The master rebuked this slave for being evil and lazy. He took his talent from him, gave it to the one who earned ten, and cast this fellow into outer darkness, where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

It's the time of year when **we** have the opportunity to share what has been given to us. I believe that on our Emmaus Walk, all of us were commissioned, charged with, and given a bunch of talents....maybe 30 to 50 talents each!

From Luke 12:48, "**.....From everyone who has been given much, much more will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.**" The point is that we were given much, but much will be expected of us. We are expected to step out of our comfort zone and take a risk for possible gain in the kingdom of heaven.

**Have you been considering sponsoring a pilgrim from your church for the Fall Walks?** When considering whether to sponsor someone, it may be helpful to remember our experience from our walk weekend.

As for me, on my weekend I received God's unconditional love and God's grace, which was beyond measure. I had never seen, I had never heard, I had never imagined, or dreamed of the expanse of love and grace of which were given to me. I received a gift that no worldly king, president, head of state, millionaire, or billionaire is worthy of receiving. This gift of Grace was beyond measure and I sure did nothing to deserve or earn these awesome gifts from God.

If I asked you about your Walk experience, what would you say? Let me share some comments made by other pilgrims' right after their Emmaus Walk weekend experience.

- "Now I know God is ahead of me to lead me, beside me to support me, and behind me to catch me".
- "It's been about a year since I lost my husband. I learned I can move on".
- "No matter where we are on our walk with God, there's always more to learn. (This was spoken by a person who had been a missionary for 25 years)"
- "I went on the walk because it's never a good idea to tell your girlfriend's father, No. But he knew what an incredible experience I'd have".
- "I've had Christ in my head for years. Now I have Christ in my heart".
- "Now I know what all those "De Colores" bumper stickers are all about!"
- "I had heard Emmaus was like a mountaintop experience. I just didn't know the mountain could be so high".
- "I cannot describe in words the joy and peace I felt this weekend. There's just no way to explain it to anyone else without experiencing it".
- "I felt the grace of God for the first time in my life".
- "I know God has been calling on me for two years. I hadn't even had my answering machine on. Now I will take this weekend and do God's work".
- "A light turned on inside me. I want to shine in every corner I find!"
- "I learned to accept people for who they are, and not for how I want them to be".
- "This has been the most inspirational time of my life. Ever".
- "I'm not alone anymore".
- "I felt like I was drinking from a fire hydrant all weekend!"

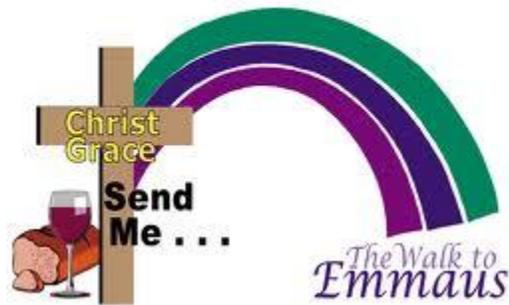
I find that words are inadequate to explain the Emmaus Walk. The Emmaus Walk has changed my life and I feel its effects every day. You may have heard it said that sponsoring is the lifeblood of Emmaus.

**Do you know of someone you would like to share the gift of a Walk to Emmaus?** Helpful sponsorship information is available on the TW Emmaus Website. This information is in a PowerPoint format and is good for new sponsors and those who need a review.

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*Larry Taylor*, TW53

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



## **"ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!"**

The kids are back in school and summer is unofficially over; I pray that you all had a great summer. You know what that means? Fall is just around the corner and with it the Tidewater Emmaus Community is busy preparing for the Fall Walks TW 102 and TW 103. By the time you read this both teams will have met at least twice as they prepare to be the Lord's hands and feet for the Pilgrims of TW 102 and 103.

The good news we have met the minimum of 20 confirmed pilgrims for both Walks. The additional good news is there is still room and time to get Pilgrim applications in. The late deadline for TW 102 is October 3. The late deadline for TW 103 is October 24.

I ask that each of you consider your circles of influence and prayerfully consider if there is anyone that you can sponsor for one of the walks. As a reminder, we need the full payment with each application (\$55 Pilgrim deposit and \$195 sponsor fee).

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 88



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



## **"Never Too Early"**

It is never 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 once again have placemats to color at the September gathering, look me up and I will give you some. If you took placemats to color please bring the finished ones to the gathering.

Also the Prayer Vigil is up and ready for everyone to sign up to pray for the fall walks.

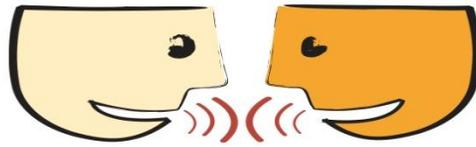
Again thanks for all your prayers and agape for the spring walks and I cannot wait to see what you have for the fall walks.

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*Joyce Thompson*, TW-54



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



## **"It's your Newsletter"**

The TW 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)

In addition, submit your, "My Fourth Day" article. We appreciate your participation and look forward to learning more about the common Spirit in each one of us.

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*Rhonda Huff*, TW-10

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



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

Please help me to keep all the records for contact information for the community up to date. When your contact information changes, please send me an email update with the new information. Thank you!

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

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*Donnie Gray*, TW 92

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



**"Reunion Groups"**

Please remember that I need your reunion group information so we can help coordinate and place folks in reunion groups.

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 Music.....**



***"When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come / Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart... / I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, Jesus"***

If you have musical talent... a voice, an instrument... prayerfully consider offering to help serve. There is no bigger blessing in my life than the gift of worship. What a joy to sing the praises of our glorious God! Come join in the joyful noise! Come to the heart of worship!

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*Amy Coxwell*, TWC 13

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



## **“This Month We Dedicate Teams”**

The TW Emmaus Community monthly Gatherings are typically held on the third Saturday of every month in which a Walk does not take place. They are held at various churches in the Tidewater area. During the months that we have Walks, the Community Gathers together at the Wakefield Conference center.

This month’s gathering will be held Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Deep Creek UMC. Come on out to support the dedication of both the Men and Women’s teams of TW 102 and 103.



Join us for a Fellowship Potluck from 5:30 to 6:30 followed by the gathering from 6:30 to about 8:30. The address of Deep Creek UMC is:

**141 George Washington Highway North  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23323  
757-487-1698**

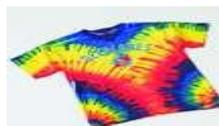
Since next month is a walk month, the gathering will held at the Wakefield Conference Center on October 26 starting about 7:30. However, it will be a little different in that it will occur on the fourth Saturday of the month as the walk weekend is October 24 through 27.

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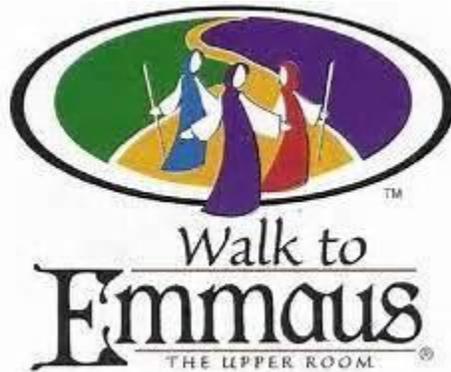
*Barbara Edwards*, TW-35

P.S....

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



## ***Consider Serving on the TW Emmaus Community Board***



It's that time of year to start thinking about the election of new TW Emmaus Board Members. As members of the TW Emmaus Community, it is our responsibility to elect a new class to represent us and grow Christ in our Community. This year we have three board members rolling off their three year term.

Serving on the Tidewater Emmaus Board is a wonderful act of agape to the Community and one of several ways Community members can serve God and strengthen His kingdom. Board participation should be prayerfully considered before making the commitment. A board term lasts 3 calendar years. Board members meet periodically throughout the year with a minimum of six meetings. In order for the Board to do the work that must be done it is essential that the Board members are present at meetings as much as possible. The incoming Community Lay Director assigns members to their roles on the Board. You must be prepared to serve as you are called. Your service may require you to store and distribute equipment, manuals, agape or other supplies; make several trips to the Walk weekend location during walks; lead the Community in song or prayer; interface with Community members, pilgrims, sponsors, and administrators at the walk weekend site.

Every year no later than September 1, the TW Emmaus Board solicits nominations for Board membership. The nomination form is available for download from the Tidewater Emmaus web site as well as from Board members.

To be considered to serve, candidates must:

- be active members of the Tidewater Emmaus community, including participation in Gatherings and in a Reunion Group
- have served on at least one Emmaus team and attended a Cursillo or Emmaus Training session, such as Day of Deeper Understanding.

Please prayerfully consider submitting your name to the board for consideration. Candidates will be voted on by the TW Community at the November gathering.



## **Gifting to Tidewater Emmaus:**

Tidewater Emmaus currently has an easy way to support this community with financial gifts beyond the tithing we offer to our local churches. *Donate Now using Just Give* is located on our community home page at [www.tidewateremmaus.org](http://www.tidewateremmaus.org).

***Donate Now using Just Give*** is designed to make it easy for community members to point, click and financially support the local mission of the Tidewater Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movement. Also on the web page, just below the green button, you can easily access detailed information on the financial donation program, how to give to Tidewater Emmaus, and how your gifts support your local Tidewater Emmaus and Chrysalis Community.



# ***TW Emmaus Important Dates***

- ***Gathering – Deep Creek UMC***

✓ ***Saturday, September 21***

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Fellowship Potluck  
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Gathering

**Address:** 141 George Washington Highway North  
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- ***Deadline for acceptance of pilgrim applications for TW 102***

✓ ***October 3***

- ***Deadline for acceptance of pilgrim applications for TW 103***

✓ ***October 24***

- ***Now Receiving 2013 TW Emmaus Board Applications***

- ***Fall Walks***

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

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