

Jennifer Pharr Davis, Biography

Jennifer Pharr Davis is a hiker, author, speaker, and *National Geographic* Adventurer of the Year, and her faith in Christ has touched every corner of her personal and professional life.

Jennifer has covered over 12,000 miles of long distance trails on six different continents. In 2011, she covered the 2,185-mile Appalachian Trail in forty-six days, eleven hours, and twenty minutes, maintaining a remarkable average of forty-seven miles per day. By doing this, she claimed the overall (male or female) fastest known time on the “A.T.” and became the first woman to set that mark.

Jennifer has written five books, including three North Carolina guidebooks and two hiking memoirs called *Becoming Odyssa* and *Called Again*. Her faith is evident throughout both of these books as she draws strength from the wonders of creation and develops a growing dependence on God. Jennifer has also written articles for the *New York Times*, *Outside* magazine, *Blue Ridge Outdoors* and *Trail Runner* and has been featured by the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Daily Beast*, NPR’s *Talk of the Nation*, and the *CBS Early Show*.

Jennifer is a professional speaker who has shared her trail adventures with churches, schools, corporations and conferences across the country.

She is the founder and owner of Blue Ridge Hiking Company (www.blueridgehikingco.com), a guiding service that strives “to make the wilderness accessible and enjoyable” for hikers of all ages, genders, and ability levels. Jennifer also serves as a board member for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and ambassador for the American Hiking Society.

She grew up at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, NC, and she now lives in Asheville, NC, with her husband Brew and their daughter Charley, where they are active members of First Baptist Church, part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.