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TEAM SELECTION

Much Ado About Teaming...

Are you hearing the call to team in the fall? Here's some things to keep in mind:

PAPERWORK & FEES: Application forms for the fall walks are on the website. The teaming fee has dropped to \$200 for the fall walks, get it in by June 18th so you can have a shot at making the team.

IMPORTANT: To be considered for the team, teaming fees must accompany your application, either via check or JustGive. Just sayin'.

GOT THE TIME?: Team preparation generally runs over 8 Saturdays prior to the weekend. The team needs you at every meeting, and you need to be there to be as prepared as possible. Teaming is a big part of what you're signing up for.

Never teamed before? We want to see your application.

Teamed once or twice before? We want to see your application.

Teamed a lot? We want to see your application.

Did we miss you? We want to see your application.

DECOLORES!!!

Debbie Forehand

TWE Team Selection and Training

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SPONSORSHIP & CONTINUITY

James 5:11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

**OUR LIFE OF GRACE...OUR 4TH DAY.....
DAY OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING – “DODU”**

What a BLESSING to see so many at the Gathering!!! Please know that we the board are in prayer for you and this community; that you all continue to hold this gift of your walk close to your heart and remember the moments when Christ was most real and your heart most, “burning inside you”.

Jesus is Calling....This isn't just a “catch-phrase” but the truth of the Bible!! He needs you to persevere in your newly kindled Life of Grace!!

Tidewater Emmaus wants you to continue with us in that Life of Grace. For you to begin serving in Sponsorship and Teaming, please come to one of the two remaining Day of Deeper Understandings (Sponsors, bring your pilgrims!!!!)

These sessions will teach/review important things about the Emmaus Movement and how you can get plugged into areas such as Sponsorship, Accountability/Reunion Groups and Teaming.

Andy and I were blessed beyond measure at our first Day of Deeper Understanding on May 10th!! THANK YOU for coming out and joining this powerful community of faith! We can't wait to meet ALL of you!

Email Marybeth Grambo at twecontinuity@yahoo.com or Andy Barron twesponsorship@yahoo.com and let us know which DODU you'll be attending!! (*Childcare will be provided, so please let us know you're coming and if you'll be bringing your littles!!*)

Upcoming DODU sessions are:

- **Saturday, June 18th** - 3:30-5:30pm (before the June Gathering) – Courthouse Community UMC www.courthousecommunityumc.org
- **Monday, June 27th** - 6-8pm – Oak Grove UMC www.oakgroveumc.org Meeting in “The Bridge” room

DODU sessions are open to ALL Tidewater Emmaus Community members, please join us!!!

*****Remember that Early Rooster Registration for the sponsorship fee ends on (postmark) July 15th*****

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PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

tweprayers@gmail.com

We coordinate all your prayer needs in a timely manner.





*A note from the
Community Lay Director,
Tommy Moore*

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.” James 2:14-18

One of the best things about being in the Emmaus community is that we are a community of “doers”. I am not sure that is even a word, but it describes our community well.

I had the opportunity to help out at Hope Haven a couple of weeks ago. The plan was that about fifteen people would show up and do a little cleaning. When 34 people showed up, the staff had to find more work for us to do (which they gladly did). After it was mentioned at the Gathering, even more showed up the next week. We are “doers”.

For those of you who may not know, we take a collection at the Gatherings. It covers the babysitting fees and then is split between Chrysalis and Emmaus. It is not usually a large amount, but every little bit helps to cover the expenses of the weekends. I mentioned that May’s offering was to be given to Hope Haven as a love offering and there was \$420 in the plate. Enough to pay for four under-privileged children to go to camp there this summer. We are “doers” and givers (which is a do-thing). It didn’t hurt that there was 161 folks at gathering (the largest crowd I have seen in a while) and 120+ at the Celebration and a pot luck that was bursting at the seams (before we all ate).

The other cool thing that happened during the work day was that I got to explain the Walk to Emmaus to a new group of people (the story and the community). Then those Emmaus workers got to show what the Emmaus community is about. We don’t dwell too much on the service part of the Emmaus experience, in part because we rightfully give the credit and glory to God for the weekends, and because they are too much fun to be thought of as service. But they are. Sponsoring, teaming and community support, providing agape, praying, attending candlelight and closing, are all forms of service that we do out of the love revealed to us by Christ. Based on the other articles in the newsletter, we are quickly filling the fall walks with teamers and pilgrims. Getting your applications in quickly also shows faith in action. Please DO that as soon as you can.

God calls each of us to use our special gifts, which He has given us, to His glory. As our Fourth Day continues, “It just keeps getting better”, isn’t just a fun encouragement. It is about finding and using our gifts as God expects us to, in our churches and communities. Emmaus is just part of our Christian Action, showing and sharing our faith through works.

To the newest in our community (TW 109 and TW 110), thanks for refreshing our community and taking this step to use your gifts for God. To everyone, please know that your service and spirit of being a “doer” makes God happy. It may not always be easy or fun, but sharing your gifts will bless you in unforeseen ways. Galatians 6:9 implores us to “not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” I am looking forward to reaping with you.

God Bless,
Tommy

WEEKENDS

Saturday night, we had the privilege of spending our first time as a community at Hope Haven. What a blessing it was! Excitement was in the air, from our newest members and our most seasoned veterans. And there was joy, to a degree that was, to my eyes, greater than we’ve enjoyed in some time. Happy noises abounded – singing, laughing, sharing.

It seems that in these moments, we are who and what God intends us to be, and we are free and content in that. Oh, to live there and call it home! That’s the whole point of the Fourth Day, isn’t it?

I pray you’ve been considering what role you can play in the walks to come, to share this excitement and joy and hope with others. I hope you join me in looking forward to what God will do in these walks!

DeColores!!!

David Hammond, TW-68

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COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

A Matter of Perspective

They say that it all depends on how you look at things. They are right. Our perspective drastically changes how we view the events around us as well as our own lives. As Christians we are called to a different perspective than others. We are called to a perspective of hope and new beginnings because we know that we are loved by God.

During this month, we have many milestone events, such as weddings, graduations, and school transitions. We can choose to see these as endings, or we can see them as new beginnings. Our Walk to Emmaus experience is the same. We can choose to see it as over at the end of our weekend, or we can choose to see it as just the beginning. As we prepare for the fall walks, we can see the change in location as an ending or a new beginning. It is my hope that you will see this as a new beginning. Join with me in praying for all of the new beginnings of this season

Blessings

Dr. Sandi Benton Plasters

Community Spiritual Director

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OUTREACH


I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all who came out to the Hope Haven Clean up days as well as those who have donated to the Hope Haven Summer Camp needs. We have more opportunities coming this summer.

Summer Camps are held weekly starting Monday June 27 for six weeks. During these weeks, we need teams of people in the following capacities:

1. Team of 2 to 3 people helping with Monday morning registrations from 8 am - 9:30 am.
2. Teams of 5 to 6 people helping serve dinners Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm.

Anyone interested in the Summer Camp Teams, please email me at tweoutreach@yahoo.com. Please put in the subject line Summer Camp Teams, tell me what capacity you are interested in and I will get you on a team!



Another way we are reaching out to the community is through the texting website & app called  remind. We now have 62 participants! Get upcoming events on your phone... Sign up NOW!!!

1. Text to this number 81010 with the following information in the text message part @tidewat
2. It will ask do you wish to be a student etc, say "student"
3. That's it; now you are in the Tidewater Emmaus Class.

Then, whenever there is a Community upcoming event, we will REMIND you through a text message. If you have a smart phone, you may download the app for free.

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Cheryl Best (757-358-2378)

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GATHERINGS

Spring is in the air, the graduates are kicking their heels, rising class members are filled with anticipation! And y'all are waiting with great anticipation for the June Gathering!!

This month's Gathering will be at Courthouse Community United Methodist Church! Yea! The web-site for the church is courthousecommunityumc.org.

What a fun packed day we have planned for all the Pilgrims that haven't attended a Day Of Deeper Understanding or those that have been around a Walk or two as it is commonly called DODU! Yea! The DODU, open to all that have not attended a DODU or for those that feel they need a refresher course will start at 3:30pm in the Family Life Center at CCUMC followed at 5:30 by the Pot-Luck supper, open to everyone, followed by the Gathering at 6:30.

Wait until you see your table mates and hear the music! The rush will come back over you and you will be back on the mountain top! What great musicians we have planned! Wait until you hear the 4th Day Speaker and how our Savior, Jesus, is working in their life!

Put it on your calendar right now, I'm waiting...!!!! June 18th,

3:30pm, sponsors bring your Pilgrims for a time of fellowship and knowledge, 5:30pm Pot Luck and 6:30pm Gathering! Can you think of a better way to spend a Saturday night!?!? I don't think so! Fun, Fellowship, Music and the Holy Spirit!!! WOW!

I look forward to seeing y'all on June 18th at Courthouse Community United Methodist Church, 2708 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA (757-427-3272)!!

DeColores!!!

Greg Reinhart, TW94

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COMMUNICATIONS

Need for prayers

I have a very dear friend of mine who has walked Emmaus, had an awesome experience, but has not stayed connected with anyone and now feels totally lost and alone. I was heartbroken.

Being part of the Emmaus Community does not replace your church connection or your prayer time that we must set as a priority in our daily lives. My friend has had some difficult times, felt like no one cared, stopped going to church and even stopped praying. Does this sound like any of you?

For my life, I stay involved in church and I have to talk to God daily...all-day long. It is one of the main ways I can stay connected. Keeps me from feeling alone.

The best way I've heard it explained was when I was reading one morning:

We all have friends that come and go just like leaves on a tree. May be over here or over there but as soon as the wind blows they are gone. And you have friends that appear strong like tree branches. But as soon as you need help, they break and fall away. No support there. But if you really get down to the roots, those strong deep roots, those friends will always be there. That's what the church is and especially God. He feeds us through our roots, so we can grow strong and hold up other friends. Some of those roots may be your church, others may be your prayer life and others your support group.

No matter how strong we feel we are, or how weak we feel, we all need strong roots and need to be fed.

I encouraged my friend to pray, Not just think she is wasting her time praying, but really cry out to God and he will be there, as he has always been. Plus to get back in church, and reach out more. Reconnect with Emmaus. And talk to me more.

I will be praying for my friend. Can you?

Emmaus offers many ways of staying connected. If you are looking for a church home we can connect you with one of our Spiritual Directors that can help. We have our tweprayers@gmail.com if you need prayers. If you're unsure, just ask me or any of the board reps. We are here for you. You are not alone.

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Bonnie Dailey, AE42

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FINANCE

At the May Gathering at Hope Haven we took up a Love Offering of \$420 to give to Hope Haven. I hand delivered the \$420 check to Hope Haven that Monday. They were very grateful and said that the offering would cover 4 kids to come to camp. That brought tears to my eyes. I know there is no crying at Emmaus – must have been those darn allergies.

I would like to thank everyone who either made a donation or paid their teaming and/or sponsorship fees through the “Just Give Button” on our website. I would love to see more people this year doing the same thing. So go to our website and click on the “Just Give Button” and donate \$10 or more a month. If you would like to donate money to buy supplies, such as Bibles, Rooster Pins, Candles or everything else that is needed for the BEST Walk ever, please do so. Did you know your donation is tax deductible?

You can also pay your teaming and sponsorship fees through the Just Give Button. Any questions feel free to email me.

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Charlotte Carroll

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PAYMENTS

TWE is now accepting payments on-line for teaming and sponsorship fees. Just go to www.TidewaterEmmaus.org and click on the button!



Under the program section, change from General to Other and list either Pilgrim/name or Teamer/name. Make sure you put in the field what the payment is for, to receive proper credit. General Donations are also accepted.

MUSIC

I am always looking for musicians for gatherings. Please contact me if you are available to play or would like to lead.

We as a community are in need of a wireless microphone. If anyone has an extra one that could be donated, that would be totally awesome and if not, well that is still totally awesome.

First Chronicles 16:9 “Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!”

Thx and Love all yall
Steve Maxey, TW92

4th Day Speakers Needed

If you are interested in giving your 4th day talk please contact twegatherings@yahoo.com. Community would love to hear how your 4th day is going.

AGAPE

We are to have the same type love that Jesus Christ had for us, which is agape love. A person with agape love never says what's in it for me or this person doesn't deserve it. Agape love is not friend, sexual, or brotherly love, but it's sacrificial love. It shows action.

Now is the time to begin our action with gifts of agape for the upcoming Hope Haven walks! I am hoping to see an overwhelming amount of love offerings for our pilgrims. Agape love is in all believers. I know us, as the Emmaus Community are the true believers in Christ's love. To all our new community members I welcome you and “Thrive” to see a “Glorious Day” of overflowing agape love that ,you may like to share!

IN HIS SERVICE,
Penny Best ~ Agape
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CHRYSALIS BOARD

Chrysalis is looking for new board members? Anyone interested in serving or who would like more information to please contact Dianne Moore at moorescode@cox.net.

They will be listing the board nominees at the July Gathering and vote at the August gathering.

DID YOU KNOW?

Emmaus Board meetings are open forums and that we post our monthly minutes on the website. We will usually meet the third Thursday of the month at St Johns UMC at 6pm. The next meeting is June 16th..



CONGRATULATIONS

The next Weekend Lay Directors for TW111 and TW112 are **John Lape** and **Kim McConnaughey!**

The next Chrysalis Lay Directors for TWC60 and TW61 are **Cathy Strong** and **Larry Childress.**

Please continue to keep the next Lay Directors and pilgrims of the upcoming walks and flight in your prayers.



...transformed into his likeness with everlasting glory... II Cor 3:18

PLANS FOR 2017

We are accepting team applications for the next flights which take place January 14-16, 2017. Teaming will begin in the fall but it is never too early to put in your applications! Follow this link to get an application...

www.tidewaterchrysalis.org/applications

We are happy to announce the January 2017 walk will be available to all high school age youth grades 9-12.

Also please note that we have a new web site. Please check it often for updates on our Chrysalis Community.

The Lay Directors for the next flights are Cathy Strong for the Girls and Larry Childress for the Boys.

Currently we are working on a RUSH bonfire after the September gathering. Please stay tuned for more information as we enter summer.

Be on the lookout for the unveiling of the new Chrysalis t-shirts. The design has been in the works for some time and we will have them ready soon.

All are welcome to attend our board meetings. We meet the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at Community UMC (2nd floor corner classroom).

That's all for now!

FLY WITH CHRIST

Johnny

2016 TWC BOARD

The following are members of the Chrysalis Board!!
Thanks for your servant hearts!!

Dianne Moore - Adult CLD
Jordan Moore- Youth CLD
Kellee Amburn
Vicki Curtis
Jack Davis
Braxton Feggans
Ray Feggans
Emily Harihan
Hannah Harris

Stormie Henley
Cathy Strong
Alicia Kelley
Jacob Litzenberg
Tim Mallery
Benson McGlone
Johnny Nelson
Linel Thompson
Dana Else

Who should go to Chrysalis?

Chrysalis is Open to members of any Christian denomination. Chrysalis is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

What happens on the Chrysalis Weekend?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by youth and adult laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Chrysalis community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

A Journey with Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Cor. 5:17

A Chrysalis weekend is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Chrysalis experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Chrysalis leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Chrysalis community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Chrysalis is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Chrysalis lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

2016 TWE BOARD

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T-SHIRTS

Cost: **\$20** for Small – X Large
\$21 for 2 XL
\$22 for 3 XL

There will be some on sale at Gatherings or you may pre-order!

Contact Cheryl Best or email: tweoutreach@yahoo.com

