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A Place of Refuge for those in Ministry

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Sabbath Rest

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What are FAQ?

We try to anticipate questions from our guests and others, like you, who are interested in what Shepherd's Refuge is all about.

Our website is quite informative, and also includes a link to such FAQ, but not all are found there.

We hope the one you have is answered here! If not, please send us an <u>email</u> or give us a call! You find the contact data on the second page.

- ♦ What does "Non-Denominational" mean? Shepherd's Refuge is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry dedicated to serving the needs of pastors, full-time church staff in leadership positions, and missionaries. We are not linked to nor supported by any denomination. Our list of guests represents too many denominations to mention, from major to minor, large and small congregations, from all over the USA, but also from all over the globe!
- ♦ How is the ministry funded? It is primarily funded by individuals, small corporations, and a few churches. In order to allow guests from all size churches, or missions groups to benefit from Shepherd's Refuge, we depend completely on the generous support from our partners. Shepherd's Refuge finances are handled based on biblical principles. We are governed by a board of directors consisting of ministers, financial counselors, architects, real estate investors and entrepreneurs. This board provides guidance in the decision-making process, and ensures the absolute integrity of the ministry. In addition, we have also submitted ourselves to the principles of the ECFA, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.
- Are you taking your own Sabbath rest? The hosts are closely watched over by the board of directors and practice what they preach!
- ♦ How many can you accommodate? In the Selah Cabin we can accommodate 1 couple, and in the Upper Room in the Lodge we can accommodate 1 couple. In the Lodge there usually is one more room available for another qualified couple that accompanies the guests in the other facilities.
- When is the next cabin ready? Check out the fund raising progress on the other side!
- Where are you located? Shepherd's Refuge is located about 1 ½ hrs drive North of Atlanta, more specifically, 13 miles North of Historic Dahlonega, 5 minutes from Turners Corner. In order to allow more privacy, we send a map with detailed directions once reservations are confirmed.
- How long do guests usually stay? There is a minimum of 4 nights required to make a reservation in the Selah Cabin, a minimum of 2 nights in the Upper Room. Guests can stay up to two weeks, and we encourage repeat visits, sort of like pitstops in a long distance race!
- ♦ Why are children not allowed? Although we love children, we strongly recommend finding someone trust worthy to take care of them so that the time at Shepherd's Refuge is most beneficial to spiritual and physical renewal. The few exceptions we had made early in the life of the ministry, allowing children to accompany the parents, had shown, that they were more a distraction than help for the grownups to really benefit from a time in solitude and spiritual meditation. There are other ministries that are called to meet the combined needs of a family vacation and spiritual retreat. Links to them are found on our web site. The only exception we can make is for nursing mothers.



The basis for establishing ECFA and developing *Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship* TM 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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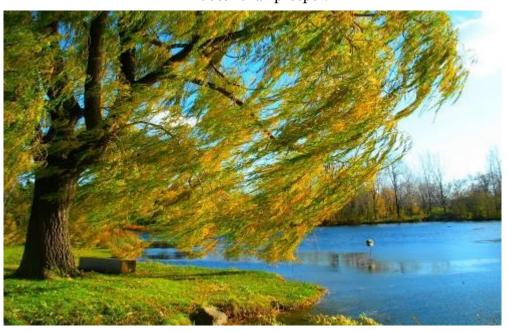
Keep this in mind:

Check out our web-site and our Face Book page for the latest news and updates. Progress reports are available online, or by sending us an email, or even better, by giving us a call!

Want to make a difference?

The purpose of Shepherd's Refuge is:
To strengthen His church in fulfilling its Great Commission
by caring for its leadership!

Psalm 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



"Next" Cabin

In August 2014 we surpassed the total guest/nights of the entire year 2013! The Selah Cabin made this possible.

Fund raising for the next cabin is in full swing (see graph), and as soon as it makes sense, we will move forward with the construction. Of course we will follow our commitment to building without going into debt!

Join us in celebrating the official ground breaking with the board of directors on September 27th!

- ⇒ Encourage and support your pastor to decide to take time off.
- ⇒ Help him/her remove the feeling of guilt when they do decide to get away.
- ⇒ Think about the health of their own family relationship.
- ⇒ Consider the benefits to the congregation from a well rested pastor.
- ⇒ Understand the consequences of a burnt-out pastor!
- ⇒ You can decide to make a difference, become a Ministry Partner

Become an Encourager!

As a monthly donor you partner with us as we serve those tired and weary pastors and missionaries the Lord sends our way!

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