

# ROOSTER TALES



**JUN 2015**

**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)**

## **Going to Tuttle for the June Gathering!**



The Pioneer Country Emmaus and Pioneer Country Chrysalis Communities will join together on Saturday, June 20th, for the June Gathering at First UMC of Tuttle.

First UMC Tuttle is located at 402 S. Cimarron Road, and the easiest way to get there is to take I-44 south from OKC to State Highway 37 at Exit# 108, drive west for 12 miles, turn left on Cimarron Road and go 4 blocks. First UMC Tuttle will be on your left.

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. The Community is asked to bring food, desserts, or drinks. Praise & Worship will follow at 7:00 PM.

Childcare will be available but will not be provided if there are no reservations. Please RSVP with Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 if you will be needing childcare.

## **Belize / Honduras Emmaus applications due June 30th**

As reported last month, Belize / Honduras is an official Emmaus Community. The Belize / Honduras Emmaus Community will hold their first set of Walks June 9-18, 2016 and will be needing volunteers to serve on the Conference Room teams. If you are interested in serving on this first set of Walks, fill out the 3-page application located in this newsletter and send it to The Upper Room as directed. Applications are also available on the website at [www.pioneercountryemmaus.com](http://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com), and will also be available at the June Gathering. The Upper Room deadline for receiving applications is June 30th.

You must complete all three pages of the Application Form in order to be considered as a team member. Please see page #4 for additional Belize / Honduras Emmaus information.

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# BEHIND THE SCENES VOLUNTEERS

*We need your help!!* On the last few sets of Walks, we have seen a large downturn in behind-the-scenes help. It makes me wonder if our Community, as a whole, is aware of what really goes on behind the scenes. It's not just serving plates and participating in the kitchen band. Here are some facts you might not know.

At set-up on the Wednesday before each Walk, we unload the trailer at the Church. We then remove most items from the sleeping rooms and place about 75 mattresses and 75 chairs beside each mattress. All Kitchen, Dining Room, Snack and Agape items are placed in their assigned areas. Some windows are papered over, the Conference Room is prepared with six round tables and eight chairs at each table. Then long tables are placed for the Table of Servants, the speaker's podium is set up in a way that all Pilgrims can see the speaker and the projection screen. The projector and microphones are connected, turned on and tested. The Prayer Room is arranged to accommodate the speakers and their guests.

During the weekend, the Kitchen Managers are responsible for preparing eight sit-down meals for approximately 75 people per meal. That is 600 plates served during the weekend. As in all we do on the weekend, everything follows a schedule. If one area gets behind, it normally affects all other areas.

The Dining Room & Agape Managers get the dining room ready to serve those 600 plates. They set the tables with table clothes, cups, glasses of water and/or tea, glasses of orange juice, napkins, utensils, condiments, decorations and Agape.

The Snack Room Managers prepare snacks for Send-Off on Thursday evening, Team Meetings Thursday and Friday night, Gathering before Candlelight on Saturday night and the Conference Room breaks which occur several times each day.

Each day, the Team Assistants keep the Conference Room, sleeping rooms and restrooms neat and clean. They set up for special events, ensure adequate lighting and often work the sound system. They absolutely work from can to can't!

The Agape Room Manager, in addition to placing Agape on the dining tables, sorts all the notes and letters for the Pilgrims and team members, prepares the Pilgrim Packets for Sunday afternoon and performs various and sundry other tasks all weekend.

The Prayer Room prays for each speaker before, during and after each talk. In addition, they pray for everything Emmaus and other requests all weekend.

Then comes Sunday morning tear-down of all the sleeping rooms, putting everything back in order for Sunday School. That means all those mattresses have to go either to the trailer or storage room, floors and hallways vacuumed and furniture returned to their proper place in each classroom.

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Sunday afternoon, the Conference Room is returned to how it was before set up, and everything is either loaded onto the trailer or stored at the Church, depending upon where the Walks are being held. All kitchen and dining room floors are swept and mopped, and we've accomplished our goal of leaving the building at least as good as when we moved in. Times for all of the above will be provided as the time for the Walks draw near

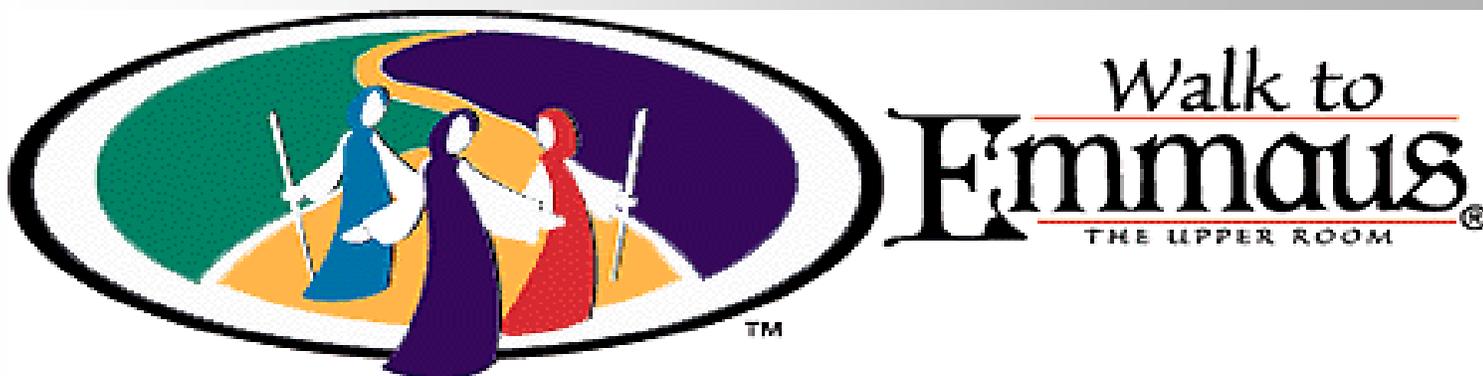
Now, it's 4:00 pm and time to go to Closing to hear each of our new Pilgrims answer those special questions:

- (1) What has this weekend meant to me? and
- (2) What am I going to do about it?

What a blessing it is to hear these testimonies! A perfect ending to a long and exhausting weekend!

Now that you know what happens on a walk weekend, you can see why we need your help on Walks!!!

Blessings & De Colores,  
Judie Ellis, Community Lay Director



## PCE Fall Walks will be here soon

The Fall Walks will be here before we know it! Ron Luka is the Lay Director for Men's Walk #137, which will be October 1-4, and Maurie Cole is the Lay Director for Women's Walk #138, which will be held October 15-18. Both Walks will be held at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Oklahoma City. The Lay Directors are putting their teams together and the first Team Training will take place on Saturday, August 8th.

Now is the time to start thinking about who you want to sponsor for the Walks. Applications can be found on the Community website at [www.pioneercountryemmaus.com](http://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com), and feel free to contact one of our Board Members with any questions that you might have. Their information is on the back page of this newsletter, and it can also be found on the website.

# Information on Belize / Honduras Emmaus:

Here is the information that we currently have concerning the initial Walks:

The Team Selection committee will be composed of seven members, including two (2) Upper Room representatives (Rev. Stephane Brooks and Rev. Victor Perez), two (2) Belize representatives (Rev. Jamie Williams and 1 female lay person to be named), and one (1) representative from each of the three sister communities in the United States (Lexington, Houston North, and Pioneer Country). The representative from Pioneer Country is Rev. Max Rudd, as approved by the PCE Board of Directors.

Applications from Community members are due by June 30, 2015 and must be sent to The Upper Room either electronically or by mail, as specified in the application.

Team selection will occur during the first week of July, 2015. The Team Selection Committee will select two (2) applicants from each of the sister communities.

Walk Lay Directors and Walk Spiritual Directors will be chosen by The Upper Room, and The Upper Room will most likely observe on the Walks.

There will be an initial meeting with all of the groups via Skype during the November district meetings in Belize.

Team meetings will be held January - March of 2016 via electronic means. This will include talk previews, and also a cross-cultural sensitivity training session during one of the team meetings led by a person from Belize.

The Walks are scheduled to be held June 9-18, 2016, although these dates could be extended by a day.

Emmaus communities in the United States will help train team members and provide spots for Belizian pilgrims on Walks.

During the Walks in Belize, women will have outside conference room positions for the Men's Walk and men will have outside conference room positions for the Women's Walk.

Emmaus communities in the United States must realize that Belize / Honduras Walks are not a "one and done" for them. The second and subsequent Walks in Belize will probably need help from communities in the United States as well.

More information will be provided as the process moves forward. If you are interested in serving, be sure to get your application in to The Upper Room prior to the June 30, 2015 deadline. Contact Rev. Max Rudd at [mrdudd6753@aol.com](mailto:mrdudd6753@aol.com) with any questions that you might have.

De Colores!

David Smith  
Assistant Community Lay Director

# Qualifications for International Team to Start a New Community (Belize / Honduras)

(revised 2/25/10)

Purpose: The Walk to Emmaus is a protestant expression of the movement of God that began in the Roman Catholic Church in 1948. It has a deep commitment to the central truths of the scripture and the Christian tradition. **Please write a brief response to each of the following items.**

Those qualified to serve will have:

1. A deep understanding and commitment to the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus. Men and women who do not share this understanding and commitment; or, who promote a theology that lifts up one Christian denomination belittles other Protestants or Roman Catholics would not be appropriate team members.
2. A sincere commitment to Jesus Christ
3. A minimum of three (3) years experience in Walk to Emmaus
4. A strong commitment to the core model for Emmaus as presented in the current edition of The Upper Room Handbook on the Walk to Emmaus and the Manuals. They are willing to read and study these documents and they will lay aside local traditions and practices
5. A minimum of one (1) previous overseas experience i.e. travel for mission, business, personal holiday
6. A commitment to multicultural sensitivity and willing to learn about the history and culture of the country where the Walk to Emmaus will be starting
7. A joyful spirit and servant's heart



**EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE YOUR COUNTRY**

Have you served on a Chrysalis or Emmaus team in a different country? Have you traveled to another country for business or pleasure? (Please provide details).

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**FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

I will be responsible for all of my expenses.

I will need help with  25%  50%  75% of my expenses.

**AVAILABILITY** I can be away from home for a maximum of:

1 week  2 weeks  3 weeks  4 weeks  Other

**HEALTH**

(Please list any significant health concerns, allergies, or dietary restrictions):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the contact information of your pastor and two Emmaus Leaders in your community who can speak honestly about your gifts and abilities.**

Name of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emmaus Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emmaus Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for The Upper Room to contact these people for references.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please return form to:**

**Stephane Brooks  
Director Emmaus Family of Ministries  
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Nashville, TN 37203-0004**

**Fax#: 615-340-7257**

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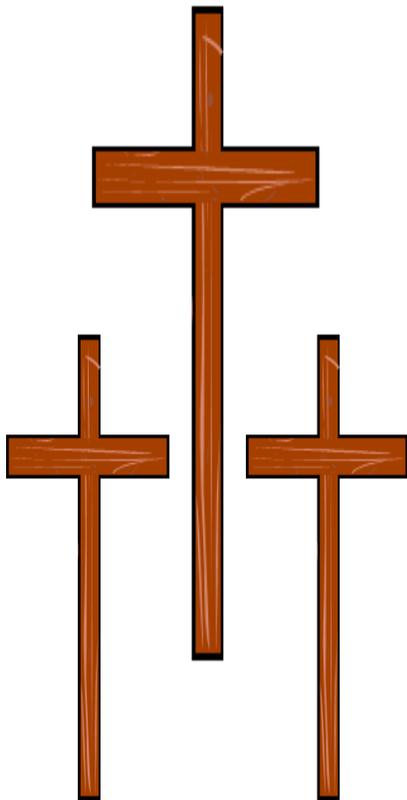
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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 :

roostertales@gmail.com



rooster-tales@gmail.com

# CALENDAR

## June 20, 2015 June Gathering

First UMC of Tuttle  
402 S. Cimarron Road - Tuttle

Our June Gathering will be held at First UMC of Tuttle, located at 402 S. Cimarron Road. A Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Bring a dinner entrée, dessert, and drinks to share with the Community. Praise & Worship will follow at 7:00 PM. Childcare will be available, RSVP with Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113.

Gatherings are open to all, so bring a friend!

Join us for food and fellowship at the June Gathering this coming Saturday at First UMC of Tuttle! Don't forget to bring food, desserts, or drinks to share with the Community.

June 20, 2015

June Board Meeting - 3:30 PM  
First UMC of Tuttle  
402 S. Cimarron Road - Tuttle

June 20, 2015

June Gathering - 5:30 PM  
First UMC of Tuttle  
402 S. Cimarron Road - Tuttle

July 8-11, 2015

Green Country Girl's Flight #86  
First UMC of Owasso  
13800 E. 106th Street North - Owasso

July 18, 2015

July Board Meeting - TBD  
UMC Church of the Good Shepherd  
10928 SW 15th Street - Yukon

July 18, 2015

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

July 22-25, 2015

Green Country Boy's Flight #87  
First UMC of Owasso  
13800 E. 106th Street North - Owasso

August 15, 2015

August Board Meeting - TBD  
Lost Creek UMC  
8002 S. Washington - Stillwater

August 15, 2015

August Gathering - 5:30 PM  
Lost Creek UMC  
8002 S. Washington - Stillwater

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