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

“So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:28

How exciting it is to be waiting for Christ's return. When I read this verse, I sometimes replace the word "waiting" with "ready". It is even more exciting to be ready for Him! As summer ends, we are blessed with the beautiful fall season and the upcoming fall walks at Hope Haven. This truly is my favorite time of the year. Are we ready for this new season?

If you are a sponsor, you are days away from performing the most important job anyone has in the Emmaus Community: bringing a pilgrim to the Walk to Emmaus weekend. Those few words convey so much. Sponsorship is the highest form of agape that can be given in Emmaus. The gift is truly one that is given with no expectation or desire for repayment. Thank you for sponsoring your Christian friend, family member, or neighbor for a weekend (actually many weeks) of uplifting and energizing love.

To those in the community, are you ready to support these fall walks. Come out to send-off and show the face of Jesus. Pray at sponsor's hour for the team and pilgrims. Make candlelight the biggest it has ever been. And join us on Sunday afternoon to welcome our newest Emmaus brothers and sisters. For many of us, the excuse of the long drive is gone, so come on out and have some fun and fellowship. And do not forget to join us at the Celebration of our new brothers and sisters in November at South Norfolk Baptist Church (a new church participant). Please come and be a part of the Community!

I know I said this last month, but I believe it bears repeating. It is important to maintain a cloistered environment for the pilgrims at Hope Haven. Things are going to be done a little different, just based on the lay of the land. Follow the CST folks instructions for where to go. Please do not go exploring during the weekend. Hope Haven is more centrally laid out than Wakefield. Additionally, although it will be easy to visit

to lend a hand, we need to remember that this will be the pilgrim's weekend and that we need to give them their space.

Are you ready to serve? Fall is a sad reminder that my time on this board is coming to an end. We will soon be electing the next group of people to serve on the Emmaus board. I have had a wonderful time getting to serve with a great group of people who work together to maintain the health of our community. It is vital that we get volunteers willing to serve. As of this writing, I have applications from one man and one woman (we need to elect two of each). The vote will be at the November Gathering and the modified application is on the website. Please prayerfully consider supporting the community in this manner.

Luke 12:48 states, "From everyone who has been given much, much more will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

In our Emmaus experience, each of us has been given much. So what are we ready to give? I am always impressed by just how much those in our community give. I believe we are expected to step out of our comfort zone and take a risk. I also know that it usually only takes being asked. So, I am asking. Please support the upcoming walks. Please pray for the teams and pilgrims. Please apply to be on the board next year. Please start planning to team and sponsor in the spring.

God Bless,
Tommy

UPCOMING WALKS

TW 111 Men's Walk, October 6-9, 2016 at Hope Haven
TW 112 Women's Walk, October 20-23 2016 at Hope Haven
Chrysalis Flight, January 14-16, 2017

EMMAUS BOARD

The Board has begun to solicit nominations for 2017-2019 Board membership. Nominations must be received by November 10, 2016 in order to be considered for election at the November Gathering. Nominations will be posted in the November Newsletter. Please prayerfully consider the 3 year commitment before submitting your application. Applications are available on the website at www.tidewateremmaus.org

PRAY FOR WALKS

**Please begin praying for these pilgrims and teamers
God has chosen to be on the upcoming walks:**

TW-111 Pilgrims

Justin Achee
Stuart Birkel
Drew Blewer
Tom Boor
Jeremiah Brooks
Clay Curry
Mike Gardner
Brandon Gilmore
Matthew Golden
Jim Gooslin
Dusty Gray
Bill Loftis
Paul Michaelian
John Oneail
Chris Patillo
Mike Paul
Michael Perrone
Eric Potter
Craig Reese
Kyle Russell
Dave Spelce
Pat Stockwell

TW-111 Teamers

Preston Best
Ray Bjorkman
Clif Boyce
Christian Conner
Robert Coxwell
Mike D'Amato
John Etcher
JP Forehand
Pierre Granger
Robert Greer
Brad Hamilton
Cameron Harihan
Chris Hawk
Jeff Henley
Ben Lane
John Lape
Michael Lowder
Leo Matuszak
Todd McCormick
Bill Melton
Jack Meservey
Merlin Miller
Greg Moyer
Herb Petway
Greg Reinhart
Randy Thomas

Men's Prayer Vigil:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvaid=12702&commid=396>

TW-112 Pilgrims

Emmy Achee
Sarah Acres
Brittany Adams
Erin Alomar
Kathy Brady
Rhea Lynne Butt
Terry Cook
Kim Curry
Kathie Czerwinski
Linda Ann Daniels
Elizabeth Elsasser
Liz Feild
Becky Ferris
Vonda Gray
Brit Hawk
Andrea Holleman
Erica Jones
Mary Knight
Marie Nesbit
Nancy Norman
Jimmie Oneail
Lisa Pedersen
Babs Prewett
Maggie Rockwell
Debbie Roth
Lynne Savoy
Alena Scigliano
Terri Simons
Becky Stockwell
Ruthann Sulik
Jenn Thiessen

Chrissie Toll
Gloria Tyrell
Angela Westmeyer
Tammy Williams
Beth Workman

TW-112 Teamers

Nell Bater
Jonathan Bennett
Penny Best
Cheryl Best
Deborah Clark
Aimée Cummings
Phyllis Earley
Betty Eastman
Barbara Edwards
Stephanie Fields
Jennifer Foster
Wendy Fox
Sandi Granger
Corinn Korting
Edy Matuszak
Kim McConnaughey
Janet Moore
Kathy Moyer
Renee Pryor
Joni Shifflett
Becky Smith
Jennifer Snipes
Joyce Thompson
Mary Trosien

Women's Prayer Vigil:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvaid=12701&commid=396>

GATHERINGS

"Holy Spirit you are welcomed here, come flood this place and fill the atmosphere..." what a blessing we, as a community, are having this month!

The Father has seen fit to bless the Tidewater Emmaus Community with both Men's and Women's Walks and they will be in the same month!!!

The Men's Walk is October 6-9, will be held at Hope Haven, 3000 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA! Please ensure your Pilgrims are there no later than 7 p.m.! Sponsor's hour will follow immediately after the Pilgrims start their Walk! Candlelight will be Saturday, October 8th starting at 7:30 in the Schaffer Building, the Gymnasium. Please fill in the parking spots around the building as you will be directed by the CST! Candlelight will start on HIS time but that is usually around 9pm, be settled in before then! Closing will be Sunday, October 9th in the Schaffer building at 4pm. Be there in full colors!!

The Gathering will be at the Women's Walk October 22! The Women's Walk will also be at Hope Haven, 3000 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA! The Women's Walk is October 20-23. Please have your Pilgrims at the Schaffer Building, gym, no later than 7pm! Candlelight will be October 22 starting at 7:30 with Candlelight starting on HIS time, usually around 9pm, so be settled in before! Please fill in the parking spots as directed by the CST!! Closing will be October 23, at 4pm in the Schaffer Building. Be there in full colors!!

Come! Now is the time to celebrate the glory of HIS Goodness!! Twice in one month!

See y'all twice this month!!

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Greg Reinhart, TW94
Director of Gatherings

FINANCE

Fall Walks are around the corner. Praying for the Pilgrims of TW 111 & TW 112 as they will be walking with Jesus. Praying for Teamers & CST as they are the hands and feet of Jesus. Praying for Hope Haven as our new location for the Walks.

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 email me at twefinance@yahoo.com

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Charlotte Carroll

A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

In many ways The Walk to Emmaus is like church. One way is that there are both individual and corporate goals. For example, we are a part of a church so that we can grow as a disciple is a personal goal that church involvement helps us to achieve. Being involved in a church allows us to work together to usher in God's kingdom. Just as the church helps us achieve multiple goals and the same time, so does Emmaus. The Walk To Emmaus helps us to grow in our personal discipleship, and it also allows us to do more for the whole body of Christ.

Sometimes we forget that Emmaus is not just about us or our local church. Emmaus is about the whole body of Christ. In our human condition, we tend to think about us and ours rather than the larger picture, but God invites us to think about the larger picture. Paul shared this with the church in Corinth in 1 Corinthians 12:12-23. They were getting stuck in concentrating on the smaller vision, rather than realizing that God's vision for us is much larger than our narrow focus. God has bigger vision than we can even imagine, and God wants us to be aware of the larger vision.

The people at Corinth were "navel gazing" which means they were so busy gazing at their own navels, or belly buttons, that they were missing the larger vision. Their vision was cast inward. They just thought about who ranked higher in this world, what was going on with them, and how they might get their way. We are called to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. We are called to build up the entire body of Christ rather than just looking out for our part of the body, the local church.

Let us seek unity as the body of Christ.

Blessings

Dr. Sandi Benton Plasters
Community Spiritual Director
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AGAPE

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

God is so good! I had to share the above Bible verse, because I feel so blessed this month! I have felt His presence around me. Oh how He loves us!! I send all my praises to our Lord!!! Life is good and I'm loving our community!

Ok, let's get to Agape business! Things are looking good!! We are still coloring place mats, but we have lots of first stones, agape letter bags, cross lanyards, men's lanyards and ladies lanyards, need a few warm fuzzies, we have lots of tissue covers. I have gotten bags of pins and all sorts of cute things! Don't forget to sign the prayer vigils, they are up and running on our website!! I am so excited, October is here, we have 2 walks about to take place, and we are at a

new location! Thank you Jesus for all the blessings you shine on us! I am here and ready for TWE111 and TWE112!

If you have some agape that you would like to share with the men or ladies, you can contact me at the below link.

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In His Service

Penny Best, Agape

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TEAM SELECTION

James 4:10: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

When you come Humbly, asking to serve, he will use you in a mighty way. Do you approach God asking him to make you a leader, or a servant? Both roles are important but by asking to be Gods servant, allows God to do mighty things with you. When I first applied to team I never imagined what God had in store for me. I wanted to serve and give back. I walked Emmaus on TW89, very nervous and not feeling worthy, or good enough. I was empowered by the Holy Spirit to team, still not sure I could do for the pilgrims what was done for me. God used me in a mighty way and I am still humbled by the trust put in me.

Now is the time for you to allow God to use you in a mighty way. Teaming applications are being accepted for the spring walks until December 17 with the team selection committee meeting in early January. Applicant may be found on the Tidewater Emmaus website under weekend applications. Tidewateremmaus.org The fee for teaming is \$175 until December 1, then it returns to the regular cost of \$200.

The following information is also on the website and should be considered when applying.

1. No application will be considered, during the team selection process, without the appropriate registration fee or acceptable alternative.

- Acceptable alternative is normally the use of the Bill Baker Fund to cover some portion of the registration fee. It may also be appropriate that an alternative could be a payment plan clearly delineated and approved by the Directors of Team Selection and Finance.

2. The responsibility of applying for Bill Baker assistance is solely on the teamer requiring the assistance. Use of this fund must be done in a timely manner, meeting the set time limits of the team selection process.

- Likewise, if a payment plan is agreed to, it is the responsibility of the teamer to meet that plan or to immediately bring to the attention of the board when they cannot.

3. The Directors of Team Selection and Finance will use grace and understanding in every circumstance. However, they are not responsible for any individual applicant not meeting these requirements.

For more information about team selection contact
tweteamselect@yahoo.com

Debbie Forehand, TW 89
Team Selection

COMMUNICATIONS

You ever wonder why we have those days, weeks, or even months where everything than can, goes wrong, and we wonder why this has to happen to us. That has been me this month. Why Why Why.

First I had Jury Duty for the month and I was worried because I did not have very much time off from work left. And then I kept skating by because I was not needed. Then the day came where I got called to Jury Duty. I wanted to say No, or make up some excuse (lie) for various reasons but that feeling inside me said yes you can.

Then in the midst of all this my car got flooded in those rain storms that came thru. Here I am sitting in knee deep water that is still rising. Yes I got out but I was not so lucky with the car. New engine, new carpet, plus electrical. I did not know whether to cry or scream. Now I know what a "mini" flash flood is. Won't underestimate that again. And the list goes on. I am sitting in my car asking Why Me Lord. And suddenly its "why not you."

I am sure you have asked the same thing before. Why me?

God gives us the freedom to ask him for help when we need it and he knows how strong our faith is that we can handle it with him as our guide. He makes things happen even when we doubt things are possible. He likes to show off that way.

So lets go back to the Jury Duty. It was not an easy case, but a young man made some terrible choices and it made me want to pray for him more and more. He will have some time to think about his actions but now he has a few prayer partners praying for him that he did not have before.

The car, the insurance company has taken care of it, I have a rental and no more "mini" floods in sight...I hope.

Plus there was so many other issues I felt was impossible unless I won the Lottery, but that meant I would have to play the Lottery. Then, suddenly, my husband got a new job, he now has great guys to work with plus they made him foreman. Another answered prayer.

But I do not think I would have as much Faith as I do today if it was not for Emmaus. Sure I go to church, Sure I believe, but Emmaus puts into perspective and makes it understandable in today's world.

So who do you know that needs their Faith put into perspective. Then listen to that voice and be their sponsor. Or maybe its you. You may have already done your Emmaus Walk but teaming inside the talk room and outside brings back that special connection you felt on your weekend. Like a refresher course. Come on, what are you waiting for. There's a whole community out there waiting for you and willing to help. Just answer the call.

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Bonnie Dailey, AE42

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DID YOU KNOW?

Emmaus Board meetings are open forums and that we post our monthly minutes on the website. The next meeting is Oct. 13th at St Johns UMC at 6pm.

CONTINUITY

Jesus said: *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:14-16

**"So I wanted to sponsor someone....
How DO I Pass it on?"**

Sponsorship of pilgrims, teaming and agape are such powerful opportunities to share the gift of Emmaus with others. Sponsorship is so important and is a crucial key in the pilgrim's journey on their Walk to Emmaus.

Attention All Sponsors of TW111 and TW112 Pilgrims!!!!

A part of your commitment to your pilgrim is to attend (*with your pilgrim*) the Day of Deeper Understanding training sessions offered by the Community after the walk. We go over all the essentials of passing on the gift of Emmaus through sponsorship, teaming, accountability groups and agape.

Currently we have two scheduled for after the current walks. (*If we need a 3rd date on a weekend, please email and let me know!!*)

So, **please Mark Your Calendar!!** Come Join us for the final piece of TW111 and TW112's journey!

DODU (Day of Deeper Understanding Sessions):

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd and Wednesday, Nov. 9th; 6-8pm - Community UMC, 1072 Old Kempsville Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 (in the small chapel)

Childcare and Light Dinner provided.

I can't wait to see you all, eat a little dinner and learn the good stuff about shining our Light and Passing It ON!! Email me any questions at twecontinuity@yahoo.com

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Marybeth Grambo TW75



PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU
tweprayers@gmail.com
We coordinate all your prayer needs in a timely manner.

Please Be In Prayer:

Bryan Harrell (TW109) who's father, George Milton Harrell, (TW3) passed away on Sept 23

Debbie Forehand (TW 89) who's mother, Inez Koontz, passed away on Sept. 25 of sudden heart failure.

Ken Krall (TW3) who recently went to be with the Lord. Ken was also WLD on TW18 and served as music director for many years. His memorial service will be October 2nd at Kings Grant Presbyterian Church at 2pm, 745 Little Neck Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452



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

WHATS NEW

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 Johnny Nelson nelsonjohn@cox.net or 757-572-3278

CALLING ALL SPONSORS!!!

We also accepting Caterpillar applications. 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. The applications are available on the website www.tidewaterchrysalis.org/applications.html. If you have any questions please contact Johnny Nelson nelsonjohn@cox.net or 757-572-3278

New Chrysalis Board Members

Please welcome the new Chrysalis Board members: Jay Beltinck Larry Childress Jennifer Forehand Dana Else and Shannon Almberg. Congratulations to Youth CLD - Jacob Litzenberg and Adult CLD - Johnny Nelson..

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.

Fly With Christ!!
Johnny Nelson

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