

The Christian Ranchman

We're not trying to build an organization. We're trying to fill the Kingdom of God.

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"..By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." John 13:35

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TRIBUTE TO BROTHER TED PRESSLEY

It has been eight years since Brother Ted went to be with the LORD. I wanted to remember him in this issue and as I was trying to decide what to write I received a call from Judy Presley. She was telling me about how Brother Ted and T-Bone had been an influence on her life. She found a Brahma bull and broke it to ride; she now rides for the LORD with her Brahma bull. I know that there are so many of us that can attest to the fact that Brother Ted touched our lives, too. Judy sent me some pictures and I am including her story and a couple of pictures of Brother Ted and T-Bone, too. Please use your Ted Pressley influence to touch someone for the LORD today. GOD bless each one. Dave

Judy Presley and Brisket

Several years ago, I attended a Cowboys for Christ convention and visited with Ted Pressley. He invited me to ride T-Bone his longhorn steer and I was so impressed. Life went on and years passed by, but I never forgot what fun I had riding T-Bone.

In January of 2018 a bull came up for sale that was rescued from a kill pen. He had been handled and was gentle and they had even sat on him. Well I took a chance and bought him and started breaking him and he did GREAT..... I love making people smile when we go to parades and outings. I also love sharing about Cowboys for Christ and the ministry materials when we go out. Brisket is proving to be a great way to reach out to people to help share the good news of Jesus. When I can I work with Chaplain Steve Tankersley and Round Up For Jesus Chapter in Tennessee and we also ride in activities for Mending Fences Cowboy Church locally. I am so blessed and thankful for his good nature and to see people SMILE. Check out 'Brisket the Bull' on Facebook



Judy Presley and Brisket

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Chapter Reports



Chapter Report from Round Up For Jesus Chapter Chaplain Steve Tankersley President

Greetings once again from Round Up For Jesus, Cowboys For Christ Chapter. We are pleased to announce that we are now holding Church service on the second Sunday of each month at the Morris Chapel Community Center located in Morris Chapel, TN.

On Sunday October 14th we were blessed to have Renee Watkins to bring us our worship music, with singing and piano. Our message was presented to us by our Cowboy Chaplin Steve Tankersley. The message was from 2nd Timothy chapter 4 versus 6 and 7. Bro. Steve read a rather lengthy obituary from an individual that had several hobbies and accomplishments, but nothing was mentioned about his faith or even if he was a believer in Christ. Which leaves us to ask ourselves how do we want to be remembered, what type of legacy do we really want to leave behind? The idea of leaving a legacy is the need or desire to be remembered for what you have contributed to the world. In some cases that contribution can be so special that the universe is unalterably changed.

In 2nd Timothy versus 6 Paul is recorded as saying this "For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. (this represents the fact that the servant of the Lord is immortal until his work is done). Versus 7 "I have fought the good fight (Paul fought his fight with sin to a finish and was resting in a complete victory over sin). I have finished my course (he had been faithful in caring out that which had been assigned to him). I have kept the Faith (refers to the fact that Paul had indeed preached the truth about the meaning of the Cross and the Resurrection of Christ. With which the Lord had entrusted Paul to do). This brings us back to the question, what type of legacy do we want to leave behind, how do we want to be remembered? As for me I would someday hope to be remembered as one that through my testimony I was also able to tell of the wonderful Love and forgiveness of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the cross represents the fact that Jesus died upon it for the forgiveness and the remission of sin that is upon the world and that what he did that day he did for all that believe on him as Lord and Savior.

As you have read this, I ask you, what is it that you want the world to remember about your life and time on this planet. Matthew 16 vs 26 ask the question, For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? The answer for all of us can be found in Joshua 24 vs 15, Choose you this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

Howdy! We were blessed once again to have a Church Service at the Morris Chapel Community Center on Nov the 10th 2018. We were honored with having Brother Ken Oldham from Medina, TN. to be our guest speaker and in song worship. We had approximately 25 people at our meeting where we shared a lunch after the service.

Brother Ken spoke from Mark Chapter 16. The message was about the fact that after Jesus arose from the grave that no one believed it. When Jesus was no longer in the tomb Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus encountered the angel in the tomb and they were afraid. We should not fear the moving of the Holy Spirit, we should welcome the Spirit every time. We need to be more Christ like. C.S. Lewis wrote "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I can see everything else". To be more Christ like we must share the love of Jesus with everyone that we meet. We should be able to speak about the love of Christ and receive the love that Jesus has for us. Some of us feel that we cannot be forgiven for our faults and failures. If we would just consider how much Jesus loved Peter even after he denied him Jesus forgave him and loved him with agape love. Agape is a Greek term referring to love, the highest form of love, charity and the love of God for man and of man for God. It embraces a universal, unconditional love that transcends and persists regardless of circumstances. Jesus asked Peter if he loved him three times Peter said yes. Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not. When Peter received the Holy Spirit, he began to preach and over 3000 people were converted. The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good but that God will make us good because he loves us. To be Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. As we consider what God means to us, maybe we should first consider what we mean to God. Embrace Gods love and share the love of his Son Jesus to all that will listen. Be

persistent in your love for Christ. I have come home at last, this is my real country! I belong here, this is the land I have been looking for all my life though I never knew it till now, come further in! To enter heaven is to become more human than you ever succeeded in being on earth, to enter hell is to be banished from the HOLY GOD.

May you find peace in the Lord, J.R. Livingston, editor



Middle Georgia Chapter of Cowboys for Christ (CFC) Report for December, 2018

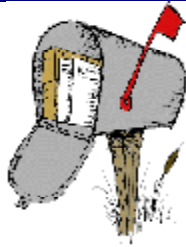
During the month of December, we had several opportunities to share the Gospel and Cowboys for Christ (CFC). Early in the month, our member Glen (Cujo) Todd was in a convenience store, when he heard the clerk give directions to a customer to a local church for a Bible study. The clerk said to Cujo she wished she could understand the Bible. Cujo went home, got a CFC Bible, and took it to the clerk. Cujo explained to the clerk the CFC Bible is an easy to read version. What an opportunity to share the Word!

Mid month, Nancy and I had the opportunity to attend the Christmas luncheon for Silver Sneakers (a senior citizens exercise group we attend with several CFC chapter members). The dress was casual, so I wore a belt with my CFC Chaplain buckle. This led to several conversations about CFC, our chapter, and more than one person asking about attending a monthly meeting. After we left the party, I went to an office supply store to make copies for our chapter meeting. The clerk saw my CFC buckle, asked about CFC, and said he would like to attend a CFC meeting, when his schedule allowed.

These two opportunities to share CFC, on the same day, reminded me of a conversation I had with Dave Harvey earlier this year. I had picked Dave up at the Atlanta airport to attend the Cattle Sorting to raise funds for the CFC Bible drive hosted by our chapter members, John and Roslyn Boren, at their covered Shadow Rock Arena. Dave said on the tram ride from the gate to baggage claim he was able to share CFC with a group of pastors, who asked, due to his having worn his CFC

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Letters TO The Editor!



Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you so much for everything you do. I have been reading your Christian Ranchman for about five years now. I was introduced to it by a friend named Tommy and it has always lifted my spirits upon arrival. You see I have been locked up now for almost 8 years for a crime that I did not commit. I was a cowboy in central Texas and worked in many feedlots. I knew there was a God, but I did not have a relationship with him. Now I am incarcerated at the Allred Unit and I am in a faith-based dorm called the Horizon program, and with the help of this program and the stories in your paper, I am now a new man. I go to Bible study every Friday and religious classes Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Your paper gets passed around the dayroom and then laid on the book shelf for any and all to look at. So, thanks again and God bless.

Your friend and Cowboy @ the Rocking K,
Troy in Texas

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I'm currently incarcerated here in Buchanan County Jail for an eleven-month sentence. A friend showed me a Bible study from you all and a few other things, and a picture of a man on a horse and leading another horse which was called, "The Ride." I prayed the prayer at the end of the paper. Anyway, the paper said to let you all know and you all would send information on Cowboys For Christ and a Cowboys For Christ Bible. I would be very grateful. Also, I'm interested in your Cowboys For Christ Bible study.

Thank You,
Timmy from Missouri

Dear Cowboys For Christ

You asked for my email address. Thanks! Get with me. We have spoken before about a chapter here, but I was overwhelmed managing two ranches. Things have changed some so I thought I would get back with you.

Thanks! Ron in Colorado



Hello Cowboys For Christ,

I'm incarcerated and one of my sisters here had received your Bible. I'm really interested in it and would like to know if you would be willing to send me one. I leave soon. I am a recovering addict and am so nervous to leave. If you wouldn't mind keeping me in your prayers, I would gladly appreciate it.

Thank you for your time,
Drucilla in Texas

Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you so much for the Bible Studies. Please send my certificate. And Dave wrote me saying to send my boys names and addresses and ya'll would send them Bibles and Bible Studies. I'd also like to ask for the Christian Ranchman to be sent to them, too.

Thanks again and God bless,
Monica in Texas

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I recently seen a newsletter that was advertising your ministry/organization. I am a new Christian and would be interested in a cowboy Bible from you and possibility some Bible studies. Thank you for your time and I respect your organization and what I'm seeing it do for the community.

Quade in Arkansas

Cowboys For Christ,

Greetings in Jesus Name. I just wanted to inform ya'll that I'm being blessed to go home in January 2019. So, could ya'll please send my Christian Ranchman to my new home address. I have been blessed over the years to have found ya'll paper way back in 2008 in my second year of being in prison. So GOD bless ya'll and I will help out when I can. Thank ya'll again and God bless and Seasons Greetings.

Peace and Prayers, Tim in Texas



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The message of The Christian Ranchman is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. These messages come to us in a variety of expressions, including testimonies and Letters to the Editor, and each is meaningful in its own way. We pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of you that bit of reassurance and comfort your need today.



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Perfect Peace by Chaplain L. Amrine, McEwen, TN

We can not help it where we're born or who will be our parents. Not that I disliked my Mother or Father. I thank God for them. My Father died when I was eight. It would have been great if these same parents were from MO or WY. My Father would be a cowboy and my mother would love horses, and they would have owned a ranch. This way I would have grown up on a ranch. Not God's plan. My parents were poor and Mother was from TN & Father from Southern IL. God has a plan for all of us, if we let Him. I'm glad things turned out the way they have, Praise God.

I'm 79. The last 25 years, we have had "A Cowboy Western Ministry". Rodeo for 1 year. Jockey and exercised thoroughbreds, was on track for 17 years, and then part time 5 years at Long Acres in WA. Also, outfitter and guide in WA State. High Country Packers for 17 years, member of Back Country Horseman of WA.

We have been receiving the Christian Ranchman for about 22 years or more. I have written a couple of stories, about how God is good all the time. Life sometimes not fair, but God is. Most of us know the story of footprints in the sand. Two sets of footprints, and then there were only one set. This turns out to be when Jesus was carrying us when we didn't think we could make it through life at that time. Here is such a testimony.

I had just called Phil & May from FL. They drive in wagon trains in FL & AL. Talked to Phil and he said it was OK to tell May's story for the Christian Ranchman.

I met them in AL on an AL wagon train ride. At that time, it was a 200-mile ride. She gave this message on tape for Cowboy Church; May's husband was on a business trip. They live on the coast. A big storm came up, wind was blowing hard & water was coming into their house. Her two daughters and dog got into the bath tub. May was very fearful of death even though she is a Christian. Part of the roof came off over the bathroom, water was coming into the house, lots more almost to the top of the tub. She told God she did not want to die. She wanted to see her grandchild born. All of a sudden, a peace came over her. God's word tells us "I give you peace, peace that's out of this world". In that storm she felt the love of God. She said out loud, I'm ready to die Lord, if it's your will. Both her daughters screamed out "no Mother we're not ready to die".

Some of this is what Phil told me. 13 sheets of plywood came off the roof and some of the sides of the house were gone. They got the door open and couldn't believe what they saw. There was a picture on the bathroom wall that didn't come off. The walls around the bathroom were still up. May is no longer afraid of death. Are you? Ask Jesus into your life. Jesus Christ is always there. He carries us in troubled times. Tell those at Christian Ranchman about the time Jesus carried you. Jesus said He would give us peace, not that the world gives us, but the peace that passed all understanding.

My spelling is not good but my love of God sure is! L. Amrine

My Testimony by Thomas Johnson

From the age of 2 yrs. to 15 I was raised overseas. My father was an oil worker and we would travel from place to place as I was growing up. In 1979 we came back to the states where we lived in Brookshire, TX for a short while, before moving to College Station, TX where I started High School.

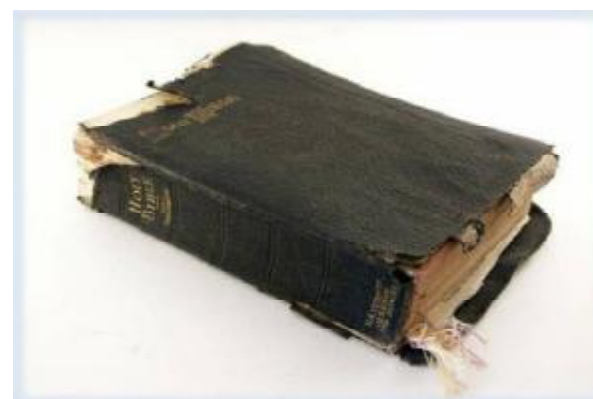
After living overseas, coming to America and starting school was a big culture shock to me. I fell into the wrong crowd and started drinking and partying. All that came to a halt real fast when I was diagnosed with cancer. The hospital in College Station referred me to MD Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, Tx.

I started chemo at that time at MD Anderson. Every month I would get blood work, CAT scan, bone marrow test and then start my chemo. After the third month I had a car wreck which at that time I had a skin graft on my head and a pin put in my hip. After my chemo treatment for a week I would be sick and weak. There were times my blood count would get so low I would have to get a blood transfusion.

One of these times when I was sick in the hospital my cousin who was at that time a Youth Pastor for the Assembly of God came to pray for me. I did not know much about God at that time, but as he prayed for me, I felt a warmth go through my body and when he had finished, I knew I had been healed of my cancer. My next trip to MD Anderson they ran all the tests. Then we sat and talked with my doctor. He told me "Well you are in remission". I said "Remission means it's stopped growing, right?" He said "Yes...but we can not find any cancer in you". I told the doctor "So I am healed"? He said "As a doctor I cannot say that, but I cannot find it in you". Thank God He healed me that day! Well, a few days had passed and I was watching a preacher on TV and I asked Jesus to come into my heart and be the Lord over my life.

It was not long after that we moved to a small country town of Corsicana, TX. My mother and I started going to a Spirit-filled church where I got involved in Church, was Spirit-filled, and received a calling into ministry. Since then I have worked as a Youth Pastor, work around bull riders at a couple of Cowboy Churches, and am continuing to seek God's will and guidance in my life.

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JESSICA AND MITZI

They were an unlikely couple to become best friends – Jessica and Bob. She was a thirteen-year-old preacher's kid and he was a retired cowboy in his late seventies. And then there was Mitzi. The three fit together sort of like a live triangle. However, Mitzi was a horse, not a person. She was the reason that Jessica and Bob got together in the first place.

Jessica (my granddaughter) was raised in a pastor's home. She was home schooled and somewhat sheltered from the world. Most of her acquaintances were from her church or the youth group. Her dad didn't have a nine-to-five job like most dads, but was a full-time pastor and his involvement with people didn't stop at the end of the day when he stepped out of his office.

The father of one of Jessica's friends committed suicide and his family was devastated. The daughter, who was about the same age as Jessica, needed counseling so rather than go back to her empty home she asked if she could stay with Jessica for a few days. Inadvertently, the job of providing an explanation and bringing comfort fell upon Jessica. Around the same time, Jessica met a girl who was a "cutter". The girl stated, "I can't help it. I cut myself because I want to see blood". "Why?" Jessica asked. The girl explained. "I'm so depressed I just want to feel something again – even if it's nothing more than mere pain."

A horse trader from Indiana stopped at a café in Gordon, Nebraska. He had taken a load of horses to a sale at Chadron, Nebraska and was able to sell everything except for a yearling filly. He told the waitress. "Everything sold pretty well except for the one little mare. Nobody wanted her. I'm not hauling her all the way back home to Indiana." Then suddenly he asked, "Would you like to have her?" The waitress peered through a slat in the trailer wall and staring back at her was a trembling wide-eyed filly that seemed to be much too young to be weaned. The tender-hearted waitress responded, "Yeah, I'll take her".

Then the waitress called Jessica. "Please come over to the restaurant. I have something I want to show you." When Jessica first saw the pitiful wide-eyed filly, she fell in love immediately. She led the horse home and asked, "Can I keep her"? As one would expect, her dad responded with "What in the world are we going to do with a horse? We have no place to keep her even if we wanted to!" "I'll find a place", Jessica promised. Cowboy Bob attended their church. He was a rancher but he had retired, selling his ranch and most of his livestock except for three of his favorite horses. He lived on a forty-acre parcel of ground two miles from town. His wife had passed away a few weeks earlier and Bob was still mourning the loss.

He was amused when Jessica approached him asking, "Would you keep my horse for me? I'll come out every day and take care of her". Then she added (without any idea how she would do it), "I'll pay you whatever you ask." Both Jessica and the mare looked so pitiful that Bob couldn't resist.

"Ok", he replied, "I'll keep her for \$25 a month". Jessica was good for her word. She rode her bicycle out to Bob's place every day and spent most of her spare time feeding, grooming, and playing with her little filly. "What are you going to name her?" Bob asked. "Misty!" Jessica replied. Bob (who was a little hard of hearing) responded "Mitzi? That's a pretty good name." So, the filly was named Mitzi.

Mitzi became Jessica's best friend. The mare didn't have emotional problems like her human counterparts, many of whom seemed to be bent on self-destruction. Jessica spend her high-school years, like most teenagers, going to the prom or to a football game, but whenever she went, her heart was always with Mitzi and her good friend Bob. Bob, it turned out, was an amazingly talented horseman. He and Jessica were able to train Mitzi to do anything and everything they asked her to do. Then, because they had so much fun breaking Mitzi, Bob bought some other colts to break. When they were finished with them, they were doing great. Later on, Jessica used what she had learned from Bob and began breaking horses for other people too. She gained a reputation for breaking horses that were well broke, gentle, and trustworthy.

When Jessica went off to college, she took Mitzi with her, boarding her out at various stable (and spending a lot more than a mere \$25 a month to

keep her). One day Bob (who was now in his eighties) died – just before Easter. Bob's family, grateful to Jessica for bringing purpose and happiness into Bob's latter years honored Jessica calling her "Bob's adopted granddaughter". When Jessica was a junior in college, she became so busy with her studies that she no longer had the time to exercise and groom Mitzi on a daily basis, so she put her out to pasture on a farm near Chadron in the care of a friend who promised to check on her once in a while.

It was a long Easter weekend and Jessica planned to bring Mitzi to our ranch and spend a couple days helping my nephew drive cattle. When she got to the pasture to pick up Mitzi, she found her in a fence corner, thin and gaunt and with a terrible gash on her left hind leg. Mitzi had been cut by a loose strand of barbed wire. She took her to a nearby veterinarian who looked at the leg and exclaimed, "Oh this is really bad! Half the flesh has been torn away, the tendons are completely gone, and the cut goes clear down into the bone. The best thing you can do is have me put her down." Jessica somberly replied, "I can't do that. At least not yet."

The Vet reluctantly cleaned out the wound and bandaged it up, telling Jessica, "Bring her back next week and I'll change the bandage again." The

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MY ETERNAL DECISION

There is one important decision that each and every person must make some time in their life. The decision to accept JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR guarantees eternal life. No one knows when their life will end, so it is very important to make that decision before it is too late.

The Bible very plainly tells us in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned". Also, in Romans 6:23 we are told, "For the wages of sin is death". This death actually is referring to eternal death. But the last part of Romans 6:23 reads, "But the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. And in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" sure includes you.

This very minute you can make the decision for eternal life and by praying this prayer and truly believing you can accept the LORD JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR. The late great D.L. Moody once said, "GOD has put salvation within the reach of everyone, because all you have to do is believe".

Please pray this prayer,

Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to you a sinner and I am sorry for those sins, please forgive me. I know that your SON, JESUS CHRIST died on the cross and rose from the dead to save me from eternal death and I believe that in my heart. Please, Dear JESUS, come into my heart as SAVIOR and LORD. And FATHER please help me to be your child. In JESUS' NAME, Amen.

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IN CHRIST,
Dave



Testimony and Poem By Richard Wiley

When the darkest storm clouds have blocked out the sun, we seem to worry (the darker the clouds the more worried we get). Sometimes the dark storm lasts days, maybe weeks and we ask, is the sun ever going to shine again, we have lost faith that it is still there. Then all of a sudden, the clouds pass and before we know it the sun is shining bright as ever. It was always shining, we just could not see it because of the dark storm cloud, we worried over nothing.

Well, that is the way it is in everyday life. In good times we praise Jesus as the Son of God. But let a problem come around. We make it so big and dark we can not see Jesus in our problem. We wonder where He went (we lost faith that He is still there with us) so we try to fix the problem by ourselves, until we get so uptight all we can do is worry about what we will do, how in the world can we survive this.

The solution is not in the problem. The solution is Jesus, we just need to pray and ask Him to help, He has always been there, we just had our eye on the problem and did not see Him, because we thought the problem was bigger than He could handle. We keep forgetting there is nothing impossible, or too big for the Son of God to take care of. All we need to do is ask, seek and knock. When we start praising Jesus for who He is, what He has done for us, and most of all what He is going to do for us, we will forget all about the problem and before we know it's gone, and we realize that it was just a big storm cloud that blocked Him out. He is always there as the Light of the world. He will never leave us or forsake us, as long as we keep our eyes focused on Him and not on the problems of life.

TOO LATE

When you get to the Heavenly Gate
And ask for my amazing grace,
And seek for my wonderful face,
I will have to tell you
"It's too late"
Yes,
You think grace is free,
But I had to pay for it on a tree.
Oh, I know you really did try,
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Because again I say, "Too late!"
To receive my amazing grace,
Or even to see my wonderful face,
If you are standing at my gate!

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Rom 5:1-5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Perseverance; now that is a long word, especially for a cowboy or cowgirl. But most cowboys and cowgirls that I know really have it and do it, whether they know what it is or not. To start with most cowboys and cowgirls have a real "stick to it" heart and outlook on life. I think I can safely say that most cowboys and cowgirls don't have much "quit" in their vocabulary and most would rather fight, struggle, work and ride hard then to unsaddle and hang it up. You can call it common sense, horse sense or whatever you want to call it, but most cowboys and cowgirls know that each downhill ride has an uphill somewhere along the way, too. Most of us have a good idea that life is not all downhill riding or smooth

moving, and we are greatly aware of the rocks, cliffs, snags, stumps, struggles, broken cinches, worn out boots and the cold back broncs of life.

I kind of think that most cowboys and cowgirls have a real good handle on faith, too. They are great examples of "faith" because the farmers and ranchers and the country folks of this world have faith in the sun, the moon and the rain and blessings of our CREATOR who promised "rain on the just and the unjust." Every year at planting time they prepare the ground and plant the crops that feed the world and they raise and maintain the animals that provide the meat, milk and eggs for all mankind. They don't put in the seeds and watch over the flocks and herds without any faith of harvesting the blessings that ALMIGHTY GOD has set forth in HIS HOLY WORD. So, they have and reveal their faith in their actions and works. But the Apostle Paul is not talking about that kind of faith in Rom. 5:1, he is talking about faith in JESUS CHRIST for the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal salvation. The faith he is talking about is eternal faith and not crops, herds and living on earth faith. Eternity is a long, long time and in our earthly walk we are greatly limited in time and space, but it is hard to contemplate eternity because we are so limited in our understanding of unlimited time and space. But, for sure, one day we will all face eternity and the results of our lives, decisions and "faith" of this life in our limited world, here and now. I know that is a lot of limits and un-limits, but that is sure what we have to deal with in this life and in eternity.

Paul goes on to describe the peace and hope that we achieve by the faith that we have in our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and that would lead me to believe that we would not have peace and hope without our faith in HIM. Which is a fact, because there is no peace and hope without JESUS CHRIST. So, we are faced with a situation in this life as a Christian or a non-Christian that we need to address now and throughout the rest of our lives. We either have peace and hope or we are without peace and we are hopeless in this life and for sure throughout eternity.

What to do? What decisions do we need to make? How are we to live our lives "here and now" and the rest of our days on this earth. What can we do to "persevere" and what can we do to have "peace and hope?" Is there a tried and true method that we can follow, or do we flounder through life trying out different things and examples and hope that we find the right one and that we can reveal that we have found the right one to others we touch in our lives?

Well, cowboys and cowgirls, I can for sure tell you that there is a "tried and true" method that we can follow. In fact, we have a complete Book written for us to follow and it goes into minute detail of how we need to talk, act and live in our limited time and space on this earth. And, all of this is to prepare us for the unlimited time and space of eternity. This is what is called developing character, as we go through the steps of following the "rules and guidelines" of this wonderful Book that GOD has so loving provided for us during this time on earth. In time pasted, HE provided HIS prophets, HIS special servants, HIS chosen nation and many others down through the ages, but today we have the HOLY WORD OF GOD to read, study and live by to develop eternal character for our eternal life with HIM.

Next, we have hope, and the "hope" mentioned in Scriptures is not like the hope of a child hoping for a bike, doll or horse for Christmas. The "hope" in the HOLY WORD OF GOD is "eternal assurance" which GOD has promised. We can be eternally assured of our destination, our future home and our eternal life with the LORD in Glory, because HE has promised to all that have accepted JESUS CHRIST as their LORD and SAVIOR. This is not a "hope so" or a "wish it will be" it is a fact, an eternal fact, sealed with the BLOOD OF THE LAMB. It is a "I know it is, because JESUS CHRIST died on the cross for my sins." It is a fact, because "I asked JESUS CHRIST to come into my heart to save me from eternal death." It is a fact because, I am a child of the MOST HIGH GOD, my HEAVENLY FATHER and I walk, talk, witness, share and proclaim my faith, my hope and my steadfastness in JESUS CHRIST my LORD and SAVIOR. That my fellow cowboys and cowgirls, is perseverance, that is hope and that is character, praise THE NAME OF JESUS, our LORD and SAVIOR. GOD bless you in this new year!

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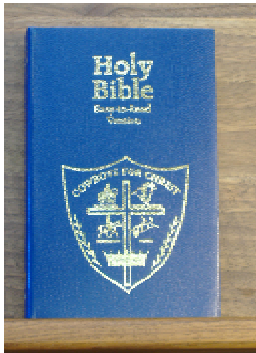
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JESSICA AND MITZI

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veterinarian didn't expect that Mitzi would live that long so he simply washed out the wound and bandaged it up hoping to placate Jessica for the time being. "Easter hasn't been very good for me lately" Jessica lamented tearfully. "A year ago, Bob died and now this has happened." Easter Sunday turned out to be a bad day for all of us. We attended church and then my wife served a sumptuous Sunday dinner, but Mitzi was out in the barn lying on her side and groaning in pain. There seemed to be nothing we could do.

At sundown, I noticed that Mitzi's eyes were rolled back in their sockets, she was breathing heavily, and by all appearances, she seemed to be in a coma. Jessica asked, "Isn't there anything we can do". In desperation, I replied, "Yes! I'll get the horse trailer and you see if you can get Mitzi to wake up! There's a horse Vet in Valentine!" (an hour and a half away). I backed the trailer up to the barn and somehow Jessica had gotten Mitzi to wake up. She was standing and ready to load.

She remained standing all the way to Valentine. When we took the bandage off, the response from the horse Vet was the same as the earlier veterinarian. "Put her down!" he advised. But Jessica still wasn't ready to give up on her. So, the horse doctor cleaned the wound, gave Mitzi several shots of vaccine, and re-bandaged the leg. Then he told us to change the bandage every four hours, give her a penicillin shot every day, a pain killer twice a day, and keep her tied up so that she can't move around very much. Then he predicted, "She'll lose her appetite and will quit eating. The muscle in her hip will shrink away because she can't use it anymore. She'll go slowly downhill and finally become so weak that she'll lie down and won't get back up. When that happens, you'll have to put her down." We have a good friend who is a veterinarian at Creighton, NE, two hundred miles away. We called him to see if he had any advice that was a little more positive. "In the natural, it sounds hopeless" he informed us, "But we can always pray!"

Jessica had to go back to college so she left Mitzi in my care. As Mitzi's health deteriorated, the horse Vet's prediction seemed to be right on target. Our one ray of hope came when I was changing the bandage and my wife was trying to distract Mitzi so that she would stand still. She put some oats in an old discarded wooden salad bowl that had somehow found its way out to the barn and as long as my wife held the bowl up to Mitzi's nose, she would continue eating. Whenever my wife fed her from the salad bowl, and not from anything else, Mitzi ate twice as much. Also, Mitzi loved hard peppermint candies and would eat them anytime we offered them to her.

It was springtime and the green grass was starting to sprout. Although Mitzi was left in a small pen where she couldn't move around very much, I noticed that she ate all of the green grass growing there. Going against everyone's directives (including Jessica's, who was studying pre-

veterinarian medicine at college), I led Mitzi all the way to the front yard of our house and let her graze on the luscious bluegrass growing there.

Mitzi's hip shrunk away, as the doctor had predicted, and she had gotten weak from malnutrition. One Sunday morning, I found Mitzi lying on her side. There were marks in the dirt where she had pawed away at the ground trying to get a foothold but hadn't been able to. I couldn't leave her that way, so I took her by the tail and lifted with all my might. With my assistance, Mitzi was able to gain some footing, so I rushed around to her side and started pushing against her rump. Then I lost my footing and fell down directly underneath. If she hadn't regained her footing at that exact moment, I would have been crushed. We went to church wondering how long it would be before she was down again, but as we drove away, I yelled back at her, "Mitzi, I'm leaving the angles in charge of you while we're gone. And they will hold you up in their hands!"

When we came back home, Mitzi was still standing. But she looked different. She was holding her head high in the air and she had a determined look on her face as if to say, "I'm back!" When I fed her, she was ravenous so I fed her as much as I dared without foundering her. After that, she slowly regained her appetite. Our veterinarian friend from Creighton offered to keep Mitzi while we went back out on the road. Because the tendons were severed, there was no way for Mitzi to walk on her bad leg without her hoof buckling underneath. The ingenious doctor fashioned a splint for Mitzi to wear which would keep her toe pointing straight forward. And then, somehow, Mitzi was able to keep it pointed forward on her own without the use of the splint at all. "I don't know how she does that" the veterinarian remarked.

Today, Mitzi seems to be completely healed. Her sunken muscles have completely filled back in. There is only a small scar where the gaping hole used to be. Mitzi gallops, trots, and walks with no sign of a limp. Jessica graduated from Chadron State College last spring. At the moment she is working as a pharmacy technician in Texas. I think she would still like to become a veterinarian someday, but for the time being, she has a job and is saving up money.

In His service, Thomas Dorland Cobb

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embroidered vest. Dave said these pastors were undercover Gospel agents, whereas his CFC vest and belt buckle gave him many opportunities to share the Gospel. As a result, I am ordering a CFC ball cap to expand my opportunities not to be undercover.

The night of our monthly chapter meeting (Thursday, December 27, 2018) was wet, dark, and stormy. In spite of the weather, we had 21 hardy souls that came to the Oink Joint BBQ cafe's meeting room in Zebulon, Georgia. They all left blessed. During the meeting, Ron McNeal provided accompaniment for the singing of Christmas carols. After a welcome by Bob Perkerson, our chapter member, Dan Morgan opened the meeting by remembering several members in prayer. Jerry Warren recited 2 great cowboy poems. Our chapter Vice President, Nancy Perkerson, presented a scripture packed challenging devotional about using Mary as a example of trusting God in stressful situations. This led to Earl Bumgarner, moved by the Spirit, to sing. After a closing prayer, we dismissed by singing "Happy Trails" followed by a blessing from Numbers 6:24-26. Until our next report, may God continue to bless the trails we all ride for CFC and open all our eyes and ears to opportunities to share the Gospel and CFC.

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My Testimony by Kolton Kindle

I would like to start out saying this is my first time to give a testimony and I hope it helps someone. I had a very normal childhood and had a good family who loved me. I was very involved in sports. That's really all I did was school and sports. I had always been very shy and reserved, until my sophomore year of high school, when I tried cocaine for the first time. It didn't take long for me to eventually quit school.

All I wanted to do was party. Finally, my family decided to send me to rehab in Stephenville, TX (Summer sky). I was 17 yrs. old at this time. I did well for a very short period of time then got into more trouble and the court system sent me to a 6-month rehab in Uvalde, TX. I got out from there in 2008. Went to work for the union as an iron worker. I worked on AT&T stadium on the retractable roof. It was a fun job to say the least. During this time, I was already drinking and using a little bit still, but holding it together.

I got laid off the stadium job when we got done and went back to Mineral Wells, TX where I'm from and met my daughter's mother at 21 yrs. old I fell in love for the first time. During this time, I got my CDL and went to work in the oil field. I was still drinking, but hardly using any drugs at this time. Only lasted about 6 months, if that, and I started using again. The relationship was up and down, like a rollercoaster because of my drug life.

My daughter was born September 29, 2011. You would have thought she would have made me get it together but unfortunately it didn't. It's like I got worse. In 2012 me and her mother were finally all the way separated. I took it hard to say the least. I felt like a failure, I had failed my family.

I continued to drink and drugs all the way up until 2017 when in March I got 8 yrs. for possession of controlled substance and burglary. I am currently in TDC. I am grateful for what happened to me since I have been here the Lord has been working me into a new man. I have turned my life over to Him and it is amazing the things he has done for me since I've been here. I have learned that I can't run my life; look where I get trying to run the show. Today I am different. I desire to do the right thing. I want to be a part of my daughter's life. I want to get involved in a Cowboy Church. I want to serve the Lord. Today I have lost my desire to drink and drug to deal with my problems. I give my problems to the Lord; there is not one problem too big for Him.

When I came to prison I worked in livestock. I love horses and have learned a lot about horses and cattle and really enjoy doing that kind of work. I have a lot to learn but I'm learning every day. I love the job I have today because I get to mess with horses. I hope my story has helped someone. I would like to subscribe to your Christian Ranchman.

Thank you for all you do.

Kolton Kindle

TESTIMONY BY MURPHY CAMPBELL

My name is Murphy Campbell, and this is a bit of my testimony. I didn't grow up in a practicing Christian home, but at the age of five, I began to attend a local church on my own. It was within walking distance down the gravel road from our south Louisiana home. We didn't have horses, but were just simple country folks trying to get by. I know that it is unusual at such a young age, but I know that at that time I had a genuine encounter with my Savior Jesus. Whenever the church doors were open, I was there. My family didn't attend, but they didn't discourage me either. I did have a few aunts and uncles who were strong believers who encouraged me in my walk.

But it wasn't until 1995 in Yuma, Arizona – far from my swamps back home – that my walk became serious. Drifting for several years, and after getting out of the Marine Corps, the Lord Jesus again got my attention. He asked me one Sunday morning, “So, what's your excuse today”? Immediately I knew it was the Lord! I sat up in bed and replied out loud, “Lord, that's all it's been – excuses”. I got up, got dressed and headed to church.

I went to the church of my boss who had been inviting me for a while. I had met His Pastor before too and really liked him. Everyone who saw me walk in were shocked. They had been praying for me for over a year – and there I was! The love of my brothers and sisters at that little church dismissed all of my excuses. And I knew I was home. I knew also, that the Lord Jesus had something planned for my life. It wasn't hard to get plugged into the small church and really get involved. I began weekly studies and serving wherever there was a need. My Pastor grew up on a large cattle ranch in Arizona. We became very close. He taught me so much about being a family man, and ministering to the flock.

Soon I found myself heading small home Bible studies, and it was then that some of the older believers saw the gift of teaching in me. With their encouragement, I began to prepare and write Bible studies for our groups. I enjoy nothing more than studying God's Word and being able to share the amazing truths that our Heavenly Father has revealed in them. While I

was growing in my walk and ministry, my family also began to grow. I had married my beautiful bride, Jennifer, and we were blessed with five beautiful children. My wife began to serve and minister – she is such a prayer warrior!

My Pastor began entrusting me with more opportunities to teach – from home studies, community outreaches, and from the pulpit. I was so nervous that first Sunday morning. I still am. My Pastor told me that “we should always be uncomfortable behind that pulpit. If we ever get comfortable, it's time to step down”. It's the highest of callings – not to be taken lightly! Only through humility do we become vessels that the Lord Jesus can use to minister to His people and bring the hurting and lost to Him.

Unfortunately, as the demands of ministry, family, and work increase, so too the stress. I didn't know how to handle it at all. I lost sight of my dependence on the Holy Spirit and began trying to do it in my own strength. Well, that never works out well – look at Samson, and even David. Even when we are stepping out in faith, doing His work, we must not lose focus or else we'll sink.

Because of my giving in to sin, the Father had to remove me from everything that I began to taint – my family, my congregation, my community. When I came to prison, I thought it was all over. How could He forgive me for abusing His Grace? But it wasn't long before I encountered my Lord Jesus again. He gave me the same warning He gave to the church at Ephesus in the Book of Revelation. I left my first love. I had to start over. The cares of “doing” ministry, and “providing” for my family in my own strength robbed me of that innocent loving trust I had in my Savior from a child. I needed to do my first works over again.

So, these past 15 years, I've been doing just that: uncovering the old foundation and rebuilding with the right materials. By His grace, my Father has blessed me with Joseph-like favor. I've served with a chaplain at one facility several years ago. Then, at my current facility, I have been blessed with teaching and leading services for our small Messianic community. And with our prison's seminary program, I have had the chance to formalize the things I've been learning for many years.

In conclusion, it is a very high calling to be a servant of the Most High God, especially having fallen to such depths. Yet, isn't it just like our Father to extend His great love to the least of these? Whether you are serving in ministry or not – if you are struggling with some sin, turn now! Don't keep going down that road. You will lose everything! The love of our Savior Jesus is there for you – only one turn away! Turn, and begin living the Kingdom life here and now so that the world will see the love that our Great God has made known to us through the atonement of His Son Jesus.



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How would you like to be involved in a ministry that takes the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST to Cowboys and Cowgirls wherever they ride the trails of life? We would certainly like for you to join us in a very unique and rewarding ministry, and we will help you get started through the power and guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT. Please pray about starting a local chapter of Cowboys For Christ, especially if you are not afraid of a bunch of hard work, long hours, and eating the trail dust of service to the LORD. It will take boldness, dedication, and commitment, but the sheer joy of saddling up for JESUS CHRIST is worth the effort, and the rewards are totally out of this world. Contact us about a Chapter Start Up Packet, and let's work together to make a difference in your area to change lives for eternity just as Cowboys For Christ has done for over forty-two years.

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