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ROOSTER TALES

Welcome the men of Walk 149 !!!



Men's walk 149 was held March 7-10, 2019 with Lay Director Rod Wanger, at Oak Park Retreat Center, 805 E Kirk, Perkins, OK, 74059.

Women's walk 150 will be March 28-31, 2019 with Lay Director Jeannie Millican.

***** Note the dates are 3 weeks apart this time, due to scheduling conflicts. *****

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UPCOMING DATES

- April 2019 Gathering, Wesley UMC, 1401 NW 25th, Oklahoma City, April 13th
- Easter, April 21, 2019, so we moved the April Gathering to second Saturday instead of third Saturday.
- May 2019 Gathering, Quayle UMC, 5001 N Everest Ave, Oklahoma City, May 18th.
- June Gathering, Wesley UMC, 101 S Baker, El Reno, June 15th.
- July Gathering, Good Shepherd, 10928 SW 15th, Yukon, July 20th.
- August Gathering, Lost Creek UMC, 8002 S Washington, Stillwater, August 17th.

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR



March 2019



Hello Pioneer Country Emmaus Community,

I realize this was in the previous Roostertales Newsletter, but it is so important that I want to remind you all of the decision made by your Board at the January meeting.

The Board wishes to let the community know we are stepping out in Faith that you, the community, will provide pilgrims for the 2019 spring and fall walks. All walks for 2019

will take place.

There will be no minimum number of pilgrims required for these walks.

The community needs to step out in Faith and pray, pray, pray about your role as a sponsor and pray, pray, pray, about the pilgrims who should be on these walks.

DeColores,

Linda Edmondson

*“Faith is taking the first **step** even when you don't see the whole staircase.”
~anon*

DO YOU HAVE FAITH?

“Many of us say that we live by faith, that we have faith in God to do what He says He will do. But when it comes time to answer that call, to live that life that He calls us to live we fail to completely trust Him.”

“ Just as He provided for Eilijah’s needs so will He provide what we need to carry out our service to Him.”

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/stepping-out-on-faith-david-rogers-sermon-on-growth-in-christ-102339>

“There are special times in our lives when God desires to use us to achieve His divine plan. Too often we do not respond to His call and allow that special moment to pass us by. We find some reasons or excuses for not doing what God has called us or I should say ordained and equipped us to do.”

Dr. Robert L. Rease

<https://sermons.faithlife.com/sermons/43941-seize-the-divine-moment-step-out-on-faith>



Heart Warming



John Wesley was almost in despair. He did not have the faith to continue to preach. When death stared him in the face, he was fearful and found little comfort in his religion. To Peter Böhler, a Moravian friend, he confessed his growing misery and decision to give up the ministry. Böhler counseled otherwise. "Preach faith till you have it," he advised. "And then because you have it, you will preach faith." A wise Catholic once made a similar statement: "Act as if you have faith and it will be granted to you."

John acted on the advice. He led a prisoner to **Christ** by preaching faith in Christ alone for forgiveness of sins. The prisoner was immediately converted. John was astonished. He had been struggling for years. Here was a man transformed instantly. John made a study of the New Testament and found to his astonishment that the longest recorded delay in salvation was three days-- while the apostle Paul waited for his eyes to open.

The Moravians assured him their personal experiences had also been instantaneous. John found himself crying out, "Lord, help my unbelief!" However, he felt dull within and little motivated even to pray for his own salvation. On this day, May 24th, 1738 he opened his **Bible** at about five in the morning and came across these words, "There are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, even that ye should partakers of the divine nature." He read similar words in other places.

That evening he reluctantly attended a meeting in Aldersgate. Someone read from Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to Romans*. About 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

"John Wesley's Heart, Strangely Warmed"

An article by Dan Graves, MSL

You can read the entire article here:

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/john-wesleys-heart-strangely-warmed-11630227.html>



Overheard at Closing

Here are just a few of the comments overheard at closing and shortly after...

This was a very unique experience.

I was able to disconnect from the outside world.

Loved to gather with others who share Christ's passion as I do.

It is easy to feel invisible in the large world. Christ's light is not invisible. I will use my light to guide others to Christ.

It was awesome to find so many people who care.

I will be more involved in my church.

This weekend meant LOVE, not something I have in my everyday life.

Made me more whole to walk forward.

I know I have a loving God with me each step.

My heart was strangely warmed, just like John Wesley described so long ago.

This weekend opened my eyes to God's love for me. I am overwhelmed by God's love for me.

I will be more evangelistic.

It strengthened my relationship with God. I have a new family, brothers in Christ.

I will change the world!

Assured me, a sinner saved by grace, a blessed man. I will be on my knees asking God to show me what he needs and I will do it.

I am not a bold person. This weekend gave me more boldness and I will utilize that for Christ.

I'm not sure how, but I am positive God will use me.

I may not shut up in Sunday School class !!!

"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)

Prayer Room Schedule

Women's Walk #150 - March 28-31, 2019

Friday

<u>Talk</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Women's Walk</u>
Priority	8:40 AM	Kelly Essary
Prevenient Grace	10:45 AM	Rev. Cali Depue Eck
Priesthood of All Believers	1:15 PM	Lindsay Burress
Justifying Grace	2:35 PM	Rev. Michael Burkett
Life of Piety	6:05 PM	Cindy McMurry

Saturday

<u>Talk</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Women's Walk</u>
Grow through Study	8:15 AM	Dena Lewis
Means of Grace	9:45 AM	Rev. Wendelyn Perceful
Christian Action	2:30 PM	Bonnie Bower
Obstacles to Grace	4:00 PM	Rev. Crystal Hughes
Discipleship	6:30 PM	Mickey Miller

Sunday

<u>Talk</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Women's Walk</u>
Changing our World	8:05 AM	Cathy Burket
Sanctifying Grace	9:10 AM	Rev. Linda Grounds
Body of Christ	10:30 AM	Carol McCain
Perseverance	12:30 PM	Jeannie Millican
Fourth Day	1:30 PM	Donna Elswick

Major events for Women's Walk #150

Send-off is 7 PM on Thursday, March 28th

Candlelight is 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 30th

Tear-down is 6:00 AM on Sunday, March 31st

Conference Room tear-down is 3 PM on Sunday, March 31st

Closing is 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 31st

EMMAUS

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

HELP NEEDED

We are asking Community members to come help set up at 6 PM on the Wednesday evening prior to each Walk and to also help with tear-down on the Sunday of each Walk.

These times vary and an e-mail will be sent beforehand with the times.

Help is always needed in the Kitchen, Dining Room and Agape Room before and after meals, especially on Friday and Sunday mornings. The meal times are: Friday 8:00 AM / 12:30 PM / 5:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM / 12:00 PM / 5:40 PM; Sunday 7:30 AM / 11:45 AM. If you have plenty of time to spare, come

to the Kitchen any morning, check in with the Kitchen Manager, who will be wearing a red apron, and ask where help is needed. If your time is more restricted, show up an hour before any meal to help finalize meal preparation, serve plates, and clean-up afterwards. Immediately after clean-up, the Dining Room will be set up for the next meal.

Also, please take a look at the Prayer Room Schedule, which will be posted in the Kitchen, and try to visit before, during, and after at least one of the speakers.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE.

We really want to get the database corrected. There is a Google Form on the PCE website to correct any address, phone number, and email changes. We will also have forms available at Gatherings for people to complete.

And, speaking of updating information, it has come to my attention the roostertales@gmail account has been inactive for several years.

New Email address:

PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com or send to Newsletter Board representative.

Your opinion please?

Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board needs your input regarding monthly Gathering day/ times / format. Currently we are meeting on Saturday evenings, with a pitch in meal at social hour before Worship service. We are not seeing as many members in attendance as we would like, so we are considering a change. You may choose more than one option but if you do so, please make a comment ranking your choices. Thank you for your participation.
Linda (Newsletter Editor Board Rep)

1. Social hour 5:30-6:30, Worship time 6:30 to ??
2. Social hour 6:00-7:00, Worship time 7:00 to ??
3. Omit pitch-in meal and have only snacks at social hour.
4. Omit meal and/or snacks at beginning, and have a social hour after the worship time.
5. Revert to previous format of having pitch-in meals only quarterly instead of every month.
6. Continue with pitch-in meals the third Saturday of each month as we are doing now.
7. Meet on a different day of the week (specify day please).

Please email your responses to PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com and I will compile them.

Thanks! Linda Edmondson, Newsletter Editor

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