

Trinity Bible Church
The Carpenter's House
February 11, 2007

**The Message:
A Living Sacrifice
Rom 12:1**

Mon	12 Feb	Deacons Meeting.
Wed	14 Feb	1 Corinthians.
Thu	15 Feb	Greek Class.
Fri	16 Feb	Ladies' Class.
Sun	18 Feb	Annual Business Meeting.
Mon	19 Feb	Deacons Meeting.

- ** In preparation for next Sunday's meeting you will find a "Vote of Confidence" for the pastor. Please take this one home with you to have time to fill it out. You need not sign your name. For this, you don't have to be a voting member.
- ** Parents, on Wednesday nights please bring your children to the door of the new building. The door into the kitchen will be open.
- ** The door into the kitchen will be left open during class.
- ** Deacon nominations to fill the two upcoming vacancies are: Danny Hensley, Robbie Berkenbile and Mike Hart.
- ** Be in prayer for someone to minister in the nursery.
- ** Thanksgiving for offerings for the Building Fund!! Instead of a loan for \$275,000 that we had initially considered, the final loan amount was \$175,000 with payments around \$1720 per month.
- ** Please note the following directory changes:
Gwen's email is: gwen.rust@sbcglobal.net
George Carle's email is: gcarl@cox.net
Denise Lacquement's phone: 808-8430
Dolores Armstrong's email is: ddarmstrong@peoplepc.com

Offering

Praise and Worship

**The Message:
How Then Shall We Live?
Rom 12:1**

GLENHAVEN YOUTH RANCH
Quentin Swafford, Director

RESPONSIBILITY AND STEWARDSHIP - Through the years, great efforts have been made to be the best in regards to the management of the funds that God provides for this ministry. Tom Hepburn, one of our Board members who has served for over a decade, along with others encouraged us to apply for membership in the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. During the past few months, we completed the application process for the ECFA and have recently been accepted for membership. I am so thankful to all who have played a part in this important accomplishment. Thanks to our staff who work hard and who believe in the high professional standards that it took to qualify with the ECFA. Thanks especially to Gina Pitts, along with Dan and Lori Hawkins.

GROWTH AND MATURITY - As we say goodbye to 2006, it is a time to look back at the changes that have been made and look forward to the year ahead. The New Year looks bright with our dreams and resolutions. God has been so good to us this past year. The Ranch has grown in many ways and we are maturing as an organization. This involves having a group of people here who work as a team. They have the same passions and goals to help hurting young people.

Maturity and growth also means there are now more people to share the load with those who have labored long and hard. I wish I could illustrate the depth of sacrifice and hard work our staff has demonstrated for many years. The kind of pressure they face here at the Ranch is beyond human ability to withstand. They do so successfully because of their strong faith and a foundation in the Word of God. Dwayne Webb has been here for sixteen years and has carried the majority of responsibility for teaching and classroom work. Gina has worn many hats and has done an exceptional job over the years in spite of the overload. I wish to thank both of them personally for their willingness and sacrifice. Scooter McKamie and Greg Pitts have also been carrying more than their share. They each have had major job changes this year and are now more effective than ever.

Please pray for us as we enter the New Year.

22 YEARS OF BLESSINGS AND COUNTING - Once again the calendar has been reset for the start of a new year. Here at Glenhaven, this annual occurrence has taken place for over twenty-two years. Though staff and residents have changed during this period, God has faithfully continued His work at the Ranch, changing hundreds of lives in the process.

The gates of Glenhaven Youth Ranch opened in 1984 for the purpose of providing homes for at-risk young men and women. Glenhaven has provided a Christian environment suitable for the placement of young people in long-term residential care. Young people from all around our nation have come to the Ranch. It is a place of peace and beauty, isolated from many of the adverse outside influences of the world. As the cattle quietly graze in the pastures, the homes and education facilities are a hub of activity and learning. In these settings, young people start to come to terms with the struggles that each have inside of themselves. Young people who come to live at the Ranch usually have behavioral problems, which include rebellion and disobedience. Most are behind academically or have some form of learning disability. Many have a history of neglect, abandonment or abuse. Their fathers are often absent from their lives due to death or divorce. Consequently, these young people experience difficulty in developing healthy relationships and struggle to trust others.

Staff members work to develop relationships with each young person in order that he or she would understand that they are unique and loved by God. This task requires unconditional love, prayer, understanding, and toughness when necessary. Day by day, the staff strives to present Jesus Christ as the solution to hurts and struggles. Glenhaven Youth Ranch provides an environment and the experiences needed for at-risk boys and girls to succeed in following God's plan for their lives, while also becoming responsible family members and citizens.

God has grown the ministry from very humble beginnings. Those were days of wood stoves and no air conditioning; times when a trip to town in a Ranch vehicle was truly an adventure. Throughout the years; we have solicited your prayers and financial support. We greatly appreciate your response in both areas. Without your support, we could not continue to minister every day to the young people that God has brought to Glenhaven. Our loyal supporters give Glenhaven the necessary financial resources to ensure that no child is ever turned away because of their family's inability to pay. More than 90% of the boys and girls at Glenhaven receive little or no financial support from family.

God has also motivated many of you to volunteer your time and talents in support of this ministry. He blends together your gifts and your labor to accomplish so much that otherwise would simply not get done. Some show up weekly while others arrive in R V s and stay for a few weeks. Virtually none of the facilities at Glenhaven have been constructed or remodeled apart from volunteer help. One example of this is the newly refurbished library in our main school building. Many on-going needs requiring labor such as auto repairs, building projects, electrical work, painting, folding newsletters, tutoring, grounds keeping and more are handled mostly by volunteers. We thank all of you who volunteer.

We thank the Lord, who for over twenty-two years has been faithful to bring the individuals and support together here at Glenhaven so that many lives have been affected. We thank all who have answered His leading to provide for the work in various ways. We look forward to what He will do as this New Year unfolds.

THE ECFA SEAL: As an organization committed to serving and honoring Jesus Christ, we have promised to operate in a manner reflecting integrity, honesty, excellence, and faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. This has been our pledge to friends and supporters like you. However, we know our pledge can only take on credibility when it is fortified by our actions. We want to prove ourselves faithful to our promises. This is why the ECFA seal means so much to us-and to you.

ECFA (the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) was founded in 1979 to help ensure the integrity of Christ-centered organizations that are qualified for nonprofit, tax-exempt status. Today, over 1,200 Christian organizations submit to the annual evaluation and approval process established by ECFA-resulting in a powerful collective testimony of accountability before God and man.

Through accreditation by ECFA, we demonstrate our commitment to biblical excellence and accountability. Because we faithfully adhere to ECFA Standards, we have earned the right to display the ECFA seal on all our literature. This seal tells our friends, supporters, and constituents that our ministry upholds high standards-not only in word, but in deed. The ECFA seal means that our organization:

- * Has a clear and strong commitment to evangelical Christianity
- * Has an independent Board of Directors that governs our activities
- * Submits to an annual independent audit
- * Manages and applies funds with appropriate controls
- * Believes in and practices financial disclosure
- * Follows strict standards for fundraising and stewardship

The ECFA seal is an outward expression of our inner resolve to represent truth and integrity in all aspects of our ministry: our fundraising, our financial accounting and reporting, our governance, the stewardship of God's resources, and in our valued relationship with you, our supporter and friend.

So, the next time you see the ECFA seal on our literature, let it remind you of our dedication to the principles upon which this ministry was founded and our commitment to bring honor and glory to God's name.

Romans 12

- I. Introduction. (1:1-17)
- II. Condemnation: The Need of Righteousness. (1:18–3:20)
- III. Justification: The Imputation of Righteousness. (3:21–5:21)
- IV. Sanctification: Righteousness Imparted and Demonstrated (6:1–8:39)
- V. Vindication: The Scope of God's Righteousness. (9:1–11:36)
- VI. Application: the Practice of Righteousness in Service. (12:1–15:13)
 - A. In Relation to God (12:1-2)
 - 1. The Exhortation to Sacrifice. 12:1-2
 - 2. The Ability to Sacrifice. 12:3-8
 - 3. The Love to Sacrifice. 12:9-21

Rom 12:1 = The Exhortation To Worship.

C.T. = Therefore, I exhort you, brethren, by the mercies of the God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to the God, which is your logical spiritual priestly service.

Three Steps To Entering The Battle.

Summary:

1. An Exhortation is a Call alongside in the battle, so Paul is encouraging Believers to join him.

Step 1: Listen to this exhortation with a desire to do it. John 7:17

2. Consider the mercy given you from the Father.

Step 2: Consider the mercy you have received.

3. Make a conscious decision to enter the battle.

Step 3: Report for duty.

6 Steps to Preparation For Duty:

4. Reporting for duty requires some preparation.

- A. I must decide to offer all.
- B. I must seek to be alive.
- C. I must seek to be holy.
- D. I must become a sacrifice.
- E. I must know what God wants.
- F. I must accept my position as priest.

5. The first step is to offer all of yourself. Deut 6:4-8

Step 1: Decide to offer all of yourself to God.

6. The second step is to live, which is accomplished by dying to self.

Dying To Self Test

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught and you don't sting and hurt with the insult but your heart is happy being counted worthy to suffer for Christ ... that is dying to Self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinion ridiculed and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence ... that is dying to Self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, and irregularity, or annoyance; when you stand face-to-face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility and endure it as Jesus endured ... that is dying to Self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any climate, any society, any raiment, any interruption by the will of God ... that is dying to Self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good words or itch after commendations, when you can truly love to be unknown... that is dying to Self.

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy or question God while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances ... that is dying to Self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart ... that is dying to Self.

Step 2: Live the sacrificed life for God.

7. The third step is to be holy.

Step 3: Get your thoughts and action in line with the holiness of God.

8. The fourth step is to become a sacrifice.

Step 4: Place yourself on the altar before God.

9. The fifth step is to know God's desires.

Step 5: Seek to please God.

10. I must accept my position from God as a priest.

Step 6: Accept my position from God.

Vote of Confidence for Pastor

_____ **Content with pastor.**

_____ **Not Content with pastor.**

Please feel free to make any comments or suggestions below. We will collect these next week during the business meeting.