

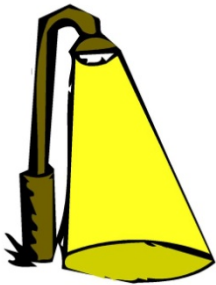
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Summer, what a marvelous time of year! It feels as if the whole world kind of stops to take a deep breath and relax even if it is for “just a minute”. There are still only 24 hours in a day but for some reason they sure seem longer in the summer. As a child I can remember feeling like summer just went on forever. The days felt long enough for me to tell my mom and dad several times each day, “I’m bored”. Something as simple as lying in the yard and finding pictures in the clouds was an event reserved exclusively for summer. There was always someone who, after we finished our week at Vacation Bible School, swore they saw “the real” Jesus in those clouds...who knows, maybe they did! During those summer days the streetlights were the signal that it was time to come home, when they came on I was supposed to be in the house.

As an adult summer takes on a much different focus; there is the yard to mow and weeds to be pulled as well as all the projects I’ve saved for summer (many of which get “saved” again for Christmas break). The days don’t seem as long and boredom is certainly NOT an issue. Over the years the clouds have become just clouds and Vacation Bible School now means trying to occupy the hands and minds of little people for what can seem like an eternity. However, one of

the wonderful memories of childhood summers, the streetlights, remains. When the streetlights come on it is still a signal for me, a signal that I need to remember the beautiful gifts that our Heavenly Father has sent me during the day, the ones that truly make me “rich”. The blue heron on the pond by my school, the squeals and laughter of the children playing in the sprinkler down the street, the unexpected email from a friend not heard from in a long time, and the sharing of God’s love with others and by others. While sitting on my back porch, in the darkening twilight, praising our Father and sharing with Him my gratefulness for all His blessings and grace it allows me each day to feel like that child of summers long ago. For with God I am still a child, His child, and in that quiet wonderful time each night I know how much our Father loves me and I know how much I love and need Him. So my brothers and sisters in Christ I hope for each of you this summer a time every day to remember to whom you belong and how much our Savior loves you and how much was sacrificed so that we might be a child of God. When the streetlight comes on tonight and I spend that time walking in the light with Jesus I will also thank Him for each of you because you are such a blessing in my life. Thank you for walking under the streetlight with me as we continue our walk with Jesus.

DeColores--Lynn



Next Chrysalis Flights:

Boys - Postponed

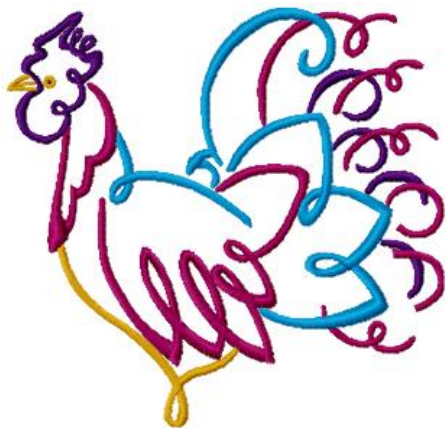
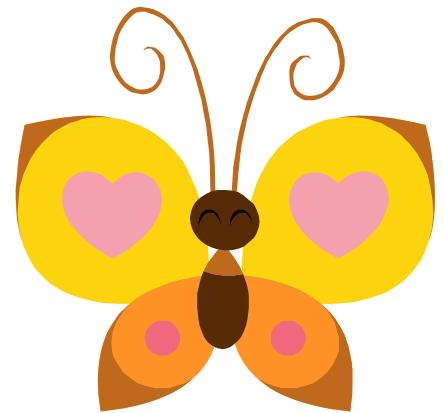
Girls - August 14-16, 2009 - Lay Director: Karen Millman

Fly With Christ!

Do you know a young lady, fifteen or older, who has completed at least her freshman year of high school? If so, would you pray about sponsoring her on the upcoming Chrysalis flight? TWC 45 has an amazing team of folks working hard to prepare for the August 14-16 flight at Hope Haven, but we need caterpillars to make this flight a reality.

Applications are due no later than July 20th, so don't delay! Send your sponsorship form, completed caterpillar application, and a \$25 deposit to:

Tidewater Chrysalis
P.O. Box 64055
Virginia Beach, VA 23464



Fall Walk Dates

Men's Walk: October 15th - 18th

Women's Walk: October 22th - 25th

Board News

At the June meeting the board was presented with a concern from several members of the community. That concern was what we refer to as “team shirts”. For those of you who are new to our community, team shirts are a form of agape given to each person when they team for the first time. Team shirts are a denim shirt that has a design on the back based upon the teamer’s favorite scripture with the design being made by a member of the community. MUCH love and prayer goes into the creating of this design and the shirt is a form of agape. The makers puts only the teamers name above the pocket on the front and then during the weeks of teaming items are added to only the front of the shirt by other team members who take the shirt home during the week between team meetings.

The concern was that it was felt, by the community members who expressed this that team shirts referred to an exclusive group. This perception is absolutely not something Tidewater Emmaus would want to promote. It was suggested that the shirts should be renamed Agape Shirts and could be worn by anyone regardless of whether they have teamed or not. The board unanimously agreed with this. Thus “team shirts” no longer exist, they are now **Agape Shirts**. Please wear your Agape Shirt to any of our Emmaus functions—Gathering, Candlelight, Closing, and any place else we come together to worship and praise our Savior!



Train Talk

Another summer, another tourist season. We are truly Blessed as this gives us another opportunity to Spread the Word to people who can take It to other parts of the country and even other countries. Remember everyone in the world is a Christian they just don’t yet and it is our responsibility to enlighten them.

This month’s training 101 is the 2nd in a 3 part series on the myriad of positions assigned to your Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors. These compressed job descriptions, will give you a glimpse into our responsibilities to the Community.

Every Christian has a halo, most of us just don’t know how to wear it correctly.

DeColores

Jack

Training 101

Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors Positions and Duties (Part 2)

A Tidewater Emmaus Board (TWEB) of Directors member coordinates every evolution within the Emmaus community in accordance with The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus (the model). The following is a listing of positions and duties and due to the many different hats worn by the TWEB, this list will be presented in two parts.

Spiritual Director

The clergy members of the Board serve as Community Spiritual Directors. They direct the observance of Holy Communion in the Community at monthly gatherings, Weekend Sponsor's Hour, Weekend Candlelight Ceremonies, Weekend Closing celebrations and any other Community function.

Community Lay Director

Responsible for the overall activities of Tidewater Emmaus. Establishes proposed calendar of activities, presides at Board meetings and shall be the spokesperson for the Community.

Assistant Community Lay Director

Substitutes for the Community Lay Director in his/her absence at Board meetings and will handle other duties of the Community Lay Director when necessary or as directed by the Community Lay Director

Secretary

Takes minutes of all TWEB meetings, records all motions, votes and decisions and ensures they are distributed to the TWEB in a timely manner. Handles correspondence and administrative duties as required.

Treasurer

Handles Community finances and keeps the TWEB informed of the financial condition, ensures creditors are paid and submits a report at each TWEB meeting. Prepares and submits necessary tax documents.

Music

Plans and leads worship through music and signing at all Community functions. Selects and provides music/musicians at monthly gatherings. Maintains song books, transparencies and power point presentations. Assures that copyright permission is obtained for all reproduced music/song sheets and the appropriate annotations are made on all reproductions.

Registration (Pre-Weekend)

Receives and processes all Pilgrim applications. Notifies applicants of status of their application and keeps Weekend Lay Director informed of the status of Pilgrim selections.

Weekend

Works with the treasurer in negotiations for use of facilities for weekends. Stores and maintains all material used on the walks. Arranges for reprinting of all weekend handouts and serves as the point of contact during the weekends to handle emergency requirements.



Gathering
Saturday, July 18th
6:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church
515 Court Street
Portsmouth, VA

Please bring food agape!

Please use www.MapQuest.com for directions from your home.