

NEAR the Cross Emmaus

Walk Dates:

- Men's Walk #1
September 21
– 24, 2006
- Women's Walk
#2: October 5 –
8, 2006.

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

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We are Making History!!

De Colores, brothers and sisters! We are on the brink of making history with these NEAR the Cross Emmaus Walks. In the twenty-one years my wife and I have been in Emmaus, we have learned that our Emmaus Community has never let us down when they knew what we needed. You

have already shown that again in this birthing effort with NEAR the Cross...we need you at Send-off, Candlelight and Closing...we need you to pray, and provide snacks and soft drinks where you can...we need you to be present in body as well as spirit...come see the results that God has

already ordained as the outcome! Sing and shout! God bless each and every one of you! See you at the walk events! De Colores!

Perry Hope
Lay Director for Men's
Walk #1

Our Dream, Now a Reality...

WOW!!

How exciting is this new community! In looking back...a dream actually came to some people in July of 1996 for this new community. The actual request to the Upper Room about starting a new community occurred on May 24, 2004 at 4:15 pm.

Here we are! It is now a reality! We are now a community learning to bond together and work together and come together as a Christian Community to serve Him in such an awesome way! God is BIG! We could have never ever been where we are today without HIM!

It all started in the mind of a few...then to a table with a few people gathered

around it with a pencil and paper absolutely overwhelmed, but willing to move on in some form or fashion, to reaching out for more help and knowledge and now we have a new community.

It warms my heart to see it come together. There have been those moments of being more than overwhelmed! There have been moments of fatigue and some worry and some anxiety but never a moment of not going forward! Never a moment of "this isn't going to happen!" Never a moment of quitting! We are going to make it...we do have a new community NEAR the Cross! Praise the Lord!

Never expecting to be or even wanting to be the

first Lay Director for Walk #2, it happened none the less and you have warmed and touched my heart by your spirit of cooperation and love and willingness to serve or to do whatever it takes to get it done! God put together a beautiful team of servants that seemed to bond immediately; a team that started out working together from the first training!

And guess what else! It looks like we are going to have a waiting list for the spring walk! WOW! God is BIG! De Colores!

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Places and Times for Upcoming Walks

Send-off starts Thursday at 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims to the Family Life Center	and stay for sponsor's hour immediately after send-off at FUMC Jonesboro. Candlelight will be Saturday night at 6:30 pm at Mt. Zion Baptist	Church on 141 North. Closing will be held Sunday at 4:45 pm at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro in the Family Life Center.
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Showing Agape Love to the Pilgrims

One of the tangible ways that we as a community can show love to the pilgrims is through the agape we provide for the walks.	for the entire team. For the women's walk, it's 36 pieces for the pilgrims and 75 pieces for the entire team.	walks: we need snacks, individually wrapped candy for the tables, and canned soft drinks. Please label all agape letters with the first and last names of the pilgrims and bundle them together.
If you are providing agape for either of the walks, please count and label the agape for either pilgrims alone or the entire team. For the men's walk we need 25 pieces of agape for pilgrims and 64 pieces	Please label the agape with your reunion group name, or church name, but we ask that no personal names be listed on the agape.	If you are able to help set up and take down before and after the walks, please contact Perry Hope at 870-935-7916.
	There are many other items needed for the	

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