

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



**“The Reason for the Season”**

Have you heard the saying “the reason for the season”? I know I have many times. I have an idea for this Christmas. This year, let us make a resolution to take it to heart. It’s so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle as we try to figure out what we’re buying for whom and what we’re going to take to this party or that one.

Let’s remember to put Christ at the center of the Christmas holiday, whether it’s cutting back on spending for gifts (and not going into debt) and donating that money to help others, having a birthday party for Jesus at our Christmas celebration or just focusing on the birth of our Savior during the many meals and gift exchanges. Let us not forget that He is the “reason for the season” and it’s His birth we celebrate.

I pray that you have a safe and blessed Christmas season and that you will feel reminded, renewed, refreshed, and restored after taking time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Isaiah 9:6***

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

As I complete my tenure as Community Lay Director of this wonderful community, I’d like to thank each of you and the Board of Directors for your unwavering support this past year. I have felt your prayers and am overwhelmed by the love that you have shown me and that you extend to every member of this community. What a privilege, honor, and blessing it has been to serve with you in this way. May God bless each and every one of you. ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

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*Larry Taylor*, TW53

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



### **“It’s time to Apply to Team!”**

The Fall Walks are behind us and it is time to begin preparations for the Spring 2014 Walks. Let me take a moment to briefly review the team selection process.

Based on our covenant with The Upper Room, each team should be representative of a varied experience level. Each team has about 21 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.



### **Now is the time to submit your Team or CST application.**

To get an application, go to the TW Emmaus website and download. The instructions for how to complete the form is provided.

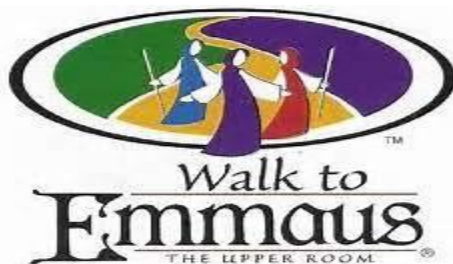
**Please submit your application fee with your application.**

The deadline for team applications for the Fall Walks will be the December Gathering (12/21). The Team Selection Committee will meet on 01/11/2014 to select the team members for those walks. Don't wait to submit that application!!!

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*Robert Smith*, TW-64

## **TW Emmaus Board stuff.....**



### **“New folks, New Positions”**

#### **Rolling Off**

This year we have three TW Emmaus board members rolling off the board. Thank you to *Kim McConnaughey*, *Barbara Edwards*, and *Larry Taylor* who have each blessed this community with the use of their God given talents.



#### **New Members**

Welcome to the following willing servants who were elected to the TW Emmaus Board at our 2013 November Gathering:

- Andrew Barron - TW-86
- Cheryl Best - TW-77
- Lynn Hollandsworth - TW-71



#### **2014 Community Lay Director**

**Karla Barron** has been selected by the board to lead TW Emmaus next year as **Community Lay Director for 2014**. Karla's Emmaus experience and her last two years on the Board of Directors have prepared her to lead us into 2014. Let's all continue to support and encourage Karla and the entire Board of Directors next year.

# TW Emmaus Reminders



- **Deadline - Team and CST Applications**

- ✓ **December 21, 2013**

- **Gathering – Mt Pleasant UMC**

- ✓ **Saturday, December 21**

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

**Address:** 2505 Mount Pleasant Rd,  
Chesapeake, VA 23322 · Southern Chesapeake  
(757) 482-2364

- **Candlelight / Gathering – Triple R Ranch**

- ✓ **Sunday, January 19**

**Note: No Fellowship Potluck**

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:30

**Address:** 3531 Bunch Walnuts Rd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23322.

- **Deadline - 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 104**

- ✓ **February 18, 2014**

- **Deadline - 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 105**

- ✓ **February 24, 2014**

- **Spring Walks**

- ✓ **TW104 Men's Walk: April 24-27**

- ✓ **TW105 Women's Walk: May 1-4**