

Tidewater Emmaus/Chrysalis

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Important Information

September Gathering

Deep Creek UMC

141 North George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, Virginia 23323

Saturday - September 19, 2015

Potluck @ 5:30pm
Gathering @ 6:30pm

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Lay Director's Corner



Cancellation of Fall walks

“Tidewater Emmaus Community”

The Fall Walks for 2015, (TW-109 & TW-110) will not be held in October/November as we had planned. They will be rescheduled for Spring of 2016.

I know there is disappointment for those pilgrims, sponsors, teamer's, Weekend Lay Director and Spiritual Directors who have been praying for this event to take place.

Approximately 10 weeks out, (7 August 2015) we were required to pay Wakefield 1/3 of our total costs for the weekend. This was a non-refundable payment.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough confirmed pilgrims to allow us to do this.

But, I know God had a reason for this. He doesn't let us down, or leave us. We will just continue to pray, lift our community up, and when He's ready everything will fall into place.

May God Continue to bless you, and keep you in His loving arms.

Donnie Gray

Community Lay Director

Gatherings

SEPTEMBER GATHERING

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with word or tongue but with actions and in truth.

This verse spoke to me as I was reading it Sunday night. It brought our gatherings to my mind. I truly feel by taking the time out of our very busy schedules and attending an Emmaus Gathering we are showing our love for each other. I hope and pray we all remember the love that God showed us during our walks. God's love is truly amazing. Don't ever doubt that, pray to him all the time and worship His goodness and love. I am inviting everyone to come out to DEEP CREEK UMC in Chesapeake, to do just that! Be a part of the warmth and glow that Gods people just seem to radiate



**MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR
GATHERING ON SEPT. 19TH. AT DEEP
CREEK UMC!**

POT LUCK STARTS AT 5:30 AND PRAISE AND WORSHIP IS AT 6:30! Bring your favorite foods, and drinks to share with your community! I can't wait to see you and share in God's grace!



IHS, Penny Best

Gathering Director

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Communication

As I mentioned last month e-mails that have been rejected (returned) when the newsletter was sent out in 2015 are listed below.

Harris
Bucky Archer
Anne Asercion
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Art Briggs
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If you know anyone on the list above who would like to continue receiving the newsletter via email 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. 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
twerecords@yahoo.com so we can update our records.

DeColores!
Preston Best
Director of Communication/Webmaster

Records

De Colores TWE Community!

It is my humble honor to serve on our Board of Directors as your Director of Records.

Our board works diligently to provide the community with the transparency you expect. So for us to be more transparent I will be giving you the “executive summary” of our board meetings for the previous month’s deliberations. By “executive summary” I mean that I will be writing you with the decisions of the board. As always you will still have access to the full monthly meeting minutes located on the website.

The last meeting the board held was July 16th at Hickory UMC. We were wrestling with our ability to hold the Walks this fall. We had been praying about it.

The board passed several motions at that meeting, some regarding the walks and some about board business.

The motions that were passed were:

- If the fall walks were postponed the board would not meet in August.
- Should there be insufficient confirmed Pilgrims for either the Men’s or the Women’s Walks then both Walks would be postponed.
- The board also approved voting to approve meeting minutes via email rather than using meeting time to read, discuss and vote to approve the monthly meeting minutes.
- The board also voted to have Tommy Moore in the class of 2016. This means that

Tommy will serve on the board for an unfilled position until the end of 2016

We also discussed several other items that did not result in a motion or a vote.

I hope this keeps you informed with what the board is doing for you. The full minutes are located on the website and can be read there.

I hope you are having a blessed day and the Lord will continue to bless you and this community abundantly!!

Should you have any questions please contact me at twerecords@yahoo.com.

De Colores!

Greg Reinhart TW94

Director of Records

Sponsorship & Registration

Facing Forward

Recently, as I was sitting in a bank drive up line. Inside the convertible car beside me were two long eared Bassett Hounds. Both were in the front passenger seat. One dog beside the owner was facing the rear of the car looking towards the trunk of the car. The other dog sitting next to the door was looking out the windshield. As the driver drove away from the bank, both dogs continued to look out of the car from their same viewpoint. This reminded me of a saying I have heard for many years, “we should live life looking

out the windshield, not the rearview mirror.” In other words, look to the future, not what is behind us.

Lately, I have been contacting the pilgrims and sponsors who sent in applications for the fall walks. I prayed before I made each call. I explained that our fall walks have been moved to the spring. Some people expressed disappointment at the beginning of our conversation only to have a positive outlook to what God has in store for us in the spring. Each one of them are looking forward to the future of God’s perfect timing. Quite a few of the pilgrims have reserved their spots for the spring by saying YES! As of August 22, 2015, we have eight confirmed men and nine confirmed women. Applications are being accepted **RIGHT NOW!** Please go to the website www.tidewateremmaus.org to print the application out.

The spring dates are set

TW 109 Men’s Walk

April 14 – April 17, 2016

TW 110 Women’s Walk

April 28 – May 1, 2016

As we prepare for the upcoming walks, let us face forward and pray the following: Holy Father, please lay on our hearts someone who needs to experience Your agape love. let us prepare the fields for the harvest of your pilgrims. Shape us into Your people who look to Your future, Amen!

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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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Spring Walks:

TW 109 Men's Walk April 14-17, 2016

TW 110 Women's Walk

April 28 – May 1, 2016



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