

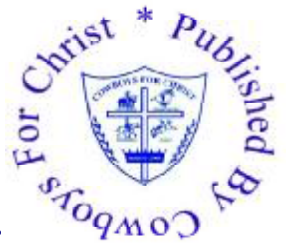
# The Christian Ranchman

*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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## BAY BOY, A LIFE WELL LIVED

My wife, Nancy, and I recently experienced the passing of our almost 31 year old gelding, Bay Boy. If Bay Boy had been a man, he would have been described as a gracious gentleman. Anthropomorphism is a 50 dollar word for attributing human traits, emotions, or intentions to non-human entities. There are some that criticize this practice; however, all I can think is they never had a horse like Bay Boy.

When I think of Bay Boy, I am reminded of Galatians Chapter 5 verses 22 and 23, where the Apostle Paul lists the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Bay Boy, as a horse, taught me these by exhibiting all of them in the almost 15 years, Nancy and I had the privilege of having him.

Bay Boy was always faithful to be standing at the fence each morning to greet me as I came out of the house: rain or shine, sleet or snow I could count on Bay Boy to be there ready to be fed. From never panicking to being ready, it was as if Jesus was describing Bay Boy when He said as recorded in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 16 verse 10: "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much ..."

Bay Boy always exhibited the fruit of kindness. I never saw him show anyone anything but kindness. Bay Boy loved attention and being groomed. Many have heard me say that every older horse needs a young girl to love him. In his later years, Bay Boy had one. He taught her to ride, never acting out when she pulled his mouth too hard or got off balance in the saddle. It was as if he knew she needed his help to get better. Bay Boy got to know her parents' car, and he would run to meet her at the gate. They had a special relationship. He carried her in a parade like she was royalty,



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## Old Fashion Tent Camp Meeting at the Missouri Gathering

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Heartland Christian Cowboy And Cowgirl Gathering was a great time. Despite the flooding, kids still in school due to last winter's snow, tornadoes throughout the area, truck and trailer problems and other obstacles placed in the cowboys and cowgirl's way, the event was well attended. The fellowship, ministry and personal growth that took place in all who attended was a tremendous BLESSING!

A great big THANK YOU to all that helped out in any way. Dave Harvey led the early morning Bible Study as well as delivered another very fine message on Sunday morning. The Laughlin family and staff from 4Jay Big Piney Horse Camp went out of their way to welcome everyone and ensure that the week went without a hitch. We all know how much of a challenge it must have been to have everything ready for us to arrive with the amount of rain that fell the week prior. Betty (Granny) made sure that we were fed very well all week. And all our teachers made sure we were spiritually fed all week also.

It was amazing how the Holy Spirit was at work throughout the week, it was something else how an impromptu snipe hunt worked into the lesson the next morning on avoiding being deceived. It is a tremendous blessing to see the faith revealed in the youth that we have today. Mark your calendar for next year now May 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We are already planning for 2020 and are trying to work out a devotion on the trail and a day where we canoe or kayak down the river. Hope to see you there. Chaplain Matt Wagner



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## *Report from Chaplains Mike and Carol Jackson Fellowship of the Saddle Chapter*

On the first of June we ended our 4<sup>th</sup> year with Missouri High School Rodeo Association. We had a great year, seeing a lot of our young cowboys and cowgirls really maturing in their rodeo skills, and also watching them mature in their lives, graduate and go out in the world.

This year is a bittersweet ending for us, as the Board of Directors decided to use a different person to fill in as Chaplain for next year. We are really going to miss the many cowboys and cowgirls and parents with whom we have built relationships.

But as usual, we have already started a new season with Missouri Kansas Your Rodeo Association. We have had 4 rodeos already with them and have three more this coming weekend. We started our ministry with MKYRA first and we really have loved their association. Having the opportunity to share with, encourage and watch the mutton busters is really rewarding. It is good to see the parents getting their kids started early and right.

We see God opening hearts and giving us many opportunities to speak a word of encouragement or direction at the opportune times. At last weekend's rodeo, after the rodeo ended, I was able to answer questions and shared the Word with an adult for more than an hour. What a Blessing!!!! We also have cowboy church when we have two-day rodeos. I am looking forward to that next weekend.

In conclusion, I want to brag on our Lord. Some people may not believe this, but four years ago when we began our rodeo ministry, God put it our hearts to pray for His divine protection for our cowboys and cowgirls while participating in the rodeos. As of today, we can testify to God's wonderful care. We have never needed to use an ambulance in four years of rodeos. Praise God!!!!

Keep riding for Him. God Bless You.

In His service,

Chaplains Mike and Carol Jackson



## *Northern Indiana Trail Challenge*



*Liberty Meyer, flag carrier*



*Some of the crowd during the National Anthem*

## *Ministry Report from Chaplain Pat and Gail Patterson*

On June 23, 2019 we had a special blessing at a baptism service. We have held several cowboy church services at an RV park in Glen Allen, Mo. owned by Jim and Donna Barks. The park is named Barks Plantation and they have several different events from trail rides to other events. We have been blessed to be able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ at many of those events. A man who regularly helps out at the park with chores, and canoes renting and who loves singing karaoke and who has sung for our church services. His name is Steve Parker and we became friends through our time together at the park. He called me one evening and asked if I would baptize him there at the lake. We started that Sunday morning with a storm and rain, but we trusted the Lord in the events that day. We started church in the old sawmill building there, singing and praising the God of glory and delivered His Word. The clouds rolled away and we headed to the lake. My wife Chaplain Gail read the scripture verses on the beach as Chaplain Pat did the baptism. What a glorious day, as we saw a man make a public confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To God be the glory.



Andy Abrams, Willie Hostetler, Dave and Kim Hostetler

I was so very blessed and honored to officiate at the Ordination of our newest Chaplains, Andy Abrams, Willie Hostetler and Kim Hostetler. The Ordination service was held at the Northern Indiana 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trail Horse Challenge on August 17 in Millersburg Indiana. A wonderful day of judging, fellowship and sharing JESUS CHRIST to the cowboys and cowgirls in that area. GOD bless our new Chaplains and the works they are doing and going to do



# Letters TO The Editor!



God's Peace Be Unto You Brother Dave,

Allow me to thank you for delivering one of your most powerful lessons in the Riding Point (May/June 2019) "Faithful In Prayer." Prayer is the most essential act of faith. It's like having the key that unlocks the door to Heaven, where you can walk in, sat down and have a talk with our Almighty Lord. I highly admire the way you broke this lesson down for all of us to understand the significance and power of prayer. I give Praise and Honor to God each day, for He has surely blessed me and answered many prayers for me over and over again. He will do the same for you and all others faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Seek Him and He shall be found, Pray and His door shall be opened. In JESUS NAME, Amen!

Your brother in Christ,  
Woody in Texas, still riding!

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I want to personally thank you for your thoughts and prayers for all of us here in Angola, LA. The message you send us through your Chaplains and newsletter is uplifting and reminds us there is hope through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Would you please add my Mom to your mailing list? Thank you and may God bless all of you each day.

In Christ, Joseph in Louisiana

Cowboys For Christ,

Just heard about the Christian Ranchman and happened to find a copy. I have enjoyed it greatly!! Please place my name on the subscription list so I may enjoy the Good News about my brothers in Christ and keep a current issue in my Ag classroom for my FFA students to read.

Thank you, Les in Kansas

Cowboys For Christ,

Hi my name is Dakota and I'm 25 years old and I'm interested in becoming a part of Cowboys for Christ and didn't know what the next step would be or maybe you could tell me a little bit more about it? Thank you so much and have a blessed day!

Dakota in Oklahoma



Cowboys For Christ

Howdy, hi from Canada! Could I please receive emails for Christian ranchman again? Have moved to a different part of British Columbia and would really like to start receiving issues thru emails again. Thanks kindly and God bless Louise Editor answer: Hi Louise, I can do better than that, we post each new copy on our website: cowboysforchrist.org You can read the last 10 issues there. Let me know if this works for you and GOD bless, Dave

Greeting brother,

I praise the Lord for the box full of material for the prison ministry. This will be perfect as we have a fair coming up and we are setting up a table with our Cowboys for Christ banner, sharing the Gospel and the work of the Ministry. Also love the size of the new Bibles, and I will be putting in an order for more very soon. God bless you, again thank you for being so faithful to the call on your life.

In Christ Service,  
Brad Robey, Green County Chapter in Iowa

Dear Dave,

Blessings to you, and I pray that you are well. Thank you greatly for your recent article on the importance of being faithful in prayer. I enjoyed the message so much, as with all your articles. I must say that prayer is so vital in my own life, especially behind these walls. I believe many inmates realize, more than others, how important prayer is. Our isolation from family, and due to our sins, our feelings of isolation from God, has a profound effect on us, helping to turn our hearts to him. This is a good thing that our loving Father has done. Most of us lived life on our own terms, trying to be our "own man" or "own woman" independent of God. Yet, in His loving kindness, He allowed the effects of our sins to bring us to this isolation to help us realize the futility of living without Him. For those of us who have repented and have been restored to a right relationship with our loving heavenly Father, through Jesus our Savior, prayer has become our lifeline, as we live in dependence upon Him for everything. This is such a beautiful thing. Thank you again for this message.

In His Grace, Murphy in Arizona

The Christian Ranchman,

Hi, my name is Danny and I would like to get the Christian Ranchman paper, please. Thanks for what ya'll do, your paper has helped me understand a lot about God. God bless, Danny in Texas

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Supreme authority over this organization and all its activities is vested in God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This must be recognized and practiced as laid out for us in God's divinely inspired Word, the Holy Bible.

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.



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# Letters To The Editor

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Dear Sirs,

I'm very interested in Cowboys For Christ. It was brought to my attention by one of your members. I prayed the Eternal Decision prayer; it means a lot to me. Please send me your Cowboys For Christ Bible and enroll me in the Christian Ranchman. I would very much appreciate it.

Thank you, Ricky in Texas

Mah Shalomkha,

Greetings to everyone! I just wanted to follow up on my testimony from 6 years ago. I wrote and related how prayer had made a huge difference in my life, restoring the relationship between myself, my ex-wife and my daughter. At that time, I said that my ex had agreed to my marriage proposal. Well, our plans are to be wed on August 31 of this year, 2 days after my release from MDSP. She and I are very excited about all of this, giving thanks to our Lord and Savior, Yeshua, for everything! The pastor who has been guiding me through my time here at MDSP will perform the ceremony for us.

B'Shem Yeshua HaMashiach,  
James in South Dakota

Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you so for sending the Christian Ranchman to us. I enjoy it so much. Thanks for your prayers. God bless you all so much, keep up with what you are doing!

God bless all, Terry in Oklahoma

Cowboys For Christ,

The Richland United Methodist Church had vacation Bible school. The theme was based on cowboys. It was decided to send our mission offerings to your organization.

Sincerely, Alma in Ohio



## RIDE WITH HIM SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO CHAPTER HORSEMANSHIP BIBLE SCHOOL

Just wanted to let everyone know that we concluded our 2nd annual Horsemanship Summer Vacation Bible School and I can tell you that the Lord is alive and well, what a blessing.

We were truly blessed to hold the VBS at Landmark Mercantile in Mesquite NM this year.

Jason McClure (the owner) was more than accommodating in allowing us to use his place of business, along with feeding lunch each day to all in attendance.

Truly the Lord does indeed fulfill what he says he will do. When the Holy Spirit first spoke to me about this school I didn't know for sure where we would hold it, how we would get enough gentle horses, or how we would ever get enough volunteers on a budget of \$0. But praise the Lord he comes through every time. This year we had folks bring in horses from all around Las Cruces. We had numerous wonderful volunteers helping with the horses, but also helping with the crafts area and the VBS area. I can't reiterate enough how great is our Lord.

Each day we had different volunteer presenters; one from the New Mexico High School Rodeo Assoc. who is a champion in barrel racing and pole bending, to our own vice-president of CFC Chapter James Eguirres, a master farrier. We also had a reining demonstration by Stefanie Story, a former New Mexico State University equestrian team member. And of course, on the last day we had the Great Stick-horse barrel race, something the kids really enjoy. Pastor Hank Willemsma and myself conducted Cowboy Church on the last morning.

Each day was even more of a blessing than the previous, on average we had 30 kids and parents. We gave out 27 bibles on the last day. We are marching forward here in Las Cruces, the Lord has given us a new direction to go and we are following his every step:

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Matthew 4:19-25 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ...

Chaplain David Price  
Ride With Him Southern New Mexico Chapter



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**BAY BOY, A LIFE WELL LIVED***(Cont. from Pg. 1)*

as evidenced in my photos on Facebook. They would spend hours together.

To say Bay Boy was a good horse would be a true understatement. We had a church cookout at our place one Saturday, and from senior citizens to babies, Bay Boy exhibited his gift of goodness letting all who wanted to pet, groom, sit, or ride. It made no difference to him. He loved to pose for pictures.

Webster's dictionary says that the word goodness is synonymous with virtue, which is defined as conformity to a standard of right. That is what Bay Boy always exhibited. Once again, he modeled for me what the Apostle Paul told us we should do in Ephesians Chapter 4 verse 32 when he wrote: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people ...

When I think about the fruit of gentleness, I am reminded that Bay Boy had what horse people call a gentle eye. A good friend of mine says if you look into a horse's eye no one has to convince you that there is a God. The popular saying that the eyes are the windows to the soul is based on Jesus' teaching as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6 verses 22 through 24.

I cannot tell you how many young children I have put on Bay Boy for their first ride, and I never had to be concerned. Bay Boy just loved people. He reminds me of how the Apostle Paul described in Colossians Chapter 3 verse 12 how God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, should clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. If Bay Boy had been a person, that could be placed on his tombstone.

Bay Boy was my wife's horse, and although I rode him some, my mare, Margie, received more of my time and attention. As a result, I sometimes took Bay Boy for granted. As I was putting these thoughts together, I was convicted by the Holy Spirit that many times I think we put other things above our relationship with God. Jesus reminded us not to do that as recorded in Matthew Chapter 6 verse 33 when He said: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." The good news is that when we do fail the Holy Spirit will remind us that all we have to do is repent, ask for forgiveness, and be restored into right relationship with God. The Apostle Peter told this to the crowd after God used him to communicate healing to the cripple beggar as recorded in the Book of Acts Chapter 3 verse 19, which says: Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

I saved Peace as the last Fruit of the Spirit to be discussed, because that was Bay Boy's last lesson to me. To make the story of a long day

shorter, I will summarize by saying that Bay Boy was just ready to go. I called the Vet, I followed his instructions, we hand walked, and did all we could to no avail. To the end Bay Boy was a gentleman, no thrashing and no acting out, but after the Vet came he said Bay Boy is just ready to go and go he did. After we had spent the day together, Bay Boy just laid down and let out a most pleasant exhale and he went on. Bay Boy's last lesson demonstrated what passing in peace is like. I pray that when my trail ends here on earth, if Jesus does not return first, that I can leave with as much peace and dignity as Bay Boy.

You ask are there horses in heaven? Well the last Book of the Bible seems to clearly answer that question, when in Revelation Chapter 19 starting in verse 11, it talks about Jesus being on a white horse as He makes his triumphant return to earth with the armies of heaven also on horses.

I mentioned earlier that in his later years Bay Boy had a young girl to love him. Not only did Bay Boy teach her to ride, as I said they had a special relationship. As a healthy 16 year old volleyball player and cheerleader, this girl had a stroke and died. I was not looking forward to having to tell her Dad that Bay Boy was gone,

but when through tears I told him, his response was: "Well they are together again, and she is putting a saddle on him as we speak."

What a testament that even after death Bay Boy brings peace to hurting parents. Bay Boy lives on in our hearts and minds, and I am convinced I will see him again. So I conclude with this final scripture from 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 through 18 which reads: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ... AMEN! Bob Perkeron, CFC Chaplain

**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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**Report from the Clay Center Chapter,  
Kathy Martin, Secretary**

Clay Center Cowboys for Christ Saddle Club Open Arena event held in conjunction with the Clay County Fair. It was a hot morning July 13th at the Clay County Fair, but the steady stream of young riders kept the Clay Center Cowboys for Christ Saddle Club members busy leading them around in the rodeo arena. The event was held from 10 - 12 as part of the Clay County Fair activities. Children, accompanied by their parents could pet, brush and ride gentle horses provided by the Clay Center Cowboys for Christ members. Thanks to several generous sponsors, horse themed story and activity books were presented to each child. Refreshments were available and a T-shirt for the kids as well.

The Kansas saddle club has hosted Open Arena Events in the past, but this was the first time to have it during the Clay County Fair. The events are always free and held at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Hosting the Cowboy Church Service on the last day of our Clay County Fair has become a well appreciated tradition, as parents & 4-H youth are at the fairgrounds caring for their livestock and preparing to take everything home. We even offered copies of the CFC Bibles and they were all taken! It's always so rewarding to see the grandstands full of all the "come as you are" worshippers.

The Clay Center Cowboys for Christ Chapter provided a Cowboy Church Service the closing day of the Clay County Fair. Paul Badding from the 4C Ministry out of Solomon, Kansas presented the message about using our unique talents to do the will of God. Reading the Bible daily will help us determine God's divine will for our lives. Ben Sharden from Green, Kansas sang and played worship songs before and after the service. Anna Kelly and McKennon Lehman, 4-H and Cowboy for Christ Saddle Club members, carried the American flag and the Cowboys for Christ flag in the opening ceremony.

Thanks, Kathy



**Chapter Report from Chaplain Matt  
Wagner**

June 28th and 29th, the Pony Express CFC was invited to be a part of the grand opening celebration for the new Orscheln's farm supply store in St. Joseph MO.

We provided nearly 800 hot dogs and 35 (16") cowboy cobbler from Dutch ovens. There were several opportunities to minister to the community while serving. What a blessing to be able to share God's word with the new Cowboys For Christ Bibles, Christian Ranchman, and tracts. A great big thank you to the management and staff at Orscheln's for the invite and the support of the ministry as well as all of the top hands of the Pony Express Cowboys For Christ chapter and their willingness to serve the community. All the proceeds from the free will donations has been designated for the next printing of Bibles.



*Sherri Carter serving hotdogs*



*Dave Buckles checking peach cobbler*



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## *Riding Point With Dave Harvey....*

### *THE DON'TS AND THE DO'S*

Josh 1:7-9 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Usually folks talk about the "dos and the don'ts" but I want to talk about the "don'ts and the dos." If we take care of the don'ts first, then the dos are a little easier to do. We all live in a world of "dos and don'ts" and we are very familiar with hearing this term a bunch. So, there is no need to explain the peculiars of the statement. But I do want to clarify the point that is being made and hopefully shed some Spiritual LIGHT on the commands in GOD'S WORD. As we can see in Josh 1:9 it really is a command from the LORD for us to "don't and to do."

We have four don'ts and we need to study them to make sure we understand them and be very careful to follow them, because they are commands directly from the LORD. Folks, we are so blessed and fortunate to have the HOLY WORD OF GOD at our finger tips so we can read, study and mediate on the commands of GOD that have been handed down from the greats of the past for our benefit.

Great men and women of faith have acted and great men and women of faith have recorded through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT down through the ages so that we can have the WORD OF GOD to direct our paths in this sinful world. Every promise from the LORD is for every child of GOD; you just need to make sure that you are a child of GOD. Every act recorded in HIS HOLY WORD is for a reason and every act is for our knowledge and training, so that we can draw closer to the LORD, live the life that pleases HIM, accomplish our calling and be the gainful servant the HE has called us to be.

Now, you may not be a Joshua that must lead an army of soldiers to conquer the promised land. But you are a child of GOD that must win the battles of your life and be the victorious person HE has created you to be. You may not be called to be a mighty warrior on an actual battle field; leading the troops to fight for the promised land, but you do have battles to fight and to win in your everyday life. And, I might add that you have a job to do for your SAVIOR and LORD and HE expects you to be strong and courageous doing that job and during the battles you are or may face.

First, the don'ts: and this is number one; we are commanded to "Do not turn" and that means that we are not to turn to the right or to the left, or to turn, period. We are not to turn away from seeking HIM. We are not to turn our thoughts, our actions and our energy away from the task that the LORD has put before us. We are to keep our focus, and keep our eyes on the target. We don't jump around, spin around or navigate off course. And, you might be asking, how? Well, we are to stay strong and courageous, and that means a bunch of prayer on our knees and a bunch of study of HIS HOLY WORD!

Next, number two: "Do not let this BOOK OF THE LAW depart from our mouth." Now, that doesn't mean that we are to keep the WORD out of our speech. In fact, it means that the words we speak should be laced with or entirely the WORD OF GOD. We are to mediate (which means in cowboy talk to read and study, and think about the meaning) on the WORD day and night; whenever and wherever we can. We are to keep GOD'S WORD in our heart, our mind and our speech, always.

Number three: "Do not be terrified." Which means don't be scared of the enemy's attacks. They will come, but we have a promise that can certainly handle the problems, which I will discuss after number four.

Number four: "Do not be discouraged." And you are right, that is a big one. It has been said that the victory comes right after the toughest battle, and that seems to be true a bunch. Discouragement is a tough mountain to climb and it is steep, rocky, slick, difficult and hard. It is a shame what those three little letters "dis" do come right before the great word "courage." I mean it sure does change things a bunch. So, when you are facing discouragement; take off the first three letters and spend some major time in prayer and seeking the FACE OF JESUS CHRIST, which will give you "courage."

Now, for the "victory" that is on its way! "Be strong and very courageous!" Cowboy and cowgirls, you are commanded by the LORD to be "strong and courageous." Remember HE has given you this wonderful promise that HE will be with you through it all, no matter what or when. HE has promised to be with you and that mean every battle; even the little skirmishes, and for sure, the great big, knock-down, drag-out battles! HE is very faithful to carry out HIS promise; every time, and in every way.

But, remember you have a part in this promise, too. You must not turn, to the right or the left; because HE is right there with you. You must not forget HIS WORD, because that is where you gain strength and power. You must not be terrified, because how can you be afraid with the LORD right beside of you. So, why should you be discouraged; you have JESUS CHRIST with you, you have HIS promise and you have HIS command. Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

GOD bless you and keep you strong and courageous,

In JESUS NAME, AMEN.



*Dave*





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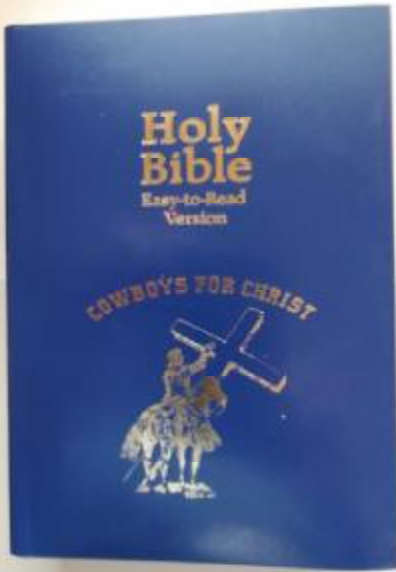
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"Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. My name is Carol Steffler and I am a member of the West Keystone Chapter of Cowboys for Christ in Western Pennsylvania. I have been a member since its beginning. I love the horse world and the people in it. My husband and I were one of the ministry teams from our chapter. On the passing away of my husband I gave up traveling to horse shows and doing services, but I still wanted a way to present the gospel. As Christians we should have one goal, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been looking for different ways to present the gospel to the horse world and the public. Several of us girls had come together to brain storm and pray for ideas, asking the Lord for guidance. Our chapter president, Dale Brennenman, suggested we put together a drill team. Although none of us had ever participated in a drill team, we felt the Lord leading us to proceed. Our chapter is proud to announce the formation of the WK-CFC Ladies Drill Team!

We knew we needed a scripture and a mission statement. Colossians 3:17 is our chapter's key verse: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." We took this verse to heart for our Drill team. But we needed a mission statement. One evening one of the girls texted me "Relentlessly Proclaiming the Word of God From Horseback" - we had our Mission Statement!

"Relentless" means Pursuing, Persistent, Unyielding, Continual. A closer look at these definitions gives meaning to our Mission Statement.

#### **Pursuing:**

Isaiah 40: 31 Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.  
Hebrews 12:1 Run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

To be relentless we can't give up. We run the race marked out for us with passion, pursuing the end goal, spreading the gospel, pointing all to Jesus.

#### **Persistent:**

2 Chronicles 15: 7 Be strong do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.

The enemy can come up against us in all kinds of ways to make you want to give up, stop, and get discouraged. He would like to make us think things are going nowhere. But God says be strong, don't give up. Fix your eyes on Me, listen for my voice and guidance.

#### **Unyielding:**

1 Corinthians 15: 58 Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

We stand firm putting two feet on the ground and not giving up territory the enemy thinks he owns. But God, creator of the universe owns it all. We have to be unyielding in our faith and our commitment.

#### **Continual:**

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season: correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

"You can do it"! What power is unleashed when we declare the Word of God and his faithful promises! Over the last two years our drill team has put on several performances riding to the song "We Will Ride". I love this song and it inspires me every time I hear it. In June of this year we sponsored a horsemanship clinic, Horsemanship 1, 2, 3, with Clinician Evon Montgomery. In putting on the clinic we gave people a way to improve their horsemanship and also present the gospel.

The WKCF C Drill Team uses these Scriptures as our guidelines to proclaim Jesus:  
Isaiah 12: 4-5 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Declare my glorious being to the world.

Paul says in Ephesians 6: 19-20: Pray for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Paul points out that we are ambassadors. An ambassador is an authorized representative or messenger.

Isaiah 12:4-5 Make known among the nations what He has done. Proclaim His name.

The Lord says: Together we will draw others out of darkness into My Marvelous Light.

Micah 6: 8 What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - Where ever I lead. These are the same things we expect of our horse as we ask and train. "To act justly." We are looking for them to perform justly with our leading. This just doesn't happen haphazardly. It comes through trust, and a relationship, training, time spent together. We have the same relationship with our Father. We know what He is asking and expects of us because we have spent time with Him, we have spent time in the word, we know his voice. We have formed a relationship with the Lord just like we have formed a relationship

with our horse.

When I lead my horse Ivy, I expect her to walk beside me in a humble and respectful manner. I ask her to walk step by step with me. Moving in sequence with me, hearing my voice, waiting to see what I am going to ask. She is in tune with me, she knows my voice. Her attention is on me, not drawn to outside sources. Her eyes, ears, and attention are on me.

The Lord is asking us to do the same thing. Have the same relationship with Him, knowing him, his voice, and what he expects of us. The longer we walk in sequence with him the more we know him. If we walk ahead or behind, we are doing our own thing, becoming our own god, making our own decisions. It is a step by step relationship, not ahead and not behind.

There is nothing that we lack. We have been given all the needed resources. This happens through a personal intimate relationship with our Lord. God has given you a mission field right where you are. That field needs, plowed, planted, watered, harvested. You will fit into one of these. We minister by the leading of Holy Spirit. Now go in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, proclaiming his name to wherever he may lead you. John 3:34-36: For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

God Bless,  
Carol Steffler, West Keystone  
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***Middle Georgia Chapter of Cowboys  
for Christ  
(CFC) Report for July, 2019***

On Friday, July 5, our member Glen (Cujo) Todd was at a convenience store when the clerk said she heard he was a preacher. Cujo said he was, and this led to a conversation about the importance of reading God's Word. The clerk said she had a Bible that her grandmother had given her, but it was hard to read. Cujo then shared with her the ministry of CFC, went home, and returned to the store with a CFC Bible for her. Cujo shared the Gospel and got her started reading in the Gospel of John. Cujo then called me to ask for another CFC Bible to have to give to someone in need. Praise God Cujo did not miss this divine opportunity to share God's Word and provide a CFC Bible. How many of us fail to recognize these opportunities to share the Good News?

On Sunday, July 7, we were invited back to speak at two churches, Ellerslie United Methodist Church at 9:30 am and Waverly Hall United Methodist Church at 11am. It is always an honor to receive return invitations. This time we were asked to also do the children's sermon, so we got to compare what a Roman soldier wore to the items a cowboy wears to illustrate the armor of God we can put on each day, as the Apostle Paul taught in Ephesians chapter 6 starting at verse 10. The adult sermon was based on Galatians Chapter 5 verses 22 through 26, which emphasizes living so that we reveal the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit. I was able to share these fruits of the Spirit by telling how my wife's horse had shown them to me by the way he lived his life.

I used this same message at our monthly chapter meeting on Thursday, July 25, after gathering music by Earl Bumgarner, Bob Perkerson, and Jerry Warren, who sang some old Western favorites. After a welcome and announcements, we had a time of prayer and praise for several chapter members' relatives that had been healed since they were prayed for at our last meeting. Jerry Warren recited two great cowboy poems about a horse. Before the message, after several old Gospel songs, Jason Lyle played guitar and sang "O How He Loves Us." After a closing prayer, we dismissed by singing "Happy Trails" followed by an old Irish blessing.

Once again CFC Chaplain Rosalyn Boren, John Boren and Jason Lyle invited our chapter to an evening of fellowship at Wood Creek Church on Friday, July 26, 2019. After a covered dish dinner, those present enjoyed a time of Gospel and contemporary Christian music and singing. Several of our chapter members attended and some played and sang.

Until our next report, may God continue to bless the trails we all ride for CFC.

Chaplain Bob Perkerson,  
Chapter President

***Weekly Report from Central Florida  
Chapter***

By Chaplain David Gillett

The Florida Cowboys for Christ team members have been having problems with flooding in one way or another. In just the last weekend alone 3 events were cancelled due to flooding and one had to be moved to another rodeo arena because of flooding. What a mess! But God is good! Tues: We helped once again with Landmark Baptist foodbank.

Thurs: I had a great time serving as a counselor for Missions Thonotosassa Food Bank. It was a blessing to talk to one gentleman taking him through the Scripture and watch him fall to knees sorrowful in tears and making repentance unto the Lord for salvation. I pray it was sincere and he follows up with a good church in the area.

Fri: We traveled to Nobelton for the Son Coast Chapter Bible Study.

Sat: Me and the family traveled to Indiantown for the NBHA district 5 event. And thanks to Laura McGinis as she and her husband Doug opened up their home to us to have a place to stay this past weekend. (Keep the ministry in your prayers) We are having major problems in our Southeast district. I have one chaplain helping on limited basis and her helper is in the hospital while trying to take care of her 92yr old mother and disabled sister, her own health took a back seat and now she is out indefinitely. Which means I have asked another Chaplain from another area to step up and help and possibly me and my family will have to start living out of a suitcase to cover the needed areas. We will survive, it is only a setback.

Thanks to Pastor Wayne Godwin for filling in at the AFJRA at the Brighten Indian Reservation on Saturday. Sunday, I had the privilege of spending time with Pastor Godwin at Lorida Baptist Church. Sunday Night: We had awesome time speaking with Homeland Baptist about the ministry and preparing to launch a new ministry team. My Hillsborough/Polk Director Tom and I will be spending the 2019/2020 rodeo season working with the Youth department and training them to be rodeo evangelist and sharing the Gospel with the teens their age. The Lord answers prayers in mysterious ways. Pray for these young people as we get started on Aug 30/31

Be praying for us next week; depending on the weather our teams will be in Jasper, Hudson, Lake Pansofkee, Lake Helen, Sarasota, and Jacksonville.

God Bless,  
Chaplain David Gillett



***A Living Memorial***

Death, as Christians understand it, is a change in the form of life; it is not a cessation of life. Those who have been given eternal life in Christ Jesus will spend a few fleeting moments here on this earth. The rest of eternity is spent in the presence of God.

Service in the name of Christ can also live on, even though the servant has gone to his heavenly reward.

A living memorial in the name of a loved one, in the form of contributions, bequests or gifts to the work of Cowboys For Christ, will be acknowledged with a reproduction of the Keith Avery drawing, "A Time For Looking Back". Keith's poem accompanying the drawing, "Checkin' the Back Trail", will also be included with the reproduction of the drawing, in a framable presentation which acknowledges the receipt of the gift.

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## FLORIDA COWBOYS FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

The cowboys and cowgirls of the great state of Florida came together on July 8 to seek the LORD and gain more understanding of the cowboy outreach ministry. Chaplain David Gillett and his very able crew put together a great program for the day with preaching, teaching, fellowship, ordinations and GOD'S WORD. I was so very blessed to share the WORD to kick off the day's activities followed by the ordination of our newest Cowgirl Chaplain, Maria Ford. After a great lunch we went back to more training and demonstrations of ministry opportunities and materials, which included a teaching on prayer and the fine points of praying for riders and their horses. I was then blessed to give a teaching on outreach ministry and go over the book that we have adopted into our Chaplain's training, Organic Outreach. After this training secession I had the wonderful blessing of officiating at the Ordination of our newest cowboy Chaplain, Jell Hucknell.

The next morning I was doubly blessed to preach at RRR Ranch Cowboy Church to a full house and also was honored to be able to bring the trumpet playing talents of my nephew, Tristen Keaton, accompanied with his friend and fellow college class mate Gabby Taylor to a wonderful rendition of Amazing Grace and to end the service with How Great Thou Art. Also, a big thanks to Marci Bissell for sharing her singing talent with beautiful Gospel hymns. I certainly want to tip my hat to Victoria of RRR Ranch for allowing Cowboys For Christ to have the conference there at her beautiful ranch and to also host the Cowboy Church there on the first Sunday of each month. Great things are going on in Florida, please lift them up in prayer as the enemy is sure trying to mess up a great work for the KINGDOM OF GOD. And, don't forget to lift up all of our Chaplains in Florida and around the nation as they truly are on the front lines of taking the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST to cowboys and cowgirls in the livestock world.



*Jeff Hucknell, Dave and Maria Ford*



*Tristen Keaton and Gabby Taylor*



*Barry Bivens and Alan Bivens*

### ***Chaplain Barry Bivens with new Cowboy Chaplain Alan Bivens***

August 11 was the date and Workman's For Christ Cowboy Church was the site of the Ordination of Alan Bivens. The Ordination service was officiated by Alan's brother, Chaplain Barry Bivens, who pastors the Cowboy Church. Congratulations to Alan and please remember him in your prayers as he continues to serve the LORD, and now as a Cowboy Chaplain



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.





# COWBOYS FOR CHRIST

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## My Testimony

By Kristin Allen

Good morning Brother Dave!!

I appreciate your ministry so much. Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. I have now finished my 3<sup>rd</sup> study, and have received my 2<sup>nd</sup> "Christian Ranchman". Your Bible study is very thorough. I love that God's anointing is truly on you and your organization. I instantly felt relaxed, and "at home".

I grew up in a 2-parent home. (I was adopted by those parents at 5 days old). Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade I attended College Heights Christian Academy in Joplin/Webb City, Missouri. My parents are/were (my Mom passed away) the kind of Christians who truly lived their faith. Everyday! Everyway! We were in church every time the doors were open, I became involved in working at the Kansas City Youth for Christ Ranch (Circle-C in Edgerton, KS) during my teenage years. As I became more involved in that ministry, my parents started a chapter of the "Youth for Christ" group for me & my school/church friends. When I was 14, I dedicated my life to full-time Christian service. I knew I was called to the mission field. My friend's brother had just completed a year in Hong Kong and I knew with every ounce of my being that I was called to that life. A couple of summers later, I found myself slipping away. I had lost some friends to suicide and drunk driving. I was starting to make bad relationship choices. A combination of "seeking excitement" and deliberating the memories of past abuse. All the time I could feel God. Hear Him "whispering my name" as they say, and it scared me because my choices were getting worse and worse in the area of relationships, and I just started running. I got married, had a daughter, got divorced. Reunited with a terribly abusive guy from my past. By now church was far behind me. I was in college studying Psychology and I felt the only thing I had time for was "How to fix my boyfriend". Needless to say, life doesn't work that way, and when a family friend came to "rescue" me and help me leave my abuser, a violent fight ensued that ultimately ended in murder. I was 23 and pregnant. Instead of helping my family friend, I stood against him. More afraid of my boyfriend. Scared for the unborn baby. Just cowardly. I'm ashamed to admit fear for myself. Although I wasn't the "cause of death", I cannot claim innocence, as my friend wouldn't have ever been there had he not been coming to my rescue. My town was small and we were both sentenced to life without parole. As soon as we arrived in our assigned prisons, my boyfriend/co-defendant hung himself. After the murder we were "on the run" for 4 terrifying days. On Christmas Eve morning of 1996 my boyfriend led a high-speed chase in which I was shot, and finally jumped out of the car. Not long later I had a miscarriage. My ex-husband left the state with my then 3-year-old daughter. By the time my co-defendant was making deals to avoid the death penalty I had nearly given up.

God was with me all along. He never left. The night before I was shot, my co-defendant OD'd me and tried to dump my body. By the Grace of God, I was still alive. I saw Jesus' hands in my mind's eye when I couldn't draw a breath or feel my heartbeat. He was there to take the weight of it all from me, and the next morning the "run" that started when I was 16 was over. He brought it literally crashing to a halt! I thank God now, every day. For saving my life spiritually, emotionally & physically. I came here when I was 23. Now I'm 45. My daughter will be 25 in September. She was 3 when I last saw her. Seven years ago, my Mom went home to be with the Lord. My Dad brought the DVD of the ceremony to watch with me. They played the song "I Can Only Imagine". My Dad still comes to see me faithfully!

I drive him crazy I'm sure! I call 5 or 6 times a week. Of course, I pray to have a second chance to help my Dad, to be the daughter I wasn't, to find my daughter. To worship with my feet bare and my face in the sun. That's my human self! Twenty-two years ago, my Dad wrote me a letter when I was headed to prison. He said "this may not be the mission field you chose, but it's the one you've got; and so long as you've got, and so long as you're alive there's hope". He was right! The way Dad's are. I'm "freer" now than I ever was. I spend my time striving to be as peaceful and productive as possible. I teach classes full time on the "Impact of Every Crime on Victims" and "Pathways to Change." There's no money in it (\$8.50/month), yet my heart and soul are overflowing. My Heavenly Father owns cattle on a thousand hills. I still miss sunrises, with dew on the grass, birds chirping and a cool breeze on my face. God willing, but truly I pray "Thy will be done".

Anyway, thanks for listening Brother Dave! I pray this actually made it to you, and God willing touched someone on the way. God Bless You!

*Psalm 27:13 "I would have lost heart, had I not believed. I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."*

Much love & peace to ya'll!

Kristin Allen



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