

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
Emmaus Community
Extends a warm
welcome to new
Community Members From
Walks 119 & 122**

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**MAY ALL YOUR FOURTH
DAYS BE FILLED WITH THE
GRACE OF OUR LORD.**



WE NEED CATERPILLARS!!!

GIRL'S FLIGHT # 2 JUNE 9-12

BOY'S FLIGHT # 3 JULY 14-17

**DON'T MISS THE
APRIL GATHERING!!!**

4.16.11

**Church of the Good
Shepherd UMC
10928 SW 15th
Yukon, OK**

7p

**Please bring your snacks, drinks
AND A FRIEND ... remember
Gatherings are open to all!!!**

Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus. Instead of walks, they have flights. Instead of Pilgrims, they have Caterpillars.

The Pioneer Country Chrysalis Community will be holding a girl's flight in June and a boy's flight in July. Please prayerfully consider what youths you will bless with the gift of sponsorship.

CHRYSLIS FLIGHT
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!
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FOURTH DAY POEM FROM A WALK #122 PILGRIM



THE WALK TO EMMAS

Emmaus Walk
So much meaningful talk
It was not idle chatter
Everything that was said did matter.

Priorities – what is number one?
God through Jesus, His only son.

Prevenient grace – not what you've done
But what has been done by the Son.

Priesthood of All Believers, each called to minister grace
Personal, non-transferrable, no one takes your place.

Justifying grace – grace offered and accepted
Through your confession and His forgiveness, you will not be rejected.

Life in Piety qualities, many they are
Awareness, Action, Direction, Naturalness, and Desire

Growing through study, what a revelation
The purpose of study is our transformation.

Means of grace are many but not extreme
Use one or many so Christ may reign supreme.

Obstacles to grace always hinder
God's love and grace allows us to surrender.

Discipleship, please define:
Living fully in relationship with Jesus by God's design.

Changing our world through fields of ministry
Self, others, world, and community.

Sanctifying grace changes the heart
When the righteousness of Christ becomes a part.

Body of Christ, doing life together in grace
The culture is changed when we take our place.

Perseverance remains steadfast in the face of opposition
Secure in His arms should be your position.

Fourth day reminds us the quality of our walk
Is more important than the quantity of our talk.

For the sake of the world, our journey must continue
To His call we will remain true.

Linda M. Lake
Pioneer Country
Emmaus Walk #122
Written: March 27, 2011

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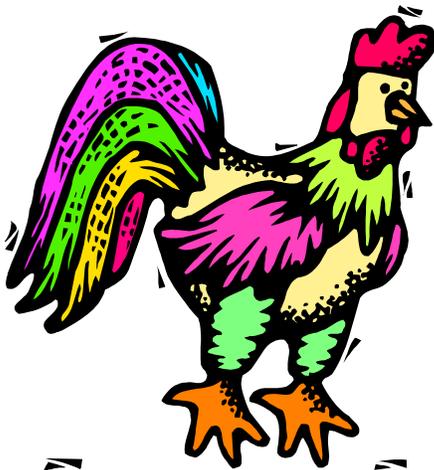
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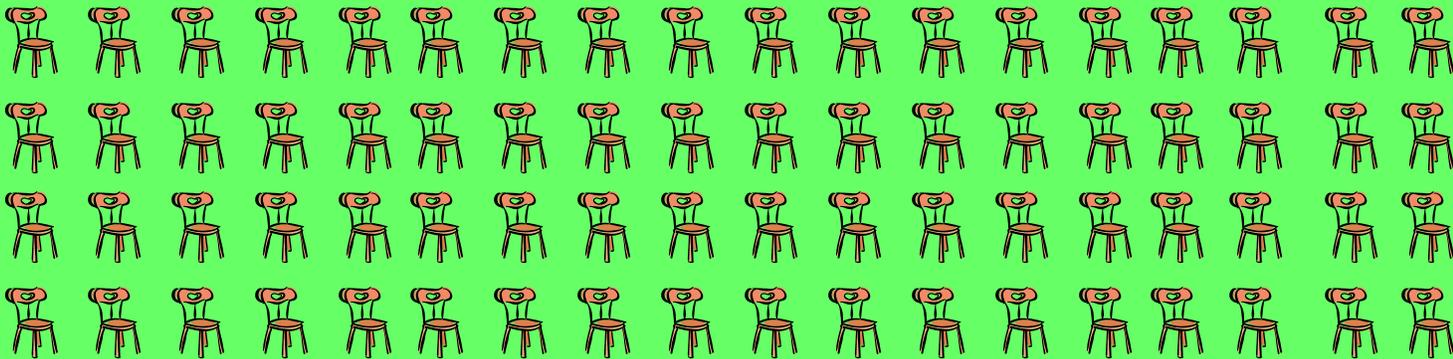
<p>This was the single-most formative event of my life, a springboard to better things. I'll be trading my morning newspaper for my Bible.</p>	<p>I saw Christ re-presented and represented by Agape love. I left my selfishness and pride at the foot of the cross, and plan to go home with patience and kindness.</p>	<p>I was given a second chance; I was on my last leg and didn't have a reason to want to live. Now I do. I want to work with Kairos. I want to give 100% to my family.</p>
<p>I was the youngest on the walk. It was great being around older guys being real Christian guys. Seeing that, I'm going to try to be real all the time - to be me!</p>	<p>I expected a renewal of faith, but I wasn't prepared for all the love. Ideally, I could say I'll go change the world! I will reevaluate my life and check my priorities.</p>	<p>This weekend makes me realize I will not turn my back on God anymore, because you can't hide from Him. I plan to help with the mentoring program at my church. I want to be there for those kids.</p>
<p>Didn't know I had so many tears in me. The letters, candlelight, faces of the men. Even if I try, I can't do it alone; don't have to do it alone. This walk has been a sacrament - a new beginning for me. In the past God has been my co-pilot. I'm going to let him lead the way now.</p>	<p>I've never been a full Christian. I've been doing good works but not enough to be a full Christian. This is the first time I've experienced the true love of God and I want to be a whole person in Christ. I would like to work on my relationships, on my self and for Mustard Seed.</p>	<p>I have experienced a caliber of Christianity I didn't know existed - unconditional love. I plan to put every ounce of effort to reciprocate. God's gonna put his super on my natural!</p>
<p>Being a Christian is hard. If you ever want to find out about yourself, lock yourself up with a bunch of guys for 3 days. I'm going to try to do less and let God do more.</p>	<p>Putting things off is not always a good thing to do. My #1 priority is now to God, then family, then neighbors. I want to spend more time with family.</p>	<p>This weekend made me realize there is no reason to dislike and every reason to like. I want to make amends to my family and pray that God's grace will work in our lives.</p>
<p>I've never been blessed like last night. What Spiritual renewal! I know I'm going to pray more and spread God's grace.</p>		<p>This weekend was a spiritual awakening. I'm going to work on myself so everyone can see how God's grace can change their life.</p>
<p>I was apprehensive about coming but told I was coming anyway. This was a powerful punch. I'm going to work on what I need to change.</p>	<p>This weekend was a rededication to Jesus. I was blown away by Candlelight. My wife and I are going to do more for others, hand in hand.</p>	<p>I've been seeking after God for the last few years, but I've lacked brotherhood. I'm going to link arms and have many brothers now.</p>
<p>God can use you no matter how old you are. I'm not going to do a thing; I'm going to let God do it!</p>	<p>I feel part of "community" now. Don't have a plan; will start small in growing in community.</p>	<p>I grew up in this church and have been here for over 16 years. I work in the Youth Ministry. I need to prune the bad limbs and leaves and renew my Spirit.</p>
<p>This weekend was a spiritual awakening. I'm going to work on myself so everyone can see how God's grace can change their life.</p>	<p>I came with an open heart and mind, but I hid from God's grace. His grace has overwhelmed me and freed my life.</p>	<p>My phone rang, and it changed my life. I didn't realize so much love existed. I plan to die daily and let the Lord live through me.</p>
<p>This will make for a better relationship with my wife and my church.</p>	<p>I was able to let go of some of the old stuff and can now move forward. I'll start with my family.</p>	<p>Amazing! I plan to change self and reach out to the community.</p>
<p>I'm gonna work on myself.</p>	<p>The first thing I'm going to do is look for a group.</p>	<p>I'm going to quit picking my grace apart and just enjoy it!</p>

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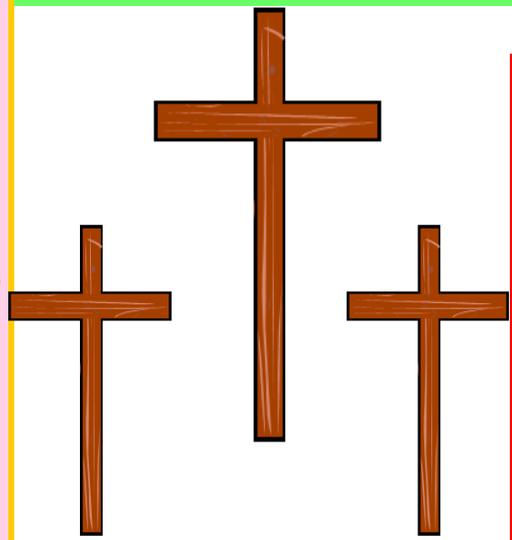
<p>I learned I can cry more than anyone else ... but it was wonderful.</p>	<p>Together God and I are going to do some house cleanin'.</p>	<p>This has reinforced I'm not all I can be ... but through Christ God will show me what to do.</p>
<p>I struggled with the concept that humans could show Agape love outside of relationships where they had to. But over and over God brought me people who showed it.</p>	<p>This has been amazing! I've always known God but this experience has shown Him to me. You all have modeled Agape and shown us with Love.</p>	<p>I wasn't as far along in my faith journey as I thought I was, but now I'm going to make a better effort to serve my church and fellow man.</p>
<p>There is no way I can narrow this down into one area that this experience has meant to me. But our number one priority is our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>I didn't know if I was going to come about a day before because a lot of things were getting in the way. I've been running from God for about a year, but now I know it's worth it and I'm going to be on fire for Him.</p>	<p>I learned how much I didn't trust the lord, but I gave it to him. I learned how much I didn't trust people, but I gave it to him. Now I'm gonna give my trust to you.</p>
<p>I am trusting God that he has a wonderful future planned.</p>	<p>I've opened my mind, my heart and my soul to let go of a lot of baggage.</p>	<p>I want to be a mirror that reflects God back to people when they look at me.</p>
<p>It's amazing being here and receiving all this love!</p>	<p>I've learned to put aside my fear.</p>	<p>This weekend has been a blessing that's brought me closer to God.</p>
<p>I ran away from God—I took control ... and this walk has been phenomenal ... I intend to use this Grace that I have found and spread it to others.</p>	<p>This experience brought about a refocus for me. Like others, I've been close to God but felt I can handle things. But God can do a better job!</p>	<p>This has opened my eyes, but especially my heart.</p>
<p>When I came, I came with a ton of baggage. Baggage I've been trying to get rid of for 6 or 7 years. I've talked the talk that I'm a Christian but now, this weekend, I've seen that God has forgiven me.</p>	<p>I've felt like I had to do things alone ... I've not given the appreciation for the protection I've been given. Now I know I should have been saving a seat next to me ... for Jesus.</p>	<p>This experience has been very affirming to me. God's love for me, need for me and desire for me to be whole. As he has affirmed me, I'm going to affirm others that there is hope in Christ and everything you need is in Him.</p>
<p>This has afforded me the strength to forgive and be forgiven - to receive God's love. I intend to afford God's love to others.</p>	<p>To feel a sea of love ... a vortex of love that could wipe us out ... wiped me out.</p>	<p>God picked every woman at my table and sat them there for me.</p>
<p>The girls we have gotten to know through this walk have been absolutely amazing. I saw this weekend how God's grace can make you absolutely covered.</p>	<p>This gave me a chance to realize how important God is to me.</p>	<p>I have a deeper appreciation for my fellow Christians and can't believe how everyone who put this on got through all the obstacles.</p>

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR WALK #'s 123 & 124

Specifically ask that God will fill 72 empty chairs with Pilgrims and that both walks will be filled.



Additionally pray for our two Lay Directors, Mario Herrera and Pam Allen. Ask that God fills the teams they are forming with the individuals HE would choose.



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



CALENDAR



April 16, 2011

April Gathering
Church of the Good Shepherd UMC
10928 SW 15th Street, Yukon

May 21, 2011

May Gathering
Quayle UMC
5001 N. Everest, Oklahoma City

June 9 - 12, 2011

Girl's Chrysalis Flight #2
Details to Come

July 14 - 17, 2011

Boy's Chrysalis Flight #3
Details to Come

July 16, 2011

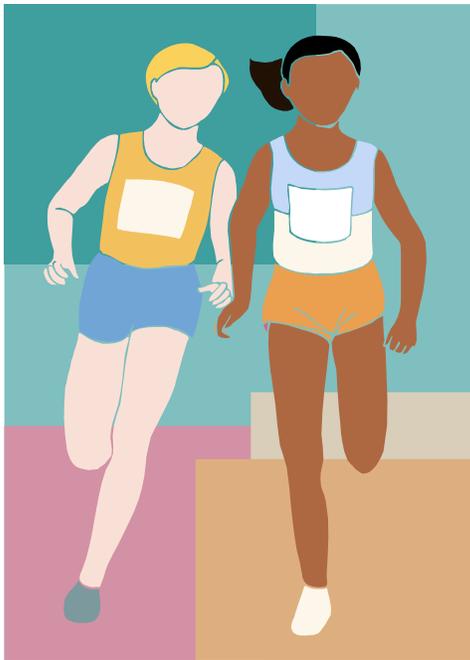
July Gathering
Celebrate with us at the Chrysalis Boy's Flight Candlelight!!!
More Details Soon

August 20, 2011

August Gathering
Lost Creek UMC
8002 S. Washington, Stillwater OK

FOURTH DAY STORY

As I remember, it was five years ago at an Emmaus gathering that Mary Nethercutt made the announcement. It was a plea, actually, for help. FUMC, Downtown OKC, had taken on the responsibility of providing course marshals for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. Mary was heading up the team and she was needing more volunteers to supplement those from First Church.



My wife, Diane, and I decided this might be a good thing to do and we signed up. I figured that it would be a routine thing, directing traffic at an intersection, making sure that none of the runners were run over. Well, it turned out to be a whole lot more than that. I expected to see a lot of

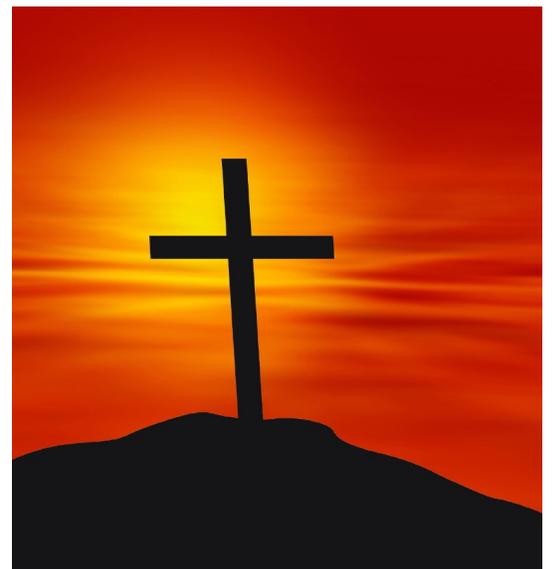
runners, some of whom would be very tired when they reached our intersection at 17th and Shartel, which is just a couple of blocks from the 24 mile marker of the full 26.2 mile marathon race. And I did. There were the normal runners and walkers that you would expect.

Some old, some young, some obviously not in shape for a marathon, but running their hearts out anyway. There were teams all dressed in the same T-shirts. There were soldiers in uniform and full field packs proudly carrying their flags. Then there were the others: Those that were pushing themselves in wheel chairs. Some pedaling recumbent bikes with their hands. I saw those who could not run themselves being pushed in strollers like buggies by other runners. I saw a blind man roped to a sighted runner. Towards the end of the race after we had been told we could leave our post, I saw another man coming down the course. I could tell that he was pulling



something, but I couldn't tell what at first. When he got closer, I could see he was pulling a little cart behind him that was carrying the oxygen bottle that he was breathing from through a tube. Another time I saw a runner coming toward me who was pushing a handicapped child in a stroller. No big deal, right?

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Then as she passed me I saw that her left leg had been amputated just below her knee and she was running on one of those blades that amputees use. As she passed me I was overwhelmed by the thought of all that she and some of these others had probably been through. And compared to the little problems I had, how lucky and blessed I was.

Diane and I have manned our station at 17th and Shartel every year since that first one. We have seen cold and windy days. We have seen some very warm days. But they have all been worth it to help out such a worthy cause. Mary desperately needs more help this year. She told me at the Men's Walk, that she needs at least 40 more people. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Nethercutt by email at mnethercutt@college.occc.edu.

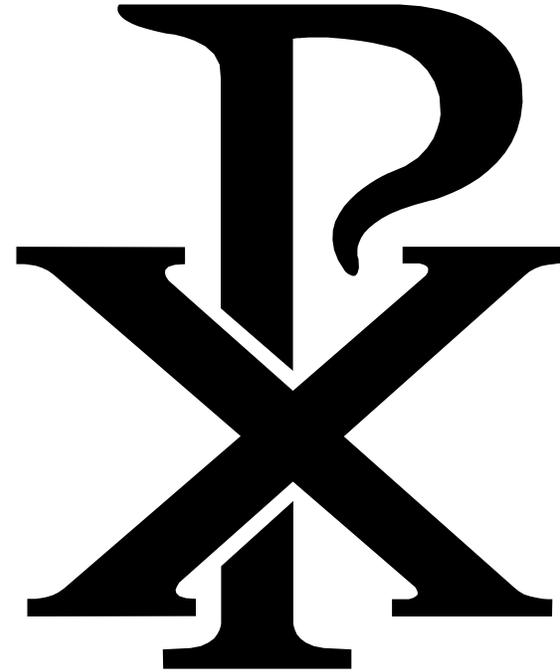
You can work a single 3 hour shift, 6:00-9:00, or 9:00-noon or you can work a double shift as a team like Diane and I do. The marathon is normally held on the last Sunday of April, but since that is Easter Sunday this year, the race will be the first Sunday in May on May 1st. Please notify Mary if you can help or call me if you need more info: 330-3751.

The following is taken from the Marathon website, okcmarathon.com.

"The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is not about running, it is about life, honoring the memory of life lost through tragedy, celebrating the gift of life given equally to each person, and reaching forward into the future to life yet to be lived."



This is the spirit in which the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon was conceptualized by Thomas Hill and Chet Collier, two Oklahoma



businessmen who, while on a morning run, created the outline for this inspiring event. Since that morning run, the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon has been run ten times. A group of 24 volunteer chairmen lead a volunteer corps of more than 6,000 to carry out the full weekend of events. From its inaugural race in 2001 with just shy of 5,000 participants, the 2010 event hosted 22,000 runners and walkers from 49 states and six foreign countries. The mission of the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is to celebrate life, reach for the future, honor the memories of those who were killed and unite the world in hope.

This is not just another marathon. It is a race to remember.. and a race to show that we can each make a difference and change the world.

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