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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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I am Woman, Hear Me Roar!

by Suzy Harvey Hodge

Psalm 139:13-14 NLT “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – and how well I know it.”

I hated puberty. Some of you may remember seeing me with my dad, Dave Harvey, at many events. Trail rides, horse shows, wagon trains, you name it, I was there with him. It wasn’t as much fun after I hit puberty, though. It was a lot different, and overnights were just horrible. I wore my hair up under a hat, I wore jeans, baggie shirts, and tight sports bras. I climbed on the back of about any horse I could, despite Dad trying to make sure I didn’t. I played sports, definitely wasn’t a cheerleader like my older sister. I never wore makeup and rarely wore anything other than pants. My favorite color was no longer pink but green.

I thank God I was born in 1983 and not 2007. If I were 15 right now (and didn’t have amazing parents who are smart enough to keep me from being an idiot), it’s possible I could have been sucked into the lie that I can simply turn off puberty, swap out some body parts, and

ta-da! I would suddenly be a boy. All my problems would be solved! Which is absolutely the most insidious lie from Satan himself. God made me a woman, and now I love being a woman.

I vividly remember talking to Mom one day, when I was around 14 or 15. And I was complaining about being a girl, all the things I couldn’t do because I was a girl, all the restrictions and the stupid rules. And she looked right at me, and she said something like, “Suzy, you can do anything you want to do. My mom and my aunt and me and my sister, we made sure you could do anything you want to do. But, honestly, why should you do something like plumbing or electrical work or oil changes when a man will do it for you? Use the brain God gave you, focus on what you excel at, and find a man who will help you by doing what he excels at.”

My mom had to wear an eye patch in elementary school because an old doctor left debris in her eye when she was born and was forced to use her right hand instead of her left since she was lefthanded, so she has always been under the misconception that school was hard because she isn’t smart. My mom is a very smart woman, and I was just blown away by her wisdom.



Philip, Jessie, AJ, Bekah, and Suzy Hodge

1 Corinthians 11:11-12 NLT “But in relationships among the Lord’s people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. For although the first woman came from man, all men have been born from women ever since, and everything comes from God.”

I honestly see this entire situation we’re in tracing back to abortion. When abortion became legal because of the Supreme Court after *Roe v Wade*, women took that to mean they could now live promiscuous lives just like men. They were the “same”. They pushed hard to make sure women never felt as though they “had” to get married. And they’ve completely ignored the fact that the happiness of men AND women ever since has lowered and lowered and lowered.

God told us right there in His Word. Women need men. Men need women. We are made to depend on one another, to complement each other, to work together to make a better life for our families, for each other, and to support each other when times get tough.

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Bonnie Walls Ordination

by Dave Harvey

I was so very blessed to preach and officiate at the Ordination of Bonnie Walls, Chaplain Jeff Walls' wife, on August 21 in Kokomo, Indiana. Jeff and Bonnie have been ministering as a team and now they will minister as a husband-and-wife Chaplain team. Cowboys For Christ is so blessed to have over twenty husband and wife teams serving the LORD all across the nation. GOD bless all of our Chaplains as they go to serve the LORD and share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.



Chaplains Melissa Wagner, Justine Barb, & Matt Wagner

A New Cowgirl Chaplain

by Dave Harvey

We want to welcome our newest Cowboys For Christ cowgirl Chaplain, Justine Barb. Justine was Ordained as a Chaplain on October 2, 2022 which was officiated by Chaplain Matt Wagner. Chaplain Melissa Wagner stated that it was great to see so many of the

Heartland Gathering family at her ordination ceremony. We are so blessed that the LORD is sending us a younger group of dedicated and committed workers to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to cowboy and cowgirls and everyone as directed by the HOLY SPIRIT. Please pray for Justine and all of our Chaplains as they go to serve.

Northern Indiana Chapter Trail Competition

by Chaplain Willie Hostetler

There are just a handful of perfect days in our lifetime...and that's okay. If God didn't allow us to struggle, we would never even recognize those perfect days. One of those days was this past Saturday at our Cowboys for Christ Trail Class Competition! Not to say that the days leading up to it weren't stressful. The devil tried to put up roadblocks but when you have the body of Christ working together you achieve His plan.

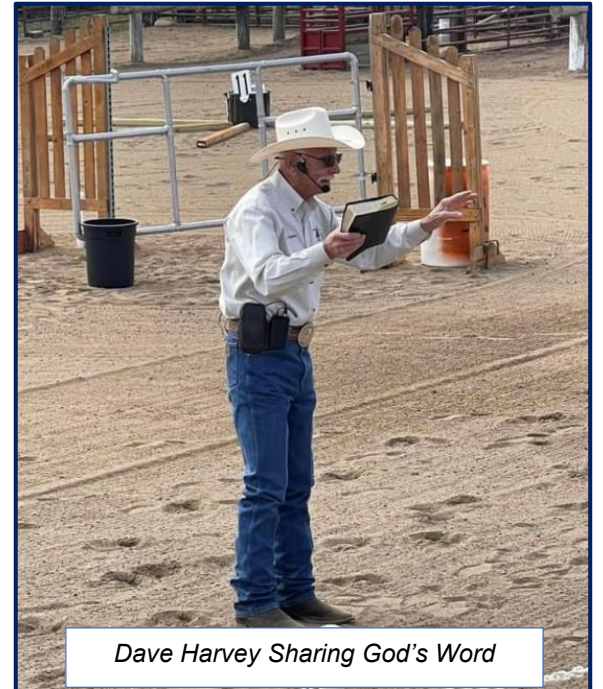
We always cherish the time we have with Dave Harvey, president of the national office of Cowboys for Christ. His passion for Christ is felt in all his conversations. He is always living in the light and is willing to listen and help any brother or sister in need.

There were 48 horses registered for the event. God kept the rain at bay. We were able to get through all the classes with perfect weather! Bob Yoder and his crew worked hard in preparing the arena, so it would be smooth and well groomed.

There were so many talented riders and beautiful horses that participated. Kara Wenger, Ryan Eash, Mel Eash and Dave Harvey had the difficult job of judging. For those that didn't place how they wanted or didn't place at all, please don't be discouraged or lose your passion. And please give our judges the grace that God would want us to give them.

Mostly, we are thankful for the fellowship and love that was demonstrated by all who were there. Although we gathered together for the fun of a Trail Class Competition, we pray that the Holy Spirit

was felt, that you felt the living Christ at work and walked away feeling the love of God. The Henry Golden Boy Winner-Karl Yoder



Dave Harvey Sharing God's Word



Youth Class Winners Left to Right
1st Place Kate Halsey
2nd Place Ryan Yoder
3rd Place Morgan Nissley
Also Dave Harvey



I Am Woman Continued

Because we are never promised sunshine and rainbows every day. We are promised trials and tribulations, but we are promised that God will always be there for us. And if you're blessed enough to be in a loving marriage, your partner is there with you, too.

I am a woman. I am proud to be a woman. I have a full-time job, I share my life with a wonderful husband who is an amazing father to our three children. My life is hectic and crazy and absolutely nothing like I ever thought I could have. And my heart breaks for the young girls today who are sold a lie that they can fix all their problems with drugs and surgeries, ignoring the loss of the chance at motherhood and no longer being able to grow into who God made them. I look at my two daughters and promise them I will never let anyone hurt them. And I wonder how the parents of these girls ever allowed this to happen.

And then I look at the men who are claiming to be women. And all I want to do is tell them to grow up. I know being a man is hard; I watched my father work 12 to 16 hour days only to come home and keep working, I watched my brother grow into a strong man and how hard that was for him; I have a strong husband, who also works 12 to 16 hour days and works more when he gets home, and a little boy who I have to help grow into a strong man. In a world where we've told men that being a man is bad, we shouldn't be shocked that a lot of them have decided they'll just be a woman instead. Which again, is just another lie from the devil.

Women, men need us. I've discovered that men NEED to be needed. Nothing bothers my husband more when I need help with something and won't ask. It's why he's here! It's why we're married!

He is here to fight the dragons, to be my hero. He is here to support me, love me, and help me. And I need to let him do that. And our world desperately needs us to step up and say just because I can change my oil, I don't have to. Just

because I can figure out why there's a water leak, my husband does that for me. Just because I am capable but don't do it, doesn't make me weak. It makes me stronger to ask for help than to struggle to do it by myself.

I am not less of a woman because I am married with children. I am not diminished in my womanhood because I rely on my husband. I proudly wear my heels and my dresses to work, then change out for jeans and boots to go work outside. I have calluses and often sore muscles because I work hard. But I feel no shame in admitting my husband works much harder. He will do a workout then go mow and weed eat and then fix my broken van window. All without a complaint or even a passing thought of having someone else do it. I do the dishes, work on laundry, chase our toddler boy all over the place, and then we play a board game once the kids are in bed, enjoying our time together. I am so blessed I am married to a strong man who loves and appreciates the woman I am. And I love and appreciate the man he is, complementing each other as God intended. I pray the same for each of you. And I ask that each of you pray that we can show our country and our world the truth and stand against the lies that are mutilating our children.

Letter & Testimony

by Joseph Lopez

Dear Christian Ranchman, A friend gave me a couple of your newspapers. I really liked the inclusive approach to your ministry, which is what being a Christian is about. I really would like to receive your paper. I do not need a Bible. I already have three; my study Bible, a bilingual parallel Bible (Spanish and English) because I attend services in both languages, and my little pocket Bible.

My 15-year-old granddaughter just got baptized in a cowboy church. So, I sent her my personal cowboy New Testament. A little one with horses and rodeo pictures, plus a lot of advice on how to mature as a Christian. Her

grandma told me she was so excited when she saw it that she had to grab her phone to snap a photo. It made me happy to have exactly the one thing that was unique to her Cowboy Church baptism. Okay, my testimony.

I've been in prison for 33 years, since I was twenty, for the murder of two men during a drinking binge. I was given two life sentences for this. So, I came to prison and I believed myself to have nothing to lose so my attitude was terrible, my outlook on life was very gloomy. I got involved with a prison gang for the sense of brotherhood, of family, not thinking about the price that came with this false brotherhood. By the time I was 23 I was charged (1991) and convicted in the death of another prisoner. I was given 99 years more and put on administrative segregation for almost nine years. (Now they call it restricted housing.)

So, how did I become this person? I was not violent growing up. I had an anger problem, but my criminal imagination only focused on stealing to make a fast dollar, but not hurting anyone. I came to prison, my first time in 1987. I was 18 years old, for burglary of a building. I did 6 months, while I was doing that, I gave myself to Jesus in the prison chapel. I was already close to going home, I didn't have much time to grow my faith, or learn obedience, or mature in my walk. As my parole date got closer my mind drifted more and more to my old life and how I was living it. I was reading my Bible less, praying less. I prayed for God to restore my wife to me, and to help me to be a father to my son. Yet, my mind was already straying. I had gotten married when I was 16 and my wife was 15. We kept running away together, so they let us get married. The day I got out of prison I made the mistake of dropping my Bible in the trash can at the bus station in Houston. I had already turned my back on God in my heart, but that kind of put an exclamation point on it.

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After that, things moved really fast. In 1987 I shot one of my wife's cousins after a fight. (He survived.) But this was new ground, I had never done this before. I came back to prison in 3 months, another burglary. I got out in 1988, and by the end of the year I shot another guy for ganging up on me after a party; he also survived. I was making so many enemies that I had to leave town. That's now I ended up in the place where I got the murder cases in 1989. Where did all of this come from? I've learned a lot about myself over the years. I've learned a lot about God, things I should have known when I first gave my life to God. Apparently, I'm a slow learner, like a rock is a slow learner.

I had a lot of anger in my heart from my child hood and life leading up to all this. My father was killed when I was 3 and I was separated from my mother and sisters, which I viewed as rejection, which caused me to be hostile towards my siblings as I grew up. Then my adoptive brother (my dad's youngest brother) was murdered when I was 14. Everyone knew who did it both times, but no one was ever punished. This filled me with hate and the desire to pay them back, but I did not. Still, I never let go of the anger, the hate. All my life I've collected these wounds and let them fester in my soul.

When I was 17 my father-in-law shot me in the face with a shot gun, leaving me blind in one eye. I never did anything about it because I did not want my son to hate me. It was when my in-laws jumped on me after my first trip to prison that the anger in me finally showed its ugly face. Once that happened it became an answer to all my problems, until it destroyed any chance I had of ever being free again.

So, what I truly want to say to your readers is that the power of forgiveness is cleansing. It is what I should have learned as a child, if I had known God and His Word. In our ignorance we grow up without knowing the purpose God has for the act of forgiveness of all our wounds is that it sets us free of their

power over us. And it cleanses so we don't get mud on the floors of HIS Throne Room when we pray.

Forgiveness #1. Discipline #2. God has promised to discipline those He loves. When we give our lives to God through His beloved Son Jesus, we enter a Father-child relationship. If we think we can just turn our backs and walk away we're in for a rude awakening. My problem is that I was sleeping extra hard, so it took longer and more shaking to wake me up, rudely. Sometime God's mercy is rude, but rooted in love.

Reconciliation #3. I finally humbly turned back to God after 30 years of rebellion. He has blessed me with the return of my wife's friendship and love. (Remember we were teenagers.) My mother, sisters and my former wife are the pillars in my life today. God is the foundation. He truly is faithful. This is a compressed version of my testimony. I have been working on a longer one. I have a goal of writing a collection of booklets to inspire other prisoners to turn back to God. Pray for God to give me the words that my brothers in white need to hear to lead them back. God bless you In the Love of Christ, Joseph

PS: God's still working on my relationship with my son. He's already shown me He can do the things we cannot on our own. So, I'm hopeful.

Letter

From Larry Hixon

I just wanted to make sure y'all had my correct address. I don't think I received the last Ranchman.

There's something else I wanted to show y'all I hope you can see it. This certificate was what I received when I became a member of this great Association back in 1983. Yep, I'm getting old. Anyway, the other thing I wanted to know is this; awhile back I would ask y'all for a few maybe 10 or so of the cowboy Bible's to hand out at Western events up here in this part of the country and I was hoping we could still do that somehow. I sure would appreciate y'all letting me know. A

friend just called me a little while ago and said I hope you don't get mad at me but, he said he was witnessing to a Muslim and gave him the cowboy Bible that I had given him and of course I told him heck no that's what it's all about praise the Lord. That was my last Bible I have, so that's what got me thinking getting more Bibles. Sometimes we just don't really think about how much of an impact just giving a Bible to someone can mean. Sorry for being so wordy but I heard Ronnie Christian say "stay excited about JESUS" and I sure am because on Aug. 27th it will be 40 years. God Bless.

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Letter

by James Daskam

Hi Cowboys,

First-God bless you and your ministry. I love to read the newspaper I get in the mail. The stories of the get-to-gathers to praise and worship God, the testimonies and Brother Dave's page; all of these keep me busy and happy all day long. I read it over and over and I share it with others and see them smile. I just cut out "The Cowboy Way" from my latest paper and put it in my Bible along with the story of why it was written.

I was reading the testimonies and I saw someone had asked about, "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus" when I read this I cried, was happy and shared it with all. But I forgot to get the paper back that it was in and this person has now gone home. He was released from prison. So, if you can please put it in you paper again or maybe send me a copy of the story. I would love it. I will put it in my Bible where I can read it every so often.

I going to be getting out of here on Oct 31, 2022 and I will let you know where I will be living.

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Daskam Letter Continued

I do not want to stop receiving the Christian Ranchman. I'm 73 years old and maybe one day, God willing, I can make it to one of these camp meetings.

God bless you and keep up the great work you are doing for God. When I get out, I will be making a gift offering in my wife's name. Hope to hear from you soon. In His Name, James

Letters to the Editor

Cowboys For Christ, hello, Will you please cancel the mailings of the Christian Ranchman to my husband. He passed away a couple of weeks ago. Sincerely, Jane in Florida.

Editor's reply: Will do and so sorry for your loss. Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, please give peace and strength, In JESUS' NAME, Amen. In CHRIST, Reply from Jane: Thank you so much for your prayer. I miss him so much. He was 90 and I am 89. We had been married for 67 years. I thank God for His blessings to us. God Bless, Jane

Dear Cowboys For Christ, I am in prison at Bradshaw State Jail and I was in church the other day and the fellow next to me was holding a Cowboys For Christ Bible (Easy To Read.) I talked with him about it and he said it was easy for him to understand in his old country ways. Ha-ha. My question is how would I go about getting myself one? And I would be interested in any Bible study or studies guides ya'll may have. I am just starting my walk of faith so any help you folks have would be a blessing. I am 62 years old and this is my first and last time for this prison foolishness. But that's not ya'lls concern! Sorry I was just wanting to ask about the Bible and studies. Thank you, Montie in Texas

Greetings, Thank you for the work you do in Christ, Gail in Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Howdy to you! As a recently saved, recently baptized, new follower of Christ, someone at church suggested I contact you. What I am hoping for is that you may be able to assist me with a Bible, a newsletter, and a correspondence Bible study course. Any of these three would be greatly appreciated. And if there is a cost or if I can make a donation, please share that information with me and I will take care of it. I see you are in Fort Worth which is great because I am from Arlington and all of my family is from Houston, Wimberley and Kerrville. I wish I had stayed home but coming to Colorado and ending up here in the pokey allowed me to get save and get off of drugs both, so it wasn't all bad. As for my cowboyness, I grew up around and have spent most of my life attending stock shows and rodeos and I've been riding since I was knee high to a grasshopper. Even here in Colorado I worked as a full-time ranch hand on a property that had cattle, hog pens and chicken coops. And when I leave this facility that I am at next year I am definitely returning to Texas. Not sure where yet, either south Arlington or somewhere in the hill country. That'll do it for now. Thank you and God bless you. In Christ, Jerry in Colorado

Dear Christian Ranchman, Could you please start sending me the newspaper you offer and I'm wondering if you have any Bible studies? Thank you, Brenda in Missouri

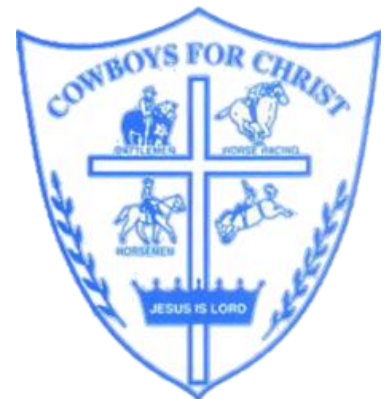
Dear Cowboys For Christ, First of all I want to thank you for what your organization does for us who are incarcerated. I appreciate all you do to help us. I was wondering if you could send me a study Bible to help me learn God's Holy Word? I would truly appreciate any thing you can send and will use it to learn God's Holy Word. Pray for our institution for we haven't had church service in a little over 2 years here. We started on our own Sunday nights for OC and OD dorms about 3

weeks ago and it's been a blessing. May God bless you and your families for all you do for the Kingdom of the Lord. Henry in North Carolina

To Whom It May Concern, My name is Donald and I'm recently incarcerated at TDCJ in Richmond. The reason I'm writing, a real good friend of mine found his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and he needs a Bible that is Spanish. He doesn't read English to well and we have to explain to him what it says. He just overcame an alcohol and drug addiction thru the help of Jesus Christ. Now we can't keep him out of church. He's always, "asking is it church night?" We tell him Wensday and Sunday. Could you help us locate a Spanish Bible for him. Thanks for your time and God bless Cowboys For Christ, Donald in Texas
*Note from Editor: Spanish Bible sent!

Cowboys For Christ, I just want to say thank you for taking the time out of your day to write me back and for the Bible and Bible study and for the one ya'll are going to send my daughter. Would you please keep a prayer chain for me and my family and could ya'll keep sending me your newsletter, the Christian Ranchman. Thank you for everything. Always, Jeffery in Arkansas

Christian Ranchman, Dear Dave, we so much enjoy your Ranchman newspaper. Thank you for sending us copies by-monthly. Our little Cowboy Church is doing awesome. We have no pastor, but everyone is pitching in to bring a message on Sunday. We are blessed! Monty & Bea in New Mexico



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Because

by Karen Meisner

I can't go to Heaven because..... Reason #1, Reason #2, Reason #3, Reason #4, Reason #5; etc, etc, etc, but you can because the Lord is not willing that any should perish. **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. And **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Everlasting (FOREVER) that's what Jesus offers us; eternal life. Satan will tell you; don't worry, there's no hurry but don't believe his lies. Repent and be baptized; Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. It matters, because Jesus Saves.

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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Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

AN OLD MAN AND AN OLD WOMAN



Luke 2:25-38 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

This is such a wonderful account of the moving of the HOLY SPIRIT in the lives of two servants of the LORD to reveal the BABY JESUS, or as Scripture has HIM, the LORD'S CHRIST. Simon was a prophet and he was joined in this great and blessed time of praise, worship and prophesy by another, the prophetess, Anna. These two were a part of the "faithful Jewish remnant" that was waiting and watching for the advent of the promised MESSIAH. Just as the HOLY FATHER had continued to keep obedient, committed, dedicated servants down through the ages, HE certainly had two ready and waiting for the arrival of HIS SON, the BABY JESUS. We are told in this passage of Scripture that Simon was a man of GOD, who was led by the HOLY SPIRIT, and as is very evident was an ardent student of the HOLY WORD OF GOD. As well as, the prophetess Anna who was also a very committed and dedicated servant of the HOLY GOD and evidently also filled with the HOLY SPIRIT and following HIS guidance and direction. Simeon and Anna were watching, praying, waiting and seeking the MESSIANIC HOPE, which was to be the "consolation" of Israel, and the "redemption" of Jerusalem., and the long-awaited MESSIAH. And they were not like the religious leaders who ignored the WORD OF GOD in the Old Testament that gave many detailed announcements of HIS coming.

As we see in verse 25, 26 and 27; Simeon had the HOLY SPIRIT upon him. He was covered with the HOLY SPIRIT and he was covered on the outside and on the inside for all to see and hear. Simeon also was listening to the HOLY SPIRIT and he was moving and following the HOLY SPIRIT. What a wonderful position to be in; to have the HOLY SPIRIT to cover you, both inside and outside, and directing your steps and words. To be spoken to by the HOLY SPIRIT and to have your spiritual ears in tune to the "still small" voice of the HOLY SPIRIT is certainly a goal that each child of GOD should seek. Then to top it all off; Simeon was moved by the HOLY SPIRIT to be where he needed to be, when he needed to be there and doing what he needed to be doing. This sure adds much weight to being prayed up, studied up and seeking the LORD'S will in your life; plus asking HIM to guide you to accomplish all HE desires to be done. Wow, can someone please say; Amen.

We must read and study each word of this wonderful passage to comprehend the depth of this revelation and the speaking, moving and filling of the HOLY SPIRIT. As we are told Simeon was "righteous and devout" which means that he worked in his walk with the LORD. He didn't glance at GOD'S HOLY WORD once a week on Sunday morning. He didn't pray over his food just on Sundays; he spent time on his knees, like Daniel before the THRONE OF GRACE to fellowship, praise, give thanks and seek the HOLY GOD, every day. He sought the HOLY SPIRIT in his life and he followed the moving of the HOLY SPIRIT as he was directed. Simeon was a working child of GOD and he invested time in his walk with his LORD, which certainly developed his faith and ability to serve.

Now let's see how Simeon reacted to the moving of the HOLY SPIRIT; he was there at the right time and he took JESUS CHRIST into his arms with praise and worship. Praise and worship in the very presence of our GLORIOUS LORD and SAVIOR. He didn't care who was watching. He didn't care who was listening; he praised the LORD and he worshiped the LORD, even though at that time the LORD was just a new born BABY. It didn't matter to Simeon, because he was following the leading and guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT and that is all the conformation he needed. He didn't care if the priests or religious leaders thought he was crazy, and even though it was told that he was "righteous and devout" he knew that he was a sinner, and he knew that he needed the SAVIOR. He wrapped his arms around the SAVIOR and that is certainly a lesson that we need to learn from this "righteous and devout" man of GOD. We need to throw off our pride and religion and get real with THE MASTER, the REDEEMER, and the SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. We need to follow the actions of this HOLY SPIRIT fill man of GOD, and wrap our arms around the SAVIOR, and worship and praise HIM.

What a wonderful exhibition of true faith. Simeon was moved by the HOLY SPIRIT to the CHRIST CHILD and he without doubt or wavering took this BABY into his arms and praised THE FATHER for answered prayer as he had been promised by the LORD to see the REDEEMER before he died. As I was studying for this message, I notice that Simeon correctly declared the TRUTH of JESUS CHRIST to HIS mother and told her of the heartache and pain she would suffer for being blessed to be used by THE FATHER for such a noble



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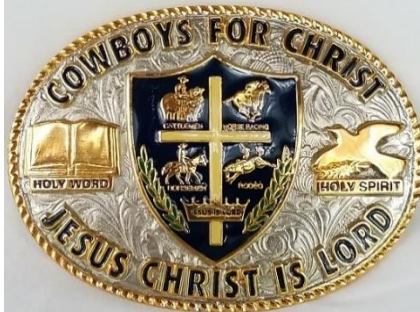
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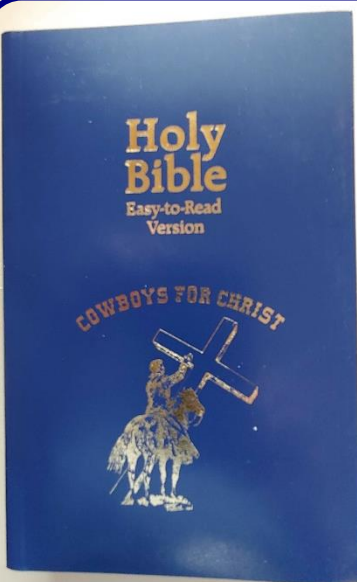
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AN OLD MAN AND AN OLD WOMAN Continued

part in bringing the SAVIOR to this earth. Simeon and Anna were old devoted servants of GOD and they were also given a noble and honored task of announcing the arrival of the promised MESSIAH WHO would be the SAVIOR of sinful mankind. I am sure that Mary would remember the words spoken to her by Simeon as she stood at the foot of the cross of our LORD. This is certainly a shining example for anyone and everyone that would try to make light of or make obscure the message of the TRUTH of GOD'S WORD. He may have been an old man, but it really doesn't matter how old Simeon was, because HE had a message from FATHER GOD and he was going to deliver that message to Mary and Joseph and to the rest of the world. Simeon did not come to the Temple that day to see just a baby, he came to see JESUS CHRIST, the SAVIOR and LORD. Simon was obedient and ready to declare the message of the SAVIOR to all, and he wasn't worry about what the religious leaders thought. Simeon very clearly declared the TRUTH of the MESSIAH and the works FATHER GOD had sent HIM to accomplish. The prophesy from Simeon reflects greatly on the words of the Prophet Isaiah as he tells us in "Isa 8:14-15 He will be a sanctuary; but for the two houses of Israel, He will be a stone to stumble over and a rock to trip over, and a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Many will stumble over these; they will fall and be broken; they will be snared and captured." And as we know JESUS CHRIST was a very big stumbling block to the Jewish nation, and in fact, is still to this very day a stumbling block and one which they seem to not be able to accept. One major factors of Simeon's song of praise and worship, was the direct indication of "a LIGHT to the gentiles" which can only be accepted as a missionary point of view and the TRUTH that the REDEEMER came to "seek and to save that which was lost" or actually the whole "world" of sinful mankind. This TRUTH was a major stumbling block to the nation of Israel, then and now. Speaking of the HOLY SPIRIT, it is so wonderful to see HIM working in our lives and in the ministry, but folks, we have a perfect example of HIS mighty power, and the working of HIS special timing to make it all happen for the Glory of THE FATHER. Because just at the exact moment, Anna arrives to verify and confirm Simeon's prophetic message, plus add her praise and worship and then we are told of her boldly declaring the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to any and to all who would listen. And as we can see Simeon and Anna had served years waiting for the arrival of the "consolation of Israel" and the "redemption of Jerusalem" and JESUS CHRIST proved this TRUTH all the way to the cross. Cowboys and cowgirls, the TRUTH is the TRUTH and Simeon and Anna acted upon the TRUTH, but what about you? Are you acting upon the TRUTH of JESUS CHRIST? Are you reading of the happenings of the times and seeing the fulfilling of the HOLY WORD OF GOD telling of the return of our LORD to this earth? Are you ready? It is so important to have a relationship with our SAVIOR, but it takes effort and seeking HIS HOLY WORD and the guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT just like Simeon and Anna. And if an old man and an old woman could do it then a cowboy or cowgirl can do it; whatever your age. Would you commit to reading HIS HOLY WORD every day and seeking HIS FACE in prayer every day, if they could do it you can too. GOD bless you as you seek the SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST and as you seek to proclaim HIM. This Christmas season would you let an old man and an old woman lead you to the CHRIST CHILD! Merry Christmas and may the JOY OF JESUS fill your heart, your life and your soul, In JESUS' NAME, Amen.



In Christ,

Dave





Chaplain Ed Singer sharing the Word

Chaplain Mike Reicherts sharing about Cowboys For Christ



Wisconsin Gathering

by Chaplain Ed Singer

God blessed us with sunny days and brisk nights during our time at Ukarydee Equestrian campground in Arkdale, Wisconsin on 9/30 to 10/2/22. The weekend began with setting up camp, getting to know your neighbor, and trail riding through eighty acres of jack pines. Our agenda was pretty loose, as this was the first gathering in Wisconsin in a long while.

Saturday morning, chaplains Mike Reichert and Ed Singer distributed flyers to all campers. The flyers announced that arena obstacles will be set up for everyone's use, all are invited to a potluck and bonfire on Saturday night, and most importantly, church service will be held at 9:00am, Sunday morning.

Chaplains, as you meet people in a casual setting like this, you will find all kinds of responses to an invitation to church service. Be encouraged as no one reacted negatively. Riders enjoyed utilizing the rope gate, log hauling, and cone weaving course in the arena. The chaplains assisted riders in the ring, making friends along the way.

The potluck brought Cowboys for Christ campers, along with several families who were previously unaware of our event. A good meal and an enthusiastic discussion ensued, resulting in the desire to make this an annual event, every first full weekend of October. The 2nd annual Wisconsin gathering will be October 6-8, 2023. Our bonfire was a time of bonding and fellowship and included testimonies on how we each came to Christ. It was the highlight of the day.

Materials were set out quite early on Sunday morning: Bibles, tracts, bumper stickers, a stack of Christian Ranchman papers and other information.

The message was on Blessed Assurances. If you are a believer and follower of Christ, you have the blessed assurance of salvation, and you also have many additional assurances God has promised in His Word: the assurance of forgiveness of sins, the assurance that God has a plan for you, and the assurance that God hears your prayers. A sign-up sheet was set out for all those interested in planning other events or attending the 2nd annual gathering. In 2023, with God's hand in it, we hope to have musicians, Saturday night devotionals and more organized trail riding.

MY ETERNAL DECISION

There is one important decision that each and every person must make some time in their life. The decision to accept JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR guarantees eternal life. No one knows when their life will end, so it is very important to make that decision before it is too late.

The Bible very plainly tells us in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned". Also, in Romans 6:23 we are told, "For the wages of sin is death". This death actually is referring to eternal death. But the last part of Romans 6:23 reads, "But the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. And in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" sure includes you.

This very minute you can make the decision for eternal life and by praying this prayer and truly believing you can accept the LORD JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR. The late great D.L. Moody once said, "GOD has put salvation within the reach of everyone, because all you have to do is believe".

Please pray this prayer, Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to you a sinner and I am sorry for those sins, please forgive me. I know that your SON, JESUS CHRIST died on the cross and rose from the dead to save me from eternal death and I believe that in my heart. Please, Dear JESUS, come into my heart as SAVIOR and LORD. And FATHER please help me to be your child. In JESUS' NAME, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, please let us know so we can add you to our prayer list. Also, we will send you a Cowboys For Christ Bible to help you in your new life with JESUS CHRIST as your TRAIL BOSS.

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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.

Cowboy or Vet

by David R DeArmond

(Submitted by Deedee DeArmond)

My dad was an officer for Cowboys for Christ and also a Preacher and had a CFC Chapter out of Chandler, OK. He wrote this poem, and I thought maybe you guys could use it.

Cowboy or Vet

I saw him sitting on a bench at the V.A.
Just a howdy, how are you, would make his day.

He had been someone's Dad,
not no more.

for he had experienced
the horrors of war.

He might have been a roper,
bronc rider or cuttin' horse man,
but the combat in war
was more than he could stand.

He spent his time
wondering about life,
where he had went wrong
with his kids and wife.

Things were so mixed up now,
he couldn't remember why or how,
if he had rode the range
far and wide,

or walked the beach
and watched the tide.

Was he good with
horses or things like that,
was he a man that
liked a dog or a cat.

I salute the man,
Cowboy or Vet, I know
my God will take care of him yet.

God will take him
and he will be home to stay,
he will have his family,
and never have to go away.
To eternal life, the battle is won,
for Jesus said peace,
the war is done.

written April 2, 1996

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Elkins Creek Gathering 2022

From Chaplain Karen Burgoon

September 22, 2022, marked the kickoff of the 6th Annual Northeast CFC Fall Gathering at Elkins' Creek Horse Camp in Pedro, Ohio. Camp hosts Jill and Rick McCleese welcomed each person as they arrived, assisting with parking and any other needed services. We so much appreciate their hospitality and willingness to serve. The 4-day event was well attended with both new and returning attendees. People traveled from 7 states to participate in the gathering activities. We were very pleased to have children in attendance which truly enhanced a family of God atmosphere.

Movie night with popcorn planned for Thursday evening was derailed due to technical difficulties which resulted in a time of sharing and testimonies with prayer. At the end of the sharing the DVD player started to work and it was decided that the Holy Spirit had changed our planned agenda to meet His plan for us. Chaplain Dale Brenneman from West Keystone Chapter of CFC kicked things off Friday morning with a teaching series "Come to the Table, the New Covenant" discussing the sacrament of communion. Then on Saturday morning all attendees were invited to the Lord's table of Holy Communion, cowboy style, at the completion of the teaching. He also

shared the Word through the program Life Lessons on Horseback using his good mare Pattie to show that the relationship between the horse and rider is like our own relationship with our heavenly Father. President Dave Harvey taught afternoon devotions and presented a clinic on presenting the Gospel using a couple of horses to help illustrate that a horse will never be a world champion as long as it stays in the stall, and a servant of God will never be a champion for the Lord if they don't step out in faith to serve.

We extend a great big cowboy thank you to the very talented Mercy Line Gospel Group for the concert performed on the porch Friday night. The singing and sharing were enjoyed by all and touched the hearts of many. Saturday night found us back on the porch with open mic night, which was a wonderful time to present special CFC member, Cameron Watson with a CFC Gathering T-shirt. There were many people who presented through song, cowboy poetry, readings, and testimonies. The evening ended with a sundae social and awarding of the silent auction items. A big thank you to Dr Bill Harnetty for his gift of one secession of dentistry, chiropractic work or acupuncture to the high bidder. He was also a big hit as our cowboy poet. We were amazed at how he brought the poems to life with no written notes.

No open mic night would be complete without a session of Chaplain Cutting proposed by Chaplain Dale Brenneman. This was a new addition to the lineup of activities. The 9 CFC chaplains (Dale Brenneman, Karen Burgoon, Mike Gentry, Tammy Burton, Skeeter Spaulding, Dave McMillin, Bob Werry, Sandy Baker and Dave) in attendance were allotted 2 minutes to share information on their individual ministry work. A timer gave a 30 second warning and then speaking was stopped at the 2-minute time limit. It is truly amazing how God is working through the ministries of CFC chaplains who are willing to hear the Lord and obey the guiding of the Holy Spirit.

The trail riding was outstanding and accommodations at the camp were great which enhanced the atmosphere of the weekend which was infused with the presence of the Holy Spirit. No camping event is complete without good food and there was plenty. A shout out to Leroy Williams who prepared breakfast for upwards of 20 plus hungry folks. The auction raised almost 2 thousand dollars for the CFC bible fund. We appreciate all who donated and the participants who took part in the auction.

Save the date for next year September 21-24, 2023. I challenge each of you to return and bring at least one new attendee. Be blessed and Happy Trails.



Chaplain Dale
Brenneman on Pattie



Cameron Watson with Dave Harvey



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