

# 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 Fall Walks Are Approaching Quickly!

The Fall Walks will be here before we know it! Men's Walk #131 will be October 3-6 and Women's Walk #132 will be October 17-20. **Bob Dimski** is the Lay Director for Men's Walk #131 and **Kathy Munsell** is the Lay Director for Women's Walk #132. The Walks will be held at First United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

The teams have been formed and have completed the first training session, which was held at UM Church of the Servant on Saturday, August 10th. The conference room teams have started previewing talks, and will continue to do so in the next three training sessions leading up to the Walks.

The teams are in place and the ball is rolling and now all we need are 36 PILGRIMS to fill each of the Walks! If you have been considering sponsoring someone on the Walk, now is the time! Go to the community website, [WWW.PIONEERCOUNTRYEMMAUS.COM](http://WWW.PIONEERCOUNTRYEMMAUS.COM) and print out the Emmaus Sponsor's Kit and the Emmaus Pilgrim Kit and get them filled out and turned in to the Registrar, or any other Board Member. Applications can also be mailed to the Post Office Box listed on the application.

The Men's and Women's teams will be commissioned at our August Gathering, which will be held on Saturday, August 17th, at Lost Creek UMC, which is located south of Stillwater and north of Perkins at 8002 S. Washington (SW corner of 80th and Washington). The August Gathering is also our **picnic and ice cream social!** Join us for some delicious food, homemade ice cream, with praise and worship and the team commissioning to follow.

And be thinking about who you are going to sponsor on the Walks. We have to have at least twenty Pilgrims signed up two weeks prior to the Walk, so get your applications in quickly. The deadline is Thursday, September 19th. If we have at least twenty Pilgrim applications in hand that day, the Men's Walk will be held and we will continue to take additional applications. If we do not have twenty applications on September 19th, the Men's Walk will be postponed until the spring. Any of the PCE board members would be more than happy to help you with any questions that you have, and they would certainly be happy to receive some applications at the Gathering on Saturday!

## Pioneer Country Board Elections to be Held Soon

We have five current members that are rotating off of 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 some time, or you are a newcomer, please consider running for the PCE Board. Elections will take place in October, so fill out a Board Questionnaire and get it to one of the current board members by Sunday, September 15th. The Questionnaire is attached to the back of this newsletter, and copies will also be available at the August Gathering.

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## Are You Jesus?

A few years ago, a group of salesmen attended a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to get through the airport terminal, with tickets and briefcases in hand, one of the salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere! Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding...

Except for one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved goodbye, told one of them to call his wife when he arrived at their destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where apples were strewn all over the floor.

He was glad that he did. He soon discovered that the 16-year old girl at the apple stand was totally blind. She was crying softly, tears running down her cheeks, as she frantically groped for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled around her without a second look.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples and placed them back on the table, and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of the apples had become battered and bruised. He set these apples aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to her, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage that we did. I hope that you are OK and that we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered girl called out to him, "Mister, are you Jesus?"

The salesman stopped in mid-stride and then he turned to look back into the girl's blind eyes. He walked back over to where she was, and in a gentle voice he said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus. He is good, kind, caring, and loving, and He would never have bumped into your display in the first place."

The girl nodded, and then she said, "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, so you are like Him, only He knows who will do His will. Thank you for hearing His call."

The salesman slowly made his way through the terminal to catch the next flight, with a burning question in his head... "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our purpose, isn't it? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life, and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk, and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It is actually living the Word as life unfolds in our everyday lives.

You are the apple of His eye, even though you have also been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up each of us on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

*NOTE: This article was submitted by Debbie Rowland, who received it from a friend and asked to have it passed along to the members of the Pioneer Country Emmaus community.*

## This Month in History...

- August 1, 1961 Six Flags Over Texas opens in Arlington with a new concept... All-inclusive admission price (\$2.75 for adults and \$2.25 for children) to ride all rides
- August 2, 1923 President Warren G. Harding dies of a stroke at age 58
- August 3, 1492 Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sets sail with the Pinta, the Nina, and the Santa Maria
- August 4, 1936 Jesse Owens wins the gold in the long jump at the Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany
- August 5, 1914 First electric traffic signal is placed at the corner of Euclid Ave. and East 105<sup>th</sup> Street in Cleveland, Ohio.
- August 6, 1890 The first execution by electric chair is carried out at Auburn Prison in New York
- August 7, 1782 General George Washington creates the Badge for Military Merit, which later becomes the Order of the Purple Heart
- August 8, 1974 President Richard M. Nixon resigns in the wake of the Watergate scandal
- August 9, 1988 Edmondton Oilers center Wayne Gretzky, regarded as the greatest player in hockey history, is traded to the Los Angeles Kings
- August 10, 1937 Electric guitar patent is awarded to the Electro String Corporation of Los Angeles, CA
- August 11, 1972 The last U.S. ground combat unit, the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Infantry, leaves South Vietnam for the United States
- August 12, 1939 The *Wizard of Oz*, starring Judy Garland premieres in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
- August 13, 1995 Former New York Yankees star Mickey Mantle (born in Spavinaw, Oklahoma) dies of liver cancer
- August 14, 1945 Comedian, actor, and “one wild and crazy guy” Steve Martin is born in Waco, Texas
- August 15, 1969 The Woodstock Music Festival opens in White Lake, New York
- August 16, 1977 The King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, dies in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 42
- August 17, 1978 The *Double Eagle II* completes the first transatlantic balloon flight from Preque Isle, Maine to Paris, France in 137 hours
- August 18, 1992 Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird retires from the NBA
- August 19, 1909 First race held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, won by Ray Haroun
- August 20, 1920 Jim Thorpe and six other men meet in Canton, Ohio to organize a professional football league
- August 21, 1959 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a proclamation admitting Hawaii as the 50<sup>th</sup> state
- August 22, 1851 The U.S. built schooner *America* wins the first America’s Cup in a race around England’s Isle of Wight
- August 23, 1989 Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose receives a lifetime ban for betting on baseball
- August 24, 1875 Captain Matthew Webb of Great Britain becomes the first man to swim the English Channel
- August 25, 1835 The first in a series of six articles announcing the alleged discovery of life on the moon appears in the *New York Sun* newspaper. Newsflash: It was a hoax!
- August 26, 1978 Frankie Valli’s *Grease*, from the movie of the same name, reaches #1 on the *Billboard Hot 100*
- August 27, 1982 Oakland Athletics outfielder Rickey Henderson steals his 119<sup>th</sup> base of the year, breaking Lou Brock’s 1979 record for stolen bases in a season. He finished the season with 130 stolen bases, a record that still stands today
- August 28, 1877 Charles Stewart Rolls, co-founder of the Rolls-Royce Ltd. Luxury automobile company is born
- August 29, 1982 Actress Ingrid Bergman dies of cancer on her 67<sup>th</sup> birthday, in London
- August 30, 1967 Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice
- August 31, 1897 Thomas Edison receives a patent for his movie camera, the Kinetograph

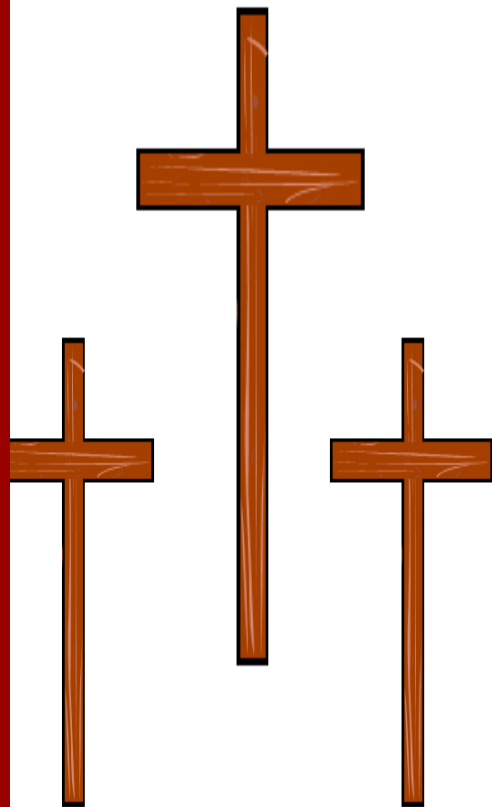
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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



## August 17, 2013

### August Gathering

Lost Creek UMC  
8002 S. Washington, Stillwater, OK

Begins with food and homemade ice cream at 5:30 PM and then praise and worship at 7:00 PM. The teams for Walks 131 & 132 will be commissioned during this service. 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!

- August 10, 2013** Team Training for Walks 131 & 132  
UM Church of the Servant  
14343 N. MacArthur Blvd - OKC
- August 17, 2013** August Board Meeting - 4:00 PM  
Lost Creek UMC  
8002 S. Washington - Stillwater
- August 17, 2013** August Gathering - 5:30 PM  
Lost Creek UMC  
8002 S. Washington - Stillwater
- August 24, 2013** Upper Room Leadership Development  
First United Methodist Church  
112 East College St. - Broken Arrow
- August 24, 2013** Team Training for Walks 131 & 132  
Mustang UMC  
211 W. State Highway 152 - Mustang
- September 7, 2013** Team Training for Walks 131 & 132  
St. Matthew UMC  
300 N. Air Depot Blvd - Midwest City
- September 21, 2013** Team Training for Walks 131 & 132  
First United Methodist Church  
131 NW 4th Street - OKC
- September 21, 2013** September Board Meeting - 3:00 PM  
St. Mark's UMC  
8140 NW 36th - Bethany
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LET'S FILL THESE CHAIRS!



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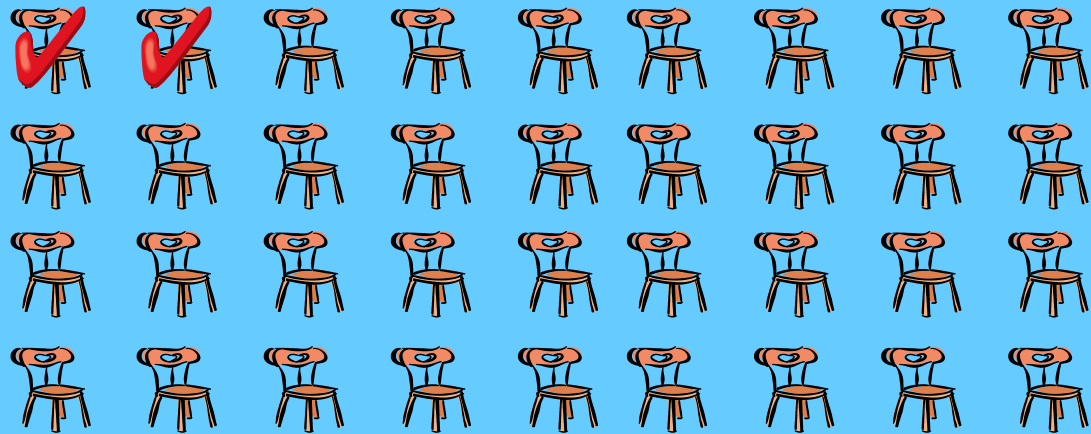
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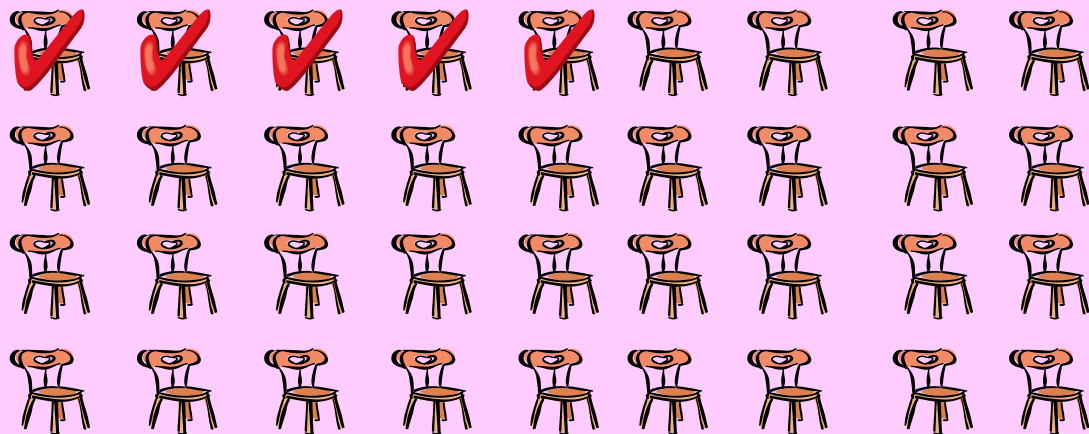
MEN'S WALK DATES - October 3-6, 2013

WOMEN'S WALK DATES - October 17-20, 2013

### MEN'S WALK #131



### WOMEN'S WALK #132



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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:

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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WALK # \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF REUNION GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

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

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