

Rooster Tales



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Gathering Schedule

Our next in-person gathering will take place in Southern Arizona after the Women's Walk March 31-April 3, 2022. This will be a 4th Day Dinner and Gathering to celebrate our newest members into the Emmaus community! Hope you can join us! More info to come!

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Walk #257

See page 2 for updated information!



Devotion by Rick Warren

"Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

God has called you to be a witness for him in the world. He expects you to tell others about the hope you have in Jesus. But many people are what I call "arctic river Christians." They're frozen at the mouth. They hold back or don't say anything about Jesus. But Jesus says, "If you're not fishing, then you're not following me."

The Bible says, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" (Matthew 4:19) Why does God want you to share your hope? Here are a few reasons.

Everybody needs Jesus. The Good News of Jesus is better than anything this world could offer. It's better than the cure for cancer, AIDS, or any other sickness. When you point people to Jesus, you offer them eternal life. You show them how to have their past forgiven, a purpose for living, and a home in heaven. Everybody needs that!

Jesus commands it. Jesus' Great Commission is clear: "Go and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). But, if you're like most people, sometimes you care more about what others think than what God thinks. You're more worried about your reputation than the salvation of others. But Jesus commands you to share your hope.

You love God and people. The Bible says, "Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that [he] died for all" (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV). People often ask me, "What motivates you year after year at Saddleback Church?" I tell them, "It's because I love Jesus Christ with all my heart, and I love people." Christ's love compels me to tell others about the hope I have in him.

You will be rewarded in heaven. Proverbs 11:30 says, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." Do you want to bear fruit and be wise? Bring people to Jesus. Do you want to leave a legacy? Make sure the people you know will be with you in heaven one day.

Right now, think of one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus yet. Pray, "God, I want the privilege of bringing this person into your family. I want them to be in heaven because of me. Please help me not hold back anymore." Now, go tell them about Jesus!

Women's Walk #257

Below is a list of our Team and pilgrims for Walk #257 being held
March 31-April 3, 2022 at Sierra Vista UMC. Please keep them all in prayer.

Leaders Team:

April Tucker - Lay Director
Cheryl Holliday - ALD
Doris Magargee - ALD
Kelly Capps - ALD
Chris Garrison - ALD
Bob Holliday - Head Spiritual Director
June Frieson - ASD
Becky Morrison - ASD
Ann Gaines - Music Leader
Kay Pitt - Head Cook
Jeannie Fleming - AHC
Peggy Jo Harwick - Head Chef
Dottie Shaw McIntyre - Assistant Chef
Penny Malone - Prayer Warrior

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Kathie Barrett
Robbin Brooks
Stephanie Hartung
Kelli Konrad
Mary Kotnour
Deanna Johnson
AeSun Robles
Beth Woodland
Donna Wright

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Julie Martin - Lead
Rachelle Eckert
Jeannette Doherty

Agape Team:

Sally Knapp
Gretchen Lofgren

Cook Team:

Sharron Arcand
Polly Britto
Suzanne Cipra
Kristin Forrester
Pam Harlow
LeeAnn Harter
Kay Hayworth
Michelle Howell
Diane James
Janet Johns
Nichole Kluth
Kathy Marvin
Mardiece Patrick
Lenore Yarbrough

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Karen Berry
Holly Celmer
Casi Farmer
Rev. Patty Frick
Mary Jo Gaines
Renee Garrett
Candy Green
Dee Hammons
Katherine Hille
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Rev. Corby Jo Johnson
Elizabeth Miller
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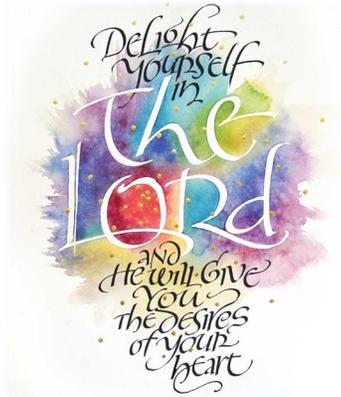


A Note from the Emmaus Board

We would love to have your participation in our upcoming Women's Walk #257! The walk is taking place at Sierra Vista UMC. Sponsor's hour will be at approximately 7:00pm on Thursday, March 31. Candlelight will be at approximately 8:00pm on Saturday, April 2. The closing ceremony will be at 5:00pm on Sunday. Stayed tuned for more information about the 4th Day Dinner and Gathering to celebrate our newest community members!

The Prayer Vigil is on our website at azemmaus.org. Click on the Weekends tab/ Emmaus / Upcoming Weekends. You can see the roster of team and participants and a link below the roster for the Prayer Vigil. This was nearly full when the walk was supposed to happen 2 years ago and we cannot remove those names. There are still a few spaces to fill.

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On my walk in February 1997 I was at a crossroads in my life. I was taking care of my husband's mother. My husband was still working, but he was about to be disabled and unable to work. My teenage twins were adjusting to having a younger brother. My son was at first okay to share a room but that wore off soon, and having 3 sixteen-year-olds was unnerving. Jeremy was a natural at many things; driving was second nature to him. We had just refinished an old truck he had bought. I could not teach my daughter to drive, she was directionally challenged so Tim taught her and she bought her first car. Tim could not teach his son so I took him out and we tried and tried. I learned to pray before, during and after his driving lessons. After two tries he passed his drivers license test. I had always gone to church and Sunday School and I had accepted Christ as a young child. But during my walk I was overwhelmed with love and agape love especially.

My kids and my husband were all there on Saturday night of my Emmaus weekend and Sunday afternoon my husband came to pick me up and took me out to eat. My testimony was totally undiscernible to anyone and when we went to eat one of the cookies came up to me to tell me she totally understood my testimony because she had been similarly filled with tears. That night I realized that God hears even our most garbled prayers. God was building me up and preparing me for what was still to come - my husband's son turning on us and going back to California, going back to school, the graduation of my kids, and my son's marriage, and finally the death of my husband. God was with me the whole time giving me a strength that I did not know I had.

During the last 20 years, God has helped me through everything I do. I never spoke in front of a group yet I have served on 13 cook teams, including being an assistant head cook and head cook twice, and on 7 talk teams, assistant lay director 3 times and Lay Director. I have served on the Emmaus board twice, both times as the agape chair and have sponsored several pilgrims. God has grown me into what He wanted for me. I know He still has adventures and plans for me.

I have learned to step out in faith knowing He is with me and He will give me what I need to fulfill His plan for me. I challenge you to take on something new in this time of Lent - read your Bible more, take a Bible class, join a club, volunteer to help at gatherings, prayerfully consider serving on a team, volunteer to join the Emmaus board! Several of the board positions need more the one person and all could use help. Both the Gathering Chair and Chrysalis Chair are open positions, as well as others coming up. So step out of your comfort zone and be blessed.

Article by Kathy Tracy, Emmaus Agape Chair

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