

Dear Blue Lake Emmaus Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to inform all the Emmaus and Chrysalis Clusters of a recent decision by the Blue Lake Emmaus Governing Board concerning the remaining schedule for 2020. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and with genuine concern for the health of the pilgrims and volunteers, we have decided to postpone the remaining Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flight/Journeys for 2020.

As you may imagine, this decision was probably the most difficult choice that the Emmaus Board has ever had to make. None of the members of the board want to halt this ministry. But every board member reached the conclusion that it was the best alternative for the health of our Emmaus/Chrysalis families and the long-term health of our Lord's ministry.

These combined ministries have had life changing effects on many people's lives. I surrendered my life over to Jesus as Lord while attending BLEW #201. That life changing moment is credited to the work of the Holy Spirit. I have great confidence in knowing that the work of the Holy Spirit will continue on. Therefore, I pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please continue to pray for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis

ministries. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us to a way to safely open up these ministries at Blue Lake in the near future. Pray for God to restore the health of our nation and the world. Pray for God's wisdom for those in the medical industry. And that they would use God's gifts to develop and produce a vaccine to defeat the COVID-19 virus.

Please pray for the financial health of Blue Lake Methodist Camp. The camp has been closed since March when quarantine rules were put in place, and no income has been coming in to pay the mortgage and bills. The camp needs monetary donations in any amount you can give. You can send checks or money orders to:

Blue Lake Camp, 8500 Oakwood Lane,
Andalusia, AL 36420

Or go to <https://www.bluelakecamp.com/>

And click on the Support Blue Lake link to donate electronically.

The Emmaus Walk men's and women's wait lists have been nearly depleted and we need your help to sponsor pilgrims for future Emmaus Walks. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone from your church family. We especially need more men on the candidate list.

The Blue Lake Emmaus Governing Board will continue to meet throughout the remainder of 2020 to assess the pandemic situation and discuss restarting the Emmaus Walks as soon as it is safely possible.

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Larry Bates
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