

Board of Director Changes in 2009

Walk Dates:

Men's Walk # 11
April 16-19, 2009
LD: Jerry Martin

Women's Walk #12
April 23-26, 2009
LD: Candy Wray

Men's Walk # 13
October 1-4, 2009
LD: Charlie Evans

Women's Walk #14
October 8-11, 2009
LD: Robin Daughettee

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

Important Walk Times:

Thursday -Sendoff
7 pm, FUMC, Jonesboro
Family Life Center
(Sponsor's Hour to follow)

Saturday-Candlelight
7 pm, Mt. Zion Church

Sunday-Closing
4:45 pm, FUMC, Jonesboro
Sanctuary

Thank you to everyone who sent in your board election ballots and were able to have a voice in the leadership of our NEAR the Cross Emmaus community! Our new board started the year off quickly on January 3rd for their monthly board meeting.

We welcome to the board:
Lisa Chandler; Grant McDaniel; Herschel Richardson; Mike Russell; and Candy Wray.

At the same time, we wish to express our thanks to the board members that have faithfully served us this past year: **Shirley Alt;**

Mark Belk; Perry Hope; Debbie Leisure and Charles Thompson.

The new officers elected to serve for the 2009 year are:

Chairman-Kevin Lawrence

Secretary-Candy Wray

Treasurer-Colleen Wise

Registrar-Grant McDaniel

Newsletter-Christy Lemmons

Facilities-Andy Slaven

Kitchen-Mike Russell

Gatherings-Herschel Richardson

Candlelight & Closing-
Beth Kaiser

Send-off: Kay Burton

Prayer Vigil-Betty Wasser

Agape-Lisa Chandler

Entertainment-Jerry Martin

Group Reunion/Follow
up- Charlie Evans

Team Selection-Colleen Wise

Transportation/Luggage-
Candy Wray

Please remember to pray for our board to follow God's leading for our community, they need His strength and wisdom in all things.

Upcoming Walk Training Dates-Walks 11 & 12

If you are on the team for Men's walk #11 or Women's walk #12, please make note of these important training dates:

Conference room team and Support teams for #11 & #12

Orientation: Feb. 14th: 8:30 am to 2 pm at FUMC, Jonesboro.

Team Training: Feb. 21st: 8:30 am – 4 pm, FUMC, Jonesboro.

Conference teams only for #11 & #12:

Conf. room training: Feb. 28th: 8:30 am to 4 pm, Cornerstone UMC.

Conf. room training: March 28th: 8:30 am to 4 pm, FUMC, Jonesboro.

*Our next gathering
is Saturday,
February 7th at
FUMC, Jonesboro
with the potluck at
noon and gathering
to follow.
Childcare available.*

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

“What A Journey” – Letter from Gundel Martin

My life will never be the same again because His grace has blessed me in so many different ways the past two years. He has brought so many new friends into my life through the Walk to Emmaus. Friends that I never even knew were out there. They truly walk among us like angels unaware.

As the disciples ran back to Jerusalem so excited to tell what they had seen and heard, may we be filled with that same excitement to tell others about Jesus and the Walk to Emmaus. Where is your Jerusalem? Where will you run to in an effort to tell others about what you have seen, heard and experienced? Can you remember a time on your walk or afterward when your heart was strangely warmed?

My prayer is that you can remember. You can remember when you were touched by the Master’s hand in such a way that you cannot wait to share it. My prayer is that you have joined a reunion group and that you are learning to share your innermost being among friends that you trust and love.

We have grown so much as a community in learning what a working board is, seeing new leadership arise among us, seeing new leaders willing to serve anonymously so that the pilgrims barely know our presence on a walk. We see servants willing to wash others feet, willing to go the extra mile. We are so blessed in our community because people want to work walks and are willing to serve Him.

It has been my joy and pleasure to serve as your Community Lay Director the past two years. You have touched my heart and I have grown.

If your heart is as mine, we will share and see wonderful things for NEA through the Walk to Emmaus. Thank you for dreaming with me.

May your new year be blessed beyond measure and your life a living testimony for Him. Decolores!!