

# Pilgrim's Journey



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

**July  
2006**

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

## Houston North Emmaus Community

### FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

I cannot believe it is almost time for the school year to start again and that HNEC has already had three Womens' Walks and two Mens' Walks in 2006! Mens' Walk #37 will begin September 21st and Women's Walk #38 will begin October 19th.

I have been thinking about all that goes into serving on a team and the impact that team members have on others. I would like to touch a bit on that subject.

**The Agape, Chapel and Kitchen Servants** are the quiet, behind-the-scenes hands and feet of Christ. They give up their weekend to do nothing but serve with little recognition but a thank you. Isn't that what true Agape love is all about?

**Day Servants**, the new addition to our teams, commit to serving one day at a time. They arrive at Kaiserhof by 6:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday and stay until they are no longer needed that day. They too, are there strictly to serve. They take guidance and just do it!

Our **Servant Team Coordinator** is another new role to HNEC. This person is responsible for coordinating all the servant members and is the liason with the retreat center. This person truly is the hardest working, most organized, tireless team member! Having a "STC" makes being a Lay Director just a bit easier, knowing the servant members are doing what they are supposed to be doing, when they need to be doing it.

**Spiritual and Assistant Spiritual Directors** provide the spiritual guidance needed on a Walk. All of our clergy have met the guidelines set up by The Upper Room in order to serve on a Walk. They attend all the team meetings and have to make arrangements for their home church to be covered the weekend they are working the Walk. We are blessed with many wonderful men and women who fill these roles. But, we can always use more. *If you have a pastor at your church that has attended a Walk or is interested in attending, please have them contact Rev. Dr. Carolyn McCall, our Community Spiritual Director.*

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**FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR (cont'd from Page 1)**


**Lay Directors and Assistant Lay Directors** have big jobs. These persons do a lot of behind-the scenes work that many do not know about. They provide a great example to the rest of the team as to how to work as a team. So many people who are called to serve in the capacity of Lay Director refuse this position, thinking it will be too hard. Yes, the Lay Director IS the "leader of the Walk", but there is an entire team to help. Calls will be made soon to set up the Lay Directors for 2007. *How will you respond if you are called?*

**Table and Assistant Table Leaders** are the heart and soul of the Conference Room team. They are the eyes and ears of a Walk and are also serving the Pilgrims in any way that they can. Beginning this year, we have even had these team members sleep in the same wing with the pilgrims, to ensure that someone is in each room who "knows what's going on" and can help with any needs during the night. This is especially important that first night when Pilgrims probably do not know their roommates and are asked to be silent.

**Musicians**, we need you!!! We would like to be able to have musicians do other roles on Walks, but our database has a limited number of persons listed as musicians. *If you play an instrument or have the gift of a great voice and music leadership, please pray about working on a Walk as a musician.*

**Talk givers** are to me a crucial part of a team. So many people feel they cannot do this. I think back to my own Walk in 1996. It was the first time I heard lay and clergy alike share the pains, sorrows and joys from their lives. They were so open and honest with us. That made a big impact on me. Was it hard the first time I gave a talk? You bet! But knowing that God helped me "write and share my story" made it easier. Know that your Lord and Savior will be there while you write your talk and when you deliver it. We all have a story to tell, and trust me, we all have a story that will touch someone. Don't say "No" to giving a talk until you pray about it. Talk to others who have given a talk for encouragement.

No matter what your role is on an Emmaus Walk you are following God's command to love and serve others. It doesn't matter who they are, we are called to serve all of God's children. When called to serve on a team, make sure your heart is open to serving wherever you are needed and to do whatever you are asked to do.

And I can't forget the role that Fourth Day Members play on a weekend. Making special meals, agape and covering the Walk with prayer are only a few examples. *We can't do it without all of you!*

Please help us make sure you are called if you are interested in serving on a team. Fill out a new team application each year and get it in early. Team selection for the Womens' Walk in March of 2007 will begin at the end of 2006.

We need to always remember that God equips those HE calls.



In HIM,  
Tami Laugharn  
Community Chairperson



## FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



# All Tangled Up

A young girl was sitting next to her mom as she was knitting a blanket for her neighbor's newborn. The mother's knitting yarn got all tangled up and she became upset with the yarn as she thought about some of her personal problems. The little girl saw the frustration on the mom's face and said, "Mom, why are you upset? Why don't you put the yarn and your problems in the Lord's hands and ask Him to help you?"

At that moment, the mother looked at the daughter and said, "I remember a time when I was a little girl and my father would take me fishing. I remember how I would get my fishing line all tangled up. Finally, I would hand the whole tangled mess over to my father, and he would smooth it out. I'm trying to learn to do that with my problems and this yarn is just a reminder for me to give it over to the Lord. So, starting today, I'm going to work harder to turn my problems over to Jesus and not pull at the line too much before I give it to Him. In that lesson I learned about:

- Impossibilities! (in my own strength)
- Difficulties! (in my own strength)
- How tangled some of our problems become in our own strength!"

And it seems as if the knots of difficulty become tighter as we try to struggle through them in our own strength. Maybe you are wrestling with a problem that looks too complicated for it to ever work out. Do what this young woman did. Turn the whole thing over to your loving heavenly Father.

**Psalm 115:9 (TLB) says, Trust the Lord! He is your helper.** If you entrust the problem to Him, He can untangle the knotty impossibilities and difficulties that are tangled and troubling you at this time.

***Now commit the situation to God with this prayer:***

Father, this problem (tangled mess) is too much for me. I hand it over to You right now, knowing that with You all things are possible. **Jesus said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Mark 10:27**

Receive and believe, in the name of Jesus!

*De Colores!*

Rev. Dr. Carolyn McCall



## 2006 WALK INFORMATION

### Houston North Emmaus Community, Inc.

Registrar: John Allred  
15201 Mason Road, #1000-321, Cypress, TX 77433  
Email: registrar@hnec.org

All 2006 Walks at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center  
22610 Tuwa Road, Tomball, Texas  
<http://www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com/>

Directions:

- From I-45, take the FM2920 exit and head west on FM2920 to Dowdell Road (approximately 7.5 miles). Turn right onto Dowdell and go almost 1/2 mile to Tuwa Road and turn left. The Kaiserhof entrance will be on your right (about 2/3 mile).
- From SH249, take FM2920 east out of Tomball to Dowdell Road (approximately 8 miles). Turn left onto Dowdell and go almost 1/2 mile to Tuwa Road and turn left. The Kaiserhof entrance will be on your right (about 2/3 mile).

(PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE RETREAT CENTER IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. ACCESS IS BY APPOINTMENT OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN OFFICIAL EMMAUS WALK FUNCTION. THANK YOU!)

<u>WALK #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY DIRECTOR / SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR / SERVANT TEAM COORDINATOR</u>
Mens' #37	Sept. 21-24 (17) *	Bill Swaim / Rev. Marty Vershel / Bud Elkins
Womens' #38	Oct. 19-22 (35) *	Barbara St. Lawrence / Rev. Beverly Tune / Janet Chenoweth

\* Number of pilgrims registered as of July 11, 2006.

**Houston West Emmaus Community, Inc.**  
Registrar: Jan Vogel  
P.O. Box 631684, Houston, TX 77263-1684  
Email: registrar@hwec.org



Walk #36 (Men) - October 19-22  
Walk #37 (Women) - October 26-29

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ALL 2006 WALKS AT J BAR J RANCH, SEALY

**Cradle of Texas Emmaus Community, Inc.**  
Registrar: Gary Foose  
P. O. Box 563, Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
Email: gary.foose@agedwards.com



Walk #28 (Men) - October 5-8  
Walk #29 (Women) - October 19-22

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WALKS AT TEXAS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT,  
PALACIOS, TEXAS

**Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, Inc.**  
Registrar: Edith Schultz  
P. O. Box 890134, Houston, TX 77289-0134  
Email: registration@hbaec.org



Walk #37 (Women) - August 3-6  
Walk #38 (Men) - October 5-8  
Walk #39 (Women) - October 12-15

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ALL 2006 WALKS AT VICTORY CAMP, ALVIN.

## 2006 WALKS - PILGRIM & TEAM UPDATES



Welcome our new HNEC 4th Day Members from Walk #35!

Melissa Adelman  
Cindy Aldrich  
Stacy Amszi  
Shirley Astwood  
Denice Charron  
Elsa Bailey  
Stacei Bible  
Cris Black  
Jannifer Blalock  
Kathleen Blankemeyer  
Jannifer Breazeale  
Terrie Burgin  
Kay Burleson  
Joyce Champagne  
Jackie Cleveland  
Jen Cole  
Suzanne Combs



Janet Galegar  
Wendy Jones  
Dee McGallion  
Maureen Moore  
Boo Neal  
Lora Nichols  
Paulette O'Sullivan  
Mary Jo Peters  
Margaret Reed  
Dani Sheffield  
Sarah Sherman  
Susie Shipley  
Penney Smith  
Nancy Steinmeier  
Shirin Taylor  
Cathy Walvoord  
Anita Worthington



...and thanks to these joyful Team servants!

Debbie Acord, Lay Director  
Assistant Lay Directors (ALDs):  
Dawna Carter  
Sarah Moore  
Leslie Townsend



Rhonda Fronk, Board Representative  
Lyndal Davis, Servant Team Coordinator (STC)

### Musicians:

Beth Ringwald (Head)  
Jennifer Wuellner

### Chapel Servants:

Patsy Rogers (Head)  
Kathy Paterson

**Day Servants** - Lindsey Tonroy, Lanie Brown, Mia May, Nancy Stack, Carl Spaeth, Jodi Lee, Tami Denton, Laurie Starkey, Lynn Harper, Marjorie Jones, Dennis Woodley, David Kirby, Janet Smith, Judy Chandler, Karen Duke, Susan Fronk, Bill Franks, Karolyn Larimore, Shirley Smith, Kathy Bean, Susan Kent

Rev. Jessica LaGrone, Spiritual Director  
Rev. Jenni Cobb, Assistant Spiritual Director  
Rev. Beverly Tune, Assistant Spiritual Director

### Table Leaders and Assistants:

**Leaders:** Glenda Hudson (Head), Paula Kirby, Orpha Haag, Kathy Reedy, Paulette Whitehurst and Beth Roberts  
**Assistants:** Joyce Woodley, JoAnn Maddock, Ann Whittington, Jan Wawtters, Ruth Martin, Patty Bird

### Agape Servants:

Sharon Heald (Head)  
Beth Dolan  
Karen Collett  
Vicki Dimmitt

### Kitchen Servants:

Susan Franks (Head)  
Donna Davis  
Susan Casey



**Visiting Clergy:** Rev. Mariann Wallace and Rev. Patti Bergfield

## 2006 WALKS - PILGRIM & TEAM UPDATES

Welcome our new HNEC 4th Day Members from Walk #36!

Berry Anderson  
Kirk Armstrong  
Craig Barnes  
Jeff Bennett  
Carl Boutotte  
Donald Brown

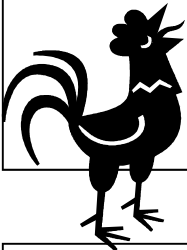
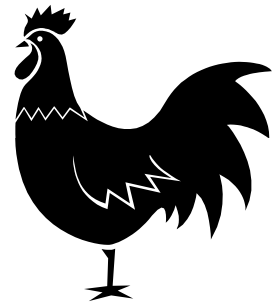
Gary Burleson  
John Clough  
Gary Combs  
Mark Cornelsen  
Jay Cunningham

Victor Fettes  
Oscar Garza  
Bill Jackson  
Bill Kitchens  
Steve Larkin

Ted LeBlanc  
Gordon Loomis  
David McGallion  
Kevin McMachen  
Todd Miller

Bryan Moore  
Ron Nevill  
Gary Olive  
Phil Palmer  
Danny Rice  
Brian Schaffer

John Stephenson  
Keith Swatzel, II  
David Warren  
Alvin White  
Matt Yartym  
Joel Zalewski



...and thanks to these outstanding Team servants!

Jon Peterson, Lay Director  
Assistant Lay Directors (ALDs):  
Bill Maloney  
Chuck Abernathy  
Mike Kennedy

Carl Spaeth, Board Representative  
Frank Davis, Servant Team Coordinator (STC)

**Musicians:**

Paul Miller (Head)  
Jerry Hinson

**Chapel Servants:**

Morris Davidson (Head)  
Larry Townley

**Kitchen Servants:**

Keith Jenkins (Head)  
Bud Nossaman  
Larry Staggs  
Shane Bird  
John Mims

Pastor Larry Smith, Spiritual Director  
Pastor Leonard Negrin, Assistant Spiritual Director

**Table Leaders and Assistants:**

**Leaders:** Goran Haag (Head), Duane Lee, Barney Gulley, John Kenyon, Joe Hudman, LeRoy Fronk

**Assistants:** Larry Burgess, Henry Pruitt, Bob Gronberg, Pete Collier, Hector Barkley, Matt Pence

**Agape Servants:**

George Marshall (Head)  
Rod Baker  
Anthony Prince  
Jim Dennis

**Visiting Clergy:** Rev. Carl Williamson and Pastor John Berny

**Day Servants** - Thanks to you all!

## 2007 WALK DATES ANNOUNCED!

### Dates for the 2007 Houston North Emmaus Community Walks are confirmed!

Womens' Walk #39	March 8-11
Mens' Walk #40	April 19-22
Womens' Walk #41	April 26-29
Mens' Walk #42	July 19-22
Womens' Walk #43	July 26-29
Mens' Walk #44	September 20-23
Womens' Walk #45	October 18-21

All 2007 Walks will be held at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center in Tomball.

(Due to the sponsorship training requirements beginning with 2007 Walks, new 2007 Sponsor Application forms will be provided in the near future. Check the website for updates.)

## Sponsor and Pilgrim Applications

2006 SPONSOR and PILGRIM applications can be downloaded from our website @ [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org), received via email through [registrar@hnec.org](mailto:registrar@hnec.org), or requested by telephone at 281.345.7977.

Please PRINT or TYPE applications, especially the email address. Sponsors should encourage Pilgrims to request three different Walk dates and to reserve those dates on their calendars. Walks are filled as applications are received and it is recommended that applications be filed three months in advance to ensure first choice of Walk dates. Walk placement **cannot** be reserved via email or telephone call--only by postmark on application.

## AGAPE CENTRAL



In the HNEC Walk procedures that were revised for 2006, the standard number of pieces of agape was set at 60 pieces. With this number, everyone in the Conference Room receives agape. The only exception for this is if your agape is for *pilgrims only*.

When you submit pillow and table agape for the Walks, please clearly mark the sack, bag, baggie, or container with the number of pieces enclosed.

**60 pieces** - Full Conference Room (pilgrims and conference room team)

**40 pieces** - Pilgrims Only (extras are needed in case pieces of agape are lost or damaged)



## HNEC BOARD - COMMUNITY SERVANTHOOD NEWS

# Let's Get Together...and Serve!

Community Servanthood opportunities continue to fill up quickly, but all churches and individuals still have a chance to help serve the team and pilgrims on the Walks for 2006. To serve in any area, please contact Susan Kent or Bill Swaim at the email addresses below and indicate if you will serve as an individual or will serve as a church Emmaus community.

Susan Kent: [kwkents@aol.com](mailto:kwkents@aol.com)

Bill Swaim: [Bill\\_Swaim@earthlink.net](mailto:Bill_Swaim@earthlink.net)

**Thursday Moving Team.** *Requires 5-6 people from 3-5 pm to help move furniture to prepare for weekend.*

Open walks:

Walk #37 Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

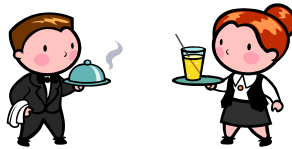
Walk #38 Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>



**Thursday Snack Supper** for the team and arriving pilgrims & sponsors. *Requires 6-8 people to arrive at 5 pm and provide food and service.*

Open walks:

Walk #38 Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>



**Friday Egg Casseroles.** *Requires 8 casseroles to be put together, but not cooked. To be delivered on Thursday.*

No open Walks – thank you to our community for filling this need!

**Saturday Agape Dinner.** *Requires 16-20 people to arrive at 3:30pm to cook, decorate, and serve.*

No open Walks – thank you to our community for filling this need!

**Saturday Candlelight Parking Attendants.** *Requires 6-8 people to arrive at 7:30 and direct traffic.*

Open walks:

Walk #37 Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Saturday Candlelight Luminary Team.** *Requires 5-6 people to arrive at 7:00 to set up luminaries and take them down after Candlelight service.*

Open walks:

Walk #38 Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>



**Saturday Candlelight Service Team.** *Requires 4-8 people to arrive at 6:30 to set up the service area, act as ushers, and help pass out candles. They will also assist in taking down the chairs in the service area after Candlelight.*

Open walks

Walk #38 Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>



**Rose Providers .** *Requires the provision of 48 roses for Sunday on the women's Walks only.*

No open Walks – thank you to our community for filling this need!

**Sunday Moving Team.** *Requires 5-6 people from 3-5 pm to help move furniture back in place.*

Open walks:

Walk #37 Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

Walk #38 Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Open opportunities are as of July 2006. Thank you for your willing spirit!**




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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Wk# \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Wk# \_\_\_\_\_

Walk # \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ (m/d)

Spouse's Walk # \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ (m/d)

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's email \_\_\_\_\_

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HOUSTON WEST EMMAUS AND CHRYSALIS COMMUNITIES*\*\* Workshops, Dinner, Singing, Worship, Communion \*\****PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY:**

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Dr. Dick Gilmore, International Lay Director, Walk to Emmaus

Rev. Victor Perez, International Spiritual Director, Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis

Jean Johnson Green, Assistant Director, Walk to Emmaus

Early Bird Registration \$50 per person (up to 2 weeks before event); \$75 after that time.

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## YOUR HNEC BOARD

## ~ HNEC 2006 BOARD INFORMATION ~

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~ HNEC 2006 Board Meetings ~

(All meetings will be held at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center in Tomball, Texas.  
Meetings fall on the third Tuesday of the month except for July, November and December.)



Tuesday, July 25th  
Tuesday, August 15th  
Tuesday, September 19th

Tuesday, October 17th  
Tuesday, November 14th  
Tuesday, December 12th

All meetings start at 7:00 PM and are open to any Fourth Day who might wish to attend. Meeting agendas are set in advance, so anyone wishing to have a specific item placed on the agenda or with a desire to address the Board during a meeting should contact Community Chair Tami Laugharn at 281-292-5607, or [tami@laugharn.net](mailto:tami@laugharn.net), at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## ME AND MY DOG (Or, Confessions of a "Cat" Person)

They say that the world is made up of two kinds of people—"cat" people and "dog" people. If so, I can wholeheartedly say that I am the former, as evidenced by the following.

Cats I have owned: Tom, Fluffy, Tuffy, Mandy, Cricket, Tibbie, Chianti, Spumante, Nicholas, Sinbad, Max, Ginger. And the current brood of Stanley, Princess, Wrangler, and Callie. Add in a couple of litters of kittens that came and went, and that's about 25 cats.

Dogs I have owned: Pilgrim Walker. That's exactly one dog.



I was thinking about this in light of my devotionals for the week surrounding these two verses:

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, **according to the power at work within us...**" Ephesians 3:20a

"And **I will give you a new heart**, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

In April of 2005, I was serving on the team of HNEC Womens' Walk #27 at Kickapoo. A dog showed up on the property on Saturday, and the kitchen servants were feeding him leftovers. Selma, the owner of the property, told the kitchen servants that if someone didn't take the dog home, it was going to the pound on Monday. On Sunday afternoon, some conversation ensued as to who could take him home, and the next thing I knew, this dog was in my car! He was on his way to meet the three cats that had established a dominating residence at my house. I had no idea what would happen when the dog came through the front door. Thankfully the pets gave each other some space and there were no physical altercations. I named the dog Pilgrim Walker because he "walked" as a "pilgrim" on Walk #27.

Now here we are, Pilgrim and I, on a new journey together. I wish I could say that it has been easy, but God is using this dog to change my heart...and sometimes that hurts.

When Pilgrim is disobedient...man, does that hit home! *God, what am I doing that You have asked me to stop doing? What am I NOT doing that You have asked me to do?*

When Pilgrim performs his two-foot-high standing vertical leaps when I come home, he reminds me of the unending joy that the Lord has for me. Pilgrim shows me that this is how God thinks toward us...He's there at home, and He can't WAIT to see us again! *Is this my attitude toward God and others?*

When I scold Pilgrim, he may go away pouting and skulking for a while, but very shortly he comes right back, just as devoted as ever. He forgets the harsh words. This reminds me that God forgets our sin; He forgets when He is mistreated. His love never changes. *Is this my attitude toward God, when things don't go my way? Is this my attitude toward others when they mistreat me and say harsh words against me? Does my love change?*

Pilgrim follows me around. He wants to be where I am. All the time. This is a totally new phenomenon. "Why don't you just go away and get your own life for a while?" I have said to him. "Why don't you be like a cat?" No, the dog just wants to be in my presence. In this, I see that Jesus just wants to be in our presence, and He wants us to sit at His feet. I am challenged. *Do I have the same heart toward Jesus? Do I desire to be in His presence continually? Am I following Him, learning of Him?*

God's power at work, changing us. Taking our cold hearts of stone and making them soft, sensitive, obedient, loyal, and joyful. And who can say? That same power...well, it might change this "cat" person into a "dog" person yet!



**De Colores!**

**Rhonda Fronk**

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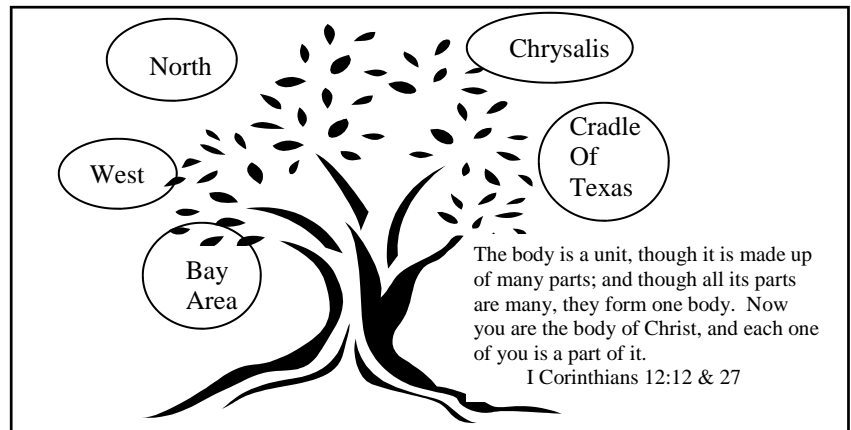
### **Deadline for Pilgrim's Journey**

Fourth Day members are encouraged to submit articles to be published in the *Pilgrim's Journey*. The newsletter is printed 6 times each year. January and September issues are mailed to all Fourth Day members in the community. The other four issues are mailed to only paid subscribers. (See Page 11 for PJ Subscription Form.)

For permission to reproduce articles printed in the *Pilgrim's Journey*, please contact the editor as shown below. **Original articles, Walk information, or other news items must be submitted by the 5th day of the publication month..**

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2006 GATHERINGS AND SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

## HNEC GATHERING

### Saturday, August 5, 2006

4:00 p.m.—Follow-Up Meetings for Womens' Walk #35 and Mens' Walk #36

4:30 p.m.—Sponsorship Training

5:30 p.m.—Meal and Gathering

*First United Methodist Church—Conroe*

*4308 West Davis, Conroe, Texas*

*Church Phone: 936-756-3395 / [www.fumc-conroe.org](http://www.fumc-conroe.org)*



**DIRECTIONS:** From I-45, take Highway 105 West (Davis Street) and go about 2-1/2 miles. FUMC Conroe is located in a wonderful wooded area on the right hand side of 105. Watch for the entrance signs to the church parking lot. Entrance is .07 mile from North Loop 336 W and 105.

You can't miss it!!

***CHILDCARE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY WED., AUGUST 2ND***

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## FINAL 2006 HNEC COMMUNITY GATHERING



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006

ATASCOCITA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Walks #37 and #38 Follow-Up Meetings; Election of new 2007 Board Members

### DON'T FORGET - SPONSORSHIP TRAINING!

HNEC is requiring that all persons wishing to sponsor pilgrims on Walks beginning with 2007 dates attend sponsorship training. Sponsorship is the most important role in Emmaus and must be undertaken with prayer and sound knowledge, so that sponsors understand the purpose of Emmaus in selecting pilgrims to sponsor, and so that they understand the commitment they are making.

*The following opportunities for sponsorship training are currently on the calendar. If you would like to have a sponsorship training session at your church, any HNEC Board member would be glad to come and present the training.*

- Saturday, Aug. 5th - FUMC Conroe - 4:30 p.m.      Precedes HNEC Gathering
- Saturday, Oct. 28th - Atascocita UMC - 4:30 p.m.      Precedes HNEC Gathering