

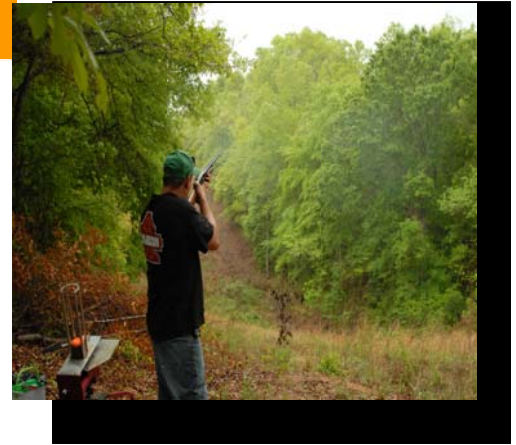
Koinonia Outdoors

Farm News 2008 - 2009

March 1, 2009

Sheet Shoot

On March 23, 2008 Bethel Baptist Church held a Men's Outreach Skeet Shoot at Koinonia Plantation. Fifty-three shooters, half of which were guests of Bethel members, were brought to the farm shooting over 1,000 skeet. I believe this marks the first time firearms were transported on the Bethel Baptist church bus named 'Amazing Love'. The event was an awesome time of fellowship and sharing of the Gospel!



Harvested Game

Does 7
Bucks 5
1st Harvests 9

Quail 91
Pheasants 7

Hogs 21

Turkeys 1

Coyotes 4

Bobcats 1

Rattlesnakes 5



3D Bow Shoot

Four area churches came together on Aug # for the 1st Annual Church Challenge 3D Bow shoot. 36 archers turned out to walk the 1.5 mile competition course. Thanks to contributions of local business supporters, 20 3-D targets were purchased and setup in a natural setting for the event. The Gospel was shared and two men accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. A group of young men from Teen Challenge Bonifay cleared the shooting range for the competition. This event was coordinated by Greg Wilson.

Work Days

In preparation for Deer Hunting season a lot of back breaking work was done. Work days were scattered through out the summer months. From cutting down tree limbs, to plowing and planting the seventeen acres of food plots to working on damaged tractors there were so many people that invested hard work and sweat to make the 2008-2009 Deer season a success!



136" 11 Point
Jan 7, 2009

Hog Heaven

Here piggy, piggy, piggy! In 2008 we discovered that Koinonia had become hog headquarters. We could not get a stand in the food plots for the hogs eating and rooting up the crops. With borrowed traps and much advice from others with hog problems we successfully trapped and harvested 21 hogs. And I'd like to add they tasted mighty fine!

Teen Challenge Youth Hunt

Clay Hatcher, leader at Teen Challenge Bonifay, Florida, brought 12 young men under the age of sixteen to the farm on Nov 15th for the Alabama Youth Day Hunt, this was the first deer hunting event at Koinonia for the 2008-2009 season. Marty Robbins hosted two of the young men on his farm and the other 10 hunted on Koinonia. A last minute cancellation provided an empty shooting house for a guide's son to get in on the action. Our volunteers really out did themselves. David Deese provided a grill from Higgins Electric, Greg Wilson provided the 'Bubba Burgers' and other volunteers brought all the fixings and desserts. While the cook team, led by Phillip Hunter, put the finishing touches on our lunch meal, the Teen Challenge boys were paired up with their adult hunting guides. We all met down at the cross in the front field of Koinonia to hear the Word of God. After the boys ate more than you would think was humanly possible we headed to the stands. While on the hunt, the guides were sensitive to the Holy Spirit, knowing when to share, when to ask questions and when to just listen. As time passed, the excitement at the barn began to grow as we heard a shot first from Gracie's Turtle plot, then from Brown & Down, then from the T-Bone plot. Seven shots were fired in all. God surely blessed as 5 first time hunters bagged a deer. We had 2 does and 2 bucks taken on Koinonia and a doe taken on the Robbins' farm. A camp fire and snacks greeted the boys returning to the barn after the hunt. Smiles were contagious and congratulations heard as the stories of the days hunt were retold by the fire. This will be a hunt relived in the minds of these young men and their guides for years to come. To all the guides and behind the scene workers – job well done!



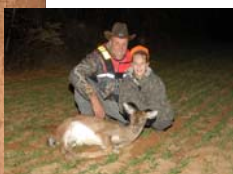
For more information on Teen Challenge Bonifay visit www.teenchallenge.cc/West Florida Boys/index.htm



Ted B. Waller Sr Memorial Quail Hunt

The first Annual Ted B. Waller Sr. Memorial Quail Hunt was held on December 18, 2008 at Koinonia Plantation. This sponsored Quail Hunt was held in memory of the late Ted B. Waller of Early County, Georgia. Mr. Waller was a successful business man who loved the Lord and the outdoors. Eight Wiregrass area pastors were invited to Koinonia for a day of food, fellowship and recreation in the outdoors.

The hunt was guided using a team of trained bird dogs including Pointers, German Shorthairs and English Setters. In addition to 91 quail being harvested, 7 pheasants were taken. The pastors also enjoyed shooting clay pigeons near the barn. A steak lunch was catered by Ray's Restaurant and guest speaker Dr Rich Elligson of the Baptist College of Florida brought a message of encouragement to the pastors. The event was designed to provide a time of recreation and relaxation to area pastors who dedicate much of their time and energy spreading the Gospel and ministering to others.



Big Oak Boys Ranch Hunt

Under the coordination of Johnny Sorensen, the Big Oak Boys Ranch in Gadsden, Alabama brought 10 young men to the farm on Saturday, Jan 10th. We had a great time of fellowship with these guys. As head cook Phillip Hunter prepared delicious critter kabobs, the group gathered around the foot of the cross in the front field of Koinonia. We took this time to share the Word of God with these young men. We talked about how we would hunt the deer that day. We had all purposely dressed to blend into the deer's surroundings. We would slip into the food plots unbeknownst to our prey. We would watch the plot carefully, waiting for the deer to enter the plot and become comfortable with its surroundings. Then, when the deer had let his guard down we would harvest it. Do you know that you much like a deer are hunted? 2 Peter tells us that we have an adversary that 'hunts' us. He slips into our lives unbeknownst to us.

He disguises himself as innocent fun or a good time and before we realize boom! he has taken our lives. Several hunters spotted deer during this hunt. One hunter harvested his first buck and another took a doe as a first time hunter. The boys from Big Oak Ranch were a great group of young men.

For more information on Big Oak Boys Ranch visit <http://www.bigoak.org>

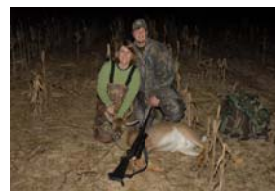


Wife Hunt



Seven couples joined Tammy and I at the farm for an afternoon hunt on Saturday, January 17th. The number of husbands interested in this particular event was so great that we had a waiting list. That being said, this event will become known as the Annual Koinonia Wife Hunt. Now, let me clarify that no wife was injured during the course of this hunt as we did not hunt our wives but took our wives hunting. We had a great time of fellowship and our devotion time centered around 1 Peter 3 and how husbands and wives should interact. Wives should respect their husbands and husbands should love their wives.

For acting in this manner will strengthen our relationships therefore protecting us from our adversary, "for he is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" 1 Peter 5:8. We had a wonderful time; this was the first ever hunting excursion for several of the ladies. Each husband was acting like a love sick school boy at the prospect of their wife going hunting with them. The husbands bought hunting gear, heaters and blankets to ensure their wife would have a comfortable hunt in what turned out to be the coldest day of hunting season. What a wonderful act of love on the husband's part to want their wives to enjoy a hunting experience with them and how respectful of the wives to be willing to spend recreational time with her husband in the outdoors. Much to their relief, the wives, who were allowed to wear makeup and hairspray, were assured that they did not have to shoot and if they did shoot they would have time to check their hair and makeup before pictures were made. Unfortunately, the deer did not move as freely as they had been but under the expert guiding of her husband Andrew, Kelli Knick was able to harvest a 5 point buck. She and Andrew were so excited. Kelli was quoted as saying "that was the best feeling I've ever had!". We ended the hunt with dinner at Huggin Molly's in Abbeville complete with a dessert for Kelli with 5 candles in it of course!



Hunting with Hunter

Hunter Raley is a ___ year old from Dothan, Alabama. Hunter really wanted to go deer hunting before his next hospital treatment. Hunter is living with cystic fibrosis, an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. On the frigid afternoon of Jan 21st we were able to make that hunting trip happen. We watched several deer from the shooting house that afternoon with no opportunity to make a shot. At the last possible moment Hunter was able to make a great shot and harvested a 100lb spike, his first deer! He was so excited! As we cleaned and dressed the deer a little blood dripped on his shoe, which he thought was the coolest thing. The next week, he told me that he still had not wiped it off his shoe. Congratulations Hunter! Hunter's mom, sorry about his shoe.



Thank You!

The past year was absolutely awesome! I would like to thank each and every guide, worker and supporter, without you none of this would have been possible. I'd like to give a special thanks to Daniel Adams who was gracious enough to attend every event and be our photographer, he was even available on call. Also, thank you to Phillip Hunter and everyone that made sure we always had food and snacks. And lastly thank you to those who supported this ministry both financially and through pray.



The coming year will be full of

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activities that will spread the Gospel and strengthen existing relationships with God using Koinonia Outdoor Ministries. In addition to outreach & enrichment activities, Koinonia Outdoors will be launching www.koinoniaoutdoors.org. This website will house event pictures, calendar, newsletters & more. Koinonia Outdoors is also interested in becoming a Non-Profit organization. In order to enable vision impaired children the opportunity to harvest a deer, we have researched & expect to purchase a special outfitted rifle scope this year. If you would like additional information or are interested in planning or being a part of an Outdoor Ministry Event contact Eric O'Bryan at eric@koinoniaoutdoors.org or (334) 726-4411.



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