

Tommy Tew

Lynn Haven, FL

Walk: BLEW # 193

Walk Lay Director: BLEW # 254

Board Experience: Emmaus Board Member Class of 2020

Tommy has supported Blue Lake Emmaus as a Board Member, Board Representative, Team Selection Committee Member, Weekend Coordinator, Cluster Leader, and has a variety of experience as a Team Member and Support Volunteer. In addition, Tommy has supported Blue Lake Emmaus with Sponsorship, sponsoring men and women to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

Tommy recently retired after more than 41 years as a pharmacist, including 35 years of dedicated service at Ascension Sacred Heart Bay. He and his wife, Linda, are enjoying retirement by camping and spending time at their “country house” outside Dothan, Alabama.

Tommy looks forward to continuing to support Blue Lake Emmaus and its mission of serving others and helping build deeper spiritual relationships with our Lord.

Ron Toole

Shalimar, FL

Walk: BLEW # 135

Walk Lay Director: BLEW # 256

Board Experience: Chrysalis Board Member

Ron has supported Blue Lake Emmaus as a Chrysalis Board Member, Weekend Coordinator, and has a variety of experience as a Team Member and Support Volunteer.

Ron has served in a variety of ministry and leadership roles throughout the years. He has been a **Certified Lay Minister since 2010 (16 years)**. His service includes **District Disaster Response Coordinator (2015–2023)**, **UMCOR Trainer (2017–2023)**, and **Church Trustee (2017–2019)**.

Since July 2023, Ron has served as the **AEC Conference Disaster Ministries Coordinator**. He has also served on the **Committee of Disaster Response Coordinators for the Global Methodist Church since September 2023**.

Edith Smothers

Panama City, FL

Walk: BLEW # 196

Walk Lay Director: BLEW # 260

Board Experience: Board member Class of 2021

Edith has supported Blue Lake Emmaus as a Board Member, Board Representative, Weekend Coordinator, Cluster Leader, and has a variety of experience as a Team Member and Support Volunteer. In addition, Edith has supported Blue Lake Emmaus with Sponsorship, sponsoring several women to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

Edith has been actively involved in missions in Peru for more than ten years, helping provide scholarships and build safe housing for Peruvian families. A retired accountant, she brings a heart for service and a willingness to help wherever she is needed. Edith loves Emmaus and is eager to continue serving the Emmaus community wherever the Lord leads.

Lowell Thomas
Childersburg, AL

Walk: BLEW # 168

Walk Lay Director: BLEW # 242

Board Experience: Board member Class of 2018

Lowell has supported Blue Lake Emmaus as a Board Member and has a variety of experience as a Team Member and Support Volunteer. In addition, Lowell has supported Blue Lake Emmaus with Sponsorship, sponsoring men and women to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

When the Lord called Lowell to serve at Blue Lake Emmaus more than 20 years ago, he was a shift worker on a temporary day assignment. He told the Lord that he would put in his application and serve if his shifts allowed.

That very same morning Lowell's supervisor offered him a longer-term day job with a flexible work schedule. When Lowell left that office, he said, "Okay, Lord. I'm all in."

He's been saying "yes" as often as possible ever since. And by the way... his "temporary" day job lasted **18 years**.

Karen Elizabeth Carrel
Marianna, FL

Walk: BLEW # 220

Walk Lay Director: BLEW # 285

KarenElizabeth has supported Blue Lake Emmaus as an Assistant Lay Director trainer and has a variety of experience as a Team Member and Support Volunteer. KarenElizabeth is the Cluster Leader and Contact for the Marianna Cluster. In addition, she supports Blue Lake Emmaus with Sponsorship, sponsoring women to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

KarenElizabeth and her husband, David, have been married for 28 years and are blessed with three children. She previously worked as an educator and now works alongside her husband in his financial planning office.

They attend **First Baptist Church of Marianna**, where KarenElizabeth serves on the worship team, works with the Women's Ministry and Youth Sunday School, and is the newest member of the bell choir.

KarenElizabeth loves to share how *The Walk to Emmaus* has been an enormous blessing in her life. She loves seeing the Body of Christ come together to serve our Lord and our pilgrims. Her desire is to help build strong teams so that each pilgrim can experience the **Best Walk Ever** and take their renewed excitement for the Kingdom back to their local churches and communities.

Peggy Ratcliff
Marianna, FL

Walk: BLEW # 259

Walk Lay Director: BLEW # 289

Peggy has supported Blue Lake Emmaus with a variety of experience as a Team Member and Support Volunteer. Peggy is the Cluster Leader and Contact for the Foley Cluster. In addition, she supports Blue Lake Emmaus with Sponsorship, sponsoring men and women to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

Peggy and her husband, Shane, have shared 45 blessed years of marriage. She began her career teaching high school mathematics before joining Shane in building and managing a self-storage business. Today, Peggy leads three Bible studies and finds great joy in helping others grow deeper in their understanding of God's Word.

Emmaus has been a meaningful part of Peggy's spiritual journey, and she is grateful for every opportunity to serve wherever God calls her. In her free time, Peggy enjoys embroidery and reading. She and Shane also love spending time together fishing and enjoying the outdoors.