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### **ROOSTER TALES**

## Books needed

#### Remember the book table????

Do you remember your walk? Remember the excitement of finding just the right book at that book table?

Well, you have an opportunity to give that same sense of satisfaction to another pilgrim.

We have changed our policy of having books for sale, and we are now offering free books to our pilgrims.

In order for this to be a success, we need you, the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community, to step up and donate your already read (or brand new!!!) books.

Please bring as many as you can to the send-off for each of the upcoming walks.

Send-off for men will be September 5, 2019, and send-off for women will be September 19, 2019.

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#### **UPCOMING DATES**

- July Gathering, Good Shepherd, 10928 SW 15th, Yukon, July 20th.
- August Gathering, with Ice Cream Social. Lost Creek UMC, 8002 S. Washington, Stillwater, OK 74074. August 17th.
- Men's Walk # 151, September 5-8, 2019. Wesley UMC, 101 S Barker Ave, El Reno, OK 73036
- Women's Walk #152, September 19-22, 2019. Wesley UMC, 101 S Barker Ave, El Reno, OK 73036

#### WE NEED PILGRIMS PLEASE



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Hello Pioneer Country Emmaus Community,

\*\*\* The walks will be here soon \*\*\*

## All walks for 2019 will take place.

Who are you sponsoring on the next set of walks? Who has been on your mind a lot lately? Who has expressed interest in previous walks, but the timing just wasn't right? Pioneer Country Emmaus is rebuilding and in order to do that successfully, we need to have full walks. We need the help of our wonderful community to fill these upcoming walks with folks that will come back and work behind the scenes. Pray, pray, pray about your role as a sponsor and pray, pray, pray, about the pilgrims who should be on these walks.

DeColores, Linda Edmondson, Editor

**"Faith** is taking the first **step** even when you don't see the whole staircase." ~anon



"The
SECRET of
CHANGE is
to FOCUS
ALL of your
ENERGY,
NOT on
Fighting the
OLD, but on
BUILDING
the
NEW." -SOCRATES

#### **CHANGE IN MONTHLY GATHERINGS**

In February, we published a survey, requesting input from the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community, regarding monthly gatherings. We are experiencing a decline in attendance. We had requests from several members to change the gatherings, and that was the incentive for posting a survey. Results of survey, which closed April 13, 2019, change social time 5:30-6:30. Worship begins at 6:30.

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Hey friends! Does your bookcase look like this? Overflowing?

If so, how about sharing the wealth with our upcoming pilgrims of Walk 151 and 152?

We need donations to be brought to the send-off for each of these walks.



Scripture tells us that God's Word is "alive and active" (Hebrews 4:12). As Christians, we engage with this living Word as we foster a lifelong relationship with God through reading the Bible. But this is not just like any other activity on our "to-do" list; we don't want to approach Bible reading as an obligation that requires us to simply go through the motions.

It's helpful to discover fruitful new ways to approach Scripture so that we can benefit from it.

One thing we can do is to read other books as well as the Bible.

Resources include Bible Studies, and books by Christian authors.

I've gone through dry seasons in my spiritual life, where I felt like I was slipping away, but God used books to pull me back in. Sometimes I don't even know what I need, but God speaks to me through a great Christian book.

Studying

Learning

Reviewing

Reading

Growing

Examining

Researching

**Exploring** 

Investigating

**Probing** 





#### United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd

Our Pioneer Country Emmaus Gathering for July, 2019, will be held at United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd, 10928 SW 15TH Street, Yukon, OK 73099.

**From Stillwater,** about 1 hour and 12 minutes (77.1 mi) via OK-33 W and John Kilpatrick Turnpike. Go to very end of the turnpike to 15th street. Turn right and go about 3 blocks.

**From Enid,** about 1 hour and 30 min (77.7 mi) via US-81 S. Continue onto OK-3 E/Northwest Expy . Turn right onto N Morgan Rd . Turn left to merge onto John Kilpatrick Turnpike . Turn left onto SW 15th St .10928 SW 15th St, Yukon, OK 73099 .

From Moore, about 33 min (22.5 mi) via I-35 N and I-40 W.

From Piedmont, about 21 minutes min (15.9 mi) via John Kilpatrick Turnpike

"Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:35(NRSV)

#### Being His Hands And Feet...

#### 1 Corinthians 12:27 ESV

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

#### Mark 10:45 ESV

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

#### **AGAPE LOVE GIFTS**

Remember your Walk to Emmaus? Remember the fun and excitement of getting agape gifts?

You can easily bless someone with that same feeling. Look around you. There are ideas everywhere for little inexpensive gifts that you can create from pretty much anything you see.

Even twigs and leaves can be used to craft something.

If you just can't think of something on your own, ask google. Here's an idea I got while surfing the internet a while ago.

If there are pretty fall colored leaves, you could use natural ones, but these plastic leaves are easily found at craft supply stores. ~ LKE (ed)



#### **EMMAUS**

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE.

We really want to get the database corrected. There is a Google Form on the PCE website to correct any address, phone number, and email changes. We will also have forms available at Gatherings for people to complete.

And, speaking of updating information, it has come to my attention the roostertales@gmail account has been inactive for several years.

#### New Email address:

PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com or send to Newsletter Board representative.

## Do you have a 4th Day story?

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We all have been impacted by our Walk to Emmaus experience. Each person has a story to tell. Will you please consider sharing yours with us here in the Newsletter?

Please email your responses to PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com



#### About the 4th Day...

As participants conclude their Walk to Emmaus weekends, they are introduced to the concept of the Fourth Day -- a symbol of the days of Christian pilgrimage that follow the three-day Emmaus experience. The Walk to Emmaus is a unique opportunity to reflect on one's faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. In fact, the whole reason for The Walk to Emmaus is to make you a more faithful disciple and active member in your church. Thus, the Fourth Day is central to the Emmaus experience, as it extends each individual's experience beyond the weekend and into life in the world.

In living their Fourth Days, participants are encouraged to continue to grow in relationship with Christ and live as faithful disciples in all of life. An important and necessary foundation for faithful Christian living is a vital connection to the Christian community for support, guidance, and challenge. This is most available through local church communities, reunion groups, and the Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebrations. Another way to be connected to the support of the Christian community is through studying the writings of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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