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OVERLOOK OVERVIEW



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Holy Spirit Summer 2019!



The Holy Ghost will set your feet a dancing! The Holy Ghost will thrill you through and through! This summer these words were sung as we lived out the scriptures focusing on the power of the Holy Spirit. It was an amazing summer. On Mondays, we walked along the road to Emmaus and were met by strangers (wonderful volunteers) who shared the scriptures and Holy Communion with all the campers. Tuesday we experienced the joy of Pentecost and celebrated the birthday of the church complete with a game of twister and a birthday cake.

Wednesday was a fun day with the ever popular game of Christians and Romans. The campers were persecuted for their faith but through their peaceful witness many of the Romans were converted. Under house arrest that night, campers were led to the catacombs to meet Timothy for a time of worship and to hear a letter from Paul. On Thursday the campers experienced a fun clown communion service and had an opportunity to take a walk with God around the camp. As they were sent off for their individual walks, they each prayed with their counselor.

Speaking of counselors... (I love a good transition) We had an amazing staff of young people share their summer pouring out the love of God on these campers, volunteers, and other staff. Christian camping is about spiritual formation and personal growth. Campers experience being away from home and communal living and are provided with a safe space to learn independence as they grow in the love of God. For the counseling staff, they spend a summer living in Christian community. Learning life skills in leadership and interpersonal skills, that in my opinion, cannot be matched.

These experiences are made possible from the support of our local churches and families who send us campers, and/or provide scholarships and Partner's in Mission money. We are all so grateful that we get to do this work! Thank you for the support you give us and may God bless our ministry as we strive to provide space for all God's people to meet God on this mountain.



Front row: Jenny Steinbach, Ellie Roach, Drew Johnson, Cam Jackson, Sarah Moulden, Maura Arney, Maggie Southerington, Emma Flora.
Second row: Christian Frei, Jason Althaver, Logan Smalls, Kelli Sprague, Alexa Weeks: Rachel Jennings, Mollie Coleman, Emma Wesley,
Back Row: Ryan Ark, Corbin Anderson, Jim Ramey, Lakota Beasley, Emma Smart, Anita Hiner, Rachel Shumway, Lizzie Mumbert, Tommy Crosby

Upcoming Events

- 9/9 Board Meeting
- 10/3 Men's Emmaus
- 10/10 Women's Emmaus
- 11/1-3 All God's Children
- 12/2&4 UMW Christmas Banquets
- 12/6-8 Wounded Heart/
Healing Love
- 12/14 Walk to the Manger
- 1/3-4 Tri-District UMM Retreat



A Farwell Message From Kelli

Camp Overlook has been part of my life for 21 years! I came to Overlook as a counselor-in-training in 1998 and never really left. There, I met my husband, Scott (who had already served several summers), our dearest and most treasured friends, and, most importantly, I met God in a new way - over and over again!!

In 2004, we made Overlook our home when I accepted the assistant director position. Since then, we have raised two beautiful children who have enjoyed interacting with summer staff, helping mommy set up for groups, and tagging along for church/college presentations.

Now that our children are older, and involved in a number of creative extra-curricular activities, the summer and weekend needs of Overlook no longer allow me to be present for their many performances and special events and so, with a grateful heart for our many years at camp, we have moved on to a new family adventure. I will be teaching Kindergarten in Rockingham County and enjoying a schedule that leaves me more available to my family!

Please know how much I have loved meeting you all and partnering with you on programs, facility rental, cooking, toilet scrubbing, or in whatever capacity our paths have crossed. If you are a current/former summer staffer or camper, please know that my time with you, living out the scriptures, has been my very favorite part of my time at Overlook. They are some of my fondest memories! The Sprague family does not intend to be a stranger at Overlook and we hope to run into you when we are able to visit! Blessings to you all! Kelli



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN'S CAMP

Each fall Overlook runs our All God's Children camp for children of incarcerated parents. We provide them with sleeping bags, pillows, towels, toiletries and many surprises as we celebrate most every holiday in the course of the weekend. It is a rich time where these kids are simply loved. This program is funded primarily through donations. These kids pay only \$5 to come. They also receive a free week of summer camp.

The stories I hear from kids who have attended will melt your heart. I remember years ago I was a mentor for this program there was a little boy who after visiting Noah's ark received a stuffed monkey. He and this monkey were inseparable. At the closing worship there was a time to offer something to God, and covenant paper where the kids could say they would pray at bed time, read the bible etc... Well this boy laid down his paper and his monkey. When I asked him why he left his monkey he said, "If God loved me so much he could give up his son, I want to love God enough to give him my monkey."

You can help other have these experiences by making financial donations, volunteering as a mentor, or going to our Amazon wish list linked to our email; Campoverlook@gmail.com, and purchasing the supplies we need. The harvest is great!



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