



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

August, 2008

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16

### **A Word from Linda:**

“Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.” 1 Thessalonians 5:21

When I was in college, this was the college motto and I have discovered that it's truth has enriched my life. I use it now to ask of you some truths of things, that appear to me, are not working in the Emmaus movement that I might provide some necessary feedback to the Upper Room. So instead of my feeding you, this month, I ask that you spend some time to feed me instead.

1. The Upper Room prefers seminary trained pastors to be the Spiritual directors and puts many demands on the local pastors to fully “equip” them for ministry in Emmaus. But I have perceived that the more seminary training a pastor has, the more difficulty s/he has in accepting the highly structured, literal interpretation of the “model” turned “Rubber stamp” structure.
2. The training for lay director has potential LD's alternate between the conference team and the support team in ever increasing levels of leadership until their leadership skills are acknowledged and they become LD's. After that they are never used again (according to the model) in the conference room and only in support capacity on the Support team. Having made them leaders, their leadership now is not allowed and their interest in the Emmaus movement is quenched and their interest in the movement altered. It may provide opportunities for leadership in the local church, but not in the local Emmaus movement.
3. In order for the Conference room to be “cloistered” the support team is diminished in every respect. There are not allowed to hear talks, even in preview, which would enrich them spiritually, and no provision is made by the Upper Room on the walk to provide any spiritual nurture. As a result there is an increasing interest in not working on a support team as it is not recognized or enriched by doing so.

Perhaps I am alone in these feelings, and there may be other troubling provisions of the model of which I should be aware but are not. PLEASE provide feedback to me that I might know how to proceed.

In Christ,

Linda Hessel,

## NOTES FROM PAT

Everywhere we go, we are bombarded with news about the upcoming elections!! We are reminded constantly how important it is to vote for the right person, the hardest worker, the one who will do their best to make sure that our country is the best that it has ever been. Well, the presidential elections are not the only important elections in our future. We have the important responsibility of electing the people who will become our new Emmaus board members. Sure this is not the presidential election, but this is an important election just the same. We have to make sure that the people we elect are totally committed to Emmaus and that they take their place on the board seriously. Our board is a working board and board members should be committed and willing to support the board with their prayers, their hard work and their attendance. Do you know of someone who fits that description, if so then submit his or her name to the nominating committee by September 15th. The nominating committee consists of: Pat Stevens, Janice Russell, Marcia Dillard, Phil Cole and Donna Lucas. Their e-mail addresses as well as phone numbers are located on the NWG website, [www.nwgte.net](http://www.nwgte.net). Please be in prayer as we seek the people God would have lead this community.

De Colores

Pat Stevens NWG #18

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### Contact Information for Fall Walks

Men's Walk #44      Wade Conklin      478-951-3468  
October 30th -November 2nd, 2008

Women's Walk #45      Judi Rainey      678-416-9440      jamship@yahoo.com  
November 6th-November 9th, 2008

Team meeting dates and location:

Lithia Springs UMC      8:00am - 3:00PM

September 6th, September 27th, October 4th, October 25th



## 2008 Gathering Schedule

6:00pm Graze (pot-Luck)

7:00PM Praise & Worship

August 16 - Old Camp UMC - Carrollton  
(directions on website: nwgwte.net)

September 20 - Lithia Springs UMC

October 18 - Wesley Chapel - Villa Rica

November 15 - Host: Love EMC @ Kennesaw UMC  
Combination Follow-Up and Gathering

I WAS JUST DOING SOME FIGURING LATELY.....DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY OF YOU NOT COMING TO GATHERINGS.....WELL HERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT COULD EASILY CARPOOL.....

CARTERSVILLE	30120/21	HAS AT LEAST 14 PEOPLE
VILLA RICA	30180	HAS AT LEAST 35
ACWORTH	30102/01	HAS AT LEAST 30
WINSTON	30187	HAS AT LEAST 22
MARIETTA	30064/66/68	HAS AT LEAST 16
ROME	30161/65	HAS AT LEAST 29
DOUGLASVILLE	30133/34/35	HAS AT LEAST 44
HIRAM/DALLAS	30141/57	HAS AT LEAST 44
CARROLLTON	30116/17	HAS AT LEAST 29
SUGAR HILL/DULUTH	30518/96/96	HAS AT LEAST 12
LITHIA SPRINGS	30122	HAS AT LEAST 12
POWDER SPRINGS	30127	HAS AT LEAST 12

LETS FIND OUR NEIGHBORS AND GO TO GATHERINGS TOGETHER. IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL OF YOU THAT DO FAITHFULLY COME. IT WOULD BE EVEN GREATER IF ALL COULD COME. WOW WHAT A TIME THAT WOULD BE. GATHERINGS ARE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND RENEW. ALSO IF ANYONE NEEDS RIDES, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT ANY OF YOUR BOARD COULD LINE YOU UP WITH SOMEONE IN YOUR AREA.

WITH THAT SAID. ANY CHURCHES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT GATHERINGS.....WELL GUESS WHAT.....I'M COMING.....I AM ALREADY WORKING ON JAN. FEB, MARCH AND MAY.....SOOOOO IF ANYONE OUT THERE KNOWS THAT THEY WANT APRIL LET ME KNOW. LETS ALL GET OUT AND GATHER ALL THOSE WANDERING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND BRING THEM TO THE NEXT GATHERING. SEE YOU THERE. SISTER IN CHRIST DONNA GRENIER

Contact Donna Grenier with any questions about Gatherings  
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Hello Everyone!

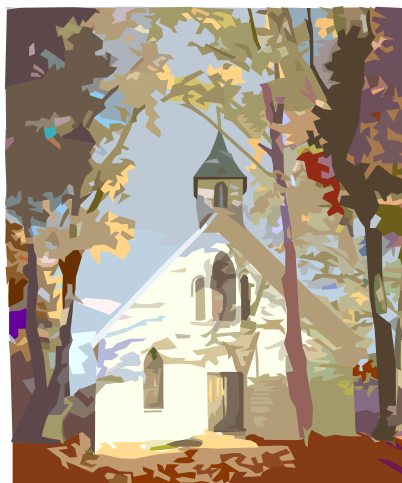
Our upcoming walks are quickly approaching.....so, I need to remind you all of our agape needs. Oven agape, 2 liter drinks, small bottled water, and handmade agape.

Thanks for giving!

**For a special agape for Women's Walk #45, please bring boxes Puffs tissues to Gatherings and give them to Donna Grenier. Thanks.**

In Christ, **Debbie Beck** 📞404-259-9004

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## BOARD ELECTIONS

Folks, it's that time again, when we enter that "political season" when we have our elections. Please notice the attached notice first published in July, and get your nominee's name to one of the members of the nominating committee as soon as possible. Don't worry about their whether or not they are eligible or not, we will do that for you. So far I have received only one name, but that is one we don't have to worry about, only 4 more to go. Surely you can think of someone who would be a good candidate for Board of Director's. It's pretty easy, even I can do it, so let's get busy and send in those names.

De Colores,  
Phil Cole

The following mandates come to us each year from a combination of our community's policies, as well as our bylaws.

- 1) That the community elect 5 new Board members to replace the members who will rotate off the board at the end of their 3 Year term.
- 2) That the outgoing class will serve as the nominating committee; those being **Pat Stevens, Janice Russell, Marcia Dillard, Donna Lucas, and Phil Cole**; links to each is available through the website on the Community Page.
- 3) That the slate of nominees will be given to the committee by members in good standing of the community, and that the slate be comprised of 2 men, 2 women, and 1 clergy person (either gender).
- 4) That the nominees must be active members of the community for at least one year and served on at least three NWGWTE teams prior to election, that the nominee cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms, that there be no more than two persons from the same Church, and that only one family member can serve on the board at any time. Exceptions can be made in the case of an unfulfilled term creating a vacancy, but only in regards to succession.
- 5) That the instructions and directives regarding the upcoming election be published in the July newsletter, and that the election be held at the October gathering. Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot must contact a committee member prior to the October gathering to arrange such. The slate of nominees will be announced in the September newsletter, therefore they must be given to a member of the nominating committee prior to September 15, in order to facilitate verification of nominee's eligibility and willingness to serve, as well as publication of the tentative nominees in the September newsletter.
- 6) That the Board members be decided by majority vote of the ballots cast, returned and counted.