



RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

January 2026

The Boy's Chrysalis Flight 111/Journey 52 will be held this week, 16-19 Jan, at Blue Lake Camp. Please lift the 14 young candidates to the Lord in your prayers. Pray that the Holy Spirit would kindle a fire in their hearts that will be everlasting. Pray for each to declare with their mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in their hearts that God raised him from the dead. Pray that each young man would surrender themselves and dedicate their whole lives to following Jesus daily. Please be faithful in prayer next weekend. You can sign up for the prayer vigil at this link: [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Prayer Vigil for Boys Flight 111 Journey 52 signup sheet](https://www.volunteersignup.org/111J52)

The Lay Director, Ben Savage, has chosen Romans 12:12 to guide the weekend. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer" (NRSV). "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (NIV). The hardest part of this scripture for me is the directive in the middle. "Be patient in suffering or affliction." This is a very difficult command, not only for adults, but especially for the young men that may be hearing this for the first time.

To be patient in suffering means to endure difficulties without losing faith, hope, or integrity. It doesn't mean pretending pain doesn't exist or passively accepting every hardship—it's about trusting

that God is working, even when circumstances don't make sense. In the biblical context, patience in affliction is about:

1. Trusting God's timing, even when you want instant relief.
2. Staying faithful, rather than giving up or becoming bitter.
3. Learning endurance, because suffering often builds spiritual strength and empathy.

The Apostle Paul, who wrote this, faced persecution, imprisonment, and suffering for his faith. His words remind us that pain is temporary, but God's promises and love are constant and forever. Please prayerfully meditate on these words and pray for these young men to overcome any afflictions.

Important Reminder:

Candlelight Service for the Boy's Chrysalis is on Sunday, January 18th at 7:30 pm.

Please mark your calendars and set a reminder to attend in person. The Candlelight service is a highlight to all 3-day walks with Christ. **Your attendance will be an everlasting blessing.** I hope to see you all at Candlelight.

Fly With Christ!

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Larry Bates
BLEW #201
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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). Deadline for the request is 3 weeks prior to the walk to be attended or worked. Donations to the fund are also graciously accepted.

Emmaus Ministry Calendar



2026				
<u>Walk</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>	<u>Spiritual Director</u>	<u>Support Coordinator</u>
Boy's Chrysalis	Jan 16-19	Ben Savage	Rev. Chris Krol	Judy Lorenz
Girl's Chrysalis	Feb 13-16	Katie Schenck	Rev. Jack Kale	
W-289 (W)	Apr 30-May 3	Peggy Ratcliff		Larry Bates
W-290 (M)	Jul 30-Aug 2	Ron Penton		
W-291 (W)	Oct 22-25	Karla Seaborn		



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 youths to accept God's call to His service.

We need your help!

We are still accepting applications for 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 youths as possible.

Chrysalis Web site:
www.bluelakechrysalis.us

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

Next Flight: 13-16 February 2026, Katie Schenck, 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

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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.

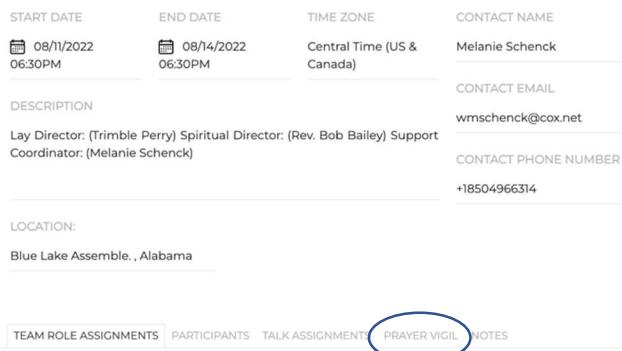
Events with Prayer Vigils



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 08/11/2022 06:30PM	END DATE 08/14/2022 06:30PM	TIME ZONE Central Time (US & Canada)	CONTACT NAME Melanie Schenck
DESCRIPTION Lay Director: (Trimble Perry) Spiritual Director: (Rev. Bob Bailey) Support Coordinator: (Melanie Schenck)			
CONTACT EMAIL 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

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
Camden	Dan Burford	334-399-4614	danburford@mchsi.com
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