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December 2019



PIONEER COUNTRY
EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS
"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



ROOSTER TALES

Help needed

Pioneer Country Chrysalis Flights 13 and 14 will be held at New Covenant UMC in Edmond, January 1st thru January 4th, 2020. We will unload the truck on December 31st, 2019, at 10 AM. Please come help with setup. See page 3 for photo of location and for driving directions from some Oklahoma locations.



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UPCOMING DATES

- December. There will not be a December gathering due to schedule conflicts during the holidays.
- December 25, Christmas Day. Hallelujah !!!
- December 31, 2019, unload trailer for Chrysalis flights 13 and 14, at New Covenant, 10 AM to ??
- Chrysalis Flights 13 and 14, New Covenant UMC, 2700 S Boulevard, Edmond, OK. January 1 thru January 4, 2020.
- January Gathering, January 18, 2020. First UMC downtown OKC, 131 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73102
- February Gathering, February 15, 2020. Location pending, information coming soon.

What's Your Why?

Why do I think Chrysalis is important? Let me give you my why.

On November 12, Diane Combest and I lost another former student to gang/gun violence. It wasn't the first loss we have felt, and it won't be the last. The grief was compounded by the fact that there was a follow-up shooting at the funeral. Kids killing kids. Every time it happens, a piece of my heart breaks. Our fervent prayer is that the boy's brother will find a way out of that life. His chances are slim, and more than likely, the older brother will wind up dead or incarcerated.

You may be asking, "What does this have to do with the youth that I come in contact with?" I am aware that most of you don't know youth that face these extreme challenges. I am also aware that this particular student was not a candidate for Chrysalis. But I do know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the youth in your churches are facing tremendous pressure. They will be faced with many choices, and not all will choose wisely. I need two hands to count the number of youth I know who have chosen to end their lives by suicide, and this trend is increasing. Several of those lost souls came from strong Christian families and strong churches. The youth of today need to be tightly tethered to God and to other Christians as they journey through those difficult years. I am weary of burying children. I am weary of the senselessness.

That is my why. This is why I have committed to working the Chrysalis Flights. That is why I pray for our future butterflies.

I have one question: What is your why?

Please consider sending a youth to Chrysalis this winter. The flights are January 1-4, and will be held at New Covenant UMC in Edmond. The team has worked tirelessly to prepare for our youth. Let's make sure to have them there. The applications can be downloaded from the Pioneer Country Emmaus website. If you need us to come get applications, give me a call. The deadline for the applications is December 15. If you don't have youth to send right now, come out and support the flights. Join us in the work of growing a child's lifeline to Christ. Your time and energy will not be wasted.

Blessings to you all,

Susan Good, PCE, Assistant Community Lay Director

Chrysalis Flight location

New Covenant
United Meth-
odist Church,
2700 S Boule-
vard, Edmond,
OK



From Stillwater, about 54 minutes (52.9 mi) via OK-33 W and I-35 South. Take exit 139 toward SE 33 Rd St. Turn left onto W I- 35 Frontage Rd . Turn right at the 1st cross street onto E 33rd St . Turn right onto Rankin Terrace . Turn left onto E 29th St . Turn right . Turn left . Destination will be on the right . 2700 S Blvd, Edmond, OK 73013 .

From Enid, about 1 hour and 26 min (89.0 mi) via US-412 E and I-35 South. Merge onto I-35 S/US-64 E . Take exit 139 toward SE 33 Rd St. Turn left onto W I- 35 Frontage Rd . Turn right at the 1st cross street onto E 33rd St . Turn right onto Rankin Terrace . Turn left onto E 29th St . Turn right . Turn left . Destination will be on the right . 2700 S Blvd, Edmond, OK 73013 .

From Moore, about 24 min (21.8 mi) via I-35 N and US-77 N . Merge onto I-35 N/US-77 N . Continue onto I-235 N/US-77 N (signs for Oklahoma Health Center) . Continue onto US-77 N . Turn right onto E 33rd St . Turn left onto S Blvd . Turn right onto E 29th St . Turn left . Turn left . Destination will be on the right . 2700 S Blvd, Edmond, OK 73013 .

From Piedmont, about 26 min (19.1 mi) via NW 164th St and John Kilpatrick Turnpike . north on NW 1st St toward Monroe Ave NW . Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Monroe Ave NW . Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Piedmont Rd N . Turn left onto NW 164th St/Washington Ave E . Turn right onto N Council Rd . Turn left onto W Memorial Rd . Merge onto John Kilpatrick Turnpike. Take the exit onto US-77 N toward Edmond . Turn right onto E 33rd St . Turn left onto S Blvd . Turn right onto E 29th St . Turn left . Turn left . Destination will be on the right . 2700 S Blvd, Edmond, OK 73013 .

You've heard the saying, "Big Brother is watching," right? Teenagers and young people these days have to worry about Twitter, Instagram, and all the other websites out there that can be sent around the world in half a second.

The pressures on today's-youth are greater than they were 30 years ago - or even 10 years ago for that matter.

Chrysalis is designed as a 3-day retreat for today's youth to get closer to Christ on a one-on-one basis. All they have to do is open their hearts to what he has to say to each of them personally. Every person is different, which is why the one-on-one is so important. Yes, there is fellowship among peers, and, yes, the food is great and plentiful, but the main goal is to grow in the knowledge of God's love through Christ, and then to be used as a witness for Christ in whatever way He calls you.

Perhaps you know someone who is on the fence about whether they should attend Chrysalis. There is a fine balance between God's timing and the free will He gives us (like, people being resistant because they are uncomfortable). I encourage folks to be "constantly in prayer" over these situations. There are so many people who are grateful for sponsors who "nudged" them to go.

John Miller, Chrysalis Coordinator for Pioneer Country
Emmaus/Chrysalis



TEXT: John Fawcett

MUSIC: Wendell Kimbrough

1. Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred
minds
Is like that to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims
are one
Our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

**Pioneer Country
Emmaus January 2020
Gathering** will be held at
First United Methodist
Church, downtown OKC,
131 NW 4th St, Oklahoma
City, OK . Church is lo-
cated at the corner of 4th
and Robinson, with
access off of 5th Street,
across from the OKC
National Memorial.

Social time will include a
pitch-in meal, starting at
5:30 PM. Worship will
start at 6:30.

See page 6 for photo of
location and for driving
directions from some Ok-
lahoma locations.



First United Methodist Church, downtown OKC

Our Pioneer Country Emmaus Gathering for January 2020, will be held at First United Methodist Church, downtown OKC,

From Stillwater, about 1 hour and 4 min (63.8 mi) via OK-33 W and I-35 S. Take Highway 33 west to Interstate 35 South. Merge onto I-35 S. Keep right at the fork to continue on I-44, follow signs for Lawton/Amarillo. Take exit 127 for I-235 S/US-77 S toward Okla. City/Downtown. Merge onto US-77 S. Continue onto I-235 S/US-77 S. Take exit 1F toward N. 6 St W/Downtown. Turn right onto Harrison Ave. Turn right onto NE 4th St. Destination will be on the right .131 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

From Enid, about 1 hour and 32 min (85.2 mi) via OK-74 S. From US 412, Take the OK-15 E/OK-74 exit toward Garber/Covington. Turn right onto OK-74 S. Take the exit toward Kilpatrick Turnpike/Memorial Rd. Merge onto Portland Ave. Turn left onto W Memorial Rd. Take the Turnpike ramp on the left. Merge onto John Kilpatrick Turnpike. Take the exit onto US-77 S toward Okla. City. Continue onto I-235 S/US-77 S. Take exit 1F toward N. 6 St W/Downtown. Turn right onto Harrison Ave. Turn right onto NE 4th St. Destination will be on the right .131 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

From Moore, about 15 min (11.1 mi) via I-35 N. N Broadway St toward NW 2nd St. Turn left onto NW 5th St. Turn right onto I-35 Frontage Rd/N Service Rd. Continue straight (signs for I-35 N/US-77 N). Merge onto I-35 N/US-77 N. Continue onto I-235 N/US-77 N (signs for Oklahoma Health Center). Take exit 1E for Harrison Ave toward Downtown. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Harrison Ave /Downtown and merge onto Harrison Ave. Turn right onto NE 4th St. Destination will be on the right .131 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

From Piedmont, about 32 min (25.2 mi) via John Kilpatrick Turnpike. From Piedmont Rd North, Turn onto NW 164th St/Washington Ave E. Turn right onto N Council Rd. Turn left onto W Memorial Rd. Merge onto John Kilpatrick Turnpike. Take the exit onto US-77 S toward Okla. City. Continue onto I-235 S/US-77 S. Take exit 1F toward N. 6 St W/Downtown. Turn right onto Harrison Ave. Turn right onto NE 4th St. Destination will be on the right .131 NW 4th Street.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS



December 2019

2020 brings us some new folks on the board. Some are coming on for the first time, and some of the 2020 Board Members are faithful servants returning to serve again.

Please welcome your newest Emmaus Community Board Members!

Darrell Cates will be the new Spiritual Director.

Jeannie Millican, Treasurer.

Phil Christie, Facilities.

Jim Hinds, Facilities.

Wendy Daughety, Kitchen Manager.

Mary Nethercutt, Personal Agape.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Many thanks to these faithful servants from 2019 and before.

If you see any of these fine folks, give them a pat on the back and praise for their service to the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community. Some served extra long terms.

Wendee Perceful

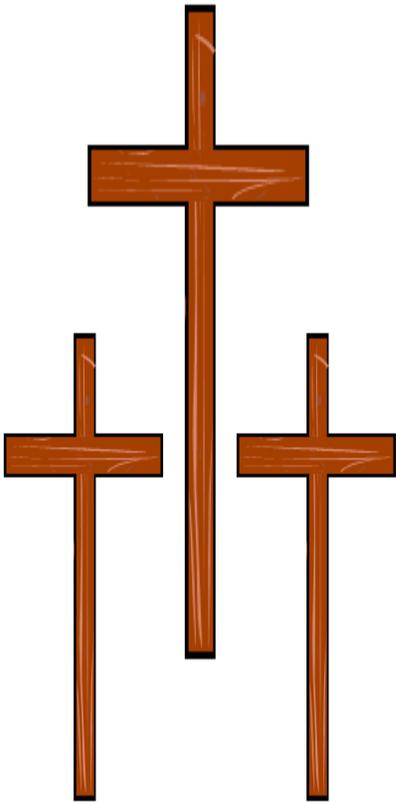
Zona Scholl

Carl Calliccoat

Fran Parkhill

Karen Morris

DesiRae Keenum



Christmas traditions

What are some of your
Christmas Day traditions?
How do you celebrate?



Giving gifts, Praying for family and friends, eating, laughing, decorating cookies, baking, crafting, hanging heirloom ornaments, yard decorations, singing hymns, caroling, pick out a tree, advent calendar...



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