

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)

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH EMMAUS? COME LEARN HOW

Community Training and Team Orientation for Walks #123 & 124 will be held July 30, 2011, at Church of the Servant. We will begin with Praise and Worship at 9:00 a.m., followed by a presentation on “Flow of the Weekend”. Breakout sessions begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be over around noon. Everyone is invited to attend the Praise and Worship Service and Flow of the Weekend, and then choose one of the following breakout sessions:

Spiritual Director/Assistant Spiritual Director - for Clergy who want to know more about serving in one of these positions. All Clergy on the October Walks will be in this session.

Lay Director/Assistant Lay Director/Board Representative - for those who have already advanced to Assistant Table Leader or Assistant Lay Director and want to know more about Walk leadership. All Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors and Board Reps on the October Walks will be in this session.

Preparing & Giving A Talk - for those who have been a Table Leader before and would like to learn more about giving a talk and what is expected of Assistant Table Leaders. All Assistant Table Leaders on the October Walks will be in this session.

Table Leader Training - for those who have worked behind the scenes in various capacities and want to prepare for their first time back in the Conference Room. All Table Leaders on the October Walks will be in this session.

Prayer Room, Musicians, Kitchen/Snacks, Dining Room/Agape or Team Assistants - for anyone who would like to know what goes on in these areas may choose the one they want to learn about. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas and never have, this is a good introduction. All Behind-the-Scenes Managers on the October Walks will be in their respective sessions.

Board of Directors - This session has been added for those of you considering running for the 2012 Emmaus Board. With Elections in October, you might want to hear about each of the Board positions and how your Board works for the Community.

We look forward to those of you who wish to come. Put it on your Calendar for July 30 from 9:00am - Noon. If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail or give me a call at 405-748-6771. If I don't know the answer, I'll surely find it for you. Please come and be blessed.

Blessings & De Colores,
Judie Ellis
Secretary & Training Coordinator

BOY'S FLIGHT # 3 CANCELED

Because the minimum number of youth team members required for a successful flight could not be achieved, the Chrysalis Steering Committee has canceled the Boy's Flight, previously scheduled for July 14 - 17.

If you have youth interested in attending a flight please let someone on the Chrysalis Steering Committee know. It is possible they will be putting together a trip to a nearby community for interested youth. You can find the Chrysalis Steering Committee members listed under the “Contacts” tab on the website, www.pioneercountryemmaus.com.



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The Gift

Help For Local Emmaus Communities Worldwide

Dear Community,

Following is a new program started by The Upper Room entitled “The Gift”. This program can mean so much to those communities who have so little. We began introducing this to our new Pilgrims at the March Fourth Day Meetings and collected over \$1200.00 from them to support this effort. Please take time to read about this program below.

THE GIFT is a program initiated by the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis movements to ensure that many from all over the world can enjoy the fruits of this beautiful ministry. THE GIFT is a financial program that allows the International communities as well as the emerging new communities to tap into the generosity of pilgrims and butterflies that the Lord has so richly blessed.

Our movement is ecumenical in nature; that is, it reaches across churches and denominations. The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movements receive no money or funding from the United Methodist Church or any other denomination. Financially, we exist through Pilgrim and Butterfly fees and the sale of products and printed materials. These two movements are so powerful and so blessed by the Holy Spirit that they should be able to impact more Christians all over the world. We are committed to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world and to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. To that end, we are going to take a love offering at the beginning of each Fourth Day Meeting after the Walks.

Some of this money will go to the Latin American countries who cannot afford a simple wooden or pewter cross so they use 2 sticks and a strip of a leaf to tie it together. Some will also go to the African countries that get pilgrims and food and teams ready to go on a Walk but then because of the one million percent inflation, cannot afford the facility. The money will also go to the European countries as scholarship funds because they cannot afford the subsidized pilgrim fee. We cannot allow money to become an obstacle to grace. Brothers and sisters, it is our responsibility to provide the “First Fruits” funds to facilitate an opportunity for all Christians who want to draw into a closer relationship with Christ to be able to do so.

Our community’s emphasis and commitment to “THE GIFT” will have an effect on Butterflies and Pilgrims now and into the future. Many individuals will be able to attend a weekend because of our generosity.

Friends, there are three ways that you help:

- 1. PRAY** – This may not be the right season for a contribution but you can commit to praying for these movements as we move forward.
- 2. SCHOLARSHIP** – Sponsorship fees usually fall between \$50.00 and \$125.00 for a Pilgrim or Caterpillar. You can provide the means to allow one or more persons to attend a weekend.
- 3. LARGE GIFT** – Your spiritual gift of giving has afforded you the means to make a larger gift to these movements.

Please understand that no money collected will go toward salaries or pensions. Not one penny will go to pay the light bill or any expenses.

The International Emmaus and Chrysalis Office is determined to do more than just keep these movements operational. This is a program that is going to be used year after year and will be part of our DNA. When we reprint the Handbooks, it will be included in the chapters on the Fourth Day/Next Steps follow-up meetings. We will list “THE GIFT” as an item to be included in the pilgrim/butterfly packet. We are committed to being the “hands and feet of Christ” in the world. Please join us.

We invite you to go to the Upper Room website at www.upperroom.org/emmaus or www.upperroom.org/chrysalis to watch the progress as this fund grows and then becomes the source of help, scholarships and assistance to those who have not been as financially blessed as we are.

Let It Begin With Me

All it takes is one person who hears the call of God and responds, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isa. 6:8). Perhaps for your world, that person is you. Consider what impact you can have on those around you. Reflect on the Scriptures given above and ask God to give you a longing to see a culture of peace around you that reflects the love and power of his Son. If he gives you that longing, hard work awaits you, but great blessing is also in store, for Jesus' promise in Matthew 5:9 is absolutely dependable: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

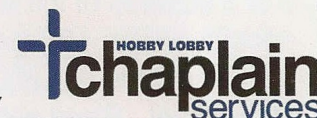
Food for Thought

It just takes one.

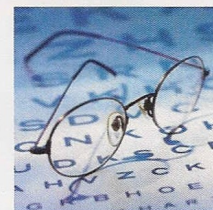
There is a theory in the study of family systems that says if just one person begins to change, then the family changes. For example, if a passive son begins to be more assertive in his decisions and behavior, then the whole family changes. They may look the same, drive the same old Honda, and still play Monopoly every Saturday night, but since he changed, the family is no longer the same. And the courage of one member to change often inspires others to change as well.

So who will begin to change your church's culture, or family's culture, or the culture at work to one of peacemaking? Ken writes: "Perhaps...that person is you." *What? Me? Surely not! I mean, doesn't that need to come through the pastor or my boss or the my spouse? I'm just one person.* Exactly! That's where change begins--always has, always will. It begins with the man or woman in the mirror. If you begin to practice biblical peacemaking wherever you are, the environment around you will change. It may keep the same street address, involve the same people, be the same work, but it will be different. It all begins with the courage of one with the power of one.

Taken from *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict* by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 297



PERSPECTIVE



Oftentimes things can look very different when our perspective changes. The following two paragraphs contain the same exact words, but when read in reverse the meaning changes dramatically. Becoming a Peacemaker allows us to look at the same situations we have faced before in a different way. Conflict can be seen as an opportunity to bring peace, not a situation to be avoided.

Perspective One

The conflicts that rage all around us can't be solved by the cross

And I do not believe

I will find peace in my own life

My problems are too big for Jesus

I refuse to believe that

Churches can be reconciled and come to live in peace

But it's BECAUSE of God

We fight and quarrel

It's happening all around the world

It's what happened in Northern Ireland

Yes... That's what happened in my church

Can people who hate each other ever come to be reconciled?

The gospel doesn't change things

Only a fool believes

The reckless promise of God...

That there's real hope in this broken world

This is what I believe

Perspective Two

This is what I believe

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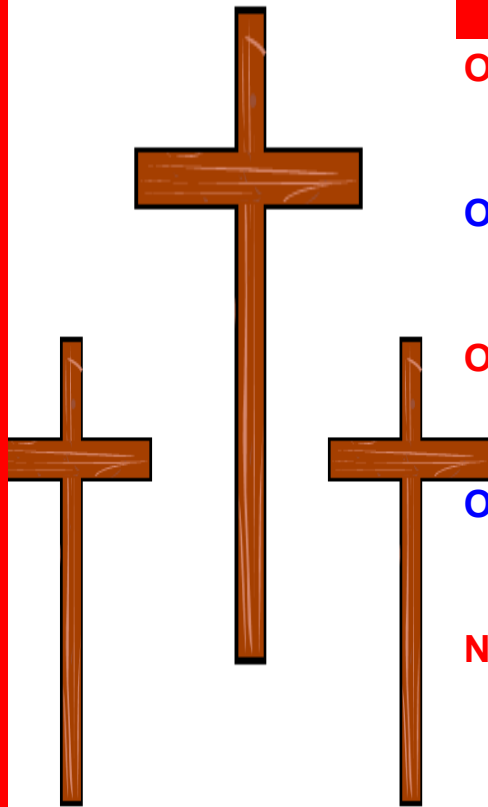
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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 :

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CALENDAR



July 16, 2011

July Gathering

St. Mark's UMC

8140 NW 36th Street, Bethany, OK

July 30, 2011

Community Training and

Team Orientation (Walks 123 & 124)

Church of the Servant UMC

14343 North MacArthur Blvd, OKC OK

August 20, 2011

August Gathering

Lost Creek UMC

8002 S. Washington, Stillwater OK

September 17, 2011

September Gathering &

Team Commissioning

Chapel Hill UMC

2717 W. Hefner Rd, OKC OK

OCTOBER 2011

PCE BOARD ELECTIONS

October 6 - 9, 2011

Men's Walk #123

New Covenant UMC

2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond OK

October 13, 2011

Men's 4th Day

New Covenant UMC

2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond OK

October 20 - 23, 2011

Women's Walk #124

New Covenant UMC

2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond OK

October 27, 2011

Women's 4th Day

New Covenant UMC

2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond OK

November 19, 2011

November Gathering

St. Mark's UMC

8140 NW 36th, Bethany OK



BOARD ELECTIONS

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST
IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD**

PLEASE

**COME TO THE COMMUNITY TRAINING
AND TEAM ORIENTATION**

**JULY 30, 2011 - 9:00 AM
CHURCH OF THE SERVANT**

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
BREAKOUT SESSION WHERE YOU
CAN LEARN EVERYTHING THERE IS
TO KNOW ABOUT EACH
BOARD POSITION**

THANK YOU!!!

Time for our October Board elections is just around the corner. For our Emmaus Community to perform our duties of developing church members to become leaders in their own Church, we need dedicated, energetic, and Christ-centered individuals to help lead that process.

We are currently accepting nominations and will have Questionnaires available at each Gathering through October. We encourage each of you to faithfully consider serving as a board member. As said in the scriptures, faith without works is dead. This election will be to fill vacant positions beginning December 1, 2011.

Your Board of Directors is a working board, and elected representatives serve for three year terms. Please pray about serving the Body of Christ in this manner. If you are interested or have questions about board responsibilities, please contact Don or Judie Ellis at jellis@cox.net or 748-6771, or speak with any board member. You will be truly blessed by your service to God and the Emmaus Community.



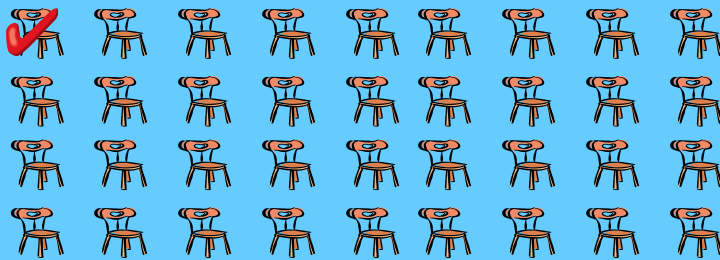
PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR WALK #'s 123 & 124

Specifically ask that God will fill 72 empty chairs with Pilgrims and that both walks will be filled. So far we have ONE male pilgrim and THREE female pilgrims.

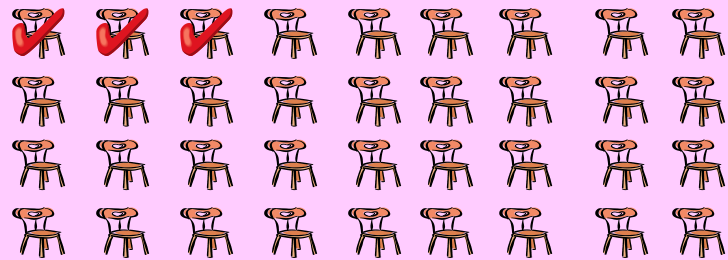
Additionally pray for our two Lay Directors, Mario Herrera and Pam Allen.

Ask that God molds the teams to accomplish HIS purpose on the weekends.

MEN'S WALK



WOMEN'S WALK



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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