

# NEAR the Cross Emmaus

## Walk Dates:

• Men's Walk #3  
TENTATIVE DATE  
March 29-April 1,  
2007  
Lay Director: Kevin  
Lawrence

• Women's Walk  
#4  
TENTATIVE DATE  
April 12-15, 2007  
Lay Director: Linda  
Secor

Walks will be held  
at Mt. Zion  
Baptist  
Association  
Campground, just  
outside of  
Walcott.

We should know  
soon if the dates  
for the walks are  
definite.

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## 2006 Board of Directors

The first Board of Directors for the NEAR the Cross community is in place! Thank you to everyone that mailed in their ballots for the election. Those serving on our board are:

*Mark Belk, Charles Evans, Perry Hope, Kevin Lawrence, Jerry Martin, Andy Slaven, Shirley Alt, Debbie Leisure, Gundel Martin, Julienne Penter, Linda Secor, Colleen Wise, Donnie Hudson,*

*John Miles and Sarah Mullins.*

Thank you all for your service to our community! Please pray for God's leading as they make decisions affecting our future.

## Reunion Groups

After completion of an Emmaus walk, the best way to stay accountable to others and grow closer to the Lord, is through participation in a reunion group. A reunion group is made up of 2-6 individuals that meet weekly to encourage each other to live wholly in the grace of God. It is the sponsor's responsibility to get the new community member involved in a reunion group, even if that requires leaving their own group to form one with their pilgrim.

If you are not in a reunion group, here are some of the names of the reunion groups that may be close to you.

Blytheville-“Delta Doves”: next meeting, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall at

FUMC, corner of Main and 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Beth Kaiser at [backaiser@yahoo.com](mailto:backaiser@yahoo.com)

Jonesboro-“The Sheep”: noon on Wednesdays at El Chico. Contact Perry Hope at [pbhope@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbhope@sbcglobal.net).

Thursdays at noon: contact Barbara Hope.

Searcy-“Praise and Promises”: Every Wednesday night at FUMC, 7 pm. Contact John Byrd at [jbird4391@yahoo.com](mailto:jbird4391@yahoo.com).

Tuckerman-“Doves” Contact Emma Blackwood at 870-349-2279.

“God's Handmaidens” Wednesdays, 6:30 pm. Call Linda Ford at 870-349-2914.

West Memphis-“Searchlights” FUMC in John Wilson Parlor, 6 pm every Sunday night. Email Linda Secor at

[secorlinda@aol.com](mailto:secorlinda@aol.com).

If you are involved in a weekly reunion group that is not listed here, please email Lisa Lawrence with the meeting days, time, location, group name and contact person. We will try to maintain the information so that we can better inform new community members of current reunion groups.

If you are not yet involved in a reunion group, please contact your sponsor for information. The aim of the Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action, and to achieve that it is helpful to have a small group of people encouraging you weekly!

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## **We want to see you at the next Gathering!!!**

Our next community gathering will be Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at Jonesboro FUMC. Potluck begins at noon with the gathering following at 1 pm. Our Fourth Day speaker will be Annette Hudson. A

display table will also be available with unique Emmaus items to purchase. This is a time for our whole community to bond together, so, please make every effort to attend. A strong community

begins with well attended gatherings. Childcare will be provided. Gatherings are held the first Saturday of every month. Our speaker for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering will be Karen Holland.

## **Keep in mind**

Since we are getting to the end of the year, it is amazing to see how God has led us in starting our new community! Thank you to everyone that has helped to make this a strong beginning for NEAR the Cross. It has required everyone's effort in many different areas. For us to have had two successful walks has been such a blessing!

Thank you to everyone that has worked a walk, attended a walk, sent agape, sent snacks, wrote agape letters, prayed, attended candlelight, attended an opening or a closing, made a banner, or contributed to the start up costs to provide for the walks. It has required a lot of sacrifice on the part of our

community to bring the walk to our area! Praise God for His faithfulness throughout!

If you are interested in working an upcoming walk, please contact the next lay directors, Kevin Lawrence at [kleivsian@hotmail.com](mailto:kleivsian@hotmail.com) or Linda Secor at [secorlinda@aol.com](mailto:secorlinda@aol.com).

Please contact Lisa Lawrence if there is any change in your mailing address so that you will continue to receive your

NEAR the Cross newsletter. Also, if you are aware of anyone that has attended an Emmaus walk, but is not receiving a

newsletter at this time, please contact me with their address.