

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)

COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT EMMAUS

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

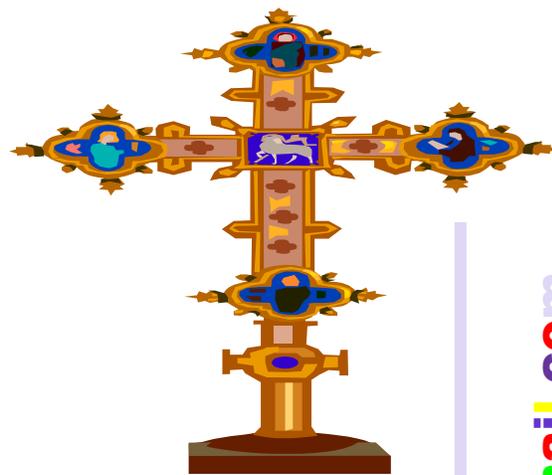


GIRL'S FLIGHT # 2 CANCELED

Because the minimum number of Caterpillar applications were not received prior to the deadline, the Chrysalis Steering Committee has canceled the Girls Flight, previously scheduled for June 9-12.

WE NEED CATERPILLARS FOR THE BOYS FLIGHT

The boys Chrysalis Flight is still scheduled to be held July 14—17. Applications and Sponsors Packets can be found online at www.pioneercountryemmaus.com



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SPONSORSHIP

Our October Walks will be here before we know it. Men's Walk #123 is October 6 - 9, and Women's Walk #124 is October 20 - 23. **NOW** is the time to begin the Sponsorship process. On our March 2011 Walks we had 66 sponsors to give the gift of sponsorship to 33 men and 33 women. Let's work together and have full Walks this October. YOU, OUR EMMAUS COMMUNITY, DETERMINE HOW MANY PILGRIMS WE WILL HAVE ON EACH WALK. *In other words, we don't have Pilgrims without sponsorship.* Sponsorship is the most important job of all! Good sponsorship is the first act of agape before a Walk ever begins.

1. WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A SPONSOR?

Do you want to build up the Body of Christ by inviting people to participate in The Emmaus experience? Your invitation to a candidate is the first step on the Walk to Emmaus. To the candidate, as the sponsor, **YOU ARE** the Emmaus Community and, as such, should walk with the candidate all the way to Emmaus and back.

2. WHO SHOULD YOU INVITE TO PARTICIPATE?

Emmaus is for active Christians who, through their personal renewal, will bring new energy, commitment, and vision to the church. Potential prospects include:

- Church leaders, both clergy and laity
- Christians who are the quiet backbone of the church
- Christians who need a rekindling of grace and an opportunity to renew their commitment to our Lord
- Christians who are hungry for something more and who want to grow spiritually
- Christians whose spouses want to attend, too

3. WHO SHOULD YOU **NOT** INVITE TO PARTICIPATE?

Emmaus is a wonderful experience for many people, but not for all people. As a sponsor, you must be aware of and sensitive to the factors that may have a negative effect on the weekend or be divisive to the church.

Examples of questionable sponsorship include:

- Non-Christians with no relationship with the church or our Lord
- Persons undergoing an emotional crisis. These folks may need to wait until later to attend, when they are able to fully participate and get the full benefit of the Walk
- Persons whose theology or practice is notably different or incompatible with the theology or practice represented by the Walk to Emmaus
- Persons who continually find fault with the church and may want to create an "Emmaus Church"
- Persons who are continually looking for another spiritual high

4. HOW DO YOU SPONSOR A CANDIDATE?

- **PRAY** for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship
- Make an appointment with the person or couple to explain the logistics of the weekend and to discuss their participation in Emmaus
- Invite them to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ
- Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form
- Continue to pray and request agape letters **but not gifts**
- Participate in the 72 hour prayer vigil for the Walk
- Bring your pilgrim to send-off and help with check in and luggage
- Attend Sponsor's Hour after send-off. Make your pilgrim's bed afterward, lay out sleepwear and open their Bible to Luke 24:13 and place it on their pillow
- Attend Candlelight and Closing
- Work behind the scenes to help make the Walk a success
- Bring your pilgrim to the 4th Day meeting following the walk
- Encourage your pilgrim in his or her 4th Day involvement.
- Help find a Reunion Group
- Invite to Gatherings and offer a ride
- Help the new pilgrim find ways to act out their new commitment and enthusiasm in their home church
- Help the pilgrim sponsor others



CALENDAR



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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June 18, 2011

June Gathering
St. Andrews UMC
2727 SW 119th, Oklahoma City

July 14 - 17

Boy's Chrysalis Flight #3
St. Mark's UMC
8140 NW 36th Street, Bethany, OK

July 16, 2011

July Gathering
Celebrate with us at the Chrysalis Boy's Flight Candlelight!!!
More Details Soon

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

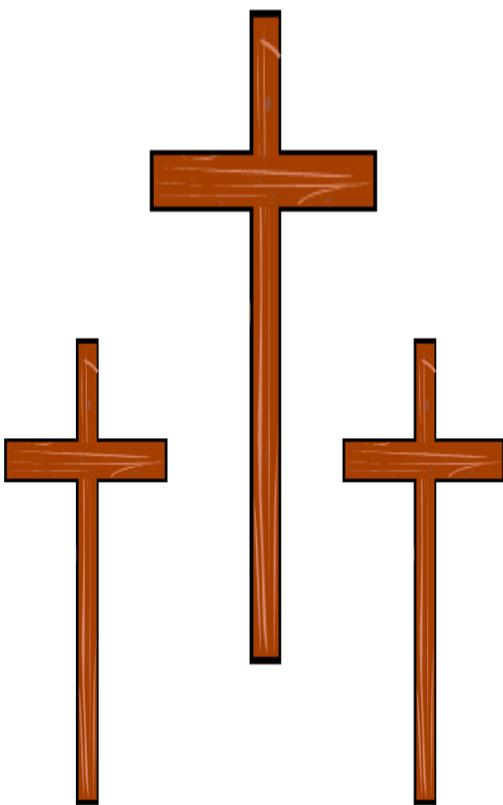
October 27, 2011

Women's 4th Day
New Covenant UMC
2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond OK

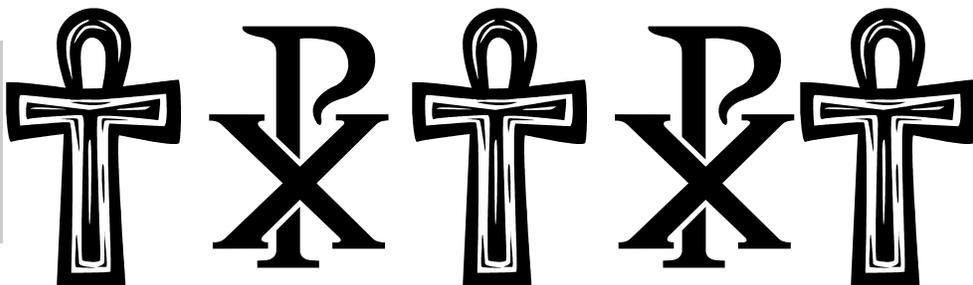
November 19, 2011

November Gathering
St. Mark's UMC
8140 NW 36th, Bethany OK

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BOARD ELECTIONS

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.

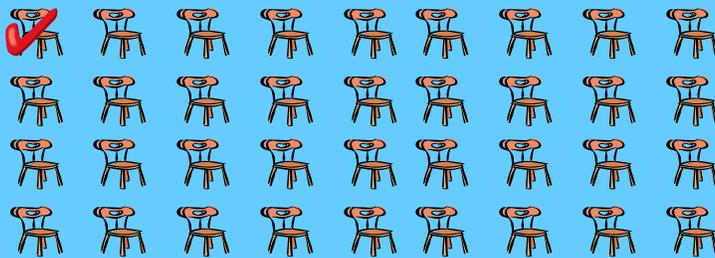
PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR WALK #'s 123 & 124

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 TWO female pilgrims.

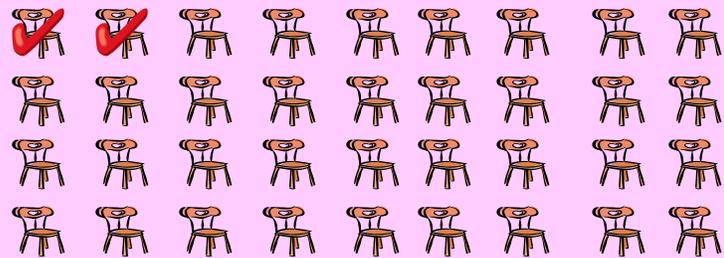
Additionally pray for our two Lay Directors, Mario Herrera and Pam Allen.

Ask that God fills the teams they are forming with the individuals HE would choose.

MEN'S WALK



WOMEN'S WALK



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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