



RAINBOW REPORTER

The Newsletter for the Blue Lake Emmaus Walk Community

July 2026

Emmaus Sisters and Brothers, Blue Lake Emmaus Men's Walk #290 is about 3 weeks away. The Lay Director, Ron Penton, has chosen Jeremiah 29:11 to worship the Lord this weekend.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

The scripture reveals a God who is not distant or indifferent but intentionally involved, shaping a future filled with hope, restoration, and a loving relationship for His people. It's a promise that reaches into exile, and uncertainty. It speaks directly into the places where you feel stuck or unseen. God's plans are often

different, but always better. Israel heard this promise while living in exile—far from home, far from comfort, far from what they expected life to be. God didn't promise an instant rescue. Instead, He promised a purposeful future shaped by His wisdom, not their timeline.

When your life feels like exile—when plans fall apart, when prayers seem unanswered—Jeremiah 29 reminds you that God's intentions toward you are good, even when His ways feel slow or confusing. His plans are not random. They are crafted with care, rooted in His character, and aimed toward your flourishing.

Lord, thank You that Your plans for me are good even when my circumstances feel heavy. Teach me to seek You with my whole heart. Restore what feels lost, renew my hope, and lead me into the future You have prepared. Amen.

You will find the Men's Pilgrim roster on page 3. Please be in faithful prayer each day for these men and please go to Ministry Manager to sign up for a prayer time slot on the prayer vigil. Also, please be in prayer for the Conference Room team and the Background Support team who have volunteered to serve on BLEW#290. Pray that our Lord would use each one of them as a special means of grace and Agape love for the men on this walk.

As a reminder, we would love to receive your wonderful gifts of Agape' and Agape letters for the men. Candlelight Service is on Saturday evening, August 1st starting promptly at 7:30 pm at the Blue Lake Gym.

The Blue Lake Emmaus Governing Board is looking for someone to fill the position of Community Support Coordinator (CSC). This is a non-voting board advisory position. Responsible for submitting names for approval to serve as a Weekend Support Coordinator (WSC) on future Emmaus Walks. The CSC secures WSC position for upcoming walks, trains, and supports those serving in this role. The CSC keeps all documentation current for the WSC to use on Emmaus Walks. The CSC works closely with Emmaus Ministry Area Lay Directors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any of the Emmaus Board members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Candlelight Service.

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Larry Bates
BLEW #201
Table of Paul



Walk M-290 Pilgrims

*"For I know the plans I
have for you . . ."*
Jeremiah 29:11

July 30 – August 2
Lay Director: Ron Penton, Sr.
Spiritual Dir: Rev. Ken Taylor
As of : 7/8/2026



	<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1.	Bilstad, Dana	Destin, FL	Shoreline Church	Bilstad, Ana Maria
2.	Boyd, Andrew	Pace, FL	W. Florida Baptist Church	Fountain, Jonathan
3.	Brenci, John	Freeport, FL	Seagrove Baptist Church	Levesque, Peggy
4.	Drew, Josiah	Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Trinity UMC	O'Neal, Pam
5.	Fossum, Scott	Marianna, FL	1 st Methodist, Marianna	Fossum, Zillah
6.	Galloway, Garrett	Dothan, AL	Harvest Church	Offet, Joel
7.	Herston, Jason	Smiths Station, AL	Highlands Church, GA	Pajor, Lindsey
8.	Huegerich, Thomas	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Bluewater Bay	Borland, Carter
9.	Huff, Wyatt	Newville, AL	Memphis Baptist Church	Huff, Niqee
10.	Jorgensen, John	Pensacola, FL	Community Life Church	Shoopman, Betty
11.	Keeble, Trent	Livingston, TX	Northshore Church, TX	Weaver, Bud
12.	Khuanman, Tun	Panama City Beach, FL	Woodlawn Church	McMichael, David
13.	Klercker, Billy	Milton, FL	Community Life Church	Thomas, Jody
14.	Lawrence, Marcus, Jr.	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay Methodist	Love, Steve
15.	Lentz, Michael	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Bluewater Bay	Carnahan, Todd
16.	Malutich, Stephen	Baker, FL	Our Lady of Victory Church	Riggenbach, Eric
17.	Moore, Christopher	Panama City, FL	Lynn Haven Methodist	Bishop, James
18.	O'Neal, James Jr.	Ft. Walton Beach, FL	Trinity Church	O'Neal Stephen
19.	Petitt, Spencer, Sr.	Coffee Springs, AL	First Baptist Church, Enterprise	Finch, Bryan
20.	Playter, James	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Niceville	Hartman, Dan
21.	Rouse, Richard	Niceville, FL	Destin Methodist Church	Retherford, Kris
22.	Schwan, Mark	Pensacola, FL	Perdido Bay Methodist	Schollian, Alan
23.	Sims, Tyrill	Opp, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
24.	Smith, Virgil	Destin, FL	Village Baptist Church	Riggenbach, Eric
25.	Spears, Ferrell	Opp, AL	Ino Baptist Church	Barnes, Jerry
26.	Stillwell, William	Niceville, FL	Crosspoint, Bluewater	Stillwell, Gayle
27.	Thorndike, Kenneth	Panama City Bch, FL	Woodlawn Church	Thorndyke, Judy
28.	Tomko, Joseph	Pensacola, FL	Pinewood Presbyterian	Shoopman, Betty
29.	Wahoske, Keith	Santa Rosa Bch, FL	Pt. Washington Methodist	Head, Freddie
30.	Yefimov, Timothy	Pensacola, FL	W. Florida Baptist Church	Requintina, Isaiah
31.	York, Timothy	Pace, FL	Avalon Baptist Church	Mauldin, Amy

Dear Friends,

The scripture verse that guided our recent Blue Lake Emmaus Women's Walk #289 inspires us to serve on Emmaus.

The scripture verse was Psalm 130:5, which says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in his word I hope."

The Psalm goes on to say in verse 6, "My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning."

The Psalm describes the role of the sentinels, those assigned to stand guard on the walls of Jerusalem during the night. As they stand guard on the walls, they look for and anticipate the coming of the morning sun, which signals the end of night.

The sentinels can't make the sun rise just as a rooster can't cause the sun to rise by crowing. The sun will rise, and the morning will come apart

from their actions. What they can do, however, is anticipate the coming sunrise and look for its appearance.

In a similar way, we can't make God show up. God is sovereign over creation and will act to fulfill his good purposes. God says in Isaiah 46:10, "My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure." God promises to show up in our lives. Jesus said in Matthew 28:20, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

God faithfully shows up in our lives just as the sun rises each morning. Even when we don't see the sun because of clouds, the sun is still there. And likewise, God is still present with us, even during those times, when the clouds of life keep us from seeing his presence.

The Walk to Emmaus functions as a means of grace. Through the weekend's talks, worship and acts of love, God

reveals God's self to people. When we volunteer and serve on a weekend, we get to see God show up and pour grace into the lives of others. We are like sentinels on the wall. We anticipate, hope and wait for God to show up, and then we get to witness God showing up in people's lives just as sentinels eventually get to see the sun pop up over the horizon.

Don't we feel a deep joy when we witness others experiencing the grace of God?

When commenting on Psalm 130, Clint McCann writes, "Waiting is the persistent posture of God's servant." Jesus emphasizes this waiting when he tells us to be like the good servants who are dressed and ready for action,

waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast (Luke 13:35-36).

Serving on an Emmaus Walk gives us the opportunity to witness God's grace at work. If you have not served recently on an Emmaus Walk, I encourage you to get involved. You will witness God's saving and loving action just as sentinels witness the sunrise in the morning. We wait for the Lord, and our whole being waits, and in his word, we put our hope. Serving on Emmaus gives you the opportunity to witness how God shows up.

In Christ,

Scott Hohn

Blue Lake Emmaus
Community Spiritual Director

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.

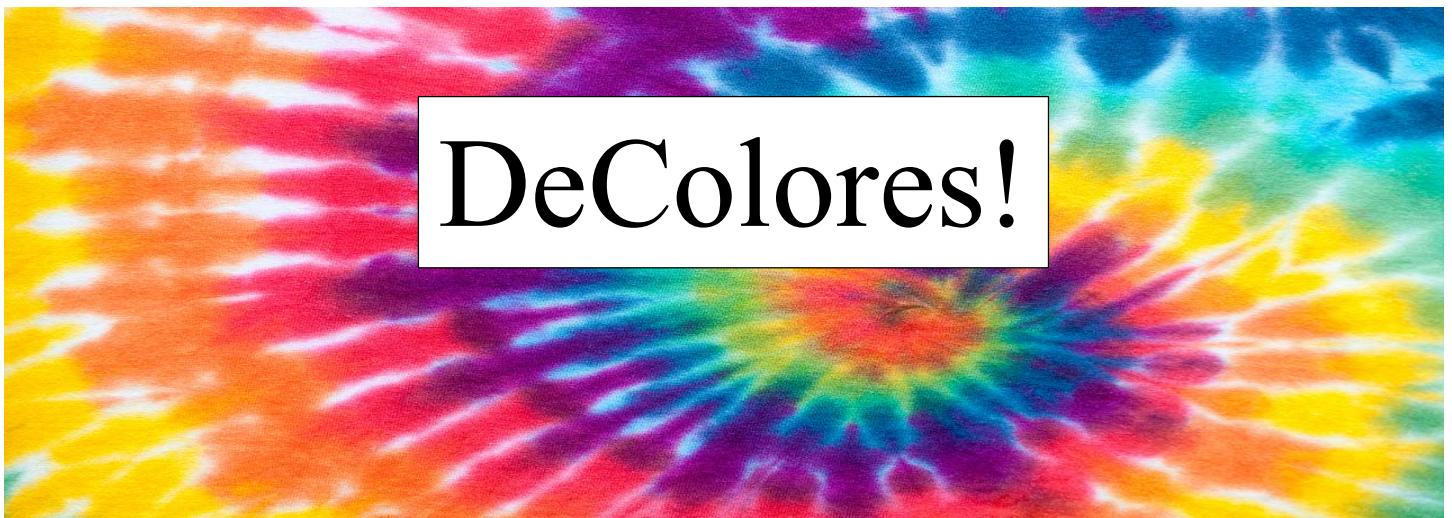


Emmaus Ministry Calendar

2026 BLUE LAKE EMMAUS WALKS

LAY DIRECTOR ~ SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR ~ SUPPORT COORDINATOR ~ BOARD REP

WALK #	DATE	LAY DIRECTOR	SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR	SUPPORT COORDINATOR
289 Women	April 30 – 3 May	Peggy Ratcliff peggyratcliff@gmail.com Elberta, AL 250.975.8336	Rev. Kevin Holland hollandkevin@bellsouth.net Milton, FL 850.382.3108	Larry Bates Savedbygrace010509@gmail.com Niceville, FL 850.218.6586
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kristia Schmitt				
290 Men	July 30- August 2	Ron Penton rpentonsr@gmail.com Panama City, FL 850.899.5527	Rev. Ken Taylor Seapriest@gmail.com Lynn Haven, FL 850.428.0136	Nancy Stewart nstew@att.net Panama City, FL 850.832.7309
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Phil Coty				
291 Women	October 22-25	Karla Seaborn karlaseaborn@proton.me Panama City Beach, FL 850.867.0256	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				



Blue Lake Chrysalis Flight and Journey News!

The Chrysalis Community held 2 very successful Chrysalis events in 2026. Praise God for rekindling this ministry. Some success had to do with scheduling the Chrysalis Flight/Journey over the Martin Luther King Jr and President's Day holiday weekends. Both holidays fall on Monday. So, the Chrysalis weekend was Saturday through Monday, and the Chrysalis candidates did not have to miss school on Friday.

We are planning to schedule Chrysalis on these holiday weekends again in 2027. We cannot do this ministry without your support. Please mark your calendars January 15-18 and February 12-15, 2027 and plan to serve and attend Candlelight Service.

As always, we need you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a teen or young adult on a Chrysalis Flight or Journey. Applications can be found at the **Chrysalis Web site:**
www.bluelakechrysalis.us

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

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	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:

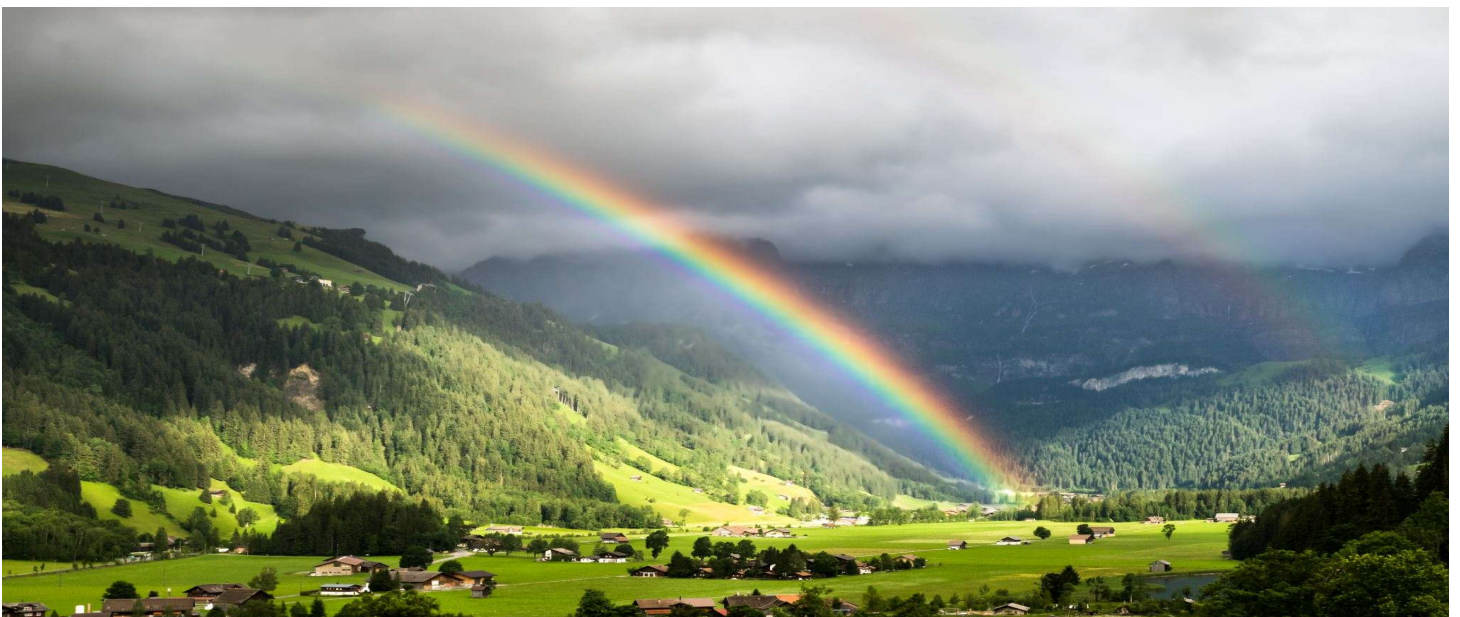
www.bluelakechrysalis.us

Chrysalis Application:

www.bluelakechrysalis.us/images/documents/chrysalis_application.pdf

Chrysalis Calendar:

<http://www.bluelakechrysalis.us/index.php/events>



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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