

The Christian Ranchman

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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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FLORIDA 2020 CONFERENCE

The Sunshine state is going strong for the LORD and the evidence was sure there at the second annual Cowboys For Christ Florida Conference. Chaplain David Gillett, his wife Christy and his army of Chaplains and volunteers have certainly been hard at work sharing the Gospel to cowboys and cowgirls all across the state. As in most states there was a slowdown with postponed horse and cowboy activities for a couple months, but that has changed for Florida and they are definitely up and running now. Chaplain David has reached out to attract those who want to serve the LORD in the cowboy world and he has been able to put together a great team of committed workers. That hard work has certainly paid off with a bunch of dedicated teams that not only wants to serve the LORD, but they want to please HIM, too, which has greatly increased the opportunities as more and more doors are open to minister.

These conferences are such a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching, preaching, testimonies, sharing and learning, and even though it is only the second one for Florida it was certainly a major success. It was definitely a joy to work with them to help them sharpen their skills to be more effective for

the KINGDOM OF GOD as they go and as they share the Gospel. All of GOD'S children should be active in reaching out to the lost and to those searching for the TRJTH during these difficult times we are now facing in this nation. And with Chaplain's David leadership and commitment the Florida teams are equipped and ready to go and serve the LORD in the Florida cowboy world. All of their efforts have certainly resulted in major opportunity to preach, teach and share JESUS CHRIST. It was an honor and I was so very blessed to preach and officiate at the Ordination of two new Florida Chaplains; Billy Gecks and Wayne Walker. They both are ready and able to touch many lives for JESUS CHRIST in their areas as they go to minister.

A great big Cowboys For Christ "thank you" goes out to Durant Baptist Church of Plant City Florida for hosting the Conference and to the many who worked hard to make it a major success. Please keep the Florida teams and all of our hard riding Chaplains in your prayers for safety and that they will produce fruit for the KINGDOM as they ride for the LORD in the cowboy world.



Billy Gecks, Dave and Wayne Walker



David Gillett, Carmen Romanowski-long time CFC member and Dave

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2020 Heartland Gathering

The 16th annual Heartland Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls Gathering took place May 23rd-30th, 2020. A week filled with fellowship during trail rides, wagon trains, float trip, food, worship, prayer, Bible studies, outdoor movie, horse activities and more fellowship. It was great to see many new faces as well as the many fellow brothers and sisters in Christ that have been attending for years. We felt very blessed to be able to have the gathering this year with the virus restrictions beginning to be lifted. Two weeks following the stay at home orders, we had a planning meeting via conference call, not knowing if restrictions would be lifted by the end of May. We proceeded to plan, prepare and pray. We prayed for guidance and direction to make the appropriate decisions, to help us prepare for the event, as well as preparing the hearts and minds for all of the teachers, leaders and attendees. As restrictions began being lifted, with a few modifications to the schedule and the procedures of some of the activities, we were able to still have the event. Praise the Lord! We continued to Pray, Pray, Pray. We Prayed our way to it and Prayed our way through it, standing on God's promises of Psalms 91. How wonderful it was to be able to come together in the name of Jesus! Many had not been able to attend worship service in person in over 2 months, or any event where they could fellowship with others.

The Sunday Morning Worship was done by the youth this year, and it is very encouraging to see how some of this younger generation has a heart for Jesus, how they know God's word, and are willing to share this with others. Late Friday afternoon we were honored to drive Grace and her family in the horse drawn wagon to the river. When Grace came out of the river from her baptism she had been transformed from the quiet and shy young lady we had witnessed all week, to a new glow. The Punches Family came on Friday night to share their ministry of Gospel music, and what a treat that was for all that attended. It was a very special week for the Flowers/Farmer family to have 4 generations present this year.

A very big THANK YOU to all of those that helped plan, the many volunteers that helped in so many ways, to all of the teachers, leaders, dedicated prayer warriors and Laughlin family (4J-Big Piney Horse Camp). We couldn't have done it without ya'll.

Chaplains Matt & Melissa Wagner



Youth Praying before service



Float Trip Heartland 2020

CHAPLAIN JOEL NUPP – THE CROSS

Well

Back in 2013 when our ministry was really taking off with Cowboy Church. I was feeling the call. I was at Howard County Fairgrounds. Preparing to preach at the rodeo. There in one of the buildings with all these booths. Free tub and shower. Free water tests. Real estate agents. Off to the side was a Baptist church booth. Inviting people to join, Attend. On the table were these little children's crosses. Plastic. Plain. 100s of them. I was drawn to this tiny little cross, red. I picked it up. Put it on. Never took it off. August 2013. Never took it off. Ever. Saturday night the string broke. Oh, it had broken a few times over the years, I always tied it back up. Right away. I could feel it.

Sunday, I rode 6 hours up in the mountains. Trails over all kinds of terrain. I had put a brand-new string on. Kite string. Hey, it was not the same string I thought, but it's the same cross. 4 hours into the ride I had this terrible feeling. I felt under my shirt. Couldn't feel the cross. It's ok I thought. It's broken before. I'll

find it. When I finally got off, there was the string, laying on the side of the saddle. No cross.

I tried to put it out of my mind. Couldn't. It was just a tiny little kid cross I told myself. Quit worrying about it. I told my wife when I got home. I'm just sick I said. I lost my cross. My wife went up to the top of the barn that night in her pjs. There was our cowboy church stuff. She knew I was upset. She showed me a handful of the same types of crosses. The ones we bought for the kids at cowboy church. Here she said in glee. I found lots of them. It's not my cross I cried out in humility. I thought of all the things I had gone through, with that tiny little cross. The sermons, the funerals, the joys of my grandchildren's births. The loss of my parents. I had it on when I got ordained. It was on that time my marriage was on the rocks. When they prayed for me at men's group. All the while that tiny little cross was there. With me. Giving me strength. Giving me courage. Guiding my steps.

I woke up this morning. Almost without thinking...almost like there was something guiding me.....to pick out another cross. I did. Another red one. Not the same. Different plastic. But it signified the same thing. I guess after all it wasn't the little child's cross that kept me safe at all. It was the childlike faith. It was the obedience and knowledge of something more. It was the maker of the cross. It was Christ Himself.

I'm 62 years old this year. I've had some real struggles in my life. Crippling. But I pray I never lose that childlike faith. That knowledge that Christ is always with me. This cross I have is different.....its exactly the same.

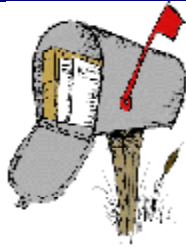
Thank you, Lord. For always watching over me. Thank you



THE CROSS



Letters To The Editor!



Dear Cowboys For Christ

I absolutely love the Bible y'all sent me! Already had somebody wanting one. Thank y'all so much.

Kimberly in North Carolina

Thank You CFC,

I was in the dark all my life. I've seen the light after many years of turmoil in my life. I would avoid the Bible at all cost till I hit bottom. Finding pieces of a CFC Bible in a cell, I read it. From that time on I changed in my heart. I ran across your address a few months later and requested a Bible. This was in 2012, and from that time on I've study it, and stood on the Word to get me through. From that time on I've worn that Bible out from studying with others. In this letter I am requesting, if I may receive a "new one" as this one is held together by God. It's in poor shape due to shakedowns and transfers. I am soon to be released and I am requesting any other kinds of Christian help offered. Also, could you send my wife a CFC Bible, she's also in prison.

Your brother in Christ,
Johnny in Texas

Brother Dave,

Nice to talk with you on the phone this morning concerning something we can print about your founder, Ted Pressley in our next issue of the "Wagon Way" publication. Ted started sending the Christian Ranchman to us many years ago. I know our readers will enjoy the story about Bro. Ted and his longhorn steer he rode. For sure many of our readers may know about the Christian Ranchman, but will find his story interesting. The people search for answers to the world's problems and we both know it can be found in the Bible, God's Word. Bro. Dave, you folks have done a tremendous job keeping the message going to those that need to hear and enjoy hearing of Jesus Christ, who came to give us life and life more abundant; they see and read it through your publication. After all of the years receiving the Christian Ranchman at no charge, I have enclosed my contribution to help with the expenses. Take care and God bless.

George Uppling-publisher of the Wagon
Way in Indiana

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the Bible study. I found them very helpful and I have finished all 3 of them. If you have any more, that would be great. The "Invitation To A Friend" poem is very nice. One day we all will meet and get to watch the fish cross branded stock roam the planes. Thank you for the blessing of the Bible and Bible Study! Again, thank you.

Robert in Texas

Dear Christian Ranchman,

Thank you for so many years of faith building, praise worthy, Kingdom filling, good news. On more than one occasion the stories in the Christian Ranchman have pulled me out of a depression. Prison has a lot of negative minded men that feed on the suffering of others. Reading the Christian Ranchman helps to take my mind off of that and makes me feel like a part of your family. Keep up the great work! What you're doing matters. Sometimes it takes a lot of seeds to grow a beautiful lawn. God bless all of you.

Justin in Florida

Hello,

My name is Ronald and I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I would like to be added to the prayer list and would like to receive study info and guides on Cowboys For Christ along with a Cowboys For Christ Bible to help with my new life with Jesus as my Trail Boss. Thanks, you very much.

God bless, Ronald in Texas

Cowboys For Christ,

I have prayed the prayer and accepted Christ as my Savior. Can you please add me to the Christian Ranchman mail list and your prayer list? Can you please send me a Bible Study and a Bible? I don't have a Bible. Thank you very much, have a blessed day, respectfully, prayerfully.

Wren in Florida

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you so much for the new Bible, I put it to good use this weekend. I did the Bible studies that ya'll sent me from Friday the 13th to Sunday 15th with nothing else to do, it took up my time. It's been a lot of years that I've gone from one end of the Bible to the other. The son of a Baptist pastor that broke down the gate and went astray. It felt good to get back in it, once again. I have finished the Bible study and thank you so much for the Bible. God bless you and Cowboys For Christ.

Randy in Texas

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

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



2020 Cowboys For Christ

Letters To The Editor

(Cont. from Pg. 3)

Dear Brother Dave,

Keep the blessings going! I hope you and yours are well. We are refusing to panic, no matter how hard the Marxist Media tries to force it. Our Lord says to, "not be afraid of the pestilence that comes at night nor the arrows that fly by day!" We've learned that a little wisdom and a whole lot of praise brings safety and joy. God greatly bless you and your work.

Tom and Bonnie in Nebraska

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to express my thanks to you for producing an easy to read and understand Bible. Thank you. It is the first one I have been able to read front to back without getting frustrated or side tracked. Thank you again for your work. The copy I have is worn out and falling apart. The bonding has deteriorated and is falling apart. Is there any way I could receive another copy? I am incarcerated and don't have a way of purchasing a new one. Any other material that you may recommend would be very appreciated. The one I have is Cowboys For Christ Easy To Read version.

Thank you in advance, Edgar in Texas

Dear Christian Ranchman and Cowboys For Christ,

Please change my address. To tell you the truth, I'm not much of a cowboy, but I'm 100% for my Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. My old knees are bent and my mouth confesses each day; the King of Kings & Lord of Lords. And may the Lord continue to bless Cowboys For Christ and all you do to exalt His Kingdom. Love that paper. Also, I have a wonderful Christian friend who would love to be on your mailing list. If you please put her on your list, she is 94 years young & loves the Lord.

Sincerely yours, always in Christ, F S in Texas

Dear Sir or Madame,

I wanted to write and thank you for sending me the cowboy Bible. Also, the Bible studies included were fun and educational. If there are any others please feel free to send them. But the ones I have received are complete.

Thank you & God bless, Gilbert in Texas

LETTERS FROM DON BEWLEY

4-4-20

Cowboys For Christ,

Hello and praying for the ministry in general, as well as, a hedge of protection from this new virus. Thank you for sending the Bible I requested plus the 3 Bible studies. In fact, we are on 2-week lockdown here at FCI Bastrop due to the virus and I am doing the 1st study. It fits like a cowboy's hand in a leather glove. I'm a farmer/rancher from Era, Texas. Just finished the section dealing with God's plan for healing the body which covers "disease." If possible, please send me another Bible as I gave the one you just sent me to a new believer in Christ. My thinking is when we witness to someone and the seed is planted a Bible is the #1 tool. Thanks again and hope to hear from ya'll.

Peace, Don

5-6-20

Cowboys For Christ,

Earlier today I got an envelope out and addressed it to Cowboys For Christ. I wanted to let you all know I'd finished the first 3 Bibles Studies and tell you thanks, again. Decided to finish a letter to my daughter Janet first. Then before I got to this letter, we had mail call or delivery as we are on lockdown due to covid-19. Well, hello from you to me. I received the Bible and Bible studies and the Christian Ranchman I'd wrote and ask if you all would send to me so I may give to a new believer. His name is Lynn, but he goes by Tatter. He's in his mid-50's and just got to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior a few months ago. So, praise God, thanks goes out to all contributors, helpers, etc. of Cowboys For Christ. I'll be praying for everyone. I'll also be trying to rope us another for Christ. Soon as I got one hooked as fishing for man Jesus style, I'll be in touch for them a Bible or help them write. Hope that okay?

Don in Texas



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My Personal Testimony

By Don Barthold

I was raised in a small farming and ranch community in North Texas. As a kid growing up, we always attended church on Sundays and Wednesdays, Vacation Bible School in the summers, spent a lot of time after school and summers at my grandparents' farm. We would feed the cows, ride our horses, plow the fields, help my grandmother in the gardens, haul hay, and drive my grandfather's grain trucks while grandfather was combining in the grain fields.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior at about 14 years of age. Everything in life seemed so good; family and friends, etc. Then my mom and dad decided to divorce. I felt so lost and thought what could I have done better for dad not to leave us. All the guilt a kid feels when his parents' divorce.

We moved to a larger city, away from our country home. All my friends were gone. I'm in a school 10 times bigger than my country school. I didn't fit in with the cool guys. I started doing some drinking, later drugs, then quit the church for the most part. I would go occasionally, but wasn't living right and I knew it. I dropped out of school, later got a GED, then some college, then was hired with the largest investment bank on Wall Street as a stockbroker. I was very successful at that, God blessed me, and I was living right. I had a great wife and two wonderful step-children.

Then I started using drugs again. I became a drug trafficker. I was a pilot and I used my skill for illegal drug transport. I went to prison, got out, and attended church again. I rededicated my life to Christ, married, and had my first child at the age of 40. I had a wonderful son. I started using drugs again, drinking, divorced, and lost my business, and I quit serving the Lord. Back in prison again. After years of looking at what God is wanting to do in my life and I keep getting in His way. Finally, I did a complete surrender of my life to Christ. Nothing else is more important.

God first, family second, career third. I had it all backwards. Now God has blessed me with the ability to serve others, witness, and I have the best relationship with my kids and my brothers than ever before. By letting go and letting God sort out my mess and trusting in Him, life is great again. I have a great job. I work for a great company. I have a wonderful relationship with my family and friends.

I have past experience in the horse industry. I had cutting horses years ago, with many friends in the equine industry. I'm a

farrier too, for a hobby, and a former bull rider when I was in High School. God first; serving others, and I have problems from time to time, but they aren't big problems, because I have a big God on my side again. I'm really looking forward to serving as a Cowboy Chaplain in the livestock and equine industry.

In Christ's Service,
H. Don Barthold



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

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.

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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A Lesson From A Horseshoe Nail

By Chaplain Dale Brenneman

Many of you have held a horse while the farrier reset its shoes. Some of you may even have had occasion to tack a shoe on every so often. In either case the procedure is the same. First the horse's hoof is prepared to receive the shoe. Next, the shoe is shaped to fit the hoof, bending it so the nail holes in the shoe line up with the white line of the hoof. Everything is now ready to begin the nailing process.

Like every other nail the horseshoe nail has a head on one end and a point on the other. However, the horseshoe nail is unique in that the backside of the nail is flat. There is a trademark on the front of the nail's head; the trademark identifies what brand of nail is being used and it enables the farrier to tell which way the nail is facing just by feel. This is important because the work of shoeing a horse is sometimes done in dimly lit barns and if the nail isn't positioned properly the horse could be injured. The pointed end of the nail, as was stated before, is flat on the backside. The front, however, is beveled to a very sharp point. As the nail is being driven it bends in the direction of the bevel enabling the nail to come through the hoof wall to be cut off and clinched.

If you pay close attention while the shoe is being nailed you will notice the farrier give the nail a couple lighter taps just to get it started, then heavier blows which causes the nail to bend and come out of the hoof wall safely and securely.

This article is being written for those of us whose trademark is the cross. And because of the trademark we feel people should be able to tell our "position" (what we stand for and who we represent), even in a dimly lit world. (II John 5-6)

Just like the horseshoe nail, when the pressure of heavy blows (trials, heartaches, challenges, crisis) are applied to our lives we will turn in the direction we are already bent. That is why it is so important to be focused on the Lord Jesus and His Word (Heb 12:2) before the pressure of troubles and trials come. Ephesians 6:13-14a states, "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when (not if) the day of evil comes you will be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand. Stand firm then..." If we are focused on the Lord, His truth, His principles, His promises, before the day of evil comes; when it does come, we will be able to

stand in faith and not give way to the fear, panic, anxiety, and depression that desires to overtake the world.

Finally, there are times when the farrier is driving the nail, he realizes it is not reacting to the hammer blows properly, not yielding and coming through the hoof wall in the proper location. He will then pull the nail, place the point between the claws of his hammer and bend it a little more in the direction he wants it to go. If we find ourselves in the middle of a trial, pressure being applied to our lives, and we are being drawn to fear and worldly responses it is never too late to stop, turn to the Lord, seek His will, His grace, His peace. James 4: 7-8 says, "Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you." God desires our closeness. Only in that closeness can we find true hope, comfort, joy, and peace.

"Lord, Help us stay bent toward You! Amen"



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Riding Point With Dave Harvey....

WHY COWBOYS FOR CHRIST

Mark 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Why Cowboys For Christ? I feel sure that Brother Ted asked himself that question many times the first few years after having starting Cowboys For Christ in 1970. Those first years just had to be tough on him and his family. He was certainly a pioneer in the cowboy ministry, and pioneers are generally not traveling downhill that much. In fact, I suspect that it was usually uphill most of the time and probably a steep climb, too. I figure there were many times that he had to eat dust, ride alone, while being pulled in one direction when he knew the HOLY SPIRIT was leading him in another. For sure he was sharing the Gospel and seeking the lost, because that is what Brother Ted did best and he did it a bunch.

I have said many, many times to many cowboys and cowgirls that it would be worth the drive to hear him preach, even if it was 500 miles. He could proclaim the Gospel in a way that very few could and probably nobody else in the cowboy world. He had a knack of getting right down and touching hearts in a mighty way with just plain old cowboy preaching; of which he was a master. He preached the TRUTH of JESUS CHRIST and I am sure that no one could ever doubt that they had hear that TRUTH when they were in front of him as he spoke. Now, I'm not saying that he was quick at declaring the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, because by the same token, there is no one that could say that Brother Ted was a short sermon preacher. HE certainly has a MIGHTY SAVIOR and most of the time he took a mighty long time in sharing the saving message of the SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, wherever and whenever he had the opportunity.

I certainly cherish the many times we had ministering together and I know that there are many reading this, as well as many that are with him in Heaven that feel the same way. I really doubt that he ever thought that Cowboys For Christ would grow to the national and international level that it has over the years; all through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, of course. Not that he or anyone in leadership of Cowboys For Christ ever doubted the HOLY SPIRIT, but probably all had doubts at times, especially when the trails got steep and rocky. But, certainly the HOLY SPIRIT has been with each and every one that has saddled up to ride the trails of this ministry and especially all of the faithful and hard riding cowboys and cowgirls that have rode the miles, ate the dust, tracked through the mud, lost hours of sleep and made the sacrifices to make it happen for the LORD.

I got a note from Mary, Brother Ted's wife and mother of his children (Russ, Angie and Richelle) recently and she said that she remembers her and Ted working on the first few issues of the Christian Ranchman on their kitchen table. Cowboys For Christ has published this wonderful Gospel testifying little paper since 1976, and it was sent out monthly until 2008 when we went to every other month for a couple different reasons. Through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT and the blessings of the LORD the Christian Ranchman has always been mailed and distributed complete free of charge to any and all. And again, through the blessings of the LORD and faithful givers to this ministry we are now printing 24,000 copies each issue, actually 25,000 for the last year but we cut it back a thousand because of the cancelled events over the last few months. We will certainly step it back up and maybe increase it another thousand before the end of the year, which would be 26,000 going to all over the nation.

Cowboys For Christ has always supplied ministry materials completely free of charge to anyone that could use them and especially to our many Chaplains, chapter leadership and workers for the LORD throughout the livestock industry. In fact, as most of you folks know we had a major fundraiser over the last 4 or 5 years and we had 15,000 Cowboys For Christ ERV Bibles printed and we are giving them away free to any and all that need a Bible. Over the last 7- or 8-years Cowboys For Christ has provide prisoners with a free Bible and Bible Studies, except when we ran out before we got the new ones printed. We have also worked hard to get names and addresses of prisoners' children and we send them a Bible and the Bible Studies, too. And of course, we add each to the free mailing of the Christian Ranchman, which give us constant contact with them and also a fresh sharing of JESUS CHRIST.

Right now, we have a total of 159 Ordained cowboy and cowgirl Chaplains, thanks to Cowboy Chaplains Of America which is a department of Cowboys For Christ. Plus, we have 78 official Chapters and included in those chapters are bunches of hard riding cowboys and cowgirls that do such a fantastic job of sharing JESUS CHRIST to any and all as they ride the trails of this life. It is an honor and a joy to serve the LORD in this ministry and it is especially fantastic to be a part of such a work for the KINGDOM OF GOD.

If you are wondering "why Cowboys For Christ" stop wondering and starting working and saddle up with us and let's start sharing JESUS CHRIST to a hurting and lost world. I don't think anyone reading this will question the fact that we are living in the "last days" and I am not being prophetic, I am telling you that we are one day closer to the return of our glorious LORD then we were yesterday and when HE does return I want HIM to find me riding for HIM. "Matt 24:46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns." What about you? Let us help you serve the LORD in the cowboy world and happy hunting strays for HIM.



In CHRIST,

Dave





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Cowboys For Christ was founded by Ted Pressley in 1970 , making it 50 years old this year! The West Keystone Chapter has been a part of CFC for 32 of those 50 years. To celebrate this milestone, West Keystone CFC will host a

COWBOYS FOR CHRIST
50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, November 14, 2020
6 PM
Gallo's Restaurant in New Castle, PA.

Brad Rineholt, CFC Chaplain from the Silver Spurs Cowboy Church and John Topper, longtime friend and partner in ministry will be providing the music. Dr. Dave Harvey, current President of Cowboys For Christ, will be our keynote speaker. If Cowboys For Christ has impacted your life we invite you to join us for this evening of celebrating, remembering and sharing. Please send us an email telling how CFC has influenced your walk with the Lord, and include pictures if possible, that we can share at the celebration. Make reservations by October 17

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Cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to serve on a committee for this event (decorating, door prizes, picture boards, etc.) please let us know ASAP.

LETS CELEBRATE!

Having Church By Chaplain Joel Nupp

This coronavirus thing has done a lot of things to a lot of people. We don't understand it. We respect our government officials and rely on them. Sheryl and I lead a simple lifestyle. Nothing has really changed but the fact that we can't go to church..... Or can we? Palm Sunday we had Gathering here. Our river Brethren friends. I don't show their faces out of respect of their privacy. We rode the pony, rode the horse. We cooked hot dogs

over the fire. Hot dogs from the dollar store. Rolled up in dollar store bread. I read from my Bible. The same Bible they study. As the children listened to the Word. God's word. We had church. They brought their song books. We sang hymns. They were surprised to hear me sing the song just from the mention of the title. You see I was raised Methodist. Old wooden church with hard wooden pews. Church... I have never forgotten my upbringing. In these trying times it's there that I return. To what is safe. To what never changes. The Word.

Many other occasions. Lots of different denominations here. Brethren, Mennonite, Baptist, Methodist, Catholic,....Church.... Some that don't have a church at all. But Cowboy Church... Simple. Over a fire. Lawn chairs. Hot Dogs. Church. Last night we had a Gathering. We took and shared communion. No, not the river Brethren. Different friends. Different denominations. But the same. People were never meant to "go it alone". We need fellowship. Just like the disciples were told by Christ himself. "I will never leave you nor forsake you".

We need reminded of that. People need to be heard. To tell their story. It's in that moment that we find out who we are. Who we really are.

We keep the gatherings small. Out of obedience to the authorities. But we don't give up our ability to worship. We don't need a mega church to talk to God. Every day I ride my horse. I Have Church. Christ is in all of us. Every single one of us.

Today, I was supposed to be on the eastern shore to preach for Maryland high school rodeo. It was canceled. My heart breaks for those kids. But we never cancel our walk with the Lord.

If anything this virus that was supposed to be an end has actually been a beginning. It has put a spotlight back on the very foundation of our souls. It has stripped away all the superficial insecurities we had built up around us. It's in this moment we go back. Back to what really matters.

The Bible says" delight yourselves in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart"

Thank you, Lord. We need you now more than ever.



JOEL NUPP AT CHURCH



To whom it may concern,

First of all I want to thank you for putting me on your mailing list. I've truly enjoyed my first copy of the Christian Ranchman and can't wait to get one of your Bibles. I've seen one that a friend of mine has and I can understand it a lot better. I have also included some information about the program that I've joined here in the Arkansas Dept. of Corrections. Called (PTF) or Pathway to Freedom. It's a great program and it's all faith based. I've learned how to discipline myself and put structure in my life. It has also showed me "No matter what you think or do you're going to be an influence on somebody", so why not be a positive influence? The world truly needs more Godly structured men with discipline. I have also sent a copy of my testimony, so you can know a little more about me and my life and what God has done for me. It's a vow I have made to God.

Thanks for all you do and God Bless

Your brother in Christ,
Jerry Hickman

"Testimony of Jerry Hickman"

Serving a 40-year sentence in the Arkansas Dept of Corrections on 2 Negligent Homicides, and many other charges, due to a truck wreck on a mountain, in a construction zone with meth in my system.

As the youngest of 3 boys from a West Texas town (Lubbock, TX) I grew up knowing about God and believing in God, but never really spent much time in Church or learning God's Word! My grandparents were always very dedicated to God's Word and going to Church and sharing God's Word with everybody. Sometimes we would be sent to their house, cause my mother worked some nights and weekends. My father was always gone on the truck working. He always owned and drove trucks as far as I can remember. They both wanted nothing but the best for us all. We were not rich at any measure, but we didn't do without either. My parents always worked very hard so us kids could have the things we needed and were comfortable in life. When my father was home, he spent as much time as possible with us all. We were always welcome to go any place they went, if we wanted to. Unless it was a special event like their Anniversary, Valentine's Day, or something like that.

As all kids do growing up or most of them anyway, we manipulated to get what we wanted, and I got away with a lot being the youngest. My teenage years started good, I thought, because I started Rodeoing and hanging out with the older guy's doing things we shouldn't have done. At the age of 16 Rodeoing became the excuse for me to get out of the house and go chasing girls or drinking. My parents always thought my best friends' parents were with us and sometimes they would be, but most of the time they were not. I would tell my parents they were. We thought we had it made! At the age of 17 I was told the young girl I was seeing was pregnant and I had to tell my family. Up till then I had not given my parents any indication that I had been messing up. My parents were very upset. They told me "son you're going to have to grow up quick now! You're fixing to be a father". They said we wished you would have listened to us, cause being a father is not easy.

At 17 years old I quit school, got married, and went to work. My parents tried to talk me into staying in school, but I had bad grades and truly hated school. I was in resource classed the whole time I was in school. My parents told me I could finish school and needed to, and me and my new family could stay with them till I got out, but I was hard headed and would not listen. I quit school and got a job with her granddad doing floors, concrete, pools, and windows. This lasted until money got tight and I got my CDL license to drive trucks. Then I went to work driving all over Texas hauling cattle and other livestock.

After a little while our marriage got rough. We were both young and I still had not grown up! I still wanted to ride bulls with the boys and hang out at the Rodeo's, so I was not spending much time with my family. I would drive all week and spend the weekends with the guys. We ended up separating for a while, seeing one another off and on, then we got back together. At this point she told me she was pregnant again. So now we have 2 little ones and things were getting harder. I still had not grown up. I had to work even harder than before staying gone more. I began running with some of the guys from work and got introduced to meth or "Crank". I could take this stuff and run for days and it also seemed to take away all my troubles and cares. Little did I know this was fixing to cost and cause me more troubles and problems than I ever bargained for.

I kept it hid from my family till I got caught the first time and put in jail. My family said they thought I was acting a little different and now they saw that I had a problem and it was just getting

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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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My Testimony

By Bob Hicks

I was born during World War II. I never knew my Dad, because he left soon after I was born. If it hadn't been for my Aunt quitting her job to take care of me, I would have been put up for adoption.

When I was five my mother married a man a lot older than her. Several years later, they had a son and a daughter together. Her and my step-father spent a lot of time in the taverns and I learned to wander the streets. I'd walk to Sears & Roebuck and look at the saddles and dream of having a horse, while they were in the bar.

When I was 12, we moved to the country and my Uncle Chester helped me get a horse. My horse was my closest friend and we did everything together. I found I could tell her anything and she seemed to understand. She accepted me, just as I was.

At this time in my life, I began to develop bad habits, like stealing beer and cigarettes. I picked corn and baled hay to earn money for my habits.

At 14 I moved out on my own. Since I milked cows at home, I got a job on a farm and took my horse with me. I lived there and went to school. I moved around a lot and always seemed to find the wrong kind of people to hang around with.

Around this time, I went forward at an altar call and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. But I saw how some of the kids in the church were not much different than me so I drifted back with the old crowd and the old habits that seemed to have me bound.

At night I would hang out with my old friends. We drank and drove around and seemed to always find trouble or trouble found us. I ended up getting into many fights. Since I was big for my age, I always got the big guys, much older than me to fight.

I knew my Aunt was praying for me, especially during this time in my life. Never a Sunday went by when I didn't think about church and feel guilty for not staying committed.

I then learned how to train horses from a real cowboy thinking this would stop my drinking. But it didn't. It slowed me down a little, but not much. Then I met my future wife. She didn't know the Lord, but she wasn't wild like me. We didn't have a lot in common but we were in love. We got along fairly well despite our differences. We had two sons in five years.

She went to church and was religious, but didn't know about Jesus and being saved. We were married 9 years when she accepted Christ as her Savior and Lord. The boys followed and committed their lives to Jesus. My Aunt still prayed for me and my family. Through my wife's love for me and commitment to Christ I finally came back to the Lord. Our life wasn't perfect but the Lord kept changing us and still is to this very day. The Lord helped me to get rid of the bad habits in my life; it wasn't easy sometimes.

It has been nearly 40 years since then and we are still serving the Lord together in any way He wants to use us. I don't know where I'd be if it wasn't for my Aunt's prayers and her never giving up on me. She prayed until the end of her life.



They Just Drift Away

By Gail Hicks

She ain't much to look at, nothin' to write home about,
But she sure ain't lazy, in my mind there's no doubt.
She's a real worker; can outwork one half her age,
But she's not young, life has turned many a page.

Another page has turned, how fast the days go,
But she sure tries not to let it show.
But life has a way, and secrets are hard to keep,
In her dreams she is young, when she does not sleep.

Still another page turns, but life has been kind.
She has true contentment; she has peace of mind.
With a lot of help from the One above.
And she's found her place in His gracious love.

Cowgirls don't get old, they just drift away.
And their memories live on, in another day.
When they were young, and could turn a head.
They don't look at today, they look back instead.

Workin' on the ranch nigh onto forty years,
She's seen the disappointments and she's shed her tears.
But it seems the good has outweighed the bad,
And the years spent in the outdoors are the best years she had.

Then the body gets weak and the spirit takes flight,
Like an eagle it flies off out of sight.
To enjoy times of rest with the Precious Son,
Were the cattle are all gathered and the work is all done.

Author/Written By:
Gail Hicks 2006

"Testimony of Jerry Hickman"

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worse. At this point in my life I had become very ashamed of myself and things just kept piling up. My wife again told me she was pregnant. I thought my life was falling apart and everything I feared was coming true and building up. Then my wife came up and said she couldn't take it anymore. She was through! She had enough of me being gone, running around, and taking drugs. After my wife left, I went to running out-of-state, and running harder, still not realizing that I was killing myself and my family.

During our separation I started drinking a little more till I went to rehab for the first time. I started hanging with some new people who were trying to get me back on track. During this time, I met my new wife and back to running close to home. After about a year of me and my new wife dating, we decided to get married. I was still not living right and doing a little meth here and there. My new wife saw the signs and that I was messed up again, so she started managing the money and how it was spent to try to keep me in line. She got me to start going to Church when I was home. I was doing really good! My 3 oldest kids from my first marriage moved in with us and we had our first child. We were truly enjoying life.

I kept this up for quite some time till I started slipping up missing Church, then doing a little here and there. But no one ever found out. I was keeping it hidden again. During this time, me and my new wife had 3 little ones of our own plus my other 3 kids. We were still doing good, but I truly had not learned how to handle my problems or troubles. After a bad situation with my wife, ex-wife, and kids, I lost control again. I didn't just slip up; I fell all the way off. I didn't call home for days, didn't check in with my parents, or anything. I just stayed hid out high on meth.

When I finally did come home, I had to leave out on the truck and I made my wife go with me. I took a trip to Brownsville, TX and was headed back when I got pulled over and they found dope in the truck. They arrested us both and put us both on probation. This just started a downward spiral again. I got caught a little while later on probation and they sent me to prison in TX. When I got out, I was doing the Church thing and really just going through the motions. It was not long; I was right back to doing what sent me to prison. I had been to rehab and it had no effect

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"Testimony of Jerry Hickman"

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on me. At the time I didn't want to change. Then my family told me they had had enough. I had done cost my family so much money and hurt and pain through my addiction that they had had it with me! My parents and my wife told me I needed to get away from Lubbock, so I went and loaded up and came to Arkansas. My wife told me to get settled up in Arkansas, and then she and the kids would move up after I settled.

I came up here and got away from all the people I knew and went back to Church. I got my life back on track. Then the drugs appeared again. I started losing control again. I had done let all my family down and lost my mind. My wife was telling me I know what's going on! You can't hide if from me anymore. "You need help." So, I went to my uncle and told him what was going on, and I truly needed help. He started trying to find me a rehab to go to, and before I could get in the rehab, I was busted here in Arkansas and put on probation. I lost a good job in the oil field and felt like I was at the bottom of the barrel.

I finally got back to work driving a log truck for a local man, which would be the reason that I found true brokenness! It's a very sad story and hard to talk about. Something I never seen coming. I missed all God's warning signs, and caused a lot of hurt, pain, and suffering to so many people. God had sent me so many warning signs and tried to warn me but I was blind and, in the darkness, where I could not see! I should have died on 6-2-2014 during a log truck wreck on the mountain and truly feel that God saved me for a reason.

As I was coming down the mountain without any brakes, I was seeing my life flash before my eyes, and I started praying, God, please let me make it out of this alive. Lord, you know I'm not where I should be in life and I will give my all to you. During this time, I did not know what was ahead. Around the curve was a construction zone and the bridge was full of workers. The truck then turned over and slid. "When the truck stopped, I couldn't help but to thank God for hearing my prayer, not knowing how bad the wreck truly was. When I got out of the truck, I knew somebody was hurt. Logs were scattered everywhere and it looked like a tornado had hit it! I didn't find out that 2 men lost their lives in the accident till I left the hospital and went to jail. This is something that will impact a man forever, as well as others.

I have made a vow to follow Christ and share my story with others, as well as my family. I can truly see and feel God at work in my life now. Yes, I'm in prison and battle guilt and struggle with the Devil's lies about forgiving myself, but God has truly blessed me to be here today!

I know if God has blessed me with forgiveness, that's all I need. Yes, the struggles are still there and I may stumble from time to time, but I know God's there!

These are the valleys where you grow and learn to overcome. I know God has forgiven me for all my mess and I will live the rest of my life being a righteous son of God. God is now teaching me how to go through trials and tribulations instead of going around them by drinking and using drugs. I can lean on God to help me through.

I'm very proud to share what God has done for me. How about you?

Your brother in Christ, Jerry Hickman

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