

# Sabbath Rest

## Before and After



One of our goals is to provide an environment that shows forth God's beautiful creation, in a simple and natural way. Since the property is adjacent to the Chattahoochee National Forest, we are facing a constant challenge how to keep it beautiful without looking too suburban. That is where the strong bodies and willing hearts of the [Smoke Rise Missions Team](#) come in.

Over the many years since its inception, these guys and gals have come here on Saturdays to cut out underbrush, blaze and clear trails, dig ditches, weed whack, cut and remove trees, chip branches, in the heat of the summer or even when there is still snow on the ground like at the end of February this year. The picture above shows what an area looked like last fall, the one on the right displays the beauty as it presents itself to our weary guests this spring, after the team came to clean it up.



*The guests we served in the months of April and May this year came from: South Carolina, Maryland, Alabama, Georgia (several of them!), Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, New York and also from Ontario, Canada! (The Floridians will be here again when the temperatures soar in their state....)*

***What an honor and privilege to serve the Lord's servants!***



The basis for establishing ECFA and developing *Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™* is stated clearly by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:21 (NIV):  
*"For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men."*

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John Herring not only assembles the manpower, but his wife and her kitchen angels bring and prepare wonderful meals to feed the hungry mouths!

A branch of their team called "The Weapons of Mass Construction" with seasoned tradesmen also applied their skills during the construction of the Selah Cabin!

Join us as we let the Smoke Rise Missions Team know how much we all appreciate their willingness to serve God by serving others...

Check out their [website](#), [support their BBQ](#) fundraiser, like them on [Facebook](#), or simply send them a note of :

**THANK YOU!**





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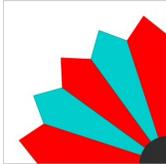
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*Guests in the Selah Cabin can admire the beautiful Quilt these 4 ladies made. As pastor Hudgins' wife wrote: "When I took in the beauty of the Selah Cabin, God spoke in a gentle voice:*

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To strengthen His church in fulfilling its Great Commission  
by caring for its leadership!

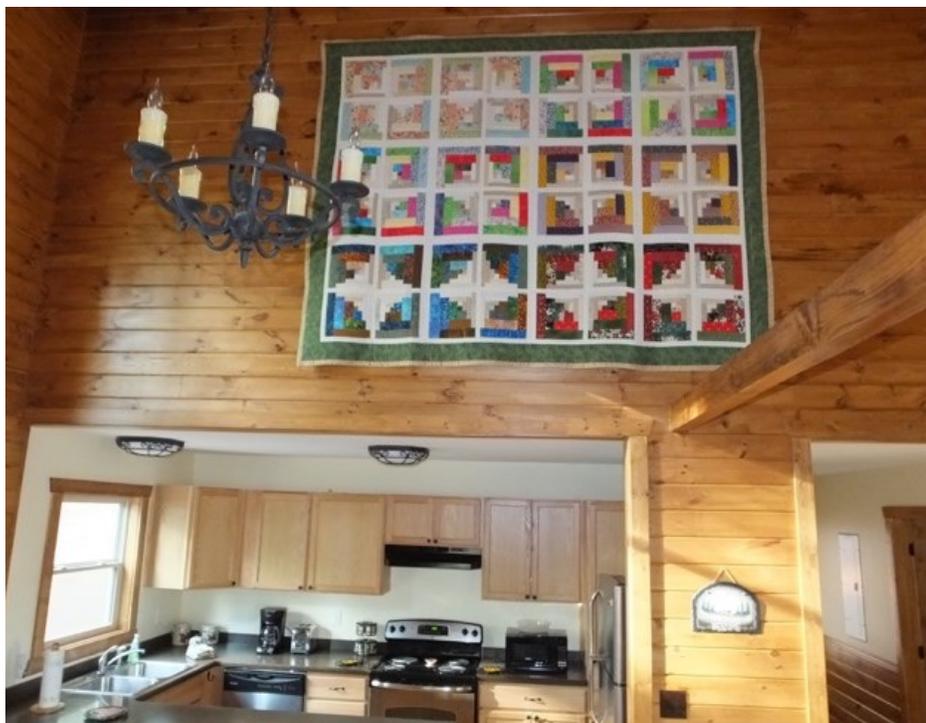
**"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and my salvation. He is my stronghold and my salvation, my refuge and my Savior."  
2 Samuel 22:2-3**



## The Quilting Crew from Georgia



**Janice Tipper, Ann Hudgins, Iva McFather, Charlotte DeLucca**



*"A quilt is needed for the wall above the kitchen". So, Ann started looking for the right pattern, and found the one fitting God's description called: "A Round Peg In A Square Hole".*

*Two of her sisters-in-law as well as her aunt joined the call to create this beautiful piece of art!*

*Yes, Ann, your prayer is being answered: The Quilt is bringing joy to those who see it and Glory to God!*

**THANK YOU!**