



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)

!!!! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!!!

On Saturday, May 19, 2012, your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors approved some changes that will be effective with the October 2012 Walks.

After much discussion and all things considered, and using the guidelines of the Upper Room Emmaus Model, it was decided that **all future Walks will require a minimum of 20 registrants two weeks prior to the Walk date. If 20 completed applications are not in the hands of the Board by that two week prior date, that Walk will be postponed until the next scheduled Walk.**

It is our desire to not postpone any Walks, and towards that end, we ask these things of our Community:

- Begin now obtaining applications from those you wish to sponsor.
- Be sure that the completed application and sponsor information is in the hands of a board member or in our Post Office Box no later than September 20 for Men's Walk #127 and October 4 for Women's Walk #128.
- Pray for 36 Pilgrims on each Walk.
- Pray for the Teams as they continue to prepare for the Walks.

AND Pray for our Community that they will heed the call to sponsorship!

Blessings & De Colores,

Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board

And now a word from.... Your Personal Agape Representative

MY WALK TO EMMAUS

In April, 1995, I made my Walk to Emmaus at Asbury United Methodist Church, in Southwest Oklahoma City.

What an enlightening and invigorating experience this was! Definitely a life changing experience for me!

In our church, I had heard a little about Emmaus, but didn't know too much.

In 1995, I was working on a temporary basis for the State of Oklahoma, Employment Services Division, for the Appeal Tribunal. A friend of mine was the manager of the Appeal Tribunal. One day she and I were visiting and she asked me if I would be interested in going on the Walk to Emmaus? We sat down in her office and began to talk about the Walk. I asked many questions before I committed to going on the walk.

This was a rather unusual situation, because my friend was Catholic and she had not gone on the Walk, but had gone to Cursillo. She was a very good sponsor, which made my walk very meaningful. I definitely learned to Trust in the Lord with all my heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5-6.

How did the Walk change me?

After completing my Walk and beginning my Fourth Day activities, I was suddenly encouraged by God to start being a more kind person, not only to family, friends and co-workers, but to everyone I came in contact with. It wasn't long until I began reaching out to co-workers, family and friends, and just giving them a friendly, accepting hug whenever the need arose. People soon began to comment that they had seen a big change in my disposition and attitude. I knew that this had to be the work of the HOLY SPIRIT working in me, and it was because I had been on the Walk to Emmaus.

Another change was when I began to find ways to help out in my church and Sunday School class. Over the years, I haven taken part in some very stimulating Bible studies, which has helped tremendously in my everyday life. I am now the Treasurer of my Sunday School class and I look for various ways to participate in women's activities here in our church. I love to meet new people and get acquainted with them. I always try to encourage them to participate in various activities that they would like to become involved in.

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In 2010-2011, I was asked by one of our Care Ministers if I would like to become a Care Chaplain. This involved a one year study program which was very intense. It is still a constant learning process; but it has enabled me to assist people in overcoming illness, grief, and other unfortunate circumstances in their life. God has blessed me in so many ways since I became a Care Chaplain.

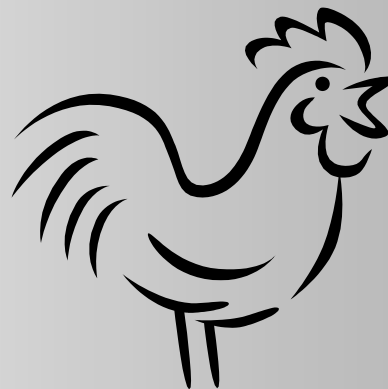
Another extremely important aspect in the Walk to Emmaus is our Reunion Groups. I can't stress enough how important being in a reunion group is when you have been on the Walk to Emmaus. I have been in the same reunion group since 1995. We still have four of our original members. This is the group that helps to hold me together when my life gets a little rough around the edges. There again, it shows the love we have for one another.

I am currently serving on the Pioneer Country Board of Directors as the Personal Agape Manager / Chrysalis Liaison. This is a fun job for me because I get to assist in decorating the dining room for our meals and other special events that we have during the walk. I also get to accept all of the lovely agape that makes each walk so special to our new pilgrims, as well as our members.

In closing, I think the most important part of the Walk to Emmaus is the love and concern that is shown to each pilgrim on their walk. I leave you with this favorite scripture of mine, which sums up what Emmaus is all about: "There are three things that will endure---FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE, but the greatest of these is LOVE."

De Colores,

Louise Skinner
Pioneer Country Walk to Emmaus
Personal Agape Chairman / Chrysalis Liaison



“What’s In The Nest?”

Scripture gives us the virtues that will produce a well-rounded, fruitful life:

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.”

2 Peter 1:5-7

About Father’s Day...

Father’s Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June in many parts of the world. The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father’s Day while listening to a Mother’s Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all of the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora’s father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father’s Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day. President Richard Nixon, in 1972, established a permanent national observance of Father’s Day to be held on the third Sunday in June. So Father’s Day was born as a token of love and gratitude that a daughter cherishes for her beloved father. Roses are the Father’s Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.

Here’s wishing all of you fathers a Happy Father’s Day, and a wonderful time with your families!

Closing Thoughts...

Wasn’t it smart of God to give new fathers nine months to prepare for how much their lives will change?

"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right."

-Bill Cosby

SPONSORSHIP

Our October Walks will be here before we know it. Men's Walk #127 is October 4 - 7, and Women's Walk #124 is October 18 - 21. Now is the time to begin the Sponsorship process. Let's work together and have full Walks this October. YOU, OUR EMMAUS COMMUNITY, DETERMINES HOW MANY PILGRIMS WE WILL HAVE ON EACH WALK. *In other words, we don't have Pilgrims without sponsorship.* AND, don't forget the new rule. **The Board must have in hand 20 completed applications by September 20, or the Walk will be postponed.**

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, you, as the sponsor, 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.

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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

We would ask that all of our community members prayerfully consider sponsoring men and women for the next set of walks, and be in prayer that the Walks are filled with pilgrims who the Lord has called to be there.

DeColores!

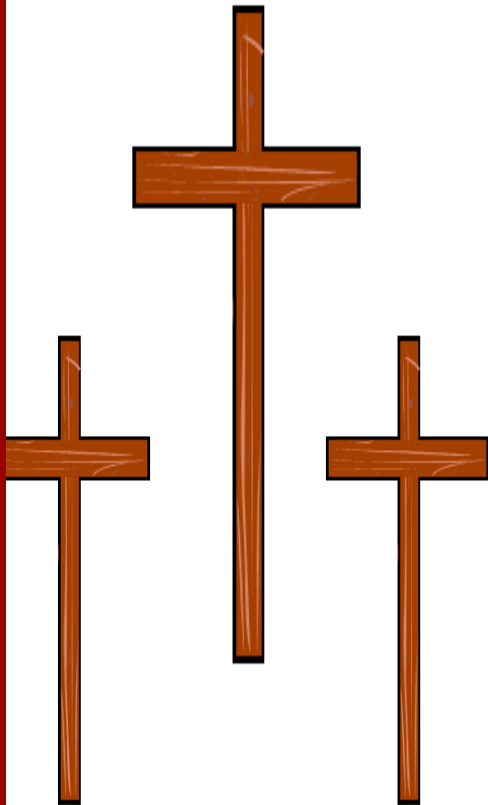
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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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CALENDAR



June 16, 2012

June Gathering

St. Andrews UMC
2727 S.W. 119th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 PM. The community is asked to bring snacks or drinks to share afterwards. Child-care 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!

- June 16, 2012** Board Meeting - 3:00 PM
St. Andrews UMC
2727 S.W. 119th Street - OKC, OK
- June 16, 2012** June Gathering - 7:00 PM
St. Andrews UMC
2727 S.W. 119th Street - OKC, OK
- June 27 - 30, 2012** Combined Boys & Girls Chrysalis Flight
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 18, 2012** August Gathering - 5:30 PM
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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