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The monthly newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community July 2025



It is Gathering Time

We will have a Gathering in August

Save the Date:

August 16, 2025

at Lost Creek UMC

8002 S Washington St

Stillwater, OK

**This will be the traditional Ice Cream Social
Bring picnic type foods for a potluck dinner.
Lost Creek will provide the ice cream.**

**Dinner at 5:30PM
Worship at 6:30 PM**

This will be a good time to come and see all of your Emmaus friends.

Overview

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives.

Through The Walk to Emmaus, as they seek to become healthy and vital congregations, local churches have both a means of growing disciples and a tool for developing leaders for their disciple-making systems.

The program begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service. It continues for the rest of participants' lives with follow-up groups that, along with the local church's robust offerings, contribute to participants' ongoing growth in grace.

Spirit Filled

Last Sunday a friend stopped me after church and told me that she had been going through some old stuff, and she found her Emmaus folder from her Walk. She said that it brought back so many memories. It was a great experience for her. She looked at her notes from the talks and had forgotten that she had taken so many notes. It was a Spirit filled weekend for her. Just listening to her talk about the weekend, I could tell she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, I recently had an opportunity to reread The Prayer of Jabez by Bruce Wilkinson. This one little section spoke to me:

When Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission--“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...and lo, I am with you always”(Matthew 28:19-20)—He was bestowing on them both an incredible blessing and an impossible task. Into *all* the world and preach? Certainly a disaster in the making! After all, He was commissioning such unreliable cowards as Peter, who had already proved that a girl by a campfire could get him to deny he’d ever heard of Jesus!

Yet when He sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), Jesus touched these ordinary believers with greatness, filling them with His miraculous power to spread the Gospel. In fact, you’ll notice in Luke’s account that the phrase “filled with the Spirit” is often linked to a consequence: They “spoke with boldness” (see Acts 4:13, 5:29, 7:51; 9:27). Only God at work *through them* could account for the miracles and mass conversions that followed.

Do you remember what you experienced on your Walk? I remember mine was a great Walk. I have served on several teams since then and each Walk seemed to be better than the one before. If you want to feel the Spirit working in you again, please say “Yes” if you are invited to serve on a Walk team. Or, better yet, sponsor someone on a Walk and let them feel the Holy Spirit working in them. Let us all “speak with boldness”.

Fourth Day

During these days when we are not having monthly Gatherings or Walks on a regular basis, it is more important than ever to meet in our reunion groups. Some people may not be in a reunion group, but are looking for one to join. Provide the information that Kay is looking for so we can connect people to a reunion group.

As a member of the steering committee, I have been assigned the task of compiling a list of reunion groups or Fourth Day groups that are continuing to meet. If you are in a group currently meeting, I would appreciate it if you would send me the following information regarding your group:

Group Name, Day and time the group meets, a contact person for the group with that person's phone number and email address, the city and location of the group meetings, whether the group is a men's, women's, or mixed group, whether the group is full or open.

Thank you so much for providing this information. And if you are looking for a group, please contact me and we can find a group for you.

Kay Sullins

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Here is an idea: Have a church mini gathering. Maybe have a potluck after church and invite everyone in the church. That could develop some interest for some to go on the Walk.

Talk Number 2

The second talk and first by the clergy is Prevenient Grace. In this talk we learn that the nature of God is infinitely creative, loving and good. The human situation – created in the image of God, fallen from grace through sin, offered salvation in the reconciling work of Jesus Christ. God loves us and desires a relationship with us – even more than we desire a relationship with God. The definition of prevenient grace– God's love pursuing us, awakening and convincing us to come home. The loving acts of others communicate God's love to us. Prevenient grace is God's hidden hand at work from the beginning of our physical life, drawing us to God and to authentic spiritual life. We experience prevenient grace through creation, relationships, and events: usually we recognize it in retrospect. Prevenient grace is the awakening and convincing work of God that brings us to the deep realization of the difference between formal, external religion and an inward, spiritual relationship with God in Christ. God desires a relationship with us even more than we desire a relationship with God. God makes us instruments of prevenient grace in other people's lives insofar as we open ourselves to grace.

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