



RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

April 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of Lent as we prepare for Emmaus Walk #285, scheduled for April 10-13, I request your prayers for these women. Pray for the love of Jesus to cover these ladies and their families. Pray that the Holy Spirit will live in their hearts and guide them forth to be leaders in their church. Pray that they would return home to be a living example of Jesus in their homes and their workplaces. And pray that they would boldly proclaim the good news of salvation with those that have yet to know Jesus as Lord. You will find the pilgrim list on the following page. Please pray specifically, by name, for each of these ladies.

When I reflect on the scripture chosen for this walk, Matt 13:45-46, the story of the merchant in search of fine pearls, I tend to think of Jesus as the merchant in this parable. And the one pearl of great value that he searches for, and finds is us, the Emmaus Community, the Church, the Body of Christ.

And like the merchant who sold all that he had, our Lord Jesus came to this

world and gave all that he had, his very life on earth, so that He might obtain the Church. We are the Church, the Body of Christ, who was made righteous before God by the price paid by Christ our Lord. This parable reminds me that we are so valuable and so immensely loved by Jesus that nothing can separate us from His love.

Our mission of Kingdom building requires us to actively seek out and bring people to the Body of Christ. I strongly encourage you to sponsor a teenager on a Chrysalis weekend. Sponsor a friend or family member on an Emmaus walk. Everyone on earth is of such great value in the eyes of Christ, that He has already paid the greatest price for all of us. The least we can do is come join Him in the Kingdom building mission. May all glory and honor be yours, Jesus, now and forever. Amen!

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Larry Bates
Blue Lake Emmaus Walk #201
Table of Paul



Walk W-285 Pilgrims

“ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding a pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:45-46

April 10-13, 2025

Lay Director: KarenElizabeth Carrel

Spiritual Dir: Rev. Kevin Holland

As of: March 28, 2025



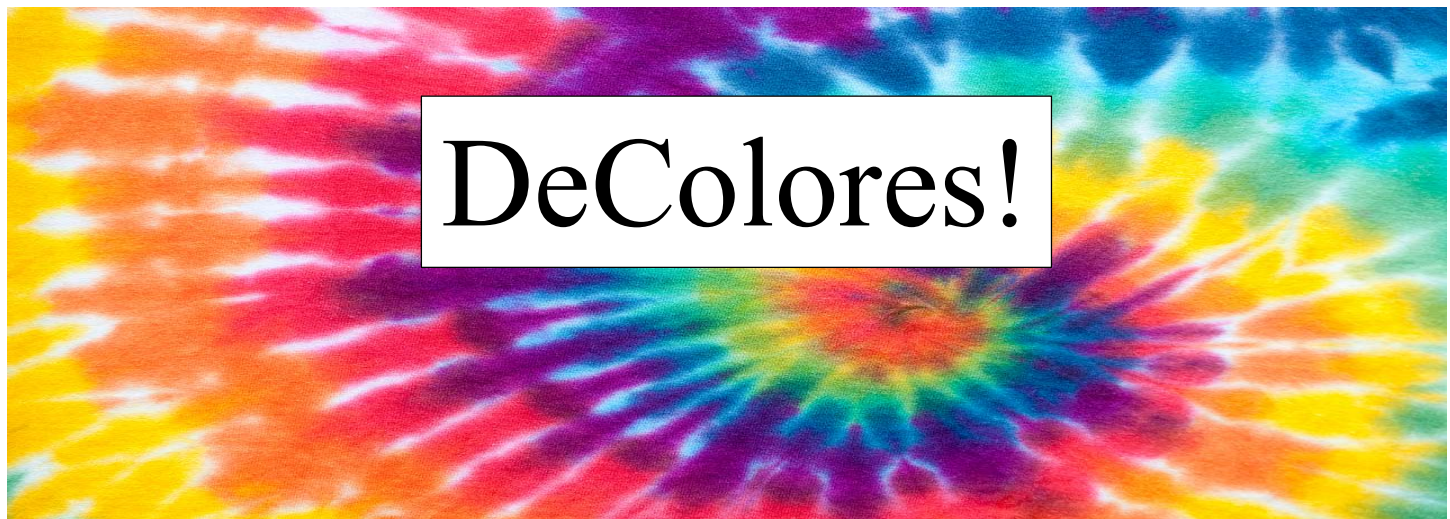
Pilgrim	City	Church	Sponsor
1. Adams, Linda	Pensacola, FL	St. John Divine Baptist	Johnson, Willie III
2. Austin, Cindy	Midland City, AL	Harvest Church	Eanes, Cindy
3. Bertram, Holly	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Bush, Amy
4. Bollinger, Janis (Jan)	Milton, FL	Christ Methodist	Antonelli, Rev. Tony
5. Brooks, Dorothy (Dot)	Pace, FL	The Way UMC	Schutt, Karen
6. Bunting, Martha	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Boyd, Linda
7. Childers, Rachel	Midland City, AL	Harvest Church	Dismukes, Abby
8. Cochran, Karen	Marianna, FL	First UMC, Marianna	Mayo, Nichole
9. Cole, Judy	Headland, AL	Harvest Church	Cole, Jonathan
10. Coleman, Dianne	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Stokes, April
11. Conrad, Rosie	Foley, AL	First UMC, Foley	Plumb, Charlotte
12. Edwards, Jennifer (Jenny)	Ft. Walton Bch, FL	Crosspoint, South	LaRoche, Janice
13. Faulker, Linda	Ft. Walton Bch, FL	Cinco Baptist Church	Alburn, Lynn
14. Hurlburt, Julie	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint Church	Spence, Becky
15. Jensen, Mary	Foley, AL	Foley UMC	Jensen, David
16. Laedlein, Ashlan	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Martin, Charita
17. Leach, Lindsey	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Bush, Amy
18. Martyn, Mary	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint Church	Minton, Samantha
19. Mathis, Diane (Vickie)	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Nelson, Barbara
20. Mawhinney, Gaylene	Pace, FL	Christ Methodist	Davis, Melva
21. Mott, Ruth	Panama City Bch, FL	Woodlawn Church	Bozarth, Susan
22. Nightingale, Jennifer	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Niceville	Tucker, Jennifer
23. Parker, Brunease	Elba, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
24. Piland, Shannon	Samson, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
25. Potter, Cheryl	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Stokes, April
26. Rantz, Emily	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Bush, Amy
27. Rice, Millie	Pike Road, AL	Frazier Free Methodist	Livingston, Beverly
28. Schively, Patricia (Pat)	Andalusia, AL	Opp First Methodist	Cook, Christine
29. Sharpe, Georgetta (Peaches)	Milton, FL	Christian Life Church	Fare, Anita & Sam
30. Solomon, Leslie	Enterprise, AL	Church with You	Adie, Peggy
31. Ward, Christi (Ruth)	Marianna, AL	First UMC, Marianna	Turnbull, Michelle
32. Watts, Nancy	Marianna, AL	First UMC, Marianna	Mayo, Nichole
33. Woods-Hines, Gloria	Cantonment, FL	Bethel A.M.E.C.	Johnson, Willie III

Scholarships Available: The Mike Ruthven Memorial scholarship has been set up to help anyone who would like to attend a Walk to Emmaus- Bethlehem or Blue Lake. For more information contact Elsie Williams at 850-596-2627 or at 111 Loyola Lane Panama City, FL 32405.

Emmaus Ministry Calendar



2025				
<u>Walk</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>	<u>Spiritual Director</u>	<u>Support Coordinator</u>
W-285 (W)	Apr 10-13	Karen Elizabeth Carrel	Rev. Kevin Holland	Dawn Hall
W-286 (M)	Jul 31- Aug 3	Phil Coty	Rev. Ken Taylor	Larry Bates
W-287 (W)	Sep 18-21	Denise Pippin	Rev. Nancy Hammond	Tommy Tew
W-288 (W)	Nov 6-9	Terri McCollum	Rev. Allen Newton	Bert McCollum



2025 BLUE LAKE EMMAUS WALKS

LAY DIRECTOR ~ SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR ~ SUPPORT COORDINATOR ~ BOARD REP

WALK #	DATE	LAY DIRECTOR	SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR	SUPPORT COORDINATOR
282 Women	January 9-12	Vera Johnson vera.johnson27@yahoo.com Cantonment, FL 850.982.9993	Rev. Kevin Holland hollandkevin@bellsouth.net Milton, FL 32570 850.382.3108	Denise Heath heathgator@cox.net Fort Walton Beach, FL 850.865.5734
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Dawn Hall				
284 Men	February 20-23	Gerald Burgess geb28@live.com Pace, FL 850.418.1271	Rev. Tony Antonelli tonyantonnelli53@gmail.com Milton, FL 334.235.1288	Shevewan Cooper shevewan@yahoo.com Niceville, FL 850.685.2314
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Randy Brooke				
285 Women	April 10-13	KarenElizabeth Carrel kecarrel@embarqmail.com Marianna, FL 850.209.4690	Rev. Kevin Holland hollandkevin@bellsouth.net Milton, FL 850.382.3108	Dawn Hall pinkgerbera71@gmail.com Milton, FL 803.580.9487
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Cheri Perry				
286 Men	July 31-August 3	Phil Coty phillcoty@aol.com Niceville, FL 334.695.6060	Rev. Ken Taylor seapriest@gmail.com Lynn Haven, FL 850.428.0136	Larry Bates savedbygrace010509@gmail.com Niceville, FL 850.218.6586
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: John Bozarth				
287 Women	September 18-21	Denise Pippin dwpipp@hotmail.com Orange Beach, AL 334.333.6134	Rev. Nancy Hammond nancydhammond@gmail.com Pensacola, FL 850.748.3532	Tommy Tew wett196@gmail.com Lynn Haven, FL 850.265.0454
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Iris Schipper				
288 Women	November 6-9	Terri McCollum tmccollum@bntinc.net Fort Walton Beach, FL 850.687.4788	Rev. Allen Newton anewton@destinmc.org Destin, FL 850.381.3770	Bert McCollum bmccollum@bntinc.net Fort Walton Beach, FL 205.292.6056
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Dawn Hall				

**BLUE LAKE EMMAUS
~ COMMITTEE COORDINATORS ~**

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Agape Coordinator	Dawn Hall	pinkgerbera71@gmail.com	(803) 580-9487
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Chrysalis Spiritual Director	Donna Coty	334.355.1489 revdcoty@aol.com
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Blue Lake Chrysalis Flight and Journey News!

Jesus is always doing something new! So exciting to see what He will do next! Chrysalis is following Jesus to do something new. Chrysalis in January and February will take out Friday and put in Monday! Students missing Friday at school were unexcused absences. January dates are 16-19 (MLK Day) and February 13-16 (President's Day) starting on Friday nights.

Imagine yourself attending a Chrysalis Flight (10th – 12th grades) or Chrysalis Journey (19-24 years old). Would your life maybe have been a little (or a lot) different? Hmmmm. We are trying something new to help get more candidates. Think of youth at your church, in your family – talk to your pastors, student ministers – pray about who you would sponsor. We need to sign up young people to attend Chrysalis to become our strong Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Working on a Chrysalis Flight/Journey is great fun! Watching the transformation of these young people over the three days, Jesus works miracles! Through the years

Chrysalis has clarified callings into many forms of ministry for the young people, who some now volunteer and pay to work Chrysalis. I could name youth pastors, associate and lead pastors, worship ministers, missionaries, teachers and parents leading their children to love Jesus. The Holy Spirit reaches us to reach out to others.

Join me in praying for Chrysalis. Lord Jesus you know we need to be more diligent about following through to make more disciples for You. Chrysalis is a great part of the Emmaus movement to do just that. Help us to pray for Chrysalis and especially Blue Lake Chrysalis, help us to sign up young people so they can experience Your love and grace to become the next and larger body of Christ Jesus. In His holy and precious name, we pray. Jesus. Amen

Rev. Donna Coty, Blue Lake Chrysalis
Community Spiritual Director

Chrysalis Web site: www.bluelakechrysalis.us

Chrysalis Application: www.bluelakechrysalis.us/images/documents/chrysalis_application.pdf

ATTENTION EMMAUS CLERGY MEMBERS

With the rapidly changing landscape of Congregational and Clergy affiliation, the Upper Room has asked that we update our Clergy records. The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus criteria for Clergy remains the same as it has always been. The Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical Fourth Day movement and members of all Christian organizations and denominations are welcome to participate and serve.

Clergy who choose to serve as Weekend Spiritual Directors and Assistant Spiritual Directors do have certain criteria they must meet. We've been asked to update our Clergy Applications so our Emmaus Board can be confident that each clergy member is licensed or ordained by their parent organizations.

PLEASE ACCOMPLISH THESE TWO ITEMS:

1. Update your information in Ministry Manager.
 - a. Login to <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org>
 - b. Update each field.
 - c. Click the Clergy box.
 - d. If you cannot login for any reason please email Joquita McKibben (joy4heart@bellsouth.net). You will receive follow-up instructions.

2. Complete an Emmaus Clergy Application.
 - a. Log into The Upper Room and request copy
 - b. Email Dr. Bob McKibben (revbmck@bellsouth.net) for copy
 - c. Return completed copy to Bob McKibben

BLUE LAKE EMMAUS PRAYER VIGIL

Follow steps below to locate and sign up for the Prayer Vigil for upcoming Emmaus Walks.

1. Login to Ministry Manager. <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org>
2. Located on the bottom right from your home dashboard in Ministry Manager select *Upcoming Prayer Vigils* and *Read More*.

Prayer Vigils

MY PRAYER TIMES

UPCOMING PRAYER VIGILS

Prayer vigils coming up where I can choose to sign up to pray

[Read More >>](#)

3. From the list of available Prayer Vigils select the Walk # you want to sign up for.

Events with Prayer Vigils

AUG
11 Prayer Vigil for M-273

SEP
29 Prayer Vigil for W-274

NOV
10 Prayer Vigil for W-275

4. You now see the information for the walk. Select the tab under the general information that says Prayer Vigil.

Blue Lake Emmaus >> M-273

START DATE	END DATE	TIME ZONE	CONTACT NAME
08/11/2022 06:30PM	08/14/2022 06:30PM	Central Time (US & Canada)	Melanie Schenck
DESCRIPTION			CONTACT EMAIL
Lay Director: (Trimble Perry) Spiritual Director: (Rev. Bob Bailey) Support Coordinator: (Melanie Schenck)			wmschenck@cox.net
LOCATION:			CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
Blue Lake Assemble, Alabama			+18504966314
TEAM ROLE ASSIGNMENTS PARTICIPANTS TALK ASSIGNMENTS PRAYER VIGIL NOTES			

5. Choose a time slot available indicated by the blue select button.

CHOOSE A PRAYER TIME	
AUGUST 11, 2022	
6:30pm	Select
7:00pm Filled by Joquita McKibben	Unassign
7:30pm	Select
8:00pm	Select

Key Links for the Blue Lake Community

Website: www.bluelake.us

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Registrar: registrar@bluelake.us

Rainbow Reporter editor: savedbygrace010509@gmail.com

Emmaus Application:

<https://blew.box.com/BLEW-Emmaus-Application>

Emmaus Walk Calendar: www.bluelake.us/events.html

Blue Lake Community Waiting List:

<https://blew.app.box.com/v/Registrar-Wait-Lists>

Chrysalis Web site:

www.bluelakechrysalis.us

Chrysalis Application:

www.bluelakechrysalis.us/images/documents/chrysalis_application.pdf

Chrysalis Calendar:

<http://www.bluelakechrysalis.us/index.php/events>

Blue Lake Camp Spark Campaign:

[Give - Blue Lake Camp](#)



Ministry Manager Tips

De Colores brothers and sisters in Christ. Here are the instructions for updating your email addresses in the Upper Room Ministry Manager.

1. Log in to Ministry Manager at <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/>. If you do not already have an account, you will have to create one.
2. Near the upper-right corner of your web browser window, click on “My Account.”
3. Ensure the “Profile” tab under your name is selected.
4. Review your account information, to include your email address. Update any information to bring your record current.
5. At the bottom of the window, click “Save.” Please do not click “Change Account Info.” Feel free to explore the other tabs next to the Profile tab and add your Church and anyone you have Sponsored.

Rainbow Reporter: To join this list, send an email to blue-lake-emmaus-community+join@googlegroups.com. Include your name, walk number, and location. You must be a member of the Blue Lake Emmaus Community for your join request to be processed. If your name or email address has changed since you went on your walk, let us know the previous information too so we can match the record. Ensure your Ministry Manager information is correct first. Please note: People not in the distribution list do not receive the Rainbow Reporter, so feel free to forward this information to them.





Emmaus Community Member Checklist

1. Check your information on the Upper Room Ministry Manager website and submit any changes. Go to <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/>
2. Within your Ministry Manager profile opt-in the Mass Messaging feature.
3. Meet with a reunion group. See your Emmaus Cluster contact list to get connected with a group.
4. Serve in your home church. The Emmaus Ministry goal is to grow Christian leadership within the local community church. Ask your pastor where you can serve.
5. Look and pray for candidates to sponsor for an upcoming Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight/Journey.
6. Seek the Lord God first in all things and maintain a heart to answer God's call. Be prepared to serve the Lord with self-surrender and charity for all.



Blue Lake Emmaus Clusters

Find one near you and get involved today

Community	Contact	Phone	email
Blue Angel (Pensacola)	Jim Hammond	850-748-3531	jhammond@uwf.edu
Camden	Dan Burford	334-399-4614	danburford@mchsi.com
Cantonment (Gonzalez Grace)	Teresa Lott	850-501-5182	lott01@bellsouth.net
Crestview	Pam Hight	850-758-8201	pjhight51@gmail.com
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