



RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

February 2023

Greetings Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

Join me in praying that 2023 will be a powerful year for our Blue Lake Emmaus Community. This year we will host walks 276 (M), 277 (W), and 278 (W). I know that our faithful God will make each one the best walk ever. The CoVID years caused much uncertainty about safety and indefinite timelines for when walks would be offered. Those years created a dry period in receiving applications. Thankfully, many of you have begun sponsoring pilgrims again. Now, we barely have enough applications for the men's walk and the first women's walk of 2023. It is very difficult to maintain momentum when we are only able to offer one men's walk in a calendar year. And we must receive another 50-60 applications to be able to hold the second women's walk in 2023. The Board would like to increase the number of walks in 2024, but to do that, we need a healthy Wait List.

A healthy Wait List will not happen without your commitment to sponsorship. I strongly encourage each of you to prayerfully consider sponsoring someone this year to Emmaus or Chrysalis. Your first sponsor opportunity is the Girl's Chrysalis Flight/Journey on 13-16 April. There is no waiting list for Chrysalis. So please reach out to your youth ministry and sponsor a young lady (ages 14-23) to Chrysalis. Please contact Melanie Schenck at 850-496-6314 or

Bev Patterson at 850-543-7304 if you have questions or would like to volunteer. There are few things in Emmaus that are as rewarding as sponsoring someone God has laid on your heart. Begin praying now for God to soften the hearts of those He is leading you to.

Mark your calendar! Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10:00 AM, Shalimar UMC, we will hold training for Support Weekend Coordinators. If you are willing to be trained to chair one of the background support committees, this training is for you. Let Edith Smothers, esmothers46@gmail.com 850-557-1722, or Denise Heath (heathgator@cox.net) know if you are planning to come and your area of interest. If you are just interested in learning more about working support, you are encouraged to attend this training, also.

There is something that we need your help with. For the last few walks, our Agape committee has scrambled at the last minute to make sure that the Prayer Vigil is completed. Access to the Prayer Vigils for each walk is now done through Ministry Manager. In this edition of the Rainbow Reporter, you will find detailed instructions for how to sign-up for a Prayer Vigil slot. This is a good education tool for you to cover at your cluster meetings. You may want to designate someone in your cluster to help assign people slots during your cluster meetings. The Prayer Vigil is such a vital part of

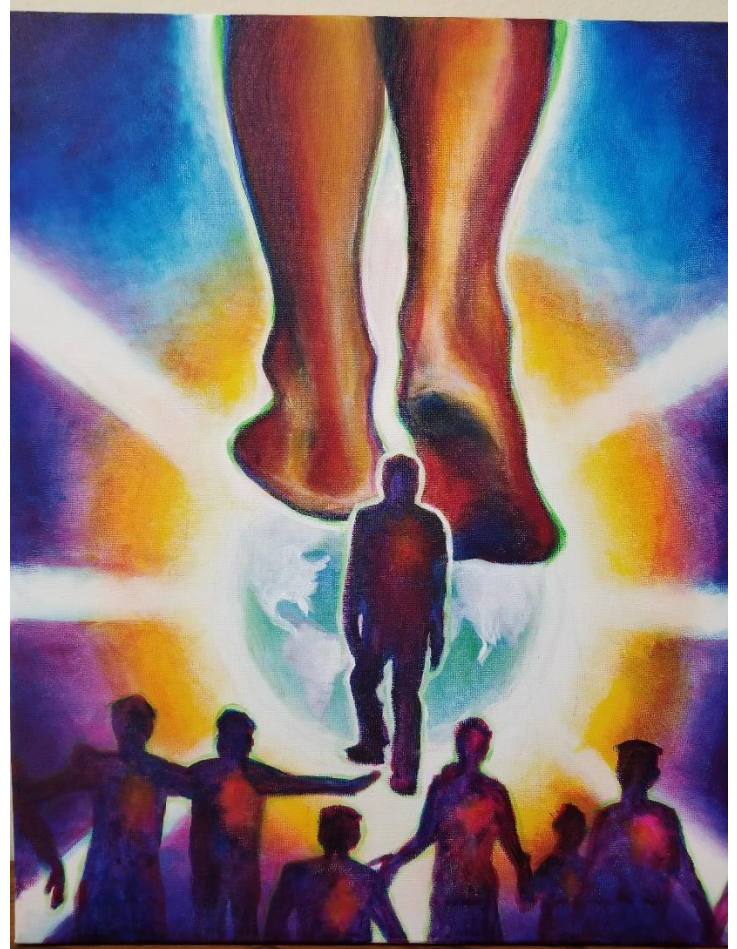
our Emmaus ministry. We don't ever want it to become an act of just putting names in slots to fill the time grid. It needs to represent people who are committed to praying.

The Blue Lake Emmaus Community welcomes the following new members to the Governing Board: Shevevan Cooper, Vice Chair; Dawn Hall, Agape; Margarita Vazquez, 4th Day; Cissy Scott, Chrysalis Lay Director; and Rev. Donna Coty, Chrysalis Spiritual Director.

Your Governing Board is humbled and honored to lead our Emmaus Community in 2023. We commit to do our part to ensure a healthy growing community. We need your help and prayers. Step-up and work a walk, sponsor someone, and sign-up for the Prayer Vigil. Remember, Christ is counting on you. Who are you counting on?

DeColores,

Trena Webb, BLEW Governing Board Chair
Walk 39, Table of Mary



Emmaus Ministry Calendar



2023

Walk	Dates	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Support Coordinator
Girls Chrysalis	Apr 13-16	Melanie Schenck 850-496-6314	Sara Shaver	Bev Patterson 850-543-7304
M-276	Apr 20-23	Dan Burford	Rev. Daniel Randall	Joquita McKibben joy4heart@bellsouth.net 850-982-5959
W-277	Aug 17-20	Iris Schipper	Rev. Donna Coty	TBD
W-278	Nov 9-12	Donna Luedke	Rev. Gary Wiggins	Margarita Vazquez

Please be in reverent prayer for our Pilgrims as they journey on their Walk to Emmaus. Also remember them with your gifts of agape', weekend service, Agape' letters, and your attendance at candlelight service. Search your heart and remember the joy your walk or journey experience gave you. Now please prayerfully consider sponsoring a church family member or close friend so that they will share abundantly in Jesus Christ's unconditional love!



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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 on to the BlueLake.us website for a clergy application
 - 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
			CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
			+18504966314
LOCATION:			
Blue Lake Assemble , Alabama			

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

Webmaster: web.master@bluelake.us

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>



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.



Blue Lake Emmaus Governing Board

<p>Chairperson Trena Webb</p> <p>Past Chairperson Larry Bates</p> <p>Team Selection Nedra Seale</p> <p>Blue Lake Camp Liaison Edith Smothers</p> <p>Emmaus Community Lay Director Edith Smothers</p> <p>Emmaus Community Spiritual Director Rev. Dr. Bob McKibben</p>	<p>Vice Chairperson Shevewan Cooper</p> <p>Secretary Becky Rogers</p> <p>Agape Dawn Hall</p> <p>4th Day Margarita Vazquez</p> <p>Chrysalis Community Lay Director Cissy Scott</p> <p>Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director Rev. Donna Coty</p>
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Non-Voting, Non-Elected Positions

<p>Treasurer Tom Risavalto</p> <p>Registrar Vida Straley</p> <p>Community Support Coordinator Denise Heath</p> <p>Agape Community Contact Gail Baer</p>	<p>Data Mgr/Lay Dir Trainer Joquita McKibben</p> <p>Chief Information Officer Rob Buckman</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Larry Bates</p> <p>Webmaster Jim Reynolds</p>
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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
Andalusia Travelers	Julie Terrell	850-712-0456	cdt1230@aol.com
Blue Angel (Pensacola)	Jim Hammond	850-748-3531	jhammond@uwf.edu
Camden	Dan Burford	334-399-4614	danburford@mchsi.com
Crestview	Pam Hight	850-758-8201	pjhight51@gmail.com
Daleville	Debi Corbett	334-494-2340	debic122@gmail.com
Dalraida UMC	Doris Persons	334-271-2533	dorisdpersons@gmail.com
Destin UMC	Duane Crithfield	727-560-1342	duanecrithfield@live.com
Dothan	Cheri Bowman	334-237-2102	shalomcsx2@gmail.com
Enterprise	Allen Dunham	334-347-2075	allen.dunham@centurytel.net
Foley	Peggy Ratcliff	251-975-8336	peggyratcliff@gmail.com
Ft. Walton (Beachside Emmaus)	Jane Pratt	850-244-5342	jpratt1687@embarqmail.com
Good News UMC	Judy Brook	850-543-5336	judyabrooke@gmail.com
Gulf Breeze (Angels of the Son)	Vida Straley	850-206-1019	vidas@bellsouth.net
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Jackson	Tommy Gaillard	334-246-4744	wtgaillard@bellsouth.net
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Point Washington	Danny Powell	850-278-6588	danny@dplamail.com
Shalimar	Sharon Patterson	850-609-1496	sharon_in_florida@cox.net
St. Luke UMC	Vicky Barnett	850-791-6925	vsbrdh@aol.com
Trinity UMC Ft. Walton Beach	Karen Tindall	850-863-2436	kltindall@cox.net
Troy	Cindy Boswell	334-556-0494	cebos1818@gmail.com

Cluster Leaders:

If your cluster contact information is not correct or has changed, please email the correct information to

Larry Bates at savedbygrace010509@gmail.com

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