



Tidewater Emmaus/Chrysalis

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Important Information

August Gathering

Beach Fellowship

1817 General Booth Blvd
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

Saturday - August 15, 2015

Fellowship @ 4:30pm

Potluck @ 5:30pm

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!

Lay Director's Corner

There are two issues I would like to discuss with you this month.

Finances and Gatherings.

As you may or may not know, the costs of our weekends have grown over the past couple of years. The Spring Walk cost a little over \$17,000.00. If we are able to have two spring walks, and two fall walks the total costs for those would be approximately \$68,000.00. That's a LOT of money.

We have depleted our finances for grants for those who cannot afford to incur this expense. We DO NOT want to raise our fees any more. They are also at a point where it makes it difficult for someone to team or sponsor a pilgrim or work on the Community Support Team.

Therefore, we have taken a step we hope will enable us to replenish our funds. We (the board of directors) have authored a letter that has been sent to each church where someone attends that has made the "Walk to Emmaus." We have asked that the churches (if they are able) to make a donation to Tidewater Emmaus to help us right this ship. As far as I know, this is the first time we have gone out to the community seeking funds.

At the same time, if you are able, and feel lead to, you can make a donation to Tidewater Emmaus by going to our web site and using the Give button.

August Gathering: 15 August at Beach Fellowship. As I noted in our January Newsletter, if you have not attended a gathering in a while, we **welcome you back with open arms.** Your presence is important to us. This is not a gathering for just those who are teaming, or those who are on the board of directors, or

those from the host Church. These are for EVERYONE. Bring a Friend Along. It is not a requirement to attend Emmaus before you go to a gathering. If you have a friend who is thinking about walking, please invite them so they can learn more about Emmaus.

We are going to do a few things different for the August gathering. As you know the end of summer is approaching fast. Before you turn around the kids will be back in school, and teachers back to work. So PLEASE come join us. We are going to start at 4:30Pm outside the church with games for young and old. We are going to have corn hole stations set up, horseshoes, and other games set up. This will give us the opportunity to meet people we don't currently know, while have a good time. At our normal time of 5:30 we will have dinner. We only ask you to bring a side dish to share with others. The Board of Directors and volunteers from Beach Fellowship will be cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. Don't worry, no one has to sit outside (unless they want to). We will have tables set up inside the "air conditioned" church. Then at our normal time of 6:30 we will have our gathering. We will have Great Music, fellowship, lift up people of our community in prayer, a forth day speaker, and as always, communion.

This DOES NOT cost you a penny.... Just a couple hours Saturday afternoon Have you spent a couple hours with God lately? Come join us, he will be there too.

May God Continue to Bless and Keep you Every Day.

Donnie Gray
TW-92
Beach Fellowship
Table of the "Life Savers"

Gatherings

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AUGUST GATHERING IS A...



Blessings Community, Come, now is the time to worship, sing Praises to God and fellowship with our end of the summer BASH! Yes, that's right! We are starting gathering an hour early so we can have some fun time together playing games and getting reacquainted with our much loved community!

SO MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR GATHERING ON AUGUST 15TH AT 4:30PM!! AT BEACH FELLOWSHIP!

This is also a Chrysalis gathering! I love worshipping with our young Christians. ❤️



4:30PM FELLOWSHIP AND GAME TIME; 5:30-TIME TO EAT! 6:30

PRAISE AND WORSHIP! 

GOD IS GOOD, thanks for the blessings of our dedicated community members for providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments to make it happen!! We still need side dishes, drinks and of course our fabulous desserts! I know GODS love and how He works through our community which makes me excited what He lays on your heart to bring!

😊 SEE YALL THERE!! 👁️👁️

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Communication

Over that last few months when the newsletter is sent out by e-mail several have been rejected (returned). This usually indicates that the email address we have on file is no longer active. This can be caused by changing email accounts or changing to a new internet provider.

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter by email please let us know your new address. Please send it to either: twenewsletter@gmail.com or twecommunication@yahoo.com and we will update our records.

If you know of anyone who has not received one in a while please have them contact us. Also if you have been receiving your newsletter by snail mail and would like to receive it electronically (that would help us save on postage and paper), please send your email address.

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Preston Best
Director of Communication/
Webmaster

Records

Hello my Brother's & Sister's of Tidewater Emmaus!!

It is my honor and privilege to be writing you as your Director of Records.

I or more precisely we, as your board of directors, need your help. We are doing our best to keep our records up to date but in some cases we do fall a bit short. We are trying to get better but your help is deeply needed.

After going through our community database we have found there are a number of early walks that the Pilgrims are not listed. This means they are not getting any of the valuable information that is sent to you on a monthly basis in the newsletter nor are they receiving the Prayer Requests. This means they are unplugged from the community. We all know that if we are separated from the vine, we will not grow.

I need your help. At this point we currently know that we do not have email information in our database on the early Tidewater Emmaus Walks numbered 11, 15, 16 and 34. If you know of someone that has Walked on one of these Walks. Please ask them to contact me, your humble servant, Greg Reinhart by email at twerecords@yahoo.com or ask them to call me at 757-426-6289.

Additionally, if you or a loved one (or your sponsor or a Pilgrim you have sponsored) has changed their email address since they Walked, moved, or otherwise they are not receiving our monthly emails please let me know and let me

know how to get in touch with them to get them back on the email listing.

Thanks everyone for your help in making sure **your** Emmaus Community is kept in the loop as to what is going on!

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Greg Reinhart, TW94

Director of Records

Sponsorship & Registration

Facing Our Giants

In the movie, *Facing the Giants*, there is a scene where the Coach is speaking to a man named Mr. Bridges. He reads from *Revelation 3:8* I see what you've done. Now see what I've done. I've opened a door before you that no one can slam shut. You don't have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn't deny me when times were rough. (The Message) Mr. Bridges also gives the coach powerful words of encouragement to "bloom where he is planted". Toward the end of the conversation, Mr. Bridges tells the coach a story about two farmers who desperately needed rain for their crops. Both farmers prayed for rain, however, only one farmer went out and prepared his fields to receive it. Mr. Bridges asks, "Which one trusted God to send the rain?" The Coach responds, "The one who prepared," God will send the rain when He's ready. You need to prepare your fields to receive it," says Mr. Bridges.

As we continue to get ready for the fall walks, let each one of us prepare the fields for the pilgrims. Prayer is the stepping stones along the path of sponsorship. God will send the pilgrims when He is ready. We need to be prepared to answer that call. Before speaking to someone about the Walk, pray for them by name. Pray for their willingness to listen. Pray for their response. Then be prepared with an application should they answer God's call to go. Change that story to sponsors and pilgrims. Both sponsors prayed for pilgrims, however, only one sponsor went out and prepared God's fields to receive God's pilgrim. Which sponsor trusted God to send the pilgrim?

Question: Which sponsor are you?

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Cheryl Best

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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 next Gathering and
you may also pre order!

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