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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

Texas Conferences-North and South

by Dave Harvey

We had a great time in the LORD at the two Texas Conferences: North at Branded Cross Cowboy Church in Boyd, Texas and South at Blanco Cowboy Church in Blanco, Texas. A big thank you to Chaplain Greg Grout for getting everything set up for the North Texas Conference and a special welcome to the three new Chaplains that were Ordained at the conference. Bobby Cork Jr made the long trip from Windsor, Colorado to become the first Ordained Chaplain for the great state of Colorado. Prayerfully this will be the start of many more Chaplains for the Rocky Mountain State. Rick Smith and Eric Norvell were also Ordained as Chaplains at the North Conference on April 23.

The very next weekend on the first day of May, the South Texas Conference was held at the Blanco Cowboy Church in Blanco, Texas. A big thanks goes to Chaplain Grant Smith and his wife Julie for their hard work on getting everything set up for the Conference. We were greatly blessed with Jerry and Deanna Dosser of Western Sonrise Ministries



Dave Harvey, Bobby Cork, Rick Smith, Eric Norvell, and Chaplain Greg Grout

with their singing and musical talent (image on page 2). We had a bunch of folks attend and the Ordination of two more Chaplains: Susie Thompson of Moscow, Texas and Dennis Sonsel of Gonzales. Great teaching, great fellowship, great praise and worship, baptism and a great time in the LORD.

A big Cowboys For Christ welcome to the five new Chaplains at the Texas Conferences. Please be in prayer for them as they seek the LORD to direct them in their service to HIM.

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Susie Thompson, Dave Harvey, & Dennis Sonsel



Of course, there is nothing worshiping in your own back home church, but if you have never attended a cowboy church try it. It has its own amenities. There are no walls, no ceilings, no pews, no doors. Just open air, a bright warm sun in a sky of blue, maybe a distant rain cloud, green grass, trees with the wind passing through the rustling leaves. The cheerful sound of chirping song birds in a sea of fresh country air. The whinny of a nearby horse. Oh yes, and the braying of Chaplain Mike's mule. All of God's creation giving praise and glory to their creator, God Bless All.

Cowboy Church at Brushy Creek

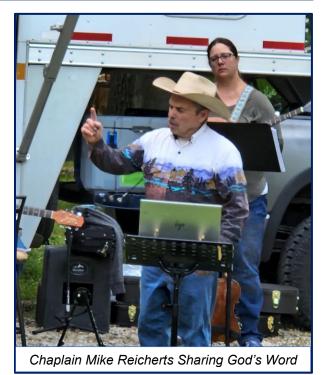
by Ray Meyers

The idea was spawned way back last winter that the members of the country music band called Henry and the Haymakers would celebrate the 13th wedding anniversary of 9-year-old Henry Brincks' parents Mark and Alise Brincks with a June 3rd weekend trail ride at Brushy Creek Equestrian Park near Fort Dodge, Iowa. (This has gotten to be an annual event). A Saturday night campfire band performance has gotten to be a standard part of the weekend. Band members include: Henry who plays guitar, fiddle and sings. His Mom, Alise who plays fiddle guitar, bass guitar, mandolin and sings, she is a school teacher and has a leather craft business. Henry's Dad Mark plays acoustic guitar and sings, he is a cowboy and computer designer for a local manufacturing industry. Dan Nieland, lead guitar, cowboy and retired county supervisor. Dr. Dan McDermot, Bass guitar cowboy and retired Veterinarian. Dan Spafford, guitar and sings, cowboy and auctioneer. Ray Meyers lead singer, 76 year old tired cowboy who just can't give up his cows. Ray is a 20-year member of CFC.

This year Ray got the idea to try something new. He contacted Chaplain Mike Reicherts, and within three phone calls Ray, Mike and Mike's wife Jamie,



put together a cowboy church service for that June 5th Sunday morning. The 8:30 am Sunday morning church service was well attended. Jamie opened the service with a few of her selected songs, Chaplain Mike preached on how much the Father, Son, and Spirit loves us and are there ready to help us improve our lives. Praise the Lord! Henry and the Haymakers performed several inspirational songs including a first time publicly performed rendition of the "Our Father" that Ray wrote. Ray introduced the song stating that in his opinion the most meaningful words in the Lord's Prayer are "HALLOWED BE THY NAME". Those meaningful words are echoed nine times in Ray's rendition of the Our Father.



Letter

From David Riojas

Dear Cowboys For Christ,

Hello, this is y'all brother in Christ, David Riojas and I would like to say Thank You for all the newsletters and the Bible studies. I have completed all 3 of them and I would just like to say Thank You for helping me give my life up to the Lord Jesus Christ, now I am even waiting to get baptized. Thanks to y'all for helping open up my heart to the Lord. I can see clearly now, thanks to you and the whole Cowboys for Christ Staff. Well, just so you know, I am even helping y'all start a prayer circle with some of my cell mates in here. I even told my dad, Ricardo Riojas, Sr. about y'all and he said he likes it. So, I told my dad whenever I get out, I really would like for me and him to get baptized together by y'all and he said that would be nice. So, I am looking forward to it, even though we have to go all the way up north to y'all. Because we live way down in South Texas next to corpus Christi.

Well, Thank You again for helping me turn my life around and for helping me know more about the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, I just can't wait to get out that way, I can help other people turn their life around that way they don't end up in prison like me. Because I lost everything, my family and my marriage, but I know now that just as long as I keep on having faith in my Lord Jesus Christ, He will restore me and my family. Well, I hope to hear from y'all again really soon. Please, I know, I do not have to ask, but can y'all please keep me in y'all's prayers and for the Lord to put someone in my life that loves the Lord Jesus Christ like I do, please.

Thank y'all sincerely, Y'all's Brother in Christ, David Riojas

Waiting in Hope

by Chaplain Bobbi Dupertuis

Our waiting season is not without purpose.

Because of who our God is, we can wait with purpose. We can wait expectantly in hope. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1. Everyone has a measure of faith. Faith is not just believing in something; it's acting on what you believe in. Real faith is belief and action. Faith without works is a faith that doesn't work. We live by faith and not by feelings. Faith is steady. There is no safer place to put our faith than in God. God made us in His image and He has a permanent mark on our souls.

In 2022 pay attention to the doubles. Be set free in the time of shaking and change. In Hebrews 12 it says, that everything that can be shaken will be shaken. But our God, who called us out of the darkness says, we are a part of His kingdom, and those who believe will not be shaken from it. The church is going to see some boomerangs, evil coming back on them. We will rule and reign with our King. Even the angels have on their silver breastplates, and helmets, speaking of redemption, truth and purchasing slaves from freedom. My heirs will rejoice because what was meant for their harm turns for good. Jesus did not come to this earth to be redeemed, as he was perfect, no sin, he did nothing wrong. He came that His bride could walk in truth and freedom, and redemption. He wants us to be influenced and connected to His covenants. He wants us to change and reset. He wants the Sauls of the world, crucifying the Christ followers, and speaking ill of us, to be the Pauls, who wrote 2/3 of the New Testament, for many to know their Savior. He wants us to be in power and agreement with Heaven. God wants us to be a true, New Testament church with a hope and a future. To have a life worth living, an abundant life, with expectations and a glorious outcome. To be set free from sin & have become the servants of righteousness. To be conforming to the divine will in thought, purpose & action. To being blessed beyond measure and being a blessing when the opportunity presents itself. To look for the open doors

& can move forward. To have in us rivers of living water like in John7:38. He wants His light to shine in us and transform us. He wants our hearts to be healed to receive again. He wants us to come out of the cave into the new landscape. Do we believe Him when He says, I am at work, both to will and do good pleasure in and through you? Having done all to stand & being a giant slayer in battle. For God's will to be seen on earth as it is in Heaven? Are we willing to put seed in the ground, and water it? So that the harvest will be assured? Will we walk in the virtue humility? Will we repent of wrongdoings and thinking? Will we turn a cheek to those who make us feel less? Will we let go of pride and ego? Will the world view us with dignity and respect of those chosen by God? And will we hold that position and our relationship with God in our highest regard, and guard our hearts at all cost? Will we search and seek for holiness to be seen as flawless, with daily cleansing of the blood? Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. Admit and stop, where God shows you your flaws and sins. Don't be as the puffed-up ones of the past and have such a high opinion

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Waiting in Hope Continued

of yourself that you pretend you don't need God's mercy. Is our cry, "Lord be merciful to us" Are we willing to love God and believe in His plan? Are we seeking Him first with all our heart, our soul, and our mind? Proverbs28:13 talks about being humble and repent. Even the prodigal son who returned home cried out, "Father I have sinned against you and heaven, treat me as your hired worker." Do we confess our sins to one another and pray for each other? We've all sinned and need a Savior. But today I say, "Arise and Shine!" You are marked by His glory and sealed with His grace. He is our beginning and our end. Lindee, Director of Helping Hands said, "vanity is man-made, confidence is God made."

Be a reflection of what you want to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect. What you give will eventually return. We need to come together church and put our differences aside. He is building His army for His kingdom. Put your belief in action, keep praying, keep growing, keep trusting in His timing. As marriage is a picture of Christ's love for the church, so it can be the battleground.

There is a better way than what the world presents. More relational and connected. As you learn to put tools in your toolbox, learn what works and do it again. 10x,100x,1000x. Don't let love of what others say or do become an addiction. God made you unique for a reason. Don't judge yourself and be so hard on others. Imitate Jesus. WWJD? Control your behavior and turn from anything that repels itself against love. Release subconscious feelings of unworthiness, and that are void of love & happiness. You are God's greatest treasure. If you were the only one, He would have done it for you. Free yourself from blocking, self-love, bondage of any kind, and walk in the truth of the Word. Who God is and what He says about you. Allow healing from anxiety, depression, guilt, shame,

anger, aloneness, emptiness, jealously, envy, so there is more room to live more fully, hopelessly devoted, more fully and joyfully.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we can think or ask, according to the power at work within us, to him be the glory, in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen Ephesians 3:20-21.

Let us live in grace and walk in love. Remove all the log jams of your rivers of living water with attitudes and actions that prevent the smooth flow of the Holy Spirit in us that are hinderances to spiritual purity. It is up to us to remove the obstacles that prevent holiness and righteousness. Peter 1:13-16. Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ, as obedient children, not conforming ourselves to former lusts, as you in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you can also be holy in your conduct because it is written. "Be holy as I am holy"

Arise from hopelessness and seek life and light in the Spirit. He will bring us through this time stronger than you have ever thought you could be. Isaiah 34:3-4 Be strong and do not fear. Your God will come and save you. Forgive us Lord!!! Be specific. Don't just lump everything into one big one!!! "I sinned" He wants us to know so we don't do it again. This is surrendering to His will, acknowledging your weakness and asking God's mercy. God's answer is always grace. 2 Corinthians 12:9 His grace is sufficient. He is made strong in our weakness.

Love and Blessings to all. Chaplain Bobbi

Letters to the Editor

Cowboys For Christ,

I thank you so much for sending me your newspaper. I read every issue a couple of times when I get it. I always seem to shed a tear when reading it. I've been lost till I got this paper and said the prayer for salvation. I've been locked up for 16 years and been baptized and was still lost till I said your prayer and really put my heart and soul into it. Will you please send me a Bible and many more issues of your paper. Thanks, on behalf of everyone that reads your paper. In the Lord I trust, Chris in Texas

Cowboys For Christ, Thanks for the beautiful Bible. Sharon in Ohio

Cowboys For Christ, I am writing again with an apology, but I have to do another address change. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. They (TDCJ) have done a lot of moving around lately and I just always seem to be in the shuffle. Other than that, I wanna say Hi to all of you'll, my fellow Christian brothers and sister and remind you that God is doing some powerful work right now, and the time to know Jesus has come. All of us loyal followers need to reach out, find that one broken spirit around you and share by action and words, the love of Jesus Christ. Right now, there is someone in your daily world that needs you. You might not even know that this person is in need, but I promise, if you ask the Lord and open your perception that person will appear. Sometimes a very small gesture from you can mean the world to someone else. Keep "paying it forward" alive and find someone, reach out and show the world Jesus is still alive!! Love you guys, Thomas in Texas

Cowboys For Christ and Mr. Dave, I just wanted to thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for everything you do for me and my family. I received the new Bible, you sent me and the three Living Under His Wings Bible studies. I have completed all three of them as well. I also wanted to thank you for the Spanish Bible you recently sent my wife and the ERV Bibles you sent to our two boys. Last night we read our first story together over the phone, "The Virgin Mary" in Luke chapter one. My little boys Fabio III and Matthew Lane were very

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excited and ready for today's phone call and story time with our new Bibles. Thank you once again for everything you do for me and my family. May God bless you and put a special hedge of protection over you and your family. May He open up the flood gates of Heaven and pour His many blessings and fresh anointing over you all. In Jesus Name Amen, Love, Fabio in Texas

Cowboys For Christ, How are you doing? My name is Leon and I am in Valdosta State Prison. I wrote you guys about a Bible and I am done with the studies. Thank you, I enjoyed it a lot. God bless you guy's and I pray that your ministry be blessed, as well. I enjoy studying the Word of God and I really love your Bible. It taught me a lot and I've learned so much just by doing the studies. Please send me my certificated and I would really enjoy doing more if you can send them to me. I now see things a whole lot clearer, as I was blind for 11 years, but now I am Spiritual awake by the Spirit of God. I am thankful that ya'll guys came unto my life. I am now more aware of what I study and everyday I read the Word and gain more understanding, knowledge and wisdom that God gives me. I end this letter by sending all my love and respect and blessings to you. Leon in Georgia

Dear Cowboys For Christ, My name is Perry and I'm nothing close to a cowboy. I'm a city boy from the south side of Houston, Texas. I just read for the first time your newsletter; Mar/Apr 2022. At this time, I'm in TDCJ and in need of our Lord in a bad way. I feel very guilty because I know first hand what God can do. I just have a really hard time trusting Him with all my heart. I want to so bad that I cry and beg God to heal my heart. But for some reason my physical life is overpowering my spirit life and I hate it. I don't know how to let go and forgive myself for all the evil things I have done in my 44 years. I don't want to give up, but I don't know what else to do. I want so much to and so badly to change my

heart. But being in prison is very scary and I feel my fear is stopping me from a 100% commitment to our Lord. I don't know how to get over this fear, please pray for me. I do not need a Bible; I already have two that I use. However, I would like any studies that you can provide. Thank you and God bless, Perry in Texas

CFC Family, Howdy from this part of Texas. How pleasant it is always to receive the Christian Ranchman. And to read all the testimonies and what you'll are doing in the ministry. Being here incarcerated I would like to see if you'll can send as many as you can of the Christian Ranchman to this unit. This here unit holds 1000, but it doesn't have to be that many. We do have a Faith Base program that holds 48 of us. Maybe you could direct them to our program, the more the merrier. That story of "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus" was a tear jerker or was it my allergies. So, please round up as many as you can and send them this way. A true believer in Christ Jesus. A brother from another mother, but the same FATHER GOD.

A brother in white, Rene in Texas



We Gotta Talk

by Karen Meisner

I was sitting on the grass outside of the corral where our two horses were being boarded, a cigarette in one hand and a drink in the other. It was a residential area in the country and I noticed the lady next door walking over my way. She introduced herself and got right to the point. "Next Friday night at 7:00pm I'm hosting a women's Bible study at my house and I just came over to invite you. I smiled and said, "thank you, but I'm not

interested." She smiled, made a little small talk and went back home. Well, Wednesday of the next week she called me at home and invited me again, I had been thinking about it and this time I accepted. Friday came and I got there about 6:30pm and there were 6-8 women already there. Well at 7:00 we all gathered in the living room and the teacher, Pat smiled and greeted us. She focused in on me and said "hello, Karen we are glad you've joined us tonight, I'm just curious is there any particular reason you decided to come?" I started to say yes, but changed my answer to "no, not really" but my tone was very evasive. She pursued it and said you can tell us if there is something specific. I said Well ok you asked, I've heard that in the future the United States is going to be invaded by a foreign power and it will be war. Well, I figured you ladies discuss and read the Bible and maybe you could tell me how long I've got to ride my horse.

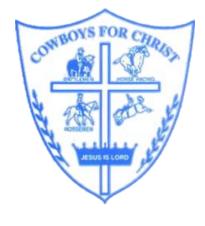
Her head dropped and she looked up and smiled and said "we have to talk." Well, we did and 3 weeks later I got saved, after Bible study I went home and hit my knees and repented of my sins and asked Jesus to save me and HE did. That's when I learned that there are 3 words that a believer should never forget; manager, cross and tomb. Happy trails and God bless, Karen

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Letter and Testimony

by Roy Fowler

Greetings Cowboys for Christ-

As I come your way, I do so with love and respect and hopes this reaches you all in good health and high spirits. As well as the ones you hold dear. My name is Roy, and I'm currently incarcerated in TDCJ in Amarillo, TX. I am in segregation and my neighbor in the cell next to me sent me his issue of Christian Ranchman to read and I LOVE IT... I would like to be placed on your mailing list to receive the Christian Ranchman please. As well as my girlfriend, who is a member of Crosses and Spurs Cowboy Church, Buchanan Dam, TX. I will gladly make a donation to your organization. I also would like to share my testimony with y'all. Seeing how y'all are a part of it. WOW...

Well, this is my 3rd time to prison. I am now 51 yrs. Old. Just had a birthday this month. I first came into the system at the age of 35. I had a beautiful family, a wife, 2 beautiful daughters, a home on 10 acres; lost it all behind a 6-year prison sentence for drugs. Got out, came back, got out, came back again. Decided I had enough. It was time for a change. So, I started going to church every Sunday at the TDCJ Unit down south and a prayer circle in my dorm every evening. This went on for 3 or 4 months. Then, the prayer circle broke up. People went home, I got lazy on God, drifted away. Then on Saturday, March 13th, I got into a fight with a group of inmates over the TV. The fight led to injuries beyond first aid. I had left that unit in an ambulance to the emergency room in Huntsville, TX where they sewed my face up and from there, they sent me to Galveston to a TDCJ medical unit to have surgery, cause my face and orbital socket had been fractured and my hand broke and needed surgery. In the transport vehicle on the way not being able to see cause my eyes were swelled shut, I broke down. I cried out to Jesus, I mean I cried out loud and ask God, Lord, please step

in and take over. I don't want to live like this anymore. For 50 years I tried to do it my way and have made a wreck of life. So Please GOD... I know this is not the plan you had for me, and my life has a purpose so please lead me in the direction I need to go. I left it at that. When I left the hospital weeks later, I was assigned to restricted housing, because of the fight and disciplinary actions. So, I used that time to get back into the Word and work on my relationship with our Creator. Enrolled in Bible studies. Then the bottom fell out of things. I got shipped up here to the Panhandle. Got confirmed as a gang member, put in isolation, lost a lot of good time, got parole denied twice. Then, I lost my oldest brother to Covid... then my mom had open heart surgery. Then 3 months later I lost another brother to Covid... and I lost it, I cried out to God again. Thinking all my prayers and Bible studies was for nothing. I remember asking God Why? I thought turning my life over to YOU, things would get better, not worse... I wanted to give up. Then my girlfriend, who also was an addict gave her life to God and has been clean for 4 years, out of the blue she reached out to me, said God had put it on her heart to help me, care for me, to love me and it's because of God and Amanda, I got through some dark and lonely times and they kept me strong in my Faith... and then I read one day "God is Good and Merciful to Those Who Respond with Humility, after Gods Discipline has accomplished its Purpose, He is already prepared to show compassion to those who have suffered". You see, I had to suffer these trials and tribulations to bring me to God. Then I had to continue to go through them to make sure I was going to stay strong in my Faith...

You see God is a God of unfailing love and forgiveness and His word and promises are true. He promised to never leave or forsake me, to not put more on me than I can handle. Although, I suffered a lot and lost a lot, He sent someone to help me through it and He stayed right there to help us both. And

then, it's been on my heart to share my story, but I'm isolated to a prison cell. So, I ask God how I can share my story, how can I get it out there for people to see and hear and my neighbor sends me his issue of Christian Ranchman. So, you see, God does hear our prayers. If you ask it, it will be done, if you search, you will find, if you knock, the door will open. But, let it be known, "It's not you or I that make this possible, it's OUR CREATOR", through Him all things are possible, Glory to God.

Thank you for your time, God Bless you all...Roy

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Riding Point With Dave Harvey...



Life

Gen 2:7 the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Dedicated to the Supreme Court Justices who overturned Roe v Wade and Casey v Planned Parenthood, and to all those who have diligently fought for the life of the unborn!

The LORD GOD formed man and then HE breathed the breath of life into HIS creation. Folks, that is how life on this earth came about and that is how you received your life. We were born, some much later than others, but we were all born and we are all breathing the breath of life that was put into the first man, Adam. Mankind has since that very first breath tried to change the facts, tried to obscure the truth of creation or tried to replace the truth with lies. But it is very clear and very plain and very well stated that the LORD GOD breathed the breath of life into HIS creation and that is how we have life and are living right now. Evolution is certainly a false teaching directly from the father of lies, the devil.

This wonderful creative work of the LORD in forming the human body in the Hebrew word actually describes the work of an artist. GOD formed man "from the dust of the ground" and HE made the human body perfect and complete. There were no defects or scars; in fact, Adam and Eve were the only humans to walk on this earth that did not have a belly button. They didn't have one because they were formed by GOD and not born of a woman. Man was created by Divine plan and he was made from the dust of the ground that was created by GOD. So, man was formed by GOD into this body of flesh from dust, but he was a lifeless object until the LORD GOD "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." This Hebrew word for "life" is always applied to GOD or man; never to any other creature.

The "breath of life" is distinct to this passage, which declares the spiritual, as well as, the principal elements that the LORD had placed into man. This affirms the fact that life was not just spoken but actually breathed by the Creator into the physical form of man. As is stated in Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness." which gives credence to the fact that mankind bears the image of God, and is suited to be the dominate being of all the rest of HIS creation on earth. Just as the earth was prepared to be the dwelling place of man and all of GOD'S creation, so was the body of man to be the organ of that breath of life which is the very essence of GOD himself.

As we study the GOD given miracle that is life? What do you feel represents life? We understand that life is living, and that we are either alive or dead. I really think that most of us here today are alive, which means that we have life. Life is so very precious and it should be greatly cherished and protected; not only our own, but all lives, as well. Over the last few decades or so the value of human life has greatly diminished around the world and especially in this once great nation. Abortion has certainly taken a real toll on the value of human life, which was so well illustrated in a cartoon that I saw recently. It had a cat and a dog looking at a little baby and the caption was; "you mean you don't have something like a humane society to protect you?" But, another stark reality of the diminished value of human life is the number of suicides that is running rampant all across this nation, and I suspect in many parts of the world.

I was talking to a gentleman while waiting for the shuttle at the DFW airport and he told me that his son was attending a college in New York. He said that there had been seven suicides in his son's college since he had started and this was only his second year. He was telling me that the young folks are so depressed and distraught over the stress of college and the things that are happening around the nation and they are faced with the facts that nothing is making sense and there is just no hope. There is certainly a major move of the media and the courts to remove any and all things spiritual, which is of course the only hope for mankind. The terrible wave of courts and political harassment of anything good or anyone trying to do good has been non-stop and it sure doesn't look much better for the future.

I know that I have mentioned our prison ministry many times and it is really depressing to read the letters that we receive of the despair and discouragement that is always there; expressed or between the lines. It is almost in every case that drugs or alcohol has been the straw that broke the camel's back, so to speak. The drugs and all types of alcohol are promoted by the ungodly elements that use them to promote evil and destroy the people and the families they touch. And we can't forget the attacks of the media and the video world on today's kids. They are continually assaulted at their schools by this ungodliness and it is coming directly into their homes and into their minds through the media world. We now have public school systems that are sold out to the devil and working to take these kids even to a lower level, with no hope and no way out. Then they are overwhelmed with the totally depraved idea of gender neutral, or something as ignorant as a child picking their own gender and having parents, teachers, school boards, courts and the media giving their approval of such nonsense.

The question is not is life precious, but how do you value your life and the lives of others around you? How did those who have gotten to the point of disrespecting life get that far out of line and why? How did so many things and people influence them to the point of wanting to take their own life or destroy the lives of others? First, we have to understand that the devil is the cause of all pain, sorrow, deceit, evil and the taking of lives; ether one's own or someone else's. "John 10:4 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." Now, he is

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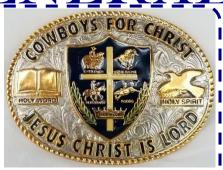
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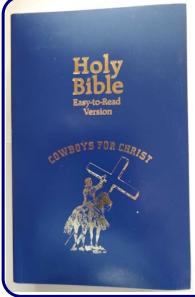
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certainly aided by many different individuals or groups, who may be acting completely innocent or they could be acting as his agents, either way they are part of the effort to destroy life. As JESUS states in "John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." Suicide and abortion are certainly acts of murder. I know that there are different conditions many and circumstances that could affect the decision, but it is still taking a life.

It appears that everything and anything in the world today is pointed and focused at reducing the sanctity of life and taking away the GOD given rights of a person to live as a child of GOD. All of these attacks are directed to the fact and truth of life; the life that was given to us by our CREATOR. The very fact of this TRUTH when received and accepted gives peace and joy of living that life for HIM. With so very much of the world and the devil attacking everyone every day and at all times, it is such a necessity to have a strong walk with the LORD and seek HIM daily in prayer and reading HIS HOLY WORD. Life is precious and life with our LORD and SAVIOR is extremely precious with peace, strength, joy and love and the only way to live this life is through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. We are told in "Ps 49:7-9 No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him — 8 the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough — 9 that he should live on forever and not see decay." But JESUS CHRIST was given by GOD THE FATHER to be a ransom for any and for all that would accept HIM as SAVIOR and LORD. "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."

I would like to share this little story about life. At the start of spring, a Sunday school teacher asked all eight children in her class to hide within an empty container a small object that represented new life in the spring. Not wanting to embarrass eight-year-old Stephen, who was mentally challenged and which seemed to becoming more advanced due to health reasons, the teacher suggested that the children all place their unlabeled containers on her desk. Since she feared that Stephen might not have caught on, she decided that she should open them herself instead of having each student open their own.

The first container had a tiny flower. "What a lovely sign of new life!" "I brought that one!" a young girl happily exclaimed. Next came a rock. "That must be Stephen's," the teacher thought, since there is nothing about a rock to signify new life. But Billy shouted that his rock had moss on it, and moss was new life, and after close examination the teacher agreed. A butterfly flew from the third container, and another child bragged that her choice was best of all as the butterfly fluttered around the room. The fourth container was empty. "That has to be Stephen's," thought the teacher, quickly reaching for the fifth. "Please, don't skip mine!' Stephen interjected. "But it's "That's right," said empty" she said. Stephen. "The tomb was empty, and that means new life for everyone."

Later that summer, Stephen's condition grew worse, and he died. On his casket at the funeral, the family found eight small containers, and they were ALL EMPTY. And the TRUTH that Stephen had revealed of new life in JESUS CHRIST had certainly spoken to each of the other children.

Praise the LORD! HE has risen! This story gives us such a wonderful example of the value of life and the TRUTH of life. And the empty tomb gives us the TRUTH of eternal life. Again, I say praise the LORD! Do you value life? Is your life valuable to FATHER GOD? HE gave

HIS ONLY SON for your life, just believe and receive eternal life, then your life will be valuable for eternity. The LORD GOD breathed the breath of life into you the day you were born and HE wants you to live eternally with HIM.

In Christ,

Testimony by Jesse Loredo

My name is Jesse and a friend of mine me your paper (Christian gave Ranchman) this weekend. I loved it. I prayed "My Eternal Decision" prayer and I would like to request your Bible study, please. I'm actually under review for parole and if God wills it and blesses me with parole, I would like to continue my studies when I get out. I would like to share my testimony with you now, if I may. In 2017 I was charged with 2nd degree arson. I was drunk and angry and burned down someone's pickup truck. While I was waiting in county jail, I made peace with God. Later my attorney paid me a visit and told me they had no proof or evidence that I started this fire and I could beat this. I shared my revelation with him and I was trusting God from here on, and I'm not going to have you defend me on a lie. I'm guilty and I deserve what I get. What I did was wrong and I'm truly sorry about that. So, I signed for 17 years. Now here I am 4 years and 7 months later and I'm up for parole again. And it's been the best thing that's ever happen to my life, besides having my son on April 1, 1999, whom I haven't seen in 11 years. I pray he forgives me too. I learned so much about God and about myself these 4+ years. Anyways this is my story, maybe one day my son and I can celebrate our birthday's together since I was born on April 9, 1977. Thank you for your time and God bless you all. Sincerely, Jesse PS sorry, can I request a Bible, too.

Letter

by Jacque Trumbull

I wrote this poem a number of years ago after an experience at a Range Conference. The speaker kept referring to "cowboy simple." I knew what he meant, but some of the rest of the range folks were getting a bit hot under the collar. They thought he meant "cowboy stupid."

After the first day, I told him that he had best define what he meant before the audience became unruly! The first two verses of the poem rambled around in my head for 13 months before they finally gelled into a poem-in the middle of the night!

Fortunately, I did get up and write the poem down before it got lost as so many of them have. People seem to really enjoy the poem and have asked for copies so I thought I would share it for the *Christian Ranchman*.



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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Cowboy Simple

by Jacque Trumbull

It's "Cowboy Simple" some folks say,
That just means it's done the cowboy
way.

Plain and easy with no fuss or frills,
Work everlasting as the hills.
Done to last 'til the ending day,
For it was done the Cowboy way!

"Cowboy Simple" do you understand,

That this is the philosophy of the hills of sand?

We live our lives the Cowboy Way,
In work or dealings from day to day.
It isn't easy to live this life,
But the joys far outweigh the grief or strife.

It's "Cowboy Simple" God's Holy Word,
The story of our gracious Savior and Lord.
The words of salvation all so true,
Prophesy, Psalms, comfort all through.
Words of wisdom and admonition,
Can bring us all to a saved condition.

And when we've ridden that final trail,

I hope that our legacy will entail.

The stories of the Savior that we've told,

And that our witness was bold.

For it was "Cowboy Simple" and you understood.

That we lived and believed every word!

J R Turmbull August 1995



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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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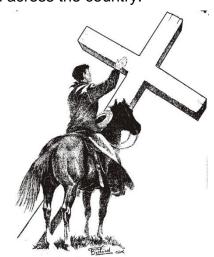
by Dave Harvey

A big thank you goes to Chaplain David Gillett and his hardworking crew for getting the Florida Conference scheduled and everything set up for an outstanding conference. were blessed to hold the conference at the First Baptist Church of Thonotosassa, and we sure thank them for hosting the conference. Also, we sure want to thank the fine folks that donated and served lunch for all us at the conference. Chaplain David has a bunch of teams working hard to share JESUS CHRIST to cowboys and cowgirls at rodeos, horse shows and livestock events all across





the sunshine state. It was a blessing to share GOD'S WORD and officiate at the Ordination of two more Chaplains who were Ordained at the conference. A big Cowboys For Christ welcome to our newest Chaplains; Stephen Bissell and Craig Mullin, who have already been serving the LORD in their areas. Again, please keep our Chaplains in your prayers as they are faced with more expenses as they travel to events to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to cowboy and cowgirls all across the country.





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