



From the Community Lay Director....



“Then Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him”

Its' hard to believe that it's already October and the fall season is upon us. When you think of fall, what do you think of? The leaves on trees turning beautiful shades of yellow, red, and orange? The crisp weather when we begin to need a light jacket. How about all the good foods we get to eat like apple and pumpkin pie. Football? Yup, fall is a great season.

When I think of fall, I think it must be time for another TW Emmaus Walk and time to head to Wakefield, Va. You know, Wakefield... that little slice of heaven in the country.

The teams of TW102 and 103 have been meeting for the past several weekends and are preparing to meet the pilgrims. It's our time as the TW Emmaus Community to make sure we are there to support all of them on the weekend. Please circle on your calendars the men's weekend (October 24-27) and the women's weekend (November 14-17).

Think back and remember what your Emmaus experience meant to you, and how the Body of Christ was there to buoy you up. We all need to support the new Pilgrims at send-off, Candlelight, and closing.

For the Lay Directors of TW 102 and 103, Jeff Albert and Marybeth Grambo, their teams, and the Pilgrims that will be attending these Walks – I ask you to join me in praying for them.

Let's not forget the purpose God has made for the Walk to Emmaus. From *Luke 24:30-35*

"When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight. They asked each other 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread."

TW Emmaus is a wonderful ecumenical tool to build leadership in our churches. It brings together different denominations as one body to serve in His Name, to lift one another up, to forgive one another, to lay down burdens at Jesus feet, to cultivate a closer relationship with Christ, and to have good, clean fun while worshipping our Lord and Savior.

We praise God for the ministry of the Walk to Emmaus. Just as the disciples eyes were opened in Luke 24:30-35, our prayer is the pilgrim's eyes of TW102 and 103 will also be opened.

De Colores

Larry Taylor, TW53



From the Director of Gatherings....



"Come and get some hugs....."

Were you at the last Gathering? Was your sponsor there? Were the people you sponsored over the years there? If not, why not? When have you talked to the people who are your link to the Tidewater Emmaus Community?

My sponsors were Rev. and Mrs. John Davenport. They were serving the Boykins Charge when they offered me the chance to Walk to Emmaus. I finally accepted that invitation in the fall of 1996. My walk was TW 35 and I sat at the table of Dotted Half-Notes. Our theme was "Make a Joyful Noise". God's perfect timing sent me on a walk filled with music and led by a hilarious bunch of women who gave me an experience I will never forget.

After the Walk, my sponsors took me to the Day of Deeper Understanding and the Gathering that followed. I was even more amazed by the experience after that. My sponsors retired and moved away. It was now up to me to decide whether to team, sponsor and participate in Gatherings. Since Boykins is so far out in Western Tidewater, I told myself that it was just too far to go to Virginia Beach and Chesapeake for Gatherings. I hesitated to give up my Saturday mornings for teaming. But as time went on and I realized how much I needed to reconnect with the Emmaus experience, I sent in that first team application for TW67. You know how they tell you that it just keeps getting better? It's true!

At this point, I have teamed 9 times. I have sponsored 3 friends and am now in my 3rd year on the Emmaus Board. Rev. Davenport served as Spiritual Director several times, but he is now in poor health. If you remember him, send him a card at 2417 Bugle Drive West, Chesapeake VA 23321. I thank God for him and his wife Martha and the influence they had on so many people in their life of ministry.

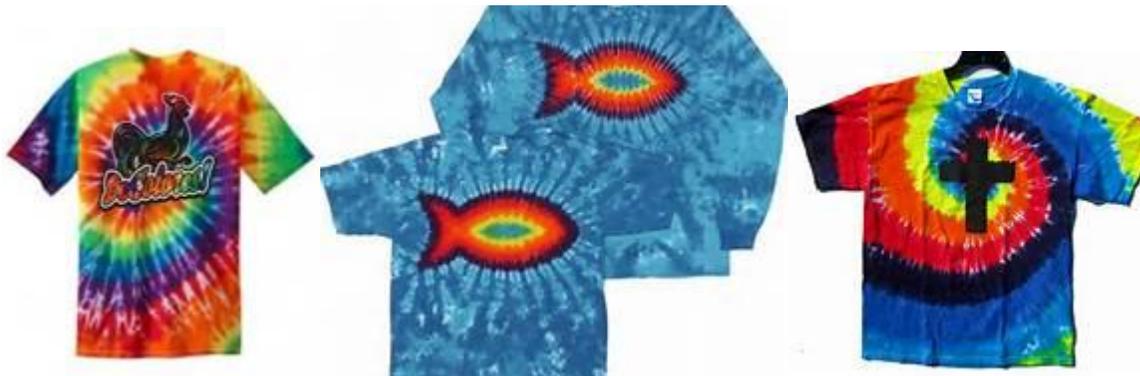
My three friends are not always able to make Gatherings and sometimes I get too discouraged to keep asking them. But with God's help I will continue to lift them in prayer and urge them to join me for Gatherings, Candlelights and Closings. I want to stand with them to sing and hold their hands after we take Communion. I want to hug my former teammates and the wonderful friends I have made in Tidewater Emmaus. I invite you to show up for Candlelight and Closing at Wakefield for the Men's and Women's Walks in October and November. Come and get some hugs and some prayers and some Holy Spirit as we join together.

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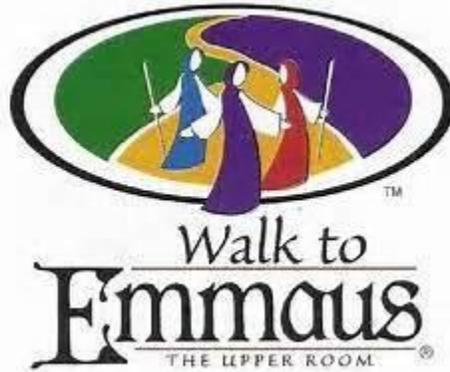
Barbara Edwards

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.



Giftng 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.

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

- ***Fall Walks***

- ✓ ***TW102 Men's Walk: October 24-27***
- ✓ ***TW103 Women's Walk: November 14-17***

- ***Gathering/TW102 Candlelight – Wakefield***

- ✓ ***Saturday, October 26***
- ✓ ***Time: 7:30 - Gathering***

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

- ✓ ***October 24***

- ***Gathering/TW103 Candlelight – Wakefield***

- ✓ ***Saturday, November 16***
- ✓ ***Time: 7:30 - Gathering***

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

- ✓ ***Board nominations will be voted on at the November Gathering/Candlelight.***

- ***DODU November 23, Community UMC***

- ✓ ***Starting at 3:00pm (no pot luck/Gathering)***