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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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Testimony

by Susie Thompson

'Heaven is my home.... I am just here recruiting!

At 57 years old I suppose this quote sums up my purpose in life, since finding God I have always had a passion to see people saved.

However, throughout my journey, God has certainly allowed me to take a rollercoaster ride, but I can honestly say He has never left my side.... even before I knew He was there. That is why I also desire this closeness for others who do not know Him.

I was born in Australia and grew up in a non-Christian family, my father still to this day denies God's existence, however somehow, I always knew there was a Creator. As a young child I remember lying in bed at night and watching my hand move, I was fascinated at how it worked and yet a little scared at the same time. I believe back then I was connected to God, I just didn't know it and it wouldn't be until I was twenty-five that I would seriously search for Him.

At that time my friend Kylie, who was like my little sister, had passed away from an asthma attack and I was desperate to know where she was and what Heaven was like. So, I asked the town minister to



Susie and Elvis in Australia

come to my home and explain some things about eternity. His answer was 'heaven is like sitting in a rose'.... I couldn't think of anything more boring! Time passed and eventually a random acquaintance invited herself to morning tea at my house. This woman's life was a mess and looking back I'm sure she was ADHD, but boy was she a good evangelist!! Her name was Michelle and while praying for me, I felt the presence

of God for the first time and started crying. After she left, I followed her instructions for salvation and got down on my knees and gave my life to the Lord. I was too proud to pray with her.

We found a church to go to and I quickly became involved. Over the years I've volunteered for most roles in the church, from Children's Sunday school teacher, to overseas Mission Leader. The testimonies God has given me are abundant, which has cemented my faith.... I have never doubted His existence. God has gently encouraged me to fulfill my purpose even when it was way out of my comfort zone. Early in my Christian walk I started with clowning because my shyness could be hidden behind face paint, I progressed to leading a drama group, then lead worship.... eventually God had me confident enough to preach. His gentle encouragement saw me doing things I never imagined I could do.

He has also held me tightly through some terrible trials of grief, rejection, guilt, betrayal, pain, and abuse. I believe that our trials have a purpose to help others and our journeys need to be shared.

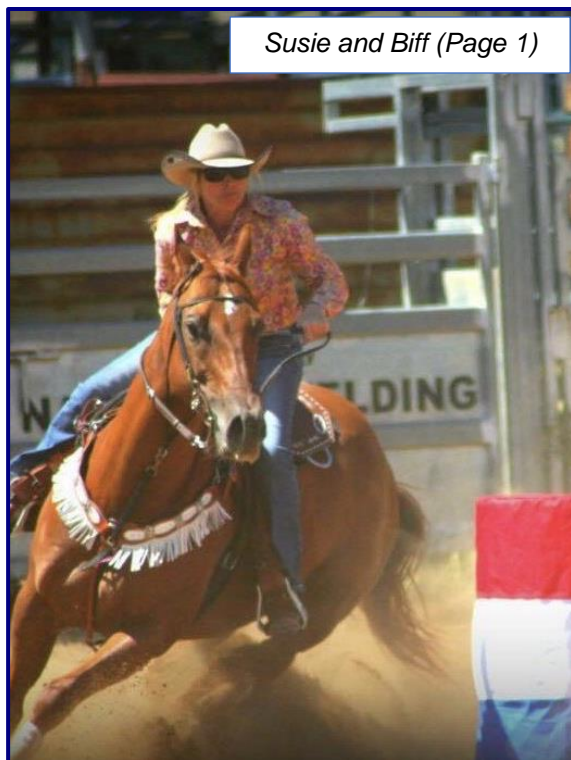
Today I have 4 children and 2 stepchildren. My husband and I together have 9 grandchildren, some in Australia and some here in the USA. We rodeo, train horses and raise roping cattle, it's a wonderful life. However, I still know my purpose is to lead people to Jesus, to help women through trials and to see healing, emotionally and physically in people's lives.

My favorite scripture is Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

This scripture I have witnessed time and time again, it has become my testimony. God bless. Thank you for the opportunity to become part of Cowboys for Christ. Susie

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Forgiveness

by Chaplain Tammy Burton

Note from Editor--last issue this article was listed incorrectly, it has such a strong message we decided to run it again correctly recognizing the writer, Chaplain Tammy Burton. We apologize for the error.

Forgiveness--what does it mean and how do we do it?? It means to release someone from the wrong they have committed against us, and is probably the hardest thing we will ever be asked to do. The only way it can be done is by getting God in the middle of it.

I had to learn to forgive my mother for her indifference toward me as a child, for the abuse I suffered at the hands of her then husband without any protection from her, and for the blame she put on my small shoulders. I spent many, many years with pent up anger and would imagine her in a helpless state where I could hold back help and support from her, just as she had held it back from me. I wanted her to suffer like I had. The problem with that was that I had found the Lord as a very young child and understood the Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother commandment found in Exodus 20:12.

There were no disclaimers, or ifs and buts. How could God ask this of his children??

I left home at an early age and my life went through a lot of twists, turns and mistakes. My mother was in my life, but not in my life. I had children of my own, but she was busy making bad decisions in her own life and didn't embrace being a grandmother. Years passed, nothing changed in our relationship. It wasn't until meeting up with Cowboys For Christ at a retreat years later that the Lord opened my eyes to my feelings toward her. I resented her but I also loved her and desperately wanted her to love me. At this point, her health was failing, and my siblings let it be known that they would not be shouldering any responsibility for her or even be a part of her life.

For ten years, I took her to Drs. appointments, sat at the hospital while she was ill or having a procedure, moved her to places where she thought she would be happier, took her shopping, and did things to try and make her happy. Rarely was there a thank you and her wants and needs grew. I battled the resentment DAILY!! I wanted something in return! Validation, respect, love!

I went into this with the idea that my works would change her, and that she would eventually see my worth. It never happened. What happened was, I changed. I started to really understand how Grace works, how I didn't deserve the things God gives to me and how he loves me despite my shortcomings. I remember telling my boss that the Lord was healing my heart and when He was done, He would take her. I also remember telling my Mom after she went into a long term care facility, that I would not abandon her and even though I couldn't continue to keep up with her failing health without help, I would be a phone call away and very present in her life. With Jesus in my heart, I was able to keep my promise to her. I had no desire to see her suffer or want to punish her. She was going through enough without me adding to it. I was overflowing with compassion for her! She was a believer

but had such a fear of dying. I did my best to comfort her and to remind her there is healing on the other side. Mom passed in July of 2021 and I was devastated. No--the apology never came, the warm fuzzy moments didn't happen, but I had Peace beyond all understanding and I praise the Lord for giving me the strength to see her through. As I was leaving the nursing home at what would be my last visit, she said to me 'thanks for coming.' I turned to her and replied "I'll always come Mom". I cried all the way home.

Don't fall into the worlds philosophies on dealing with difficult people and situations. There are rewards for the efforts. Withholding love and resources from others is not Gods will for us as his ambassadors. Get into the Word and seek the Lord's guidance. Forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling. One day at a time, one hour at a time, one step at a time---Philippians 4:13-I can do ALL thing through Christ who strengthens me.

Cowboys For Christ Cowgirl Chaplain Tammy Burton



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My Testimony

by Steve Richmond

I think that it would be impossible to put my complete testimony into words, especially when trying to make it all fit into an article for a publication like the Christian Ranchman. When trying to tell what the Lord has done for me in my life and give a brief testimony about how He has saved me, and brought me to this point in my life, it is hard to keep it short. I'm sure that I wouldn't be able to say it all in a small article for this publication so I'll just give some of the pertinent highlights of His grace, and mercy in my life and what has led me to becoming a Cowboys for Christ Chaplain. I was raised in a wonderful Christian home and my parents were true followers of Jesus. They loved me and taught me to love the Lord also, but as a teenager I, like the Prodigal Son, thought that there was fun out in the world to be had and I wanted to find it. But at twenty years of age, again like the Prodigal Son, I came to myself and returned home and found the Father looking, and waiting for me and welcoming me back to His family. "Thank you, mom and dad for your prayers during that time and the untold number of people that were praying for me." At twenty years old, I fell in love with the Lord and wanted to serve Him with all of my heart and life. I felt a call to ministry on my life but probably just the same as anyone who loves the Lord and reads the bible and sees the commission that Jesus gives to His church to proclaim the gospel message and to make disciples. I didn't feel like I was to be in full time ministry as an occupation but to serve in my church, and be a witness for Him in my workplace, and family, and to anyone else that He would place in my life. I have served over the years in various ways from teaching Sunday school, leading small groups, being involved in Children's ministry, serving on different boards, and committees, and also filling the pulpit when asked by the Pastor. Having a strong desire to serve the Lord, and tell of His love, and redemptive work

on Calvary. I tried to grow and learn the Bible by taking home Bible study correspondence courses, and have worked through other biblical study workbooks, and discipling studies. I also used my personal devotions and Bible reading to help prepare myself to proclaim the gospel in whatever way that the Lord would lead me in for His kingdom. After giving my heart to the Lord at age twenty-one I moved back home to western Pennsylvania and fell in love with a beautiful Christian farm girl and got married in 1990. She, like me, grew up riding horses and after we took a vacation to Riding High Dude Ranch in upper New York state a few years after getting married, it rekindled a love of riding horses for us both. We were patient and waited for the Lord to work it out for us to have a way to have horses again. He eventually made a way. After getting a horse sometime around 2010 or so, I developed a passion for riding, and tried my best at becoming a better Horseman. I did what I could to learn, and worked to develop my Horsemanship skills. After a few years of riding and learning to work with horses I began to help others with their horses. The word began to get out that I was someone who had a little talent with horses and was able to make them safer, and better for people to ride. At first my goal was to make enough money working with other people's horses to pay for the expense of my own. I thought if I could do that, I had made it as a horse trainer. Things were going great and I was loving it all so much. I loved the idea of being a Cowboy and being identified as a Cowboy, and a Horseman. I became aware of and began to get involved with Cowboys For Christ through some friends and started going to the trail rides, and other activities that our local chapter would have. The West Keystone chapter is led by Chaplain Dale Brenneman. Over the last few years Dale and I have developed a close relationship, and friendship. I have been in, and hosted Bible studies at my house with him leading them and have watched him minister to lots of Cowboys and

Cowgirls over these last few years with so much love, and compassion. He has been a wonderful friend, and mentor to me in leading up to this decision of becoming a Cowboys For Christ Chaplain. Through Dale's encouragement we began to talk about me becoming a Chaplain a couple of years ago and decided to begin praying about if that's what the Lord had for me and the direction, He would want me to go in ministry. After praying about it I felt as though the Lord was leading me into using my horse training talents as an opening to minister in people's lives. The Lord did just that. He has shown me how to use the horse as a door, or vehicle into the horse owners' lives. The Lord has allowed me to minister to horse owners and make in-roads into ministering to people through making, and building relationships because of the horse. This past October 2021 Dale asked me if I could do the Sunday morning church service at the Penn-Ohio Youth Finals Rodeo in Fredonia Pa. Dale has done that service for several years in the past but was booked to speak at another event that day. I jumped at the

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opportunity and said yes. I asked a Cowboy friend of mine Jeff Keller and my wife if they would come with me and lead worship songs for the service. Everything went very well at the service and I so enjoyed myself preaching the word at that event and felt so at home in that atmosphere of being surrounded by all those Cowboys and Cowgirls. It felt so natural to me to be there and to be preaching in that arena to those people. Afterwards I could hear the Lord say to me in my heart that this is what I have for you in the future is more of things like this. So, to me it was clear what the next step should be to make preaching at events like that a part of my future, and that is becoming a Cowboys For Christ Chaplain. I know that being associated with a well-known, and nationally recognized ministry like Cowboys For Christ will give me credibility as a Preacher of the gospel and help in creating open doors for me to minister in western live style events, and the livestock industry activities in the future. To me it feels like a hand fitting in a glove. As my retirement from driving truck for over 40 years eventually approaches, my prayer is to have made many more relationships, and have opened many more doors to ministering in more events surrounding the livestock, and western lifestyle industry, and anything else the Lord may lead me into around ministering to the Cowboy and Cowgirls that He, and I love so much.

Letters to the Editor

Cowboys For Christ, I once said the Bible was just ink on paper and I couldn't understand it. When I asked Bro Ted Pressley why that was, he told me "Get a pen and write this down in your Bible right now. (I poised my pen as he dictated) "The Bible was written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit - It can only be understood by the same." Blessings, Becky in Texas

Hello, I received, "The Ride". This is a wonderful tract and I would like to be able

to purchase a number of them to hand out. This would fit in anywhere you are but I especially like it for where I am in Montana. Would you please advise if this is possible and if so the cost? Thank you, Ellen in Montana

Cowboys For Christ, Please find a check for the paper. It is read by several in our family. Keep up the good work spreading God's Word to mankind, wherever they are on earth. People needs to read the Good News until Jesus comes back!!! Jack & Elizabeth in Indiana

To Whom It May Concern, We know a young man that has recently come to the cowboy life and is loving it. He loves the Lord and loves to study the Word. His interests are expanding, and the interest in Cowboys For Christ was there. Would you please send him one of your Bibles and studies and also the Christian Ranchman paper? We believe it will open his eyes to the reality of Christian in the cowboy life. Thank you, Gerald & Flora in Kansas

Christian Ranchman, Howdy! I've been getting the Christian Ranchman for a few years now. I was wondering if ya'll would send it to my son. He is working his way into manhood and he may need encouragement from time to time, as we all do. So, I thought of ya'll. I thank you kindly for each and every paper I get. Have a great day. Lucas in Texas

Hi, part of my family had the opportunity to attend a church service at the Iowa Horse Fair directed by the Cowboys For Christ. The service was a good one and well received. Could we be added to the paper mailing list? Thank you, Trisha in Iowa

Hello, Cowboys For Christ, How's everything going. I am currently incarcerated in Texas. I had a good friend of mine let me read my first Christian Ranchman today and I fell in love with it. You guys have a good thing going and I would love to be a part of it. I love the words of encouragement you

guys give out to the people. Please put me on your mailing list. Also, I would love to get into your Bibles studies and if you have a spare Bible that would help. Also, I'm new to all this asking stuff I'm used to doing stuff on my own, but God put it on my heart to write you guys and an ask for help. I'm a cowboy by heart, but now it's time to be a Christian by heart. May God bless you all. Your brother in Christ, Willie in Texas

Christian Ranchman, I have been getting your paper for years, but I moved and need my address changed, please. I really love reading your all paper. The info on rides, Letters to the Editor, and pictures, all of it is very well done. God bless, Jeff in Missouri

The Christian Ranchman, I would like to start receiving your newsletter, please. I have seen the Nov/Dec issue and look forward to the next one. I just want to say thank you all for what you all do to get the Word to us in need of "THE TRUE LIGHT." This is my first time reading one of your newsletters and it opened my eyes. You see I have been negating God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit for some time now and I just want to say thank you for showing me the way back to The True Light. May God bless you and all of your family. Respectfully, Jason in Texas

Dear Cowboys For Christ, I just wanted to send a change of address and to tell ya'll how much I enjoy your newsletter and your mission. Your Bible study was the first one I did when I came to prison. I had to come to prison and sober up to find God, but I say the trip was well worth it because now I am free. God was never lost; I was and now I am clear-headed enough to realize I needed Him. Now I'm knocking and He is answering. God shows me His glory every day and I love waking up in His presence. Your Cowboys For Christ Bible was my favorite Bible for a long time before it got ruined by water damage

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during a cell flood. (Broken pipe leaked into the cell and ruined some items, books that were under my bunk.) Looking forward to the day I can get a new one. Please keep up the great work and God bless. Sincerely, Kevin in Texas Editor's note: we sent Kevin a new Cowboys For Christ Bible.

Letter

by Jesse Baker

I wanted to let you know I completed all three of the Bible studies. I really enjoyed them. I learned a lot. I was wondering if you would send them to my brother. He works six days a week at our cousin's ranch. I'm in prison so I don't get to talk with him. I think that these Bible studies would help him a lot. Thank you, guys, for everything you do! God Bless You!

Your Brother in Christ, Jesse in Lawton, OK

P.S. Thank you for everything. If you have anything you would like to send our prison church please do. Thank you and God bless!!

P.P.S. I sent you an offering for whatever you need it for.

Testimony

by Jesse Baker

I grew up in a small town of Glencoe, OK. I grew up going to church and living for God. As a kid I was in FFA and was an officer for four years. I also showed animals: pigs, sheep, and goats. I also did shooting sports, livestock judging, meat judging, and more. I loved the outdoors. I always went hunting and fishing whenever I could.

Life was good, but then when I finished school, I went looking for work. I have worked on a couple of farm/ranches since I was 14 but then I was trying to see where I belong in life. So, I moved to a different town and met people who were doing drugs and I was trying to just fit in. I started doing meth and smoking weed.

Within nine months I was selling and using so much I started to hate life. I ended up getting mixed up with the wrong people who was in a white prison gang. Well, after I lost everything I had, they left me broke.

So, I had to call my folks to save me. Well, my dad and mom helped me get my CDL to drive trucks and I started to do good. I started to go back to church and could see God working in my life again. But then some people saw me doing good and having money so they came running back in my life and I accepted them back. Well, they got me to sell meth again and I ended up going to prison and while I was there, I ended up being a gang member but the whole time I was there, God was calling me but I would not listen to him.

At one point I turned my back on Him. I quit believing in Him. So, after almost three years I got out of prison and started selling drugs again and within nine months I was in jail again but this time I started to talk to God again. And I was going to church in jail but I still was doing bad things also. Then one day I prayed to God and said if you let me out of jail, I'll quit the gang and drug life. And if I came back to jail, he could send me to prison for 20 years. Well, he let me out of jail but I didn't do what I said I would do and within three months I was back in jail. This time I was done and I cried out to God for hours on my knees. I asked for forgiveness and I felt it leave me so I gave my life to God from that day on.

I'm in prison a happy man of God. I'm doing a 20-year sentence in prison. I'll do 8 ½ years before I'll go home. But that's OK, I got six years 10 months left to do, and during that time I'll bring everyone I can to God! We have church six days a week and I teach one of the days. So, I might be an ex-gang member but I'm a Cowboy for God!

God Bless, Jesse from Lawton, OK

P.S. Watch what you pray for! I prayed and I got the 20-year sentence I asked for but happy I found God with it. Praise God!!



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Cowboy Freedom: a nod of the head and a swing of a gate

by Chaplain Bobbi Dupertius

It was a glorious beautiful day, and the coffee was brewing. The day was Sunday and there seemed to be two camps going on. One group was up singing, horses fed, gear was ready, and they were headed down to the arena for Cowboy church. I tried to cover my ears but I heard them, "Our God reigns, before it all in spite of it all, above it all, in the midst of it all, at the end of it all, our God reigns" I so wished they would shut up so I could sleep awhile longer. I had been at the beer garden until it closed, and the pretty little filly who I danced the last dance with was coming to see me ride today. I think her name was Suzi, or Jane, or something like that. No one was being quiet around the camp and the guys had already started razing each other about the "ride that got away" and "the steer that they drew. "I checked my pockets only to find someone had stolen all my money, and worse yet my socks were wet and my pants were ripped. My head hurt and my eyes seemed to have trouble focusing. I was told by the others that I did some fightin' as I drank the old coffee, that I guessed had been sittin' there for hours. The boys returned from cowboy church laughing and talking. Then I turned around and they were sittin' around the campfire, talkin' bout Jesus, and how His love and grace is the source of their strength, and they were declaring it today. I heard one fool say, "All things are possible for those that believe." I yelled over to them, "You didn't even make the short round" The cowboy yelled back, "I view my life, in Christ, not in my circumstances." I have the mind of Christ, and with Him all things are possible. "Today is a new day, and I will have the freedom to win today, when I nod my head and they open the gate." I told him he couldn't win if he were the only man riding. I expected all to laugh and agree, but they just looked at me, tough crowd.

I got dressed and got my gear and went to the arena. A couple people said,

"rough night, huh cowboy". As it was nearing my turn to ride, I noticed the guy who earlier I had heckled and he was hanging out near my chute. He reached in his pocket and handed me \$20.00. I said thanks, and stuck it in my pocket. This fool told me to look up, see what he saw and I would have the victory. Well, I figured it wouldn't hurt so I nodded my head when they opened up the chute, and I looked up. By golly, I won that round, got my check, and went to give the guy back his \$20.00. When I saw him, he asks me to take a walk with him. He said it was a free gift and I didn't have to pay him back, he was just happy that I had won. He told me he had prayed for me at cowboy church today. He prayed and ask God, to show me His love and favor. Then he talked some crazy talk about the free gift of salvation and other big words, so I told him I was going back to camp.

In the 2nd go round, I saw him walkin' towards me and I ducted behind a trailer. Then a buddy of his, came over to him and they were talking within the place I could hear them. They were talking I guess about planting your feet forward, thinking with someone else's mind, and being a delight to his heart. They said Amen at the end so I guess they were praying. I thought, I better stay away from this guy because he is a loser and he is crazy. Right when my chute opened, I saw him at my chute, rootin' me on. Telling me I was the best, and that I could do this. I won again. The fool came up and hugged me shouting, "I knew you could do it, with God's help and favor." I don't know about all that but I do know I had money again. My friend had walked back to camp and we were the only two there. He was sayin' about God being faithful when we ask Him, and how it can happen. When two agree on something, and ask in Jesus' name, if we believe and have the faith of a mustard seed, believe and you shall have it. He also said the enemy is limited, but God is limitless. I don't know about all that but I liked having some money again. Later that

night I saw Suzi, or Jane, or Lucy, whatever her name was, and I was already drunk, so I was leaning against the bar when she came up to say hi. I knew then I was the best-looking cowboy of the bunch, and I would be takin' her to the truck later. Much to my surprise she never came back over. I saw her dancing with the guy who had rooted me on and gave me money earlier. I was pretty drunk already so I headed back to camp.

We were packing up to leave and I saw that fool, and he smiled and said, hope to see you down the road. Next Rodeo remember to look up. Another guy was driving so I made myself comfortable and went to sleep. I dreamed the weirdest dream I had ever dreamt. There were angels around me, and they were rootin' me on in the chute, and they said they were protecting me, and the Lord loved me. I didn't tell anyone about it. I saw that guy again and he said that angels were sent by God to protect me and help me to ride even better. How did he know? He told me about my dream, and that day we both won, and I was happy as that meant money. I ask him and he laughed and said about angelic forces, authority, other stuff, and how God was raising up a new standard in my life, and how much he loved me.

I liked the idea of looking up and keeping my feet forward, and at the next rodeo I decided not to get drunk on Saturday and to go to church on Sunday. I did go to the arena, and sat in the back row. The preacher talked about understanding, and how to simply believe. He said if we confess with our mouth, and believe in our heart, that Jesus died on the cross for you, to remove your sins, we will be saved. I looked around and people had their eyes closed so when the preacher said, if you wanted to accept this free gift, to raise your hand. I wanted the free gift so I raised my hand. A lady came by and gave me a bag, a bible, and a loaf of bread. It was good. But then the preacher said, if you raised your hand come down front so he could pray with you. I knew

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Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

I am with you always



Matt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

"I am with you always" and folks, that is a promise from JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOR. There are many teachings on the different great "I AM" which are declared throughout the HOLY SCRIPTURES. And

these declared TRUTHS by JESUS were one of the reasons that the Pharisee, Sadducees and the religious leaders hated HIM. When HE invoked the "I AM" HE assumed the position of ALMIGHTY GOD, and they just could not accept this teaching, especially from a carpenter from Nazareth. Their hatred was so strong that they completely overlooked the many miracles that confirmed HIS LORDSHIP and established that HE truly was the MESSIAH. In fact, their hatred was so intense and totally consuming that they carried out the illegal court hearing and condemned the MESSIAH sent by FATHER GOD and they even demanded the crucifixion of GOD'S ONE AND ONLY SON.

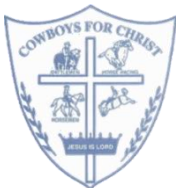
Of the many teachings and declarations of JESUS of the "I AM" this is the one that I hold very dearly and you should, too. I expect that most folks reading this knows JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOR and LORD, and I certainly hope that all do, or will real soon. And most understand the sacrifice that JESUS CHRIST made on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. We now have eternal life as children of the HOLY GOD and as forgiven sinners, because of our SAVIOR and LORD, GOD'S own SON. But we also have a promise directly from our LORD HIMSELF that HE will always be with us. And maybe that doesn't mean much to you right now, maybe you are out in the wonderful setting of GOD'S creation and listening to GOD'S WORD and hearing and singing praise to our Glorious SAVIOR. But during those dark nights, during those times of testing and temptation, during those times of sorrow, grief, heartache and pain; those Words will mean the whole world to you, and more.

What about the authority to carry out this promise? Words are just expended air unless the person making those statements and promises has the power and authority to carry them out and bring them to fruition. I could be very sincere and say to you that I would give you a million dollars, but that would not be worth much to you, because I don't have a million and so I certainly couldn't give you or anyone else a million dollars. I may want too, and I may wish I could, but in this case the wants and the wishes are not worth much. But as we see in our text in verse 18 'And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.'" JESUS declares that HE has all authority and this authority has been given to HIM by FATHER GOD. HE has "all authority in heaven and on earth" which means that HE can not only make this promise, but HE has the authority to carry out this promise completely and every one of HIS promises, too. Every part, every time and everywhere: no restriction, no weaknesses and certainly no excuses: and this my friends is our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

All authority HE certainly has as he is the GREAT I AM, and HE has earned this right and authority by HIS OWN BLOOD by the way of the cross. But there is another element that is needed in having "all authority" and that is having the power to carry out that authority; completely and in every circumstance and all situations. And as the Apostle Paul tells us in; **Phil 2:9-11** "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." And the spoken WORD has all power, just as the SON OF GOD has all power. I would like to share a little about the different translations for these three verses. The actual HOLY WRITINGS have "every knee bow" and "every tongue confess" as there is no; should, would or could, and no maybe, will, shall, might or may. It is declared in GOD'S HOLY WORD that every knee bow; no exceptions, no excuses and no exemption and every tongue confess; again, there is no; should, would, or could. Because, cowboys and cowgirls, at the presence of the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS, everyone will be on their knees or flat on their faces, confessing, worshiping and acknowledging JESUS CHRIST, WHO has all authority and all power.

Our wonderful SAVIOR didn't stop at the cross for us, HE didn't stop at the tomb, and HE certainly didn't stop at HIS ascension to the RIGHT HAND of THE FATHER. HE is still our LORD and SAVIOR and HE is our GREAT HIGH PRIEST and HE is still with us every step of the way through this sinful and troubled world. What a promise. What a comfort. What a joy to know that the SAVIOR, GOD'S OWN SON, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE has promised to be with us, every day, and through the deep dark valleys and the high mountains of this life on earth. Please don't take this promise lightly because this promise is sealed with HIS OWN BLOOD, and that certainly gives you an indication of the depth, the width and the scope of this wonderful promise of JESUS CHRIST; "I am with you always." And as I have said many times: all of GOD'S promises are facts, each and every one. GOD bless you as you seek HIM, In

JESUS' NAME, Amen.



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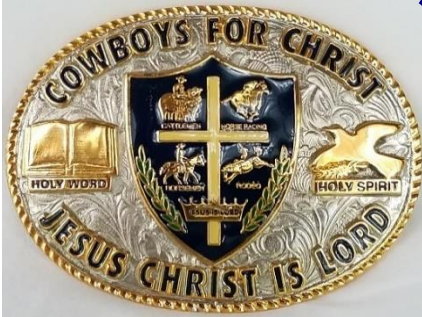
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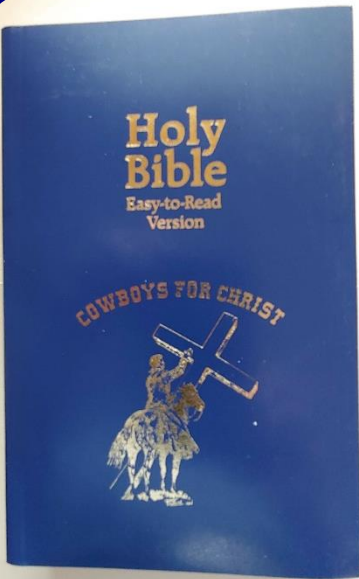
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people were lookin' at me as I was eating my bread already. So, I had to go down. He said he was honored that I came down and he prayed for me. Then he sent me to talk to some other ladies. I felt good, as they were all nice people.

Later that day I ran unto my friend, I told him I had went up and got prayed for. He told me to pray, read my bible, and keep showing up and that God would be with me. That day I was bucked off, and got no money, but I was happy. Funny thing still being happy when you lose. But from that day forward I always have someone watching my back, I'm looking up, and keeping my feet forward. Freedom comes cowboy style with a nod of a head and the swing of the gate. But when you have Jesus as your friend the enemy is outnumbered. It wasn't long before I was singing, "Our God reigns, before it all, in spite of it all, in the midst of it all, at the end of it all, our God reigns." Today I saw a drunken cowboy who had been fighten' the night before. His money was all gone, and his pants were torn. I went behind his chute that day and rooted him on. After that I handed him \$20.00 and another friendship began. Freedom is knowing Jesus, believing in Him, bringing others along, reading your bible, praying, I even got baptized. And it all began with a nod of the head, and the swing of a gate. With God I can do all things who gives me strength. His grace is sufficient.

Chaplain Bobbi, Cowboys for Christ March 25, 2022. Double blessings love and favor for you this year. And Lord, we give you all the glory!!! Let our eyes be fixed on you.

Sharing the Gospel with Kids

by Chaplain David McMillan

I had the opportunity to give half-time devotions for the Upward basketball youth program that our community churches sponsor annually. Upward is a recreation organization that is focused on reaching the surrounding community with the message of Jesus Christ and has

grown into a nationwide movement helping churches use sports to engage their local communities with the gospel. The leagues at our church start with kindergarteners and probably goes through early teens. The kids and their families come Saturday mornings to play a simplified game of basketball that includes a half-time. At that time, I have the kids play a type of ball game. I then read a bible passage and follow up with a one-minute explanation of how the verse applies to their lives while the families watch on. I discovered that 60 seconds is a very long time for a kindergartener to sit and listen. This is concluded with a prayer. I am speaking to a dozen kids but with an audience of 100 adults! I've heard that only 20% of the participants come from the sponsoring churches.

I closed the 6-week series with an offer of a New Testament or Gospel for any kid that gets permission from their parent. What a wonderful opportunity to plant early seeds of the Gospel.



Testimony

by Scottie Peavy

Hello, my name is Scotty. I am writing from a one-man cell in the Hardin County jail in Kountze, Tx. I found this little white booklet "Cowboys for Christ" many weeks ago and have been wanting to write but I only get three envelopes per week and I was using them on other nonsense things, but today I really felt the need to reach out to y'all.

I have been a Christian in the past, so I think, but I never last long, then I'm right back living a life of drugs and crime. I've been in and out of jail and prison my entire life. I'm now 41 years old and once again here I sit. For many years I have always had the desire to serve the Lord and dream of playing country gospel music and it never fails I have continued to fall into the worst situations you can imagine and never get anywhere. Because of my lifestyle, I have lost all my family, I ended up in Amarillo, TX last year homeless and with a bad drug addiction and nowhere to turn to.

I actually come from a very wealthy family, and had a wonderful new wife, great job, home, vehicles, etc. but the things of this world caused me to lose it all, over and over again for 25 plus years and I'm so tired. I recently begin to try to pray again and read my Bible. I feel the Lord tugging at my heart and I didn't realize how much I missed it. But it's so hard 'cause I crave the drugs, women and all that lifestyle entails, but I truly want to be a servant of Jesus Christ and it's really difficult when I have nobody to share my feelings and thoughts with. But I have a small radio and I listen to programs and Bible teachings daily, but it's not the same. But that and reading the Bible and prayer is keeping me afloat. I'm just at a point in my life where I'm ready to make a decision on my eternal salvation and I don't want to spend it in the hell, that's for sure. I'm not allowed to attend any kind of church here at the jail because I'm in solitary confinement, but I want to get baptized, so will you please pray that will happen. I just completed reading I Kings, and now I'm on chapter six in II Kings. Please keep me in prayer that God will move on my current situation and on my life and that he saves me. Happy new year and God Bless. Respectfully, Scottie Peavy



Testimony

from Thomas Rosser

I am writing you a brief testimony to share how good God is...

My name is Tommy. And I'm in prison here in Texas serving a 12-year sentence with four years now done on it. I am in "restricted housing" (formerly called Segregation) because I used to be in a prison gang and because I had the tattoos showing that I was back here. Anyways, I was never a big believer in the Lord growing up so naturally when a "field minister" approached my cell door and asked if I wanted to sign up for a faith-based program that the Chaplain was starting on another wing. I was going to turn it down. Something kept him at my door talking, even though I was being reluctant. At the end of the conversation, he mentioned that I would receive a certificate and it might look good for parole, so I signed up.

I end up moving to the program but I'm not really into it. I'm doing what inmates would call "fakin' it to make it". During this time my mother is real sick from COPD and is not doing good at all and I am so mad at myself and full of resentment because I put myself in prison and now my mom's probably going to pass on and I won't be there. I can't even see her or any of my family because they all live in Houston area and I'm 15 minutes from the border of Oklahoma.

So, I feel all alone, living with regret and was really feeling depressed with no way out. I started to write to ask to be transferred to a unit down south closer to my family only to be told that Restricted Housing inmates are not privileged to hardship transfers. I really broke down now. Then one day, while standing at my cell door, listening to the Chaplain talk (as he does for our program), for some reason a shock runs through my entire body and I drop to my knees, immediately crying. When I say crying, I mean I'm bawling, begging God to forgive me for what I've done, for all my sins, and even denying Him. That went on for 20 minutes and when I was done,

I was on fire. A week or so goes by and I tell the Chaplain and request to be baptized, which is just not the easiest thing to do being in Segregation, but he does it? On November 4th, 2021, they brought a large tub into to the Dayroom area and in front of everyone, I was Baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. At that moment my life changed.

Now here's what really hit me hard. After I got baptized on the 4th, a Lieutenant comes to my cell door (which usually means you're in trouble) and says, "Thomas, Huntsville called the unit and wants to confirm where you're trying to go." I told him where but I comment that I was told that I'm not eligible for a hardship and he says, "I know that but obviously you've been approved." That was the 11th, seven days after my baptism. On the 14th I caught chain and, on the 17th, arrived in the unit that's to be my hometown. Not only am I close to home now, but I'm on a unit where 70% of it is faith based. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior has yet again reached out to a sinner who was unworthy of His grace, put His hand on me and brought me all the way out of the darkness and into the light. I have received nothing but continual blessings since I received Jesus and will continue to share His Word with everyone I meet.

Thank you, Cowboys for Christ, Dave and all the others for what y'all are doing for all of us inmates and sharing our stories in the Christian Ranchman newspaper. I use the Bible you gave me daily in my prayer time. God is good, Amen!



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.

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MY ETERNAL DECISION

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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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Supreme authority over this organization
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Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and exercised
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blood-bought people, and in harmony with
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The message of The Christian Ranchman is
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expressions, including testimonies and
Letters to the Editor, and each is meaningful
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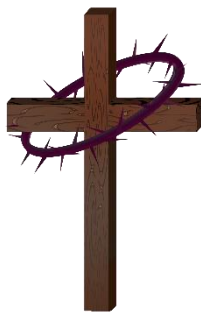
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something so close to Myself." Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of ground beef and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower." The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly and said, "She's too soft!" "But tough!" God said excitedly! "You can't even imagine what this mother can do or endure." "Can she think?" asked the angel. "Not only can she think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the mother's cheek. "There's a leak," said the angel. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model!" "It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear." "What's it for?" asked the angel. "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride." "You are a Genius," said the angel. "But I didn't put it there," said God, "and that's another reason why mothers are so special."

Mothers are the glue that holds the family together. They are special in so many ways.
God gave us His best when He gave us Mothers!

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GOD bless your service to HIM.

When God Made Mothers

by Larry Harris

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His 6th day of "overtime" when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And God said. "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have 180 moveable parts, run on black coffee and leftovers, have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg and a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands. The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands, no way." It's not the hands that are causing Me problems," God remarked. It's the three pairs of eyes that mother have to have. "That's on the standard model," asked the angel? God nodded. One pair that sees through closed doors when she asked, "What are you kids doing in there?" When she already knows. Another pair in the back of their head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know and of course the eyes in the front that can look at a child when they goof up and say, "I understand and I love you" without so much as uttering a word." "God" said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Why don't You get some rest?" "I can't" said God, "I'm so close to creating





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**Northern Indiana
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Lessons of Leadership
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June 2, 3, & 4 @ 6:30 pm

Topeka Livestock Auction Barn

601 East Lake Street

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Admission: Free Will Offering

Call Willie (574) 575-0451

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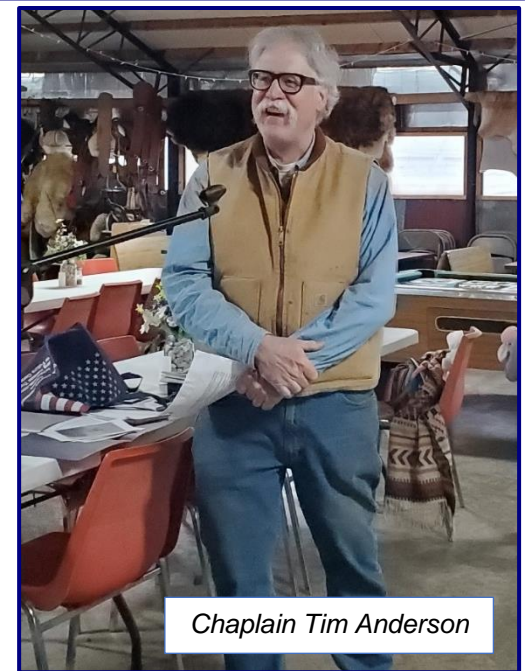
Easter Cowboy Church at Panther Creek Trail Rides

by Chaplains Tim & Theresa Anderson

We were blessed to do our first cowboy church service at Panther Creek Trail Rides in Tuscumbia, MO on Easter Sunday morning. It was a cold and wet morning. The camp owner, Melinda, was enthusiastic about our visit and added a second breakfast time so that we could preach between the meals.

We opened with prayer and talked about eternity, using a long rope as an object lesson, focusing on the tip of one end as a demonstration of how we dwell too much on our earthly life. We asked the campers to visualize the rope as unending and that is like eternity afforded us by the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST.

Chaplain Tim's preaching was around "FOMO" which is a new word that was born on social media, and added to the Oxford dictionary in 2013. FOMO, or fear of missing out, aligns well with Christ's teachings. Tim spoke about the fear of missing out brought on by social media, current culture, sin, and spiritual warfare. He shared several verses about being included in the family of God and shared the verses urging us to not worry but to trust.



Chaplain Tim Anderson



Praising God at Panther Creek

The camp owner and a guest sang a lovely duet of "Amazing Grace". God's offer of eternal salvation was presented. The Christian Ranchman was given out as well as the Book of John. Dave Harvey's teachings, influence and prayers helped us with this lovely morning.



Cowboys for Christ Spring Gathering

May 12 – 15, 2022

**Iron Mountain Horse Camp,
Ivanhoe, Virginia**

- Daily Devotions with Dave Harvey
- Daily Bible study
- Sunday Church Service
- Daily Clinics
- Daily Trail Riding
- Ice cream social on Friday evening
- Potluck dinner on Saturday with Live Bluegrass/ Gospel Band

Plan to make new friends and reconnect with old friends. Schedule subject to change with direction from Holy Spirit. Detailed agenda will be provided at check in and may be found on the camp website nearer to event. Call or text Karen Burgoon with questions.

For reservations call Elizabeth 276-744- 2168 or text 276-237-2600

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