

Sabbath Rest

"I did not know ... "

Looking over the many feedback forms we receive we find a number of comments that start out with "I did not know ..."! What is it that these guests did not know? It is something we should all pay more attention to, and an issue we addressed in previous newsletters. The world around us seems to increase its pace exponentially, and not just for the older generations. The trap we fall into, at least most of us, is that we try to keep up with that ever increasing speed.

Those that write such comments are the once that realized "how much they needed this time to slow down"! In our last newsletter, we showed a picture of a couple hiking one of our trails, holding hands, and taking their time to enjoy God's creation and each other's presence. Other pictures we have in our heads are when we see them sitting on the deck or the porch, reading, talking, listening and again, spending time with each other and with the Lord.

How can we listen to Him, learn from Him, watch what He created, when we rush through our day?

What will it take for you, the reader, to decide to count your days, make them count, but also do what Jesus showed His disciples: withdrawing from the demands and expectations that were put on Him by going into the hills to

spend time alone with His Father.

*Most of this year's dates here at Shepherd's Refuge have already been spoken for, but there is always next year. **Don't say "I did not know ..."**!*

Why?!

There are at least half a dozen reasons, why this newsletter is "late", and we don't want to bore you with them. Suffice it to say, so far this has been one challenging year. We have come through some bad, some sad, but also many joyful situations.

One of the latter ones is the construction of the Shiloh Cabin. You can see the progress shown by the collage of pictures, the latest one taken just hours before publication of this newsletter.

One of the challenges we faced in the last few months, was running out of available dates. And, there were some needs we simply could not meet! The completion of the Shiloh Cabin is not imminent, since we depend on volunteer workers, and we want to keep the cost within the budget.

*But, as soon as it comes on-line, we shall announce it to everyone who is on our mailing list. Changes to our reservation page on the website have been readied, operationally we have made preparations as well, so: watch for the **NEWSBLAST!***



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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."



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

Isa 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be
weary, They shall walk and not faint.

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