

# THE EMMAUS NEWSLETTER



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## GREEN COUNTRY WALK TO EMMAUS

### GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Ed Taylor, Green Country Walk to Emmaus Number 105, Table of Mark. Asbury United Methodist Church. I say that only because it's been quite a while since this community has had a new Board Chairman. First, I want to say thank you to Tom Sorrels on behalf of all the board members who served during his tenure. Tom served in this position tirelessly for two years as Board Chair and several years prior to that in other positions and did so with a smile on his face and a servant's heart. Again, we all say thank you.

On December 3, 2006, my wife Vicki and I made a resolution to make Gatherings,

Walks and the Emmaus Community more of a priority in our lives in 2007. We didn't miss one of them that year and really looked forward to the second Saturday of the month. Little did I know that it would lead to a board position in 2008, as I took care of Gatherings last year.

I thought I was led to be the board member in charge of Fourth Day this year, but did God ever have another plan! I never dreamed when I took that position last year that I would be addressing you as Board Chairman today. I am somewhat humbled and a bit overwhelmed.

I am excited about the new board we have in place for the upcoming year. It takes a real servant's heart to take on the duties the board requires, and I'm proud to serve with each and every one of them.

There is one new development the entire board is excited about and I believe you will be too. We are going to put the member's information on a database that has been created especially for Emmaus communities and is endorsed by the Upper Room. It will have your name, address, phone, e-mail address, reunion group, places where you volunteer during walks, etc. It will

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#### Important Information

- **February Gathering New Date—Saturday Feb 21st at Heritage UMC at 7pm**
- **March Gathering—Manford UMC— Saturday March 14 at 7pm**

## DINE ON HOMEMADE CHILI & SUPPORT KAIROS OUTSIDE AT THE SAME TIME!



How about coming to the next Gathering on Feb 21st a little early? Not only can you get out of fixing dinner, you can support a great cause as well by attending the

1<sup>st</sup> Annual KOEO Chili Cookoff  
 Heritage UMC – BA  
 6:00 – 6:45  
 Sat Feb 21<sup>st</sup> (before Emmaus Gathering)

Kairos Outside of Eastern Oklahoma (KOEO) is a part of prison ministry sponsoring weekends full of God’s extravagant love for women who were in once incarcerated or have loved ones in prison. The weekends provide an opportunity to find a safe network of friends to re-present Christ in tangible ways & to hear God’s messages of hope. It’s full of encouragement, Emmaus-like surprises that are unique to KOEO and reminders of God’s abundant grace.

No guests pay to attend KOEO weekends. Therefore it’s up to the Team to raise money to support their weekend. (Wouldn’t you like to add that task to your commitments to be on an Emmaus Team?) Donations & fundraising allow us to sponsor all guests who ask to come.

Yes, you can enter your own crockpot of chili in this event! Just e-mail Board member Cathy

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[min@greencountryemmaus.com](mailto:min@greencountryemmaus.com) . She’ll get you in contact with me and we’ll arrange a table spot for your creatively named chili (“God Works in Mysterious Meats”? “Amazing Grace Needed”? “Whisper a Prayer Before Eating”? “KO the Competition”? ...you get the idea)

Or just come dine on homemade chili, enjoy salads and dessert all for the price of a donation. And be part of history. Your votes will determine the winner of the soon-to-be-coveted KOEO Chili Cookoff Championship trophy.

This will be a fun way for Emmaus to learn more about its Emerging Ministries and for KOEO to fund it’s May weekend and minister to more women who have been impacted by prison.

See you 6:00-6:45 before the Gathering Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at Heritage UMC in Broken Arrow!

Anna Lawless

Walk 84, Table of Sarah The Church Without Walls

### Moving? Prefer to Receive the Newsletter via E-mail?

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allow us to call up members in certain zip codes, or reunion groups who meet in certain zip codes, or people who have helped putting churches back together on Sunday morning etc. It seems at the present time, our information is in several different places. This program is wonderful and our "internet gals" on the board can't talk fast enough about all it can do for this community! Once it is online, you can check you info to see if it is correct and change it if it is not.

I don't know a lot of you. I'm the guy who terrorized people with the video camera during the last Walks at Asbury while getting footage for the video that played at the 25th anniversary Gathering. Please feel free to come introduce yourself at the next Gathering.

Remember the February Gathering is the third Saturday in February. Sorry fellas, we just felt that the romantic walk down both sides of the Emmaus food tables wouldn't pass with

the Mrs. as a Valentine's Dinner! I hope to see a big crowd February 21st at Heritage United Methodist Church. Vicki and I pray you make the Emmaus Community a priority in your lives this year.

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Ed Taylor

Board Chair!

## KAIROS SPRING 2009 OPPORTUNITIES NOW!

***"...(I was) in prison and you visited me...I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!" Matthew 25: 36 & 40***

Opportunities to serve as **KAIROS TEAM MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS** (men and women) are needed across the state for the Spring 2009 Weekends for incarcerated youth, adults and their family members. Several opportunities are in nearby communities and just a short drive away. This is a life-changing Weekend for them and for you!!

There are also opportunities for servants to bake cookies, make agape, pray, and attend Closing (similar to an Emmaus Closing). **COOKIES** are the only tangible evidence of God's unconditional love that we are allowed to give residents!

MANY cookies are needed. Recipes and guidelines can be found on the Kairos website below. **CHILDREN'S AGAPE** really touches the residents!!! Letters, placemats and posters are needed. These should be signed with only the child's first name and age. And, of course, **PRAYER!!!** Pray for the residents, the prison staff, the teams and all volunteers. **CLOSINGS**, too, are very powerful and unforgettable!! Closing applications forms and due dates can be found on the Kairos website.

For information on Kairos opportunities statewide, Closing applications, cookie guidelines and recipes, and more, visit the Kairos website at <http://www.kairosoklahoma.org> or contact Rita Henze at 918-592-2531 or 557-6215 or at [rjhenze@cox.net](mailto:rjhenze@cox.net)



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**Happy Valentines Day!**  
**Won't you share God's love**  
**with all you encounter.**

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