

# 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)

## February Gathering at St. Matthew UMC

Our February Gathering will be held on Saturday, February 15th, at St. Matthew UMC in Midwest City. We will have praise and worship, and will be commissioning the Teams for upcoming Men's Walk #133 and Women's Walk #134. The community is asked to come and show your support for the Conference Room teams, and to bring snacks and/or drinks to share afterwards. St. Matthew UMC is located at 300 N. Air Depot Blvd., just north of E. Reno Ave. on the east side of the road.

Childcare will be available, but you must either call Ron Luka at 386-7472 or email him at lukar@dobsonteleco.com by Monday, February 10th to reserve a spot for your child.

See you at the Gathering!

# New childcare policy going into effect

Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors is always looking for more economical ways to spend the Community's money. After discussion at the January Board meeting, it was decided that we can cut costs by not having to pay for childcare at Gatherings in the event that no spots have been reserved.

In the past, we have paid a 3 hour minimum for a childcare worker at each Gathering location, and most of the time we have no children requiring childcare. Effective immediately, we will not arrange for a childcare worker unless we have prior notice that childcare will be needed. If you are needing childcare for a Gathering, you must contact Ron Luka, who is in charge of Gatherings and Music. The deadline will be the Monday prior to each Gathering. Please contact Ron at 386-7472 or email him at lukar@dobsonteleco.com by Monday, February 10th, to hold a spot for the February Gathering, and watch for additional Gathering announcements in future editions of *Rooster Tales*.

roostertales@gmail.com

# And now a word from... Marvin Scheele, one of the Webmasters for our Community website, WWW.PIONEERCOUNTRYEMMAUS.COM!

#### **Bad Experience**

My Walk to Emmaus was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. But I keep hearing about people who say they had a "bad experience" on their Walk. I am sure that there are many reasons for this and possibly it just wasn't the right time for that person to go on the Walk.

How do you overcome a bad experience? I recently talked to a person who did just that. When he told me that he had a bad experience on his Walk, I was very surprised because he has been very active in Emmaus. I asked him how he got past that and he told me he did it

by getting involved. He goes to gatherings, he is in a reunion group, and he works behind the scenes. He volunteered to be kitchen manager, and for other positions as well. He eventually became a table leader and has worked all of the positions in the conference room. Along the way, his Emmaus experience just got better and better. He met new people, made new friends, and became closer to Christ.

So do like my friend, get involved. Join a reunion group, go to gatherings, and work behind the scenes. The next gathering will be February 15th at St. Matthews UMC in Midwest City. The next Men's Walk will be March 6-9 and the Women's Walk is March 20-23, both at Mustang UMC.

If you are able, this would be a good time to sponsor someone on the Walk.

DeColores, Marvin Scheele

Don't forget to go online to the community website <a href="https://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com">www.pioneercountryemmaus.com</a> and sign up for the prayer vigils for the upcoming walks!



The Pioneer Country Emmaus Spring Walks are less than a month away! Men's Walk #133 will be held Thursday, March 6th through Sunday, March 9th and Women's Walk #134 will be held Thursday, March 20th through Sunday, March 23rd at Mustang UMC. The church is located at 211 W. State Highway 152 in Mustang, just west of Mustang Road on the north side of the street. We are asking Community members to come help set up on the Wednesday evening prior to each Walk and to also help with tear-down on the Sunday of each Walk. These times vary and an e-mail will be sent beforehand with the times.

Help is always needed in the Kitchen, Dining Room and Agape Room before and after meals, especially on Friday and Sunday mornings. The meal times are: Friday 8:00 AM / 12:30 PM / 5:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM / 12:00 PM / 5:40 PM; Sunday 7:30 AM / 11:45 AM. If you have plenty of time to spare, come to the Kitchen any morning, check in with the Kitchen Manager, who will be wearing a red apron, and ask where help is needed. If your time is more restricted, show up an hour before any meal to help finalize meal preparation, serve plates, and clean-up afterwards. Immediately after clean-up, the Dining Room will be set up for the next meal.

Also, please take a look at the Prayer Room Schedule, which will be posted in the Kitchen, and try to visit before, during, and after at least one of the speakers.

#### Here are the times for the major events for Men's Walk #133:

Send-off is 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 6th Candlelight is 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 8th Tear-down is 6:00 AM on Sunday, March 9th Conference Room tear-down is 2:30 PM on Sunday, March 9th Closing is 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 9th

#### Here are the times for the major events for Women's Walk #134:

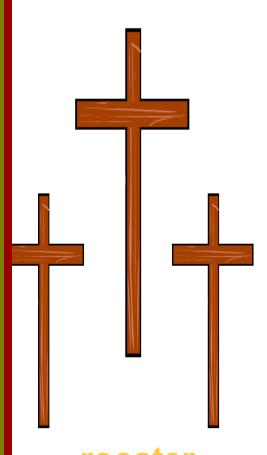
Send-off is 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 20th Candlelight is 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 22nd Tear-down is 6:00 AM on Sunday, March 23rd Conference Room tear-down is 2:30 PM on Sunday, March 23rd Closing is 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 23rd Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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



roostertales@ gmail.com





### **February 15, 2014**

## **February Gathering**

St. Matthew UMC 300 N. Air Depot- Midwest City

Praise and worship, and Team Commissioning for the upcoming Walks. Please bring desserts and/or drinks to share. Childcare is available, PLEASE RSVP with Ron Luka at 386-7472 or by email at lukar@dobsonteleco.com no later than Monday, February 10th to make the necessary preparations for your child.

Gatherings are open to all so please invite a friend!

February 15, 2014 February Board Meeting - 3:00 PM

St. Matthew UMC

300 N. Air Depot- Midwest City

February 15, 2014 February Gathering - 7:00 PM

St. Matthew UMC

300 N. Air Depot- Midwest City

February 22, 2014 Team Training for Walks 133 & 134

Mustang UMC

211 W. State Highway 152 - Mustang

March 6 - 9, 2014 PCE Men's Walk #133

Mustang UMC

211 W. State Highway 152 - Mustang

March 13, 2014 PCE Men's Walk #133 Fourth Day

Mustang UMC

211 W. State Highway 152 - Mustang

March 20 - 23, 2014 PCE Women's Walk #134

**April 5, 2014** 

May 17, 2014

Mustang UMC

211 W. State Highway 152 - Mustang

March 27, 2014 PCE Women's Walk 134 Fourth Day

Mustang UMC

211 W. State Highway 152 - Mustang

April Gathering - 7:00 PM

Wickline UMC

417 Mid-America Blvd. - Midwest City

**May Gathering** 

Location to be determined

# PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| Mario Herrera          | Community Lay Director                    | h: 405/769-9692 | dherrera@ionet.net                |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Judie Ellis            | Assistant Community Lay<br>Director       | h: 405/748-6771 | jellis1103@cox.net                |
| David Johnson          | Community Spiritual<br>Director           | w: 405/692-4242 | djohnson@saokc.org                |
| Tony Zahn              | Assistant Community<br>Spiritual Director | h: 405/748-4348 | revzahn1@yahoo.com                |
| Kay Sullins            | Secretary/Training                        | h: 405/330-2238 | sullins.kay@att.net               |
| Marge Carmichael       | Treasurer                                 | h: 405/348-8050 | margecarmichael@cox.net           |
| Mark Bye               | Chrysalis Community<br>Lay Director       | h: 405/745-4244 | Markbye_2000@yahoo.com            |
| <b>Bonnie Bower</b>    | Fourth Day                                | h: 405/769-1901 | thebowerhouse@cox.net             |
| Don Ellis              | Facilities / Security                     | h: 405/748-6771 | jellis1103@cox.net                |
| Peety Luka             | Registrar                                 | h: 405/386-7472 | lukar@dobsonteleco.com            |
| Ron Luka               | Gatherings / Music                        | h: 405/386-7472 | lukar@dobsonteleco.com            |
| Mary Nethercutt        | General / Personal Agape                  | c: 405/659-2964 | Mnethercutt @college.occc.edu     |
| <b>Delbert Simmons</b> | Facilities / Security                     | h: 405/947-5158 | delbert_e_simmons<br>@hotmail.com |
| Kim Smith              | Newsletter                                | c: 405/343-6408 | kmsmith329@yahoo.com              |
| Bryan West             | Kitchen                                   | h: 405/624-9785 | bwest132@yahoo.com                |
| Cindy Wilkey           | Kitchen                                   | c: 405/850-3532 | ciwilkey@hotmail.com              |

**ROOSTER TALES** newsletter is published by the Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors for the local Emmaus Community with editions every month except for December. The Newsletter Editor, Kim Smith, can be reached by email at <a href="mailto:roostertales@gmail.com">roostertales@gmail.com</a> or by phone at 405-343-6408. <a href="mailto:The electronic version">The electronic version is available on the web @ www.pioneercountryemmaus.com</a>.

For questions or comments regarding the website: webservant@pioneercountryemmaus.com