

S H E N A N D O A H

RANCH AND HAVEN REVIEW

EXTENDING HOPE TO HURTING FAMILIES

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow shawl, is shown in a close-up, looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft, painterly style with green leaves and small white flowers on the left and purple flowers on the bottom right.

Be it
unto me

Luke 1:38 - "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

RANCH REVIEW

Fall has officially arrived—my favorite time of year! We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the boys ranch with a truly wonderful event. We praise God for His unwavering faithfulness over these many years. It was a profound blessing to hear testimonies from former ranch and Haven students whose lives have been transformed by this ministry. We are deeply grateful for all God has done and excited for what He has in store.

The boys are settled into school, and basketball practice is underway. We have eight boys now and they are all on the team. They're eagerly anticipating their season opener in just a couple of weeks. We've also been busy preparing the property for fall. Additionally, we had the privilege of joining Emmanuel Baptist Church in Speedwell, Tennessee, for a revival meeting. Several boys have developed a passion for musical instruments and were able to perform—playing and singing—during the service. The boys enjoyed attending the special youth services at church with the War of Special Forces. They heard good preaching and participated in some crazy games!

Please keep us in your prayers as we face a busy travel schedule this fall and winter. We're earnestly seeking God's provision for a new vehicle soon. Our current van logs countless miles each year, and we urgently need something more reliable. Above all, pray that God continues to work powerfully in the lives of these young men. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and generous financial support.

Because Life is For His Service,

Jarred & Brandi May
Directors
Shenandoah Boys Ranch



HAVEN HAPPENINGS

Fall has arrived! I look at the beauty as the leaves begin to turn. How quickly the seasons come...and go! Flowers are dying and nature seems to be going dormant but the trees are going into winter with a blaze of color! I am reminded of Ephesians 5:15-16 says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

The young ladies in this ministry are facing things I didn't have to when I was a teenager. Truly, the days are evil. Yet there is a lesson from this that we try to impart to the girls. Perhaps you've heard it before. It isn't about how you start the race, it's about how you finish! We want our lives to be a blaze of color that shows what God is doing as we "press toward the mark for the prize of the High calling of God in Christ Jesus", (Phil 3:14). There is a fire in my heart that wants to be found "redeeming the time" when our Lord comes back!

It is such a blessing to see young ladies making decisions, growing in grace, serving our Saviour! We have been able to visit some churches and they have been a great blessing to us, encouraging the girls as they ministered in song and testimony. We never take that for granted! We have also had the joy of serving at our home church, Shenandoah Baptist Church. We had Fall Revival with preaching to edify, and a local Gospel outreach to the "Greenway" here in Cleveland. The girls were able to attend our "Ladies Fall Gathering" as well. They enjoyed practical sessions to build them through the teaching of God's Word!

We are busy, pray for us as we stay busy in the things God has called us to! We have had some financial setbacks recently I would like to share. We found that there was a water leak on the property and the cost to find and repair the leak was in the thousands. We had to rent an excavator and run 320 feet of new water line. This did not fit in our allotted budget.

We do have dates available to visit going into next year. It would be a blessing to reconnect and give an update on what God is doing through your faithful support. If we can be a help, please call!

Because Life is For His Service,

Wayne & Kym May
Directors
Shenandoah Girls Haven



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART BE IT UNTO ME

"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1:38). This passage gives the account of how the angel was sent to Mary to announce that she was the chosen vessel for the virgin birth of Christ. What

a wonderful display of courage, faith, and humility in Mary's response to the angel Gabriel! She willingly accepted the assignment even though there were many unknowns. She was right to question, "how shall this be, seeing I know not a man". The truth of the virgin birth of Jesus was unlike anything in all of history, yet she believed God's word. She also accepted the assignment, despite personal cost. Her reputation would be in question as well as her relationship with Joseph. How would he take the news? Those profound words, "Be it unto me" is not only proof of the great character of young Mary, but it represents the heartbeat of every genuine servant of God. No one can truly serve the Lord without full surrender to His will. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him... take up his cross..." This is our message and heart's desire for every young man and woman that God sends to us here at Shenandoah. Many of our teenagers are troubled simply because they have tried to make it on their own. A life of full surrender is the only one worth living. God does not share His glory with self-made people, only the submitted ones. This Christmas season may we in full surrender to the Lord say with Mary, "Be it unto me."



Pastor David & Mrs. Renee Gamble

Ranch Needs:

Reliable 15 Passenger vehicle with
low miles
Countertops - \$2,000

Haven Needs:

Bathroom Repairs - \$1,500
4 Additional Security Cameras - \$1,000