



Welcome!

We are delighted that you are considering attending the EMMAUS School of Evangelism. At EMMAUS we are committed to provide an environment for discipleship, spiritual growth and academic excellence. The following will provide you with more information about EMMAUS, our policies, and how to apply. If your questions are not answered in this handbook, please feel free to contact us directly.

Our Mission

EMMAUS' mission is to train, equip and empower men and women to live, teach and preach the 3 Angels' Message (Revelation 14:6—12). *"One worker who has been trained and educated for the work, who is controlled by the Spirit of Christ, will accomplish far more than ten laborers who go out deficient in knowledge, and weak in the faith"* (Evangelism, p.109).

EMMAUS Program

The EMMAUS School of Evangelism program is an intense 13 week program beginning August 25 and ending November 23. The main objective of the program is to effectively equip students in personal evangelism, public evangelism and health evangelism. In order to be more effective in soul winning, the student will also take in-depth classes in theology, the Spirit of Prophecy and Church History. We also believe EMMAUS will provide an environment for personal spiritual growth.

The instructors at EMMAUS are committed Seventh-day Adventists. They consist mostly of pastors and evangelists who have years of soul-winning experience. Not only will the program be academic, it will also be very practical. The students will participate in health events, Literature Evangelism, and give Bible studies in the community under the guidance of experienced instructors.

Daily Schedule (Monday-Thursday)

8:45-9:20am	Morning Devotions
9:30-1:30pm	Class
1:30-3:00pm	Lunch (Vegan meal provided)
3:00-5:00pm	Class

Wednesday night: Prayer Meeting from 7—8pm

Friday: Off. Vespers program every Friday night.

Sabbath: Church worship in morning. Students who are willing may have opportunity to preach at local area churches.

Sunday: Outreach from 3:00-8:00pm.

Please note that a more detailed schedule will be given at orientation on August 25.

Location

EMMAUS is currently looking to purchase property near Indianapolis with dorms, classrooms, and an ideal environment for spiritual growth. In the meantime, classes will be held at the newly constructed Carmel Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 14535 Carey Rd, Carmel, IN 46033.

Housing and Accommodations

Housing: Our long term goal is to provide dormitories for our students but we are currently housing students in the Carmel, Indiana area near the Carmel SDA church. Students will have roommates and are expected to live neatly and quietly. Those who are married will have separate housing and may be subject to extra expenses.

Those who live locally, or have their own accommodations, will have a reduced price in their fees (see below). Carmel is a beautiful and safe community.

Transportation: Students are expected to provide their own transportation to and from all EMMAUS events. If a student does not have a car, they will be charged an extra \$300 gas fee and will be paired up with another student who does have a car.

Computer, books, and handouts:

Computers: We encourage students to bring their own laptop. However, no games, videos, or internet surfing will be allowed during class hours.

Books: A list of required books will be sent to the student when application is approved. There will not be a large amount of books required but the student can purchase these at their convenience prior to program.

Handouts: During the program, the students will receive a number of handouts. We will provide adequate folders/binders for you to keep the handouts orderly and neat.

Telephone, television and internet: Emmaus does not furnish phones, television and internet in the housing. Internet will be provided at Carmel church.

Standards

We expect our students to act and live in harmony with the teachings and guidelines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If there is confusion on what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist, please read the chapter in *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* entitled “Christian Behavior.”

Personal devotions: Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches” John 15:5. We strongly encourage our students to maintain a strong devotional life throughout the program. This program will be far more valuable if we make our personal daily connection to Christ.

Social relations during the program: We expect our students to honor the golden rule taught by Jesus in Matt 7:12. Due to the intensity of the program, we do not encourage any dating or courting. Our students are expected to maintain the utmost purity and avoid inappropriate attention towards the opposite sex. We also expect our students to be respectful of the teachers and students. We require our staff and students alike to express Christ-like humility in all discussions.

Dress: The student’s appearance is expected to be in harmony with Biblical principles. Our students are expected to dress modestly, neat, clean and professional during class and outreach times. With exception to the wedding band, no jewelry is to be worn by students at EMMAUS functions.

Attendance: Students are required to attend all classes and outreach projects unless arrangements have been approved by the staff. Excessive tardiness may lead to a non-refundable dismissal.

Prohibited items: Under no circumstances will any illicit drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, caffeine, pornography, occult paraphernalia, gang symbols, weapons, or any other items that are out of harmony with the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy be tolerated at the Carmel church, at outreach events, or in the housing provided by EMMAUS. Discovery of any of these items may lead to immediate dismissal from the program, without a refund.

Literature Distribution: No literature, CD’s or DVD’s are to be distributed in community outreach or amongst the students without permission of EMMAUS staff.

Sabbath Observance: The Sabbath is a delight and joy, but also a day to be “kept holy.” We therefore require no secular activities be done on the Sabbath. We also expect attendance at morning worship services.

Admission

Admission steps:

1. Potential students must fill out an application along with a \$25 non-refundable processing fee and mail it to EMMAUS. Please be sure to fill out entire application. See www.emmausministry.net for application.
 - a. Be sure to submit three reference forms. Reference forms can be accessed on our web site. We would prefer people who have known you on a spiritual level such as a pastor or church elder.
2. Staff will review application and contact applicant with approval or denial via email or telephone.
3. Once you are accepted, 50% of fees are due no later than 45 days prior to first day of class.
4. The final payment is due 10 days before class begins.

Financial Information: The total cost for the program (including application) is \$3,025. If you have your own housing, the total cost would be \$2,225. If you do not bring a vehicle you will be charged an extra \$300 for gas expenses. The total cost includes a vegan lunch Monday-Thursday. For all other meals, students are on their own. Kitchens are included in housing. (See tuition page for detailed information)

Dismissal Policy: EMMAUS exercises the right to dismiss any student who violates the policies stated in this handbook.

Refund Policy: All cancellations must be stated in writing and sent to EMMAUS via email or mail 30 days prior to opening day of class for full refund. Refunds requested after 30 days prior up until the 15th calendar day after classes begin will receive a 50% refund. After 15 calendar days of opening day of class, no refunds will be granted.

Staff

Our staff is committed to the authority of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. We also are committed to provide academic excellence to our students. Although a degree is no evidence of spiritual or academic excellence (remember Jesus chose teachable fishermen), most of our instructors have at least a Master's degree. Our staff is divided into two groups; those who will do the majority of the lectures and those who will be guest lecturers. Below is a list of those who will be doing a majority of the lectures.

Alex Rodriguez, M.A.
Systematic Theology/Church History

Jesse and Susan Landess
Indiana Healthy Choices

Eric Freking
MDiv, DMin student

Steve Poenitz, DMin
Indiana Conference Ministerial / Evangelism Director

Bryce Bowman, M.A.
Systematic Theology/Church History

Mark Eaton, MBA
Indiana Conference Secretary / Treasurer

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Main Areas of Concentration

Evangelism (50 hours class, 50 hours “hands on”) (Approx. 100 total hrs.)

- Learn how to be an effective soul winner for Christ
- How to prepare and deliver a Christ-centered Bible study
- How to hold your own evangelistic series taught by veteran evangelists
- How to hold small group evangelism and round table evangelism

Medical (75 hours class, 50 hours “hands on”) (Approx. 125 total hrs.)

- How to live a healthy Adventist lifestyle
- Learn hydrotherapy, the benefits of charcoal, and other natural remedies
- How to effectively hold health expo’s/seminars
- How to bridge health events with Bible studies and evangelistic series
- Get hands on experience in lifestyle expo’s & Healthy Beginnings in Indianapolis area
- Get certified as a facilitator of the new CHIP program

Ministry (25 hours)

- Learn proper tools of interpretation to dig deeper into God’s Word
- Learn from veteran ministers/evangelists how to deliver a dynamic Christ-centered sermon that appeals to the heart
- How to recognize conviction and making appropriate appeals for eternal decisions
- How to successfully disciple others and motivate members to become involved

How to keep evangelism alive and thriving in your church—cycle of evangelism

Anchored in His Spirit (25 hours)

Learn about the life and ministry of Ellen White

How to study the writings of Ellen White (hermeneutical principles)

Issues in the writings of Ellen White

Learn the attacks on Ellen White's writings and how to meet these objections

Upon Their Shoulders (25 hours)

Learn important details of church history as it relates to the Great Controversy

Important moments in the Early Christian church and what we can learn from it today

The Waldensians and Early Reformers and their contribution to the Reformation

The great Reformers such as Luther, Calvin, and the Anabaptists

William Miller and the Advent Movement

Early Advent Movement

A trip to the Adventist Heritage Village in Battle Creek listening to Adventist scholars

Scripture (125 hours)

Learn how to dig deeper into God's Word and get more out of Bible study

In-depth study into the fundamental teachings of SDA church and how to give a solid study on each topic

How to answer questions/objections to each of our fundamental beliefs and memorize key verses on each subject

A chapter by chapter detailed study of the books of Daniel and Revelation (learn how to explain these great prophetic books)

We will cover issues such as the law in Galatians, Old and New Covenants, Origins, Christian Ethics, Archaeological issues, Israel in Prophecy, and much more

After EMMAUS?

What doors would possibly open for you after you attend EMMAUS. Of course, the Lord only knows that answer. But below are some possibilities.

1. You will be a better soul winner, preacher and teacher in your local congregation.
2. You may be hired as a Bible Worker or Literature Evangelist. There are many churches looking for a quality Bible Worker and the training you receive will help qualify you for Bible Work.
3. There is a possibility of some of our graduates becoming lay pastors. More and more conferences are looking for bi-vocational lay pastors to fill smaller churches.
4. It may open the door for evangelism in many different capacities.
5. You will be prepared to conduct many facets of medical mission work such as facilitating and teaching health seminars, conducting health fairs, providing lifestyle counseling and administering basic natural remedies and treatments.

TUITION

It is our objective at EMMAUS to provide excellent educational and spiritual training at an affordable price. To that end, we have prayerfully crafted a tuition plan that we feel will meet the needs of most students through the following four payment options:

NO HOUSING REQUIRED (this is for those who are local or have a place to stay locally)**Up**

Front Payment = \$2025

Application Fee: \$25

Tuition: \$2000 (This reflects a \$200 discount for paying up front)

Payment Plan = \$2225

Application Fee: \$25

Down Payment: \$600

Monthly Payments: \$200 / month for 8 months after completion of the school

HOUSING REQUIRED

Up Front Payment = \$2825

Application Fee: \$25

Tuition: \$2800 (This reflects a \$200 discount for paying up front)

Payment Plan = \$3025

Application Fee: \$25

Down Payment: \$600

Monthly Payments: \$200 / month for 12 months after completion of the school

SCHOLARSHIPS

From time to time, due to the generosity of donors, we will have limited partial scholarships available for those who qualify. These are on a first come first served basis and are distributed at the discretion of EMMAUS.

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

While at EMMAUS, students will receive practical opportunities to refine their LE skills. Students may opt to offset tuition costs with any funds that they generate from the sell of literature during EMMAUS outreach events.

We pray that if it is God's will for you to come to EMMAUS, that He will open the door and provide the means for you to do so! Once again, feel free to contact us if you have any questions.