

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)



We Need To Fill Those Chairs!!!

The Fall Walks are almost here! Men’s Walk #127 is scheduled for October 4th - 7th, and Women’s Walk #128 is scheduled for October 18th - 21st at First United Methodist Church - Downtown Oklahoma City. **Don Ellis** is the Lay Director for the Men’s Walk and **Judie Ellis** is the Lay Director for the Women’s Walk. They have each built strong teams who have been commissioned and have participated in three Team Training sessions. The fourth and final training session and walk-thru will take place on Saturday, September 22nd.

As you will recall, your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors decided that **all future Walks will require a minimum of 20 registrants two weeks prior to the Walk date. If 20 completed applications are not in the hands of the Board by that two week prior date, that Walk will be postponed until the next scheduled Walk.**

At the present time, we have 14 men and 18 women signed up for the walks. We are asking that the Community help to fill enough chairs so that we are able to hold the Fall set of Walks and make a difference in the lives of the Pilgrims. Thank you for your dedication of prayer.

Board Elections are Almost Here!

It’s that time of year - Pioneer Country Emmaus Board elections! We have five current members that are rotating off the Board this year, and we need community members who are willing to help keep Pioneer Country Emmaus running strong. Whether you have been in the Emmaus community for quite awhile, or you are a newcomer, please consider running for the PCE Board. Board questionnaire’s need to be filled out and turned in to any current Board member by Sunday, September 16th. There is a Board questionnaire attached to the back of this newsletter, or you can go to the community website, www.pioneercountryemmaus.com, and print one out.

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And now a word from.... Your Pioneer Country Board Secretary

My friend asked if she could sponsor me on The Walk to Emmaus.

I didn't realize at the time what a precious gift she was giving me... that I would experience God's unconditional love and amazing grace more than I ever had before.

She helped me through the application process and took me to the church on Thursday evening.

When we arrived at the church, she introduced me to at least a thousand Pioneer Country Emmaus Community members and held my hand as I anticipated what would happen the rest of the weekend.

And then she sent me off to the great unknown. It looked to me as if this "sponsoring" thing was easy. How little I knew!!!

While I was in the Conference Room with "my new best friends", my Sponsor was in the Sanctuary, praying for me and my new friends by name. Then she made my bed, laid out my pajamas, opened my Bible to Luke 24 and placed it on my pillow. AND PRAYED FOR ME.

Only later did I find out that she was scurrying around the building all weekend, invisible and as quiet as a Church Mouse, making sure my surroundings were neat, clean and well-decorated and that I had enough food to eat. Why did I not trust her when she said "Don't bring any snacks; there will be plenty of food"?????

The next time I saw her was on Saturday night when she was in a Choir of Angels singing to me about Jesus and Love. What a special time that was. AND SHE PRAYED FOR ME.

On Sunday afternoon, I was showered with dozens of letters and cards from family and friends, some of whom I hadn't heard from in quite some time, all telling me how I have blessed their lives. I was touched. How sneaky my Sponsor had been to find all their names and addresses. It must have taken her weeks!

Then there she was yet again on Sunday – a Saint among many, marching into the Sanctuary to listen to me and my friends talk about what the weekend meant to us and what we were going to do with what we had learned. The weekend changed my life. It made me realize just how important God is to me, and how much I need Him in my life. I wanted all my friends to have that experience.

AND I knew, without a doubt, what I was going to do. I was going to give someone the gift of Sponsorship.

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When I did, I again experienced that love and grace our Lord Jesus gives us so freely and unconditionally.

It was amazing to be on the outside looking in.

You, too, can give your friends a gift...the gift of Sponsorship. If you do, I know your friends will be as blessed as I was, and you will be, too.

De Colores,
Judie Ellis
PCE Board Secretary



“What’s In The Nest?”

Servanthood

1 Corinthians 12:12 says, “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all it’s parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.”

Two reasons for this topic in this month’s newsletter. The first is from reading *God Calling* today, which brought to mind the many things we share through serving. Here is a portion of the reading for September 11th:

“All that is in My Nature must therefore pass into yours, where the contact is so close a one. I am Love and Joy and Peace and Strength and Power and Healing and Humility and Patience, and all else you see in Me your Lord. Then these too, you must have as My Life flows through you.”

The second is due to the fact that at this time of the year, our Pioneer Country Emmaus Board is looking for new servants. Please consider carefully and in prayer about serving your Community and submitting to God’s will if it is your calling.

Philippians 2:5,7 - (5) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. (7) ... but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human beings.

Matthew 28:28 - Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

Here are your Table of Servants for Walk's 127 & 128

<u>Lay Director:</u>	Don Ellis	Judie Ellis	Perseverance
<u>Spiritual Director:</u>	Charla Gwartney	Les Hastings	Means of Grace
<u>Assistant Spiritual Directors:</u>	Erica Thomas Charles King Ron Perceful David Johnson	Tim Travers Robyn Goggs Mark McAdow Karen Styers	Sanctifying Grace Justifying grace Obstacles to Grace Prevenient Grace
<u>Assistant Lay Directors:</u>	Tim Bourne Mike Sullivan Rickie Conrady	Peety Luka Becky Parker Pam Dimski	4th Day Priority Body of Christ
<u>Table Leaders:</u>	Frank Barnett Paul Zerbe David Smith Dan Trammell Jerry Bower	Debbie Rowland Marge Carmichael Kim Engel Karren Brown Bonnie Bower Britt Stanley	
<u>Assistant Table Leaders:</u>	Max Wilson Leonard Essary Mike Ryder Jeremy Ledford Jim Hinds Cyvil Burks	Betty Flowers Susan Good Connie Reed Erika Ledford Kathy Ellis Kay Sullins	Life of Piety Christian Action Discipleship Grow Through Study Changing Our World Priesthood of All Believers
<u>Board Representative:</u>	Ken Edmondson	Diann Rudd	
<u>Musicians:</u>	Don Cole Randy Reed	Leslie Sipes Valerie Pautsch	
<u>Prayer Room:</u>	Judie Ellis Maurie Cole Mary Nethercutt	Linda Simmons Maurie Cole	
<u>Team Assistants:</u>	Steve Wilson	Kathy Hamilton Nancy Hamilton Sharon Hunt Jo Edwards Lorna Garner Paula Heath	
<u>Kitchen Managers:</u>	Steve & Glenda Bitner	Sharon Flowers Scott Schuermann	
<u>Dining Room Manager:</u>	Ron & Peety Luka	Mike & Char Juge	
<u>Snack Manager:</u>	Jennifer Stier	Don & Val Reeves Jackie Munsell	
<u>Agape Managers:</u>	Cathy Sullivan Erika Ledford Marge Carmichael	Nina Boyle Mary Nethercutt	

And now a word from.... Your General Agape and Prayer Room Representative

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

Seventeen years ago, in the fall of 1995, my husband David and I embarked on a wonderful journey down the road on Walks #43 and #44A. Little did we know what God had in store for each of us!

For those who know us, we rarely do anything without each other, so I waited a year for David to agree to go. Our church has a reputation of stretching the truth about what all goes on during those three days, so we weren’t so sure if we had made the right choice or not. We had been going to our church about five years and I was active in the choir, with David being the sound technician. We attended Sunday School and served on several committees, just like good Christian folks should do!

Before we attended our walks, we were even a little bit shy! Oh my, how God changed all of that! We learned how to serve God and put Him as the head of our household, and this deepened our love and respect for each other. He showed us ways where we could plug into different ministries of our church and become the Body of Christ. He has called us to be missionaries to Belize and Mexico, He has called me to be a part of our church’s Prayer Response Team Ministry... There is nothing more humbling than to be used by God to be His instrument to others in prayer! Our theme is “Prayer Changes Things.”

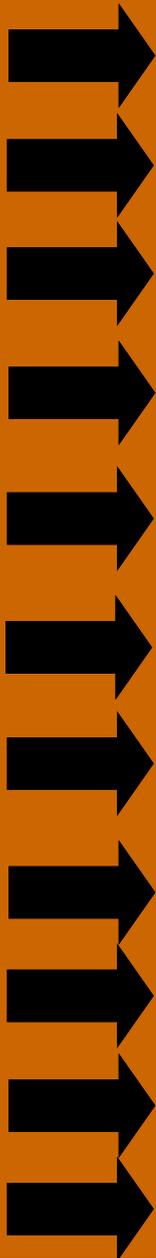
What a wonderful privilege it is to be part of the Pioneer Country Board as your General Agape / Prayer Room Representative. I was deeply honored to serve as Lay Director on Women’s Walk #124 last fall. I can’t thank the Board or this Community enough for all they have done throughout the years to keep Emmaus alive and well! You know that everyone has gifts that God has given each of us. Is your gift serving as a future board member? Pray about it and say YES!

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Pam Allen, General Agape / Prayer Room
Pioneer Country Emmaus



LET'S FILL THESE CHAIRS!



AVOID THE RUSH SPONSOR SOMEONE NOW!

MEN'S WALK DATES - October 4 - 7, 2012

WOMEN'S WALK DATES - October 18 - 21, 2012

MEN'S WALK #127



WOMEN'S WALK #128



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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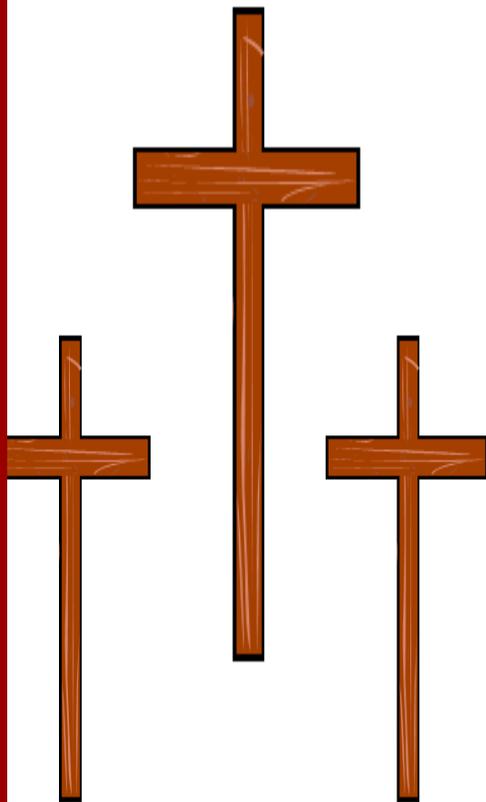
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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 :

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CALENDAR



September 15, 2012

September Gathering

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

Praise and worship begin at 7:00 PM. The community is asked to bring snacks and drinks to share afterwards. Childcare is available, PLEASE RSVP with Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 to make the necessary preparations for your child.

Gatherings are open to all so please invite a friend!

(And you never know who might show up...)

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10928 SW 15th - Yukon, OK

September 16, 2012 Final deadline for Board Questionnaires
Fill one out and get it to a Board Member if you are interested in running for the PCE Board!

September 20, 2012 Final deadline for Pilgrim applications for Men's Walk #127. Prayerfully consider sponsoring a Pilgrim!

September 22, 2012 Final Team Training and Walk-Thru for Men's Walk #127 and Women's Walk #128 at First Church in downtown OKC

October 4, 2012 Final deadline for Pilgrim applications for Women's Walk #128. Please have your applications turned in!

October 4-7, 2012 Pioneer Country Emmaus Men's Walk #127 at First Church in downtown OKC

October 11, 2012 4th Day for Men's Walk #127

October 18-21, 2012 Pioneer Country Emmaus Women's Walk #128 at First Church in downtown OKC

October 25, 2012 4th Day for Women's Walk #128

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**PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS
BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO RUN FOR THE PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS BOARD. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

WALK # _____ COMMUNITY _____

NAME OF REUNION GROUP _____

CHURCH _____

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WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE PCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

