

September 2007

# Footprints

**Foothills**  
**Walk to Emmaus**



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## Answering God's Call

A few (more like several) years ago I was walking down the halls of St. Andrew UMC when God asked me to go and pray with someone that was coming out of a classroom further down the hall. Truth be told, at that time, I didn't even pray for people with them listening—out loud... and, what would I say, "God told me to pray for you—right now?" Wouldn't they think I had lost my mind? Besides I was already "doing" God's work. I had prior church commitments. I was in a hurry. I was too busy. Needless to say, I didn't heed God's call. Looking back, I don't even remember what work I was doing that was so important that I couldn't take the time to stop, trust God, and do His calling.

*Are you too busy "doing" God's work that you can't "DO" God's call?*

That is a regret that I live with; however, God gave me another opportunity. He called me to pray for someone else a few months later. This time, although I was still very busy "doing" God's work, I thought she was even busier and had no time to stop for me. (Isn't it easy to misplace blame?) Then I realized God was giving me another chance... and I actually ran to do His call. (For those of you who know me, can't you see me chasing her down?) And, do you know what? She was grateful and she needed prayer. Believe me, it still wasn't easy to pray out loud, but the Holy Spirit gave me the words. She was amazed that I "knew" what to pray for...and, God answered those prayers stopping her migraine in its tracks enabling her to finish His call.

I wonder how many opportunities God will give us before He moves on to call someone else. Missed opportunities to share God's love, mercy, and grace with another. Remember from your Emmaus weekend, "God only has your hands and your feet." He wants to use you. Maybe He's calling you.

*Don't be too busy "doing" God's work that you can't "DO" God's call.*

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Bonnie Franklin  
Board Chair

## Mark your Calendars — Upcoming Gatherings

**September 21 — St. Matthew UMC, Greenville**

**October 19 — Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville**

**November 16 — Bethesda UMC, Powdersville**

**December 21 — Unknown, but God knows. Could it be your church? Please let us know if you would like to host December's Gathering.**

## Delores Dishes



In Delores' column, she'll answer your questions regarding the Walk to Emmaus and/or our Foothills community. Send your questions to [foothillsemmaus@charter.net](mailto:foothillsemmaus@charter.net). Delores will attempt to answer them.

**Q** Can I sponsor people if I'm working on the team for the same Walk ?

**A** Yes, you can. The problem with sponsoring and working a Walk is Send-Off and Candlelight. Praying for your pilgrims at Sponsor's hour after Send-Off and recognizing familiar, smiling faces at Candlelight is so important. You'll need to have folks to cover that for you. Do these pilgrims know that you will be working the Walk? If they don't, tell them (at the last minute) that they asked you to go again. Let them know how excited you are about it, but also ask them not to tell others. Just tell them you don't want folks bombarding you with "what happens next" questions. Remind them the whole weekend is experienced on an individual basis and how you felt, what you saw, etc. might be different for someone else. You just don't want to spoil their fun.

### WANTED:

Sponsors with Pilgrims for mountain-top experience

### REWARD:

Out of this World

### LIMITED TIME OFFER:

Don't delay. Act today. Send in your Sponsor's form and Pilgrim's applications today! Don't have the forms? Find them at [www.foothillsemmaus.org](http://www.foothillsemmaus.org). Don't have a pilgrim? Ask God to show them to you. Most importantly, ask them.

**Don't put off God's call!**

Interested in becoming a Board Member

Board nominations are now being accepted. Please contact **Dawn Rampey**, **John MacKeil**, or **Bill Houx** with your nominations for the next Board member elections. Nominees should be an active member of our Emmaus Foothills community, have served in the conference room at least one time, and be a part of a Reunion Group. They should have a servant's heart and a sincere desire to serve God through Emmaus.

### Agape Nook:

**Hear ye! Hear ye! To all Reunion Groups:** Are you in an active reunion group? Is your reunion group listed on the next page? If your reunion group is active and **not** listed on the next page, **please** send me the following information: NAME, TOWN, SHEPHERD/CONTACT, TELEPHONE.

**Even if your reunion group has been active for a long time, please submit the information.** Thanks in advance for assisting in updating the Foothills Reunion Group list for the pilgrim's packets.

**Wanted:** Agape for the fall walks! A few things that will help out tremendously:

1. Notify me as soon as possible if you plan to contribute agape
2. Plan so you can bring your agape to the September gathering or NO LATER than Men's send-off
3. Include with your agape a list of names of those involved in the preparation/purchase of the agape
4. 72 items are needed for each walk (144 total)

Separate the items into two separate bags/containers – one for men and one for women

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*See Foothills Emmaus Community Groups listed on next page*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Shepherd</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Buncombe Streeters	Greenville	Leta Poston	864-277-8968
Covenant UMC	Greer	Marilyn Boyer	864-244-0957
G.I.F.T. (Girls In Faith Together)	Greenville/Simpsonville	Barbara Ware	864-350-6600
God's Greer Groupies	Greer	Susan Bogan	864-877-3165
Soul Sisters	Greer	Lisa Smith	864-292-5188
Spreading HIS Love	Spartanburg	Libby Waldrep	864-573-8519
St Mark Mountain Movers	Greenwood	Ray & Chris McCoy	864-388-9121
St Mark Reunion Group	Seneca	Holly Parrott Toby Childress	864-944-7998 864-944-9090
Wild Hog Reunion	Anderson	Amy Hanson	864-226-4790
YaYa Sisters	Greenville/Easley	Dawn Rampey	864-850-1160

### **By-Law Change Requested**

**Our current By-Laws ARTICLE IV, Section 3 states:**

**Directors shall be elected in three (3) classes, each class shall serve for three (3) years.**

**Directors cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms of office, however, may be re-elected again after a one (1) year sabbatical.**

**The Directors terms of office shall begin January 1 and shall terminate on December 31.**

**If rotating off the Board, the past Board Chairperson shall serve on the New Board in an Ex-officio capacity with no voting rights.**

**The Board recommends changing this to state:**

**Directors shall be elected to serve for three (3) years.**

**Directors cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms of office; however, may be re-elected again after a one (1) year sabbatical.**

**The Directors terms of office shall begin and end at the January Board meeting.**

**Why does the Board recommend this change?**

**There is no longer a need to elect for classes (overlapping terms of service).**

**We want to allow the change in Board members to happen at the January Board meeting. (This is currently the way it is done, but we'd like to make it official.)**

**The past Board Chairperson can advise the current Board if requested, but they are not needed to serve on the Board for another year. (This is also the way it is currently being done. Again, we'd like to make it official.)**

**Our current By-Laws ARTICLE V, Section 4 states:**

**A Nominating Committee of five (5), (consisting of not more than one (1) person from a Reunion Group or church) shall meet in October of each year to submit names to fill vacancies created by rotating Directors. Ballots are to be published in the November Newsletter on a tear off, mail-in ballot. Ballots must be received by December 1 to be valid. The Nominating Committee shall be selected at the October Gathering.**

**The Board recommends changing this to state:**

**A Nominating Committee of five (5), chaired by Vice-Chair with two additional Board members and two at-large community members (not more than one (1) person from a Reunion Group or church) shall meet in August / September of each year to submit names to fill vacancies created by rotating Directors. A letter including tear-off, mail-in ballots will be mailed to the entire membership list in late September / early October. Ballot letter will also be included in pilgrim's packets for the Fall Walk. One vote per member will be accepted by mail or email to Vice-Chair. Final ballots will also be accepted at the October Gathering. Ballots must be received by the third Friday in October to be valid.**

**Why does the Board recommend this change?**

**First, the Vice-Chair will soon take office as Chair. They need to have input into the upcoming Board of Directors. The current Chair will sit in the nominating committee and offer assistance as needed.**

**Second, we would like to elect new Board members one month earlier in November rather than December. Although they won't officially take office until the first Board meeting in January, this will give each new Board member the opportunity to shadow the current head of their new committee for one month. We are hopeful that this will help in the transitioning phase, which is especially important to hit the ground running in preparation for Spring Walks.**

**Please be prepared to vote on these changes during September's Gathering at St Matthew UMC in Greenville.**

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## Come to the Gatherings!

Bring soft drinks and snacks to share with others

**AGAPE  
Enthusiastically Accepted!**

If you would like to send articles for the news letter, have an address change, or would like to be removed from the email list, send email to [newsletter@foothillsemmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@foothillsemmaus.org).

Our web site is <http://www.foothillsemmaus.org/>.

All Gatherings are held at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Friday of each month

This month's Gathering will be at  
**St. Matthew UMC**  
701 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601

