

# ROOSTER TALES



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)

### And now a word from.... Your Community Spiritual Director

I was born in Norman, Oklahoma, but grew up with my family following pipeline construction jobs. Because of that, I started first grade in Canada in a one room school house and lived in, or have visited, every state except Hawaii. I have also lived in The Bahamas, and done short term mission work in Haiti, Mexico, Chile, Belize and around the U.S. All of those different experiences have taught me that people can be as different, but we all have a hunger for love, acceptance and happiness.

For much of my early adult life I stayed away from churches. Even though I had been raised in the church, I had come to loath the church because of being made to feel unworthy. It was not until I was nearly 41 years old that I came to know Jesus Christ as the Way of Salvation. But once God that happened, things changed for the better in every aspect of my life.

I began my adult working life in healthcare. I am a Registered Respiratory Therapist; I hold: a B.A. in Health Services from St. Mary's College of Moraga, California (A Catholic college.); a Master in Hospital Administration from University of Washington; a Master of Divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary (DOC owned and operated); and a Doctorate in Ministry from Seabury-Western Theological Institute (A seminary of the Episcopal Church.) . So, you might say I am a pretty diverse Christian. I also have studied and enjoy the teachings of other religions in order to compare and defend my beliefs. I have taught on the college level: Respiratory Therapy, Health Administration and Psychology.

I am the first Motorcycle Chaplain endorsed by the United Methodist Endorsing Agency of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. What that means is that I love to ride my Harley and minister to other bikers. I also love to SCUBA dive and have been teaching Scuba for over 25 years. I get some pretty unique opportunities to minister with these two hobbies.

Now that you know that much about me; let me tell you that I am completely sold out for Jesus Christ! I know that following Jesus can make all the difference in the world for any person regardless of where they have been or what they have done. I firmly believe in Grace, Love and

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Another Chance as the guiding principles behind God's work in us through Christ. I am very humbled and honored to be your new Community Spiritual Director and pray that I can help to serve and guide the community in reaching many more folks for Jesus.

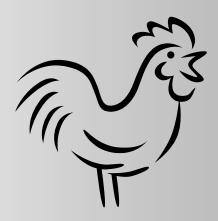
For me, the Walk to Emmaus, Kairos, Chrysalis, Torch, Journey and Kairos Outside are vitally important to the renewal of the church, and to encourage Christians to act on their faith by serving others and growing in their own discipleship. When I made my original Walk in Green Country, at the Table of Mark, on Walk# 49 back in 1993, I was afraid of certain commitments that God seemed to be asking me to make. When I came home from that Walk, those fears were gone, replaced by confidence in the Risen Christ that He would carry me through any opportunity that was placed in my path.

Every church I have served has benefited and grown by participation in the Walk. I have served as a Spiritual Director or Assistant Spiritual Director on Emmaus, Kairos, Chrysalis and Torch. Each time, I have been blessed in amazing ways. And have had the privilege of being a part of seeing pilgrims climb the faith mountain and soar to new heights.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to visit or have a question. May your Walk and your 4<sup>th</sup> Day be in Christ's company! Remember what Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future with hope."

Still In One Peace, Stephen

Stephen Hale, Community Spiritual Director Pioneer Country Emmaus



#### "What's In The Nest?"

This month's article is about Mother's Day.

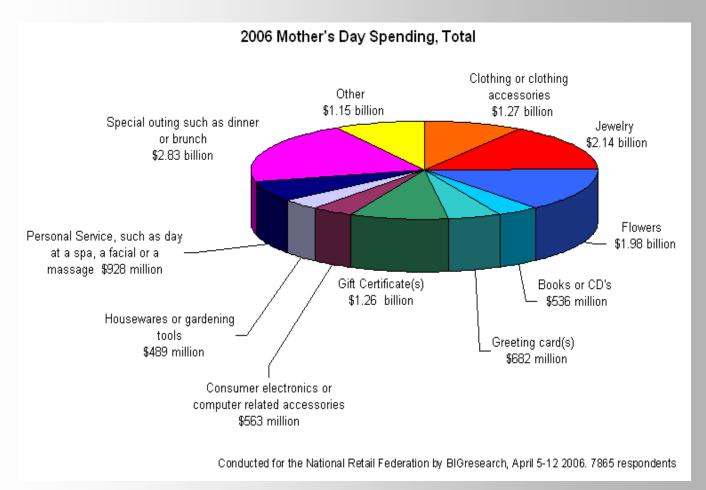
The majority of countries that celebrate Mother's Day do so on the second Sunday of May. On this day, it is common for Mothers to be lavished with presents and special attention from their families, friends, and loved ones.

In 1908, a U.S. Senator from Nebraska, Elmer Burkett, proposed making Mother's Day a national holiday at the request of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). The proposal was defeated, but by 1909 forty-six states were holding Mother's Day services, as well as parts of Canada and Mexico.

In 1912, West Virginia became the first state to officially recognize Mother's Day, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Did you ever wonder just how much is spent on honoring our Mother's Day in the United States? Did you get your mom a card, flowers, or take her out to lunch or dinner?

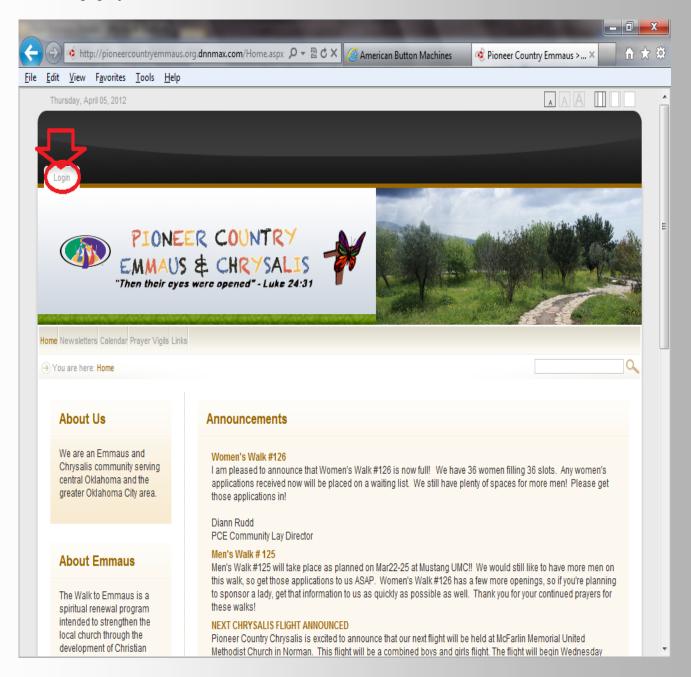
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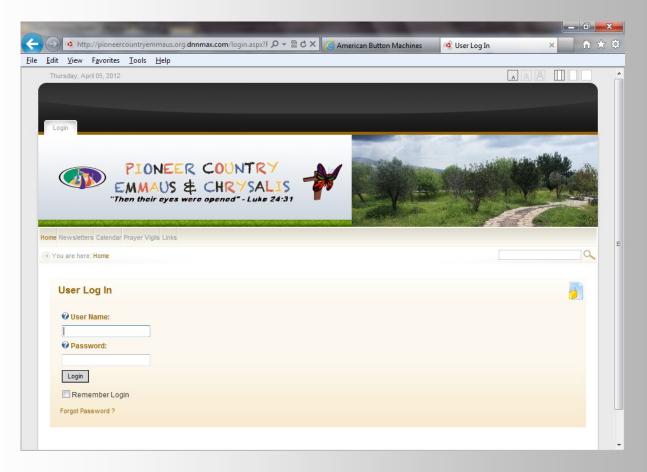
#### **Losing Contact**

You make the best plans you can and then.......... life happens. You move, change your phone number or your email address changes and we lose contact with you. Pioneer Country Emmaus tries to keep this information updated in our database. Sadly some of that information is very out of date. In trying to contact people for various reasons, we find that phone numbers, email addresses and even mailing addresses are no longer valid. We are in the process of cleaning up our "Subscriber" email list and you can help us. Please inspect and update your information on the web site. Here is how you do that:

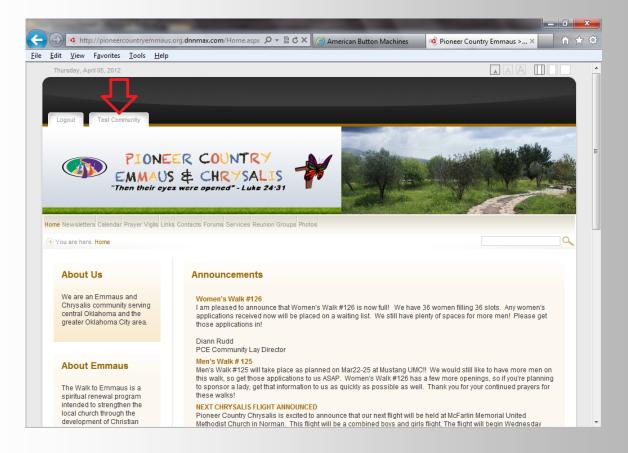
Go to the "Home" page at www.pioneercountryemmaus.com and click on the "Login" tab at the top left of the page, just above the Walk to Emmaus icon.



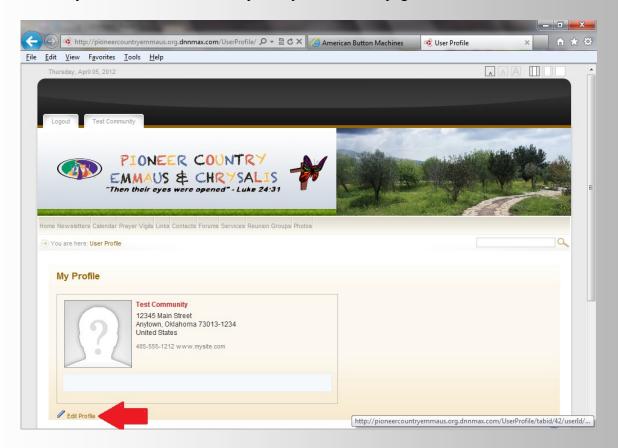
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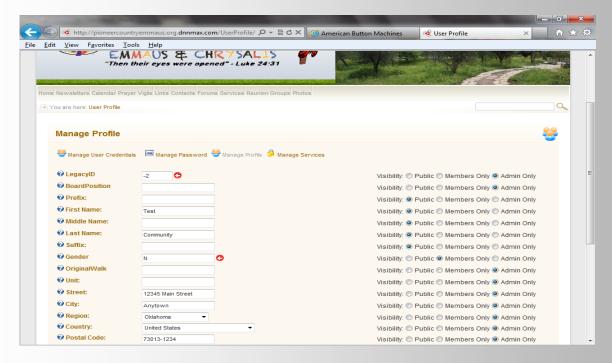
Fill in your User Name and Password and click on "Login." If you do not know your User Name and/or Password, email me at <a href="mascheele3@cox.net">mscheele3@cox.net</a> and I will send them to you. Once you are logged in, you will see that the "Login" tab is replaced by the "Logout" tab and there is now another tab with your name.



Click on your name and it will take you to your "Profile" page.



Click on the pencil icon next to "Edit Profile" and it will bring up the "Manage Profile" page.

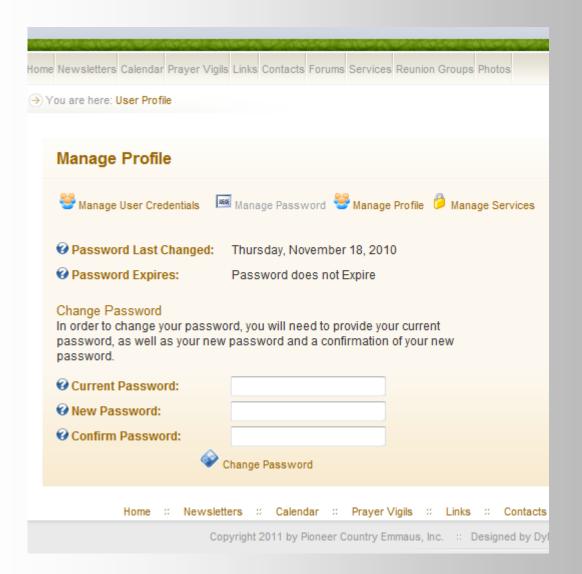


Here you can change your address, phone numbers, and other information. You may even upload a photo of yourself if you so desire. Please indicate what information should be visible to the Public, Members Only, or Admin Only. In our case, Public and Members Only is the same. This will be used in our upcoming directory to determine what information you want to display to other community members.

When all changes have been made, click on the icon or word "update" at the lower left corner of the page.

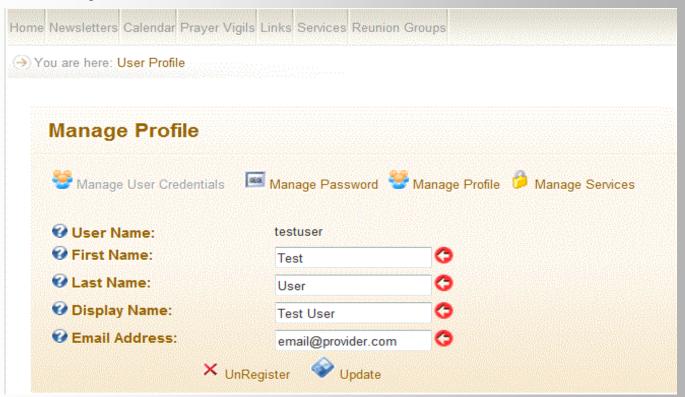


To change your password, click on "Manage Profile."



Fill in your Current Password, your New Password, and Confirm Password and click on "Change Password." It will show on the screen that the password has been updated and you should receive an email notification that your password has been changed.

To change your email address, click on "Manage User Credentials." Type in your new email address and click "Update."



If you have not been receiving "Email Blasts" from the Pioneer Country Emmaus board, it is because you have been removed from the "Subscribers" list. Email me at <a href="mailto:mscheele3@cox.net">mscheele3@cox.net</a> with your name and new email address and I will add you to the "Subscribers" list. Also email me if you wish to be removed from the "Subscribers" list.

Thank you for helping us keep our database up to date and staying in contact!

Marvin Scheele Pioneer Country Emmaus and Chrysalis

Tom & Lisa Cannon, along with Marvin Scheele, have worked hard to create and re-work the Pioneer Country Emmaus & Chrysalis website, and they are continuously working on ways to make the website better, and to make the database more functional so that our community will benefit. We applaud their efforts in this matter!

Please take the time to tell Tom, Lisa, and Marvin what a great job they are doing the next time you see them!



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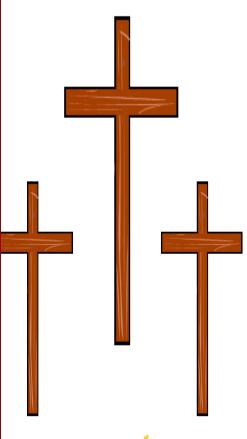
### Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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:

roostertales@ gmail.com



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May 19, 2012

## May Gathering

**Quayle UMC** 5001 N. Everest, Oklahoma City, OK

Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 PM. The community is asked to bring snacks or 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!

May 19, 2012 Board Meeting - 3:00 PM

Quayle UMC

5001 N. Everest - OKC, OK

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June Gathering - 7:00 PM June 16, 2012

St. Andrews UMC

2727 S. May Ave. - OKC, OK

Combined Boys & Girls Chrysalis Flight June 27 - 30, 2012

McFarlin Memorial UMC

419 S. University Blvd. - Norman, OK

July 21, 2012 July Gathering - 7:00 PM

St. Mark's UMC

8140 NW 36th - Bethany, OK

**August 4, 2012** Initial Team Training & Orientation for

Men's Walk #127 and Women's Walk #128 at Church of the Servant in OKC

August Gathering - 5:30 PM **August 18, 2012** 

Lost Creek UMC

8002 S. Washington - Stillwater, OK

**September 15, 2012** September Gathering - 7:00 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd UMC

10928 SW 15th - Yukon, OK

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