



Welcome to Risen Ridge's Spring update newsletter! This is a great way to keep up with things that are happening and things that are coming up at Risen Ridge.

Don't forget that you can download our app and you can always check our calendar online or in the app to see what's going on at Risen Ridge.

Happy reading and we hope to see you at the barn!

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### The Winter Season

#### Rest, Reset, Refocus

The winter is a time for us to reflect, be still and press into the Lord. During this time, I was going through some of our old pictures, thinking about the ministry and this journey that God has had us on. I came across the photo above. That is the Miller's barn, the first home of Risen Ridge Ministry, on the first day that Chris and I went to take a look at it. There, in front of the door, was one sheep. Not an entire flock, or even a few of them, just one. Of course, I was immediately reminded of the parable of the lost sheep and how much rejoicing there was when Jesus returned to His flock with His one, lost sheep. Looking back now, I can see how God was leading us into what He has for Risen Ridge Ministry. This photo stands as a reminder of that.

God has a unique calling for each of His ministries and when we are walking with Him, the burden is light and the fruit is abundant. Today, our understanding of His unique calling for Risen Ridge Ministry is the Clear Path program. This will be our focus for 2026. One guest (older teens and up), two facilitators, and a horse. We are listening to God and going where

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He is leading. The Clear Path program is quiet, reflective, and life changing. More on that below.

Also anticipated for 2026 are Meet the Ministry events, small groups, a cookout or two, Cookies and Carols, and a new annual fundraiser. Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter! I pray that 2026 has started off powerfully and that you grow closer and closer to God each day!

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Volunteer Potluck

2026 Season Kickoff

Each year, before the season starts, we have a potluck dinner with our volunteers and their spouses. It is a wonderful way to spend time with our volunteer family outside of the duties at the barn. The food is always delicious and abundant and this year was no exception! We enjoyed a lovely evening together. I was able to share what the Lord had put on our hearts over the winter and what our season will look like. We are all excited to see 2026 unfold!

Click the image above to see a quick video of our evening together.



Spring Cleaning!

Spring is in the air!

With the few warm days we had at the end of February and the beginning of March, we were blessed with two productive workdays! First, with our own amazing volunteers and then with a group of high schoolers from Grace Christian School. Everyone worked very hard and so much was accomplished. The barn and cafe were freshened up and made ready for the new season, horses were bathed, buckets were washed, brush boxes reorganized and the messy tack hallway was made tidy. I am always amazed by how quickly things get done with a motivated group of people. Thank you for the many hands that made the work light!

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### Biblically Based Equine Assisted Programs

Multi-ministry workshop with Ashley Boswell

The first weekend in March, we hosted Ashley Boswell, director of similar ministry Shepherd Youth Ranch in Creedmore, NC, and creator of Biblically Based Equine Assisted Programs, the certification that we hold and use as the framework for our Clear Path program. On Friday afternoon, Ashley was able to work with our volunteers to answer our questions and mentor us in ways specific to Risen Ridge Ministry. On Saturday, we were joined by 4 other horse ministries for a day long workshop! What an absolute joy it was to be able to host this event! It was such a blessing to fellowship, learn, and pray, with friends new and old who share a passion for Jesus and horses!

Click the image above to see a video of the event.



Ready, Set, Go

Clear Path Program

We are excited to focus on the Clear Path Program this year! For those of you who may not know what that is, let me try to explain it...

We know that life can feel overwhelming at times. Whether someone is walking through grief, anxiety, relationship struggles, or simply feeling stuck, it can be hard to know what the next step should be.

That's why we created the **Clear Path Program**.

Clear Path is experiential learning with a horse and two trained session leaders. The experiences are designed to help individuals slow down, breathe, and reconnect—with God, with themselves, and with a renewed sense of direction. Set against the peaceful backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains, guests spend intentional time with our team and horses, engaging in simple yet powerful interactions that open the door to reflection and growth.

There's no pressure, no expectations—just space.

Space to process  
Space to be heard  
Space to heal

Our horses play a unique role in this journey. They respond to what people are feeling in the moment, helping reveal emotions that are often hard to put into words. Through these interactions, guests begin to recognize patterns, release burdens, and can begin to understand God's truth in their lives.

Each Clear Path experience is personalized, lead by the Holy Spirit, meeting people right where they are. Whether someone is navigating a difficult season or just needs time away to reset, this program offers a quiet, grace-filled environment to begin again.

This is a wonderful program for older teens and adults and is offered free of charge. If you or someone you know could benefit from this kind of experience, we invite you to learn more or reach out. Clicking the button below will take you to our website and the page that describes our programs. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and fill out the interest form and we'll be in touch! We are scheduling now.

### [Clear Path Program](#)



#### Meet the Ministry

Come see what we're all about!

Have you ever wished you could better connect someone to the kind of support that truly makes a difference? Our *Meet the Ministry* experience is designed just for that.

We invite pastors, counselors, teachers, ministry leaders, and community partners to come spend time at Risen Ridge and see firsthand what we do. You'll have the opportunity to experience the peaceful setting, interact with our horses in a group activity, and learn how our programs help individuals find hope, healing, and clarity in Jesus Christ.

By stepping into the experience yourself, you'll be better equipped to recognize when someone in your circle could benefit—and confidently share Risen Ridge with those who need it most.

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If your group or organization would like to schedule a *Meet the Ministry* visit, we would love to host you! Please click the button below, scroll down just a little and you will see the Meet the Ministry section.

Come see it. Experience it. Share it.

[Meet the Ministry](#)

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How to donate...

Risen Ridge Ministry is a donation-based 501(c)3 organization. As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement. More lives will be touched. More stories will unfold. And your generosity remains a foundational part of it all. Our ministry services are provided free of charge and we operate almost entirely on donations from the community and I invite you to be a part of it.

Through quiet moments with horses, caring volunteers, and a peaceful setting, lives are being impacted in powerful ways. People are finding hope, healing, and renewed purpose through the love of Jesus Christ.

We would be honored if you would consider supporting this mission. Every gift—no matter the size—helps us continue offering these life-changing experiences to those who need them most.

**To donate:**

Mail checks to:  
Risen Ridge Ministry  
P.O. Box 442  
Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

Donate online by clicking the button below.

Thank you!!!!

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Thank you for reading! Many blessings to you and your family!