

NEAR the Cross Emmaus

Walk Dates:

Men's Walk #9
Sept. 18-21, 2008
LD: Allan Jones

Women's Walk #10
October 2-5, 2008
LD: Susanne Belk

Please be in prayer for the upcoming walks and the pilgrims that God will bring to attend them.

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

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Upcoming Monthly Gathering Schedule

We will not be having our monthly gathering in July, due to the holiday weekend.

Our next Emmaus gathering will be held at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro on Saturday August 2nd, 2008. We will begin with

our potluck at noon and then the gathering will start at 1 pm with our Fourth Day speaker, singing and sharing communion together.

Our community gets together the first Saturday of every

month in order to strengthen the relationships within the different reunion groups.

I hope you will make it a priority to join us. Childcare is available for the monthly gatherings.

Spotlight on Board Member – Beth Kaiser

We are adding this section to spotlight our board and to better explain to the community the roles of each board position. Our very own Beth Kaiser came up with this idea and volunteered to go first! Thanks, Beth!

As one of the newest board members of NEAR the Cross Emmaus Community, I am learning more about how the board functions and acquiring more responsibilities each time we meet. Each member of the board is chairperson over a committee that helps steer the Emmaus walks. My

committee is **prayer**.

One of my responsibilities is to help train those who will serve in the prayer room. This training takes place at orientation and at one other training before each walk.

Another duty is seeing that the 72 hour prayer vigil is complete and then posted on the website before each walk.

**Thanks to all of you who sign up early and are flexible when spots need filling at the last minute!

Being part of the team selection committee gives me added opportunity to pray for possible team members as well as future pilgrims long before they are at send-off. This committee is made up of non-board members too.

My latest assignment is joining the nominating committee for future board members. In December there will be five members going off the board and we will need five to replace them.

Please join me in praying for your board and the NEAR the Cross Emmaus Community. If you have prayer concerns or praises, you can post them on the NEAR the Cross website where the entire community can lift those up in prayer.

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Beth Kaiser

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prayers and praises, print
sponsor and work forms, see
the monthly calendar and be
informed of upcoming events.

Sponsorship Responsibilities

Sponsorship is one of the most important parts of the Walk to Emmaus. According to the dictionary, a sponsor is one who takes responsibility for another. The process is simple and straightforward. It starts with prayer, moves to a time of

presentation, waits for decision and then moves to actively support the pilgrim. We must commit the entire process to God. A pilgrim is placed on the walk when **both** forms are completed: the work application and the sponsor form, and the \$95 walk fee is

received by our registrar, Colleen Wise. The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of that community's recruiting practices. Our sole purpose in recruiting new Pilgrims should be the strengthening of our own congregations.

Importance of Reunion Groups

We all remember the feeling that we had after our pilgrim Walk to Emmaus, but how do we keep that feeling alive for all of our fourth days? The best way is by being a part of a smaller reunion group. These smaller groups help pilgrims translate the message that is conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus

weekend into a daily walk with Christ. Reunion groups have a common purpose: to help us persevere in grace. The format may vary, but these smaller groups help each of us review the manner we walk with Christ, through piety, study and action. Formation of groups can be through a

common walk, friends in your church, friends in the Emmaus community, or colleagues at work. There are new groups that form after each walk, and if you would like to join an existing group or have help to begin a new reunion group, please contact Lisa Lawrence at kleivsian@hotmail.com.