

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 Daughetee

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

Mission Outreach

Walk to Emmaus – Russia!

The Board voted to send monetary donations to the Russian Emmaus community to help support their second set of walks. It is amazing that they are holding Emmaus in Russia and that they have 40 participants on each walk. Many of them travel many

more miles than we do, to attend a walk. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Outreach in Africa

We have several Community members who are active in African missions. The board will be sending monetary

donations to these organizations to help support their efforts to spread the gospel and help with food and water in the poorest parts of Africa. More information will be available in the coming months.

What is a Registrar anyway? Grant McDaniel can tell you..

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. II Timothy 2:1-2.

This is the scripture Grant sent. His message was clear. We have to help teach one another and without that, he would be lost at his job as Registrar. Well, more lost than he feels. Here is the rest of what Grant had to share:

“I had an epiphany on what it means to be a sponsor. This is the epiphany, “our job as a sponsor is not complete until we have trained our pilgrims to sponsor others.” This usually means that we help our pilgrim sponsor their first pilgrim. And it may even mean that we coach their first pilgrim to sponsor also. The idea came to me when I was moved to sponsor a man at our church. I realized I was already sponsoring another pilgrim and working the walk and training to be Registrar. So, I finally connected the dots or as I said had an epiphany. I remembered that one of the best friends of the man I was praying about had been to Emmaus on walk #7. This friend was actually sponsored by my pilgrim from walk #5. So I asked my third generation pilgrim to sponsor a friend and co-worker from our food ministry. He took to it like a duck on the water. All he needed was a nudge and some coaching. My pilgrim from walk #5 has already sponsored

at least six pilgrims so when he got back in town he also assisted in the coaching. We have also involved my sponsor for additional coaching and encouragement. (He sponsored me on walk #1) Sponsoring is a team effort and it takes a lot of training and effort, but it is all worth it!

I have been in much need of training and coaching this past week as the new Registrar. The learning curve has been pretty steep. I'm thankful that I have received coaching and training from the past Registrar! It is great to build on the shoulders of others and warm from fires that we didn't build and most importantly to see Christ glorified in our community and our little part of the world.”

Now, I know you don't know any more about what the registrar does, but you can tell, it's a lot! Your registrar keeps up with the old and new members in the database and all their information. They receive all applications and fees and send out confirmation letters to sponsors and pilgrims. They then pass this info on to newsletter, lay directors and anyone else who asks. They also keep up with the work applications and compile the list for team selection. There's more, but I don't even remember what it is. But, you get it, it's a big job. So, keep Grant in your prayers. Thanks to Colleen and Grant for all the hard work!

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the monthly calendar and be
informed of upcoming events.

Don't forget to send Agape! Remember how much it meant to you on your walk!

Brothers and Sisters,

We are deeply involved in 2009. In just a few weeks we will have our first men's and women's walks of the year. I am excited about the walks because with each walk I am reminded of my walk and the power that comes from Christian men and women gathering and praying. There is something to be said about the power of fellowship.

Our community meets the first Saturday of every month at 12:00 noon for potluck, 4th day speaker and Holy Communion. Already we have had three wonderful gatherings. We will not meet in April but will meet on May 2, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. I know many are very busy and Saturday time is precious, but I would like to invite and encourage each member to come and participate in this wonderful time of fellowship within our community. Our speaker for May will be the Rev. Charles Thompson.

All of us have been blessed by being apart of the Near the Cross Emmaus community. Let us enhance our community and ourselves through this time of monthly fellowship. It will provide a time for us to see persons from our walks and meet others from the community.

I also want to remind everyone that anyone can attend the gatherings. The gatherings can be used as a way to introduce others to what we do and are about. Please bring friends and potential pilgrims to the gathering with you.

Blessings,
Rev. Herschel Richardson

*We will not have a
gathering in April.
Make plans to attend
all candlelight and
closing ceremonies
instead.
Our next gathering is
Saturday, May 2nd at
FUMC, Jonesboro with
the potluck at noon
and gathering to
follow.
Childcare available.*

If your accountability or
reunion group want to pitch
in for the walks, please
plan to help clean up the
camp on Sunday. Contact
a board rep or lay director
for times and instructions.