

ROOSTER TALES



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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

MORE CHANGES FOR ROOSTER TALES

We hope you like the new look of the Newsletter. Last month we debuted the electronic version. When you go to our website, www.pioneercountryemmaus.com you will see links to access the expanded, full-color electronic version of Rooster Tales.

In the electronic version this month, we are starting to publish 4th Day stories. If you have a 4th Day story you'd like to include in April's edition, please email it to us at roostertales@gmail.com.

We're still trying to save the community money on postage for the newsletter. If you want to continue receiving the paper version, please call Mike Sullivan at 405/863-5529. For those who would like to receive ONLY the electronic version, you can call Mike, or shoot us an email at roostertales@gmail.com.



GATHERING MARCH 20

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL MEXICAN FIESTA!



Dinner - 5:30
Worship - 7:00



CROSSWALK COMMUNITY CHURCH

(formerly New Beginnings Worldwide Church of God)

7221 Lyrewood Lane
Oklahoma City, 73132



The community is asked to bring Desserts and Drinks

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HEARD AT CLOSING

Walks 117 & 118

“My comrades watched me fall apart on an hourly basis.”

“I thought I knew everything I wanted to know - I tell you ... I didn't know nuthin.”

“I played professional sports ... held countless trophies, stood in front of thousands - but I've never felt like I feel right now.”

“You people are like the house elves or Mary Poppins - we never see ya & stuff just appears.”

“This walk has meant the world to me.”

“Those precious people that God picked to be at my table...”

“I may not have known how to pronounce Prevenient Grace, but I've always known about it and experienced it.”

“I know what love is, but I never had any idea what Agape Love is - it's powerful stuff!”

“The timing of this could not have been better.”

“I've been associated with Christ for over 70 years - but I needed this desperately.”

“I walk away from here free ... truly free ... and I'm floating!”

“It would be the greatest crime to not spread God's Love around.”

“God's timing is always perfect and this was the perfect time for me to be here with this perfect group.”

“This walk has renewed my faith in people.”

“After 64 years, I finally have an understanding of Grace.”

“We felt such love as we walked in last night. Afterwards, I knelt at the altar, white as snow.”

“Either crying is contagious or we've all just experienced the unbridled love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

“I think my hearts gonna burst, it's so full”

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CALENDAR

- March 20, 2010** **Community Gathering**
Crosswalk Community Church
(formerly New Beginnings
Worldwide Church of God)
7221 Lyrewood Lane, OKC
- April 17, 2010** **Community Gathering**
Chapel Hill UMC
2717 W Hefner Road, OKC
- May 15, 2010** **Community Gathering**
Quayle UMC
5001 N. Everest Avenue, OKC
- June 3 - 6, 2010** **Pioneer Country Chrysalis -
Flight #1 (Girls)**
St. Marks UMC
8140 NW 36th, BETHANY
- June 10 - 13, 2010** **Pioneer Country Chrysalis -
Flight #2 (Boys)**
St. Marks UMC
8140 NW 36th, BETHANY
- June 19, 2010** **Community Gathering**
Church of the Good Shepherd
UMC
10928 SW 15th, YUKON
- July 8 - 11, 2010** **Men's Walk #119**
New Covenant UMC
2700 S. Boulevard St, EDMOND
- July 22 - 25, 2010** **Women's Walk #120**
New Covenant UMC
2700 S. Boulevard St, EDMOND



FLIGHTS SET!!!

**Pioneer Country
Chrysalis -**

**Flight #1 (Girls)
June 3 - 6, 2010**

**Flight #2 (Boys)
June 10 - 13, 2010**

**St. Marks UMC
8140 NW 36th, Bethany**

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FLIGHT
APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE
ONLINE!**

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**Do you have a 4th
Day Story to Share?
We're putting 4th day
stories in Rooster
Tales - Electronic Edi-
tion.**

**If you'd like to submit your
story, please email it to :**

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4th Day Stories

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Each Month, in the electronic version, we would like to share your 4th day stories with others in the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community. Hopefully through our struggles and our triumphs we can encourage and motivate one another toward becoming more Christ-like as we journey this path together. If you have a 4th day story you'd like to share ... please send it to:

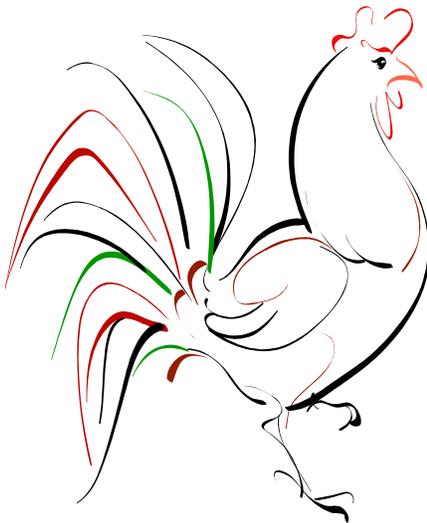
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As I approached the altar to take communion at closing of walk #118, I saw a familiar face waiting to serve me. Serving communion was my predecessor on the PCE Board. Seeing the person previously responsible for the newsletter reminded me I had completely dropped the ball. One of my responsibilities is to provide enough copies of the newsletter to the Agape Manager on each walk so it can be included in the 4th day packets for the pilgrims. I hadn't done it - it was my fault - I had no excuse. I was completely embarrassed.

When closing ended I sought another board member who was serving as an ALD on walk 118. I ran over, nearly out of breath, and began apologizing profusely for dropping the ball. At first she just looked at me funny with that glazed over look of someone who had just experienced the ups and downs of this wonderful blessing we call The Walk to Emmaus. Once I was able to communicate coherently what I was trying to tell her she said she didn't know what I was talking about, the Newsletters were in the packets. It was obvious that someone had stepped up

and covered for me.

This experience has really made me think. You see, I've been in the position of that person who had to cover for me. Whenever I have to do something because someone else dropped the ball I often find myself bitter and angry. I can't believe someone else would be so selfish and not take care of what ever it was they were supposed to do. How in the world could they put me out like this? Don't they know I'm busy? Do they think they're more important than the rest of us? Who



do they think they are?

Okay ð I think you get the point. It's easy to focus so much on ourselves that we forget we are a part of a community. Somebody stepped up and picked up the slack for me to be sure the pilgrims received the newsletter in their 4th day packets. But they did so much more than that.

Their action served to remind me that we are here to serve God, to illuminate Christ in order for Pilgrims to experience His Love, Agape Love, in a

very real way. When I focus on me and how other people get in the way of me doing what I think I should be doing or deserve to be doing I get in the way of that. But if we can find ways to do what this person did for me then we become the Body of Christ, a real community in the way Christ designed.

Thank you for stepping up, for filling the gap and making sure a task that was not your responsibility was completed. Thank you for reminding me, and reminding all of us, that we are part of a community. We are part of something bigger than us. Each of us is called to do our part in the Body of Christ for it to function in the way He designed it. I hope that the next time I'm called upon to fill that role I can have a Christ-like attitude and recognize the opportunity to serve that is before me.

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