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Heartland Conference 2023

by Chaplain Karen Burgoon

Dave Harvey, Joe Burgoon and I were very blessed to be able to attend the Heartland Conference in DeKalb, Missouri, February 2, 2023, hosted by CFC Chaplains Matt and Melissa Wagner. We thank them for their hard work and service to the Lord. The weather cooperated with sunshine and pleasant temperatures enjoyed by all, which also supplied the need of safe travel. The message of the event centered around the word Focus. Focus is defined as the center of attention. Chaplain Matt Wagner presented a message and teaching on "Focus on being Focused." We were reminded to slow down and pay attention to God's voice. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, He will call each of us out of our comfort zone to use the individual talents and abilities He has bestowed upon us to reach people where they are. We need faith like Daniel to get in and out of the lion's den, turn over our lives to Him and He will supply our needs. We obtain joy by focusing on the prize, choosing the fruits of the Spirit for spiritual growth. We will have difficulties time to time, which will give us the ability to grow through the



13 Chaplains at Heartland Conference

problems with increased faith by trusting that He will carry us through these situations. We will become rooted in Christ and as a tree with strong roots, we will not sway under the storms of life. As we become more Kingdom minded, we will be more fruitful. We will face eternity with no fear as we are adopted into God's family. A target was used for illustration with the center mark which represents winning the prize, the prize is that of eternity and heaven. The benefit of focus is to delight in the Lord and obtain Kingdom desires leading to a perfect peace in the Lord. According to Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

Chaplain Mike Stephens presented a study on the "Kings Kingdom" and the importance of focusing on God, not the enemy. He taught we need to be Spirit led and to live through God by praying and studying the Word. His focus was the Old Testament told us Jesus was coming to earth. Mathew through John told us Jesus was here and the rest of the New Testament states He is coming back as our King. He went on to teach that Jesus came to teach, serve, and save and taught us how to live. Unbelievers do not know what Jesus is about nor understand the nature of God. It is our role as believers to show an example of Jesus and the nature of God through our actions and lives. Do not be shaped by the world around you but be renewed and focus on Christ.

Brother Dave Harvey presented "More on Focus" and discussed that CFC is an outreach ministry where we are to minister in our territory or the dominion (kingdom) in which we are called to serve. We have a responsibility to the people in our kingdom. We need to understand who Christ is as our King and change the way we live, read, and receive. We need to keep it simple and grounded in the Word of God, not religious beliefs. There are no gates in hell but heaven has gates to keep enemies out.

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The enemy has no right in our life, we allow him in, and as we understand this, we can focus on this principle which is lifechanging.

No conference is complete without some music and we extend a thank you to Mark Hinkle and Joel Baker for leading us in praise and worship. There was quite a crowd with 13 cowboy and cowgirl Chaplains in attendance including new Chaplain Greg Connolly. We welcome him into the organization. Plus, we had a great group of visitors seeking to know more about the ministry and our LORD. We thank P and J's restaurant for the tasty home cooking for both breakfast and lunch and providing the space for the conference to be held.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed fellowship at the Dekalb Christian Church with Pastor David Jordan leading the worship service. His message was centered on "God Saves" by leading us out of the world into God's land. Exodus 11: 1-14, 31 using illustration of God's people called out of Egypt (the world) with exodus to the promised land (going to God's land). God saves those who put their faith in Him. We cannot save ourselves. He can and will save us. This excellent teaching was followed by a brunch provided by the church family. We enjoyed the hospitality and felt very welcomed and loved by our Christian brothers and sisters.

Save the date for next year on the same weekend, same place, February 3, 2023. Maybe Matt will provide his famous Groundhog Day cookies. *(The 13 Chaplains pictured on page 1 are: Karen Burgoon, Melissa & Matt Wagner, Mike Stephens, Greg Connolly, Mike Reicherts, Dave, Tim & Theresa Anderson, Mike Jackson, Randy Crew, Trinity Cox and Mike Gentry.)*

Don't Pull Back

by Chaplain Steve Richmond

When I, or anyone else who rides horses, the one thing that you don't want to be doing is pulling back on the reins all the time! If we are good at riding horses, our goal is to train



a horse to ride without us having to ever pull on the reins when we ride them. As riders we want to guide a horse not pull on them.

You may say, "How do I get my horse to stop if I don't pull back on the reins?" The answer is to stop riding and your horse should come to a stop when you stop riding it. What do I mean when I say to stop riding your horse? When you ride you come up to the riding position, then you're moving with your horse, your body is in motion while you are riding, your hands are forward, your pelvis is moving with your horses' movements, and you're riding, and not just setting on your horse. So, when you stop doing all of that then that is the cue for your horse to stop and the horse will respond by stopping.

How many times have you seen a rider asking their horse to go forward over an obstacle, down a slope, or into water, and the rider is asking the horse to go forward while pulling back on the reins at the same time? We know that doesn't work for the horse as a good cue to go forward. That only leads to frustration and confusion for the horse, but I see that happen all the time. Most of the time the rider doesn't have any idea that they are pulling back; it's a subconscious decision. What's happening is that the rider is wanting the horse to go forward while inwardly they are nervous or anxious about what the horse may do while going forward over, through, or into the obstacle. They are usually unsure and think that when they release the reins the horse may go too fast for their comfort level. So, without realizing it, while asking the horse to go forward, they are also pulling back on the reins and telling the horse not to go forward. It's like holding

your foot on the brake pedal while pushing the gas pedal at the same time when you're driving a car; it's not the correct way to drive.

To help a rider that does this, most of the time, it takes someone else to point it out to them before they realize what they are doing. After the rider becomes aware that they are pulling back while asking the horse to go forward they can begin to work on why they are doing it. I think that all riders understand that pulling back on a horse while asking them to go forward is not the correct way to ride your horse. So, after seeing that a rider is doing that then they can deal with the reason they are pulling back while asking them to go forward. Once the rider sees what they are doing then they can work on making the change in their riding habits.

I find that most of the time it's a fear of what the horse's reaction is going to be when they ask their horse to go forward, over, or into the obstacle. As riders, we need to learn to stop pulling on our horses and just guide them in the direction that we want them to go. We guide a horse with our hands sometimes, also with our legs, and with our seat. Looking where you want to go is another way. Most of the time it's all of that combined. But we want to stay away from pulling on them. Pulling on our horses can and does create resistance in our horses. Pulling on them closes the door that we are asking them to go through when we want them to go forward. Riders need to keep the door open that they are asking their horses to go through. The way that we keep the door open is by taking away any pressure that would stop them from going in the direction that we want them to go. Take pressure off from going forward by putting your hands forward and taking all the pressure out of the horse's mouth. That will open the door for them to go forward.

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Don't Pull Back Continued

Our walk with the Lord is similar to horseback riding in that we shouldn't be pulling back from God as we are trying to walk with Him and go forward in our relationship with Him. If we want to walk with God in life, we need to follow His direction that we get from His Word. We need to become doers of the Word, and not just hearers only as it says in James 1:22. We need to follow the Holy Spirit's guiding cues in life. But if we are pulling back from God, and pulling back from our faith in God, while we say that we want God's will to be done in our lives then we are like the rider who is asking their horse to go forward while pulling back on the reins at the same time. To be successful in our walk with God we need to stop wavering in our faith and trust God with all of our hearts. Trust that He is who He says He is, and He will do what He says that He will do. Hebrews 10:38-39 "Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." As believers we want to make sure that we are pressing on toward God's will in our lives. God's will for His children is for them to put their complete faith in Him and His promises. We need to be believing God more and more for the things that He has promised us in His word. We need to be growing in our faith in God and not pulling back (drawing back) in our faith. God has proved Himself faithful throughout history as you can see when you read the Bible. If you spend any time at all in the Word, then you know that He is always faithful to help and answer our prayers when believers call unto Him. He has made a way for our victory in life through His Son Jesus. Our faith in Him isn't built on empty promises. What God has promised will come to pass no matter what things look like in life or what your senses are telling you. You can be sure that God has got you and He will be faithful to His promises, no matter what life brings.

Pulling back from God isn't the answer. Pulling back from God, or our faith in Him, is the

wrong thing to do to get the rewards of faith. As Christians it should be our life's goal to please God. According to verse 38 in Hebrews 10 God has no pleasure in those who "draw back" (pull back) from their faith. But if we are pulling back from our faith then we are not pleasing Him. The Bible also says in Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those diligently seek Him." Just like Abraham's faith in God brought God's rewards in his life, it's our faith in God that brings God's rewards in our lives. Be a Christian like the one described in vs.39. Don't be one who draws back, but one who believes to the saving of the soul. That means believing to the end, never pulling back, or never giving up on your faith in God. Don't be a rider that pulls back and don't be a believer that pulls back from your faith.

As a horse trainer and preacher, I don't want to just point out the problems. It's my duty to give people the answer to the problems or difficulties they face. So how can we become Christians that don't pull back? I can make a couple of suggestions. Faith works a lot like our muscles. To grow muscles, we have to feed them and exercise for them to grow. The same thing is true for our faith. We need to feed it, and exercise our faith, and it will grow. To feed our faith we need to spend time in the Bible because it's the Word that is food to our faith and we need to exercise our faith by using our faith. Using, or exercising our faith by applying resistance to it, builds it up. Just like when you are trying to build muscle mass you apply resistance to the muscle by lifting weights and that builds muscles. The same thing is true in building faith. When you apply resistance to your faith it becomes stronger over time and it grows. Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." If faith comes by hearing God's Word, then the way to strengthen our faith is hearing more of His Word. Spending time in the Word will feed your faith. We can hear more by listening to more preaching of the Word. There's all kind of ways to hear more of the Word in this day of technology. We can

exercise our faith by standing on the promises of God and seeing God do what He said that He would do. As we grow stronger in our faith, we will have less tendency to pull back from our faith as we go through life. We will be more willing to put our hands forward as we ride through life with Him. Let's trust God to take us forward through every obstacle and hazard that comes our way in life.

As riders, do yourself a favor and focus on not pulling on your horses as you ride. Try to just guide your horse with a bump, with a squeeze, and with your body position. And as believers, try to build your faith so that you will not draw back from it as you face opposition. That will give you the strength to remain faithful in this ride through life. As you come up against obstacles and hazards in life just remember to put your hands forward, give God all the reins, and don't pull back.



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Letter

from Henry Gauna

Greetings, I am Henry Gauna and I have been in a TDCJ prison for 19 years and I have been transferred here to the Telford Unit. Another prisoner had given me the Christian Ranchman. I never seen such publish newspaper. But as I read your Ranchman, it opened my eyes and heart. There were so many testimonies, and I like the way everyone uses their land/ranches for gatherings for all Christ followers. Your Christian Ranchman is very inspiring, because I read everything with an open mind and heart. There is a verse in the Bible that I like so much; Proverbs 3:5-6. Back when I was 19 years old, I had given my heart, soul to our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe me I am not much to commit, but that day when I released myself, my heart and I don't do that for no one, I felt a small and I mean a very small feeling in my back, broken and the spreading through my whole body. I was scared to receive such feeling and I didn't know what it was. But I was feeling so very light, like something just washed from me and that day I was not the person I was. I had moved out of my parents' house and live with one of the church members. God was bringing me so much; I just couldn't believe it. But ever since then I had trusted in the Lord Jesus.

But please believe me that Satan was there, he knows my addictions and was placing them in front of me. But I always prayed, Lord I trust in you. And then one day at the meeting something happened to me. I jumped up and was saying, what about me, and yelling and using profane words. I then told one of my best friends, who introduced me to the church to take me back to my parents. I had this anger and just like that "quickly" I lost my way and then my life got 10 times worsen. At the age of 24 years old I came to prison for 9 years and went home. But through those 9 years I try to get back my grace, but I've seen so much violence and my sex addiction was kicking in so very badly that I went home and used women and young girls to fill my addiction. I didn't care who I hurt. And then at the age

of 37 or 39 I came back to prison for life.

I've been to prison church and took Christian classes, but I couldn't commit, my heart was closed and felt that Satan had his hands around my heart and not wanting to let go this time. Ever since then my life has been going through hell, and then while being locked up constantly alone. Then I received the Christian Ranchman paper and I didn't have much to read as my property was taken from me. So, I was reading everything that came to me by other prisoners. So, when this prisoner pushed the paper through a crack in the wall. I kept it and read every word in it. Believe me all I wanted is to see the women and young girls. But when I read the paper, I was blinded and just saw the words. I read the paper over and over and I had tears falling from my eyes. My heart was hurting, so bad. Satan was squeezing very tightly and would not let go. I then prayed and ask the Lord to please forgive and take me back. I didn't feel what I felt when I was 19 years old, but I continued to pray.

I still can't feel the grace I use to have, but because of your Christian Ranchman paper it opens something inside of me. I don't read my Bible, but it's here with me. I still pray off and on but no commitment, but I am trying. Whoever reads this, please let me inform you, the devil is for real and we have to acknowledge God every day, every minute and second of our lives, because Satan is there waiting for you to crack, fall, slide back. Your mind, heart, soul has to be for God and we must trust in the Lord with all our hearts, Proverbs 3:5-6.

What I had was very beautiful, I was happy, full of caring, love and wanted everyone to feel what I felt, but be very careful. I am still alive inside, but hurting so much. I'm fighting every day, one day I will have that grace in my life again. I thank the Lord for the Christian Ranchman paper. I want to receive more if I may. Your words and testimonies are so very inspiring. I still have family who visits me, and some friends, but I am still alone. I'm 58 years old now. I still praying one day the Lord will forgive me and take me back into His arms. Mr. Dave Harvey, I

sincerely pray for you and all your members and thanks for sharing the Word of God. If you please, put me on your mailing list and if I may receive the ERV Bible. I'm kind of blind and can't see well. So, if I may receive a large print, thank you, In His Name, Henry
(Editor's note: Henry was sent the Bible.)



My Personal Salvation

by Chris Mathews

I had just got off the school bus and walked into my home and everything changed. My dad had a guy held with a knife to his throat and my mother was screaming, "don't Dale." I would soon find out that this guy was my mothers' boyfriend. My dad had come home early from work to a surprise. Over the next few days mom left with her boyfriend and my brother. My dad was drunk and in shock. He told me that he needed time to get some things straight and to find a place to live. So, I was going to live with my grandfather in Missouri. Soon we where on a road trip that would truly change the course of my life.

When I got to my grandfather's house things were much different than my home. My grandfather had married a younger women with several children around my age. Things where much slower paced. No drinking, smoking, fighting, cursing, unexpected visitors. One thing seemed to be real important; God. They mentioned him a lot, and not the way I had heard his name used before. They prayed all the time. They did have a drug problem I discovered but it wasn't like the one my mom and dad had. This one was different; they drug me to church all the time. My grandfather was a pastor and we went to church a lot. Sunday was twice. Wednesday night, revival. Church camp, visiting members. It was all the time. I had never really heard about God or been in church. My mom and dad had never taken me or my brother to church or taught us about his love.

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They both had substance abuse problems and lived a lifestyle that was much different. A few years earlier we had left California where they had been involved with trafficking drugs and illegal activities with a motorcycle club.

Over the next few months, I heard much about Jesus and His love. I was immersed in the scriptures in youth activities, Sunday school, sermons and just asking questions I didn't understand to those in the church. I remember growing angry for a time, asking God why did this happen with my family? Why are we broken. I resented Him even. I was being shook to my core.

One Sunday morning it all just fell into place. As the sermon was preached and Gods plan was laid out, I could see that God did have a perfect plan. That my life was a wreck because that life I lived wasn't like Gods plan. My wreck of a life was a result of disobedience to Gods plan by my family and myself, but I had a choice. God was calling me to surrender and follow Him. So as the hymn, Just as I was sung, I walked forward and hit my knees and asked The Lord to save me, and He did. I was baptized in Cherryville Missouri later that week.

Letters to the Editor

Christian Ranchman, I hope this small donation will help in some way. You have been so loyal in sending me your magazine. Wish I could help you more. I think I sent you my testimony years ago, when I was 62 years old, now I'm 79. The wonderful Lord has brought me through a lot of stuff, like He said, life isn't easy. I'd like to send you an update to my testimony some time. Thank you all again and God bless your ministry. Gary in South Dakota

My Christian Family, they have moved me to a different resort. Please be aware in sending my Christian Ranchman newspaper to where I am at. Boy, do I enjoy all of your articles, testimonies and to hear of all the blessings that our heavenly Father provides in the cowboy/cowgirl gatherings in all sorts of towns. You'll keep up the awesome work.

A true believer in Christ Jesus. Rene in Texas

Christian Ranchman, I am writing to request a bundle of your papers to share with local or traveling horsemen, etc. I first saw it at a local auction long ago, but haven't seen one since. I will take them to auctions, horse shows, cowboy churches, rodeos and feed and tack shops. Enclosed is some to help with postage. I will later order tracts and Bible studies to share. I recently retired and need to make myself useful. Partners in Christ, CV in Alabama

Cowboys For Christ, may God bless you, your families, and your ministry. May He put a special hedge of protection over you all. I'm writing to let you know they move me to Sanchez Unit in El Paso. I wasn't able to write you sooner because my legal paper work was misplaced during the movement. I finally got you address again and wanted to ask you from the bottom of my heart if you may please continue to send me your newspaper. Reading the testimonies in there really helps me out. Thank you so much for everything you do for me. Once again God bless you. May God pour fresh anointing and his many blessing over you, your family and ministry, Amen. Respectfully, Fabio in Texas

Hello, I am writing to you today respectfully requesting on of your Cowboys For Christ Bibles to be sent to my wife. I am currently an inmate in Calico Rock Arkansas. I have one of your Bibles which I have enjoyed very much. I know that my wife will be blessed to have one of your Bibles as well. Thank you for you Bible ministry that provides Bibles to those of us in need of God's Word. My wife's name and address are listed below. Thank you for your time and have a blessed day! Roy in Arkansas

To Whoever It May Concern, May the Lord be with you and your family. I'm writing because I heard about your ministry and I'm interested in doing your Bible study. I'm a baby in Christ and I want to learn more about the Lord and His Word. I hope and pray that y'all have a blessed Christmas and a very happy new year. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family. I can't

wait to hear back from you. Take care and God bless. Love in Christ, Alicia in Texas

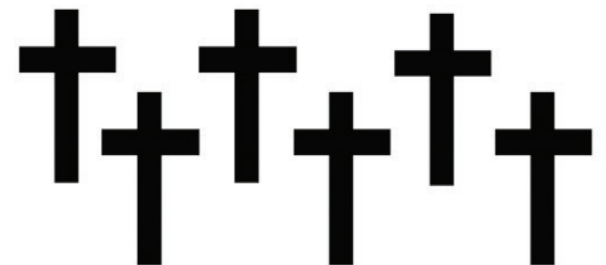
Cowboys For Christ, after reading Nov/Dec 2022 publication, I was totally walking in His spirit. Please add my address to receive bi-monthly publications. Blessings, Rusty in Kansas

Dear Cowboys For Christ, You are a wonderful part of my life. Good memories of a lively Minnesota Chapter, Love Theodora in Minnesota

Dear Cowboys For Christ, I just completed the 3-part Bible study that came with my Cowboys For Christ Bible, that was mailed to my unit. Thank God and thank y'all for the blessings they both have provided. The study not only gave me a better understanding of the Bible, God's Word, but also made me feel closer to our precious Lord and Savior! I am contacting y'all as instructed once I have completed the Bible study and can't wait for the certificate showing my completion of the study. My family is so thankful for y'all providing me with the Bible and the Bible study, and told me it gives them great joy also. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Happy trails and God bless! Sincerely, Micah in Arkansas

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The Brand

by Chris Mathews

Greetings from The Brand Cowboy ministry, My name is Chris Mathews senior pastor of The Brand ministry and The Lighthouse at Nolin Lake church in Mammoth Cave Kentucky. I am excited to share an awesome opportunity to be part of a wonderful Christian Cowboy adventure, The Christian Family Roundup 2023.

The Christian Family Roundup (CFR) is a campout that will be held at Mammoth Cave Horse Camp June 8-11th 2023 adjacent to The Mammoth Cave national park and its 65 miles of trails and 66,000 acres of some of The Lords finest handywork right in the middle of Kentucky.

The event will include camping, trail riding, Christian speakers, worship music, horse show, roping and barrel clinics, inflatables for the children, vendors and much more. So, what could be missing? Well, you are of course.

How can you be a part of CFR or support this event? Here are just a few ways.

- Pray. We are asking for your prayers to cover this event, safety, weather, fellowship etc.
- Attend, come be a part of the campout. Go to mammothcavehorsecamp.org and book your site
- Invite others, share this with other Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls
- Volunteer, we are needing everything from donations for door prizes to local Churches to sponsor a meal for attendees, Sponsors for horse show,
- Put this event in your churches bulletin and your social media

Contact information available for event
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I want to thank you in advance for your partnership no matter the level you decide to participate in advancing Kingdom of God and the cowboy way.

Pecking Order

by Chaplain Dale Brenneman



All of us who own horses are well aware of the concept of "Pecking Order". The Oxford Dictionary defines pecking order as: "a hierarchy of status seen among members of a group of people or animals, originally observed among hens." Horses are a great example of this as well. We've all seen a dominant horse having its choice of hay, or being first at the water trough, or first into the barn at feeding time. I once had a gelding that not only set himself up as dominant, but he also determined who would be second, third and fourth. In the pasture, he was in charge. The last thing any of us wants, however, is a horse that believes he is dominant over us in the barn or anywhere else. If that situation develops, drastic action must be taken. In Genesis 1:25-28 God creates mankind, blesses them and tells them, "Be fruitful... fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish...the birds...and every living creature that moves on the ground." God placed mankind at the top of the "Pecking Order" here on earth. However, in Genesis 3:1-6 the serpent had a conversation with Eve and convinced her to eat the fruit which was forbidden to them. Verse 6 ends by saying, "She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."

Not only did Adam and Eve sin by eating the fruit, but also by not taking authority and ruling over the serpent. If we don't take authority and rule over sin in our lives, it will take authority and rule over us. Satan assumed the dominant position in the pecking order of this world because of man's weakness and failings, but God took drastic action.

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Supreme authority over this organization and all its activities is vested in God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This must be recognized and practiced as laid out for us in God's divinely inspired Word, the Holy Bible.

Cowboys For Christ is not in competition with any denominational group. It seeks, rather, through God's enabling grace, to be a helper to all local churches, denominations and groups to the extent that they are in harmony with the will of the Almighty God. Its function is to proclaim the Word of God. It is designed for outreach and building up of the Body of Christ, God's blood-bought people, and in harmony with the work of the Holy Spirit is an active force in the Lord's program for the present day.

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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Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

A WORLD FULL OF JONAHS



Jonah 1:1-3 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

A world full of Jonahs! That is what we have today. A world full of GOD'S children, which Jonah was GOD'S child and a chosen vessel to take the GOOD NEWS of GOD'S salvation to the lost people in Nineveh. The poor people of Nineveh were overrun with sinfulness; from individuals, from gangs, from different factions, from local government, from the crooked and sinful courts of the land, from the evil and sinful national government. They had been indoctrinated by the evil and sinful media; the public school system, which had been working for years to turn their children to do evil and to join in their sinfulness. They had been bombarded for a long time by the cults, and even some of the religious systems that had misaligned the truth to suit their ideas and decrees. They were floundering around trying to find; peace, strength, guidance and especially the TRUTH, which they knew would bring deliverance from this evil and hopefully salvation that would last for a long time, maybe even forever.

But, cowboys and cowgirls, Jonah chose to go on a cruise, instead of going to Nineveh to proclaim GOD'S message to the people of Nineveh. Jonah knew that the TRUTH of GOD'S WORD was the only way to bring the peace, strength, guidance and TRUTH to these poor wandering and lost and greatly "headed the wrong way" people of Nineveh, but he chose to take a cruise. I'm not sure which cruise line he picked, because we are not told in the WORD OF GOD, but I don't think it was one of the more popular lines. Maybe it was just a fishing boat that had a major discount for those that were hoping to catch a big fish and have a whooper of a fish story to tell. In any case, Jonah decided to disobey GOD'S command and instead of sharing the GOOD NEWS of peace, strength and salvation from the HOLY GOD; he went cruising. For sure he had decided not to share the GOOD NEWS from ALMIGHTY GOD.

Maybe Jonah decided to go cruising because he didn't feel that he had the talent to speak the TRUTHS of GOD'S WORD and he didn't think he was worthy to speak this wonderful TRUTH. Maybe Jonah was afraid that he would be laughed at by those poor people who were struggling to make it through the day and looking for help from anyone to reveal the TRUTH to them. Maybe Jonah was insecure in his own salvation and in his own acceptance of the TRUTH of GOD'S WORD and the TRUTH of the only way to eternal peace. Or, maybe Jonah was secure in his own walk with the LORD, but he didn't think it was his job or responsibility to tell those lost people of Nineveh the Gospel TRUTH. Maybe, just maybe, he didn't understand the command given by THE HOLY GOD to "go" and "tell" the TRUTH to any and to all who would listen and prayerfully receive this wonderful TRUTH into their hearts. But for whatever reason, Jonah went cruising, and he even went in the opposite direction of those poor people that were hurting, wandering and lost. Now, why would I think that any child of the HOLY GOD would do such a thing and why would I say that there are a world full of Jonahs today? I don't know why, maybe because of the fact that there are many children of GOD that will read this paper, the Christian Ranchman, and then throw it in the trash, or maybe they will stack it in a neat pile in a closet and leave the testimonies, the articles, the teachings and the invitation to accept the TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST to gather dust. I don't know, but there could be those that don't feel secure in their own personal salvation that they are hesitant to share these testimonies, these articles and teachings and especially the invitation to accept JESUS CHRIST into their hearts to be their SAVIOR and LORD. But it is a fact that all they need to do is to repent of their sins and believe that JESUS CHRIST paid their sin debt and pray the prayer of salvation and have faith in their eternal salvation. That's all, period. And that is all that the hurting, the wandering and the lost need to do, too. But someone has to tell them, or share this TRUTH to them or give them a Christian Ranchman, which contains the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST. Just like our Cowboys For Christ ERV Bible reveals to us in: "Rom 10:14-15 14 But before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. 15 And before anyone can go and tell them, they must be sent. As the Scriptures say, "How wonderful it is to see someone coming to tell good news!

I guess it could be that they don't feel worthy to, witness, testify, or proclaim the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to anyone, even their family members or their neighbors, or to strangers down the road or out on the trail. Maybe, they don't realize that no person, not a single person who walks on this earth is worthy, in their own worthiness to witness, testify, or proclaim the TRUTH of the Glorious and Holy GOD and HIS ONLY SON, JESUS CHRIST.

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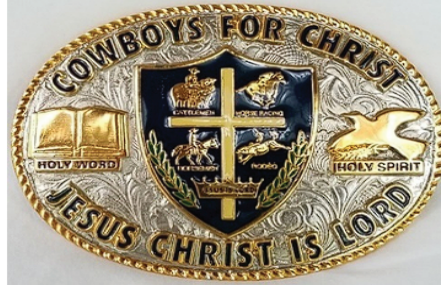
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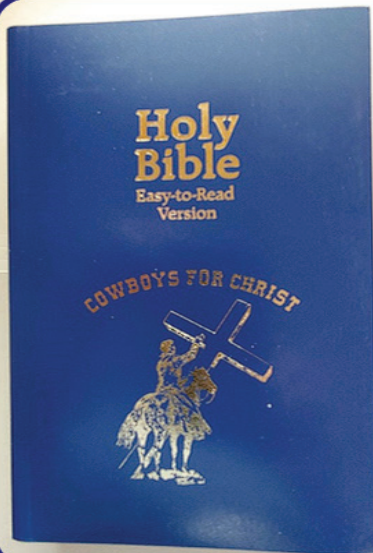
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World Full of Jonahs Continued

Oh! But that is where I have such great news for these folks, because as a child of GOD, you are not witnessing, testifying or sharing in your own worthiness, but in the mighty, glorious and wonderful NAME that is above every NAME, the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. "Phil 2:5-11 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Now that is Worthiness! And maybe, just maybe they will be just like Jonah the second time around: Jonah 3:1-3 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. I'm not sure why he followed the LORD command, but it may have been because Jonah really had a big fish story to tell; one that he happened to be the biggest chunk in a pile of fish vomit. But whatever the reason, he sure witnessed to the folks in Nineveh.

I guess there could be folks that just don't realize that this little paper, the Christian Ranchman, which has gone out since 1976 has the total Gospel within its pages. It has testimonies of folks that have fought the battles of life and have won, because of the NAME that is above every name, JESUS CHRIST. It has articles of how to seek THE HOLY GOD and articles and teachings of how to draw closer to the LORD and get strength, peace and eternal salvation when times are tough, wicked and evil. It has the

invitation to accept JESUS CHRIST as your SAVIOR and LORD and it even gives each person who accepted the LORD an opportunity to receive a free Bible, which is the Cowboys For Christ ERV HOLY WORD OF GOD in a very easily understood version, so they can know and understand their GOD, HIS HOLY WORD and HIS SON JESUS CHRIST and how they should live their lives as a child of the HOLY GOD. But, maybe, just maybe, those that are reading this right now will take this copy of this little paper that has the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST and give it to someone to share this wonderful eternal lifesaving TRUTH. Maybe, there are not that many Jonahs in the world today, after all. GOD bless you as you share HIS TRUTH in JESUS' NAME. Amen.



In Christ,



Dave

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Clay Center Chapter Report

by Kathy Martin



From left to right: Bill Lahodny-Vice President, Brittany Kobetich-Secretary, Sam Tiemeyer-President, Wendy James-Treasurer, and Kathy Martin-Chaplain.

The Clay Center Chapter of Cowboys for Christ held their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2023, at the Clay County Kansas fairgrounds meeting room. In 2022 the group held 8 local rides, and one out of state trail ride, hosted 3 Open Arena events for children, ran an EKHA sanctioned horse show, rode in 6 parades, and sponsored the Cowboy Church Service at the Clay County Fair. The members also

assisted at the Clay County Fair Rodeo. New officers were elected. They are: President Sam Tiemeyer, Vice President Bill Lahodny, Secretary Brittany Kobetich, Treasurer Wendy James, and Chaplain Kathy Martin. New members are always welcome whether they are horse owners or not. Contact Sam Tiemeyer (785-632-7623) or Brittany Kobetich (785-210-9016).

Testimony

by Guy Graves

It is not easy to write down things about ourselves, but the impact that one's story can have on other people is what Christianity is all about. I grew up in a small country town and attended church on a regular basis, yet like most people found myself far from God. I thought of myself as a pretty good dude and felt like I would do the right thing in most situations, if given the chance. However, I fell in love with something that changed my life, call crystal meth. It took everything from me and I surrendered all I was to her. She became my all in all. I took off in the other direction from God, following the hoot owl trail and hanging out with the wrong kinds of people. Thinking myself some kind of outlaw and dependent on crystal meth to lead me to do things that caused society to deem me unworthy of being able to be free. Every time I got locked up, I would read my Bible and do studies, however when I go out, I would run right back to crystal. Then something happened that changed my whole life.

On October 31, 2008 when I was strung out and on the run from the law, they busted me. Upon my incarceration I was not crying out to God for help nor did I feel anything. I looked like a walking dead man. If there was ever someone who was a dead branch on a tree, it was me. No doubt there was not any reason I should even be alive. Sitting in a cell not knowing or caring what would happen to me; okay, with whatever came my way. Someone banged on the cell door and looked through this small window in the cell. For the first time in my life, I think nothing mattered to me so when I looked up and saw the county jail Chaplain Sonny Buckingham.

He smiled at me and asked me, "how you doing cowboy?" I looked at him with a stone face as he asked me, "What happened?" I told him don't forget you are also a deputy sheriff. He laughed and asked me if he could pray for me. He did pray for me and the next morning I woke up and there was a Bible on the floor where someone had put it under the door. It was the Bible my Nanny gave me when I had got locked up the first time. Inside the cover she had wrote read Daniel chapter 3. So, I did and then every morning when I woke up there was a Bible study there and a note from Mrs. Shirley, a volunteer in the church, saying draw closer to God and He will draw closer to you. She told me she was praying for me and that God loved me so much that He gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever believed in Him would not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). From that day that Sonny prayed for me I saw myself for the sinner that I am and God gave me a hunger for Him that has never left me still today. When I was not looking for God, He found me and I returned to Him with a repented heart where He welcomed me with open arms. My Mon's sister saw me on the news for what I was inside for and she came up there with my mom to visit me. God placed so many angels to help disciple me, it is not even funny. My Aunt Rosa helped teach me and love me through one of the toughest times in my life, showing me the love of God that my folks could never do and in doing so she walked me through the Bible, answering all questions and directing me to let go and let God.

I got my time and came to prison but I was not the same person I was before. God was transforming me and molding me into a Kingdom man for His Kingdom. I did every Bible study and read the Bible through and through. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things are passed away; behold, new things have come.

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Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them and He was committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us, we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

The Bible equipped me and developed me as God dusted me off, making me His masterpiece. After seven years of being incarcerated God told me it was time to go hit the streets and go into those places that no man wanted to go to speak about the Good News. So, I left the hoot owl trail and turned over a new leaf. In 2014 I started a church service in the day room of one of the roughest prisons in Texas where I saw men give their lives to Jesus. I got shipped from there continuing to serve God with all my heart. One day an event that has propelled me to new heights occurred as I was sitting at work. The Chaplain called my boss telling him for me to report to the Chapel. We all know that is not good news inside these walls. Yet, that day after praying with my boss I went there, and he told me that Huntsville had recommended me for a Bible college that had been started in prison for men who had a lot of time. I had been praying and asking God what would be next in my life. So, I got an application and went to the wing to call my Aunt to discuss my next move. She told me it was answered prayer, so I filled it out and trusted God to do the rest. In 2020 I graduated with a bachelor degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. I have preached many sermons, baptized men in the Name of Jesus and evangelized all of the prison system. Currently I get on my horse and go down paths no one else would dare to tell the worse guys in prison about the toughest

man I ever met, Jesus Christ. That's even when you're are not looking for Him, He is looking for you.

Text Message from the Holy Spirit

by Dawn Baselj

It was a bright and sunny day for a picnic and I was hanging around with a group of friends. Everyone in the group was congratulating me for making it to retirement. Whenever someone retires, they are usually asked questions such as,

"How are you enjoying your retirement?" or "What are you doing now that you are retired?" My friends were asking me questions and I answered them with a resounding, "Yes! I am enjoying retirement!" But when it came to the question of what I was doing next in my life, I let everyone know that I wasn't quite sure yet. My life had pretty much gone as planned, college, marriage, children, grandchildren, and retirement. I had always followed the plan God led me to.

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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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God had placed me as a teacher in the Reynolds School District and I stayed there for 34 years until God said I was released to retire. But I hadn't heard from God on what I should do next in my life. Well, not exactly. When I prayed for guidance on what to do next, the answer would come back, "Share". Share what? My land, my horses, my motorhome, the Gospel, the Good News, my money, my knowledge of 35 years of teaching? I just didn't hear a clear answer. I did however feel very free, as if I was on vacation for a while. I had had a very stressful career in teaching working with the most difficult of children. For 27 years I taught with God's help, the students with anger, behavior problems, demon possession, emotional issues, as well as learning problems. I spent the last 8 years as a teacher in the position of assistant principal. My job included bus discipline, all discipline in the school, truancy issues and taking parents to court who didn't send their children to school, state testing, and every negative job that the principal didn't want to do. Though it looked like my job was hard and stressful, God was faithful to me and guided my every step.

So, I was telling my circle of friends that as of now, I felt God was allowing me to be free for a period of time and then He would lead me to what I should be doing. Just as I was saying this, on the back porch picnic surrounded by my friends, my phone dinged from a text. As I read the text the hairs on my arm stood on end and my face showed the surprise of the words I was reading. Everyone was wondering what the heck was going on! It was from another one of our friends, Karen, who wasn't at the picnic because she went to a Saturday afternoon Bible seminar. I read the text and then said to everyone, "I just got a text from the Holy Spirit!" Everyone laughed, but I was not joking! It read: "Hey Dawn, I'm at a seminar on hearing from God and the speaker was giving us 20 minutes to go somewhere in the church to be alone and ask God for a word for ourselves or someone else. I was told by

the Holy Spirit to give these words to you. I don't know what they mean and I hope they mean something to you. God said to tell you "You are free." Call me later and let me know if that meant anything at all. I texted back to my friend Karen: "Those words mean so much to me and I can't wait to call you and tell you what was happening and what I was saying just seconds before you texted me! It's too amazing to text. I'll call you later.

Later that day I called Karen and we exchanged stories of what was happening on each of our ends. She explained that when she went to her quiet place to pray, she asked God to give her a word for her son, Jack. He told her to give these words to her friend Dawn Baselj, "You are free". Karen argued that she didn't want to give Dawn a word she wanted a word for her son Jack. Again, God instructed her to give me those words, so she did in a text at the very same time I was explaining to friends at that picnic that I wasn't sure exactly what the Lord wanted me to do next and I was feeling sort of free. God used Karen and technology to confirm that I was receiving a reward of freedom for a time for my 35 years of doing exactly what He had asked me to do in the Reynolds School District.

And that my friends is how I received a text from the Holy Spirit!

Testimony

by Don Kenebrew

I was a great athlete in high school, destined to go play in the NFL. No less than 21 colleges desired me to come to their universities to play football. I was recruited, be it illegally, since I was in the eighth grade. I was muscled up and loved by everyone. I was the one to get my family out of poverty and stabilize the family. All was going my way until my senior year; then God called.

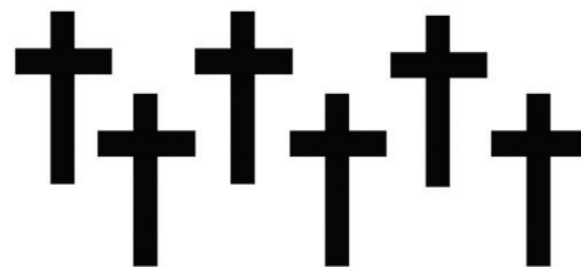
Of course, I didn't respond appropriately. There was this little church in walking distance from our house, and I awoke one Sunday morning and asked my youngest sister, at that time to go to church with me,

and she readily joined me. My parents never stressed us going to church because they were not the church going type, though confess to be believers. Well, that day God called me and I got up and walked out of the service. That day my baby sister accepted what I walked away from. I thought that trying to be a Christian would distance me from my fun, besides I had it going on; so, I thought.

I went to college, started messing with drugs, suffered a bad injury, which derailed my NFL career. I did more drugs to cope with my failures and disappointments. And then I stated stealing, lying, deceiving and distanced myself from my friends; instead opted for associates. To make a long story short, I ended up taking a man's life while high and seeking more money for drugs. Now I sit with a life sentence.

Yet, in the midst of it all, God never gave up on me. At my rock-bottom, brick wall; God called to me, letting me know that through I forsook and ran from Him, He never left my side nor stopped wooing me. He sent a Christian from another town opposite where I am from to come visit me at the county jail with a message. God said, "He loved me and had a specific purpose for me." I ended up accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior because of that obedient man, Jack McClain, who has since gone to the Father. He even baptized me at the county jail in a watering trough/tank.

Through the pathway hasn't been a bed of roses, I've stayed the course, serving God. That day at county was the greatest decision of my life, and I am joyous that I did not walk away from God that time. The person I was is no more! My life is in Christ and Christ's.





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A Living Memorial

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

AUBURN POWERS

FROM:

**THE HORSE COUNTRY
CHAPTER**

Chaplain Auburn Powers

by Dave Harvey



It is with a sad heart, and yet a feeling of joy because I know he is with the LORD that I must announce that senior Chaplain Auburn Powers has rode home to be with his LORD. Auburn was a great friend, a great man of GOD, a great

Chaplain, and a great worker for THE MASTER. He always had a big smile and was always ready to help, serve and do whatever needed to be done to help anyone and especially to serve the LORD. I was greatly blessed to help him with his chuckwagon ministry a few times and with other ministries, too. Truly, he was a blessing to so very many, and I know that his hard work touched many lives for the LORD. He will certainly be missed, and I would ask that you be in prayer for his family.

Joy

by Lowell Amrine

We have joy:

Psalm 71:23 Joy is present in my life when I am praising God. **Psalm 21:6** I have Joy when I am in God's presence. **James 1:2-3** I may have Joy in trials, because God gives me endurance.

Psalm 119:11 Joy comes from knowing the Word of God. **1 Peter 1:8** Joy is found through faith in Christ. **Philemon 1:7** Joy comes from encouragement and fellowship with other believers.

Galatians 5:22 Joy comes through the working of the Holy Spirit. When we see others, tell them Jesus loves them. You can change someone's life.

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FRIDAY EVENTS

- B Trail Rides
- B Inflatables
- B Kids Horse care Clinic
- B Horse Show
- B Fellowship Meal
- B Worship Music

SATURDAY EVENTS

- B Rodeo event clinic's
- B Trail Rides
- B Inflatables
- B Fellowship Meal
- B Special speakers
- B Special Music

SUNDAY EVENTS

- B Pancake breakfast
- B Cowboy Church
- B Branding
- B Cowboy Baptism
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- B Happy Trails



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