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Walk with Jesus

SUNRISE SERVICE & NEW TESTAMENT WRITING
Downtown Whiteville, North Carolina

April 8, 2012
Easter Sunday

Organizers of Walk With Jesus hope that everyone can imagine what it will look like to have the entire New Testament handwritten on sidewalks throughout our city, because having never seen anything like this, it is a concept that is really hard to grasp.

We are thrilled with the response we have received on this exciting event, but we realize that, with only a few months to organize it (we began in January) and with few resources, (only four people, no real budget) we have been unable to communicate to the entire county the real potential and beauty of this unique project.

We would like everyone to know that you are certainly invited, and we hope that you will find this to be a great opportunity to share fellowship with churches from around the county and visitors from near and far away.

On Easter morning, we will all be a part of something the world has never experienced, and it will all be right here in Columbus County. *Now, imagine that!*

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Schedule

6 a.m. - Streets close. Try to arrive early for good parking, and to enjoy the pre-service acoustic music.

- Shuttle begins from Whiteville High School for elderly and handicapped persons.

6:30 - Service starts

7 a.m. - A person from each church picks up packet from stage.

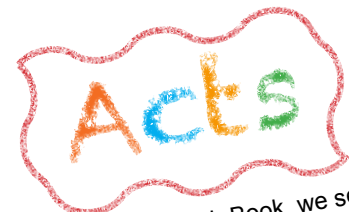
- Churches distribute Scripture sheets to begin writing!

- Writing should be complete in 30 minutes to an hour.

- Everyone is free to leave or walk and tour the event site

9 a.m. - Streets begin to open for vehicle traffic

5 p.m. - We begin removing chalk, only hours after what has been described as “an explosion of art, Scripture and communal joy.”



At the start of each Book, we set aside a square or two for the title, so enlist your more artful participants to create the “entrance” to your Book.



Contributed by Sid Miller

Making “Cross Flowers”

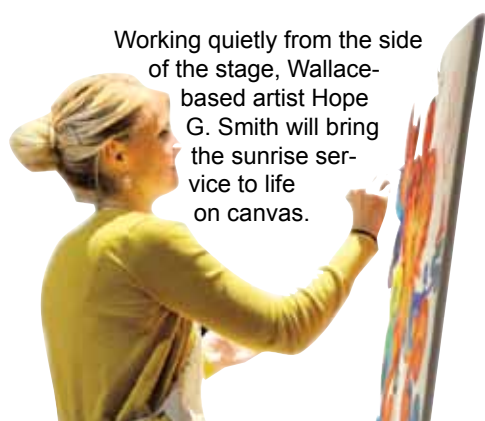
Children have enjoyed making flowers to place in a 15-foot-tall cross during the sunrise service. It's simple, in three easy steps:

1. Cut craft tissue paper into 6” x 6” squares.
2. Take 3-4 squares in a hand, place pencil in middle, squeeze paper around it and remove.
3. Twist the stem tight.

No advance contact is needed. Children will be invited during the service to place their flowers in the cross.



Every participant gets some chalk and (at least) one Scripture sheet with a sidewalk square number and the verses they will write.



Working quietly from the side of the stage, Wallace-based artist Hope G. Smith will bring the sunrise service to life on canvas.

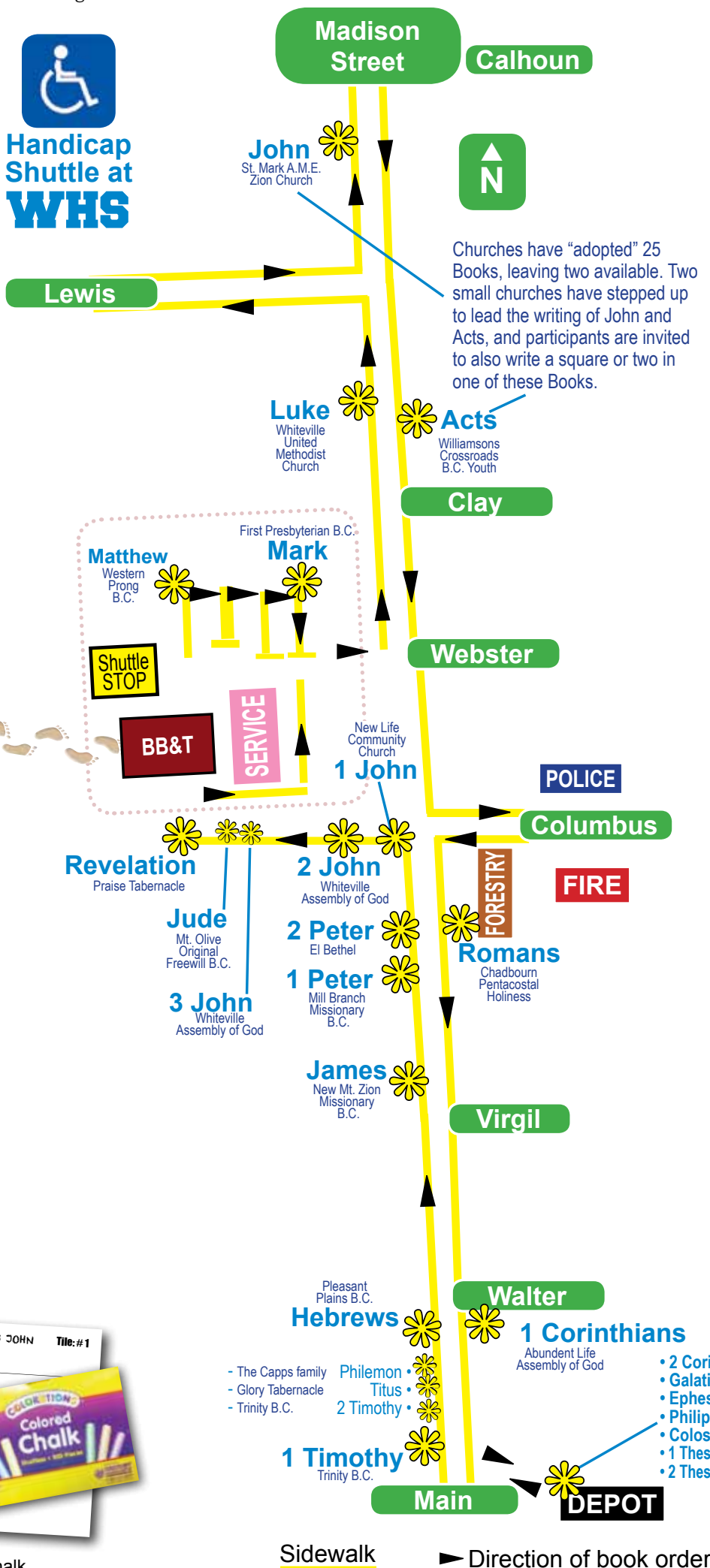


RAIN?

The forecast is very optimistic, and only a heavy rain will stop the service.

Rain date for writing only is April 15 at 3 p.m.

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Sidewalk Direction of book order