



RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

September 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The next Emmaus Walk is scheduled for September 18-21. The Lay director for Blue Lake Emmaus Walk #287, Denise Pippin, has chosen Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God" to lead the women on this walk. The Hebrew word for "be still" is raphah, which means to "let go" or "cease striving." God is inviting us to stop our frantic efforts and trust in His control. In our fast-paced world, this command to be still is countercultural. It requires us stop our activities, surrender our anxieties, and rest in God's presence.

I ask that you meditate on this scripture and rest in the presence of God. Surrender all your troubles, lay down all your burdens and take comfort in knowing that God is in control. Praise God! And while you are basking in the presence of our Lord, please be in prayer for the women of BLEW#287. The pilgrim roster is on the next page. Pray for

each of these ladies by name. Pray for God to pour out His unconditional love upon these ladies and their families. Pray that the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be evident in their lives. Pray that these ladies will "be still" and take rest in God's presence. And pray that they would return home to be a living example of Jesus in their homes and their workplaces. Also, please go to the [ministry manager website](#) and sign up for the weekend prayer vigil.

I praise God for all the Emmaus volunteers, both in the conference room and background support. And I praise God for our faithful Emmaus community. I hope to see all of you at Candlelight on Saturday September 20th at 7:30 pm. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always.

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Larry Bates
Blue Lake Emmaus Walk #201
Table of Paul



Walk W-287 Pilgrims

"Be still and know that
I am God."
Psalm 46:10

September 18-21, 2025
Lay Director: Denise Pippin
Spiritual Dir: Rev. Nancy Hammond
As of: August 26, 2025



<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1. Bollinger, Janis (Jan)	Milton, FL	Christ Methodist	Antonelli, Rev. Tony
2. Bowles, Abigail (Abi)	Philpot, KY	St. John UMC	Bowman, Keith
3. Butler, Linda	Panama City Bch, FL	1 st Methodist, Tallahassee, AL	Rogers, Becky
4. Colburn, Glenda	River Falls, AL	First Baptist, Andalusia	Byars, Susan
5. Cook, Helen	Pine Hill, AL	Pine Hill Arlington Methodist	Creswell, Jean
6. Decareaux, Ashley	Crestview, FL	Crosspoint, Crestview	Williams, Jeannie
7. DeLoach, Michelle	Martinez, GA	Journey Comm. Church	Bowman, Keith
8. Edmonston, Susan	Pensacola, FL	Gonzalez Methodist	Tyler, Dian
9. Farr, Kathryn	Cantonment, FL	Gonzalez Methodist	Cribbs, Pam
10. Herndon, Kristin	Holt, FL	First Methodist, Crestview	Hill, Susan
11. Howell, Patricia (Pat)	Chipley, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Guthrie, Cheryl
12. Inman, Eleuteria (Elli)	Crestview, FL	Crosspoint, Crestview	Williams, Jeannie
13. Kirkland, Lisa	Opp, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
14. Lobaugh, Magen	Dothan, AL	Harvest Church	Klootwyk, Janice
15. Martin, Robin	Milton, AL	Liberty Church, Milton	Vazquez, Margarita
16. Meeks, Madonna (Donna)	Andalusia, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
17. Moody, Janice	Opp, AL	First Methodist, Opp, AL	Barnes, Jerry
18. Polk, Barbara (Barby)	Foley, AL	Foley UMC	Ratcliff, Shane
19. Rantz, Emily	Navarre, FL	Navarre UMC	Bush, Amy
20. Retherford, Jean (Jeannie)	Panama City Bch, FL	Woodlawn Church	Stokesbary, Barbara
21. Rice, Evonne	Panama City Bch, FL	Woodlawn Church	Embry, Joanne
22. Roberts, Suzanne	Dothan, AL	Harvest Church	Pope, Jacqueline
23. Shell, Barbie	Foley, AL	Foley UMC	Wiist, Debbie
24. Sisk, Karmen (Michelle)	Navarre, FL	Mary Esther UMC	Shepherd, Sharon
25. Smith, Judith (Judi)	Crestview, FL	First Methodist, Crestview	Hill, Susan
26. Tompkins, Cindy	Ft. Walton Bch, FL	Trinity UMC	O'Neal Pamela
27. Varnum, Melissa	Marianna, FL	Rivertown Comm. Church	Turnbull, Michelle
28. Vickers, Robin	Milton, FL	Pineview Methodist	Antonelli, Rev. Tony
29. White, Michelle (MJ)	Richmond, TX	The Promise Church	McKibbon, Joquita
30. Williams, Betty	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay Methodist	Stokes, April

The most up to date Pilgrim list can be found at: [Blue Lake Walk To Emmaus](#)

Scholarships Available: The Mike Ruthven Memorial Scholarship Fund is available to anyone with a financial hardship desiring to attend or work a Blue Lake or Bethlehem Walk. The fund will pay 1/2 of the fee. Please contact Susan Bozarth, 850-890-6597, Susan.bozarth@hotmail.com, or Nancy Ruthven, 850-276-2891, mnruthven@yahoo.com). Donations to the fund are also graciously accepted.

Emmaus Ministry Calendar



2025				
<u>Walk</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>	<u>Spiritual Director</u>	<u>Support Coordinator</u>
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
2026				
Chrysalis	Jan 16-19	Ben Savage		
Chrysalis	Feb 13-16	Katie Schenck		
W-289 (W)	Apr 30-May 3	TBD		
W-290 (M)	Jul 30-Aug 2	Ron Penton		
W-291 (W)	Oct 22-25	Karla Seaborn		



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Blue Lake Chrysalis Flight and Journey News!

The Chrysalis Community has been hard at work discussing strategies to revive the Chrysalis Flights and help prepare our youth as Christians for today's world. The mission of Chrysalis is to foster a stronger relationship with God for the youth and to inspire the youth to move forward in leadership roles in their home churches. We know from first-hand experience that Chrysalis has been the catalyst for many youth to accept God's call to His service. **We need your help!**

We are accepting applications for the Boys Flight/Journey scheduled for January 16-19 and the Girls Flight/Journey scheduled for February 13-16.

Also, If you know a youth or young adult who has attended Chrysalis recently or in the past, we need a short 30 second to 1 minute video testimonial from them about their experience and what it has meant to them. The videos will be used as part of a "Road Show" that will be taken to youth groups at churches of all denominations.

We will need an email from the parents/guardians of anyone under the age of 18 submitting videos giving us permission to use the videos in our Chrysalis presentation. The videos/emails can be sent to Cissy Scott at cissyscott91@gmail.com or to Melanie Schenck at melanieschenck1@gmail.com.

If you know a youth director or pastor who we could contact to schedule a meeting or

plan a Chrysalis Road Show event, please send us their contact information. We are looking to reach churches from the Gulf Coast up into Alabama so we can reach as many youth as possible.

We will be holding our next Board at Blue Lake the weekend of the next Emmaus Walk on Saturday, September 20, at 3pm. The Board meetings are open meetings and we invite all interested in working with Chrysalis to attend.

Chrysalis Web site:
www.bluelakechrysalis.us

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

Next Flight: January 16-19, 2026 Ben Savage Lay Director

This is an exciting and challenging time for our youth as they move into adulthood and we can't think of a better foundation than one built on Christ. Please help us get the word out about Blue Lake Chrysalis and get applications in hand. Thank you and **Fly With Christ!!**

Cissy Scott

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Blue Lake Chrysalis Flight 110

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 tonyantonelli53@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 dwppip@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
Banners Coordinator	Duane Crithfield	duanecrithfield@live.com	727-560-1242
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2025 Blue Lake Emmaus Governing Board		
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Chrysalis Spiritual Director	Donna Coty	334.355.1489 revdcoty@aol.com
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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 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	
<div>TEAM ROLE ASSIGNMENTS PARTICIPANTS TALK ASSIGNMENTS PRAYER VIGIL NOTES</div>			

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 Joiquita 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:

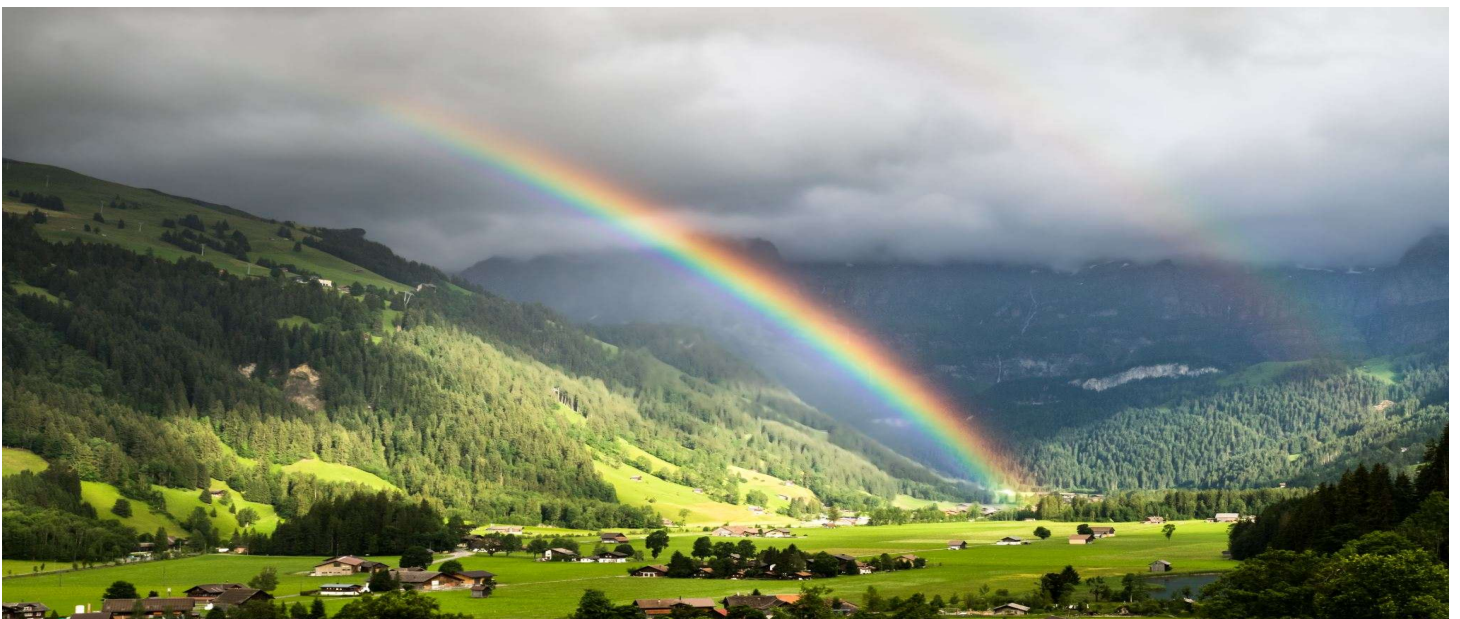
www.bluelakechrysalis.us

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: You get a copy of the Rainbow Reporter by clicking on the link at the bluelake.us website.





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
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Cantonment (Gonzalez Grace)	Teresa Lott	850-501-5182	lott01@bellsouth.net
Crestview	Pam Hight	850-758-8201	pjhight51@gmail.com
Dalraida GMC	Doris Persons	334-271-2533	dorisdpersons@gmail.com
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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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