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Emily Forrest is a native of Nashville and has been a proud resident of Athens since 2017. She is a product of public schools and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). As a former higher education professional, she previously served the Chancellor of UTC as the Events Coordinator, where she planned and executed events from board meetings to commencement. She later served the University of Chattanooga Foundation as the Associate Director of Stewardship, where she enhanced donor relations, planned naming events, and oversaw the processing of gifts. She is now a hands-on real estate investor with several properties in the city of Athens.

Emily enjoys being an active community volunteer with over 18 years of volunteer board service, most recently serving as the Auction Chair for the Athens Area Arts Council Annual Gala. She previously served on the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum Board of Directors, Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachian Board of Directors, the University of Tennessee Women's Council, and several other University of Tennessee alumni boards and committees. She was recognized by Chatter Magazine as a "20 Under 40" honoree in 2013. She is also a graduate of the Holmberg Arts Leadership Institute and the UT Leadership Institute.

Emily and her husband, Tyler, who is an Athens City Schools alum and the President of Tennessee Wesleyan University, have been married since 2010. They are the proud parents of Caroline and Benjamin, both current Athens City Schools students. They are members of Eastanallee Baptist Church, where she serves in the children's ministry.