

PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS

NEWSLETTER

“Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to the them in the breaking of the bread.” Luke 24:35 (NRSV)

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July 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

August Gathering

August 15th, 2009

Lost Creek UMC

8002 S Washington Rd
Stillwater, OK 74074-8112

September 2009

Men's Walk # 115

9/10/09 – 9/13/09

St. Mark's UMC

Womens' Walk # 116

9/24/09 – 9/27-09

St. Mark's UMC

*Land that I love, stand beside her and guide her, thru the night with the Light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

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THE GIFT OF SPONSORSHIP

By: Judie Ellis

When my friend asked if she could sponsor me on The Walk to Emmaus, I didn't realize at the time what a precious gift she was giving me...that I would experience God's unconditional love and amazing grace more than I ever had before. She helped me through the application process and took me to the Church on Thursday evening. When we arrived at the Church, she introduced me to at least a million Pioneer Country Emmaus Community members and held my hand as I anticipated what would happen the rest of the weekend.

And then she sent me off to the great unknown. It looked to me as if this "sponsoring" thing was easy. How little I knew!!!

While I was in the Conference Room with "my new best friends", my Sponsor was in the Sanctuary praying for me and my new friends by name. Then she made my bed, laid out my pajamas, opened my Bible to Luke 24 and placed it on my pillow. *AND SHE PRAYED FOR ME.* Only later did I find out that she was scurrying around the building all weekend, invisible and as quiet as a Church Mouse, making sure my surroundings were neat, clean and well-decorated and that I had enough food to eat. Why did I not trust her when she said "Don't bring any snacks; there will be plenty of food"?????

The next time I saw her was on Saturday night when she was in a Choir of Angels singing to me about Jesus and Love. What a special time that was. *AND SHE PRAYED FOR ME.*

On Sunday afternoon, I was showered with dozens of letters and cards from family and friends, some of whom I hadn't heard from in quite some time, all telling me how much I have blessed their lives. I was touched. How sneaky my Sponsor had been to find all their names and addresses. It must have taken her weeks.

Then there she was yet again – a Saint among many, marching into the Sanctuary to listen to me and my friends talk about what the weekend meant to us and what we were going to do with what we had learned. *AND SHE HAD BEEN PRAYING FOR ME ALL ALONG.* The weekend changed my life. It made me realize just how important God is to me, and how much I need Him in my life. I wanted all my friends to have that experience. *AND I knew, without a doubt, what I was going to do.* I was going to give someone the gift of Sponsorship. *AND I WAS GOING TO PRAY FOR HER.* When I did, I again experienced that love and grace our Lord Jesus gives us so freely and unconditionally. It was amazing to be on the outside looking in.

You, too, can give your friends a gift...the gift of Sponsorship. If you do, I know your friends will be as blessed as I was, and you will be, too. DeColores.

The Steering Committee for Pioneer Country Chrysalis has taken several more steps in the process to hold our first flights. In our June Meeting, the committee:

1. Adopted a time table to bring about the first flights
2. Set November 7th as the date for the Upper Room to conduct Team Training sessions for Chrysalis. Pat Miller, of the Upper Room, will lead the sessions.
3. Elected Amy Holland and Hannah Parker as representatives from the Pioneer Country Chrysalis Steering Committee to the Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors.

If you have an interest in serving as a Team member or Lay Director on future Chrysalis Flights, please contact Kerry Cox at [HYPERLINK "mailto:kacox111@hotmail.com"](mailto:kacox111@hotmail.com) kacox111@hotmail.com Decolores!

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COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT SERVING ON A WALK!!!

How would you like to know more about how a Walk weekend progresses? OR what the Lay Director, Assistant Lay Directors and Board Representative do? OR how to lead table discussions, prepare and give a talk, facilitate the Prayer Room, or be on the Music team? OR manage the kitchen, snacks, dining room and agape room or be a Team Assistant? If you want to learn more about serving in the Conference Room or on the Support Team, please join us at the first Team Training for Walks #115 & #116 on July 18, 2009, at Chapel Hill UMC. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Worship and Holy Communion, followed by breakout sessions covering all the above subjects. We will be finished around Noon. We hope to see you there.

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MERGEFORMATINET **“WANTED! – FACILITIES TEAM”**

We are in need of a core team that we can depend on to assist in getting the host church ready for the Walk and then returning the church to its original form when the Walk is over. We need six to eight Emmaus members willing to commit to help with at least the upcoming September and February Walks to serve on this team. On the Wednesday before each Walk, our supplies must be unloaded from the trailer and placed in the host church, and the Conference Room and sleeping rooms made ready for the Walk. Early on Sunday morning, the mattresses must be loaded back onto the trailer and Sunday School rooms readied for normal church services. Then on Sunday afternoon, all remaining supplies must be loaded back onto the trailer. Please prayerfully consider lending your hands, feet and heart to get these important tasks accomplished. If you would like to help or have any questions, please give either of us a call
Don Ellis (250-5162 or 748-6771) Mike Berggren (354-7350)

Today we read in the newspaper and hear on TV. about what will be the legacy of President Bush. This brings to mind that we all will leave a legacy. I sometimes wonder what will be my legacy. Several years ago I attended a conference on death and dying. The purpose of the conference was to train the participants to help people through the grieving period on the death of a loved one. On Friday afternoon we took an unscheduled break. When we returned, at everyone's place was a piece of paper, which looked like a tombstone with our name, date of our birth and also the current date, which represented the date of our death. We were asked to write what we would like inscribed on our tombstone. With out hesitation I wrote, " He Made a Difference". Have you ever considered your personal legacy? How would you like to be remembered? Today I would like to be remembered as a God fearing, loving father, husband and friend. Of course I would also like to be remembered as "He Made a Difference".

By: Ross Flowers

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NEW COVENANT UMC
to host
July Gathering!

The gathering will take place at New Covenant UMC
On July 18, 2009 @ 7:00pm. Babysitting will be provided.

Please remember that Gatherings are open to
All! Folks that have not been on a Walk, yet
Might want to see what Emmaus is all about are
Welcome to join us! Invite a friend or neighbor
To worship and fellowship!

The community will gather first for worship with
Snacks and fellowship to follow. The community is asked to please bring
snack items and drinks.

Address: 2700 S Boulevard St., Edmond, OK 73013

What is Emmaus?

The purpose of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip
local church members for Christian Action in their
churches, homes and places of work.

Visit these websites:

Pioneer Country Emmaus: HYPERLINK "http://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com"

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Oklahoma Kairos: HYPERLINK "http://www.kairosoklahoma.com" www.kairosoklahoma.com

Walk to Emmaus International Office: HYPERLINK "http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus"

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