



# Tidewater Emmaus/Chrysalis

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## Important Information

### July Gathering

Wesley UMC  
2510 N. Armistead Avenue  
Hampton, Virginia 23666  
Saturday - July 18, 2015

Potluck @ 5:30  
Gathering @ 6:30pm

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TIME TO GET  
GOD'S PILGRIM  
APPLICATIONS IN  
TODAY!



## FALL WALKS

MEN'S WALK TW 109  
OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 25, 2015

WOMEN'S WALK TW 110  
NOVEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 8, 2015

DEADLINE FOR 20 CONFIRMED PILGRIMS IS FRIDAY AUGUST 7, 2015!

## Summer Projects

Goals are good! I love the feeling of accomplishment that comes from finishing a project or goal. It can be a large goal or a small goal, but it makes me feel good to know that something has been completed. I have lots of projects this summer. My family and I moved, so that is a lot of special home projects. I started serving a new appointment, Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, so that has a lot of projects. I also have my own projects, including building relationships. I have sought to build my relationships. Each week, I plan at least on relationship building activity. This is not

about my relationships with my family, but this is about relationships with those people God has brought into my life. Often the relationship building is a meal or coffee. God has put people into my life as gifts. They encourage me, teach me, and help me grow in faith.

This is one of my projects. What projects is God calling you to do? Not something for work or family, but what project is God calling you to do for the kingdom of God? You have two months of summer left. Is this going to be a season when you just coast through, or are you going to answer God's call for a new project? The choice is yours.

Sandi Benton Plasters  
Community Spiritual Director

# Financial

If you were at our June Gathering you heard me speak about the financial issues facing our community. For those who were not there, here is the issue. Because of some unforeseen costs associated with the spring walks almost every dollar we had was needed to pay the invoices from Wakefield. Over the past few years Wakefield has changed their way of doing business. Their board has been moving to running the conference center as a business. These changes have affected the way we now do business with them. Have you wondered why we now require all fees be paid when applications are submitted? We are required to make a deposit to Wakefield sixty (60) days in advance of our walks. Currently the deposit is \$5000 per walk but is moving to ½ of the total cost. The cost to hold a walk is approximately \$17,000. This includes the fees to Wakefield, The Upper Room and all the items needed during the weekend.

What I would like you to think about is this; we have over 1100 members of the Tidewater Emmaus Community, if only 600 of us donated \$10.00 per month (that is \$120.00 per year) we would have \$72,000.00.

Just think what that figure could be if every member did this, we would have enough funds for the four walks each year. Would each of you think about this? On our website is the Just Give button, you can use this to donate funds. Click the button, fill in the amount you want to donate, indicate the funds are to go to walks, fill in your account number and set it up for a recurring monthly donation. Simple as that. If you don't like to use the Just Give you could mail a check to Tidewater Emmaus, P.O. Box 61485, Virginia Beach, VA 23466-1485. Thank you for your support.

Joyce Thompson  
Treasurer



## FROM THE GATHERINGS DIRECTOR, PENNY BEST

Greetings Emmaus Community! July sure is a busy month! Anyone celebrate the birth of our country, the great USA? Remember to pray for our country and its people! God surely knows our problems and we need to trust in Him to handle things! July's gathering is on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the place is WESLEY UMC, 2510 NORTH ARMESTEAD AVE. HAMPTON, VA 23666. So set that GPS and we will see you there! This will be a joint gathering with the RAINBOW EMMAUS COMMUNITY! I don't know about you, but I am excited to see how another community conducts their gatherings! Here is a little reminder

for yawl: August 15, we will be gathering and worshipping at BEACH FELLOWSHIP!






## Sponsorship & Registration

### *PRIORITIES!*

In the fall of 2014 on the Women's Walk of TW 106 (the BEST walk ever), the Holy Spirit selected me to present a talk called *Priorities*. As you may remember from your walk (the BEST walk ever), it is the FIRST talk of the fifteen talks given. It is the ONLY talk where there is no talk song, no scriptures read, and no mention of God or my church. One of the points of the talk is what is *an authentic priority?*

Authentic Priority is:

-  Consciously chosen
-  Gives your life purpose, direction, and meaning
-  Gives you enthusiasm, energy, and motivation

What you choose (or **NOT** choose) to do will greatly influence the quality of your life. Do you know the direction you are headed? Want a life full of energy and love? Want to have a better friend in Christ? Want to have a shared experience with a family member? *Then listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Seek out someone to sponsor for the fall walks.*

God is calling each one of us to look at the people in our lives. Do you see them? They are Vacation Bible School teachers and assistants, choir members, Nursery workers, those in our churches that have a servant's heart for others, people who are working behind the scenes quietly, and volunteers sweetly being the hands and feet of Christ.

Why are you waiting? Give the gift of Emmaus that was generously given to you to someone you know. First, PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! Ask the Holy Spirit for His eyes to see who can be that spark your church so desperately needs. Then, PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! Pray to the Holy Spirit for His words to speak to them and invite them to a weekend with Jesus. Lastly, PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! Tell the person to pray about the decision to attend the weekend and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

Deadline for our 20 **CONFIRMED** pilgrims is Friday – August 7<sup>th</sup>. All applications and money must be in hand before confirmation process will begin.

Let's strengthen and fill our churches with people who are on **FIRE WITH CHRIST** in their hearts! Building God's kingdom one pilgrim at a time! DE COLORES!

Director of Sponsorship & Registration

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# Tidewater Emmaus T Shirts are here!!!



Cost: \$20 for Small – X Large

\$21 for 2 XL and \$22 for 3 XL

There will be some on sale at the July Gathering and  
you may also pre order!

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