

# NEAR the Cross Emmaus

## Next set of walks are just around the corner

### Walk Dates:

- Men's Walk #5  
Sept 20– 23, 2007  
LD: Mark Cahoon
- Women's Walk #6  
Oct 4–7, 2007  
LD: Colleen Wise

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

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The next walks will be upon us before we know it, and now is the time to be in prayerful preparation. Please remember the Lay Directors and teams of Walks #5 and #6, and the pilgrims that the Lord provides to attend. In delving into the board manual, it has become clear for the need of an orientation prior to walk trainings. It is necessary for all team members of Walks #5 and #6 to attend the meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro from 9-12.

It is not too early to begin working on any agape that your Reunion Group would like to provide for the fall walks or planning on what desserts your group would be willing to provide for the walk weekend.

Sponsorship was noted as the single most important part of the future of the Near the Cross Emmaus Community. It was noted that as of June 2nd, there are fifteen applications for Walk #6, and six applications for Walk #5. Several

applications were noted as being incomplete (no sponsor form, etc) and cannot be placed into a Walk until all materials are filed with the Registrar. A complete walk application is the Pilgrim Application, a Sponsor Form, and the paid walk fee of \$95. All forms are available online at [www.nearthecrossemmaus.org](http://www.nearthecrossemmaus.org).

Please prayerfully consider who the Lord may put in your path that would grow spiritually in their own walk with Christ by them attending a NEAR the Cross Emmaus weekend.

## Our Board has been busy...

There have been a number of changes to the board in the last few months:

A) Appointed Charles Thompson to replace Donnie Hudson as Chair for Team Selection Committee and Training.

B) Appointed Christy Lemmons to replace Julianne Penter as Chair for Follow-Up, Audits and 4<sup>th</sup> Day.

C) Appointed Perry Hope and Linda Secor as Board Reps for the

upcoming men's and women's walks this Fall.

D) Appointed a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate for the Board elections this Nov. to replace the five members whose terms expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Nominating Committee consists of Perry Hope, Shirley Alt, Jerry Martin, Debbie Leisure, and Charles Thompson. Ballots will be sent out

in the October Newsletter, then returned and counted at the November 3rd Board meeting.

E) Reduced the Walk Kitchen team from 9 to 8 members.

F) Increased the Walk Agape team from 4 to 5 members.

We have truly been blessed with a Board that is committed to providing us with strong Christian leadership.

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You can download forms, post  
praises and prayers and check out  
upcoming dates on the calendar.  
Please take the time to register on  
the website!

## **Upcoming Gatherings and Dates to Remember**

Please mark these dates on your calendars for our upcoming Gatherings.

Our Gatherings are normally on the first Saturday of each month, however, the Board agreed that due to the Labor Day holiday, there would be no Board meeting or Gathering on September 1st, and no Board meeting or Gathering on October

6<sup>th</sup>, due to the date also being the candlelight service for the #6 women's walk.

There will be a Board meeting, potluck, and Gathering on July 7th, August 4th, November 3rd, and December 1st.

All Gatherings are at FUMC Jonesboro in the Fellowship Hall, with the Potluck beginning at 12 noon and the

Gathering at 1 pm.

If you haven't been able to join us for a Gathering lately, you are truly missing out! One of the benefits of our new community is our close proximity and ability to gather each month to reconnect and grow closer in our spiritual lives with Christ as our center.

## **Being Good Stewards of our facilities**

Please be prepared to stick around for a few minutes after gatherings, trainings, send-off and closings to help clean up.

FUMC doesn't charge us anything to use the facilities, so we should show respect and take down tables and chairs,

take out trash and clean up after ourselves.

Thank you for understanding.

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will continue to receive this newsletter. It will be published on a bi-monthly basis. If there is someone that you know would like

to receive this newsletter, please email me their name, address, and walk number so that I may add them to our mailing list.