



# RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

January 2024

Greetings Blue Lake Emmaus Family,

I'm excited to report that our Emmaus and Chrysalis community is stepping out in faith to host 7 weekends dedicated to worshipping God. You can find the 2024 schedule on page 3.

The first Emmaus Walk of 2024 will be underway in three weeks, Jan 25-28. This men's walk will be led by Lands Carr and Rev. Ken Taylor. The story of Jesus walking on water from Matt 14:28-32 was chosen by Lands to frame God's great rescue plan for the pilgrims and the world.

Many of us can relate to this scripture because during our faith walk with Christ, we may have found our faith wavering and Jesus was right there to reach out and pull us up out of the mess we were in. And that is the good news. God is always faithful and unwavering in His love, grace, and mercy.

I will ask that you start praying for the pilgrims of Walk #279 immediately. Pray that their lives would be dramatically changed through their personal encounter with Christ during the weekend. Pray for their families and friends to support them and hold them accountable to Christ in their faith walk. And please go to Ministry Manager and sign up on the Prayer Vigil for dedicated prayer during the weekend.

Please be in prayer for the Conference Room team and Background Support team members that have chosen to serve God as a means of grace to the pilgrims. In addition to your needed prayers, please support the pilgrims with your gifts of Agape' and your presence at the Candlelight Service on Saturday evening starting at 7:30pm.

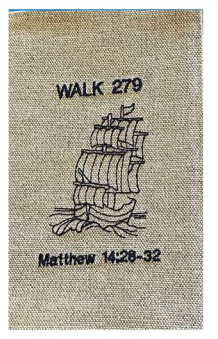
With 7 Emmaus and Chrysalis events on the 2024 calendar, we will also need your sponsorship and service to keep these ministries healthy and thriving. A special prayer goes out to sponsor Chrysalis candidates. If you know a young person between the ages of 14-23, please consider sponsoring them on a Chrysalis Flight/Journey. Finally, please be intentional about serving on at least one of the seven weekends this year. You can contact each of the Emmaus Support Coordinators or Chrysalis Lay Directors to sign up for the weekend you choose to serve.

I look forward to seeing you at Candlelight

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Larry Bates  
BLEW#201, Table of Paul

## Walk M-279 Pilgrims



"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.  
(Matt 14 28 -32)

January 25-28, 2024  
Lay Director: Lands Carr  
Spiritual Dir: Rev. Ken Taylor  
As of: January 3, 2024



Pilgrim	City	Church	Sponsor
1. Adams, Evan "Paul"	Crestview, FL	First UMC Crestview	Hill, Susan
2. Ashley, Mark	Pensacola, FL	St. Luke UMC	Barnett, Victoria
3. Bacon, Jacob	Pensacola, FL	Charity Chapel	Foote, David
4. Clark, John	Fort Walton Bch, FL	Crosspoint	Smith, Bob
5. Dees, Ralph	Milton, FL	Christ UMC	Antonelli, Rev. Tony
6. Embry, Phillip	Panama City Beach, FL	Woodlawn Church	Embry, Joanne
7. Fountain, John Robert	Pollard, AL	Pollard Methodist	Webb, Trena
8. Flores, Pete	Milton, FL	Christian Life	Hall, Dawn
9. Freitag, William	Milton, FL	Christ UMC	Antonelli, Rev. Tony
10. George, Timothy	Destin, FL	Destin Methodist	Crithfield, Duane
11. Hallman, Joel	Panama City Beach, FL	Woodlawn Church	Weil, Mark
12. Holmes, Robert	Milton, FL	Christian Church	Hall, Dawn & Sherry
13. Kelley, Eric	Navarre, FL	Community Life Church	Thomas, Jody
14. Landry, Ashley	Dothan, AL	Calvary Baptist Church	Ormsby, Dennis
15. Love, Steven	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Hudson, Roy
16. McTierman, Benjamin	Milton, FL	Christian Life	Hall, Sherry
17. Nelson, Davis	Opp, AL	Opp Methodist Church	Barnes, Jerry
18. Nelson, Richard	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Martin, Charita
19. Nettles, Kevin	Loxley, AL	Harvest Church	Easor, Kevin
20. Offet, Joel	Headland, AL	Harvest Church	Richardson-Offet, Hope
21. Oliver, Randall	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint	Smith, Bob
22. Qualls, Michael	Shalimar, FL	Shalimar UMC	Harris, Jim
23. Ray, Matthue	Flomaton, AL	Pollard Methodist Church	Webb, Trena
24. Robbins, James	Fort Walton Bch, FL	Mary Esther UMC	Lynes, Mike
25. Rogers, Stanley	Pace, FL	Grace Methodist	Davis, Gene
26. Shates, Steven	Navarre, FL	Liberty Church	Hammond, Nancy
27. Talley, Dean	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint	Bates, Mary
28. Vaden, William	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint	Baker, Andy
29. Wiist, Lyle	Magnolia Springs, AL	Foley UMC	Ratcliff, Peggy
30. Young, David	Milton, FL	Christ UMC	Antonelli, Rev. Tony

# Emmaus Ministry Calendar



**2024**

<b><u>Walk</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Lay Director</u></b>	<b><u>Spiritual Director</u></b>	<b><u>Support Coordinator</u></b>
W-279(M)	Jan 25-28	Lands Carr	Rev. Ken Taylor	Jim Hammond
W-280(W)	May 2-5	Sheila Smith	Rev. Bob McKibben	Dawn Hall
W-281(M)	Aug 15-18	Carter Borland	Rev. Lew Wilder	Larry Bates
W-282(W)	Sep 26-29	Vera Johnson	Rev. Kevin Holland	Denise Heath
W-283 (W)	Nov 7-10	Beth Webb	Rev. Nancy Hammond	Trena Webb
<b><u>Chrysalis</u></b>				
Boys Flight	Feb 15-18	Ben Savage	Rev. Phillip McVay	
Girls Flight	Apr 11-14	Cissy Scott	Rev. Donna Coty	

Please be in reverent prayer for our Pilgrims as they journey on their Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis Flights. 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!



# And Their Eyes Were Opened

**T**he Walk to Emmaus received its name from Luke 24:13-35. On the afternoon of the first Easter two disciples were returning home to Emmaus saddened by the recent turn of events. They were so focused on their own disappointments and difficulties that they were prevented from seeing God's purpose in the things that had happened. At first, they were even blinded to the presence of Christ walking with them along the road.

Could it be that is precisely where many of our churches are today? With the disaffiliation of many congregations several things have happened. Many congregations have remained United Methodist, while several have joined the newly formed Global Methodist Church. Others have joined other Methodist denominations, and a few have even remained independent of any denomination.

In the midst of all this, families and individuals have moved their membership. Organizational structures and leadership roles have changed, and in some cases dissolved altogether. New leaders are emerging and stepping up to fill the voids. *AND THAT IS WHERE THE EMMAUS WALK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!*

It is on their Emmaus Walk that so many present-day disciples have regained their focus on Jesus Christ and renewed their desire to serve Him within their local church. During their Emmaus experience their eyes were opened and their faith revived to a ministry of grace and love. Whether remaining United Methodist or moving to become Global Methodist or independent, all congregations can be refreshed and renewed, when led by grace and love filled disciples.

The Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical spiritual renewal program specifically designed to strengthen congregations by the enhancement and nurturing of Christian disciples and leaders. All Christian faith traditions are welcome. Now is the time to put our faith into action by sponsoring new pilgrims, giving them the opportunity of a lifetime and allowing the Holy Spirit to raise up a new group of disciples and leaders within our church.

## Christ Is Counting on You

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ASSIGNMENT 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](http://www.bluelake.us)

**Webmaster:** [web.master@bluelake.us](mailto:web.master@bluelake.us)

**Registrar:** [registrar@bluelake.us](mailto:registrar@bluelake.us)

**Rainbow Reporter editor:** [savedbygrace010509@gmail.com](mailto:savedbygrace010509@gmail.com)

**Emmaus Application:**

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

**Emmaus Walk Calendar:** [www.bluelake.us/events.html](http://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](http://www.bluelakechrysalis.us)

**Chrysalis Application:**

[www.bluelakechrysalis.us/images/documents/chrysalis\\_application.pdf](http://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.





# 2024 Blue Lake Emmaus Governing Board

<b>Chairperson</b> Shevewan Cooper	<b>Vice Chairperson</b> Randy Brook
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<b>Emmaus Community Spiritual Director</b> Rev. Dr. Bob McKibben	<b>Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director</b> Rev. Donna Coty

## Non-Voting, Non-Elected Positions

<b>Treasurer</b> Tom Risavalto	<b>Data Mgr/Lay Dir Trainer</b> Joquita McKibben
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<b>Community Support Coordinator</b> Denise Heath	<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Larry Bates
<b>Agape Community Contact</b> Sharon Patterson	<b>Webmaster</b> Jim Reynolds



# 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	<a href="mailto:cdt1230@aol.com">cdt1230@aol.com</a>
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Camden	Dan Burford	334-399-4614	<a href="mailto:danburford@mchsi.com">danburford@mchsi.com</a>
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## Cluster Leaders:

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

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