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Emmaus Walks Rescheduled

Men's Walk #109, October 6-9, 2022

Women's Walk #110, October 13-16, 2022

Men's Lay Director—Donnie Thompson

Women's Lay Director—Tanya Eppard

Lord, how long must I wait?

Psalm 13:1

Will you forget me forever? How long will you turn your face away from me?

We know the psalmist's feeling. The pandemic is a burden on our hearts and minds. We have lost friends and family. Many have suffered the virus and still deal with lingering effects. And.... It is not over yet. January/February has seen the largest increase in contagion and death ever. But hope is in sight. Spread rates have begun to reverse direction in some areas, warmer outdoor weather is coming and the vaccines have proven safe and effective.

The Emmaus Board struggled with the decision to postpone once again. It was a decision based on hope and love. Team training would have begun in a week and many team members were uncomfortable with the risks involved. It is hard to imagine any Emmaus event where masks, distancing and all the other protective recommendations are in place. The intimacy and community would be disrupted and we could not identify a way to use the Overlook facilities safely.

Out of love, the Board postponed for a safer day in God's good time. Feeling like the ancient psalmist, we place our trust in God to guide us forward. We move on, not with reckless abandon, but by discerning God's will and using the gifts He has given us.

Sponsors, please share the delay with your pilgrim!

Urgent Love Offering for Overlook

Covid-19 has taken a toll on mountain top experiences at Overlook. Camp has lost significant user income as retreat groups (Emmaus included) have cancelled and are waiting for a healthier environment, free of the pandemic. Though the income has dried up, the expenses continue for protecting and maintaining the facility. (The waste water treatment plant and other utilities run 24/7 regardless of use.)

The camp has graciously forwarded our earlier security deposits to the future Emmaus dates which has spared our community significant expense.

The Emmaus Board invites the community to give a generous love offering in support of the camp. You may mail checks to Overlook, 3014 Camp Overlook Lane, Keezletown, VA 22832. Please mark the memo line: "EMMAUS".

You may also donate online by credit card at [CampOverlook.org](#). Again, mark in the Note window, "EMMAUS".

We would like to provide the funds to the camp by Easter which would have been the week before we showed up this spring for our Walks to Emmaus! Of course you can donate anytime. The need is great! Gifts are tax deductible!



Team Openings-

Some team members of 109 and 110 are not able to serve this fall as they were first scheduled over a year and a half ago .

If you are interested, please contact the Lay Directors or complete the Team Application online at [ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org](#). They will review the submissions as they try to fill vacancies.

Sponsors: Come and See!

There is a new video series called **The Chosen**. It is an authentic telling of Jesus and His disciples. Time and again, someone invites another person to meet Jesus. Often the person has heard of Jesus but does not really know Him. The simple invitation has been, "Come and see." No need to manipulate or coerce, just "Come and see." Jesus has changed my life.

That's what sponsors do. They say, "Come and see." They invite family, friends, colleagues, anyone who will be blessed with a closer relationship with Christ.

Sponsor Kits are available online. There is even online registration you can share with your pilgrim. Need a Sponsor Kit mailed? Leave a voice message with name and address at 540 434-3539 for Ron Robey.

The Chosen, first season is available on DVD, or at [Angel Studios](#), or on Prime Video.



Lifting Prayers

Prayer is vital in our journey of faith. It keeps us and others connected to the source of life, God. Work is presently underway to develop an Emmaus Prayer Ministry, creating a forum where you can seek prayer and offer prayer (with permission) for others. Email and Facebook have not proven to good mediums and many of us do not even remember the old fashion phone prayer chains. If you would like to participate in this new prayer ministry, or offer input for its design, contact Eva Selwyn, our Communications Chair. 540 335-2260 or EvaSelwyn@yahoo.com.



Prayer Vigil - South Africa

The Kwa-zulu Natal Emmaus Community has requested assistance with their prayer vigil for Walks on March 17 & 24. Imagine the impact those pilgrims will experience when they realize the faithful are lifting them in prayer from around the world. Remember their times are actually 7 hours ahead of ours! Wow! Your evening prayer time could fill a slot in the wee morning hours for them! Links to sign up online:

[Men's Walk #124 March 17](#)

[Ladies Walk #125 March 24](#)

Our Emmaus Board needs YOU!

Serve on a Board? Who, me!? The Emmaus Board is different from many. It is family! Your brothers and sisters willing to help out to make sure we have Emmaus leadership and experiences. Without these volunteers there would be no Emmaus Walks, Gatherings, and Agape! They are the ones who figure out how to handle pandemics and other unexpected surprises as well!

Volunteers for the Board serve a 3 year term and generally manage one of the various work areas. You can see who is currently serving and how at (click on position) ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org. You will note some openings with more to come by the end of the year. Moves and the pandemic have had an impact.

Responsibilities currently open include: Asst. Community Lay Director, Walk Events, Music, Outreach & Nominations. Call Vicki for more info or to express interest.

Meetings last generally about 30-45 minutes following a Gathering. The Board has met via Zoom during the worst of Covid. Contact the Community LD for more info or to place your name (or a friend's) in nomination.

We hope you will say, "**Here Am I, Send Me!**"

Contact Us!

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Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.'

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.'

The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?' 'Yes' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits..

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

...Thanks to Tommy Herndon– forwarded through internet!

Warm Weather Gatherings 2022

The Board is currently working out plans for some warm weather, outdoor Gatherings. The Spring Newsletter will have details. It is our hope that these will be safe times to praise God and celebrate our Emmaus 4th Day journey.

Host a Gathering for the Community in your own backyard!

Our Emmaus community spreads over a very large area. The drive to attend a Gathering can take a couple of hours depending where it is. Why not invite everyone to come to you! **Get Started!**

1. Consult with local Emmaus Folk in your area to recruit help and determine the best days and times to offer your Local Hosted Gathering.
 - Gathering Director (over all coordinator)
 - Music Director - Spiritual Director
 - Refreshment Director - Child Care Volunteers (2)
 - 4th Day Speaker (10 minute sharing/witness how God is moving in their life.)
 - You may add others as needed
2. Organize a leadership team with people to cover the following roles. Your team may be larger but should not be smaller.
3. Contact Shenandoah Valley Emmaus's Community Lay Director, to request being put on the schedule. We like to move to different regions from month to month rather successive Gatherings in the same region.
4. Presently, we are encouraging outdoor Gatherings until the Covid threat is reduced.