



RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

July 2024

Serve With Joy

I remember the first time I ever returned and served on a Walk after my initial Emmaus experience. I was affectionately called the “Mule” for the Refreshments Team, and that meant that I was the “guy” on the team. I got to move all the ice chests, take out trash, and for the most part get the heavy work done. In addition, I found myself going up on the ladder and hooking things to the ceiling and poles in the refreshment room to change the atmosphere every time the pilgrims walked in. I was totally exhausted that Sunday afternoon but what a JOY it was to have been there! I get that JOY every time I return whether on the Emmaus side or the Chrysalis side of the lake. For me, it didn’t matter what I did or what area I served, I was just blessed to have helped make a difference in the lives of so many folks over the years. A very wise person told me shortly after I went on my Walk to Emmaus, “Whoever you get ahold of, just tell ‘em you will work wherever you are needed”. That has served me well over the years and it allowed me to work in areas I never even would have considered given the choice. The first

time I was put on the Prayer Chapel Team, I was as nervous as a prize turkey in November! I caught myself obsessing over the small stuff: what I would possibly pray for, how long the prayers should be, and all the things I now know have absolutely no bearing on what goes on in that room when you are in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Just serve with JOY in whatever you do and the Walk to Emmaus will continue to astound and amaze folks by the thousands. One thing that I have held close to my heart is the request that we be careful not to make Blue Lake Emmaus our church because it is more important to serve our home church! Only then can we truly serve with an attitude of gratitude and joy at Blue Lake. We should all look at ways that we can rededicate ourselves to Emmaus Servanthood. I had the pleasure of helping start a new Cluster right before COVID hit us and it reminds me of the following passage from the Book of Isaiah 43:19, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” The Cluster came about due to a lot of conversations and

importantly, the perception that there was a concrete need of a Fourth Day group in the West Pensacola area. A lot of prayer and preparation, coupled with some reaching out and information gathering, resulted in the formation of the Blue Angel Cluster and it is doing a “new thing” in our area! What we need is REVIVAL in our Clusters! We have other Cluster Groups starting up and prayers go out for a renewing of faith in all the Clusters and continued service to our Emmaus community. We can simply start there in a spirit of rededication and see where the Spirit leads. I know that there are so many of us that have a huge fire in our belly to serve with gladness and for me it is important to stay plugged in both with my weekly accountability group and with our monthly Cluster Meetings. Cluster Meetings are important because: they fund Refreshments, help fill the Prayer Vigils, pass information to members, facilitate Sponsorship, and provide training on current regulations and administration. We all have a busy schedule.... I challenge us all to try and put a bit more time in with service in any capacity for our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He certainly didn't hold back for us! Remember God's blessings in our lives as shown in Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” God is so good, He's so good to me!

DeColores! Jim Hammond





Walk M-281 Pilgrims

“And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him, who have been
called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

August 15-18, 2024

Lay Director: Carter Borland

Spiritual Dir: Rev. Lew Wilder



Pilgrim	City	Church	Sponsor
1. Akin, Kenneth (Ken)	Dallas, TX	Ashland Place Methodist	Sandlin, William
2. Akins, John	Holt, FL	New Life Free Spirit Ministries	Johnson, Willie III
3. Ayala, Angel, Jr.	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Vandivier, Cal
4. Blackmon, Brent	Camden, AL	Christian Way Baptist	Smith, Malcolm
5. Britnell, Joshua (Josh)	Pensacola, FL	Charity Chapel	Johnson, Willie III
6. Brown, Trace	Holt, FL		Johnson, Willie III
7. Butters, Dennis	Santa Rosa Bch, FL	Seagrove Baptist	Levesque, David
8. Corzine, Richard (Scott)	Panama City Bch, FL	Woodlawn Church	Embry, Phil
9. Cowan, Jonathan (Cody)	Marianna, FL	First UMC, Marianna	Attwood, Nathan
10. Dixon, Scott	Panama City, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Tew, Tommy
11. Donaldson, James	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Bush, Ed
12. Dudley, James	Pace, FL	The Way UMC	Whiting, Travis
13. Heisler, Jeff	Milton, FL	Christ Methodist	Antonelli, Rev. Tony
14. Hibschan, Timothy (TJ)	Pensacola, FL	Crossview Methodist	Scott, Stephanie
15. Hoenig, Maverick	Milton, FL	Liberty Church	Johnson, Willie III
16. Huff, Daniel	Dothan, AL	Hodgeville Baptist	Huff, Niqee
17. Ingram, Hiram	Pensacola, FL	Gonzalez Methodist	Stuckey, Heath
18. Jensen, David	Foley, AL	Foley UMC	Ratcliff, Peggy
19. Johnson, Arthur III (Al)	Camden, AL	1 st Presbyterian, Camden	Jones, Ricky
20. Jones, Clement III (Rich)	Spanish Fort, AL	3 Circle Church	Jones, Clement “Ricky”
21. Leach, Carter	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Bush, Ed
22. Mawhinney, David (Dave)	Pace, FL	Grace Methodist	Davis, Gene
23. McLelland, Scott	Panama City, FL	Woodlawn Church	Weil, Mark
24. Moore, Christopher (Chris)	Panama City, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Bishop, James
25. Morgan, Robert (Rob)	Destin, FL	Destin Methodist	Stroup, Gary
26. Morrill, Zane	Dothan, AL	Harvest Church	Offet, Joel
27. Pitts, Houston	Crestview, FL	First Methodist, Crestview	Halbert, Ann
28. Potter, Dwight	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay UMC	Hudson, Roy
29. Retherford, Kristopher (Kris)	Panama City Bch, FL	Woodlawn Church	Embry, Phil
30. Richardson, Robert (Bob)	Milton, FL	Community Life Church	Carruth, John
31. Schmidt, Randy	Slocumb, AL	Harvest Church	Offet, Joel
32. Smith, Gary	Pace, FL	Grace Methodist	Freeman, Norman
33. Story, Stephen (Steve)	Freeport, FL	Good News Church	Hunt, Tom
34. Turnbull, Robert (Bruce)	Marianna, FL	First UMC, Marianna	Attwood, Nathan

SNACK AGAPE NEEDS YOU!

We need a volunteer to be our **SNACK AGAPE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**. ***This position is responsible for overseeing the Snack Agape Committee including maintaining current procedures, training weekend volunteers and new recruits, and helping with team formation on each walk.*** Our current procedures are already well documented and we will make sure that our new Snack Agape Committee Coordinator is properly trained and well supported!

The Snack Agape team has replaced the 'Refreshments team' as, post-COVID, walks no longer have 'refreshment breaks'. Instead, a refreshment table is set up in the conference room and 'refreshed' several times a day while the pilgrims are not in the conference room. Additionally, drink stations (think coffee, water, sodas) are set up in the entry foyer for use by the pilgrims and conference room team as they desire.

Again, the new procedures are well documented, run quite smoothly, and are much less cumbersome than the previous methods. This is a real need for our Blue Lake Community. ***If you would like to volunteer for this position or need more information about this ministry opportunity, please contact Iris Schipper via email at iris@pbmgmt.com or via cell phone at (850) 685-7010.***



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



2024				
<u>Walk</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>	<u>Spiritual Director</u>	<u>Support Coordinator</u>
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
<u>Chrysalis</u>				
Boys Flight	Aug 29- Sep 1	Bob Monroe	TBD	
Girls Flight	Oct 10-13	Shevewan Cooper	TBD	
2025				
<u>Walk</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>	<u>Spiritual Director</u>	<u>Support Coordinator</u>
W-284 (M)	Feb 20-23	Gerald Burgess	Rev. Bob McKibben	
W-285 (W)	Apr 20-23	Karen Elizabeth Carrel	Rev. Bob McKibben	
W-286 (M)	Jul 31- Aug 3	Phil Coty	Rev. Ken Taylor	
W-287 (W)	Sep 18-21	Denise Pippen	Rev. Nancy Hammond	
W-288 (W)	Nov 6-9	Terri McCollum	Rev. Allen Newton	

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!



Chrysalis News!

It is an exciting time for the Blue Lake Chrysalis community! We have had several successful flights and are looking forward to finishing 2024 with a total of 4 flights. Our volunteer base is strengthening, and we are so thankful for the energy and dedication of the youth and adult volunteers. Each Chrysalis weekend is a blessing to the participants and just as much of a blessing to each one of us serving in the background. I don't know that we can fully appreciate the impact that these weekends can and are having on the lives of the youth. The world we live in is ever-changing and very complicated for our youth and parents to traverse - so much more so than even five, ten, fifteen years ago. Looking forward to the upcoming flights in August and October, we ask for three things:

Agape Love - please send refreshments and agape donations to be shared with the youth

throughout the weekend. These items are loved, worn, shared, and saved as remembrances for years to come.

Prayers - please sign up for the prayer vigil for each of the flights as we cover the participants in prayer throughout the weekends.

Participants - please pray for youth who are looking to grow their relationship with Christ and learn how to share that relationship with their peers when they leave Blue Lake.

We are including instructions on how to sign up for the Chrysalis Prayer Vigils. If you have refreshment or agape donations and need help getting them to Blue Lake for the flights, please contact Cissy Scott at cissyscott91@gmail.com.

We so appreciate all of the support given by the Blue Lake Community clusters and reunion groups.

DeColores and Fly With Christ!!!

And Their Eyes Were Opened

The 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). 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

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>

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

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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 Sharon Patterson</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
Cantonment (Gonzalez Grace)	Teresa Lott	850-501-5182	lott01@bellsouth.net
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
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Shalimar	Sharon Patterson	850-609-1496	sharon_in_florida@cox.net
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Trinity UMC Ft. Walton Beach	Karen Tindall	850-863-2436	karentindall.fl@gmail.com
Troy	Cindy Boswell	334-556-0494	cebos1818@gmail.com

Cluster Leaders:

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