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What are you thankful for?



I'm thankful for our Pioneer Country Emmaus Community. Come on out to the November Gathering! Pioneer Country Emmaus November Gathering will be held at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 524 North Stallard Street, Stillwater, Ok, 74075.

Social time will include a pitch-in meal, starting at 5:30 PM. Worship will start at 6:30.

See page 2 for photo of location and for driving directions from some Oklahoma locations.

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UPCOMING DATES

- November Gathering. Highland Park UMC, 524 N Stallard, Stillwater OK. November 16, 2019
- December. There will not be a December gathering due to schedule conflicts during the holidays.
- December 25, Christmas Day. Hallelujah !!!
- Chrysalis Flights 13 and 14, New Covenant UMC, 2700 S Boulevard, Edmond, OK. January 1 thru January 4, 2020.
- January Gathering, January 18, 2020. Location pending, information coming soon.
- February Gathering, February 15, 2020. Location pending, information coming soon.



Highland Park United Methodist Church

Our Pioneer Country Emmaus Gathering for October, 2019, will be at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 524 North Stallard, Stillwater, OK, 74075.

From Stillwater, From Sixth Street (Highway 51) go east across Perkins Road until you get to Stallard Street (about five blocks east of Perkins Road). Turn north on Stallard Street and go 8 blocks. The church is on the west side of the street.

From Enid, about 1 h 7 min (65.4 mi) via US-412 E to exit 15 for US-177 toward Stillwater/Ponca City. Turn left onto US-177 S. Turn left onto E0580 Rd/W Richmond Rd. Turn right onto N 3340 Rd/N Perkins Rd. Turn left onto E0610 Rd/E McElroy Rd. Turn right onto N Stallard St. Destination will be on the right, 524 N Stallard Street.

From Moore, about 1 h 15 min (72.4 mi) via I-35 N and OK-33 E. Take I35 North to exit 157 for OK-33 toward Guthrie/Perkins/Cushing. Take OK Hwy 33 to US 177. Turn left onto US-177 N/N 3340 Rd/S Perkins Rd. Turn right onto E 6th Ave/ Hwy 51. Turn left onto S Stallard St. Destination will be on the left, 524 N Stallard Street

From Piedmont, about 1 h 19 min (72.5 mi) via I-35 N and OK-33 E. Merge onto John Kilpatrick Turnpike. Take the exit on the left onto I-35 N toward Wichita. Take I35 North to exit 157 for OK-33 toward Guthrie/Perkins/Cushing. Take OK Hwy 33 to US 177. Turn left onto US -177 N/N 3340 Rd/S Perkins Rd. Turn right onto E 6th Ave/ Hwy 51. Turn left onto S Stallard St. Destination will be on the left, 524 N Stallard Street.

“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)

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART



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Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son



Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"



And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son



And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich (I am rich)
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks



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Thanksgiving traditions

What are some of your Thanksgiving Day traditions? Turkey? Or Ham? Or do you just do a snack day and give mom/grandma a break from cooking? How do you show thanks for your many blessings? Here are just a few meaningful and fun family Thanksgiving traditions you can start this year.

1. Pass around a journal. Ask all the guests to write at least one thing that they are thankful for. Enjoy reading them aloud at Thanksgiving celebrations to come.
2. Volunteer. Thanksgiving is a great time to give back to your community and help those in need.
3. Leave room at the table. Extend an invitation to an elderly neighbor whose family can't visit or a coworker with no local family — and if they opt to stay home, take them a plate.
4. Personalize the table. Instead of reaching for the fancy china set, choose pieces with history — and be sure to tell stories about where you were when you collected it, who gave it to you and why it's special.
5. Give kids an important job they do each year. It can be as simple as setting the table.
6. Have a table toast. Asking each guest to raise their glass — even if it's a sippy cup full of milk — and make a toast about what they're thankful for is a great way to start Thanksgiving dinner.
7. Play a thankful game. Turn everyone's gratitudes into a little friendly competition with a "thankful game." It's a family Thanksgiving game, posted on Reddit, that has everyone writing down what they're thankful for on a piece of paper, putting it in a jar and then having everyone guess whose is whose.
8. Sure to get everyone cracking up? You bet. Now that's something to be thankful for.



A few words from the upcoming Lay Director for the upcoming Chrysalis Flight 14.

I had a dream that I was waking

At the burning edge of dawn

And I could finally believe

The King had loved me all along

The Dark Before the Dawn, by Andrew Peterson

I had a recent conversation with a friend at church. “I struggle just about every day to believe God loves me,” he said. This person has been on the Walk to Emmaus, and he’s in worship practically every Sunday. He, like most who’ve attended the Walk, Chrysalis, or a similar 3-day event, was blown away by the weekend. Maybe it was the overall showering of agape throughout the weekend, or maybe it was a specific event or two that led to some “sweaty eyes” or sudden “allergy attacks.” Certainly, the weekend can lead to quite a revelation of just how much God loves us. So, how did I end up hearing a friend question how much God loves him? I mean, doesn’t he remember the weekend? Throw in the bonus of experiencing people like Wilbur and Elmer, Miss Grace, Dis-Grace, Delores, and the Kitchen Band - surely all those great memories will remind him of that incredible weekend, and he’ll never question God’s love for him again, right? If only that was true. It wasn’t for me, and it’s likely not for anyone else.

That’s why all five talks given on the last day of the weekend are themed toward our post-Walk, or 4th Day, lives. They are presented to equip us for taking the emotional events experienced on a weekend that created a spark, and turning them into recurring, concrete reinforcements of our faith that we live out in the fire of our daily lives. Ok, I’ll admit I have to cheat and look at my latest ALD manual to make sure I have them right, but let me sum up some themes:

Make a difference in our churches, our communities, and, yes, the WORLD.

The Church is called to share the Gospel, live a life in grace & exuding grace, and share the love God gives.

To remain steadfast, (like, through Reunion Groups).

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A life in grace is a pilgrimage that never ends in this life.

The Walk to Emmaus was not primarily for YOU, but for your family, your church, and your sphere of influence.

It is through these actions and themes that we transfer our faith from emotions, which will eventually fade and will fail us, into reason and the fiber of our being. It is also how we support fellow Christians on their journey. More specifically, it is how we support Pioneer Country Community members along their 4th Day journeys, as well as in boosting and maintaining our membership. So, what does that look like? I'd like to present three challenges:

- 1. Talk to people about Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. After the disciples were speaking in tongues in the streets of Jerusalem in Acts, Chapter 2, they didn't say, "Well, I guess we need to go back up to the room now and wait until it's God's time for these folks to come up and ask us questions about all of this." Maybe they had a plan to print something in the bulletin? NO! Peter stood up and boldly preached! The church increased in numbers because they went out and told people about the Gospel. Likewise, our Community will only grow if we actively tell others and invite others to attend a 3-day weekend. In short, we need to actively tell people about what's going on in our Community. Wear your lanyard to church on Walk or Flight weekends to spawn a conversation.**
- 2. Sponsor people. This includes filling out the application with those who have committed to attend. How awesome would it be to have full Flights and Walks a full month before the event so the Board and Team wouldn't have to wonder if all of their efforts were in vain? Even if the Board decided to have the events regardless of numbers, it's time to have a revival in our Community and pack these rooms so our participants can have meaningful discussions and weekends! I'm going to put out a personal challenge to 5 couples to be willing to sponsor strangers – well initial strangers. There may be churches without a strong community who need sponsors for youth. I challenge these folks to go meet these youths and their families, sponsor them, and continue a relationship that could lead to sponsorship of parents, as well. In this day and age of communications, there's nothing holding us back!**

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3. Keep your eyes on the prize. Upper Room recently published a new mission statement that covers both Emmaus and Chrysalis, and I encourage everyone to look it up. As the Lay Director for the upcoming Chrysalis Boys' flight, I made it the mission of our team to teach our Caterpillars the following:

“God loved you before He even created you.

“He will NEVER, EVER stop loving you.”

“Show others.”

If they learn those 3 things, then we got it right.

Here's the deal. That applies inside and outside the conference room. Whether setting out agape, scrubbing toilets for Jesus, or making lasagna (we WILL wash our hands from one task to the next!) we can never lose sight of the original end goal of our own Walks or Flights – to take to message of God's love to others. If we're not loving the people to the left and right of us, then we're failing the people in the conference room.

I can't account for every influence in a person's life that may lead to a doubt about God's love. What I can account for is what I do – or don't do - with the opportunities I'm given to make a difference so people won't have to doubt that the King has loved them all along.

Let's make a difference together.

Blessings, and De Colores!

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