

# Merry Christmas



# Tidewater

## EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS

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*A note from the Community Lay Director, Marybeth Grambo*

*Remember what Christ taught, and let His words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts. Colossians 3:16 TLB*

Let the word dwell in you richly....the words of Christ, the WORD made FLESH. Let Him dwell within you and let HIM make you wise. Let your new song, now filled with Christ, be the instructor of hearts around you.

As we begin this journey of advent; knowing the outcome but celebrating all the same, we need to stay so close to Christ. Our Easter songs can be blared as loudly as our Advent and Christmas songs....Christ came for us...to die for us...to bring us to new life!!! If we live our lives completely thankful, completely obedient, and completely content no matter where we are because of Him who gave it ALL for us, it is the greatest testimony to the "reason for the season" that I know!

My time as Community Lay Director for Tidewater Emmaus comes to a close this month.

I am so very thankful to the TWE Board for their devotion to Christ and the growth they provided me. I will remain on the board to finish out my three year elected term, albeit in another role Christ alone has chosen for me.

David Hammond (TW68) will be the new Community Lay Director for 2018. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of the board and this community. We all serve (community and board) because of our meeting with the Lord Jesus as He revealed Himself to us through scripture as we walked along and broke bread together on our walk to Emmaus. All we do matters so much to the Kingdom of God.

I also want to welcome our newest board members; Brad Hamilton (TW66) Jill Wynne (TW60), Nell Bater (TW93) and Tim Hazlett (Pastor of Oaklette UMC and our newest

Assistant Community Spiritual Director who joins us from Erie Koinonia, and has been an Assistant SD on TW114 and TW116)

Upper Room Emmaus International is going through many changes in 2018. Updated manuals will be coming out in the beginning of the year and the training/management structure of Upper Room Emmaus is going through a complete overhaul to utilize technology more effectively. We will keep you posted and post all updates as we receive them.

I remain in prayer for each and every one of you...that you stay close to Jesus through scripture and prayer; that you rely on HIM alone for your healing, your direction and your strength. That you keep the fire stoked by your Emmaus Weekend alive through sponsorship, teaming, accountability and community support.

I leave you with a treasured Christmas song, as we celebrate this season, let Love be our Sign!

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
Love shall be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

**DECOLORES!!!**  
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Christmas  
Love



## OUTREACH

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, I come to the end of my service on the board of directors for Tidewater Emmaus. It has been a rewarding experience to be a part of this ministry and to witness the impact that the walks over the last three years have had on the pilgrims on their walks. I am proud to have served this community and to have been involved in some wonderful transitions we have undertaken to better be His hands and feet.

I know in the coming years I will remain active in the community by sponsoring and teaming as well as any other way I can help Tidewater Emmaus grow. I have been truly blessed to work with so many individuals who Love the Lord and all of His children.

We are still in need of a few people to fill slots on the board for next year. So please be in prayer and if the Lord is calling you to be a part of this inspirational group, please step forward and make a difference for the community.

It has been a pleasure to serve and I look forward to seeing you all at future events.

**DECOLORES!!!**

Preston Best, TW88

Director of Community Outreach

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## AGAPE

As we have just gave thanks to the many, many blessings God has showed us all, I want to share with you my abundant thanks as this is my last year for serving on Tidewater Emmaus Board. You, my family, have been such a fruitful blessing to our community and to our Father! I cannot express to you how you have touched my heart with your love for the pilgrims and our community! Although, I will not be serving on the Board of Directors for our Emmaus community, I will always keep my prayers centered about them and this awesome community. Thank you, community, for making serving this board such a JOY! I ask that you join me in welcoming the new board members that will graciously have the honor of pleasing the Lord. Remember, you are serving God, not people. In making hard decisions, pray on it and the old cliché of WWJD, surely helped me!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!** Here's to a brand-new year of glorious new beginnings and a year of countless blessing! Time to get busy on, what else, wonderful, beautiful, and meaningful AGAPE!! Keep the love flowing! TW-115 and TW-117 are coming up fast! Shower them with the Joy of the Lord by continuing to be His hands and feet and heart! I close with my love to you and all the happiness the Lord can surround you with! May you feel God's peace on hard days and always, always, remember. DADDY loves us like no other can!

**DECOLORES!!!**

Penny Best, TW97

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## FINANCE

It has been a pleasure serving the Community as your Treasurer. I would like to wish everyone a **Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year.** Give a Pilgrim the BEST CHRISTmas present ever invite him/her to go on the BEST walk ever. Jesus is the reason for the Season and the BEST walk ever.

**ATTENTION:** For those who made monthly contributions through Just Give, December will be the last month you can do so as Just Give switched to **JustGiving.** I am sorry that we are unable to take monthly contributions on **PayEzy** that will automatically come out of your account but we will be glad to accept them anyway. Thank you for all who made monthly contributions in 2017.

We now have a Pay Now button through Bank of America on the website which replaces the Just Give Button. The good news is that you will not be charged an extra fee for using this Pay Now button. We will only be taking Visa, MasterCard and Debit Cards at this time.

So go to the Pay Now Button on the Tidewater Emmaus Website which will lead you to the Payment Page

Payment Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment for *TW \_\_\_ Team*

Payment Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment for *Sponsor/John Doe*

Put in Payment Amount you are paying and what you are paying for in 20 Characters or less. Then hit the Pay Now button on the right.

When you hit the Pay Now button it will take you to the next page which is how you are paying which will also tell me who is paying. If I have any questions I will email you.

If you are sponsoring or teaming for Tidewater Chrysalis (TWC) please put that in the Payment For section as well.

We do take payments for: Teaming Fees, Sponsorship Fees, Bill Baker Fund, Tie Dye T-Shirts, Donations and much much more.

We are also using CloverGo which is an attachment to my phone and I can swipe or insert your credit card to pay for Tie Dye T-Shirts, Teaming Fees, Sponsorship Fees and so on.

Any questions feel free to email me.

**DECOLORES!!!**

Charlotte Carroll, TW97

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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.





## GATHERINGS

Grab that "Ugly Sweater" and get ready to PARTEEE!!  
Come, they told me parum pa pum pum, a newborn King  
to see parum pa pum pum!

Tis the reason for the season! We will celebrate  
Jesus' birthday on December 16th at Tabernacle UMC,  
[www.tabernaclevb.org](http://www.tabernaclevb.org) 1265 Sandbridge Road, Virginia  
Beach, VA.

Come, celebrate with those who have shared your Walk!  
The Pot Luck starts at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall and the  
Gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary! What a  
great evening of celebration we will have! Song, prayers,  
fellowship and we will be blessing the Chrysalis Team for  
their Flight in January!

What a fun filled evening to Thank our Savior for all He  
has done for us! Let's celebrate Jesus' birth on Saturday,  
December 16th at 5:30 at Tabernacle UMC!

See you there!  
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## T-SHIRTS

### T-Shirts, T-Shirts, Get Your T-Shirts here.

Hear Ye - Hear Ye - Now that I have your attention, I am  
selling Tie Dye T-Shirts with the Tidewater Emmaus logo  
on the shirt. I will have them at the opening ceremony of  
the Men's & Women's walks. Please see me and get your  
T-Shirt. T-Shirts cost \$20 for S, M, L & XL, and \$21 for  
2XL & 3XL. We also ordered a 5X shirt for someone who  
wanted it which will cost you \$23. We take cash, checks  
and credit cards through CloverGo.

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## SPRING WALKS

**Men (TW115) April 19-22, 2018**  
**Women (TW117) May 3-6, 2018**

**Early Rooster Discounts - \$25 Off Teamers Fee if paid in full by  
December 14th.** Teaming apps may be brought to the December  
gathering with payments in full. No application will be considered until  
payments or arrangements have been made.

**\$25 Off Sponsor fees if paid in full by Feb. 15 with application.**

**Must have 20 confirmed pilgrims by Feb. 15, 2018**

## SPONSORSHIP/ REGISTRATION

As winter begins giving us a tease of cold weather every  
few days it is hard to believe that April is "right around the  
corner". As sure as the trees that are now dropping their  
leaves will be full and green in April so will the Tidewater  
Emmaus Community be ready for TW115 and TW117.  
Now is the time to begin listening to God to hear if He is  
putting it on your heart to sponsor someone on either of  
these walks. These winter months will give you plenty  
of time to make sure that you have built the relationship  
with that person that needs to be in place. When I call  
pilgrims to confirm their place on the weekend I ask about  
their sponsor and let them know that if there is a question  
or concern their sponsor might not be able to address to  
their satisfaction to please call, text, or email me and we  
will find the answer. How sad when they tell me they don't  
really know their sponsor or can't remember their name.  
When I call a sponsor to let them know I am unable to  
get hold of their pilgrim and ask them to please have the  
pilgrim call me they tell me that they really haven't talked  
with the person recently (several months). The worst part  
is when the person has "rolled over" (they have applied for  
a walk and not been able to attend and ask to be carried  
over to the next walk) and I talk with their sponsor to find  
out if they are still interested and the sponsor tells me they  
don't really know because they haven't seen (not even  
talked to) them for a while.

To be a sponsor does not mean you just select someone,  
ask them if they would like to go, pay the sponsor fee, take  
them to dinner Thursday night, show up at all activities  
on the weekend and take them home on Sunday waving  
good-bye as you pull out of the driveway. Sponsoring  
someone means that you have now begun a relationship  
with that person in Jesus Christ. You have made a  
commitment to that person to help them on their Christian  
journey. So take the time to build that relationship with  
them, take the time to follow-up with them regularly  
before their walk, and take the time to pray WITH  
them about this decision. If you are uncomfortable or  
unwilling to do any of those things maybe God is saying  
"Wait". So as we begin filling the Spring walks listen  
with discernment to what God is saying. Yes, the Walk to  
Emmaus weekend is an incredible mountaintop time with  
Jesus and seeing the hands and feet of Jesus in so many  
ways and faces is powerful but make sure you have spent  
the time developing that relationship with those people  
you want to share the great gift of an Emmaus weekend.

### DECOLORES!!!

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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 [TWEgatherings@gmail.com](mailto:TWEgatherings@gmail.com). Your Emmaus  
Community would love to hear how your 4th day is going.

# COMMUNICATION

Well it's almost time for Christmas and I have to wonder about how much we tend to forget the meaning of the holidays and instead go shopping and run up credit card bills just so every one can have that perfect Thanksgiving Dinner or that perfect Christmas present. Have we really lost the meaning of the holidays and replaced it with material things.

As the women of TW116 just learned that Christ died for them because he loves them so much, we should all try to remember that this holiday season.

Last Thanksgiving we lost my brother suddenly and we did not know why until much later. We thought he had a rare blood disease and it was not until my scare earlier this year we found out it was melanoma. Now my husband's sister suffers from cancer and does not have long to live. So when the phone rang Thanksgiving day I could only pray, not again lord, but thankfully it was not her time quite yet.

So many times we get life's little scares for forget to thank God for yet another day. For the gift of seeing kids and grandkids running and laughing. For a beautiful sunset or the turning of the trees at the changing of the seasons.

I thank God for every day and for getting past another of life's little scares.

I encourage each of you to think about how fortunate we all are. Sure we have problems but we also have Jesus to help us get past them. What about the millions of people who do not know him. Imagine how lonely they must feel.

This year reach out to a lost soul or a homeless person on the street. They would love a hot cup of coffee or a new hat and gloves. Step out of your comfort zone and show Christ's love and the real meaning of Christmas. Come on, I dare you.

My church has a Soup Kitchen and we also provide food and clothing for the underprivileged. I try to collect hats and gloves and sometimes make scarfs for some of the regulars that walk the streets. I have one man I even go out of my way and get a cup of coffee for and I fill up a paper lunch bag with cream, sugar and instant coffee too. He is always walking the streets and sometimes just wants a cup of hot water to add to his leftover coffee grounds. This is my way of showing Christ's love.

Union Mission also has a shelter in Downtown Norfolk and they are always looking for donations and help.

I am sure your church or a neighboring church does something for the homeless.

So please, step up and let people remember what Christmas is really about.



**DECOLORS!!!**

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

**It is Chrysalis Season!** The last Women's Walk this Fall was a complete success and the next big thing for the TWE Community is the Chrysalis Weekend that takes place on January 13-15, 2018.

## CALLING ALL SPONSORS!!!

We are now 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](http://www.tidewaterchrysalis.org/applications.html). If you have any questions please contact Johnny Nelson [nelsonjohn@cox.net](mailto:nelsonjohn@cox.net) or 757-572-3278

This year we are having a no tolerance of electronic devices on the flights. In the past we have had issues with live social media updates during TALKS. We are asking sponsors to please take the student's electronics or have them leave them at home. They NEED to disconnect during the flight. We are also implementing a no tolerance for pictures or videos during the events on the weekend. Please help us promote this policy.

### Fly With Christ

Johnny Nelson TW74  
Chrysalis Lay Director

## Chrysalis Candlelight

Sunday, January 14th • 7:30pm  
Triple R Ranch