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## Sermon On The Mount demonstrates relationship with God using horse and rider



By Scooter McKamie, Equine Director

On Saturday, October 15th, the Ranch hosted the Sermon On The Mount featuring Dr. Lew Sterrett. He showed up with his two amazing horses, Spotlight and Romeo. Using these horses, Dr. Lew demonstrated much about the Christian life to a crowd of about 300 Ranch guests. Combining riding and ground work while speaking to the crowd, he showed us many aspects of our relationship with God which captivated the audience, both young and old.

While on horseback, Dr. Lew shared with us about our every day walk with God. As he rode around speaking, his horse was in complete harmony with him, doing everything asked of him. Through many hours of training, the horses were very confident in their master, Dr. Lew. The same is true for all of us with our Master, Jesus Christ; we can be confident in Him. Dr. Lew illustrated much about trust. For the horse, trust doesn't always come easy; it takes time, patience, and consistency on our part to show the horse that he can trust us. The staff here at Glenhaven faces the same challenges working with our kids. They don't always trust us because of their past, but as we continue to show them love, patience, and kindness, that begins to change. Our relationships with them begin to grow.

Dr. Lew also shared that he has set boundaries for his horses, areas that they are not to cross for his safety and theirs. Dr. Lew explained that God has placed boundaries in our lives as well, and it's for our safety. Ranch staff also sets boundaries for the kids here. It's for their safety, also. While any of us may not always understand the boundaries in our lives, we know the Master who has put them in place, and we can trust Him.

The Ranch had a lot of extra help hosting this event. We are very grateful to all the individuals, churches, businesses, and media who participated with us. The Ranch and guests had a really great day with Dr. Lew and his horses. We look forward to having them back again. †

## Thanks!

There were more SOWERS volunteering on Ranch in October: Don and Candi Yates, Steve and Janelle Kappler, John Kappler, Roland and Gloria Townsend, and David and Linda Floyd. They helped out with all kinds of projects.

The Sermon On The Mount event had many supporters and volunteers including Grandpa's Barbeque, Petit Jean Meats, KSSN Radio, KABZ Radio, KVOM Radio, First Baptist Church of Dardanelle, First Baptist Church of Perryville, First Baptist Church of Plainview, Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Conway, and Grace Bible Church of Hot Springs. Many individuals also gave their time and energy to help make the event a great success.

Main Street Mission of Russellville recently donated a significant amount of meat to the Ranch. It has already provided some good eatin'!

On Saturday, November 12th, Woodlands Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs Village hosted a Chili Cook-off Fundraiser to benefit the Ranch. It featured great chili dishes and good fellowship.

During the month of November, Glenhaven received a grant award from the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, along with charitable gifts from City Plumbing of Hot Springs, and Woodmen Of The World of Perry, Arkansas.

We appreciate the support provided by so many individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations. We have much for which to be thankful.

## OUR MISSION

Glenhaven Youth Ranch provides hope and healing in a Christ-centered home for young men and young women in need. We partner with families and others, equipping them with tools to help hurting children overcome the disappointments of their past.

## Reflections

By Dwayne Webb

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20, NASB)

I often wonder what total abandonment to Jesus Christ looks like. Probably like many of you, I struggle with abandoning all of my life to Him. I am forever trying to hold on to that one "red jelly bean". You know what I'm talking about? The red jellybean is the one thing that I think I can hold onto and still be considered a "good" Christian.

So I struggle with this thing or that thing only to finally let it go. I finally agree with God about the true nature of the red jellybean. It is not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, most of the time it would be considered a good thing, but only serves to distract me from abandonment to Jesus. A wonderful thing happens when we agree about the red jellybean. God rewards us with relationship with Himself. God is forever seeking this relationship with us. He reveals the red jellybeans in our lives. We must lay them aside. When we find the courage to do so, we will marvel at our own thick headedness at having held out for so long. Because nothing this world has will ever compare to knowing Jesus and His Father.

So now all of us here at Glenhaven pray for you God's blessing of peace and love in the New Year. Our prayers will also be for your own heart's abandonment toward His will in 2012. Thank you for your love for the Savior, for our kids, and for all of us.

Your Friend,

Dwayne



Dr. Lew Sterrett (middle) with Glenhaven residents and staff

## Stormy weather did not discourage supporters

By Ann Thompson, Glenhaven Educator

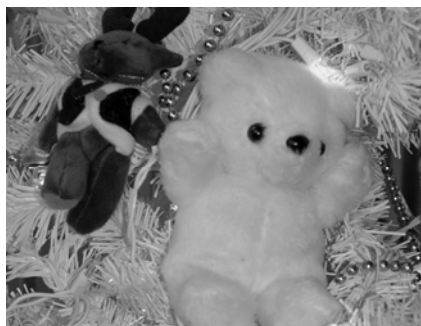
Glenhaven Youth Ranch staff and kids were amazed, in spite of stormy weather, by the amount of support during their Chick-fil-A spirit night fundraiser held Tuesday evening, November 15th. The event kicked off promptly at 5pm and lasted until 8pm. Supporters filled the entire restaurant throughout the night! The Glenhaven family stayed busy all night, from opening the doors for guests to refreshing beverages and wiping tables. Everyone was fully engaged. One resident shared, "I could do this every week!"

Event coordinator, Ann Thompson, was proud of the Glenhaven residents who selflessly served everyone who walked through



the doors. Chick-fil-A's marketing director, Donna Valentine, expressed her delight in the diligence, thoroughness, and positive attitudes of the Glenhaven group. She said, "I've never seen a group of young people work so hard throughout the night. We

want you all back!" At the end of the fundraiser, tips and a portion of the sales were tallied up to a grand total of \$1,178. Proceeds from the night will be used for field trips and other education-based elements of the Ranch. What a blessing! †



### FESTIVAL OF TREES

A couple years ago, staff member Carrie Golden had an idea for the Christmas party that would provide a way for residents and staff to express their creativity. The event would feature Christmas trees each with a theme and be decorated accordingly. One evening, early in December, we enjoyed the second occurrence of this event, which has become known as the Festival Of Trees.

This time, seven trees were decorated. The one voted as the favorite, which required a special

three-way tie breaking vote by Director Dwayne Webb, had an emergency medical theme featuring a fire truck style flashing red light adorning the top of the tree. This tree was decorated by the boys in Bryan and Pam Fields home. Pam mentioned that they had actually been planning the decorating scheme for the tree since September.

Another tree had an auto shop theme, all decked-out with license plates, an air filter, fan belt, and mechanic's tools. There was a Skittles and M&Ms tree, a Teddy Bear tree, and others, all expertly decorated.

The evening also offered lots of goodies to eat, and finished up with young people doing a skit about the Three Wise Men followed by an extended time of singing Christmas carols. This event which allows for much creative expression and a good time of fellowship has been a blessing for two years in a row for young and old alike at Glenhaven.

### THREE NEW FACES

There are new young people at the Ranch to introduce to you! First, we



have Ashley. She is 14 and comes from Arkansas. She likes drawing and art. Then there is Thea, who arrived recently from



Florida. She is 17 and enjoys outdoor activities, especially swimming. Finally, we have Jacob, who is 15 and also comes from Arkansas. He likes to read and play adventure games.



Please pray that these three would settle into Ranch life and that they would be open to the changes God desires to make in them.

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Gina Pitts, January 2nd

Adam Rouse, January 29th

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

You are making an investment in the lives of young people who need a chance to discover how God can help them heal from the hurts of their past. We appreciate your continued support. All the prayers and gifts really do make a difference!

PRAYER REQUEST

New houseparents are here! Please pray for their support and for adjustments to being at the Ranch.

Glenhaven Youth Ranch

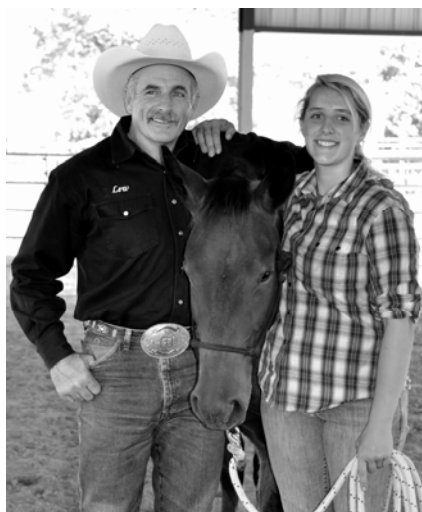
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