

ROOSTER TALES



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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

“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)

The Pioneer Country Chrysalis Flights are Upon Us!

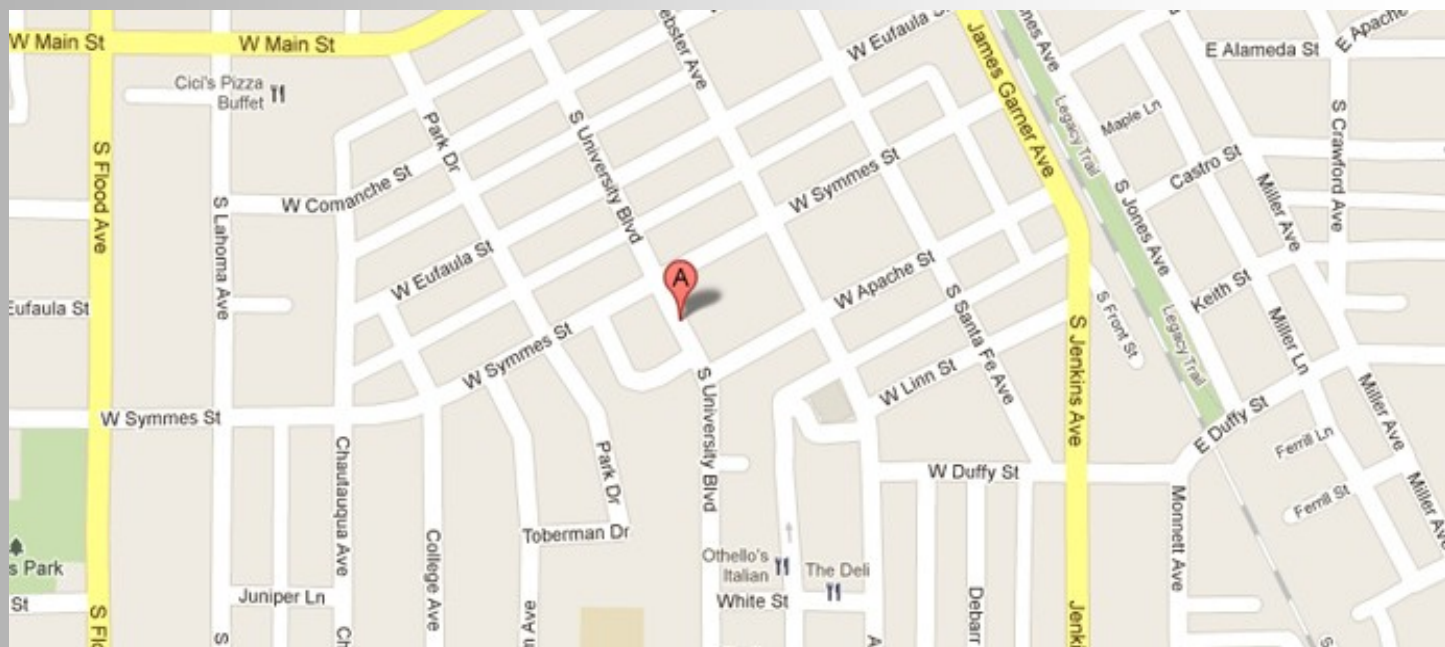
Boy's Flight #4 has unfortunately been cancelled due to a lack of participants, but Girl's Flight #5 will be held as scheduled June 12-15, 2013 at McFarlin Memorial UMC, 419 S. University Blvd. in Norman.

The Lay Director for Girl's Flight #5 will be Chelsea Hunt.

Send-off is Wednesday night, June 12th at 6:30 PM, Candlelight is Friday night, June 14th at 9:00 PM, and Closing will be Saturday afternoon, June 15th at 4:00 PM.

Applications for the Girl's Flight will be taken up until Send-off on Wednesday night. Chrysalis applications and volunteer forms are available online at the Community website, www.pioneercountryemmaus.com

To get to McFarlin Memorial UMC, take the Main Street exit (#109) off of I-35 and go east approximately 2 miles to S. University Blvd. Take a right and go south 6 blocks and you will see the church on the left.



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Do You Have a Servant's Heart?

My wife Kim spent last week at the Wal-Mart Shareholder's Meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas. While it was difficult being apart, it was a great honor for her to be chosen by her store manager to attend, and it was an experience that she will never forget.

My first thought when I learned about her upcoming trip was, "How exciting can a shareholder's meeting be?" There were issues to be discussed and voted on, which sounded downright dull. I told her to pack a pillow.

Prior to leaving on her trip, Kim showed me the agenda, which included Divisional Team meetings, U.S. Associate Team meetings, and a tour of the Home Office. That last one sounded mildly interesting, but meetings, meetings, and more meetings? There were a few cool things that were to take place, like a baseball game at Arvest Ballpark, and concerts by Ed Sheeran, Luke Bryan, and Elton John. Yes, THAT Elton John! The week was to close with the actual Shareholder's Meeting in Bud Walton Arena on Friday.

Kim called, texted, and emailed me each day to let me know how things were going. I could tell that she was surprised by all of the activities and exhibits. There was rock climbing and putt-putt golf, autographs were being signed by NASCAR driver Kyle Busch and NFL stars Daryl Johnston and Donovan McNabb, Willie and Korie Robertson from Duck Dynasty were there, she saw the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile and several NASCAR sprint Cup cars, and she even got to dress up as a Starfleet officer and wield a phaser at the *Star Trek: Into Darkness* exhibit!

While discussing the events surrounding the Shareholder's Meeting each day, I was surprised to hear her compare it to an Emmaus Walk. She said that from the moment she boarded the bus in Oklahoma City to arriving in Bentonville to attending all of the events, everyone was friendly and welcoming, singing songs, clapping and cheering, upbeat and uplifting... and there was plenty of food! She said that everywhere she went there was a spirit of servanthood. Every time she entered an event, everyone was so welcoming, it was like walking into Closing at the end of a Walk. At every meal there were several people offering to take empty plates or refill drink cups. Definitely not what she expected.

After reflecting on what Kim encountered at the Shareholder's Meeting, and thinking back to my original Walk and the subsequent Walk's in which I have participated, it got me to thinking... do I truly have a servant's heart? Am I doing all that I can to serve others? Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Do you have a servant heart? Do you practice servanthood on a daily basis?

Another comparison between Emmaus and the Shareholder's Meeting was that the associates who were in attendance were challenged to take what they had experienced back to their local Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores and to ask themselves what Sam Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart always asked, "What are you going to do?"

So of course you know what happened at the boring meeting on Friday morning, right? Nope, not even close... The 2000+ associates were treated to performances by Hugh Jackman, Kelly Clarkson, Prince Royce, John Legend, X-Factor UK winner and Wal-Mart associate Jahmene Douglas, American Idol winner Jennifer Hudson, and an appearance by Tom Cruise. Yes, THAT Tom Cruise!

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David Smith, Newsletter Editor
PCE Board of Directors

This Month in History...

- June 1, 1938 The first Superman comic book is published
- June 2, 1865 The American Civil War ends
- June 3, 1956 Rock and Roll is banned in Santa Cruz, California
- June 4, 1812 The Louisiana Territory is re-named the Missouri Territory
- June 5, 1968 Senator Robert F. Kennedy is shot in Los Angeles after celebrating his victory at the California presidential primary
- June 6, 1933 The first drive-in theatre opens in Camden, New Jersey
- June 7, 1913 The first successful ascent of Mt. McKinley is led by Alaskan missionary Hudson Stuck
- June 8, 1869 Patent is issued for the first suction-principle vacuum cleaner
- June 9, 1973 Secretariat wins the Triple Crown - Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes
- June 10, 1752 Benjamin Franklin flies a kite during a thunderstorm to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning
- June 11, 1979 Marion Morrison dies. You may know him better as John Wayne
- June 12, 1987 President Ronald Reagan challenges Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall
- June 13, 1927 Charles Lindbergh is honored in New York City for his trans-Atlantic flight
- June 14, 1777 Stars and Stripes is adopted as the United States flag, replacing the Grand Union flag
- June 15, 1916 The Boy Scouts of America is incorporated
- June 16, 1884 The first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York
- June 17, 1885 The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor from France. It was shipped in 350 individual pieces in more than 200 cases
- June 18, 1873 Susan B. Anthony is fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election. The fine was never paid
- June 19, 1910 The first Father's Day is celebrated in the United States
- June 20, 1782 The United States chooses the Eagle as it's symbol
- June 21, 1788 The United States Constitution is ratified
- June 22, 1944 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill
- June 23, 1902 Mercedes is registered as a brand name by Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft (DMG) in Germany
- June 24, 1975 Eastern Flight# 66 crashes near JFK due to a wind shear killing 115. Only seven passengers and two flight attendants survived
- June 25, 1876 Indians defeat Custer at Little Big Horn
- June 26, 1807 Lightning strikes a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg killing more than 300 people
- June 27, 1829 English scientist James Smithson leaves his estate to the United States to establish the Smithsonian Institute
- June 28, 1953 Workers assemble the first Chevrolet Corvette in Flint, Michigan
- June 29, 1995 U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* docks with the Russian space station *Mir*
- June 30, 1859 French daredevil Jean-Francois Gravelet, known professionally as Emile Blondin, crosses Niagara Falls on a tightrope for the first time. The Great Blondin would repeat this feat several times and in different ways; blindfolded, in a sack, with his manager on his back, sitting down midway to cook an omelet, and pushing a wheelbarrow while dressed as an ape.



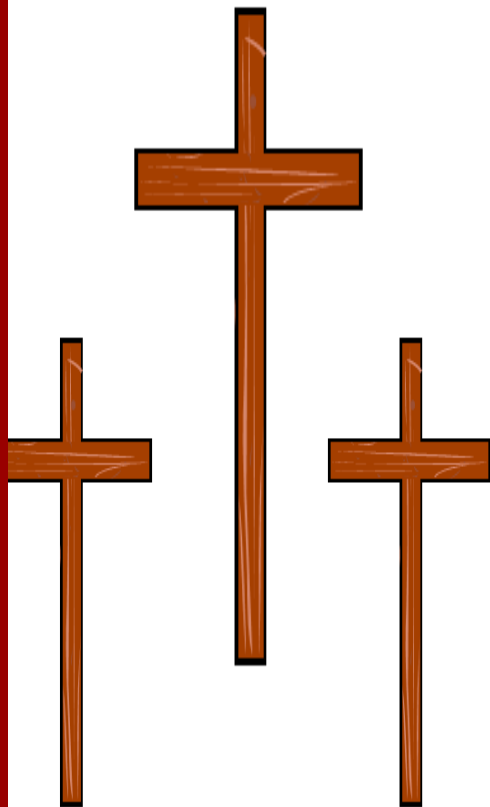
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

How about a good study or devotional idea that's worked for you?

Why not share them with the PCE community?

Just email it to :

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CALENDAR



June 15, 2013

June Gathering

St. Andrews UMC
2727 S.W. 119th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

Begins with praise and worship at 7:00 PM with snacks and drinks afterwards. Childcare is available, PLEASE RSVP with Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 to make the necessary preparations for your child.

Gatherings are open to all so please invite a friend!

June 12-15, 2013

Chrysalis combined Boys Flight #4 and Girls Flight #5 at McFarlin UMC in Norman, OK

June 12, 2013

Send-off for Chrysalis Flights 4 & 5
McFarlin UMC - 6:30 PM
419 S. University Blvd - Norman

June 14, 2013

Candlelight for Chrysalis Flights
McFarlin UMC - 9:00 PM
419 S. University Blvd - Norman

June 15, 2013

June Board Meeting
St. Andrews UMC - 3:00 PM
2727 SW 119th Street - OKC

June 15, 2013

Closing for Chrysalis Flights
McFarlin UMC - 4:00 PM
419 S. University Blvd - Norman

June 15, 2013

June Gathering
St. Andrews UMC - 7:00 PM
2727 SW 119th Street - OKC

July 20, 2013

July Gathering
Church of the Good Shepherd
10928 SW 15th Street - Yukon

August 17, 2013

August Gathering
Lost Creek UMC
8002 S. Washington - Stillwater

September 21, 2013

September Gathering
St. Mark's UMC
8140 NW 36th - Bethany

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