RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

July 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Happy 249th Independence Day! Our founding fathers established the guiding principles of our free nation based on a Biblical foundation. As Christ followers, we have had to bind together to celebrate good times and to endure the hard times of our nation. Hebrews 12:1 says, "since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

The Lay director for Blue Lake Emmaus Walk #286, Phil Coty, has chosen this scripture to lead the men on this walk. It is a graceful reminder that we are not to be a crowd of spectators who watch God's redemption plan play out on earth. Rather, we are called to be witnesses for Christ and to run with perseverance the race of faith, as we actively participate in God's kingdom building plans.

BLEW #286 is preparing to kick off from 31 July to 3 August 2025. The pilgrim list is on the next page. We have 41 men committed on this walk. That is the

highest number we've had in well over a decade. Praise God! Please be in prayer for these men starting now. Pray for the love of Jesus to cover these men and their families. Pray that the Holy Spirit will live in their hearts and guide them forth to be leaders in their church. Pray that they would return home to be a living example of Jesus in their homes and their workplaces. And pray that they would boldly proclaim the good news of salvation with those that have yet to know Jesus as Lord. Also go to the ministry manager website and sign up for the weekend prayer vigil.

I thank the Lord for all the volunteers. We have a full conference room and support team. If you make Agape, we will need 72 pieces to cover the full conference room. I hope to see you all at Candlelight on Saturday August 2nd 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 M-286 Pilgrims



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with PERSEVERANCE the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

July 31-August 3, 2025 Lay Director: Phil Coty Spiritual Dir: Rev. Ken Taylor

As of: July 2, 2025



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	Pilgrim	City	Church	Sponsor
1	Blackwell, Charles	Milton, FL	Christ Methodist	Dees, Eugene
2.	Boxberger, Jay	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint Church	Glausier, Evans
3.	Broderson, Peter (Logan)	Destin, FL	Destin Methodist	Morgan, Robert
4.	Bundy, Taylor	Robertsdale, AL	Robertsdale Grace Comm.	Chappelle, John
5.	Campbell, Charles (Thomas)	Pensacola, FL	Crossview Church	Hammond, Nancy
6.	Davis, Allen	Defuniak Spr., FL	1st Methodist, Defuniak Spr.	Sturgis, Mary Beth
7.	Davis, John (J.D.)	Milton, FL	Destiny Church, Navarre	Stewart, Nancy
8.	Davis, Justin	Enterprise, AL	1st Baptist, Enterprise	McArthur, Scott
9.	Donaway, Stanley	Pensacola, FL	Richards Memorial UMC	Hohn, Scott
10.	Finch, Bryan	Enterprise, AL	1st Baptist, Enterprise	Burch, Rick
11.	Fister, Bruce	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint Church	Glausier, Clarence
12.	Fossum, Scott	Marianna, FL	Ist UMC, Marianna	Fossum, Zillah
13.	Fotiades, Michael (Mike)	Foley, AL	Foley UMC	Ratcliff, Shane
14.	Gibson, Jesse	Mary Esther, FL	Community Life Church	Dorsey, William
15.	Guy, Greggory (Gregg)	Columbia, AL	Harvest Church	Guy, Brooke
16.	Harper, Daniel	Niceville, FL	Church on Bayshore	Michael & Samantha Minton
17.	Hopkins, William (Hal)	Tallahassee, FL	1st UMC, Marianna	Turnbull, Robert
18.		Dothan, AL	Cornerstone C.O.G.I.C.	Offet, Hope
19.	Jordon, Matthew (Matt)	Enterprise, AL	1st Methodist, Enterprise	Zeller, Wendy
20.	Jorgensen, John	Pensacola, FL	Community Life Church	Shoopman, Betty
21.	Kirkland, William (Bill)	Opp, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
22.	LaRoche, Brian	Crestview, FL	Crosspoint Church	LaRoche, Janice
23.	Martin, Shane	Enterprise, FL	1st Baptist, Enterprise	McArthur, Scott
24.	McClintock, Chris	Crestview, FL	Crosspoint Church	LaRoche, Janet
25.	Mercer, Mark	Crestview, FL	Mt. Zion Church	Trace Brown & John Akins
26.	Merritt, Byron	Kinston, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
27.	Nolte, Erik	Lynn Haven, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Stewart, Nancy
28.	Pearce, Jimmy	Milton, FL	Bay Area Vineyard	Pearce, Lindy
29.	Rasbeck, Timothy (Tim)	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Bluewater Bay	Peterson, Kenny (Pete)
	Requintina, Isaiah	Pensacola, FL	Devotion Church	Lynes, Peggy
31.	Riggenbach, Eric	Ft. Walton Bch, FL	Trinity UMC	Locklear, Kirby
32.	Saxon, Robert (Bert)	Loxley, AL	Foley UMC	Ratcliff, Peggy
33.	Simas, Ryan	Ft. Walton Beh, FL	Destiny Church	Carey, Emie
34.		Grand Ridge, FL	Rivertown Community Church	Cozart, Jamie
35.	Spann, Fletcher (Trey)	Pensacola, FL	Marcus Point Baptist	Street, Audie
36.	Thedford, Jeremy	Mary Esther, FL	Community Life Church	Thomas, Jody
37.	A CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY OF	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Bluewater Bay	Speegle, Pat
	Townsend, Wm. Larry	Chipley, FL	Fellowship of Christ	Fulcher, Mac
	Walker, Marcus (Jason)	Lynn Haven, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Baber, Brian & Morton, Chris
	Wirrick, Jeff	Lynn Haven, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Stewart, Nancy
41.	Woodall, Todd	Gordon, AL	Rivertown Community Church	Cozart, Jamie

Scholarships Available: The Mike Ruthven Memorial scholarship has been set up to help anyone who would like to attend a Blue Lake Walk to Emmaus. For more information contact Elsie Williams at 850-596-2627 or at 111 Loyola Lane Panama City, FL 32405.

Emmaus Ministry Calendar



2025							
<u>Walk</u>	<u>Dates</u>	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	<u>Support</u> Coordinator			
W-286 (M)	Jul 31- Aug 3	Phil Coty	Rev. Ken Taylor	Larry Bates			
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						
Chrysalis	Feb 13-16						
W-289 (W)	Apr 30-May 3						
W-290 (M)	Jul 30-Aug 2						
W-291 (W)	Oct 22-25						



Blue Lake Chrysalis Flight and Journey News!

Jesus is always doing something new! So exciting to see what He will do next! Chrysalis is following Jesus to do something new. Chrysalis in January and February will take out Friday and put in Monday! Students missing Friday at school were unexcused absences. January dates are 16-19 (MLK Day) and February 13-16 (President's Day) starting on Friday nights.

Imagine yourself attending a Chrysalis Flight (10th – 12th grades) or Chrysalis Journey (19-24 years old). Would your life maybe have been a little (or a lot) different? Hmmmm. We are trying something new to help get more candidates. Think of youth at your church, in your family – talk to your pastors, student ministers – pray about who you would sponsor. We need to sign up young people to attend Chrysalis to become our strong Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Working on a Chrysalis
Flight/Journey is great fun! Watching
the transformation of these young
people over the three days, Jesus
works miracles! Through the years

Chrysalis has clarified callings into many forms of ministry for the young people, who some now volunteer and pay to work Chrysalis. I could name youth pastors, associate and lead pastors, worship ministers, missionaries, teachers and parents leading their children to love Jesus. The Holy Spirit reaches us to reach out to others.

Join me in praying for Chrysalis. Lord Jesus you know we need to be more diligent about following through to make more disciples for You. Chrysalis is a great part of the Emmaus movement to do just that. Help us to pray for Chrysalis and especially Blue Lake Chrysalis, help us to sign up young people so they can experience Your love and grace to become the next and larger body of Christ Jesus. In His holy and precious name, we pray. Jesus. Amen

Rev. Donna Coty, Blue Lake Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director

Chrysalis Web site: www.bluelakechrysalis.us

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

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	Rev. Kevin Holland	Denise Heath
		vera.johnson27@yahoo.com	hollandkevin@bellsouth.net	heathgator@cox.net
		Cantonment, FL	Milton, FL 32570	Fort Walton Beach, FL
		850.982.9993	850.382.3108	850.865.5734
		BOARD REPE	RESENTATIVE: Dawn Hall	*
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Gerald Burgess	Rev. Tony Antonelli	Shevewan Cooper
284	Fabruary 20 22	geb28@live.com	tonyantonelli53@gmail.com	shevewan@yahoo.com
Men	February 20-23	Pace, FL	Milton, FL	Niceville, FL
		850.418.1271	334.235.1288	850.685.2314
		BOARD REPRES	SENTATIVE: Randy Brooke	
	6	KarenElizabeth Carrel	Rev. Kevin Holland	Dawn Hall
285	April 10-13	kecarrel@embargmail.com	hollandkevin@bellsouth.net	pinkgerbera71@gmail.com
Women		Marianna, FL	Milton, FL	Milton, FL
		850.209.4690	850.382.3108	803.580.9487
		BOARD REPR	ESENTATIVE: Cheri Perry	
	July 31-August 3	Phil Coty	Rev. Ken Taylor	Larry Bates
286		phillcoty@aol.com	seapriest@gmail.com	savedbygrace010509@gmail.com
Men		Niceville, FL	Lynn Haven, FL	Niceville, FL
		334.695.6060	850.428.0136	850.218.6586
		BOARD REPRE	SENTATIVE: John Bozarth	
	September 18-21	Denise Pippin	Rev. Nancy Hammond	Tommy Tew
287		dwppip@hotmail.com	nancydhammond@gmail.com	wett196@gmail.com
Women		Orange Beach, AL	Pensacola, FL	Lynn Haven, FL
		334.333.6134	850.748.3532	850.265.0454
		BOARD REPRE	SENTATIVE: Iris Schipper	
288 Women	November 6-9	Terri McCollum	Rev. Allen Newton	Bert McCollum
		tmccollum@bntinc.net	anewton@destinmc.org	bmccollum@bntinc.net
		Fort Walton Beach, FL	Destin, FL	Fort Walton Beach, FL
		850.687.4788	850.381.3770	205.292.6056
	**	BOARD REPE	RESENTATIVE: Dawn Hall	

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Chrysalis	Donna Caty	334.355.1489		
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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 (<u>revbmck@bellsouth.net</u>) 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



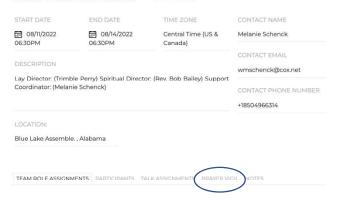
3. From the list of available Prayer Vigils select the Walk # you want to sign up for.

Events with Prayer Vigils



4. You now see the information for the walk. Select the tab under the general information that says Prayer Vigil.

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5. Choose a time slot available indicated by the blue select button.



Key Links for the Blue Lake Community

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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

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