

NEAR the Cross Emmaus

Walk Dates:

Men's Walk #7

Tentative Date:
April 3-6, 2008
LD: Dave Pierce

Women's Walk #8

Tentative Date:
April 17-20, 2008
LD: Julienne Penner

Men's Walk #9

Tentative Date:
Sept. 18-21, 2008
LD: Allan Jones

Women's Walk #10

Tentative Date:
October 2-5, 2008
LD: Susanne Belk

*We should have a definite on these dates after the first of the year.

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

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I wanted to take this time to wish each and every one of you in the NEAR the Cross Community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Your life has touched my life and it will forever be changed. The miles we have walked together will be remembered deep within my heart always. It truly is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

Dale Evans Rogers once said, "Christmas, 'my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we

give, it is Christmas'. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine; Love was born at Christmas; Star and angels gave the sign."

The New Year lies full ahead with walks 7, 8, 9, and 10! Much has been afforded us, therefore, much is expected! As Christ prepares the way for us, we shall follow!

Wishing you a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Gundel Martin
NEAR the Cross
Community Lay
Director

Please start the new year by attending the monthly gathering! Our next potluck gathering is Saturday, January 5th at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro at noon.

Our 2008 Board of Directors

Thank you to everyone that took the time to vote in the board elections!

Our 2008 Board of Directors include: *Shirley Alt, Mark Belk, Kay Burton, Charlie Evans, Perry Hope, Beth Kaiser, Kevin Lawrence, Debbie Leisure, Christy Lemmons, Gundel Martin, Jerry Martin,*

John Miles, Andy Slaven, Charles Thompson, and Colleen Wise.

Please keep these individuals covered in prayer as they lead our community into this next year.

There were some important announcements made at our December gathering.

In the future, there will only be childcare offered for candlelight. There will no longer be childcare for sendoff, closing or monthly gatherings. (See article on gatherings.)

We have also purchased an Emmaus trailer, but are still taking donations to cover the cost.

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From the website, you can post
prayers and praises, print
sponsor and work forms, see
the monthly calendar and be
informed of upcoming events.

Emmaus Goes to Russia!!!

2008 is going to be a memorable year, with the first Emmaus walks to be held in Satka, Russia! Please be in prayer for God to work in a mighty way through the preparations that are going on right now.

The men's walk is scheduled for July 16-19, 2008 and the women's walk to follow on July 21-24, 2008. The walks are already full, with 30 men and 40 women, respectively. If you feel led, please

consider supporting our brothers and sisters in Russia, through a monetary donation or agape.

Please email Kevin at kleivsian@hotmail.com for the contact info.

Join us for our Next Community Gathering

We'll be starting out 2008 with the first gathering of the year on January 5th at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

We begin with a potluck lunch at noon, and our gathering starts at 1 pm with Andy Slaven presenting this

month's Fourth Day talk.

Guests are always welcome at the gatherings. So, feel free to invite anyone to join you, especially if they have been thinking about attending an Emmaus walk.

From now on, there will not be childcare available at the gathering, but kids are welcome to eat, and stay for the gathering.

Let's show our children how we worship our Lord and Savior...Emmaus style!

If you would like to work a walk in 2008, please fill out a **new** work application. This must be done each year. A printable work application is available

on the website. The team selection committee works together with the LD in the selection process. You may also contact Charles Thompson at

clthompson72432@att.net for more information. Completed work apps are mailed to our registrar, Perry Hope.