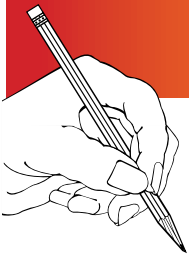




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WELCOME

A note from the Community Lay Director, Marybeth Grambo

“Do not be conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” Romans 12:2

I teach K-5th grade Sunday School at church and this January the Lord put on my heart to use this Romans scripture to teach the children about transformation through God's word. We will focus each week on not just the promises of God, but the directions from Jesus Christ in the “red letter words” on how our lives should look if we truly seek Him first. (*Matthew 6:33*) Not just to be “nicer”, but to shine the light of Christ into the world, honor our Savior and bring others into relationship with Him. Not to conform to this world, but be transformed!

You have seen this yourselves during your walk to Emmaus or your Chrysalis flight. You start the weekend timid with new faces and fears and end the weekend arm in arm with your brothers and sisters...transformed by the saving Grace of Jesus Christ. Throughout the weekend God's word is spoken over and over and it's truth changes us!

The Chrysalis flights just finished up with a powerful closing on January 16th; true butterflies emerging from their cocoons, completely transformed in Christ's love. Our Tidewater Emmaus Spring walks are forming up as we speak. Prayers have been lifted, leaders called, teams assembled and materials are being put into place for 72 new pilgrims to experience the transformative light of Christ during their own walk.

We put so much hope in things of the world. These things will never completely satisfy us and often times will let us down. They may seem of value or seem to bring happiness; but we know that only a full relationship with Jesus Christ fill us! With “*good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over*” (*Luke 6:38*)

This fullness, this light, is needed like never before! The world and churches need authentic, passionate followers to show others that hope that does not disappoint. (*Romans 5:5*)

YOU have the opportunity to bring this light, this fullness, into someone's life. To change it forever through the

blessed opportunity of sponsoring someone to attend the Walk To Emmaus.

I'm praying for each of you. To feel Christ's fire in your hearts as you did on your walk. To share that fire through sponsorship and prayer. To renew your mind with the promises of God and remember all He has done for you so that you can Pass It On. Jesus is counting on you. This world needs hearts on fire and YOU have the power inside you to open a door for the Holy Spirit's transformation in someone's life.

Early Rooster Registration for sponsorship closes on February 15th. For \$150 you can give an eternal blessing! We CAN change the world! We DO have a spirit of power and love and sound mind! (*2 Tim 1:7*) We DO believe in the power of a heart given to Christ!

I really hope to see you at the February Gathering on February 18th at Community UMC. Come out and celebrate with our new Butterflies and see that “Jesus Shine” as we witness His glory on each face!!

DECOLORES!!!
Marybeth

SPONSORSHIP

Teams have been selected and will begin meeting soon for the spring walks. However they are in need of pilgrims - both men and women. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring those who God may have put on your heart.

Sponsors still have time to get their Early Rooster Discount. Both applications (pilgrim and sponsor) must be postmarked by February 15, 2017, plus include payment in order to qualify for discount!!! Email TWEsponsorship@gmail.com if you have any questions

DECOLORES!!!
Lynn Hollandsworth

SPRING WALKS

TW113 Men's Walk, April 20-23, 2017 at Hope Haven
TW114 Women's Walk, May 4-7, 2017 at Hope Haven

2017 NEW BOARD AND NEW EMAILS

We want to welcome all the new and returning members for serving as your **2017 TWE Board of Directors.**

We would also like to announce the new email addresses we will be using in an effort to better serve the community.

The old yahoo emails are still operational but we would like to encourage all future contact with the board be made thru gmail so that we may better keep track and organization of all correspondence. Thank you.

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WEEKENDS

Greetings to the Tidewater Emmaus community. My name is Bruce McConnaughey and I am honored and blessed to be your Director of Weekends for 2017.

I have been a member of the Tidewater Emmaus community since 2003 when I walked on TW-64 and sat at the table of "God's Runners." My wife Kim and I have been members of Baylake UMC for 20 years and we both serve in many ways in our church. I serve on various committees as I am in my third year as one of the Lay Leaders at Baylake.

I have two grown children, both of whom flew on Chrysalis. I have teamed numerous times through the years and have been fortunate enough to serve pilgrims and teams at both Wakefield and Hope Haven. My goal for 2017 is to make each walk the best it can be by working closely with the weekend lay directors, the board of directors, and the facilities where the walks occur. I want the weekend lay directors to be confident that everything logistically is handled so they may concentrate on the pilgrims and their teams.

I am very excited to join the Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors. Over the years, I have observed the board from various ways. As a community member, as a teamer, and as a weekend lay director, I have viewed a group of people who clearly love Jesus Christ and want to serve and bring others to Christ. I felt strongly that I wanted to be part of that group. With the assistance of all the other board members and especially from the Holy Spirit, we will continue to make each walk "the best walk ever."

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Bruce McConnaughey, TW64
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MUSIC TALENTS

We are looking for individuals that would like to be on our list for music leaders and assistants. Music people are needed for teamings and gatherings. If you are interested please email TWEMusicAudio@gmail.com

TEAM SELECTION

Thank you to everyone that applied for TW 113 & 114. The weekend lay directors are in the process of confirming all teamers. As soon as that is completed any one not on the teams will be given a refund. God is good! This is my first team Selection meeting when we have had more people applying than spots on the team. This allows the Holy Spirit to form the teams from a healthy crop. Please be in prayerful consideration about teaming in the fall. It is not too early to mail in apps. Fall weekend dates will be released soon.

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Debbie Forehand
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FINANCE

Hello my name is Charlotte Carroll, I walked TW 97, I attend Beach Fellowship and I sat at the table of Anna's SonFlower Girls (CLAP)

I am your Director of Finance again for 2017. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to do so. I am making the same promise I did last year, to make deposits and pay bills in a timely manner.

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 please email me: TWEdirfinance@gmail.com

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Charlotte Carroll, TW97, Director of Finance

RECORDS

My name is Mark Shifflett, I walked on TW-96, I serve at St. John's UMC, and I sat at the table of Barabbas. Oops, I meant Barnabas.

My table mates would kid around with these two names, but what's in a name? We all know about Barabbas, the Jewish criminal sentenced to die but released by Pilate that infamous day when Jesus went to the cross. Barnabas, on the other hand, was a disciple, friend and fellow servant of Paul according to the Book of Acts. Even his name meant "son of encouragement". These two names, these two men couldn't be further from the same, but I can relate to each of them.

For most of my life, much like Barabbas, I was a rebel and a sinner estranged from my God. I deserved the punishment that awaited me. That was when I met Jesus, who took upon himself the punishment that I deserved. He sacrificed himself, so I could be free and be more like Barnabas. Since that day, I have tried to be a disciple, servant and friend of God. It is for that reason I felt a desire to serve on the Emmaus board. It is an honor to be part of an awesome organization that encourages others and strengthens the Church, furthering God's kingdom here on the earth. My 4th day continues and I look forward to where Jesus leads me next.

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Mark Shifflett, TW96

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GATHERINGS

**February 18 Gathering, Community UMC,
1072 Old Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach, VA**

There's a joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart!! It is that time again!!! We have the opportunity to gather with our Brother's and Sister's in Christ and celebrate the wonderful journey we have all started some time ago!

Well for some of us it has just happened!! The February Gathering is a Chrysalis Gathering/Hoot! We will be celebrating the new Butterflies from TWC Flights 60 for the Girls and TWC 61 for the Boys!! It was a phenomenal Candlelight and now it is the time for the Tidewater Emmaus Community to welcome these young adults into the Emmaus family!!!

Come! Now is the time to celebrate and worship!

Where: Community United Methodist Church
1072 Old Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach, VA
www.cumcvb.org/

When: February 18th
RUSH will kick off at 5:00 in the youth wing
Pot luck starting at 5:30
Gathering at 6:30

Bring: Dish to share and your singing voices!

Looking forward to seeing y'all on February 18th!

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Greg Reinhart, TW94

Director of Gatherings

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AGAPE

Greetings from your newly assigned agape director! I am so very blessed and pleased to announce that I, Penny Best have been asked by the Holy Spirit to again be the agape director. So, with a big fat smile on my face have graciously accepted this treasure for serving our God and our community!

Here is a little information about myself. I am married to Preston "the" Best for 6 years. I have one very special daughter and son-in-law. I am so blessed with a granddaughter, Penelope, who will be 3 years old in May. She is a grandma's dream, oh so sweet and cute and deep into my heart! I have a dachshund, Abbey that thinks she is human, so please don't tell her! We three, Preston, Abbey, and I live in beautiful Virginia Beach, and love it! Preston and I are very active in our church as deacon and deaconess, and both server on committees. We LOVE our Lord whole heartedly! There is nothing we like more than to do His work, and serving however He needs us!

Alright, enough about me! Let me get to into agape, where my heart gets warmed! It's a new year, which means we need lots of agape love items! We really could use bracelets, and anything wearable, such as jewelry. Do you like beading? Great! We are in desperate need of lanyards for the ladies and lanyards for the men also! You can contact me through the Tidewater Emmaus website, under agape. Please feel free to send me a message if you have any questions! I would like to leave you with this Bible verse from Philippians 4:7

AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

DECOLORES!!!

Penny Best, TW97

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COMMUNICATIONS

Well the Holy Spirit has placed me with communications again. I love doing work for the lord and Emmaus is like doing the Lord's work.

We were busy last year creating database files based on information we have from past walks, pilgrim info, etc. So if you change your address or email we would appreciate those changes.

We get emails rejected monthly and have no way of knowing how to get your newsletters to you unless we are notified of any changes.

Our members database is as current as the info we have on file. I know we have had some SD's move but I do not have those address changes as well as others.

So, If you change your email or mailing address please forward the changes to TWEcommunication@gmail.com. This information is strictly for Emmaus use only and is not shared.

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Bonnie Dailey, AE42



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

A Message to the Emmaus and Chrysalis Community

Brothers and Sisters we are rolling into the second month of 2017. We are off to a great start for the year. Tidewater Chrysalis loves bringing in the New Year. Every Martin Luther King Weekend, we bring in the New Year with the only way we know best. We Launch two BEAUTIFUL flights of Caterpillars and watch them grow into glowing butterflies.

Tidewater Chrysalis wants to extend a warm welcome to TWC Flights 60 and 61. Tidewater Chrysalis welcomed 45 brand new butterflies to our ever growing Emmaus and Chrysalis family.

Not only has TWC changed with this addition but so has our society. Speaking of society changes we recently had a large political change in the Oval Office. Despite whether you agree or disagree with the change in office we as Christians must remember the following. You may begin to doubt the reality or the things you experienced and heard here. Accept your doubt and seek to understand it, but don't let it defeat you. Doubt does not mean faith is gone. Instead it is faith seeking understanding which can lead to growth. Doubt is what leads scientists to discover more about the way the world works. For example, Columbus doubted the world was flat; his doubt led him to new discoveries. Some people think God can't stand people that doubt. In John chapter 20, we read about one of Jesus' disciples whose name was Thomas. He was the only one that hadn't seen Jesus since He was raised from the dead, and said that unless he saw the print of the nail in Jesus' hands and touched his side,

that he would not believe. Well days later, the disciples were meeting in a room when Jesus suddenly appeared to them. He goes to Thomas and shows him the nail prints and his side. He doesn't make fun of him. He doesn't say "You're ignorant. You just walked the whole earth with me and saw me heal and deliver." No he said "touch my hands, touch my side. It's real. Your doubt doesn't scare me. I died for you, just like I died for the guy with the confidence over there. It's ok." Then Jesus goes on to say "Blessed are those who have never seen, and blessings be to those who are yet to believe in me." As Christians, we're called to battle doubt, seek out our faith, and turn it into a strength. Continue to seek God's will for your life, and look at your doubt as a time of growing in your faith.

Chrysalis Announcement: February is a Chrysalis Gathering. Chrysalis will be hosting our RUSH at Community UMC in the Kempsville area. RUSH will kick off at 5:00 in the youth wing, RUSH is a closed event for New Butterflies, Teamers, and members of the Chrysalis Board. Following RUSH we will roll into Gathering. The Gathering is open to all Chrysalis and Emmaus community members. Gathering Starts at 5:30 with Pot Luck and then we move into community gathering at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Again, let us welcome these 45 new butterflies into the family to TWC and TWE. Praise be to our father. God is Good.....

Fly with Christ

Jacob Litzenberg, TWC 53
Community Youth Lay Director
Co-Director of Publicity

Congratulations



TWC60
&
TWC61



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4th Day Speakers Needed

If you are interested in giving your 4th day talk during one of our monthly gatherings, please contact TWEcommunitygatherings@gmail.com.

Your Emmaus Community would love to hear how your 4th day is going.

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

TWEprayers@gmail.com

We coordinate all your prayer needs in a timely manner.

