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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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MY TESTIMONY OF SALVATION

By Cal Kretsinger

My sister and I grew up in an older farm house on a hill in Spanish Lake, a small community just north of St. Louis. There was a corn field and stables across the street, and beyond that an old farmstead where Tony and his sister Babe still broke sod with mules and cooked on a coal-fired stove.

My father was a hard worker, and instilled a strong work ethic in us. He always told us "when you work, work hard; when you play, play hard". I did. I started painting houses, cutting grass, and shoveling snow for the neighbors, and by the time I was 12 I had saved up enough money to buy my first horse, a pony about 13.5 hands high. I loved the country, and Tex and I were constantly exploring the woods, fields, creeks, and banks of the Mississippi river. We even visited the Northshore Country Club where I was sternly instructed that horses don't belong on golf courses. By the time I was 14 I had enough money to purchase a 1958 Miley two-horse trailer, and my father bought a 1962 Cadillac. Every Friday night we went to a horse show across town. It took a tank of gas and two quarts of oil to get there and back. Horses became a big part of my life.

Church should have been a big part of my life, but it wasn't. Every Sunday my mother took us to Sunday School, and sometimes to Church, but my father never attended. I know that he knelt by his bed and prayed every night to a God he loved, but he never went to Church. I didn't find out until I was in high school that he and my mother had both

been divorced before they met, and the Catholic Church my mother attended would not allow them to marry, so they had to marry elsewhere. I think that made him bitter toward all Churches. Another thing I learned from him.

Upon graduation from high school I moved into an apartment and went to work for the local electric utility, where I stayed until I retired 45 years later. I still attended Church, but that was just a "Sunday thing". I was a "child of the 60's", and the lure of "Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll" dragged me in. My drugs never got worse than alcohol, but that was bad enough, and wild parties lead to all the rest. Church was just a shallow experience; either it wasn't effectively sharing the message of Jesus, or I wasn't listening. I think it was a little bit of both. Either way, outside of Church I was headed in the wrong direction.

One Sunday in 1976, without my knowledge at the time, God intervened in my life with a life-changing event. I had been dating a girl named Jane and decided to give her a call. Her mother answered and I asked for Jane, but she thought I said Jan. We talked for a while as we realized I wasn't the guy she thought I was, and I realized she wasn't Jane. I had dialed 0036 instead of 0035, a wrong number. After more conversation I asked where she lived, and to her surprise she told me. I went over to her house and she was really cute, so I took her to Pizza Hut the next evening. Jan and I have been married 41 years now and we have a son, two daughters, and six grandsons. God's fingerprints were all over this! Praise God!

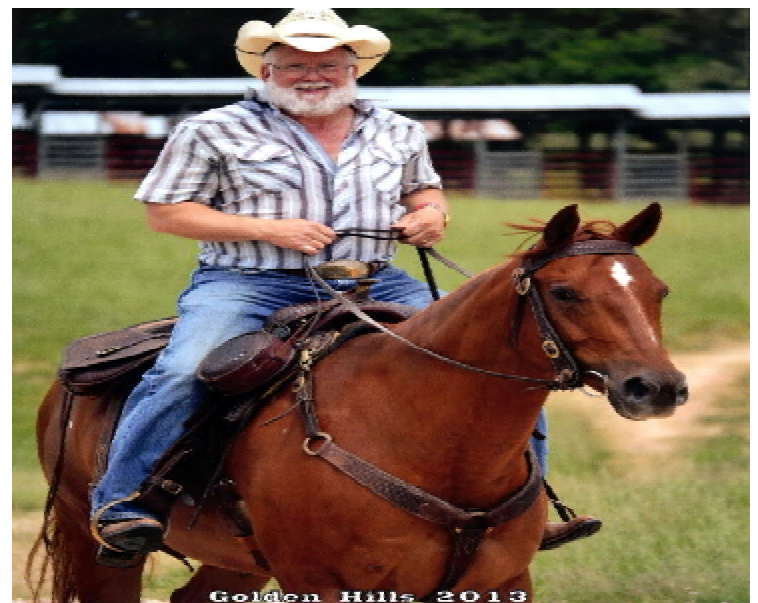
Our son Matthew was born in 1983. We were living in a new house in St. Peters Missouri, but

the desire of my heart was to live in the country. In November of 1985 I took a job transfer to Lake of the Ozarks and we moved into a house outside of Eldon Missouri. Then on Friday the 13th of December 1985 we had a bad ice storm with lightning. We went to bed around 10:00 PM but I woke up just before midnight to a noise in the garage. When I opened the garage door it was full of smoke and an aerosol can went blazing past my face. I closed the door, called the fire department, grabbed my son from his crib and my wife from our bed and we ran out the front door. Standing there in the front yard, frozen grass, in the freezing rain, watching our house burn and waiting for the fire department, we reflected on what is REALLY important in life and what isn't. After that Jan and I tended NOT to get excited about the "little things" in life. If I had a relationship with Jesus I would have thanked Him for this valuable life lesson and saving us from the fire. Since I didn't really know Him I didn't bother thanking Him, but I should have.

By Spring we had settled with the insurance company and purchased a farm. Right after that our daughter Megan was born and two years later our daughter Amanda. Besides my job at the utility we ran 50 cow/calf pairs, raised Quarter Horses, and life was good (or so I thought). I was very busy and wore many hats: Husband, Father, Rancher, Garage Supervisor, Team Penner, Scoutmaster, and Chairman of the Trustees at Church. It wasn't that I was overloaded; I was a hard worker and no slacker, but deep down I knew something wasn't right. I got the feeling I wasn't the Husband and Father God wanted me to be. I

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Chaplain Joel Nupp preaching at IAED convention

The International Association Of Equine Dentistry held their annual convention in Fort Worth Texas on February 2 and 3. Cowboy Chaplain Joel Nupp, who is an equine dentist and a member, was invited to hold Cowboy Church on Sunday morning at the convention. It was a major blessing for me to attend the banquet and auction on Saturday night with Joel. Cowboys For Christ donated a Cowboys For Christ buckle to the auction to help those who have been injured while doing dental work on horses. On Sunday morning Chaplain Joel preached a wonderful message to a great group of equine dentist and Cowboy Chaplain Pete Blockhan from Idaho, who is visiting family in Texas, went with us to the service. It was a great time to share JESUS CHRIST with the fine folks of the equine dental world and a big thanks to the LORD for opening up the door to minister at their convention. Special note: Joel has already been invited to minister at their convention next year. Praise the LORD.

PONY EXPRESS CHAPTER AT THE ST JOSEPH FARM SHOW

The Pony Express CFC chapter attended the 2019 (30th annual) St. Joseph Farm Show, Jan25th and 26th. Several members from the chapter volunteered their time to visit with folks about what Cowboys For Christ is all about, sharing Jesus, and upcoming events and activities that they will be apart of. Nearly 150 Christian Ranchman and all of the Bibles that we had were distributed to attendees of the

show from primarily NE Kansas and NW Missouri.

This is the fifth year that the Pony Express Chapter has been able to be a part of the show and we have always been well received. It is quite a blessing to see many of the same faces that come by just to say "Thanks" for what you do. In addition, there was many new faces that took an interest in the ministry or ask for prayer in a time of need.

A very big Thank You! to everyone that was a part of the rifle raffle, with all proceeds going to the Bible Fund, as well those that volunteered their time for the ministry.

Pictured L-R Sandy ,Rae, Dave, Rocky, Melissa



Champions in Him Chapter Report

By President T R Tibbs, Poplar Bluff, MO

The first meeting on January 13th was a great time. Guitar playing Cowboy and Gospel music enhanced the air, along with sharing goals and the Word. Good food, riding, roping, and a warm fire. Folks believing in reaching the Cowboy community in Southeast Missouri / Northwest Arkansas. CFC "Champions In Him" chapter Poplar Bluff, Missouri. If Jesus is your Lord, you are a Champion in Him!



Ordination of Pi Meyer

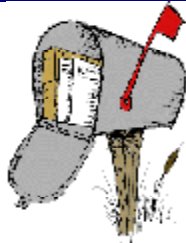


Left to Right: Pam Beyer , Pi Beyer, Pastor Randy Johnson of Reality Ranch and Chaplain David Gillett

Pastor Randy and Chaplain David officiated at the ordination of Pi Meyer to do the Lord's work of sharing Jesus Christ. On Oct. 28 a new Cowboy Chaplain was added to the ranks of the Florida Cowboys For Christ ministry. Pi Meyer was Ordained as a Cowboy Chaplain at a special service which was officiated by Chaplain David Gillett and Pastor Randy Johnson of Reality Ranch. Chaplain Pi sure didn't wait long to get the Peace River Chapter started and he is riding hard for the LORD in a bunch of ministry activities throughout Desoto and Hardee Counties. Please pray for Chaplain Pi and his wife Pam, and all of the faithful Chaplains that are on the road carrying the Gospel to cowboys and cowgirls wherever they go and whenever they can.



Letters TO The Editor!



Dear Partners,

My name is Mark and I am asking that my name be added to your mailing list. I want to follow good Christian programs while in prison. Standing on God's Word, Mark in Florida

Dear Christian Ranchman,

I read your paper every chance I get. I have a friend that gives me his paper whenever he is finished with it. You put out a very uplifting paper. This letter is not about me though. It's about a true friend of mine. He is a real cowboy; loves horses, has ridden bulls, and drives a big Dodge (two out of three isn't bad). Anyway, he was like a dad to me while inside and still holds that position in my heart now that he is out. He is struggling. Multiple health issues, no work and I don't think he's truly joined a church family. I know he's from Muleshoe and used to talk about Cowboy Church. I believe he's staying in Tulia with his brother. Would you please send him a subscription to your paper? I believe it would edify him greatly. Thank you. In His Love, Bill

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Happy New Beginnings this year. I thought I would send a donation to help out wherever needed. The Lord has blessed us and our horses. The house has finally gotten a new roof and waiting in line for the barn man to come and put a new roof on it and also the storage building. Hurricane Michael hit the gulf panhandle of St Joe all the way up to St Andrews in Panama City, Florida and it really changed the landscape from the beach up to about 100 miles inland. Tyndall Air Force Base was totaled, but crews are reconstructing the base now. We have told many people when we move to another property in any state that we give it to the Lord, and anoint the four corners to have God's protection. And God sure did protect us. What a mighty God we have. We hope everyone and everything is good there in Fort Worth. Hopefully in the next few months this property will sell. We are going back to the Midwest area. May God bless, Steve and Jane in Florida

Dear Dr. Dave,

My wife Cathy subscribes to your wonderful newspaper The Christian Ranchman. Today I read the powerful

testimony of Jessica and Mitzi from the Jan/ Feb 2019 paper. It is so good that I would like to get a PDF copy so we can make copies to give to people. This is an outstanding illustration of the power of prayer and persistence. I believe it might open non-believers to the Truth of the gospel. Thank you, Stan in Missouri

Cowboys For Christ,

Just want to thank you for the newspaper and all your encouragement over the years. God bless, Terry & Carl in Oklahoma

Cowboys For Christ,

First off I would like to thank you for all you do and sending me the Christian Ranchman. I have read it thru from front to back and also Prayed the prayer in My Eternal Decision and would greatly appreciate a copy of the Cowboys for Christ Bible. Mike in Missouri

Dear Brother Dave,

Several times in the past few years I have ran across copies of the Christian Ranchman, read them through and passed them on. Today my son-in-law, Dr. Lew Sterrett of Sermon On The Mount handed me a copy. I was delighted to get to page 15 and see the advertisement for the Winter Retreat at Miracle Mountain Ranch, Spring Creek, PA led by Dale Brenneman. God gave my wife and I, with another couple the privilege of starting Miracle Mountain Ranch. Years later our son-in-law, Lew and our daughter, Melodie ran the ranch, developing it further, still seeing hundreds of young people come to Christ. Today the ranch is directed by Matt & Ginny Cox. Matt was won to Christ when a boy in Virginia by my wife, Opal and I. The work of God goes on for more than 60 years. The promise of Christ is "fruit that remains" John 15:16 and praise God, it does. Keep going Dave and all of you. Christ is worth it all we can lay at His feet. In Christ Jesus, Dale Linebaugh in Oklahoma



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Cowboys For Christ is not in competition with any denominational group. It seeks, rather, through God's enabling grace, to be a helper to all local churches, denominations and groups to the extent that they are in harmony with the will of the Almighty God. Its function is to proclaim the Word of God. It is designed for outreach and building up of the Body of Christ, God's blood-bought people, and in harmony with the work of the Holy Spirit is an active force in the Lord's program for the present day.

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.



2019 Cowboys For Christ

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I was recently handed a copy of the Christian Ranchman, and after reading it, felt the need to reach out.

I am fifty years old, and after twenty-four years of incarceration will soon be going home. I am very fortunate to have a very loving and faithful family to return to. My dad is a Deacon in the church, and one of the finest cowboys I know. They are all very dedicated to the Lord, and spreading the Word of His love. I was raised on a small farm in southern Oklahoma, and learned about hard work and faith at a young age.

Needless to say as I got older I wanted to see what the wider world had to offer, and let my faith wither to follow my own path. That decision ultimately led me to prison.

My family has been very supportive over the years for which I am very grateful. The Lord has been watching over me too, and pulled my fat out of the fire more than once. Even though I wasn't living in His Word, He still watched over me.

I know that things will be difficult, and pray for guidance and strength to follow the path that He sets for me, and would like to ask for your prayers too, so that I can understand His will for my life, and for the courage to follow where He leads.

The thought of returning home is overwhelming at times. We still have the farm in Oklahoma, where my sister and brother-in-law raise quarter horses. My parents live in Burkburnett, TX which is where I'll be paroling to. I hope that I'm up to the task of meeting all my responsibilities; parole, job, family, church, etc., and pray for the strength to meet them.

Just writing this letter has helped to ease my worry about returning to a world that I've been absent from for so long. Thank you for listening, and for your prayers. I'm looking forward to what the Lord has in store for my life. Y'all take care.

God Bless,
Corey Williams

I received this letter from Corey a few weeks ago. I answered his letter with the letter below. It is my prayer that anyone who may be involved in similar circumstances will turn to the LORD for strength and guidance. If you will work hard and pray hard and seek HIS FACE, HE will be faithful to give you victory in JESUS NAME, Amen.

Howdy Corey,

It is great to hear from you and great that you enjoyed reading the Christian Ranchman. I want to let you know that you and all of the inmates that we are blessed to minister to are certainly on our prayer list; inside or outside of the walls.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Galatia trying to encourage them during a tough time. Gal 6:5 "for each one should carry his own load."

Which means that we all have struggles and trials and we all have a bunch of uphill climbs in our lives. And, we all have to travel those trails and endure those struggles. But, praise the LORD HE will be with us during those struggles and each inch of those uphill climbs.

Isa 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

We must realize that the "free world" is certainly not free and it is up to each one of us to work hard and in cowboy talk "bust our butt" to be the man the LORD has created us to be. So, it will be really important to get a job and carry your own weight. Never quit a job until you have found a better one and work hard to do a good job, whatever it is.

Mic 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

So, make sure that you pray every day and read GOD'S HOLY WORD every day. Seek HIM in everything you do and work hard to please HIM.

Ps 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Make sure you reach out to the LORD in every decision and in every way of your life and HE will guide you and give you victory as you do.

Prov 3:5-6 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Please send us your address where you will be living and we will send you the Christian Ranchman to you. GOD bless you and keep you strong in HIM. In JESUS NAME, Amen.

In CHRIST, Dave

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HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

By Matt Wagner

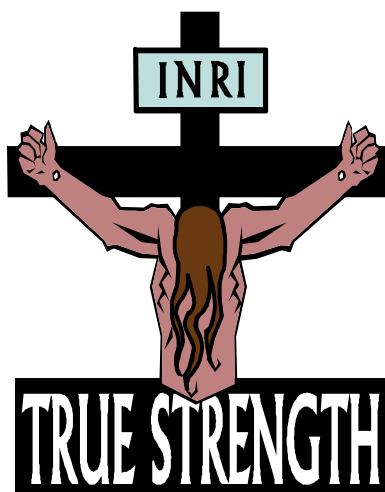
The Heartland Conference was held at Matt & Melissa Wagner's home in St. Joseph, MO Jan.5th 2019. Almost two dozen CFC Chaplains, Chapter Leaders, Chapter members, and local church leaders were present.

Following breakfast, praises and prayer concerns were shared with the group. It was really awesome to see that many brothers and sisters in Christ lifting each other up in prayer in addition to interceding for many others. It sure seems that everyone that actively takes a stand for Jesus Christ has been facing attacks on many fronts. Please lift up our Chaplains, Leadership and anyone else involved in ministry in prayer as often as you can.

Matt led the morning session; presenting material on discipleship and what it is to be a true disciple and how we should be leading and encouraging growth in other disciples. He spoke on how the Apostle Paul is the perfect example in his relationship with Timothy, as well as, Barnabas. As God's Word tells us in Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. This certainly tells us how we should all be strengthening (sharpening) others as we go.

As the final touches were being put on for lunch Chaplain Phil Holcomb shared his gift of pickin' and singin' with a neat song "Stir it Up" which he had written. The song sure reminded us of how we should be stirring up ourselves and others in the Gospel wherever we go.

Brother Dave Harvey led the afternoon session. Dave introduced a new book for all Chaplains which has a wonderful teaching on the importance of outreach ministry and how it should be natural as we approach others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



MY TESTIMONY OF SALVATION

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also lacked moral discipline and still had my "wild side". I felt like my life was out-of-balance and lacking something. Then one day I heard an old cowboy preacher say "sitting in Church doesn't make you a Christian any more than sitting in a hen house makes you a chicken".

Wow, he was right! I'd been sitting in Churches all my life and had a head knowledge of Bible stories, but not a relationship with God or Jesus. I was a phony! I put on a good act at Church, but that wasn't who I really was. During the week I was someone completely different, someone I didn't really like. My sinful side was bothering me but I didn't understand God's grace, forgiveness, or salvation and I didn't know what to do about it; not until I saw a short video about a Pastor named David Ring did I even have a clue.

I wanted to know more, so on February 20, 2000 I traveled 150 miles to a Church in Liberty Missouri and heard him preach. He preached a powerful, straight-forward, down-to-earth message about sin, our need for a Savior, and how a loving God full of Mercy and Grace sent His only Son to die for us, for ME, on a Cross, so He could rise from the grave and prepare a place for me, with Him, in Heaven, forever! At the end of his message this Preacher, heavily afflicted with his handicap, asked "if I can have Cerebral Palsy and still answer God's call, what's your excuse? INDEED! WHAT WAS MY EXCUSE? He invited us to come forward, confess we were sinners, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. I did, and thank God, I knew immediately I was on the right track.

Returning to Eldon I soon recognized my dilemma. I really needed to hear from God through his Word, and to be disciplined, but the Church we were attending, like all the rest in the past, wasn't really Bible-based. The Preacher would start each Sermon with a scripture reading, but would then close the Bible and tell a story, or tell about a religious book he had read; anything but preach the Word of God. One evening Jan and I were getting ready for bed and I told her we needed to look for a new Church, but it HAD to be Bible-based. Jan told me that it really didn't matter, because Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, it was all the same God. I told her "I hate to tell you this sweetheart, but you are not a Christian. In John 14:6 Jesus says "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me". The I rolled over and went to sleep.

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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.

If you prayed this prayer, please let us know so we can add you to our prayer list. Also, we will send you a Cowboys For Christ Bible to help you in your new life with JESUS CHRIST as your TRAIL BOSS.

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Most of the people I had known throughout my life, that I believed were true Christians (the Real Deal and not phonies), by the way they acted and their peaceful nature, were Baptists. I always envied them, but I could never picture myself being like them. I could never give up some elements of my old life to follow God and be like them; the idea always scared me. I couldn't picture myself being like them, but now I had changed. Jesus was the most important thing in my life, and I was no longer afraid. We started attending the Baptist Church in Eldon and I knew it was for us, but we didn't join because my company was transferring me back to the St. Louis area. Looking back, I wish at that time I had the opportunity for the discipleship that I really needed, but I didn't.

We landed in the St. Louis suburb of Fenton, and started attending a Baptist Church close to our home. I really felt like we could grow in our faith there, so we were all baptized and joined the Church. We liked the Pastor, but there was a lot of in-fighting in the Church. I was letting God lead, and He took us from that Church to First Baptist Church of Arnold, a few miles up the road. For the first time in my life I knew we were in the right Church. Why wouldn't it be; God led us there.

FBCA was a large Church with over 3,000 members. I have no doubt that Senior Pastor Kenny Qualls was called by God to lead this Church. The Church was very mission-minded, and because of that God was blessing it with rapid growth. We were growing in the Lord rapidly as well, and we were receiving the discipleship we needed as young Christians.

I had had my share of problems and arguments with Jan and the kids over the years, and I began to realize that my relationship with my wife and children would never be right unless I became the Husband and Father that God intended me to be. Between this wonderful Church and the influence of Christian movies like "Facing the Giants" and "Courageous" I was becoming that man, and our family life began to flourish. But I still had a hitch. I still didn't have the inner peace I saw in so many other Christians.

Then came the worst day of my life, which also became the best day of my life. I went to work as usual, but about 9:00 AM that morning it hit me. My life flashed before my eyes, but only the bad stuff. I was drowning mentally and emotionally in the thoughts of all of the people I had wronged and taken advantage of, parts of my life that I had wasted, and all of the times I said no to God when I should have been obedient. If that wasn't enough, He even showed me all the things I had done that grieved Him that I had never before considered. It was awful, it was making me sick to my stomach, and when I thought I couldn't bear it anymore I realized what was happening. I was carrying the dead, rotting, putrid corpse of my old self on my back and I couldn't get rid of it. Then Jesus rescued me from my torment. He reminded me that He had forgiven me for all of my sins past, present,

and future, and my baptism represented the death of the old me and the birth of my new self. I don't know why I didn't really get that before, and I can't explain why I pulled that old corpse out of the water and carried it around, but it was time to get rid of him. I had a funeral for the old me right there on the spot. I put him in his grave, covered him up, and said goodbye. Gone forever, no looking back. No one left but the new me alive in Jesus Christ. Now I could really appreciate what Jesus did for me when He took all of my wretched sins to the Cross and died, paying my debt in full. Then in 3 days he rose from the grave, and is now in Heaven with a place He has prepared just for me, and nothing can change that. He promised! Now I get up every day knowing that no matter what happens, bad weather, illness, even death of a loved one, nothing can change the fact that He is coming back for me and I am guaranteed a place in Heaven with Him. Some days are better than others, but because of His promise every day is a good day, and I have the peace I have been looking for all of my life.

I had come a long way in a short time on my Christian walk, and I was humbled and honored when the Church asked me to become a Deacon. The night of my ordination I gave my testimony and then it was Jan's turn. She talked about growing up in Church but not really having a relationship with Jesus until the night in our bedroom when I tenderly told her that she wasn't a Christian. She said that hit her like a ton of bricks, and admitted that she wasn't a Christian and didn't really know Jesus. She said that caused her to really study the Bible and she asked Jesus into her life. I was dumbfounded. I had forgotten all about that night, and never considered it consequential. I had no idea that God had used me to help Him bring my wife into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, and it made me eternally grateful and willing to do the same for others.

Today Jan and I are retired. I still have horses and enjoy trail riding and occasionally ranch roping. We built a new home and barn at an equine community and resort in Southern Missouri where the Cowboys for Christ and Heartland Christian Cowboys have held an annual gathering for the past several years. The Lord is calling me to formally share His Word with other Cowboys and Cowgirls, so I am working to become a Cowboys for Christ Chaplain. I am trying to have the work completed and be ordained at this year's gathering, God willing.

Now I look back over my shoulder at a trail with many curves, hills and valleys, but I realize that God never left my side or gave up on me, and he led me where I am today. My friend, I hope and pray the same for you. God truly loves you, and He has a plan for you better than anything you could ever come up with on your own. No matter where you've been, what you've done, or where you are now, if you confess your sins, turn from them, and ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life, He will forgive you, redeem you, and accept you into His family. Don't be afraid of letting go of your old life, or what life will be like with Him. Trust and have faith in Him and He will give you the peace that surpasses all understanding. He promises! In Christ, Cal Kretsinger

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Riding Point With Dave Harvey....

DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

2 Tim 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

"Do the work of an evangelist." That is what the Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to do while he was in Ephesus. Timothy was a young man and evidently a very trusted and hard-working servant of the LORD and a real helper to Paul. Timothy had earned his stripes and was ready for active duty and the Apostle Paul sent him out to "do the work of an evangelist." But what actually is the work of an evangelist? What duties, and what actions does an evangelist do and what is required of an evangelist?

Well, let's first look at our LORD'S commission in Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation" is certainly a commission and it is certainly very defined and to the point as to what we are to do. First, we are to "go" and I feel that sometimes this has been too much of a missionary focus, instead of an everyday focus. We are certainly instructed to "go into all of the world" but where is our world? All of my world is the cowboy world that I am involved in and spend much of my life, energy and effort within that world. I feel that this is my world and that our LORD has included this part of my world as part of the world

HE was talking about when HE instructed us to "go into all of the world." Certainly "go" does not mean to sit, to stand or to remain still; HE really means to "go" when HE says to go.

Second, we are to "go" to the "world." Now does that mean the whole world; the many different states, here in the USA and the many other countries all around the entire world. Well, I am not so sure that Paul was sending Timothy to the remote parts of the world, because he was sending him to reach out to everyone in Ephesus. I think that he expected Timothy to share JESUS CHRIST to the lost next door, before he would expect him to hop on his jet airplane and fly to Brazil to do the preaching and teaching of the Good News to the lost there. I know, I know; there was no air planes at that time and actually there was no Brazil, either, but I think you get my point.

Now that we have the "go" understood and "our world" figured out. We need to get a real hold on the word "preach", because so many folks think you have to be a "preacher" to do that. Really the Greek word used is "kerusso" which means to publish or proclaim and that can also include preaching, which is usually how the KJV translates it. But you might be thinking that you are not included in the commission, since you are not called to preach. Well, child of GOD, the commission is for all of HIS children and all of HIS children are called to testify, witness, proclaim and share JESUS CHRIST in their daily lives and to those that live in "their world."

Just as the Apostle Paul was sending Timothy to Ephesus to "testify" "witness" "preach" "teach" "minister" and share the Good News of JESUS CHRIST it seems that there should be a certain place to dedicate our efforts and Paul was setting the example for us to follow. Paul wanted Timothy to focus on the folks at Ephesus and the surrounding area. This would give Timothy a home base and he could grow and expand as the HOLY SPIRIT opened the doors for him to reach out to those in Ephesus.

I think that we get overwhelmed with the "all of the world" part and just decide that we just can't fulfil our LORD'S commission, so we don't do anything. We don't go, we don't reach out, we don't testify, we don't preach, we don't teach, we don't minister, we don't do the work of an evangelist and we don't discharge all of the duties of our ministry. We become very comfortable just setting in a service once a week, singing a few worship songs, praying every now and then and sometimes we even read some of the HOLY BIBLE during our times between Sunday mornings. Now, cowboys and cowgirls I don't want to bust your bubble, but that is certainly not doing the work of an evangelist and sure not discharging the duties of your ministry, either. So, you are probably wondering where in the world am I going with this; and of course, I am about to tell you, because I don't want you to just keep wondering and wondering.

I feel sure that the Apostle Paul sent Timothy to Ephesus because that is where he wanted him to minister; to testify, to witness, to preach, teach and share JESUS CHRIST. Ephesus is where the Apostle Paul was sending Timothy and Ephesus is where he wanted him to reach out to the folks there with the Good News of the Gospel. Ephesus was the "world" that Timothy was commissioned to witness, to work, to spend time in developing relationships and working to minister to the folks there with the Love of JESUS CHRIST, and to reveal the wonderful plan of salvation to all that would believe.

So, if Ephesus was Timothy's world to witness, to testify, to preach, to teach JESUS CHRIST; then I think we should follow his example and witness, testify, preach, teach and minister where we are in "our" world, and that means exactly where we are right now. Since, as cowboys and cowgirls, our world is the cowboy world, we can take our LORD'S commission real seriously and get to work ministering in our world; starting today!

Cowboys and cowgirls today would be a great time to start working to change lives in our world for our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. You can go armed with the WORD OF GOD, and you can use this little paper, the Christian Ranchman, that you are reading right now. Please share it with a family member, friend, neighbor, an enemy or just anyone that may be hurting, wandering and lost and seeking help. You have the answer in JESUS CHRIST and you have the commission and you are in your world. GOD bless you and your service to HIM in your world.



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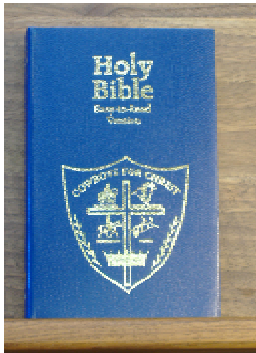
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On Eagles' Wings

Isaiah 40:31

Testimony by Shay Carriger

I didn't choose to be a school teacher. . . but it chose me. As a life-long cowgirl, it made sense to find a job where I could ride horses all summer. But then. . . teaching came as naturally to me as breathing, and there was never a doubt in my mind that this is what God created me to do. Years of time, money, education, and love went into my career. That is why it became so confusing to me, when I had finally achieved my master's degree, and landed my dream job, in my dream school district, that suddenly I lost my joy and contentment. I spent so many mornings fighting tears, while trying to get my make-up on, only to cry it off again on the drive to work.

After months of tears, I finally surrendered my heart, and cried out to the Lord. I cried, facing my bathroom mirror- trying to will the tears to stop. He answered me with a simple, yet profound few words; "Eagles Wings". Baffled by such a seemingly random thought, I "googled" the phrase. Isaiah 40:31 popped up immediately, "They that wait upon the Lord, Shall renew their Strength, They shall mount up on Wings of Eagles."

Hmmm. Well, ok, I did want to have my strength renewed. Thank you, Lord. As my tears slowed down, and I slapped make-up on my face, I hurried out the door to make it to school on time. As I started my truck, the radio came on, and our local Christian radio station announced the verse of the day. . . Isaiah 40:31. Wait. What? I turned up the volume, as I heard the exact words that I just read, loud and clear coming through the radio. Hmm. Ok, Lord. I'm listening. Like. . . really listening.

I turned the truck out and onto the gravel and got going on my way. Winding around the back roads toward school, I heard my phone buzz with a new notification. . . and at the next stop sign, I glanced down to check the notice. . . . Wait. What? It was my bible app. . . the verse of the day just arrived. . . to my phone. Wait, What? Isaiah 40:31. God, I can hear you, but I can't see you. What are you telling me? I'm trying to see you, to hear you. . . . Anything, Lord.

Slowly pulling away from that stop sign felt like someone was watching me. It felt like someone was urging me forward, but I didn't know where. I moved forward, my eyes peeled, and senses alert. And as I slowed again to turn the truck towards the south on my way to school, I saw the most beautiful,

detailed, huge, bird swoop down and gracefully breeze over my open sunroof. . . As I watched it gently swooping, I first saw the detailed feathers, the huge claws, and then suddenly I saw the beautiful, white head of a Bald Eagle. An enormous flutter of Grace went right over the top of me, and landed on the telephone pole, just a few feet from my truck. I looked straight up through my sunroof, and almost felt a sense of fear at the enormous, beautiful bird right above me. A Bald Eagle. An eagle with wings, with powerful, beautiful, eagles' wings; Wings that God would use to lift me up out of the muck and the mire. My emotions flooded as I realized that God had been speaking to me all morning; And I could hear him. Now I could see Him. I didn't yet fully understand the message, but I did know that God would lift me up, and I could trust in His Power, and Love for me.

The next few days were a bit easier, as I began to trust that God knew where I was, and I was assured that when He needed me, He could find me. It wasn't long until I heard that still, small voice again. It began with people this time, and one at a time, people, some of which I knew well, and some I didn't know at all, began mentioning "Christian School" to me. I didn't pay a bit of attention to their words, because of my firm belief that I was doing exactly what God was asking me to do. Boy, was I in for a surprise!

After brushing off the many "Christian School" ideas and suggestions, I found myself at home with sick little one, on a random Wednesday afternoon. As I prepped her chicken noodle soup, chocolate milk, and cartoons, I kept wondering what "Christian schools" were in my area. After changing the laundry, emptying the dishwasher and doing a quick "google" Search, I happened upon the website for Johnson County Christian Academy. Trying to push it to the back of my mind, I kept hearing God ask me to call them. I didn't want to call them and I didn't even know what to say. . . "Hi, I don't want to work at your school, but do you have any openings. . . ?" OR, "Hi, God told me to call you". . . ? None of those seemed very logical.

I put the baby down for nap, cleaned up the play room, played on my phone, and desperately tried to stop thinking about "calling the Christian school". The thoughts were prominent though, and I tried to convince myself that I could call, sound like a crazy person, and get off the phone quickly and set my mind to ease as having completed my tasks for the day. So, in an effort to make it go

away, I made the call.

A lovely sounding woman, answered the phone and I opted with. . . "I'm calling for more information about your school. I have two children and I am a special education teacher". (It was all truthful, but definitely not a request for a job!) I heard her pause after that last part. . . the 'I am a special education teacher' part. Oh boy, deep breath. (Thinking in my mind. . . Oh PLEASE don't tell me you need a special education teacher in a private school!) She politely said, would you hold for a moment, I would like to transfer you to our school principal. (Oh CRAP!)

So much time went by, on hold, as I held onto the phone, all I could do was pray. Lord, please, what am I doing? Lord, I was supposed to call to make this crazy idea go away, and now I am on hold to speak to the administrator. What? Should I just hang up?

Well, all I can say is, when Mark answered the phone, I knew God had made me call for a reason. Sure enough, they were desperate for not only a special education teacher, but an entire department. A foreign concept for most private schools, but the school had a need, and I had a skill. And I somehow ended up with an appointment for an interview the following week.

During the week of waiting for the interview, I begged God to have another plan. A plan where I could keep my master's degree teacher's salary, the great health benefits and my public school retirement plan. Begging all week long for a different answer, I went ahead and printed out the online application and tried to fill it out. It was pretty easy until I came to the last question, "Why do you want to teach at JCCA?"

Hmm, well. . . I don't. How about that for an answer? The great money? Nope, not the reason. I didn't have a reason. God was making me do this, dangit. Can't you see that I have different plans for my life?! With no answer of my own, I gave God a cheeky, smug grin, Well, HA! If I can't fill out the application, they definitely won't hire me. God answered. . . Seek me first. Just. Seek. me. So, I quickly

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jotted down "Matt. 6:33" and went on my way.

The day of the interview arrived, and I went to my classroom to prep for the sub. The sub ended up being sick. HA! See God!? No Sub-no interview! I don't have to go! Dropping my kiddos off at specials, I stopped by the office to check my mail. The school secretary said, "Shay! What are you doing here!? You put in to have the afternoon off?!" I explained that my sub didn't show up, and she said, Oh my! That is strange, I have an extra sub in high school today. Let me call them down. You go ahead and go! We have you covered!

AUG.H. FINE! I got in the truck and headed off the interview. Wondering what I was doing. I was being obedient. That was all I knew.

When I arrived at JCCA, it was such a sweet spirit. When I opened the door, I could feel love pouring out. I met Kathy, and immediately loved her "way". Her efficiency, and her "I got this" attitude. It was so sweet to my soul, and refreshing. A darling little student came into the office to ask for a bandaid, and that little one got a sweet hug, along with their band-aid. Suddenly, I knew it was different here.

I wish I had been prepared for what happened next. With my printed out, inked on, barely there application, I walked into Mr. Gifford's office and was met with a bible verse. . . Actually, written on the wall. . . "Matt. 6:33". I surely must have appeared to be a awestruck, because I could barely say "Hello". I just stared at the wall, then stared at Mark's face, and handed him my application. Before any other words were spoken, I asked him to look at my final question, on the last page. There, in black and white, my handwritten "Matt. 6:33". His eyes widened, and he eyed the words on his very wall, and then studied the words on my paper. We both seemed to sense that we had been prepped for a nice, long chat. Suddenly, nothing else mattered. My children and I were coming. We had to talk Daddy into it, we had to get me out of a public-school contract, and we had to find health insurance, and a retirement plan, and life insurance, but we were coming. This place needed me, and I needed it. If only I could have known on that day, I was about to get a whole new family, full of love, grace, forgiveness, and mercy.

Of course, God put all the pieces together. A young lady just so happened to be graduating from college, looking for an

elementary classroom to take over that very month, and she just so happened to be the daughter of the principal of the school; So, it was an easy transition as she finished out my public-school contract for me. The public-school health insurance stayed with me until the contract ended. . . in June. So God had it all taken care of before I even knew it. I moved out a few items from my classroom and moved into an office for the first time; Now I was the Special Education Director- birthing a whole new department for a private school.

I just so happened to bring over every item I needed and not another thing would fit. I was cozy and happy in my new home. The first day of work, while all the teachers were still on Christmas break, and I organized my new office on a chilly winter day. I sent my little ones into the gym to play while I worked, and again. . . nothing could have prepared me for what I was about to see on that Gym wall. An eagle. A Bald Eagle. And Isaiah 40:31. He raised me up on Eagles Wings, he renewed my strength, and I mounted up with new purpose, hope, love, and those beautiful, enormous feathers carried me to exactly where I was meant to be. "Welcome Home, Eagles!



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Author Unknown



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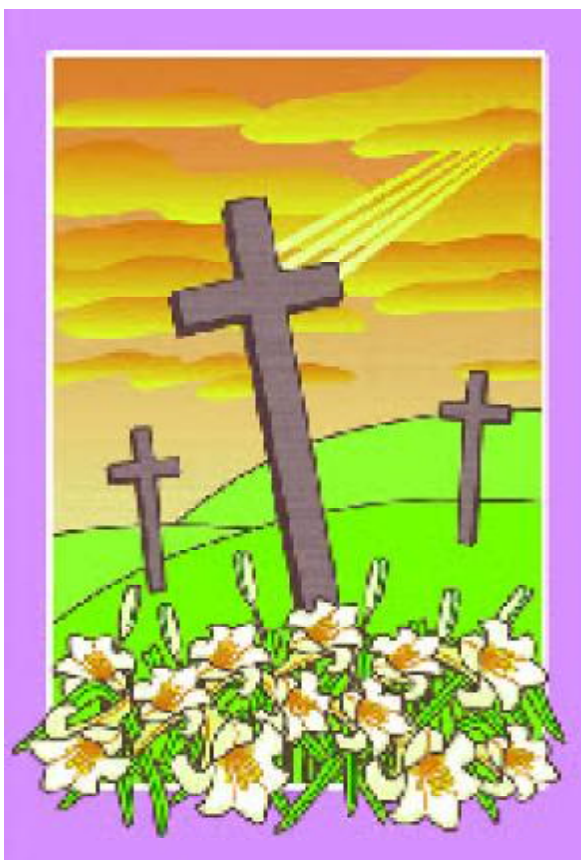
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Clay Center Chapter Report

By Kathy Martin

The Clay Center Cowboys For Christ Saddle Club held their annual meeting Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Clay County Extension Office. Kathy Martin, Chapter Chaplain, presented a devotion using a story about the kicker for the Chicago Bears, Cody Parkey's missed field goal. Christians must praise God in victory and adversity. We do not have a transactional religion, but a transformational relationship with our Lord and Savior. Officers for 2019 were elected. Ben Tiemeyer was elected president; Nick Lehman, vice president; Kathy Martin, secretary & Chaplain; and Wendy James, treasurer. The club decided to continue the traditional activities and community service projects, such as; trail rides, open arena for youth, an EKHA sponsored horse show, and the Cowboy Church event at the Clay County Fair. Committees were formed and the chairs of each are as follows; Rodeo-Ben Tiemeyer, Trail Ride-Ben Tiemeyer, Fund Raiser Raffle-Nick Lehman, Open Arena-Chuck Smith, EKHA show-Kathy Martin. Anyone interested in serving on a committee, please contact the chair listed.

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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.

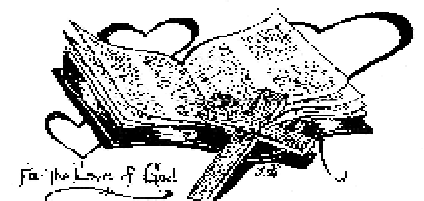
It was a pleasure and honor to preach and officiate at the Ordination of Thomas Johnson of Corsicana Texas on February 17 at the Lone Star Cowboy Church of Navarro County. I was doubled blessed to have Chaplain Pete Blockhan from Idaho who is visiting family for the winter to traveled with me on the short trip from Fort Worth. We sure want to welcome Thomas to the ranks of Cowboy Chaplains Of America and GOD greatly bless you work for HIM. A big thanks to Pastor Charky Marquis for allowing us to share JESUS CHRIST and to hold the Ordination at the morning service.



The Southwest Conference was held on February 9 at Cowboy Country Chapel in Pilot Point Texas. Chaplain Auburn Powers president of the Horse Country Chapter and Chaplain Carl Smith the pastor of Cowboy Country Chapel hosted the second annual Southwest Conference. It was a wonderful time of ministry, teaching and fellowship with the special blessing of the Ordination of California's newest Chaplain Pat Henley. Pat, who was visiting family in Texas, was Ordained Saturday morning at the conference. A very special "thank you" goes out to the Cowboy Country Chapel and the Horse Country Chapter for hosting the Conference.



Although the Great Lakes Conference was canceled due to heavy snow, the West Keystone Winter Retreat held at Miracle Mountain Ranch in Spring Creek Pennsylvania sure helped fill in the void with major ministry, wonderful fellowship and the Ordination of Steve Sellers as a Cowboy Chaplain. The West Keystone chapter hosted the event at Miracle Mountain Ranch. Chaplain and Chapter President Dale Brenneman and his wife, Faith, sure helped to make sure that everyone traveling in were comfortable and blessed. Miracle Mountain Ranch director Matt Cox and his very able crew of dedicated staff and students sure made it a very special time of seeking the LORD and HIS will for a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls in the northeast. A big thank you to Dale and Faith Brenneman, the West Keystone Chapter and to Matt Cox and all of the great group there at Miracle Mountain Ranch for such wonderful hospitality. And a big Cowboy Chaplain welcome to our newest Cowboy Chaplain Steve Sellers, and a big thank you to the seven Chaplains that were able to attend the retreat; Matt & Melissa Wagner, Joel & Sheryl Nupp, Mike Gentry, Karen Burgoon and Dale Brenneman. It was a great time in the LORD and a great blessing to all.



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