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All of us are familiar with the saying “April showers bring May flowers.” While that is certainly true in most parts of the world it does mean a little something different to those of us in the Tidewater Emmaus community. We know that April Walks bring May New Members!! Welcome to all those members of our community who walked on TW 86 and TW 87. You are such a blessing to our community, a wonderful gift from God to all of us. The enthusiasm you bring and your fire for our Lord is what the community needs to continue to grow for without this growth we lose our vitality and energy.

I’m sure that each of you believes, as does every other person in the community, that your walk was the “best walk” ever. Well, the truth is that you are exactly right! Your walk was the best walk ever. What we ask now is that you make someone else’s walk the “best walk” ever by becoming involved in the community. Through involvement you are able to share your love for Jesus with others just as your sponsor and the community did for you.

Teaming and sponsoring are two of the most visible ways to be involved in Emmaus. Both require a tremendous amount of commitment. Teaming typically meets for 6 - 8 Saturdays prior to the actual weekend. During this time the teaming process is carried out by previewing talks, making agape, and preparing spiritually for the pilgrims God is sending. Sponsoring requires a commitment also. Not only is the sponsor responsible for making sure the pilgrim arrives on time for their weekend but the sponsor must contact the people to write and collect the letters for that pilgrim and be present for the weekend activities such as Sponsor’s Hour, Candlelight, Son Rise, and Closing.

Now, if you think that teaming (in the talk room or on CST) and sponsoring is not for you there are other ways that you can be involved and support the community. If you are handy or crafty there is ALWAYS a need for agape. Think back to your recent weekend...did you ever think you would get so excited about a clothespin? Pass It On clips are just a tiny bit of the agape needed for each walk. Agape runs all the way from the colorful placemats that are set out for meals, to the Agape Feast you enjoyed on Saturday evening after Candlelight, to the cloth bags your letters came in on Sunday afternoon, and to the treasures found at your seat in the talk room when you returned. All of these were made by members of our community to show unconditional love just as Jesus shows for us each day. If you like chatting and socializing while you work then you might be interested to know that a half hour prior to each Gathering there is a group that meets to work on agape. This group is not just for the ladies! Gentlemen, we know you have talents also and would love for you

to be a part of this group. If meeting before Gathering doesn't work with your schedule then you can always make agape at home and bring it to a Gathering for Jean Lederle, the local agape chair for the board. She will fill you in on more ideas and specific numbers of items needed at DODU.

There are so many ways for you to be involved in the Tidewater Emmaus community. Ask your sponsor to help you find the place where your strengths and talents can best be used to glorify and praise our Heavenly Father. Each of us has so much to offer and each of us is a source of strength and encouragement to one another. When we stand together and walk with Jesus on our Fourth Day then each of us will continue to be a part of the "Best Walk Ever"!

DeColores!--Lynn

Become Part of the Team!

Now Accepting Teaming Applications for
the Fall Men's and Women's Walks

Men's Walk: October 15th – 18th
Women's Walk: October 22nd – 25th

Applications for Team and CAT are due
June 20th!



Next Chrysalis Flights:

Boys - August 7-9, 2009 - Lay Director: Skip Manaugh

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

Please prayerfully consider teaming on these flights. Also, please pray that we will have full flights! Be thinking about caterpillars that you can sponsor. Caterpillars must be at least 15 and have completed the 9th grade.

Thanks so much to the community for your support!

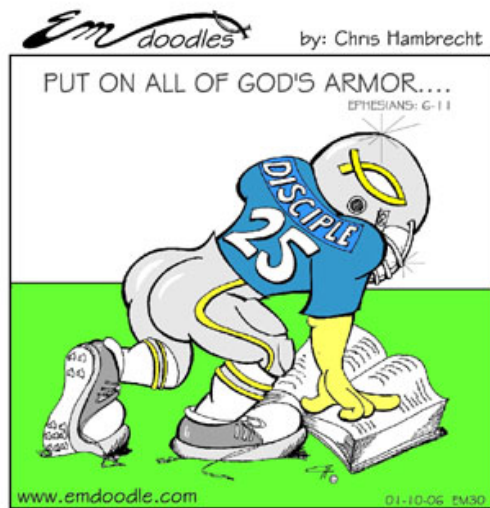
Fly With Christ!

Hi everyone,

This is your Community Music director Randy "Pookey" Leazer. It has been brought to my attention that this summer EMMAUS would like to have what is called an "Oldies Gathering". (I have yet to know any one who is old in EMMAUS) But, I thought what an awesome idea. There is so much music that has just gone off to the way side, and how cool it would be to bring some of them back. Then the most important thought came to mind, I can't do this alone, (God is so good) I need you input to help me select music. Is there a song you haven't heard in awhile, one that is still in your heart? Then give me an email. I would love to know the song that still lives inside you. Contact me at rleazer@cox.net



In Christ Love
Randy Leazer CMD



Train Talk

I can only speak for myself but I'm certain by their reactions that the entire community was touched by the testimonies given by the pilgrims. Due to prior commitments, I was unfortunately only able to witness the mountain top experiences of TW86 but that was sufficient to reactivate my allergies. They only seem to bother me at Wakefield during candlelight and closing. Must be the air in Farm Fresh.

So we can all move to the next step in our walk with Him, I am dedicating the next few training 101 articles to the basic information presented during Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU). This will provide us all with a quick reference to jog our memories. I find as I become more Chronologically Gifted (political correct term for old), I need a lot more jogging.

May He always be in your heart as we are in His,
DeColores
Jack

Training 101

Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors Positions and Duties (Part 1)

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.

Sponsors!

On behalf of the TWE Board, I offer many thanks to all of the men and women who answered the call to sponsor for TW 86 and TW 87! The pilgrims involved on those two walks will tell you that these walks were, as always, the BEST walks ever!

There was an awesome loving spirit of "brotherhood" displayed when TW-86 pilgrims spoke from their hearts at closing a few weeks ago.

And, ... what about the awesomeness of those ladies on the TW 87 women's walk? We were all truly blessed when we witnessed God's agape love all around them as well as within them during Sunday's closing.

So, sponsors, as we were all pleased, I know our God (who is an awesome God) was very pleased! I do offer a big "**Cowabungalua**" on your behalf for stepping up and sponsoring... **Thank you for PASSING IT ON!**

Attention TW Emmaus Community (the seasoned and the new), let us remember that the Fall Walks are not that far away; start looking for those potential pilgrims. They are everywhere; in your church, in your workplace, in sports arenas.....could God be placing someone on your heart even now? If so, it is never too early to start praying and seeking.

Dates for TWE Fall Walks:

TW 88 – 15-18 October 2009

TW 89 – 22-25 October 2009

Dates for TWC Flights:

TWC 45 (Boys) 7-9 August 2009

TWC 46 (Girls) 14-16 August 2009

Cowabungalua and DeColores,
Benny Lane



Day of Deeper Understanding & Gathering

Saturday, May 16th

DODU @ 4:00

Gathering @ 6:30

Haygood United Methodist Church

Virginia Beach, VA

Please bring food agape!

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