

## 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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## September 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Gathering

Our September gathering will be held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>!! Come out to First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro for our potluck at noon and then the gathering will begin at 1 pm with our Fourth Day speaker, which will be Willie

Frazier. Childcare will be available, but children are also welcome to stay.

We will NOT be having our monthly gathering in October, because the first weekend of the month is the same

date as our Women's Walk #10. Please make plans instead to join us for Candlelight on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for board election ballots which will be mailed out soon.

Please check the website at [www.nearthecrossemmaus.org](http://www.nearthecrossemmaus.org) website to look over the proposed by-law changes that were voted on at the last NEAR the Cross board meeting.

## Spotlight on Board Member – Debbie Leisure

We are adding this section to spotlight our board and to better explain to the community the roles of each board position.

Our spotlight this month is on our Gathering/Reunion Group chairperson, **Debbie Leisure**, Noah's of Ark, Walk to Emmaus # 57, Table of

Sarah.

Her responsibilities in this area include getting a 4<sup>th</sup> day speaker for monthly reunion group meetings, making provisions for childcare, recording the names of those community members in attendance and taking up the offering to turn over to the treasurer.

In order to have communion administered for each

gathering, Debbie makes sure that a pastor or minister is on hand to bless and serve the elements. She also asks someone to bless the food before our monthly potluck and leads the closing prayer.

Thank you, Debbie, for your service on our Emmaus board and your dedication to the NEAR the Cross Community!

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From the website, you can post  
prayers and praises, print  
sponsor and work forms, see  
the monthly calendar and be  
informed of upcoming events.

## **Fall Walks are Almost Here**

Our fall walks are almost here! Please pray for the pilgrims that are already signed up, those that are still considering attending and those that will attend!! As of August 28, there are 18 men signed up for Walk #9 and 20 women signed up to attend Walk #10.

Please ask God to lay upon your heart those individuals that HE would have you to approach about attending! Sponsorship is critical in order to bring others close to our God through attending an Emmaus Walk. You attended because someone cared enough to

sponsor YOU! God has great things in store for us with these walks!

Please join me in praying for strength, protection and perseverance for Allan Jones and Susanne Belk, Lay Directors for Walks #9 and #10. To God be the glory!!

## **Signing up for the 24-Hour Walk Prayer Vigils**

We all know that every Emmaus walk is covered in prayer from the moment that each date is set. We need the community to commit to praying for every moment during the walks, by signing up for the 24 hour prayer vigils. There is normally a sign-up sheet available at our monthly gatherings, but if you live farther

away and want to participate, please log on to our website and click on "*Walk Dates/Prayer Vigils*" and then view the separate prayer vigils for either the Men's Walk or Women's Walk. If you are willing to pray for any of the available 30 minute increments, (or more!!) please contact Beth Kaiser

at [www.backaiser@yahoo.com](mailto:www.backaiser@yahoo.com) and indicate the date and time that you will be in prayer for the walks.

Then, write down the time that you are responsible for and remember to PRAY! God answers the cries of His children, when we lift them up to Him.