

FOOTHILLS FLAME

Me A Theologian? - Charlie Green

Are you a theologian? When you hear the word *theology* do you begin to tune out what is said following that? Do you see theologians as those who have nothing better to do than to use big words and write complex sentences? Unfortunately, too many who claim to be Christian, would answer YES to those questions.

One of the greatest things about the Emmaus Movement is that it fights against that attitude. As a result of Emmaus, many people begin to understand such theological concepts as *agape love*, *grace* (in all its manifestations), and *Christian discipline*. One of the reasons that I give so much of my time to Emmaus is because it helps people begin to come to terms with what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and a theologian.

Bishop Will Willimon ((North Alabama Conference) said in a recent *Good News*, "Theology is what nearly everyone must do when they meet Jesus Christ because Jesus didn't fit most people's definition of God." He goes on to state, "You are forced to be a theologian when you realize that Jesus goes against much of what the world believes 'God' must be like if God is worthy of our worship or when you realize that Jesus is not at all what you had in mind when you prayed, 'God, come into my life.' Theology is a never-ending enterprise, not because we want to ride the newest intellectual wave, but because Jesus keeps showing up, keeps revealing himself to us, keeps demanding more than we expected." (*Good News*, July/August 2010, p. 17)

So, how about it—are you a theologian? Do you keep struggling to understand what God is saying to you? Does "God's Word" (the literal definition of theology) continue to confront you, challenge you, change you? Do you not only remember the statement, "Christ is counting on you," but also your response, "And I am counting on Christ"? Is your Fourth Day more than just a cute little way of saying your life after your weekend? I hope to see you at our upcoming Gatherings, and especially at Candlelights in the Fall. Go get 'em, you theologian, you!

Yours & God's, Charlie Green, Community Spiritual



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Important Dates:

August Gathering

Friday, August, 13

Gainesville First
UMC

7:30 pm

September

Gathering

Fall Picnic

Saturday, September
11th

Longwood Park,
Gainesville

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Walk #18
Training
Dates

July 19th

August 14th

August 28th

September 13th
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Walk Dates

Men—
September 23-26

Women—
September 30-
October 3

Walk #19
Dates

Men—
March 17-20, 2011

Women—
March 24-27, 2011

FALL PICNIC & GATHERING SEP 11TH

September Gathering is also our Fall Picnic!!

Saturday afternoon, September 11, 2010 from 2 P.M til 6 P.M.

Longwood Park, Upper Pavilion #2, 830 Green St NW, Gainesville, GA 30501

Fellowship at 2 P.M. **Dinner** at 3:30 and **Worship** at 5

Bring your favorite picnic food and drink, (paper products, silverware and ice will be provided)

You might like to bring a folding chair and blankets for children

If any questions, contact Brenda Waters at 706-947-3793.



Change of Newsletter Editor

Next time you see Lisa Bisson give her a hug and tell her thanks for all she has done for us the past few years putting our newsletter together! She has served us effectively with little to no recognition so please say thanks—she deserves so much more!

Now — who else wants to help? Please step up—as you compare this newsletter to all the previous ones published you'll see I am not gifted in this area so we need plenty of trained volunteers!.

Now say Praise God for Jeanette Hart who volunteered to be our new Editor! (Thanks again Lisa for recruiting Jeanette!) On behalf of the Board I want to be the first to say THANKS for stepping up!

Ed Dickens,
Communications Board
Member & Clergy



Prayer Vigil Changes

It's time to sign up for slots on the prayer vigils for the Fall Walks and there is a bit of a change in how to sign up online. Hopefully, this will all work out better for the community. I had created an application on the GFTWE website but with the new database, that is no longer needed.

To get to the prayer vigils, login into the database at gftwe.inetmember.com. If you have problems logging into the database, please contact me (stephen@greyhawkes.com or 706-265-0939). Once you login, you click on the "Community" link and then at the bottom, click on Prayer Vigils.

This will take you to a page that gives some details on the vigils and should have your name and e-mail address. You can change info here (it will NOT update the database) and if an e-mail address is provided, you will receive a reminder later about your prayer slot. After you click "Select Walk", you will see a page that lets you select a Walk. Click on the little magnifying glass next to your desired walk (yes, you can sign up to pray for Walk 19 now!). If see an Excel icon, you can download the whole prayer vigil chart.

Next, you will see the slots for Thursday. You can pick a slot here or go to the drop-down box and select one of the other days. Be careful when choosing a prayer slot (by clicking on the green circle with a plus sign) – you will be immediately added at that slot and you

cannot remove it! (Don't worry, contact Tom Frier (Jr.) @ tfrier@carolinahandling.com and he can change it for you; if you can't get Tom, contact me).

Thanks for supporting the Walks with your prayers and presence!

Be well,
Steve Pierce


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Walk #18 Sponsor a Pilgrim

The Fall Walks are quickly approaching--the Men's Walk # 18 is September 23-26th and the Women's Walk # 18 is September 30-Oct. 3.

Be in prayer about a pilgrim you'd like to sponsor so that they can receive the blessings you did on your Walk!

Deadline for applications will be September 13th so have your pilgrim get their application in ASAP! We still have lots of room!

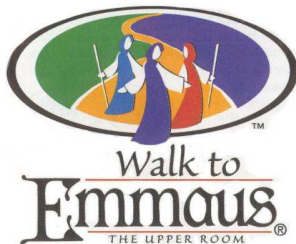
Applications can be printed from the GFWTE website and sent in or given to one of the Board Members.
Judy Harrison, Registrar


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Gatherings

Summer is here and the only way I've figured out to beat the heat is to come to a Gathering and enjoy God's love in the very cool atmosphere at Gainesville First UMC on Aug 13 at 7:30 (At the July Gathering, it was about 68 degrees in the chapel). We at GFWTE are in full swing getting ready for Walk #18. The teams are selected, we're seeking confirmation from our Pilgrims, Woodland is ready, and most of all Jesus is watching and waiting for us to do his work.

Gatherings are a time to re-connect with friends and to renew the vitality of your walk and the walks you have worked. I know that summer brings vacations, but if you are at home instead of the beach, please come join us. Bring some home made

goodies with you to share. You won't be disappointed. Instead, the Holy Spirit will once again fill you with 4th Day stories, feed you physically and spiritually, and you'll get a chance to "sing, sing, sing" just like Chris Tomlin does.

Let us all remember why we belong to GFWTE! We love the Lord and we know He loves us! Gather the friends that you have sponsored, your friends at church, friends you worked with on Walks, any Emmaus brother and sister you can find and come see us on Aug 13. Also, the Sept. Gathering will be a picnic at Longwood Park Upper Pavilion in Gainesville on Sept. 11 from 2-6pm. This will be a covered dish dinner. Should be lots of fun and fellowship



Chuck Miller,
Gatherings Board Member

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