

Sabbath Rest

Ready, Set, Go!

It was Friday, March 17, 2017, at 2:45pm when the first guest, a pastor from rural Georgia, stepped into the Shiloh Cabin for a 2-week Sabbath Rest time!



Only the Lord knew how to arrange the schedule of the entire process! And He arranged it by using the hands and minds of many different people. Hard work, long days and way into the evening hours, decisions, prayers and financial support brought forth on earth what the Lord had planned in Heaven!

The Smoke Rise Team cleared the site for the new cabin in April 2016!



The framing crew at work after the concrete had been poured and support posts erected in August 2016.

Dried-in stage late September 2016. HVAC, plumbing, electrical, insulation, sheetrock, paint followed ...



On March 16, 2017, after installing the final piece of trim, we honored the hard-working members of the board, Rob and Richard, by having them remove the building permit box at 8:59pm!



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

Psalm 91:14 - 16 *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.*

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Life on Earth with it's Ups and Downs

We all face them, some better, some worse. **Circumstances** happen all around us. How we cope with them will be the testimony we leave behind!

There were many **obstacles** we encountered during the construction of the Shiloh Cabin, to mention a few are increased material costs, physical sickness of helpers, changed building codes since our last construction project, and many more!

And so it is in our lives. What we come upon can bring us down or lift us up.

When we solely focus on the problem, it can grow into a seemingly insurmountable "mountain"! But, having the **assurance** from the Lord, that when we call upon Him, He will deliver us and honor us, with long life He will satisfy us and show us His salvation.

Let us set our love and focus on HIM, know **HIS Name**, His promises, His truth, so that He can help and equip us deal with the bumps in the road we encounter, and leave a testimony worthy of **HIM!**

When you support Shepherd's Refuge, this is what happens:

◇ *Shepherd's Refuge provided us with much needed physical, mental, and emotional breaks from ministry life. We laughed, unplugged and heard from the Lord, all things we as a couple needed.*

◇ *I came to get away from the noise to rest, rejuvenate, pray and plan for the year. I was able to do that, and more. My focus was razor sharp and my heart was open to receive more from Christ.*

◇ *My husband and I were able to have some quiet and peaceful times together away from our 2 small kids, as well as a great time to reflect together on the things He has brought us through this last year.*

◇ *This was a wonderful week. I was able to get away from the fast pace life and just concentrate on growing spiritually and closer to God.*

◇ *It was a time for us to reconnect with the Lord and each other.*