

# Walk with Jesus

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## & Sunrise Service

Downtown Whiteville, North Carolina  
Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012

Organizational meeting  
N.C. Museum of Forestry  
Feb. 23 at 4 p.m.

### The Schedule

6:30 – 7 a.m. Sunrise Service  
7 a.m. Participants begin writing  
Participants & visitors stroll event  
9-10 Streets open for local church traffic

### The service

This will be a blended traditional Easter sunrise service on the BB&T lawn at the corner of West Columbus and South Madison streets. Speakers and performers are being sought for the program to offer highlights of talent from around the county. Contact Janice Young at: 642-3171.

### Who can help?

More than 1,000 people will be needed, and we're counting mostly on churches to "adopt" and write books, but extended families and other groups can join in. We're especially looking to the larger churches to adopt the books of Luke, John and Acts.

### Bible version

Church representatives at the first organizational meeting selected the King James version.

### How it will work

Churches and groups will know of their books before the event, and will pick up chalk and scripture sheets before or during the sunrise service. Each sidewalk tile or group of tiles will have a number and assigned Scriptures. Participants will simply walk to their assigned sidewalk tiles and write about 150 words each.

### How long will this take?

In our test, we wrote 100 words in about 15 minutes, so with time spent preparing, and with some people possibly writing twice their share, the writing should be finished before 8 a.m.

### How much chalk?

In our test, a stick of chalk wrote about seven words, so each participant will be given about 20 pieces. We will purchase about 15,000 sticks of chalk for this event, costing about \$700.

### The Community Sunrise Service

While some churches have chosen to combine their sunrise services with this one, people who attend services elsewhere are invited to participate afterward. Groups who can arrive before 7:30 may have a late start, but should have time to write their books. Also, everyone should be able to enjoy **Walk With Jesus** and return to their church for their regular Easter Services.

### Afterward

The chalk should be rinsed off the sidewalks soon – we don't want the Bible to be displayed as anything less than a thing of beauty, and we don't want people walking on it. Further, the streets will open to traffic Sunday morning, making viewing difficult and unsafe.

### Funding

With expenses including chalk, insurance, safety, printing, promotion and supplies, we expect expenses of up to \$2,000. We are not seeking commercial sponsorship on this holy day, so we're counting on participating churches to support this unprecedented community project.

### More information

Details are still being finalized for this unique event. Watch *The News Reporter* and the event website for updates. A link can be found at [Whiteville.com](http://Whiteville.com).

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Book	Words (thousands)	People	Church or group	Book	Words (thousands)	People	Church or group
Matthew	18.3	131	Western Prong Baptist Church	1 Timothy	1.6	11	Trinity Baptist Church
Mark	11.3	81	First Presbyterian Whiteville	2 Timothy	1.2	9	
Luke	19.5	139		Titus	.6	5	
John	15.6	112		Philemon	.3	2	
Acts	18.5	132		Hebrews	4.9	35	Pleasant Plains Baptist Church
Romans	7.1	51		James	1.7	12	
1 Corinthians	6.8	49		1 Peter	1.7	12	
2 Corinthians	4.5	32		2 Peter	1.1	8	
Galatians	2.2	16		1 John	2.1	15	New Life Community Church
Ephesians	2.4	17		2 John	.2	2	
Philippians	1.6	12	The Littrell Family	3 John	.2	2	
Colossians	1.6	11	Whiteville Church of God	Jude	.5	3	Mt. Olive Original Freewill Baptist Church
1 Thessalonians	1.5	11		Revelation	9.8	70	Praise Tabernacle Church
2 Thessalonians	.8	6		TOTAL	140	1,000	Columbus County!