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# OVERLOOK OVERVIEW



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## Sharing God's LOVE with ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



As many as 30 children of incarcerated parents will come to Overlook, September 23-25. Under the mentorship of caring, Christian adults, these children will play together, learn about how to deal with angry feelings, identify safe adults in their life, discuss gang prevention, and, most importantly, learn about God's love and grace.

The first display of love to these children comes when they are invited to attend for just \$5...because the rest of the fee has been given by generous, individuals, families and church groups. Then, they arrive and discover that wonderfully caring people have donated a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, washcloth, and personal toiletries for them to use and KEEP! And the surprises continue throughout the weekend as we celebrate the harvest season, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and each child's birthday.

Please contact the camp if you, your family, or your church would like to collect and donate participation fees, bedding, personal items, or holiday gifts for these special campers. They appreciate these small tokens more than you will ever know! (Sleeping bags should be adult size, toiletries should be "Family Size", and gift items should come in quantities of 30 to ensure enough for each participant.)



## Summer Camp in Review:

We witnessed Creation, survived the Exodus, crumbled the walls of Jericho, defeated Goliath, returned from exile in Babylon, and worshipped in the Temple. But, as exciting as all of that sounds, the REALLY exciting news is that this summer's journey through the Old Testament brought 544 campers closer to God's awesome love! And, just over 300 campers even indicated that, for the first time in their life, they wanted to enter into a personal relationship with God!

Let me have the campers tell you about it in their own words!! The following are quotes from end-of-the-week camper evaluations:

**When did you feel close to God while you were at Overlook?** "When we were in nature, talking about God, and singing." "When we shared devotions around the campfire." "I felt close to God at all times but I really felt close to Him when I went into the Holy of Holies and talked to Him!"

**What will you remember most about your time at Overlook?** "All the fun I had, the friends I made, and the experiences we shared." "The great time I had with my group getting closer everyday." "Really experiencing God for the first time." "Giving my heart up to God!"

We would like to continue sharing stories about the many ways lives were changed and hearts were won for Christ this summer. **2011 campers are invited to submit a short paragraph about their time at Overlook to potentially be included in our newsletter.** Please indicate if you would like your name to be included or if you would prefer for your story to be anonymous. A \$10 camp store pass for Summer 2012 will be sent to campers whose entries are selected for print. Email your story to: CampOverlook@gmail.com

## Single Again

Dec. 2-4



Have the circumstances of life returned you to singleness, perhaps through separation, divorce, or death? Are you still searching for answers, struggling with the pain, and longing for peace?

Are you dreading the holidays or know someone who is?

Plan now to join us for a special time apart with other singles as we explore the trials, the hurts, the loneliness of being single again, and search for the road that leads to healing and wholeness.

There are elements of our lives that we have chosen, and other elements that have been forced on us without our consent. We may not always have all the options we want, but we always have the power to choose.

Through a series of brief presentations, small group reflections, and expressive worship, we will consider some options and perspectives that will help restore us, body and soul.

The weekend is undergirded with prayer and presented by a dedicated team who have experienced the issues of being single again.



Do you need a dose of joy in your life? This weekend will be fun! We may cry a little but we will laugh too!

Call for a brochure or register online  
[www.CampOverlook.com](http://www.CampOverlook.com)

(A registration fee of \$105 includes lodging, meals, and program supplies. Please register before Nov. 26.)

# Summer Staff '11—The Hands and Feet of Christ

Many THANKS to the young adults who gave their time and talents to bring the Old Testament to LIFE this summer!!



**Left to Right, Back Row:** Ron Robey, Agape Muanga (Eng.), Seth Davis, Cory Blanton, Simon Hutson (NZ), Jonathan Wilson, Jonathan Lamb, Sara Ritchie, Eric Anderson, David Bates, Chris Bates **Middle Row:** Tyler Humphries, Kelli Sprague, Grace Goodpasture, Eric Humphries, Lucas Driediger, Maria Driediger, Rachel Carson, Amanda Blagg, Amber Blagg, Hunter Miller **Front Row:** Kimberley Rowley, Samantha Page, Maggie Southerington, Melanie Fish-Dentelman, Laura Barnett (Eng.), Lisa Hilliard, Addie Balsler, Jim Harris, Laura Butcher

## Mac Fleming Memorial Golf Tournament raises \$\$\$\$\$ For Overlook Endowment Fund

Organized by Manor Memorial UMMen, benefit tournament funds of \$8,989.31 were matched by Rev. Raymond Wrenn yielding \$17,978.62 and a total of \$812,627.32 raised for the fund so far. Proceeds from a mature endowment will protect the Overlook Facility and strengthen its program for the future. We extend a special thank you to each of our Hole Sponsors:

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Mac Fleming Grandchildren	Manor Memorial UMM	Friends of Mac

### Hospitality Angels Needed

to feed the body while the Lord feeds our souls. Overlook is seeking additional cooks to serve our retreat groups.



### Coming Soon!

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp  
 All God's Children Sept. 23-25  
 Men's Emmaus Oct. 6-9  
 Women's Emmaus Oct. 13-16  
 Single Again Dec. 2-4  
 Friends & Family Night Dec. 11  
 Walk to the Manger Dec. 16  
 (and Family Christmas Overnight)  
 Winter Camp Dec. 28-29  
 Celebrate Your Marriage Feb. 10-12

### Bishop Will Willimon Inspires Winchester Dist. Clergy!

With a blend of humor and personal insight the Bishop explored the challenges for our church and that of being clergy during the 1st annual retreat. Despite the challenges, thanks to thoughtful self-examination and new resources, our church is ready to meet the future!



## Thank YOU!

You are the key that opens the door!



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 Michelle and Michael Bacon  
 Danny Blanton

### Wish List (recycle old items)

-Carpet Shampooer/Extractor for maintaining carpets at Blessings Lodge  
 -Foam sofa cushions (24x15x6" or larger) to recycle for Swank crate Furniture.