

# NEAR the Cross Emmaus

## Walk Dates:

- Men's Walk #3  
TENTATIVE DATE  
March 29-April 1,  
2007  
Lay Director: Kevin  
Lawrence

- Women's Walk  
#4  
TENTATIVE DATE  
April 12-15, 2007  
Lay Director: Linda  
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Walks will be held  
at Mt. Zion  
Baptist  
Association  
Campground, just  
outside of  
Walcott.

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## Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

On behalf of the members of the united team of the NEAR the Cross Emmaus #1, thank you, and God bless each and every one of you for your prayers, gifts, service, and support.

You are wonderful, and we are thrilled to have been included in this history-making experience. We love you, and God bless you!

De Colores!

Perry Hope

Lay Director, NEAR the Cross Walk #1

## We Did It...with God's Leading!!!

With the help of so many people, Walks 1 and 2 are completed! Actually, I am speechless. We are in the process of fulfilling a dream that only God Himself can complete! The awesomeness of the whole thing just causes me to sit back and give Him all the praise and glory! Why? Because it would have been humanly impossible without Him! We would not have had the strength, endurance, or perseverance to keep on, if we had not been constantly encouraged by His little reminders all the time that He was with us!

My prayer is that He continues to sustain and encourage us to finish the mission. The walks were only the beginning! Much more has to be done.

Many lives were touched by the Master's hand...and that...makes the difference! That is why we continue...and with His continued guidance and the commitment of this wonderful community the job will be completed.

Remember that it takes us all working in unity to make it happen.

Committees will soon be put in place. Officers will be elected...and many more processes to be completed!

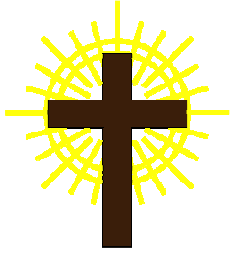
It will take everyone's effort and spirit of cooperation, which I am certain will happen!

God Bless and De Colores!

Gundel Martin

Lay Director, NEAR the Cross Walk #2

## Welcome New Community Members! **Men's Walk #1**



Jason Chandler	Jonesboro, AR
Keith Churchill	Caraway, AR
Brogan Collins	Leachville, AR
Chris Cooper	Blytheville, AR
Millard Cover	Jonesboro, AR
Mark Crain	Jonesboro, AR
Carlton Cross	Jonesboro, AR
Matthew Davis	Jonesboro, AR
Jeff Fielder	Bono, AR
Tim Gyngard	Caraway, AR
Floyd Hamm	Jonesboro, AR
Joseph Hultquist	Leachville, AR
Kevan Inboden	Jonesboro, AR
Bryan Kaniuk	Jonesboro, AR
Bob Kary	Blytheville, AR
Matt Knight	Jonesboro, AR
Grant McDaniel	Jonesboro, AR
Justin Mitchell	Jonesboro, AR
Ryan Moore	Jonesboro, AR
Tim Pethoud	Jonesboro, AR
Stuart Reid	Jonesboro, AR
Mike Russell	Jonesboro, AR
Rusty Shields	Jonesboro, AR
Jerry Vaughn	Caraway, AR

## **Women's Walk #2**

Susan Agee	Brookland, AR	Gena James	Jonesboro, AR
Connie Allensworth	West Memphis, AR	Friskey Kennedy	W. Memphis, AR
Linda Blakley	Cherokee Village, AR	Olive Kingsford	Cherokee Village
Amy Buckingham	Cherokee Village, AR	Becky Langley	Paragould, AR
Cathe Carnes	Jonesboro, AR	Haley Mitchell	Jonesboro, AR
Rebecca Cosby	Caraway, AR	Jo Ann Norman	Jonesboro, AR
Jamie Crain	Jonesboro, AR	Betty Richardson	Walnut Ridge, AR
Tracy Cross	Jonesboro, AR	Kitty Sisk	Jonesboro, AR
Melissa Dailey	Jonesboro, AR	Joy Skelton	Blytheville, AR
Jo Lynn Dunavant	Rogers, AR	Janet Sugg	Jonesboro, AR
Sara Frazier	Pocahontas, AR	Peggy VanValkenburg	Ash Flat, AR
Melody French	Jonesboro, AR	Ann Vaughn	Caraway, AR
Angie Gage	Bay, AR	Betty Waser	Cherokee Village
Lanie Hailey	Paragould, AR		
Cheryl Hamm	Jonesboro, AR		
Janis Hill	Jonesboro, AR		
Debbie Hoggard	West Memphis, AR		
Laura Hollis	Brookland, AR		
Tana Hopper	Caraway, AR		
Lindsey Humphries	West Memphis, AR		
Lynda Hundley	Jonesboro, AR		

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## **Mark the next Gathering on your Calendar!!**

Please join us at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro for the next NEAR the Cross Gathering on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Gatherings are a time for our

community to get together, have fellowship, listen to a Fourth Day speaker and share communion. Potluck starts at noon with the gathering beginning

at 1 pm. Colleen Wise will be our Fourth Day speaker. There will be a small book table available with items to buy and childcare will be provided.

## **Sponsorship Training**

In the follow-up meeting for Walks 1 and 2, the new community members and team received some valuable sponsorship training (or reminding!). The first thing we should do when we have an individual in mind to attend a future walk is....PRAY!! Emmaus is not meant to be the solution to life's problems. Anyone that may be under pressure to attend will not be open to the blessings of the weekend! Tell them what they need to know about the weekend: the 15

talks, table discussions, prayer, singing, fun and love. If they desire to know more, tell them! Emmaus is not an "exclusive secret club", it is open to those that desire a deeper relationship with the Lord in their own lives. At the start of the weekend, it is the sponsor's responsibility to bring the pilgrim to send off on Thursday and stay for sponsor's hour to pray. During the walk, make a special effort to care for the

pilgrim's family in their absence - providing childcare, taking dinner, etc. Attend closing on Sunday, and bring your pilgrim to the follow-up meeting the Tuesday after the walk. It is the sponsor's responsibility to get the pilgrim in a reunion group. Please prayerfully commit to these responsibilities before speaking with someone about attending the next walk, it will ensure a walk that brings the pilgrim closer to the Lord. The future of our community rests on our positive sponsorship!!

If you are interested in working a future walk in

any capacity, please contact Perry Hope for a

NEAR the Cross work application.