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"...By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another. "John 13:35

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Cowboys For Christ Southeastern Conference

by Chaplain TW Lawrence

The 2nd annual Cowboys For Christ Southeastern Conference was held in Ringgold, Georgia on October 29th-31st at the Mercy Acre Farms. Originally, it had been scheduled to take place at a nearby horse trail and stables facility, but sudden violent winds and rain blew down enough trees and limbs to make that venue unusable. Fortunately, Mercy Acre Farms owner, Susan White and her son Chris, graciously let us use their location again this year. Their very warm welcomed began the weekend's events.

One highlight of the Conference was the ordination of Kelly Mason from South Carolina. Chaplains Skeeter Spaulding of the Redeemed Riders Chapter (Ringgold, Georgia) and Chaplain Karen Burgoon of North Carolina organized the event this year. We were joined by Chaplain Mike Gentry from northwest Ohio, who managed to stay in Georgia for three weeks after the Conference. He had to wait on critical parts to be shipped in for the repair of his big rig, which pulled his horse trailer and living quarters. We believe that's an all-time record in the



Chaplains TW Lawrence, Dave Harvey, Kelly Mason, Skeeter Spaulding, Karen Burgoon, Mike Gentry history of Cowboys For Christ Conferences!

Rebecca Hampton brought a number of her young "Cowboy Kids" from the Cowboy Church Jerusalem in (Jerusalem, Georgia) - along with most of the CCIJ fellowship - to provide song and music for the Sunday worship. Dave Harvey preached a sensational and moving message before conducting the

ordination. We welcome Kelly into the Chaplain herd, as she is super excited to share the love and message of Jesus Christ to a hungry world.

Everyone there expressed gratitude for being included in the event. We are already looking forward to next year's event.



Dave Harvey & Chaplain Kelly Mason

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Ordination of Jeff Walls

Praise the LORD for such a wonderful time of fellowship and major ministry in Kokomo, Indiana with the Ordination of Jeffery Walls. I was greatly blessed to preach and officiate at his Ordination on Sunday September 26. Jeff had invited many to his Ordination and the HOLY SPIRIT was certainly there as we had a lady accept the LORD at the service. Then on Monday morning new Chaplain Jeff, Chaplain Stanley Pugh and myself attended the Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bennett's Switch Christian Church, before heading out to Narrow Gate Horse Ranch. Director Susan Zody gave us a tour of their new facilities and shared their program of working with at-risk They work at building vouth. relationships with the youth through horses, as the mentors form relationships with the kids and the HOLY SPIRIT works at developing relationships with They sure have a wonderful both. program, and they are working hard to greatly improve the lives of these kids through horses and the LORD.



Dave Harvey & Chaplain Jeff Walls

Ordinations of George Crumbly and Josh Davis

Chaplain George Crumbly (left) and Josh Davis (right) are our newest Cowboys for Christ Cowboy chaplains serving in Arkansas. Josh was raised in Greenwood, AR a little town just south of Fort Smith. He grew up around horses and cattle over the years and started riding bulls in 1997 and retired in 2006 after the CRRA, ARA and ACA Finals. After retiring he always wanted to help kids pursue their dream and in 2015, he started the CrossRoads Bull Jam event and partnered up with CrossRoads Cowboy Church in El Paso, Arkansas with Cowboy Pastor Ron Riddle and Associate Pastor George Crumbly. This is where he and George met and their ministry together began.



Chaplains George Crumbly & Josh Davis

George was born and raised in central Florida growing up around livestock and citrus. He rode bulls in high school rodeo in 1974 and later went to rodeo clowning some. He was saved in 1983 after moving to Arkansas and pastored the last 37 years. George serves today as associate pastor of CrossRoads Cowboy Church in El Paso and Josh is senior pastor of CrossRoads Cowboy church in Natural Dam, Arkansas. Both of these ministries are arena centered.

Today George and Josh partner up with Cowboys For Christ, Cowboy Chaplains of America and Fellowship Of Christian Athletes (FCA) Cowboy Chapter and present the Gospel to all these kids and adults. That is why we do what we do. They both were part of the startup of the FCA Cowboy Chapter at the Old Fort Days Rodeo in Fort Smith and each of their churches are active in the state of Arkansas.

George and Josh are quite the team on the road and enjoy serving God together all while doing the things they are passionate about. From Junior Rodeos, PBR events, PRCA events, Barrel Racings, Sortings and Ranch Rodeos, we are giving all the glory to God!

George was ordained in the Church of the Nazarene in June of 1991 and as a Cowboy chaplain in November of 2018. Josh was ordained as a Cowboy chaplain in November of 2021. They have served together since 2015.

White Sulphur Springs Trail Ride

by Chaplain Steve Sellers

Crossroads Bible Church of Bedford, hosted their biannual trail ride at White Sulphur Springs in Manns Choice, PA on October 10, 2021. It was a cool fall day with the leaves changing in the beautiful mountains of Bedford County. There was a drizzle of rain but it didn't dampen or discourage the hearts of the cowboys and cowgirls to come out and ride. There were approximately 80 riders and bystanders who joined the fun and activities. We had deep pans of hot fried chicken with tables full of potluck that stretched the length of the tent. A message from the Lord was delivered speaking of my perceptions of life in elementary school. Hearts were open and hungry for the word of God and 20 people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior!



Chaplain Steve Preaching the Word (Continued on Page 3)

White Sulphur Springs Trail Ride Continued

A full case of bibles was distributed that day. Also in attendance were Chaplains Joel and Sheryl Nupp and Dale and Faith Brenneman.

Letters to the Editor Cowboys For Christ,

My name is Zachary and I'm incarcerated in Georgia. I've recently given my life to Christ. My cellmate told me about your organization and has shared his Bible with me. I have nobody on the outside to ask for help or a Bible. Please send me an ERV Bible and anything that will help me with my Christian Walk. Zachary in Georgia

Cowboys For Christ,

I hope this is going to the right place but will proceed with the faith that it will get to the right folks. Last week Chaplin Mike Jackson conducted funeral services for my son Russ Timmerman in Gladstone, MO. I had a brief conversation with Mike before the service but learned during the service that he was a Cowboys for Christ Chaplain. This struck a note for me. Back in 1985 I was singing with a gospel group, Sounds of the Spirit. We did a program in Wahoo, Nebraska supporting a Cowboys for Christ gathering. As we were putting our Sound-system back in our truck I was overcome by the Holy Spirit and gave my life to Christ on that grassy hill side in the city park in Wahoo, Nebraska. Little did I realize then that I would come into contact with Cowboys For Christ again as we said final farewells to my oldest son. It was, and still is, a highly emotional memory.

I am sure that as each of these memories comes to mind again, they will bring more tears of joy. It's just marvelous how God's plan for us unfolds each and every day. Dick Timmerman in Kentucky

Cowboys For Christ,

Thanks for the Christian Ranchman. Tom in Missouri

Cowboys For Christ-Chrisian Ranchman,

I just wanted to thank you for sending me the Christian Ranchman publication. I thoroughly enjoy reading it and get excited when I get a new issue! I also want to thank you for the Cowboys For Christ Bible study! I learned some new things in the process of completing the study. It never ceases to amaze me how I can read the same Scripture and get more out of it every time I read it. That's why it's called the Living Word; I'm learning! Please send my certificate whenever possible. God bless, Brian in Texas

Dear Dave and Cowboys For Christ,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for the wonderful messages and fellowship in the Lord at Elkins Creek Horse Camp. Praise Jesus for allowing me to ride beautiful horses and hangout with God loving cowboys and cowgirls. Your messages are always awe inspiring and filled with Godly wisdom. And thank God for Cowboys For Christ and all they do! Yours in Christ, Dawn in Pennsylvania

Cowboys For Christ,

I thank you for the certificate and the Bible Study. It's the best Bible study I've seen in prison. So much so, that when things here get crazy and I feel the enemy closing in, just a few questions in and I once again feel the peace-joy. So much have I enjoyed the Bible study that I gave #4 unfinished to a new brother in Christ. Please if you can send me another one. This is the book that contains the recap lessons. Also, I love the art work-a seasoned cowboy contemplating the Word by lantern light. This new brother gave his life to Christ in our Thursday Praise & Prayer time at the Chapel. Our first service for Thursday. Praise God! He is

in my wing. It's a wonderful thing y'all doing. I'm praying for miracles and success in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for everything. Yours in Christ John Ed in Texas

Cowboys For Christ,

The enclosed check is a donation for my son-in-law in his honor as he wished instead of a Christmas present. Could you please inform him of the donation? Blessed by the cowboys as they give their service out in the field. Merry Christmas, Erika in New York

Hello,

I just wanted to drop a quick-line to say Thank You for sharing the Good News of the Gospel. We really appreciate everything your ministry does for us. God Bless, Curtis in Texas

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Letter and Testimony

by Jerry Hughes

Dear Brother Dave,

This is Jerry Hughes and I wanted to write and let you know that I really enjoyed talking to you on the phone this morning. It feels so good to be able to be out in the world. I would say "free world" but you and I both know that nothing in this world is free. Even Jesus paid. He paid the price so that we could live a (sin free) life. Amen.

I wanted to start this letter by saying that Jesus Christ is Lord! I placed an order with you for a large Cowboys For Christ belt buckle. I look forward to wearing it with pride to honor the Lord and your ministry. I also wanted to give my testimony to what the Lord has done in my life and in my family's life.

It all started when I showed up drunk to court to accept my sentence to prison for 8 years. The jailer put me in a cell by myself to help me detox from the alcohol. At this point in my life, I really didn't think I had anything to live for. I had left my wife. I lost my home, everything I loved I had lost. In my mind there was nothing left, no hope, no future! I thought life was over, maybe I would die in prison, nobody would miss me, nobody cared.

Well, one of my drinking buddies asked me if I needed anything and I told him that I'd like to have a Bible and a Lonesome Dove novel, so I'd have something to read. Well, when the books came in, don't be angry Dave, but I tossed the Bible on the little shelf they had in the single man cell, and started reading the book "Lonesome Dove." But I couldn't concentrate on the book. So, one evening I got down on my knees and asked God what He wanted from me, and He told me He didn't want me to read any novels until I got through reading the Bible from cover to cover. He told me that "I could do it." He said to give Him one hour a day, and that He would "change my life." I surrendered to the Lord that day. I think He needed me to be at the bottom so that it would be easy for me to see all the blessings He was fixing to bring to my life. I stepped out in total faith! I mean what more could I possibly loose? I prayed for protection because I knew I was fixing to go to a violent world. And I didn't worry any cause at once I felt safe! There was no fear! I thought "it has to be that I totally surrendered!"

My first blessing. Upon my arrival to prison, I received a letter from my wife, saying that she would not give up on me, that she had been praying for me, and if I would place my faith in the Lord, that everything would be alright, that I needed to trust Him. (So, I got my wife back.)

Blessing #2. The doctor pulled a bunch of blood and found that I had Hep. B-C and my liver and kidneys were shutting down! I only weighed 143 lbs. when I got to prison. The alcohol was killing me! He said that coming to prison had probably saved my life and he said I would've died if I would've waited another 6 months. He didn't know if medication would even help. Well, I'm here to tell you, God healed me from my sickness! He took the cancer from my body! He delivered me from alcohol. Amen!

When I went to prison my wife lost our house because she could not afford it. She wrote me and asked for prayer so she could believe by faith, that the Lord would help her get another place for me, her and her son (who is grown with special needs.) And guess what? You got it! God gave us a duplex so our adult son with special needs could have his own place, but still be close enough so we could take care of him if needed! God not only gave us one home; He gave us two!! Amen.

Blessing #3. My wife wrote and told me she had been praying for my early release and that she believed God for it. Guess what? You got it!

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FROM: TAMMIE WOJCIK

Letter and Testimony Continued

God touched the parole board and they let me out a year early!! Is God great or what?

Brother Dave, this is only a short version of the miracles and wonders that I personally have witnessed. There are too many things to tell you Brother Dave, but I will keep the letters coming to you, if you don't mind. I haven't even begun to tell you about all the miracles that happened after I found an abandoned Bible that said Cowboys For Christ Easy Read Version. After I found ya'lls Bible, people started flocking to me! They said they wanted the glow that I had. I didn't notice a glow, but people were saying that it showed that I was a changed man! Amen!

Now do you remember what I told you at the beginning? God said to give Him one hour a day, every day, and He would change my life. Dave, this is only the beginning of my changed life! There is no turning back. Some people think that going to church on Sunday only will cover them, and that is not true. When we give our lives over to God, He is with us always, 24/7. He will never leave us or forsake us; we at least owe Him one hour of those 24 hours. He's with us!

Brother Dave, I did the breakdown of a 24-hour period. 24 hours breaks down to 1460 minutes in a day, and all He asked me for is 60 minutes of that 1460. I didn't do the math on a week, but 60 minutes of 1460 ain't much. But He wants it every day, not once a week! I'll never forget the sign I saw in the Warden's office that said "If someone ask you about your past, you tell them Jesus has dropped the charges." Which means, no matter what we've done in our past, we can be forgiven!! Brother Dave, thank you for letting me ramble on and like I said this is only a very, very, very, short list of the many, many, many blessings God gave given me just for giving Him 1 hour a day. And this does not include the miracles and blessing I received and the people

who I have helped lead to Christ because of your ministry and Bibles. I've got a big story to tell and let me remind you that all this happened in a 2-year time frame! I can just imagine what He has in store for the rest of my life! Amen. I want to thank God, Jesus His Son, and your ministry. Your brother in Christ, Jerry

Poems

by Matt Aubin

Howdy, I am an inmate in prison in Texas. I received your newsletter and thoroughly enjoy it. Would you consider printing this in your newsletter? This was my 1st prayer to God sitting in prison and on the other side was His response. I know God speaks; we just don't listen.

LORD HELP ME

Lord I need your strength to make it, the pain is much too real,

I give my life and heart to you, both which you can heal.

My world feels like it's slowly crumbling, it feels like I'm at my end.

Without You right now I couldn't make it, now you're my ONLY Friend.

I've tried the drugs and I've tried the women, neither would fulfill.

Now I'll try walking with you Lord, and living in your perfect will,

You must be a mighty God to be able to forgive someone like me.

No matter what I've done, you say you'll love me unconditionally.

There are a lot of thigs going on right now that I don't understand.

but your Word says I can make it through, if I'll reach out and take your hand.

Lord, you say I don't belong to me, that I've been bought with a price,

So now I come humbly to you, to ask for your advice.

What should I do to make it through these days that lie ahead?

I searched your word and found my answers, this is what I read

You say my current troubles are small and won't last for very long.

That I should live by believing and NOT by seeing, soon they'll all be gone.

When You died on that cross, all my sins and cares You took that day

I'll never be able to thank you enough, so this prayer is my way.

One day I'll share my story and recite this, I pray God continues His work in me while I wait. I hope to share this one day, with the world. This was God's answer to my 1st prayer.

CALLING YOU BACK TO ME

You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

These things I'm allowing you to go through, will mold you and make you a better man.

These times right now are tough, but soon they'll all be through.

How long your hardships last, is completely up to you.

I told you I'd never leave you and that I'd always be there,

But some of the things I see you doing, make me think that you don't' care.

You're headed down a dead-end road, just take my hand, I'll help you turn.

My love for you is my free gift, I don't get it, when will you learn?

But, until that day I'll keep waiting, and hoping that you will see

That even though you pushed me away, I'm still calling you back to me.



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.

The Turtle

from Karen Meisner

We decided to go for lunch two towns over and on the way, there was a turtle on the highway. It was in the middle of the lane so cars and trucks could easily pass over it. I saw it had its head partly out. We proceeded to the restaurant and had a great lunch. We took our time and after the last cup of coffee we headed back to our farm. The turtle I had observed on the way to eat was still on the highway, his head further out. I said to my husband "I feel sorry for the turtle, let's turn around and move it to safety in the woods that was across the road" he agreed. Well, I had to find a place to safely turn around and that took a minute or two. We got back to the turtle and my husband got out to move it and I heard a loud noise; it was a huge truck heading our way. My husband stopped to wait for it to pass and when it finally did, I saw what had happened; we were too late to help the turtle.

I'm not sure why, but as I watched my husband walking back, I thought the devil lets people think they are fine just as they are and "BOOM" a person can pass away. But unlike the turtle sometime in their life they had heard the Gospel that you must be born again and make that decision before you die. John 3:3. I think you get my point. Please know Jesus died for your sins and if you repent and ask HIS forgiveness, HE will save you and when you pass you will go to Heaven to be with HIM for eternity. The turtle didn't get to the woods, I hope you don't say that about Heaven.

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Letter and Testimony

from Terry Betts

Dear Fellow Christians,

I enjoy the testimonies presented in every Christian Ranchman. I have thought about sending my testimony to you for months, but never got around to In the latest Christian Ranchman, Dave Harvey questioned if readers had their testimony memorized. indelibly etched in my mind. Rising to the challenge, I have finally included my testimony. It was my pleasure to give a recorded testimony for the church I was attending several years ago. It was put on YouTube and if you are so inclined, you can view it: search YouTube for Terry Betz Testimony Final (last name spelled wrong). There are more details to my testimony there, including how and why I stayed with her through the progression of her MS. Yours in Christ, **Terry Betts**

MY TESTIMONY

I was raised in the Free Methodist Church. My mother made sure we were

there every Sunday. In time, I became Vice President of the Youth Group, a VBS teacher and member of the choir. I carried my Bible to school and after graduation, spent a year attending a religious college. Then I joined the Marines. At first, I still attended church whenever possible. But in time that changed. My Bible just gathered dust. By the time I left, I had abandoned all Christian beliefs. On October 31, 1968, I was sent to San Francisco from Vietnam to await my discharge from the Marines. The first night there, I met a lovely lady named Barbara, who wanted nothing to do with me because she had a rule against dating Marines. I eventually persuaded her that I was only going to be there for a few weeks and would be going home, so could she just show me around San Fransisco. She agreed, so we spent every day we could exploring San Fransisco. By the time it came for me to leave in Mid-November, we were hopelessly in love. Needless to say, I returned to San Francisco after spending Christmas at home.

Six months later, on June 14th, we were married. Six months after that Barbara was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. In June 1970, we welcomed our daughter. When our daughter was old enough for preschool, I decided that just because I did not believe in God, she should have the right to makeup her own mind. So, we sent her to a preschool run by a large non-denominational church nearby. The church had visitation teams that visited the families of the preschoolers. One night, they came to our house. The team was led by a man named Dick. And after giving their testimonies, he asked me how I felt about this. I told him that I had my own set of beliefs. He then turned to Barbara and asked her how she felt. You could have knocked me over with a feather when she said that she believed in God and Christ. With that they left. I walked them to the door and as Dick walked out, I literally bit my tongue to stop from asking him to pray for me.

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Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

Die in Your Sins



John 8:24 "Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Pride is a terrible evil and it is a deadly emotion, just as King Solomon tells us in **Prov 16:18** "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." I am guessing that pride was the motivation that kept the Pharisees and Sadducees so blinded to the TRUTH of JESUS CHRIST. They above all others of GOD'S own chosen

nation of Israel should have been watching and seeking the MESSIAH. They, more than anyone else at that time, should have been wide awake of the times, the situation and especially the promise of the coming SAVIOR. It is not like HIS birth was hidden, and I am not only referring to the glorious appearing of the angels announcing HIS birth, or the shepherds who witnessed the CHRIST CHILD and went about telling everyone about the angelic happening. But mainly to the ruthless King Herod who had murdered all of the young baby boys to try to kill the coming KING. This was brought about by the appearance of the "Wise Men" seeking the new KING because they had seen the star that declared HIS birth. So, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, the religious leaders should have been on high alert and standing ready for the appearance of the promised MESSIAH, with open arms and open hearts.

Now I know that it was twenty some years later that John the Baptist came on the scene proclaiming that the KINGDOM OF GOD was at hand and that the MESSIAH would soon be revealed. I am well aware of the strained situation of the nation of Israel, being in bondage to the powerful Roman government at that time. And I am sure that this bondage and all of the foreign influence had greatly dampened the Spiritual movement of the people. But the religious leaders should have been on top of the happenings, especially with a weird dressed man drawing crowds out into the wilderness declaring repentance of their sins and baptizing those who responded, as we are told in **Matt 3:1-6[1** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea **2** and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." **3** This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." **4** John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.] It is a fact that they were there, the Pharisees and Sadducees, I mean, because John sure addressed them in **Matt 3:7-10[7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. **9** And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham."] And as you can see, he wasn't very nice to them, either, as he called them a bunch of snakes. So, again I say, why were the religious leaders unknowing or uncaring and actually opposed to the arrival of the MESSIAH.

Now I want to fast forward a little to where JESUS was addressing the same group, the Pharisees and Sadducees, as it appears that they challenged HIM on numerous occasions throughout HIS ministry on this earth. In **John 8:21-24[** Then He said to them again, "I'm going away; you will look for Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I'm going, you cannot come." **22** So the Jews said again, "He won't kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I'm going, you cannot come'?" **23** "You are from below," He told them, "I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. **24** Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.] JESUS tells them point blank that they would "die in their sin" and then in verse 24 HE tells them again that they will "die in their sins." Not to confuse anyone, but the singular used in verse 21, JESUS declares that they will die in their "sin" which is due to their unbelief as clearly stated by JESUS in **John 3:18[** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.]

Next, in verse 24 JESUS states twice that they would "die in their sins" which is the many transgressions that they had committed and as John the Baptist call them "brood of vipers" because they would not confess their sins and they were unrepentant of those sins. In fact, they were challenging JESUS at every miracle and at every declaration of HIS LORDSHIP, HIS KINGSHIP and HE being sent from THE FATHER. It seems almost impossible for the religious leaders to turn their backs on the very SON OF GOD and then carry out the evil plan to have HIM nailed to the cross. But folks, it sure seems that the same problem that folks had then, is still here. Men, women, boys and girls, cowboys and cowgirls, are not recognizing the MESSIAH, they are turning their backs on the SAVIOR and LORD. They are even challenging HIM in their talk, their walk and their evil actions this very day, even in this supposed "one nation under GOD." Is it pride? Is it blindness? Or is it uncaring and unknowing? Whatever it is, it is time to seek HIM! It is time to confess! It is time to repent! It is time to accept JESUS CHRIST as your SAVIOR and LORD, because they did not know the SAVIOR had arrived and we do not know when HE will return and it could be soon. Are you ready? Drop to your knees and repent of your sins and confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD. And do it today.

In Christ,







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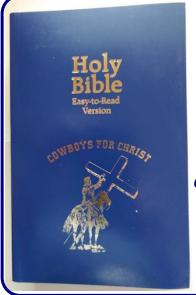
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I was still wrestling with God. Nothing more was said between Barbara and I regarding Christianity. But several months later, we attended the children's Christmas pageant, on Christmas Eve. The ladies of the church had spent the day baking little loaves of bread so the families could share Communion on Christmas Day. As a child in the Free Methodist Church, I had learned that you did not take Communion unless you were right with God. As I sat there that night, it preyed on my mind that I could not take Communion with my family. With that, the dam broke. God had finally gotten through to me. I started crying, went and grabbed Dick and told him we had to go pray. I was once again back in the fold. Afterwards, I found out Barbara had a direct pipeline with God. He talked to her and she listened. She told me that she prayed for me every night after I went to sleep. She also told me that she knew that as much as I knew about the Bible (I was always answering her religious questions) and that I would come back to God. And she had God's reassurance I would. I realized that meeting her was no coincidence. All of this had been God's plan, both to bring me back and to give her someone who would care for her as the MS progressed. Through all the good and bad times God was always there. On February 14, 2014, exactly 45 years from the day I proposed to her, she went to be with the Lord. I admit, I am crying as I type this. But this was not the end. Even though I was living in Oregon, God arranged for me to find another wonderful woman in Florida. And of all things, her name was also Barbara. We have been together for four years now. She heads up the ushers at church, I livestream the service and God continues to bless us.

WANTED Please send us your testimony!

End of the Year Praise Report for 2021

from Donalyn Kestner

The Heavenly Hoofbeats chapter of Cowboys for Christ in Michigan and Chaplains Ron & Clare Squires are thanking God for our year end praise reports! We got into the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show at MSU pavilion, despite many obstacles. Isaiah 43:19 indicates that God will make a way where there seems to be no way. It was a miraculous moment from God when the call came, offering us a table in a prime vendor location; a well-traveled area close to the arena, at no charge. The Lord truly made a way for us to minister to many people.

Ron had the opportunity to pray with a couple people, one who was suffering from macular degeneration. Another man, who was from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan was concerned about some troubling issues at his job, and his job security. We ask the Lord to minister to and bring peace and healing to these men.

Chaplains Ron & Claire Squires and Donalyn Hestner

Many others stopped to say howdy and to pick up Bibles, tracts, bookmarks, and other literature. In the midst of these blessings, word came that the campus police had been called about a potential problem at the Pavilion. Deuteronomy 31:8 says, "The Lord Himself goes before you..." God had already placed fellow Christians as our neighbors.

Soon, several of us were holding hands in agreement and prayer, appealing to God to bind satan's assignment over the MSU pavilion. The issue never materialized. The campus police didn't need to come by. Praise God for Matthew 18:20 which says, "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." God is so faithful to His word!

And more praise to God: Heavenly Hoofbeats has been asked to come back to the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show next year. Ron has been asked to do a sermon. This is surely God going before us and making a way. We look forward to bringing Jesus to many more people at next year's event. Stay tuned for more praise reports!



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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Letter from Linda Burnett

Cowboys For Christ, Hello there. Praying for our people in Afghanistan to make it out with their lives. Really sad the way all of that has gone down. Waiting hour to hour "Radio News" on the weather reports, what the hurricane is doing. Hope and Pray the people of Louisiana and Mississippi took the importance of leaving to heart, didn't try to ride out the storm.

Just in the USA there is a large need for prayer and action of all people to pull together. My view of the world is small, mostly the radio for important information. In my view people must stop waiting for handouts -food lines-get up and go to work, and earn their way. Even young birds learn to find food when the mama-papa birds stop feeding them-make them fly from the nest.

I'll be 74 in February 2022, up for parole in April, I've been in prison since 1978, finding a job will not be easy, but will be a must, because the SSI check will not be enough to live on. Be for sure this old woman will work. Once again thank you all for the Cowboy Bible. It is used each day, one to another in the dorm. I am blessed, have four Bibles, each one special to me and needed; add two dictionaries and a few other books it leaves little space for commissary. Here is where a person makes choices, what is dearer to them, food for a week or spiritual food forever.

Hope and pray next year to be free, paroled and able to visit one of the Cowboy Church's. Some of my friends live in Stephenville, TX, they hold records in rodeos and are in the museum in Ft. Worth, TX, really good people.

Everyone be blessed. Thank you all for working in the Faith of our Father; there are many who do not know Jesus. Oh, they have heard His Name, but have not had a one-on-one meeting yet, with the One who holds our future. In Peace, Linda Burnett

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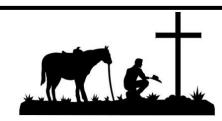
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