

# One Nation Under God - Walk Across America

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*For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

2 Timothy 1:7

Fear is a small word with very large consequences. Fear can prevent a person from achieving God's plan in his life. Fear can incapacitate an individual, a town, a city and even a nation. As a young child, most of us had fears; fear of the dark, fear of being alone, fear of heights, fear of insects, etc. As we mature, most of our childhood fears disappear or become dormant, but we acquire new fears; fear of speaking in front of others, fear of death, fear of failure or even the fear of God. By commencing with the One Nation Under God - Walk Across America, I first had to overcome the fear of failure. I know with God, all things are possible; so the first steps of the walk happened over three years ago. Last September along the American Discovery Trail, I would confront some of my old childhood fears.

Recently Rev. Bruce Mulberry, associate pastor of Praise Fellowship Church, during a Sunday morning sermon spoke about fear of darkness. As an example, he gave illustration of a person turning off a light in a dark basement then running up the stairs to escape the darkness. I said to myself, "That's not me. I'm not afraid of the dark," at least that is what I thought. The North Bend Rail Trail of West Virginia, which is part of the American Discovery Trail, has ten tunnels in which to trek though and one of the tunnels according to legend is haunted.

From Wolf Summit to Cairo, I walked east to west, sometimes alone and sometimes with Alan Crum. From the town of Walker to Cairo, Alan Crum and I walked west to east. No. 19 Tunnel, the Silver Run Tunnel, would be the last tunnel that we would encounter. This was also the tunnel rumored as haunted by the phantom of Silver Run. On foggy nights long ago, the apparition of a black-haired woman in a long white dress and slippers would appear in the middle of the tracks, causing the engineers to stop their trains. Of course, there would be no one there.

On September 15, it was Alan's and my turn to walk through this 'haunted tunnel.' At 2:01 PM, we reached the west end of the tunnel. It was very warm, with no fog, no howling winds and no apparitions, but I still prayed against any evil spirits in the area. As we entered the 1,376-foot long tunnel, I immediately noticed that this tunnel was different from the others on the rail trail. Eight of the previous tunnels were straight while one short tunnel had a pronounced curve. The Silver Run Tunnel was long and curved to the right. We could not see the light at the opposite end of the Silver Run Tunnel. The light from the outside also did not penetrate very far into the cool damp tunnel. Except for a glimmer of light that reflected off the left wall, we were walking in almost total darkness. I was about to stop and find my flashlight in my daypack when I rounded the curve and saw the light at the far end of the tunnel. Where was Alan? I could hear his footsteps ahead and to the right of me,



but I could not see him. As I quickened my pace, a strange phenomenon began to take place. Even though the ceiling and the walls were dark, they seemed to close in on me. While claustrophobia was overtaking me, I kept walking towards the light. A couple of minutes later, Alan's silhouette appeared; light started to reflect on the tunnel's walls; and the claustrophobia subsided.

That day, I had overcome my fear by seeking the light. Since that fateful day now called 9/11, America has a new fear, the fear of terrorism. The U.S. Homeland Security became a new agency in our government. During one of my trips in 2003, at a toll plaza at one of the Baltimore tunnel, a tollbooth attendant gave me this flyer:

**1-800-492-TIPS**

**(in Maryland only)**

**Please call this number to report any  
suspicious activity.**

**Please keep this number with you.**

**A message from Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., to  
Maryland's Citizens and Visitors.**

**After consulting with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom  
Ridge, I elevated Maryland's Threat Alert System from "Yellow" to  
"Orange" on March 18, following a similar elevation in the federal threat-level  
system. Maryland will remain at "Orange" status until further notice...**

**Although no specific threats have been made against locations in Maryland,  
you should practice increased vigilance while going about your daily routines. I  
encourage anyone who has witnessed suspicious activity to use the phone number on  
this flyer and contact Homeland Security officials immediately.**

**This year while at the Blue Mountain Rest Area on the Pennsylvania  
Turnpike just east of the Blue Mountain Tunnel, I noticed a sign, "Homeland  
Security – it's your responsibility." Yes, I believe that homeland security is our  
responsibility. We should all be in prayer. We should not seek the face of our  
enemy, but we should seek the face of God and not His hand.**

**Over two hundred years ago, a general knelt in the snow beside his horse and  
prayed to his God. He did not have to concern himself with being politically correct.  
The place was Valley Forge. The man was General George Washington, our first  
president.**

*The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the  
pulling down of strongholds.*

**2 Corinthians 10:4**

To learn more about the One Nation Under God –Walk Across America, go to our web site, [www.walkacrossamerica.info](http://www.walkacrossamerica.info).

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Total miles walked of the American Discovery Trail - 613 miles  
Number of prayer walkers - 52 prayer walkers  
Number of people praying for America - 40,975 prayer warriors

There are two couples, who need prayer. I know that they often seek the face of God. Rev. Philip Bottomley and his wife, Sylvia, took a stand on the authority of the Word of God. Because of this, he was asked to resign from the two churches that he directed along with his church board. The churches are located in neighboring towns of Bridgeport and Clarksburg, West Virginia. He is now looking for a new position.

*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*

2 Corinthians 4:5-10

Ron Allen, proprietor of Country Trail Bikes in Cairo, West Virginia, needs a healing touch from our Lord. Ron is the husband of D.J. Allen, who is helping me to organize a prayer walk in Cairo for next spring. Ron fell and broke his hip on the evening of the day that their daughter was married. D.J. is now running their bike shop seven days a week. Ron may be on crutches up to six months. They both need our prayers.

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

1 Peter 2:24