

I NEVER KNEW THAT IS THE REASON! By Chaplain Crystal Bowers

Six weeks after being ordained, and three days before a December Sunday, Dave asked me to go for Cowboys For Christ to have Cowboy Church before a horse show in Shelbyville TN. The Interscholastic Equestrian Association is a horse show group that conducts shows around the country. They had contacted HQ and wanted someone to hold services at their show. I was thrilled and honored to go! The Lord Jesus was guick to impress upon me what to say: Focus on The Lamb of God Who was born for the Purpose of being the Sacrifice Atonement for each person's sins. This is why you celebrate Christmas! He had me mention that the Angels brought the Good News to the shepherds who were watching the flocks which were about to be sacrificed for the sins of the people. John 10:17-18 was included: Jesus said, "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." On Sunday, eager to go, I gathered photos of our newborn lambs to augment the right Scriptural message which

Jesus had me prepare.

Upon arriving, I enjoyed the camaraderie with the people who all seemed familiar with Christmas. The sermon began and along the way I explained Exodus 12 and showed a picture of our sweet, innocent, clean white newborn lamb. Internally, I was asking Holy Spirit - To have them understand that Jesus. born that day, was given by His Father as a Gift to us. "2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" To help them realize the Lamb of God was born for the purpose of taking away our personal sins so that we can have a personal and intimate relationship with God the Father. "John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" To comprehend that Jesus had the Power to die and live again and He chose to do that so we

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Ordination of Michael Hardy By Dave Harvey

As I ride the trails of this ministry, I am so very blessed to travel the country and meet, fellowship and worship the LORD with such wonderful, dedicated, committed and hard riding servants of our HOLY GOD. It is a joy, a pleasure and an honor to serve the LORD with you, my friends and fellow servants. Chaplains, Chaplains to be, leadership and all of the folks that are a part of this ministry, I take my hat off and bow before the THRONE OF GRACE to thank the LORD for blessing me with knowing you, serving with you and for your friendship. GOD bless you and your service to HIM.

I am sorry folks, but as I was reviewing and proofing these articles and testimonies and checking over the ministries events that have happened and being carried out and the ministry works that are planned, I just felt the tug of the HOLY SPIRIT to praise the LORD for you and the stirring of your heart to serve our HOLY FATHER, our SAVIOR and LORD, filled by the HOLY SPIRIT. And I want to thank you and praise the LORD and thank HIM. God bless your service to HIM. And here is another great example:

I had a special December blessing to preach GOD'S WORD and officiate at the Ordination of our newest cowboy Chaplain, Michael Hardy from Alabama. Mike is already serving in the capacity as a Chaplain and now he has expanded to go to work for the LORD in the cowboy world in the great state of Alabama. I was so blessed with the welcome and Christian fellowship at the Cowboy Church of Limestone County in Athens Alabama on December 12. Pastor Steve Olney and the entire congregation are very supportive of Mike and his desire to serve the LORD as a Cowboy Chaplain. I am sure they will greatly add to his ministry works as Mike goes out to touch lives for JESUS CHRIST. Please keep Mike and all of our Chaplains in your prayers as they go to serve as the HOLY SPIRIT directs.



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Florida Cowboys For Christ Report

By Chaplain David Gillett

The Florida division lead by Chaplain Gillett with the help of Chaplain Wayne Walker and Chaplain Jeff Hucknall have managed to strive through 2020 and are strong headed into 2021 serving the Lord with a cheerful heart. The Florida Group is made up of different teams and we have certainly learned to depend on the Lord like we have never before. As we have had numerous helpers come and go mainly because of Covid and a couple battling cancer. Plus, like much of the rest of the country, on top of that we have had many events cancelled. But as the Lord opened the doors. HE has also sent many that have stepped up to the plate and we have been putting many Bibles in the hands of people needing salvation and praying over each of them that someone will come to Christ. As we enter into the new year of 2021, we are busier than ever and praying for more laborers and workers to reach as many people as possible for the Lord. As we all know our country needs a major revival, more than ever before. We praise the Lord and are thankful to have most of the state of FL covered and we are now working into South Georgia area as we develop helpers willing to serve in the field sharing the Gospel at cowboy events and rodeos and horseshows. Please pray for us as we ride for HIM.

Chaplain David



Chaplain David Gillett sharing the WORD



Chaplain Gillett's faithful family serving

Clay Center Chapter Report By Kathy Martin

The Clay Center Cowboys for Christ met Sunday, January 17 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Kansas. The following officers (pictured) were elected to serve in 2021: Brittany Kobetich, secretary, Nick Lehman, vice president, and Ben Tiemeyer, president. Treasurer, Wendy James, could not be present. The club discussed the trail rides and parades attended in 2020. The Clay County Fair and EKHA Horse Show had been cancelled so were the Open Arena events. The club hopes these will all be possible in the coming year. The meeting was preceded by the first trail ride for 2021 with 11 riders. More information about the Clay Center Cowboys for Christ Saddle Club is available on their facebook page.



Brittany Kobetich, Nick Lehman and Ben Tiemeyer

LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN TOM YOUNGQUIST

Dear Dave and my Cowboys For Christ family,

Hope all is well with you and yours. We're blessed out here on Occasional Creek. We claimed Psalm 91 for our protection from the current plague and the great Physician has kept us well. The other day when I went out in the morning to feed the horses, a low ice fog covered the valley. There was a new dusting of snow, the dry powder kind. When the fog lifted, a crystalline world appeared from the bottom up the sides of the distant buttes. Every branch, blade of grass and old red cedar sparkled brighter than anything in the jeweler's locked counter show case. Maybe something's wrong with me, but when the dawn is on the hills, it is easy for me to imagine Kiowa, Arapaho, or Lakota hunters riding the rim looking for buffalo or a group of free trappers coming down Dry Creek checking traps for beaver. Somewhere, a meadowlark perched center stage on a 1500-pound round bale of hay summed it up with a magnificent aria. Handel would have been proud. The temperature? I didn't look.

And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and nature sing....

God bless you and greatly increase the borders of Cowboys For Christ.

Very sincerely from the Nebraska/Wyoming border, Tom & Bonnie Youngquist

Letter and Testimony from Joseph Moreno "Cowboys for Christ" Shalom

My name is Joseph A Moreno, Jr. I am currently incarcerated, this year will be 25 years, day for day, I see parole this year. I am a Christian, Holy Spirit filled. I am a leader in the Messianic, Jewish & Gentile community here on this unit. I've studies under Jewish law, old and new for 20 years. I was convicted of a sex crime, though I didn't rape no one, or in fact had sex with no one. No DNA nothing, I and my ex-wife were going through very hard marriage issues. I'm a Pipe fitter, combo Welder; she worked for the Post Office in Houston, she was Catholic, I wasn't. Though I played in a Christian Band, "Cross Country Gospel Singers of Houston" with my dad, Gene and Virginia Pressley from Houston. I don't know if you all's founders was kin to the Pressley's I knew. I do know they spoke of a brother who had a ministry up north of TX's. My wife didn't want to be married to a called out Preacher into the ministry. I had caught her in adultery once and I tried to make the best of my marriage, as Paul had taught of loving our wives as Christ loved the Church and gave his life for it. I can't' say I was a saint, I had my faults as well. I tried deeply to keep my family together.

I found out she was in a relationship with a black man, at her job, a postal worker, things just became worse and ugly. I've never been a drinker, smoked some, wasn't' much of a club person. My life I loved to play music and go to church, especially Tent Revivals. I had purchased some land on the Trinity River up North of Houston at a place called Harbor Point, along the way we would see this sign that read, "Cowboy for Christ Church". Never got a chance to stop by. One thing lead to another, I got accused of sexual assault on a minor. I know this sounds

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Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you for your dedication in spreading the true Gospel of our Savior. I am hopeful that one day soon, I will be able to join you in your ministry. May God bless each one. Sharon in Pennsylvania

Cowboys For Christ, Thanks for sending the Christian Ranchman last year. Enclosed in a check for 2021. Enjoy reading your paper. Jesus is coming soon. Many are saved reading the paper.

God bless, Elizabeth in Indiana

Dear CFC,

Thanks for all you do. Tedi from Minnesota

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I pray that you and yours are well and remain that way. Thank you for sending me your Bible Studies. I enjoyed them along with the bi-monthly newsletter. There is a cowboy in all of us, even us city boys can't deny it. Maybe it's the Spirit living inside of us, you know? Whatever it is, I'm sure glad to be acquainted with you fine people and your ministry. I love to story by Sam Noble about not wanting to ride the trails alone because of his not sharing the Word with others. My Mama used to say "loneliness is worse than being addicted to heroin" not that she was ever addicted to heroin. It's just something she said that stuck with me. Well, I too don't ever wanna feel lonely. Even better than that, I don't want anyone else to ever feel that way either. If it's not too much to ask, and if you can manage, I'm game for anymore Bible studies you might have. We must diligently seek the Lord to be able to share with others effectively, and also to fight, you know who, confidently.

Your brother in Christ, Chris in Kansas

Fellow Christians at Cowboys For Christ,

I would appreciate being on your list to receive your publication. I am sending a donation from God's business as He has asked us to serve others through giving. I really appreciate one of your Chaplains, Mike Gentry. He is a big God send to me. Also, we at Christian Motorcyclist Association are praying for you.

God speed, Todd in Indiana

Greeting,

Hi, my name is Billy Ray. I am an offender currently housed in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Winnsboro, Texas. The other day during our prayer circle, one of my brothers in Christ let me borrow his Bible to read for the group. I was very impressed with how easy it was to read with its plain English. To me, it was a relief to be able to clearly understand the text and get the full meaning of the Scriptures. Well, he gave me the address to your organization. Will you guys please send me a Cowboy For Christ Bible. Thanks for the work you do.

Respectfully, Billy Ray in Texas

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

I have been receiving the Christian Ranchman for the past couple years, and I have been truly blessed by it. It brings joy to my heart each time that I get it in the mail. My fiancée is a newly converted believer in our Lord and Savior and I would like for you to add her to the mailing list. Her name and address are enclosed. Thank you in advance for this and may God bless each of you at Cowboys For Christ.

Yours in Christ, George in Mississippi

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that all is well with each and every one of you. God bless you all. I wish great joy to you all during the holidays. I am a young believer in Christ serving a 2-year sentence in Navasota Texas. I found out about this ministry through a fellow inmate in this same prison where I reside for the moment. I was informed that I would be able to receive from this ministry an Easy-to-Read Bible if I wrote to this ministry and that is exactly what I am requesting. This Easy To Read Bible version would be very helpful to me because my reading level is poor. I am interested in reading the Word of God so that I may know the will of God. I would be so thankful to receive a Bible from this ministry. I also have prayer requests. This year has been tough for so many of us. Many of my family members that have been supporting me during my incarceration, they have been struggling out there so, I ask that my family is prayed for. I pray for them, as well, but I believe that more unity in prayer is always better. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and for the prayer requests

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



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could have an unbroken relationship with God now and forever and to be with Him in Heaven. "Ephesians 1:13-14 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory." And this is why we celebrate Christmas!

When the sermon was completed, I asked if this was new to anyone? One teenager spoke up. "I never knew that is the reason why we celebrate Christmas! I had heard lots of things before, but this is all new to me." What a Joy! I congratulated her on her understanding. I praised Jesus, too! Bibles and Books of John were snatched up. I left satisfied that our Lord Jesus was understood and hungered after a little bit more!

Aren't we so humbled that Lord Jesus is our Sacrifice Atonement Who we so desperately need and so deeply cherish?! Go tell it Every Where! Chaplain Crystal Bowers, Psalm 34.



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Soncoast Chapter January Report

By Barbara Mackenzie, President

Good Morning Mr. Dave:

I am pleased to announce I need more Bibles. I attended an outing this weekend, Florida Mule Lovers 4th Annual Gathering. This is my third year attending. I was able to do a short service last year, and they asked me to do it again this year. When I got there on Friday, I was excited to ride my mule, but I felt like Friday is here, but Sunday is coming! I loved the opportunity to share about God's Word, and His Love. The message was on Relationship vs. Religion. It really flows well because of how mules are, as they do really well if you form a relationship with them. We gave out some Christian Ranchman and a total of 16 Bibles woo hoo.

Everyone safe and sound. On the way home encountered two ladies who got turned around on the forest trail by my house. I was already hooked up, so I dropped off my mule at home, and went back and picked them up and took them to their trailer. Another, woo hoo. Gave out the last two Bibles I had taken, and some more Christian Ranchman.

Another awesome day with the Lord. Take care. Keep those Bibles coming!

Soncoast Chapter February Report

By Barbara Mackenzie, President

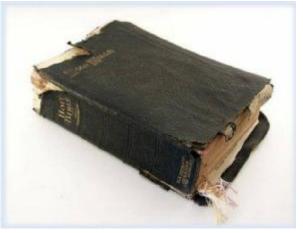
Thank you for the update. We held a trail ride this past weekend in Brooksville, Florida. We had 16 riders; plus, additional people came without horses to join our hotdog luncheon. Gave a message. "Do you have the Tools for this Life?" Spoke of Faith, Hope and Love and reading the Word for yourself. Never know when you get fake news. The Soncoast Chapter is holding an organized trail ride the last Saturday of every month with locations to be announced each month. Updates can be found on facebook. Cowboys for Christ Soncoast Chapter and Cowboys for Christ Soncoast Chapter Florida or email at cfcsoncoast@aol.com. We'll be Riding the Trail for Jesus.

Thank you. Feeling Blessed, Barbara



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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!

MYBUDDY

By Karen Meisner

You just gotta go to Heaven, I thought the other day.

You just gotta go to Heaven, as we met along the way.

Buddies on earth as we traveled along some time ago,

I heard a song "Heavenly Sunshine" were the lyrics, and I know the rest is a true song. But, like I said before as we move along, don't dwell on Satan's lies on if it's right or wrong. Jesus died for our sins and if we accept him, He'll take us to Heaven where we'll be kept forever.

to worship and praise Him "The King" I love you buddy, let's go do our thing. You just gotta go to Heaven. JESUS SAVES!



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BY MERELA CARDINAL

I work in an oil sands camp way up in the north. I have been witnessing to a guy here about Jesus. Yesterday, as I was driving one way and stopped at a stop sign, he turned in towards me, and about 6 feet apart we rolled our windows down to chat and after a couple minutes of talk. I asked him if he wanted to ask Jesus into his heart? He said "yes", so right in front of a stop sign I led him to Christ! So, blessed! A friend is bringing him a Bible in 2 days. We are 1:45 hour from the nearest city. As Christians, we need to get off the fence! There are souls that need to be saved! So many do not know how to pray! God will put people in your path that are hungry and searching for Him. Just step out in faith and bring Jesus into your conversation. Don't you just love our Lord and Savior?

Eternally grateful. Merela



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 fifty 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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that are going to be prayed. May the Lord grant you all peace in the Name of Jesus. Sincerely, Jose in Texas

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask you to send me a free subscription to the Christian Ranchman. I will be looking forward to getting it. Thank you for your time.

Truly, Michael in Texas

Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you for your soul winning work. God bless, Charlotte in Minnesota

To Whom It May Concern,

I had the opportunity to get to read one of your copies of the Christian Ranchman and was inspired by it very much. I would be blessed if you were to sign me up to get the paper from you so I can keep up on the inspirational news and testimonies. Thank you for your time and God bless you and the work ya'll do.

Ronald in Texas

Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you for all that you are doing for our Lord.

God bless, Neil in Kansas

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Follow us at: fb.me/imhcvirginia Dave Harvey from CFC will be leading devotions and church service Friday evening: Pot luck at 6PM followed by Campfire Gathering with sharing and singing Saturday: 7 AM devotions with Dave then ride on own and meet new friends Saturday Evening at 7PM join up for a timely message and cowboy fellowship, bring a snack or dessert to share, hopefully will have some musical talent to entertain us Sunday: 9 AM Church service with Dave Harvey Dismissed, Safe Travels home. Stay tuned for more added weekends as we organize our summer schedule. Text or call and leave Karen Burgoon a message at 724-290-8554 with questions Be Blessed and Happy Trails

SAVE THE DATE

April 30-May 2 Iron Mountain Horse Camp, Ivanhoe, VA – Karen Burgoon-724-290-8554

May 26-June 1 Heartland Gathering, Duke, MO – Matt Wagner- 816-390-7561

June 19 Northern Indiana Trail Competition, Shipshewana, IN -Willie Hostetler 574-575-0451

June 26-Florida Conference, Plant City, FL—David Gillett- 813 789 0589

July 9-11 Blowing Rock Trail Ride, Blowing Rock, NC—Karen Burgoon 7234-290-8554

July 23-25 Iron Mountain Horse Camp, Ivanhoe, VA—Karen Burgoon-724-290-8554

August 14-15 Oakdale Rodeo, Oakdale, CA-Bobbi Dupertuis-209-617-1746

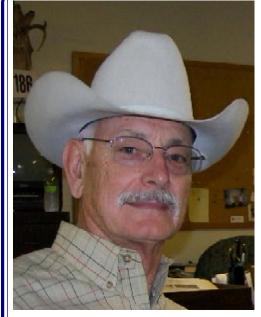
Sept. 29-Oct 3 Elkins Creek Horse Camp, Pedro, OH—Karen Burgoon-724290-8554

Oct. 15-17 Iron Mountain Horse Camp, Ivanhoe, VA—Karen Burgoon-724-290-8554

Oct. 29-31 Georgia Conference, Ringgold, GA—Skeeter Spaulding-423-664-2880

We will be adding more as they are confirmed. Please send in your event, and info so we can post it. GOD bless your service to HIM.

Riding Point With Dave Harvey....



MY WORD

Isa 55:10-11 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

MY WORD: that is GOD'S WORD. GOD'S WORD that was spoken and the worlds were formed. "Ps 33:6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth." That is all it took to form the stars, the earth and the universe. Just the spoken WORD OF GOD. HE needed no other force, no other energy, no other power; just HIS SPOKEN WORD. And not only were worlds and all things formed and made and completed at HIS SPOKEN WORD, but they all stayed where HE put them. "Ps 33:9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."

It is very hard for people to realize the power and strength of GOD'S WORD, especially in today's society. I know that in my younger days, a man's word sure meant something. A good example is my Dad. I was very young at the time, but I can remember that he was needing to borrow some money

to buy our home place, and he went to the bank and asked them for a loan. The bank manager asked him how much he needed and told him the money would be in his account that afternoon and to stop by when he had time to sign the paper work. I don't think that happens very much today. In fact, it is a real chore to even get approved for a home loan, much less to get the funds available to use before going through a long and drawn-out process. A man's word is sure not what it used to be.

The very best example of GOD'S TRUTH, POWER and LOVE is the WORD OF GOD in human form being GOD'S OWN SON, JESUS CHRIST. "John 1:1-3 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." I know that this is a rather short answer, because HE is the ONLY SON OF GOD but I am trying to keep it cowboy style, which is short and simple. JESUS CHRIST is the action in GOD'S WORD. When GOD spoke, JESUS CHRIST accomplished the tasks needed to bring those WORDS to fulfilment; instantly and completely. I feel that this is what the Apostle John was meaning when he wrote the verses at the start of his Gospel. That is a great example of our HEAVENLY FATHER and HIS SON and our SAVIOR and LORD. HE is GOD'S LOVE, and HE is the very essence of THE FATHER'S LOVE, HIS MERCY and HIS GRACE; HE is the WORD OF GOD. You may be thinking right now, well prove it!

Well, I will do my best as an old cowboy trying to reveal this TRUTH to you in GOD'S WORD. I just said that JESUS CHRIST was GOD'S LOVE in action. And the wonderful verses in "John 3:16-17 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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" proves this in a very detail way that I certainly would not be able to express in a better way. FATHER GOD proved HIS LOVE for us by giving HIS SON to pay the penalty for our sins. A sin debt that we have no way of paying on our own. HIS WORD was completely TRUE, as the SON, JESUS CHRIST proved HIS FATHER'S LOVE all the way to the cross. HE allowed the Roman soldiers to nail HIM to the cross, when all HE would have had to do, was speak a WORD and ten thousand angels would have swoped down and rescued HIM and sealed our doom. But to prove THE FATHER'S LOVE HE not only was nailed on the cross, but he died on that cross as the SINLESS LAMB OF GOD to be the PERFECT SACRIFICE to cover the penalty of not only your sins, and your, and yours and everyone and mine, too and any and all who would accept this wonderful GIFT of LOVE from THE FATHER.

You see folks, my Dad paid back that money he borrowed, and the bank manager knew that my dad was good for his word. He didn't worry about it, he wasn't concerned about it, because he knew that when David Harvey was in town, he would be in to sign the papers. And he also knew that David Harvey would pay every cent borrowed, with interest and probably ahead of time. Actually, I know that Dad paid it off real early and the manager told him that he didn't need to be in such a hurry to pay it off, and I remember that my Dad replied, "I know you don't need it, but I need to pay it."

That is what I am trying to get across to you today. FATHER GOD did not have to send HIS SON to the cross. HE sure didn't have to pay the sins debt for all of sinful mankind, but HE loves HIS creation. And HE wanted to provide a way for HIS creation, which is you and me and all the cowboys and cowgirls in the world a way to return to HIM. HE wanted to give us eternal life, so we could spend it with HIM. HE wanted to provide a sin free world for us to live in, but first the sin debt had to be paid. FATHER GOD looked at this mass of dirty, sinful humanity and HE looked at HIS SON and JESUS CHRIST said, "FATHER, I will pay their debt." And THE FATHER said, "I LOVE them, but SON they need to pay their own debt" and the SON replied, "they can't, so I need to do it for them." And that my friends are GOD'S WORD and GOD'S LOVE in action for our salvation.

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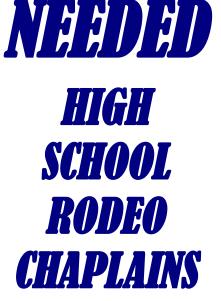
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Dear Cowboys for Christ:

I was recently reading the Christian Ranchman and saw that you'd like to hear a cowboy's testimony. Well, I've got one for you. Back in the 1999, I was reading about Stonewall Jackson the famous Confederate General. HIs life so captivated me that I decided to do a oneman who on him entitled; Stonewall Jackson and the Reunited States of America. The first thing I did to accomplish this was to go to downtown Dallas and attend the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. William J. Carl III was the pastor there. At the time I was a practicing Buddhist. I sat in the balcony of the old, wonderful church because I needed to know what Presbyterians believed since Jackson was one.

Dr. Carl's sermons were done without any notes, and as I listened up there with mostly high school students who didn't want to sit with their parents, I started to come around. I had been a good Christina when younger, but alcoholism, drugs and too much education had taken me away from Christ.

As I wrote the two-hour one-man show, I realized something was happening to me. The things that Jackson believed, I, too, began to believe. By the time I started doing the show from California to Lynchburg, Virginia I had come back to Christ.

So, I was literally brought back to Jesus and his saving grace by a dead Confederate General. I know how that sounds, but our mighty God works mysteriously to get us back into the fold.

From there I went to Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth., where at the time, it was the only place I, as a Caucasian, could get a free education in the Bible and God's word. Six years after I began, I worked the entire time, I graduated from Brite. I served the Lord in the Pulpit for almost twelve years before I found my true ministry.

My wife, Judy Lynn, and I write westerns. Our series is entitled Seth Kincaid: Texas Ranger. So far, it's over forty books long and available on Amazon books under our nom de plume: JJ Bonham.

Seth is an amazing Christian who doesn't swear, in forty books he's only used strong language once, and he always prays about what he's doing, and sometimes, when the spirit hits him, he sings hymns as he rides his horse, Outlaw. Seth also realizes, as many law enforcement Officers do, that lethal force is justified when facing evil men who will not surrender.

We are now attending the Assembly of God in Hamilton, Montana where Pastors John & Joana Weaver, Lee Goldman and Tim Schoch bring God's word and his Holy Spirit alive. Rev. Jack R. Bonham Jr.



TESTIMONY BY JOSH DAVIS

John 1:16 says: "Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given."

Every day I wake up feeling good about my decision to give my life to the Lord just a few short years ago. I was 34 years old when I realized I had never accepted Christ in my heart. Normally my wife takes the kids to school in the mornings but the night before my wife had asked me to take them so she could get to work early. Little did she know, that God was using her for something big that day. After I dropped the kids off, I had to take the long route to work and not only that, my radio went out a few days before. It was a quiet trip so I figured I'd talk to God one on one which was something I hadn't done in a while.

While I was praying I had an overwhelming feeling that I'd never had before and I felt like God was confirming something I'd never thought about. Without a shadow of a doubt, I felt like God was telling me I wasn't saved. It was a confusing day in my life because I grew up in church and served in church all my life. I was so confused that I called my wife on the phone to tell her what was going on.

The problem was, I had fallen in the cracks of the Christian atmosphere and culture, but never took the time to truly ask him into my heart. I knew He was real, I never doubted that there was a heaven or a hell. I'd just never asked Him into my heart. I was just going through the motions thinking that was good enough. I'm here to tell you that "Good Works" won't get you to Heaven. You have to humbly ask Him to come into your heart and admit that you are a sinner. You have to believe in your heart that He died on the cross for you, was buried and rose again 3 days later. You have to confess your sins to Him and with that you are saved forever!

Today I can stand here without a doubt and tell you that I love the Lord with all my heart, soul and might! He is my savior! He is my rock!

Have You Moved or are You Planning to Move? Please notify COWBOYS FOR CHRIST of your new mailing address. He is my pal! John 3:16 specifies that God acted out of His love for us by sending His Son to keep us from dying in our own sins. I was and still am a sinner, but by God's grace I'm forgiven. I do not deserve it, however it's my duty as His son to embrace his Grace and forgiveness and turn from my sins.

Today, I take a look at my life and realize that I might not have much materialistically, but man am I blessed with an awesome wife, two knot-head kids that I wouldn't trade for anything and friends that I know I will spend eternity with after this life is long dead and gone. To be a proud man doesn't come from possessions, it comes from knowing you are Gods son, created in His own image and called to "Go and make disciples of all nations. That right there tells me I HAVE A PURPOSE to go and share my story with anyone that will give me an opportunity. It sure feels good to know that I can find courage in Him to help me do it!

Remember we are not promised tomorrow. Don't wait!

Blessings, Josh Davis





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Lookout Mountain in Alabama

By Chaplain Yolonda Stroup

"Hello!" You want us to come to Alabama. Let us talk and see what we can do. We are not sure if we can make it happen. We wouldn't have to bring a wagon. Jerry said, "We might be FIXIN to have a great time if we get to go." Before we could decide; we had a lot of details to work out. Several things were going on a few weeks before November third: We were getting ready for a time change; winter furnace cleaning; and an elderly cousin in the hospital with Covid-19; the election coming; and all the details to organize prior to leaving for a trip. In faith, we prayed for an answer. Covid-19 raging and staying to ourselves, we felt like we could make the trip happen. It seemed very challenging to be making the trip to Collinsville, Alabama.

We were heading to the Northeast corner of Alabama to a place on top of Lookout Mountain called Black Creek in Etowah County which comes from a Cherokee word meaning "edible tee." The location was a beautiful, pine tree filled park and the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

The morning of November third started early: We got up and went to vote at 6:30 a.m. We were number 8 and 9 in line. We came home, loaded mules, and headed toward Alabama which was about 390 plus miles. The trip would take us about 7 or 8 hours. We left Western Rose Ranch at 8:30 a.m. The sun was shining and it was 33 degrees. The weather was beautiful as we travelled through Dyersburg TN., Corinth, MS., Brookville, AL., and into Collinsville, AL. After stopping for food and fuel, we arrived at 5:30 p.m. The sun was starting to set as our hosts John and Juan greeted us at the park. They helped us park, unload mules, and set up camp. Camp was beautiful, mowed and full of tall, pine trees. It was quiet and great for rest as we enjoyed chili and relaxed after a safe day of travel.

The next morning, we enjoyed a late breakfast, drank coffee, sitting in the sun, and reading a book. Jerry harnessed and rearranged the four mules. He adjusted harness and hooked everything to the beautiful, oak wagon we were going to pull. As Jerry worked, the other wagons, trailers, horses, and mules were arriving in the park. The ride was being hosted by the Forney Trail Blazers Saddle Club. In the evening, we were invited to a potluck dinner hosted by John. Dennis, and Jodie for the riders. The buffet/ potluck offered Boston butts, fish, slaw, twice baked potatoes, hush puppies, salads, desserts, and drinks. It was a wonderful feast and gathering. There were people there from five states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee. We shared laughter, stories, friendship, and the love of our horses, mules, and dogs. We headed to camp to be ready to start the ride the next morning.

The rides covered beautiful trails, clear creeks, and mountains. There was no available cell service. Being in the Appalachian Mountains the trees were breathtaking, sun shining, and serene. Our friend Jeremy rode our extra mule one day. We rode about 15 miles a day for four days. Jerry, Jeremy's dad worked a mule to a buggy. There were twenty-one wagons and a lot of horseback riders.

On Saturday, the saddle club hosted a special event. They had a fundraiser for the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The dinner was served in the fire station. Each person brought a dish and made donations as well. John, Dennis, and Jodie donated a 230-pound hog that was barbecued, some roast chickens, and fried bologna. Joey Walker and his wonderful chefs spent the night cooking the whole hog in a huge cooker. SPECIAL THANKS for all the hard work on the hog and the ride. It took a lot of work. The pork was delicious, tender, and moist. Everyone had a great time, and the club raised a nice donation for the fire station. The fire chief, Mr. Harold Watson was very nice and invited us back. It was also nice meeting Kathy.

The ride ended Sunday morning and we were leaving after church service because we had gotten word that Jerry's cousin had passed from Covid-19 and we had to get home for the funeral. Life leads us down roads we have never dreamed and in directions we have never travelled.

We travel and try to be witnesses for Jesus. On Sunday, at the gathering there were 25 people for the service. I shared John 3:16 which says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then I shared my salvation story, and tied it into the love, sharing, and fellowship from the pig roast the previous night. The meal was a feast and very special to all of us. It made me think of how Jesus cares for us. He never leaves us, He feeds us, He watches over us, and He puts people in our paths for special reasons. On the trip I met some lovely people and was daily reminded that we are to love one another. Jerry shared several stories and his testimony. We were blessed by prayer requests and shared some Bibles and literature. We share our stories because as it says in I Peter 2:9-12 We do not belong to this world and we are here for a short time." In closing, my favorite verse is Revelations 21:3-4, "He will wipe away every tear from their eves, no more death, sadness, crying, or pain." In the end, this sounds like a perfect way to end a beautiful wagon ride with friends. Chaplains Jerry & Yolonda Stroup

I have to say I am slow sharing. We had a great church service in Alabama. We shared 5 Bibles. Found out a couple weeks later that a woman's husband had been reading the Bible

daily. He could really understand it. A lady I prayed with said it was the best church service she had ever attended. She shared she had a son in prison in California for murder. I have shared the Christian Ranchman with them and put them on the mailing list. When you share Jesus, HE always connects you with people who are hurting and needs the right support and listening care. They have received the newsletter and are very excited. I have written Cameron her son a letter and received a nice one back. I believe what Zig said, "You cannot out give God." It seems Jesus lets us travel around to meet people who needs to hear HIS word and prayer. He lets us meet some wonderful people and it helps lift us up spiritually as well. I pray for the Cowboy for Christ ministry and outreach and you,

Brother Dave. God Bless and take care.

Sincerely, Yolonda











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Letter and Testimony from Joseph Moreno "Cowboys for Christ" Shalom

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awful, but not all of us are totally guilty of this, but like I said I can't say I never sinned.

I confessed all my sins and have been forgiven and washed thru the blood. I thought God had closed His eyes and heart to me; one night, in my cell, I heard God's voice speak to my spirit, Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My Covenant of Peace be removed, says Yahweh, who has mercy on you.

When I read this word, the Holy Spirit filled me with such peace and power, I also was taught the story of Joseph in depth. In the same way, like Joseph, I found favor in the Wardens eyes, my maintenance supervisor and my welding shop boss. I have worked as a welder for 16 years in here and have taught youngsters the Art of welding and scripture as well. Four of my students are out there working in the oil fields.

In 1997 I was blessed with a woman who was a friend of my sister, Brenda, her name was Kathlyn, after 20 yrs. of writing and visits we married 2017 Nov. 14th in the visiting room by a free world preacher. I saw parole 2016 and had made my parole, but my ex-wife and her family found out I was getting married again thru my daughter who had hired my parole lawyers, out of hatefulness, my parole was protested against, set off 5 yrs. more. Because of our love for each other and hope in Christ, me and Kathy went ahead and got married 2017. We still stand strong, God will deliver me this year. I lost my mom and dad in 2018, they were very devoted Christians to the work of Christ.

I've been thru hell and back, thru prison gangs, murders, sickness and have seen much death in here. After the Connally seven escape in 2001, I was accused of being one of them and knowing their where abouts just because I knew them and worked with them. In which, I knew nothing of their where abouts or their escape. Snitches in here were trying to put jackets on anyone for time reductions. The Texas Rangers & FBI were promising if they could get a conviction to anyone tied to them. Needless to say, they came to a deal end with me and finally let me go, and dropped me off at this unit, I've been on since 2001.

In all this God in His Great Mercy has been my shield and protector. I was 33 when I came in and I'm now 58. My wife, Kathlyn turned 52 young. She looks very young for her age. "Oh" I almost forgot why I was writing. I know most people are very judgmental towards men with conviction in here. I've seen them beat down, raped, and made what a man shouldn't be. I was truthful to everybody about it and most thought I was crazy for telling them. I rode bikes out there, Harleys, I'm a pretty good-sized biker, but always loved the country. My Mother-in-law was the Vice President to the rodeo Committee there, Houston for Tejano night at the Astro Dome back in the 90's.

I ran across a newspaper called "Cowboys for Christ" and I saw an article concerning a Chapter Start up packet, if at all possible, I would like to receive one. My plans were to start a motorcycle ministry called, "Sons of Light" (MM). Most of my family have left to go to the country life instead of the city.

My wife wants to move out to the country when I parole out of here. But I'll be in Houston for a year or so. I saw many of your gifts; buckles, jackets and T-shirts. I asked my sister to purchase a couple of jackets, one for me and my brother-in-law, Ray, a couple of buckles and hats and t-shirts for my sister and wife, caps and hat pins. I ask her to get 3 Bibles from you all, one for my wife, brother-in-law and nephew and his family. If there is a charge on the bibles itself, she will pay out of my account. My wife investigated my accuser and spoke with her, that's why Kathy stayed with me all these years. It wasn't all the state made it to be. Though I suffered much, I've gained a lot. A deeper relationship with Yeshua, our Christ and a beautiful wife and her family.

Brothers I pray the Peace of Yeshua upon you and your ministry.

Please pray for me and my wife Kathlyn and for my release this year. Also, with much respect pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. We are living and headed for some very different times. Covid 19 hit pretty hard in here. I caught it months back and when it started, every day, I prayed Ps. 91 in Aramaic, Hebrew and English. The Power of God removed the spirit of Death off of me.

By the Grace of God, I'm still alive, as well my wife Kathlyn survived Covid 19. God is not done using us yet.

Love you all my Bros, Joseph Moreno

Hazak, Hazak, V'nit'chazek Be Strong, Be strong and let us be strengthened!

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