



PIONEER COUNTRY  
EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS



# ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

**January 2023**

## JANUARY 2023 Gathering

**January 21, 2023**

**New Covenant UMC**

**Edmond, OK**

**This is a very important Gathering as the  
Teams for the February Walks will be  
Commissioned.**

**Please make plans to attend!**

**5:30 Potluck**

**6:30 Worship and Team Commissioning**

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*“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)*

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# Ministry Manager

For several years, I have had the opportunity to serve as a website administrator for Pioneer Country Emmaus. We have worked with two websites. The newer one stores our board meeting minutes, newsletters, and other data files, as well as a database of our members. The old website was used mainly for recording everyone's participation. That website has become obsolete and is no longer supported. That is where Ministry Manager comes in.

What is Ministry Manager? Ministry Manager is a community management application that enables Emmaus Ministries to collect, store, and use information to conduct the mission of the ministry and communicate with the members. It has been provided by the Upper Room for use by Emmaus communities. There are numerous advantages to using Ministry Manager. The three key attributes of the application are:

(#1) Ministry Manager is designed for our ministries. Information is formatted and compartmented in a logical manner; all of our community information is stored in a secure location and linked to our community activities. By using Ministry Manager, Pioneer Country can maintain a person's progressive servanthood and help in team selection.

(#2) Our community board can leave the tasks of server maintenance and data security to the administrators.

(#3) Ministry Manager correlates with and supports Emmaus Ministries standard models. Only information that is relevant to Emmaus Ministries is collected and stored. Each Emmaus Ministry community enters, maintains, and controls the information entered in Ministry Manager for their community. Access to Ministry Manager is controlled through the assignment of various roles and permissions to individuals.

Each person added to the Ministry Manager application must have a unique email address. Some people may share an email address with another person in their daily life. For the purpose of Ministry Manager access, only one person can have an account established under a single email address. After a person's name and email address are added to Ministry Manager, Ministry Manager sends an email invitation to the email address, and the individual responds to the invitation to establish an account. Later, a community manager will assign a role to control the level of access, based on their needs. The possible roles are community member, community leader, and board of directors. If an individual member does not have an email address, don't worry! The individual can still be added to the Ministry Manager database, they can continue their normal community activities, and their service history will remain in the application. When the person obtains a unique email address, it can be added to their profile, and that person can then be assigned to a role with access.

In Ministry Manager you will be able to send messages to other community members, sign up on prayer vigils, and your progressive servanthood will be tracked.

When you receive an email that you have been added to Ministry Manager, please respond to that email and complete your profile so that we have accurate information about you.

Thanks and DeColores,

Marvin Scheele

# Pioneer Country Walk to Emmaus

## **Progressive Servanthood**

Pilgrims finishing their Walk often ask, “How do I get back in the conference room?” The answer to that question is “Progressive Servanthood”. As you become familiar with Emmaus and/or Chrysalis, you “progress” through a hierarchy that leads you to being back in the conference room. There are no hard and fast rules, but generally a person starts by serving behind the scenes. That might be helping out in the kitchen, or with snacks, agape or serving as a Team Assistant or Musician on a Walk or Flight. After having done that a couple of times, you are eligible to be a Table Leader, then an Assistant Table Leader and you give a talk. After filling these roles two or three times, you can become an Assistant Lay Director. Eventually you can serve as a Weekend Lay Director. There are guidelines that are used to qualify a person for each position. There can be and are exceptions based on the needs of the community. We keep track of your Servanthood in a database provided by the Upper Room called Ministry Manager. When you receive an email stating you have been added to Ministry Manager, please, please, login and complete your profile. (See the Ministry Manager article in this newsletter.)



## ....THE GIFT OF SPONSORSHIP

**THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL!**

**THE FIRST ACT OF AGAPE BEFORE A WEEKEND BEGINS!**

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANOTHER!**



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 24:13 and placed it on my pillow. AND SHE 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 lots 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 had 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 - 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 pass on the Gift of Sponsorship. 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.

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 million Pioneer Country

Emmaus Community members and held my hand as I anticipated what would happen the rest of the weekend.



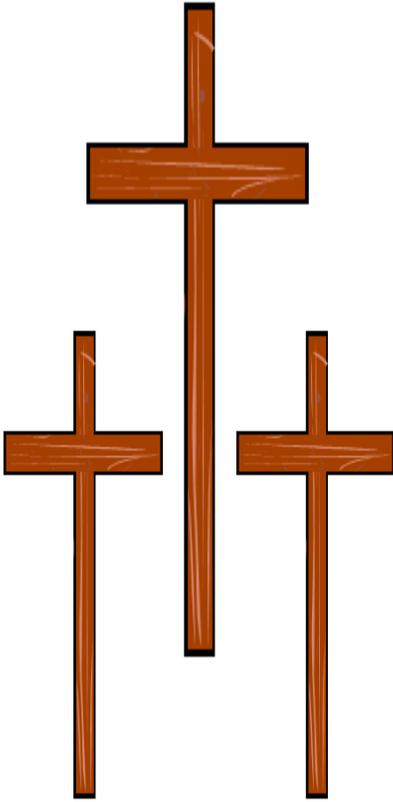
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# SPRING WALKS

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**Men's Walk February 2-5 2023**

**Women's Walk February 16-19, 2022**

**New Covenant UMC, Edmond, OK**

Pilgrims are needed!! Give the best gift you can—the gift of Sponsorship. We need Pilgrims to make these Walks possible!

Men's Lay Director—Alan Childers

Women's Lay Director—Katrina Jarvis

**REMEMBER!** Sponsor Kits and the Emmaus Pilgrim Kit can be found on the PCE Website. Just scroll to the bottom of the Home Page.

# CALENDAR

**Do you have a 4th Day Story?**

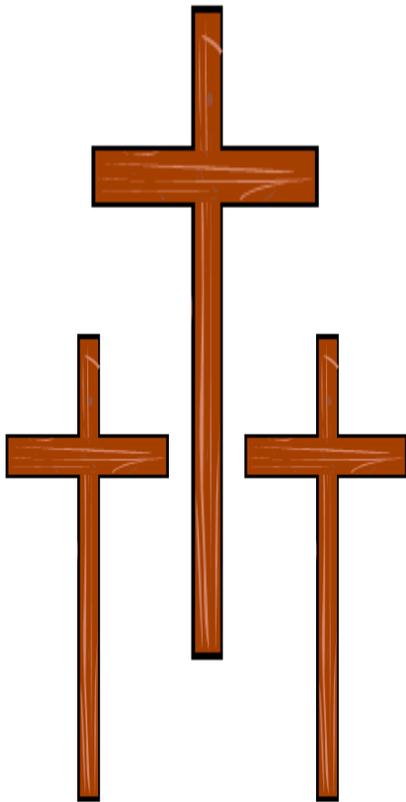
**How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?**

**Why not share them with the PCE community?**

**Email to:**

**Pcemmausnewsletter@gmail.com**

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*Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Praise and worship follows at 6:30 PM*

*Gatherings are open to all, so please invite a friend!*

# PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS

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