

## COWBOYS FOR CHRIST – WEST KEYSTONE CHAPTER WINTER COWBOY GATHERING at MIRACLE MOUNTAIN RANCH

What a weekend! Miracle Mountain Ranch rolled out the western red carpet for West Keystone Cowboys For Christ on February 21-23, 2020! We welcomed cowboys and cowgirls from six states – Indiana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia! CFC President, Dr. Dave Harvey was present to encourage, speak, and conduct an ordination service. Seven CFC Chaplains attended and three more were ordained at the Gathering. Welcome to the Cowboys For Christ family: Orlin and Kelly Miller (Indiana) and John Duggan (New York). Please pray for these new chaplains!

No one goes away hungry at Miracle Mountain Ranch. The meals were excellent and plentiful! On top of the meals we enjoyed an ice cream social and a surprise birthday party for Chaplain Mike Gentry (what year was that again?). The bunkhouses were warm and cozy and the activities were enjoyed by all. Some went on trail rides, some worked in the



Steve Sellers, Dave, Sheryl Nupp, Orlin Miller, Joel Nupp, Kelly Miller, Dale Brenneman, Karen Burgoon, Mike Gentry & John Duggan

Bert Horrocks.

arena on obstacle courses or drill team maneuvers. Some made their own rope halter and some attended an equine dentistry demo. Some played dominoes till one in the morning! The hayride under a beautiful, clear, star-filled sky topped them all! Ben Freeman, MMR Operations Dept., presented "Message From The Mount" from the back of a long horn steer and inspired us all to be more responsive to God's cues. Many thanks to all the MMR staff and students for their excellence in preparing, serving and executing every detail of retreat.

West Keystone CFC collects donations to provide Scholarships to Summer Camp each year. Names are submitted by children who want to experience Miracle Mountain Ranch. At our Winter Gathering names are drawn according to the amount in our Scholarship Fund. This year we had enough for three children to receive Scholarships! After drawing the names, we headed to another activity, but before we got to the door, we received another donation, enough for one more scholarship, so another name was drawn. Pray for these four children that their camp experience will be life changing.

The teaching sessions at the Gathering were provided by Miracle Mountain Ranch Executive Director Matt Cox. Matt put God's creation into perspective for us. When we realized the immensity of the universe God created for us, we understood that we are barely a speck in that vast miracle, yet God knows us and values us. In fact, He loves us so much that He gave His Son to save us. Matt's teachings always bless us and God has blessed him with a unique ability to communicate God's truth.

Coming away from "the world" for a few days and immersing ourselves in Scripture, prayer and fellowship with believers brought us all to the place mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 17:21 "... the Kingdom of God is in your midst". You could feel it and no one wanted to go home! How amazing to know we are together not just for a weekend, but for eternity.

Faith Brenneman For West Keystone Chapter - Cowboys For Christ



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## WEST KEYSTONE CHAPTER -PENNSYLVANIA DECEMBER REPORT

LIFE LESSONS AT BULLMANIA - West Keystone CFC was invited to Sundance Arena in Fredonia, PA on December 7th for the Bullmania Rodeo. The rodeo had a Christmas theme that night, sponsored by The Greenville Baptist Church. The church members did a great job of ministering to the rodeo community with a Live Nativity, carolers, and passing out gifts and birthday cupcakes for They invited Chaplain Dale Jesus. Brenneman to present an abbreviated version of "Life Lessons on Horseback" (a demonstration of how a horse's relationship and response to it's rider correlates to our relationship and response to God). Dale was able to share with the crowd of 800 people the best gift ever given when God sent Jesus to earth in the form of a baby to live, be crucified, and rise again, so that we may have eternal life. And the reason He did all this was to demonstrate His love for us.

Lori Mitchell organized all the church's activities that night and Doug Brenneman manned the CFC literature table. A special thanks to Gregg and Donna Kennard, owners of Sundance Arena, and to Dave Martin, announcer and long-time rodeo stock contractor for all their help and cooperation.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON HORSEBACK

– On December 14<sup>th</sup> West Keystone CFC hosted Christmas Caroling on Horseback. Although the weather was not the best, we set out in the rain/snow to proclaim the good news of our Savior's birth in our local community. Some rode horseback, others in the back of a pickup.

After caroling we enjoyed a soup supper, devotion, games, and a silent auction to raise money for our Miracle Mountain Ranch Camp Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Carol Steffler and Debbie Lasky for organizing the games and silent auction; to Bruce Badger, our faithful truck driver; and all who help with all our events.

It's amazing the number of people in the community who say throughout the year, "Oh, you're the group that does the caroling on horseback," or "The Christmas season doesn't really get started until we see you all on your horses." When we started this event years ago, we thought it would just be a fun thing to do, not realizing it would mean so much to so many. I encourage you to take whatever gift or ability God has given you and use it for His glory. People will be blessed!

"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." Colossians 3:17

## PONY EXPRESS CHAPTER REPORT

By President Chaplain Matt Wagner

A great big Thank You to all of those that stopped by the Pony Express CFC booth at the 2020 Midland Empire Ag & Rural Lifestyle Show in St. Joseph MO Jan 24th & 25th. Several Bibles, Christian Ranchman, tracts and other ministry materials were distributed over the two-day event, as well as some special prayers and some encouraging words.

This is the 5th year that we have been a part of this show and as always, a major fund raiser for the ministry Bible Fund. Appreciation goes out to all of those that donated to the ministry and allowing us to bless others with a Bible.

Lewis Johnson from Troy KS was the recipient of the Henry rifle and Bernice Clymer from Gardner KS received the framed print. Bernice shared how special it was to win this print because it reminded her of the 4H steer projects that paid for her college education.

Kudos to Mark & Michelle Hinkle and Billy & Sherri Carter for the help at the booth. And "Bring em to me Blue" our Mini Aussie pup helped out as well.







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

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#### Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Your ministry is a blessing to me and I thank God for you. The testimonies are encouraging and the letters you receive are up lifting as they magnify God. Please accept our offering. Would you please send me one of your fullsize Bibles? Thank you and God's blessings. In Christ, Gerald in Kansas

## Cowboys For Christ,

Excuse Me, if it's possible, could I please be given a free Bible? I've been trying to get a Bible in here for the longest time...Then I bump into this info. I just recently changed my religion from muslim to Christianity and would like to get in the Word!

Thank you, Demondre in Texas

#### Dear Dave,

You preached at my church on January 5, 2020, New Hope Baptist Church. You left some Bibles there and I got one of them. It is so much easier to understand. I do a Bible study with my grandson every week and it will help me a lot to understand what it means. I want to thank you for coming and preaching at my church. I really enjoyed it. May God bless you and all of the other for spreading God's Word.

Thank you, Elaine in Missouri

#### Hi.

I read your paper cover to cover. I was a chapter leader on the music team here in north Minnesota in the 90's.

Bless you, Tedi in Minnesota

#### Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Years ago, probably either late 1980's or early 90's, I happened to see Ted Pressley as a guest on the TBN Network. (We aren't "cowboys" in the sense that we rodeo or have cows. We do love them though.) When I saw Ted, I was so impressed by his ministry and testimony of Jesus in his life. I felt the Holy Spirit was the power behind "Cowboys For Christ" to lead others to Jesus. So, back then we sent a donation to the ministry, and continued through the years, off and on. I was sad to hear when he passed away. But he went to the place he preached about...Heaven. And he came face to face with his Savior...Jesus. Thank God for his

life, and Congratulations to CFC on the "50" Anniversary" of getting the Gospel out in all the various ways you do. We have received "The Christian Ranchman" all these years, and I read the articles from various people. The ones from men in prison especially touch my heart. Thank God that you reach out to them, and all the other "lost souls" out in this world. I am glad to see Ted's work carried on by the leadership of Dave Harvey, and others that have a true testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ. That is THE ANSWER for the world today. Enclosed is an Anniversary donation. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others with the Gospel.

God bless. Lauree in Texas

#### Good Afternoon,

My name is Regina and I recently received a Bible from you. I wanted to tell you "Thank You" so much! The Bible you sent has already become a friend to me. This is the first Bible I have picked up and been able to read and understand. I have started using the Bible on a daily basis seeking scripture for comfort and guidance. I am hungry for the love of God and working to better my relationship with Him. I am currently in prison at FMC Carswell Camp and will be leaving in March. I want to know if there are any Cowboys For Christ churches around Tyler, Texas or Wills Point? I want to hit the real world with a place to worship and a church I can serve. Having a church community is key to my sobriety, and key to building healthy relationships in the future. I welcome any information you could send my way. Thank you again for the Bible.

Sincerely, Regina in Texas

#### Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Could you please send this publication to my son? He is going to be 14 years old and loves the Lord and ranch life. Thank you for all you do.

Lisa in Florida

#### Dear Dave,

I need to change my address. I love this ministry. I was a cowboy myself in Amarillo, Tx and I love Cowboys For Christ. I feel the unity in every article I read in your paper. The Holy Spirit is moving.

Ray in Texas



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#### **COWBOYS FOR CHRIST STATEMENT OF POSITION**

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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#### Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I am writing to ask to be added to your mailing list to receive your "Christian Ranchman." Over the years I have seen copies of your paper and have enjoyed them. And I will be interested, later, in contracting chapters in Michigan and Ohio. I have a daughter in each state. I thank you in advance for adding my name to your mailing list. God bless you my friend.

In His Love, Mark in Texas

#### Dear Cowboys For Christ,

This is the first Christian Ranchman I have seen, and I have really enjoyed reading it. I met a man back in the 70's who was a cowboy breaking colts at Stroud, Oklahoma for Frank Gladd. Then a couple years later I met up with him again in the late 70's at Claremore, Oklahoma at a track just outside of town. He was telling me he had become a preacher! I asked him if he was going to be getting a regular church and he explained to me that whenever there was a few or a lot of people gathered would do just fine! That was many years ago, but I still remember meeting my first Cowboy Preacher. I wish I would have taken time to listen to what he tried to tell me; I could have avoided three trips to prison with over twenty wasted. I hope you will put me on the mailing list for the Christian Ranchman, I want to learn more.

Thank You, Charles in Texas

#### Dear Cowboys For Christ,

My name is Cory Willey and I'd like to start by saying thank you so much for everything you do. I can't say I'm a full-fledged cowboy; though I do love riding horses and sleeping by campfires and fishing, hunting and just plain ol' wholesome country livin is the life for me. I am married to my lovely wife of thirteen years and she is my soul mate. We have strayed from our moral beliefs. Well I had and landed me here in KDOC for the next three years and left my wife where I dropped her off with our three pups at her dad's in Oklahoma. Knowing this life of sin was catching up with me I wanted to know she was safe. We both have a history of addiction, but I'm proud to say I'm getting the help I

needed as well as finishing my apprenticeship as a six-year apprentice under a master mechanic in HVAC. I will leave this life behind an return to my now "clean and sober for three months on her own" wife. Whoo who!

The Lord is good and has invested in me with this eye openin experience. It's hard for the two of us to be apart through she is workin and I will be as soon as I'm to a camp where I can be. I've always been a hard worker, I just lost sight of the value of an honest dollar. There is no short cuts in life. Hard work and good country livin is the way for me and I won't be losing sight of that. I'm writing you today in an effort to get my beautiful wife a Bible. She's shy and not real venturous and has only a small pocket Bible to read along with me each day. I would also like to be added to the Christian Ranchman mailing list. Though I prefer to ride a steel horse I love the country life and hope to be added to your mailing list.

Thank you so much for you and everything you do. Once again thanks to all of you for everything you do all across this beautiful countryside of our great nation. Keep up the great work you do.

Sincerely Cory in Kansas



A TIME FOR LODGING BACK

#### A Living Memorial

In Loving Memory of: Corky & Jayson DeGraff From: Ardith DeGraff In Loving Memory of: Ralph & Jane Nupp From: South Mountain Rangers Saddle Club

> In Loving Memory of: Robert Shanowat From: Carolyn Duncan



Did you know that when you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache, when you open it, he collapses, when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, AND when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Do you feel that the LORD has called you to minister in the Cowboys World? Please contact Headquarters and a Chaplain Training Packet can be mailed or emailed to you. GOD bless your service to HIM!

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### COWBOYS FOR CHRIST CONFERENCES

We have had three great conferences so far for 2020

These are the Conferences that we have scheduled coming up for this year

If you are close to any of these, please accept my personal invitation and come out and join us.

#### North Texas March 7, Pilot Point, Texas: Carl Smith 214-957-6111 or Auburn Powers 940-231-4453

South Texas April 4, Blanco, Texas: Ken Nicolas 512-585-9919 or Grant Smith 830-822-6030 or Charles Green 210-300-9582

#### Mid-Atlantic May 16, Ringgold, Ga: Daryl Spaulding 423-664-2880 or TW Lawrence 404-373-9269

#### Florida June 27: David Gillett 813-789-0589

Also, if you feel the HOLY SPIRIT is speaking to you about hosting or you would like to help hosting one in your area, please give me a call, and we will make it happen for the LORD. Just give me a call any time.

Thanks, and GOD bless, Dave

#### Dave,

I have been meaning to write you and tell you thanks for the 3 Bible Studies. I've done them, and I keep them for when I don't have a lot to do, I go through them and just read them. I guess that's why you guys wanted me to keep them. I like reading the Roman, I like all of it. I like (Freedom) Riding Point with Dave. And I might be locked in this prison, but I do have freedom to believe and think. And I do believe Jesus died on that cross so I could be saved, and I try to do the best I can.

Sometimes I cuss and cuss but I pray for help. I pray for God to help me on how I think and sometimes I catch myself because I find I'm asking for too much and not enough time just saying "thank you Lord" for all the little things. Thanks, all the people that write in and tell their stories and testimonies. They really do help me and give me hope.

I would ask for a Bible but I do have 2 Bibles, and I don't want to take away from someone who needs one. But anytime you want to send me something (Bible Study pamphlets, etc.) keep sending them. I like reading the Christian Ranchman. I will send my 3 brothers names and addresses because they would like the Christian Ranchman. I am so thankful for people like you who care for people like me. Thank you. God bless all of you. Pray for me because I'm kinda hard headed and 1 or 2 will probably not be enough.

#### Thank you, Terry Williams

P.S. When I feel down-and-out, I reread these Christian Ranchman and the testimonies help me a lot. Sometimes around this place people point their fingers and you just really don't want to be around them. If they would just look at the hand when they point, they have 3 fingers pointing back at themselves.





## Have you shared His Word lately? Send us your testimony today!

#### **MYETERNAL 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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## 2020 OFF TO A GREAT START THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

We were so blessed to have the Heartland Cowboys For Conference again this year on the first weekend of January. Regional Director Chaplain Matt and his lovely wife Chaplain Melissa Wagner host the conference in their home at St Joseph Missouri and we were blessed with a full house. Matt opened up the day's activity with prayer and after a round of introductions he proceeded to give a very enlightening teaching on our new Chaplain training book, Organic Outreach.

Then I was so honored and blessed to preach the WORD and officiate at the Ordination of

Rosalee Russell, the wife of Chaplain Gary Russell of Bloomfield Iowa. Gary and Rosalee pastor the Farmers and Friends Cowboy Church there in Bloomfield. It is sure a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful ministry that helps cowboys and cowgirls get their focus on serving the LORD where they are called. Chaplain Gary blessed us with his singing talent during the afternoon session, with some wonderful songs that he had written. Then I was greatly honored to give a teaching on following through with your HOLY SPIRIT led ministry and taking the first step to get it done for the KING OF KINGS.



Mike & Judy Twombly, Dave, Rosalee & Gary Russell, Matt & Melissa Wagner, Mike Stephens, Cal Kretsinger



### **Great Lakes Conference**

The third weekend of January 2020 was a great time of fellowship and seeking the LORD in Berlin Ohio. Last year the Conference had to be canceled due to a major snow storm, and we actually had some snow this year, but not enough to stop the cowboys and cowgirls from getting there. Regional Director and Chaplain Mike Gentry along with his lovely wife Sheri host the conference at the Berlin Grand Hotel, which is in the heart of Amish Country. After opening prayer and introductions retired pastor Les Smith gave a very enlightening teaching from GOD'S WORD. To round out the morning session I give a teaching on our Chaplain training book, Organic Outeach. That evening Chaplain Dale Brenneman blessed us with his wonderful singing talent. I was again honored to give a teaching on "First Step" in outreach ministry cowboy style, which was followed by Chaplain Brad Rineholt who continued the evening session

with a great time of Praise and Worship. Chaplain Mike Gentry along with others closed out the evening with a powerful time of prayer.

Sunday morning, I was honored to share GOD'S WORD to complete the activities of the Great Lake Conference. It was truly a blessing and we were blessed to have good weather for everyone traveling back to their homes. January 2020 was sure very productive with the start of two of our eight scheduled conferences for the year. If you are close to any of them, please accept my personal invitation to come out and join us for a great time in the LORD.







## Pray for our country.

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## **Riding Point With Dave Harvey....** CHOOSE CHOSE CHOICE

Moses, the great Law proclaimer declared to the nation of Israel in: Deut. 30:19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

Joshua, Moses's replacement and the great warrior and leader of the Children of Israel into the Promised Land made a powerful statement in: Josh 24:14-15 14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, MASTER, LORD and SAVIOR said in: John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

Cowboys and cowgirls for the most part really want to choose their own horse, or at least try to be the one to pick the one they ride. I lost the urge to just climb on any four-footed equine a bunch of years ago and I sure don't want to start hoping back on top of those I really don't know anything about. I am certainly very cautious of a free horse or a cheap horse, especially if I don't know the background of that horse. I try to take time to introduce myself to a strange horse and spend a little time getting acquainted before I climb aboard and lope off into the sunset. So, some folks may call me choosey, but I don't mind since I am the one that must ride the critter, and I use the term very lovingly.

Now just about everybody is choosey when it comes to picking friends, and for some I mean that in a big way. Now I seem to be able to talk to just about anybody and sometimes I think I talk too much, but I may not be choosing them as a friend. Some folks make friends real fast and some just have a hard time building friendships, especially those that last. For sure, most cowboys and cowgirls can talk about horses with just about anyone at any time, and some great friendships have developed by having that common interest.

For sure most cowboys and cowgirls are very particular about what their horses eat. I mean some folks count the kernels for each horse and make sure that they have at least 20 different supplements for different reasons and needs. Most are sure choosey about their farrier and about their riding equipment; saddles, bridles, bits, blankets, etc. Some will not use a certain type of saddle or bit or saddle pad and some will only use that certain type. But sometimes I feel that the choosey-ness of cowboys and cowgirls is greatly lacking when they get around to choosing their eternal destination. I feel that many just don't realize the fact of eternity and the fact that they do have a choice. But we do have a choice, we are chosen, and we can choose; at least, right now as long as we are living, we can.

The Apostle Paul in Romans very clearly states: Rom 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." So, my understanding of "everyone" really means everyone. The old, the young, the pretty, the not so pretty, and the weak and the tough; which means everybody. Cowboys and cowgirls are certainly included in the everyone. Even JESUS CHRIST in Rev. 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Which means that HE will come into our lives and hearts and direct our daily walk, our actions and be a part of our journey on this earth. HE will also keep us directed towards the HEAVENLY KINGDOM to spend eternity with HIM. But folks we must invite HIM into our lives, into our hearts and we need to recognize HIM as the LORD and MASTER of each aspect of this great trail ride we call life. Our decisions need to be made on our knees, seeking HIM; much more than out of hope so's, want to's, or speculation. We hear the old saying that "prayer changes things" which is certainly true, but not if we don't pray. We sure should be constantly seeking HIM in all of our concerns, our decisions, our work, our play and every aspect of our entire lives.

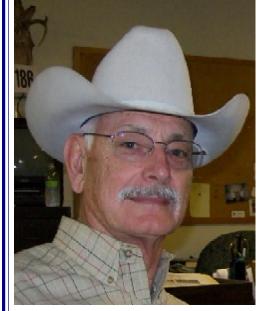
Speaking of choices; JESUS could have chosen to remain in Glory in the Heavenly Kingdom and not come to be born into this sinful world. HE certainly had the choice and HE certainly could have made that choice and all mankind would be totally helpless, condemned and lost for eternity with no way out and no escape. But because of our HEAVENLY FATHER and HIS LOVE, HIS Mercy and HIS Grace, we can be released from the penalty of our sins and we do not have to suffer the eternal death because HIS SON JESUS CHRIST paid the price of our sin debt on the cross. Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. HE not only paid the price, but HE gave us the choice of believing this TRUTH and receiving eternal life or refusing HIS wonderful gift of eternal salvation and being turned away from HIS presence to eternal damnation.

If you have never accepted JESUS CHRIST as your SAVIOR and LORD, please go to the Decisions section of this paper and pray the Prayer Of Salvation and believe this wonderful fact as is so well stated in: Romans 10:13 For whoever calls upon the Name of the LORD will be saved.

In CHRIST,







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## Cowboys For Christ General Store





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## NEEDED HIGH School Rodeo Chaplains

If you are called to serve the Lord in the Rodeo World, there is a great need for High School Rodeo Chaplains. Please contact Dave for info.

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### Middle Georgia Chapter of Cowboys for Christ (CFC) Report for January, 2020

Our monthly chapter meeting was held as usual on the 4th Thursday of the month. In January the date was the 23rd. Our meetings are held in the banquet room at the Oink Joint BBQ Cafe in Zebulon, Georgia. Our gathering music was old Western favorites sung by Earl Bumgarner, Tom Kerlin and Bob Perkerson accompanied by Ron McNeal on keyboard. After a welcome and announcements, Tom Kerlin recited the cowboy poem " The Walking Man". We then had a time of prayer and praise. Bob Perkerson's devotional was titled "Mercy v. Judgement," which focused on passages from the Gospel of Luke showing that Jesus always put the needs of people first. Since Jesus is our example of Holy living, the message to us is clear. We dismissed by singing "Happy Trails" and closed with a blessing from Jude.

On Saturday night, January 25, our member, Glen (Cujo) Todd got a call that his nephew's daughter came in from playing with a temperature of 108 and started having seizures. The 3 year old was immediately rushed to the local hospital, where she flatlined. The local hospital called for a life flight to an Atlanta children's hospital. After she was stabilized in the children's hospital on Sunday, when they tried to take her off life support, she flatlined again. Things did not look good for this little girl. Cujo and his wife immediately interceded in prayer for this child, claiming God's promises of healing, and asking that she be healed as was the centurion's servant, since they were in Thomaston, GA and the little girl was in the hospital in Atlanta over 70 miles away. Within 15 minutes of their prayer, things began to improve. The doctors could not explain what was happening. Monday afternoon the little girl went home with no issues. What a miracle and an example answered prayer. Praise GOD!

During the month, Cujo also provided a CFC Bible to a hunting buddy, who said he just could not understand his King James version of the Bible. In addition, when Cujo's granddaughter came over to his home and saw him studying the scriptures, she asked him how many pages of the Bible he had read. Cujo said to her all of them. He then asked her how many pages she had read in her Bible. The granddaughter said none, because she did not have a Bible of her own. Cujo immediately gave her his CFC Bible. Cujo had thought all of his grandchildren had a Bible. The message for all of us is that we need to simply ask those we come into contact with if they have a Bible. If not thank the LORD, we have CFC Bibles to put the Word of GOD in their hands so they can store the Word in their hearts.

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

Bob Perkerson, Chapter President



Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I have been receiving your newsletter for a little less than a year now, and I have been inspired by all the brave people who have shared their testimony so I've decided to share mine.

My name is Chad and I'm my mother's middle child. When I was born my mother was addicted to drugs so almost right away. I was taken from her by the state. After a year of hard work, she got me back a week or so before Christmas. Growing up I was raised by my mother and my step dad who both very much cared for me. My biological father didn't want anything to do with me and as a child that really was hard for me. My older brother, my sister, and I were raised in one of the toughest cities in Massachusetts and because of that at a very young age I started getting into a lot of trouble. By the time I finally graduated from middle school I had stayed back a grade and had been kicked out of seven different schools.

While in middle school I was being abused by a neighbor across the street, and I dare not tell anyone in fear I could get in trouble. Shortly after that I started using drugs to cope with the feelings I was having. With drugs came more trouble and by the time I turned 18 years old I had been arrested 6 times and spent close to a year in a youth detention facility. Once I turned 18, I started using harder drugs. Not only that, but I also started sleeping with older men of the same sex so that I could feel wanted. Then I found a good job making good money and life seemed to be getting better. I met the love of my life, got married, and had a beautiful step daughter and a daughter of my very own.

Just when I thought my life couldn't get any better my whole world came crashing down. I got arrested and lost my wife, daughters, and everything I have ever owned. Now I've been behind bars for over two years and I have 22 1/2 more to go. As you can imagine I was crushed and so lost. The first month I was behind bars I tried hanging myself in my cell. When I woke up, I was on the floor of my cell with a busted head and bruised knee. Somehow the sheet I was using ripped, and I truly believe God had something to do with it.

I laid on that floor crying for hours, wondering how I was going to make it through this. Finally, I got on my knees and cried out to God "save me and help me through this." From that day on I have handed my life over to God and whatever His will is for me. I'm enrolled in 12 different Bible study classes through the mail, I run a weekly pod Bible study, and I spend as much time with God in His Word as I can.

I didn't just tell you this story to brag or to gain pity. I told you this story because even behind bars I now feel freer than I have in my entire life. I know God has a plan for me just like he has for you, and if it's in God's will I know some day I will gain a relationship with my children again, but not on my time, but on God's. I truly believe God saved my life so now I'm going to use my life to bring others to God so He can save them too. For anyone who reads this, know God loves you and you too can be free no matter where you are.



Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you so much for the newspaper and the Bible Study. I have finished the Bible Study and thoroughly enjoyed it. I look forward to see your ministry continue to grow and to maybe one day soon be involved or at least come speak at camps or church, wherever the Good Father leads and opportunities open. Thank you again and may God bless this ministry over and over as we all journey toward a common goal. If there are other studies, I'd gladly give them a try. In the precious Name of Jesus may His peace and love be with you all,

Tobin in Minnesota





#### 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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### Testimony of Eric Uhls, AKA "Cowboy"

My name is Eric Uhls. I'm a fifty-one-yearold retired Rodeo cowboy. My childhood was as normal as it could be for a kid with no father, a mother who battled alcoholism and depression, and who was raised by his grandparents. We lived on a small farm in Central Indiana and lived off the land with hunting, fishing, and lots of hard work. My grandmother was the sweetest lady that I have ever met, and she never met a stranger. My grandfather was a good man who believed in working hard and handing out many chores to do. However, when he drank, he had a mean streak. We got along fine while I was a child, working, hunting, and fishing together with him listening to my stories of someday being a Rodeo Cowboy.

The problem is that my childhood ended when I was nine years old with a phone call from my mom. She was drunk, depressed, and wanted to talk to me but my grandmother wouldn't wake me because it was late. I woke up to the commotion on the phone and just as I picked up the other line, I heard a gunshot. My mother took her life, and that was the end of my childhood. I know my family meant well, but for the next few years my life was full of broken promises; one after another promising to take me into their families when all I wanted was for things to be like it used to be.

Something happened to me and I became full of hate, bitterness, and resentment. My relationship with my grandparents was never the same. I became very dark, isolating myself for hours and sometimes days in my room. I was so rebellious that my grandfather had no choice but to discipline me the only way he knew how; which was either in the form of beating with a fist, switch, or a whip. I will say that most of them I deserved.

I was fourteen when I left home the first time, chasing the dream of being a cowboy. I ended up working for a Wild West show and Rodeo, living like a Carney on the fair circuit. I was way too young and small to be on my own, and while hitchhiking that year, I was raped by a truckdriver. This fed my lack of trust and my anger, but I never let it stop me. I would come home in the Fall and fulfill the promise made to my grandfather to finish school, leaving again in the Spring.

I loved being on the road and riding bareback horses and bulls. The road became my escape. I had no idea how to find what I was looking for at that time in my life, so what I found was meth. I'm fifteen years old, angry, bitter, feeling rejected and the only thing that I found to kill my pain was drugs. I continued on this path of destruction for the next few years, and then after some surgeries became addicted to Demerol and Morphine. I spiraled out of control for the next few years, chasing my dream of being a champion. I would do speed to wake up so I could ride, then take pain killers to kill the pain. And of course, like my mother, and my grandfather, alcohol became a factor also.

I ended up being just like them. I was a mean drunk, full of hate, and I had no problem showing it. The void in my life was never going to be filled with drugs or alcohol, and I knew nothing of God or Jesus; other than cowboys praying before they would ride. The same cowboy that would be in the bar chasing tail after the Rodeo, so in my eyes, they were a joke. I persecuted and made fun of them and their God.

I believe it was 1981 and I was twenty-one years old. I had been competing on the circuit riding bucking horses and bulls that year. I was riding with a lot of injuries that season, so I decided to enter a Rodeo at Davey, Florida, and win, lose, or draw, I was going to take some time off to heal up.

I remember her well. After being thrown off, stomped, and dragged around, I found her standing in the crowd staring at me with her big blue eyes and blond hair. Her name was Jennifer, but I called her Jen. She was a dancer and loved the drug cocaine, and to be honest, I would snort, smoke, or ingest anything that would kill my pain and make me forget the past. She had unlimited access to this drug, and turned me on to freebasing.

About one year later, and fifty pounds lighter, I was forced to leave my source to this drug that I loved so much. I couldn't work and had no money to support my drug habits. So, after trying my hand at a few robberies, and other stupid things, there I lay under a pier in DT's with the homeless. This was the last thing I remember until being kicked in the side and awakened.

As I began to move, I realized that I couldn't open my eyes and I felt something moving in my nose and mouth. Flies had begun to work on me and I had maggots in my mouth and nose. The man who kicked me was a longhaired fellow, and he explained to me that he checked for bodies under the piers and tried to help the homeless. He cleaned me up and bought me breakfast. His advice to me was to go back up North where people cared about me. This made sense to me, so off I went hitchhiking to Indiana. I was jonesing for some cocaine and in DT's and withdrawal from the Morphine. I found myself under another bridge on the interstate close to Lakeland, Florida. The only thing left of my past was my rodeo gear bag and a cowboy hat, and of course the pain. I remember thinking that I was afraid to fall asleep because I might die. Then I heard brakes squealing and a young kid, with a cowboy hat, backed up to me. He asked if I was a cowboy and needed help, to which I answered, "Not much of a cowboy, I need a fix".

He took me to his step-dad's church. His name was Mikey, and his step-dad's name was Paul. Paul asked me a very important question that day. He asked if "I believed that God could heal me and make me whole again?" As I studied the question, it came to me that if God could create the heavens and the earth, He could surely fix me. I spoke those words and was instantly healed. He led me through the sinner's prayer and I accepted Jesus into my heart that day. Hallelujah! Ain't it funny how God's blessings are there for the taking? But, in my case, without someone being obedient to God's word and showing compassion to others, I might have died under a bridge that year. But instead, He met me just as I was and sent me three angels.

Paul's church was part of Shambock Ministries, so over the next year my faith grew and I began to learn that God loved me and that there was wonder working power in the blood of Jesus. While I lived in Lakeland and was surrounded by a group of believers, I was just fine. However, when I returned to Indiana I fell under condemnation and persecution, and even though I fully intended to do the will of God, Satan had too much fuel. The pain returned in my life and I began self-medicating again. This time it was marijuana, speed, and pain pills. I stayed high and began drinking again. My life seemed to be like a movie that never ended. No beginning and no end.

I had spurts of happiness over the next several years, moving from church to church and even from state to state, trying to forget my childhood and find peace. I was still competing on the Rodeo circuit and working on ranches and farms throughout the years, but something was missing. I began to believe that I needed to get married and settle down. I had two failed marriages and wasn't much of a dad either. I wanted to do the right thing but couldn't seem to love them properly. I had a mean streak just like my grandfather and couldn't show anyone love or trust in their love



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#### Testimony of Eric Uhls, AKA "Cowboy" (Cont. from Pg. 12)

for me. God never left me and through all this, He healed me of a broken back. It was a miracle in my life that I will never forget. I will always give Him praise. He's an awesome God.

I returned to my old lifestyle once again, and this time it was worse than ever. I not only began to use meth again, but this time I began to manufacture the drug, and in 2003, after violating probation and being on the run, I was involved in a chase which ended with me running into a house to hide. When forced with the situation of going to prison, I drew a gun and decided to let the police shoot me. They fired fourteen shots at me and I was only hit by a ricocheting bullet which did not harm me. I was found guilty of twelve felonies including two attempted murders, even though I never shot anyone. I was suicidal, not homicidal. I was then sentenced to one-hundred three years and sent to Indiana State Prison.

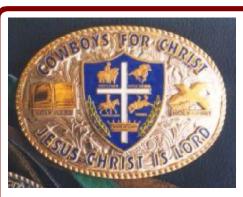
I became very bitter and mad at myself. It seemed to me that I had failed at everything; even my suicide. I wanted nothing to do with God at the time so I joined the Native American Heritage. I turned my back on God, but never forgot what I had experienced and the love I felt in Christ Jesus. The next two years were terrible. I was diagnosed with Prostate cancer but never had a biopsy. I believed the report and accepted this curse. I lost about fifty pounds and was weakening.

I received a visit from my Aunt and my daughters one day and was reminded by them of all that God had done for me. Out of the mouth of babes came wisdom and strength. When I returned to my cell I cried out to God and repented for my disobedience and rededicated my life to Christ. From that day, I found the will to live and began to thank God for my healing. I spoke healing and broke the curse of cancer in my life. Victory was mine and I took it.

Over the next few years, I began to submit to God and resisted the devil. He began a great work in me in all my areas of life. I went to a Kairos retreat in 2008 and did something that changed my life. I forgave my mom, my grandfather, and everyone who had hurt me. I asked God to forgive me for my unforgiveness and He healed my heart. A load was lifted off me and I began to feel love for everyone. I started a greeting ministry at my church to share God's love with everyone else. This year God blessed me with the opportunity to be in leadership and share His Word, Love, and testimonies with the men in this prison. God used the most unlikely of men. He took a broken, hurt, angry man, and is now using him for His glory. He can use you too, Hallelujah!

Written with love, your brother in Christ, Eric W. Uhls





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