

# Rooster Tales



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## Gathering Schedule

**Our first in-person gathering at Central UMC was a success! The next gathering is scheduled for Friday, February 25 at Trinity Heights UMC in Flagstaff at 6pm in the sanctuary. Masks are required and we hope to stream this gathering online as well.**

**More info to come!**

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## Walk #257

**See page 2 for updated information!**

## Devotional by Bishop Mike Okonkwo – What An Incredible Love

“Be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God’s people) the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love];” – Ephesians 3:18 (AMP) Today is Valentine’s Day, and all over the world, everyone is celebrating love. Gifts are being exchanged, and different things are being done to commemorate the day. While all of these are good, because indeed it’s good to celebrate the people God has placed in your lives and to let them know that you love and appreciate them, I mean I am a firm believer in giving people their flowers while they are alive; however today, I want to remind you of a love that is unending and can never run out on you.

Our text paints a very vivid picture of this love. It says the love is so high, we can never get over it. It is so deep, reaching down to the deepest parts, therefore no matter how low we feel we have fallen, His love can still reach us right where we are. This love is so wide, it’s everywhere; oh what an incredible love God has for us His children.

The beautiful thing is that the love is not only for the believers. God loves the world, the question is are you ready to receive His love. His love for you is unconditional, iron-clad, blood-bought. He loves you just as you are where you are without any reservation. No matter how low you may have fallen, His love is reaching out to you; however, He will not force His love on you, accepting it is your choice. That is the only choice you have to make.

Beloved, that love is reaching out to you right where you are, right now. This love is healing you, it’s restoring you, it is wiping away the tears, it is providing for you, it is making a way for you even where there seems to be no way. All you have to do is just receive His love and thank Him for it.



## Honoring the Life of a Long-Time Emmaus Member

James Robertson Fredrick  
1926 - 2021

Dr. James Robertson Fredrick, EdD died peacefully on August 25, 2021. James was born to Aurthur Harold and Katherine Robertson Fredrick in Kansas City MO on July 17, 1926. He completed a B.A. in Philosophy in 1947 at Westminster College in Fulton MO. He completed a M.Ed. at the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1953 and a EdD in Educational Counseling in 1961. James married Ardeen Woodworth in 1953. James also served in the US Army in Germany from 1953-56. James and Ardeen moved to Flagstaff, AZ in 1961 as an assistant professor at Arizona State College (NAU). While at NAU James served as the founding director of the Counseling and Testing Center. James retired from NAU in July of 1991. While in Flagstaff James was an active member of his community through Federated Community Church, Kiwanis Club, and The Arizona Walk to Emmaus. James is preceded in death by his mother Katherine, Father Harold, wife Ardeen and brother John. James is survived by son Michael, daughter Kathryn (Kitty) Hardy, Sister-in-law Juana and their families. A Celebration of Life will be held at Trinity Heights UMC on Friday March 11th at 11am. This service can also be seen via live streaming at this link: <https://youtu.be/TdDcc008iB0>.

### **UPCOMING SERVICE - Celebration of Life**

**March 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Trinity Heights UMC**

**3600 N 4th St, Flagstaff AZ**

If you would like to honor the memory of an Emmaus member who has passed on, please reach out to one of our Board members or email [azemmauscomm@gmail.com](mailto:azemmauscomm@gmail.com). We would be happy to send out an E-blast to our contact list or include in our Rooster Tales newsletter if space is available.



## Update on Women's Walk #257

We have terrific news! Walk #257 is moving forward! We have enough participants signed up and room for a few more so please get applications in if you wanted to sponsor someone. This walk is being held at Sierra Vista UMC on March 31-April 3, 2022. A list of Team members and participants will be available soon. Stay tuned for more information!

## A Note from the Emmaus Board

We all remember our Walk to Emmaus as a pivotal point in our lives, and we want to see it continue.

The last two years have been challenging for everyone, including the Arizona Walk to Emmaus. The Emmaus weekend needs your help to come back strong in 2022.

We need your financial help. The main sources of income for Arizona Walk to Emmaus are gatherings and weekends. Having had neither, in person, for two years has drastically curtailed our income while expenses like insurance, storage, licenses, website and communication fees have continued. The Board has worked hard to cut expenses and lower costs, but what has allowed us to continue was our savings. But that is running out now as well. We believe a bright future is on the horizon, but we need help now to replenish and re-establish a strong financial basis for the re-emergence of the Arizona Walk to Emmaus.

### How can you help?

- Come to the Gatherings and donate in person.
- Send a donation through Zelle or to the Arizona Walk to Emmaus Treasurer at PO Box 86309, Phoenix, AZ 85080
- Create a monthly automatic donation through your bank's bill paying service.
- Consider "adopting" an expense. Insurance is about \$175/month; Storage and RV spaces are around \$544/month; CCLI music license around \$350, just to name a few.
- We need your service. As always, we need you to sponsor pilgrims and serve on teams, but the Board needs you too. There are positions open for Gathering Coordinator and Chrysalis chair now, and in May openings for Treasurer and CLD-Elect. There is also a need for Southern and Northern area representatives.
- We need your prayers. Pray for Arizona Walk to Emmaus; pray for the Board members; pray for discerned (and not yet discerned!) lay directors and teams; pray for future pilgrims; pray for leaders of gatherings.

### Emmaus is counting on You!

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