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

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”
Mark 10:45*

What is Jesus calling on you to do? Are you ready to be His servant?

I find it hard to define servanthood. According to my spell-check, it is not even a word. Yes, it is being a servant or being in submission to another. But what does that mean? As Christians, I think it means being in submission to God first, and then in submission to one another.

I also think it means that we have to seek to meet the real needs of those being served. To put it another way, servanthood is doing important and good stuff for others. I recently learned that the five words used in the New Testament that are translated “ministry”, generally refer to servanthood or **service given in love**. Serving others is the very essence of ministry. It means willingly giving of oneself to minister for and to others and to do whatever it takes to accomplish what is best for others.

Wow! We cannot “minister” without service. And every time we serve, we are in ministry. I recently finished a mission trip where the theme was “Here are my hands, how can I serve?” What an awesome ministry. In other words, Jesus Christ’s place in our lives is expressed in the way we serve others. Another way to look at it is **“it is not about me”**. We are called to serve others.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

So how does all of this apply to Tidewater Emmaus? Let me count the ways:

1. We serve by giving of our time, gifts and energies to support the Walk to Emmaus weekends. We do this by serving on the team or community support, or by providing gifts of love, agape, to those on a weekend.

2. We serve by sponsoring friends, family or fellow Christians on an Emmaus weekend, by making sure their family is cared for, by getting them to and from the walk. We continue to serve by getting “our pilgrim” to Gatherings and involved in Reunion Groups.

3. We serve by praying for those in our community who need prayer and by sharing our needs with others.

4. We serve by doing what we are called to do. That can be hard, because we sometimes want to do more than we are asked which can be a disservice to others. Things work great when we each do our job to our best and allow others to do the same.

What becomes clear is that service can be hard work. It takes time and energy. It takes sacrifice on our part. It can be lots of fun, but it comes at a price. Servanthood is an attitude exemplified by Christ *“who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a servant”* *Philippians 2:6-7*. God served us by sacrificing Christ on the cross for our sins, and we should serve others by giving the gospel and our lives to them.

Here are my hands, how can I serve? So here is my call to you. As of my writing this, I know that there is availability on both of the fall walks for more pilgrims. And please do not think me sexist, but we need men to step up, and be the leaders Christ calls us to be. We are in of need men who are ready to take the Emmaus Walk to be sponsored. It can be hard for guys to give up control on a weekend and uncomfortable about talking to other men about Emmaus. But that is what service is. So men step it up. There are also a couple of spots to serve on the teams/CSTs. You can contact Team Selection to get the specifics, if Christ is calling you to do so. I also know that there are vacant positions to be filled on next year’s Emmaus and Chrysalis boards. Please prayerfully consider supporting those boards.

Those are not easy things to volunteer to do. They will take your time, energy and gifts. But your efforts will be rewarding. **Our love for God is expressed in our love for others.**

Taking on the responsibility of servanthood is an act of agape. It is also recognition of the greatest servant of all time, Jesus Christ.

God Bless,
Tommy

PILGRIMS NEEDED



Not the pilgrims from old time but men and women who desire to have a closer relationship with God.

You can be their Sponsor!

Ask someone if they desire a closer relationship with God and help build leaders in your church.

Applications available at www.tidewateremmaus.org

For more information email twesponsorship@yahoo.com

AGAPE

I hope everyone's summer has been filled with blessings and God's wonderful grace. Wow, it sure has been hot, hot, hot! However it won't be long till fall will be arriving. God's autumn masterpiece will be gracing the skyline with abundant color.

God is planning His next Emmaus walks; He wants us, to shower the pilgrims with lots of agape! God loves us so much; it brings joy to him to see us give some love to others. I know I always feel my savior smiling when I come together with my reunion group or just me alone, to create love tokens for our fellow believers.

We can always use pass it on's (clothes pins) jewelry, warm fuzzies, tissue covers, and the small tissues for the covers, beaded lanyards, key chains. There are so many gifts that can be made for agape, just use your imagination. On our Tidewater Emmaus website, under agape we have patterns on how to make the warm fuzzies and also the tissue covers. Please check it out at: www.tidewateremmaus.org. I pray you let God lead you during any agape sessions that you create. Pray over the treasures and feel Gods love in the process. Please feel free to send me a email if you have any questions!

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PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

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We coordinate all your prayer needs in a timely manner.



FINANCE

What has your summer been like? Well I know what it has been like for the kids that got to come to Camp Hope Haven to camp for a week. I along with, Cheryl Best, Penny Best & Becky Smith had the wonderful opportunity to check these kids in every Monday morning for 6 weeks. Some of these kids have been to Camp Hope Haven before some for the first time. They were all excited. Also I along with others from the Tidewater Emmaus Community got to serve the kids their dinners. This was an amazing blessing. I look forward in doing it again next year.

I would like to thank everyone who either made a donation, 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.

DECOLORES!!!

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GATHERINGS

Roll out those crazy, hazy, lazy daze of summer! Those days of soda and pretzels and GATHERINGS!!!

That's right, GATHERINGS! My how time flies when you are having fun!!! It's that time again to get with those who share your fondest memories of your Walk!

This month we will be blessed to Gather at Deep Creek United Methodist Church located at 141 George Washington Highway North, Chesapeake VA 23323, www.deepcreekumc.org.

The music will knock your socks off! Some old, some new, some original but all praising our Savior! The 4th Day Speaker will warm your heart with their story how Emmaus has worked in their lives!

So let's all get up and get our calendars, put August 20th on them to attend the Gathering at Deep Creek UMC!

WAIT just a minute!!! I almost forgot the food! How do you forget the food!! The pot luck will start at 5:30 in the social hall with the Gathering following at 6:30!

OK, so let's recap, August 20th, Saturday, at Deep Creek UMC, 141 George Washington Highway North, Chesapeake, VA 23323, www.deepcreekumc.org beginning at 5:30 with the pot luck and the Gathering will follow at 6:30!!

See y'all then! Until then be blessed, be safe, be HIS hands and feet!!

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Greg Reinhart, TW94

Director of Gatherings

COMMUNICATIONS

This month has been extremely busy for me but it never ceases to amaze me that even though we get so busy, God shows up, calms the seas, and shows his mighty Glory.

Each July I am part of what we call South Hampton Roads Mission Project aka SHRMP. This year we had 176 youth and adults spending the week at my church plus about another 50 that joined us in the evening. We turn the 1st floor of the church into the common area, the 2nd floor into the girls rooms and the 3rd floor into the boys rooms. Kids and adults come from all over Virginia and even some in North Carolina to participate in this mission project. We go into the projects in Norfolk and Chesapeake and even into a Church in Ocean View this year to do outdoor bible schools. To see this team love on these kids is amazing. They start off as strangers and soon they are friends forever.

This year the group did 11 outdoor bible schools during the week, 5 in the afternoon and 6 at night and boy did God show up and win the battle. The groups ministered to over 1071 kids during the week, feed over 2700 meals, did a reading camp with over 560 and over 100 salvations for Jesus Christ. Can I get and Amen!

So, lets step back to how I got involved.

Many, many years ago I was very shy. Was the type to not be seen or heard from. Ok, stop laughing. For me to do anything like a mission trip, well lets say I stayed in my comfort zone and never went "outside the box" for anything.

Then I did my Emmaus Walk. It changed my life. For the better I can say without a doubt.

At first I started with "Baby Steps" doing more work for God

and then all the sudden, I was on a plane to Peru to do a mission trip. Those baby steps soon turned into Giant leaps of Faith.

God has used me in so many ways and I am extremely thankful for Emmaus showing me that I can be used by God no matter what. God loves me and he loves you too.

Now going from "Baby Steps" to "Giant leaps of Faith" is not for everyone. But God can use you in whatever size steps you choose to take.

Even if its just being a sponsor. *Hint Hint.*

I know so many of you have friends that need to step out of their comfort zone and take that leap of faith. Sometimes they just need that extra bit of encouragement from someone willing to be a sponsor. And you can be a sponsor without getting on a plane to Peru, just start with baby steps. Being a sponsor for someone who could benefit from the Emmaus Walk could be just as much of a blessing to you as it will be to them.

Well getting on that plane to Peru was not my only plane trip or the end of my Giant Leap of Faith. For the past 8 years I have been working with the South Hampton Roads Mission Project and even though it makes my July very busy, I look forward to it every time. I love to see how God works in me and all the others that come to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Sometimes even when I think I may only be a pencil pusher for the week God uses me in more ways than I could every imagine, I know I am so blessed that I learned to walk *Emmaus Style.*

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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: twecomunication@yahoo.com





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

PLANS FOR 2017

The latest and greatest news from The Chrysalis Board Of Directors is that we will open up the weekend to include 9th graders. This will provide youth additional opportunities to team and grow with like-minded Christians. We are making the weekend less about "age" and more about where they are personally and spiritually. Sponsors, please prayerfully consider your teenagers spiritual maturity before sending them on this weekend. Over the years we have seen a few instances where a child is not physically and/or spiritually ready to handle the discipline necessary to receive the messages. We don't want to hold anyone back who is ready to fly but we don't want to push them forward too early either! A few thoughts when seeking to sponsor a youth:

Who should go to Chrysalis?

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

Other Considerations

- Is the youth ready to be away from home for 3 days with no contact with their parents?
- Is this weekend being used to "fix" the youth? Chrysalis is not the place to address behavioral or severe mental health issues
- Is the youth strongly expressing they do not want to attend the weekend?

As is done when sponsoring pilgrims for Emmaus, we humbly ask that each sponsor pray deeply about potential caterpillars to be sure it is the right time for them to attend.

2017 Board

We need new board members for next year. We are looking for 4 adults and 4 youth to server the community. The plan is to present nominations to the community at the July gathering and then vote on them at the August gathering. If you would like to nominate someone please contact Dianne Moore at moorecode@cox.net or 757-613-1487

T-Shirts!

Yes we are getting a new design for Chrysalis T-Shirts. The anticipation is building and we will present them to the community in the Fall.

CALLING ALL TEAMERS!!!

Chrysalis NEEDS YOU! We are looking for all levels of teamers- youth and adult- seasoned and first time teamers! There is a place for everyone. If you feel that gentle tug of the Lord calling you to team- ACT NOW! Send in your team applications – teaming will be here before we know it!!! The applications are available on the website www.tidewaterchrysalis.org/applications.html. If you have any questions please contact Dianne Moore moorecode@cox.net or 757-613-1487

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	Stormie Henley
Jordan Moore- Youth CLD	Cathy Strong
Kellee Amburn	Alicia Kelley
Vicki Curtis	Jacob Litzenberg
Jack Davis	Tim Mallery
Braxton Feggans	Benson McGlone
Ray Feggans	Johnny Nelson
Emily Harihan	Linel Thompson
Hannah Harris	Dana Else

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 moorecode@cox.net.

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



NEXT CHRYSALIS FLIGHT JANUARY 14-16, 2017

Transforming youth lives from growing Chrysalis to beautiful butterflies. Join us on our next faith flight on flights TWC 60(girls) and 61(boys).

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.