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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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Western Pennsylvania Cowboys For Christ Gathering at Miracle Mountain Ranch

by Chaplain Dale Brenneman

March 3, 2023 – As the snow and sleet began to fall, we made our way to Miracle Mountain Ranch in Spring Creek, PA for the Western Pennsylvania Cowboys For Christ Gathering. God's hand was already evident before the gathering began as at least three of our vehicles were protected from serious accident due to the icy road conditions. Undeterred, 37 CFC'ers including 11 CFC Chaplains from 5 states pressed on to Miracle Mountain Ranch.

At the top of the mountain, we were welcomed by the MMR staff and the students of MMR's School of Discipleship. After settling in and enjoying a Meet and Greet time, Executive Director Matt Cox delivered a wonderful teaching on the principles of marriage. The teaching was interrupted by a power outage caused by the bad weather. The MMR staff never missed a beat and jumped into action

Western Pennsylvania Gathering



with portable generators and heaters. We spent the night in comfort and warmth!

March 4, 2023 – We began Saturday morning with a hearty breakfast and the completion of Matt's teaching on marriage. The remainder of the day was filled with trail rides and arena work on MMR's horses. Before supper our own Dave Harvey, Executive Director of CFC, challenged us to be bold in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His message was followed by a time of prayer.

In the evening MMR's Buckboard Store was open for some souvenir shopping, then it was on to the Rafter K Arena for a "Message From The Mount" by Ben Freeman. Ben used his horses to encourage us to listen to, and submit to, the will of God. As Saturday evening drew to a close our chapter held our annual drawing to select winners of scholarships for a week of summer camp at MMR. This year we were pleased to be able to send 5 children to camp!

March 5, 2023 – Sunday morning began with breakfast, hymn singing, and another inspiring message from Dave Harvey followed by prayer. What a great weekend of fellowship with each other and the Lord.

At noon we reluctantly headed for home. We sure wish you could have been there with us. Maybe next year? Watch our website for dates and information. www.westkeystonecfc.com

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One Little Lamb

by Chaplain Joel Nupp

We, Chaplains Joel & Sheryl Nupp, were on our way to the feed store this morning. West of us off route 30 there are usually fields with hundreds of sheep. Often when we head west to the mountains headed to Fort Loudon which goes on to Bedford. To Pittsburgh. This is country rich in tradition of Indians and Revolutionary wars. Today though instead of the landscape being covered in hundreds of sheep, there was just one. A tiny little lamb; just born. It had blood on his back legs from his umbilical cord just being torn from his mom. It was bent over from the cold and wind whipping off the mountain. It kept going back to this rock. It would lay down. Cry. Stand up walk a around. But always came back to this rock. My wife and I got out of our truck, dodging the traffic flying up and down the highway. People were oblivious to what was going on. Dealing with their own lives and focusing on their own needs. But not us. We had to do something. My wife cried every time the little lamb cried. In between the sounds of worry and confusion were the roar of the tractor trailers and horns of those thinking only of themselves. The fence was brand new/too high/ and we couldn't climb it to get to the lamb. Sheryl ran into the gas station from across the road. The man knew the farmers name but had no phone number. We didn't quit. We went down to the big dairy farm of one of my friends from Lion's Club. He wasn't in the barn milking so we searched over to the house. His son gave us a number. We called the farmer who owns the sheep and he was ecstatic. He came and got the little lamb. The fence that covers the mountain got the baby separated from her mom. The mom had been in the herd of hundreds crying and searching for her baby. But in all the confusion and turmoil I thought of this man, Jesus whose birth we celebrate tomorrow. Matthew 18 :12-14 "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he

finds it truly, I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish." The other day the doctor called about my heart. There was something that concerns them. More tests. I thought of the loneliness that we feel when life doesn't go as planned. When our own mortality is in jeopardy. Like that little lamb, God comes searching for us. We are never alone or abandoned. Sometimes we need to just stand still, like that little lamb on the rock. I thought of these holidays we celebrate. I thought of many friends and family that life was different than they imagined. Alone. We all have Hope. Not in the world. But in a Savior. That's looking for us. Nonstop. All of us. Merry Christmas and now Happy Easter. Everyone. He's looking for you.



North Carolina Cattlemen Convention

by Chaplain Skeeter Spaulding

On February 24th & 25th, I was privileged to attend the North Carolina Cattlemen Convention in Hickory, NC. I went in celebration of the Cowboys For Christ Chaplains Corral Devotional that has been printed in the Carolina Cattle Connection magazine for more than a year now. The Carolina Cattle Connection serves both the North and South Carolina Cattlemen Associations. The devotional writers who have contributed articles include me, Dave Harvey, Dave McMillan, Tammy Burton,

Susie Thompson, Joel Knupp, Dale Brenneman, and Middle Georgia Chapter president, Tom Kerlin. Several more Chaplains have contributed articles not yet published. This endeavor certainly would not have succeeded without their help.

How blessed Cowboys for Christ has been to have the honor of taking that space in print that the great Baxter Black had occupied for many years. I can't tell you how appreciative I am of Chaplains T. W. Lawrence, Mike Gentry, and Dave Harvey for their encouragement along the way. I also have to take the opportunity to thank Editor Casey Hinnant of the Carolina Cattle Connection for taking this chance on people she has never met. I owe the most to my Heavenly Father for opening this new trail He has allowed all of us to ride down. It's all for His praise and honor!!!

Skeeter Spaulding and Scott West



Pictured here are me and the new North Carolina Cattlemen Association president, Scott West. He thanked me several times for our partnership with their Association. Redeemed Riders Chapter is busting at the seams with gratefulness for having a place to minister to the cattle industry. Cowboys For Christ now have devotions in the Georgia Cattlemen Association and Tennessee Cattlemen Association magazines as well.

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North Carolina Cattlemen Convention Continued

We pray that more are on the way. I would like to invite every Chaplain to join the cattlemen association in their state. After all, the first syllable in Cowboys For Christ is "cow".

As a side note, I'm thrilled to also announce that Redeemed Riders Chapter has begun a podcast called "The Short Go". One of our recurring guests will be Cowboys For Christ Executive Director, Dave Harvey. He will share with us his favorites devotionals, as well as give lessons from his full catalog of classes.

You can find the podcast online at: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/skeeter-spaulding>

Or just scan this QR Code:



Blessings,
Chaplain Skeeter Spaulding

Letter From Mike Green: 1983 IPRA National Champion

Bull Rider
by Mike Green

Hey Y'all, been awhile since I thought about you guys. I carried one of your Bibles in my riggin' bag my whole rodeo career (1979-1988.) I was in the International Rodeo Association and several of our "star" cowboys were from the Fort Worth area. Bob Blackwood for instance carried boxes of y'all Bibles around giving them away. Ronnie Williams was a spokesman for Cowboys For Christ back in those days. I am friends with both. Anyway... I'm in prison and would like another of your Bibles and a subscription to the Ranchman, if you please. Thank you in advance and God bless and keep you all in these troubled times!

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's note: Bibles and Bible Studies are sent Free to all who request them)

To Whom It May Concern, my name is Donnie and I am incarcerated in Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Davis facilities in Holdenville, Oklahoma. Every so often, usually once a week, the Chaplain comes (or the mail-room officer) and drops off a bunch of religious material for us to read. I happened to snatch up one of the last copies of the Christian Ranchman newspapers during our "count time" being locked inside our cell. I read half of this paper; I liked it. I got to the part entitled "My Eternal Decisions" read it over and prayed the prayer for my salvation. At the end of that section, it was stated you would add my name to a prayer list, as well as, send me a Cowboys For Christ Bible. If that is true, I would greatly appreciate the blessing because I'm in need of a good easy to read Bible. And if you offer a Bible study correspondence course, I'd love to sign up to that as well. Thank you very much, God bless y'all, Donnie in Oklahoma

Dear Sir, I'm an inmate in WMCI. I am also a native to Texas. Sadly, I never knew Christ on the outside. I found my Lord in here. A friend gave me a copy of the Christian Ranchman, telling me that here is a paper from Texas. I was blown away. I ask if there is still one of the Cowboy Churches out on 287 by New Fairview, as I remember seeing one there. And I ask if I could get a copy of the Christian Ranchman sent to me, and how can I send tithing? Thank you, your brother in Christ, Jerry in Wyoming

Cowboys For Christ, I saw your newspaper and loved it. Can you please send me one? Thank you so much, Amber in Texas

Dear Christian Ranchman, God bless you and your staff for the good work you're doing from the heart. I'm new to your publication and love the information about God you're putting out there. Something came over me when I first read your newsletter from a friend of mine in here. I really want to become a cowboy for Christ

and change my life. Can you please send me free subscription of Cowboys For Christ Christian Ranchman. I greatly appreciate it. Thank you, sincerely, Emory in Mississippi

Dear Cowboys For Christ, I found one of your Bibles here that by the looks of it the person who had it got a lot of use out of it, because it is well worn. It is a blue paperback, Easy To Read version. Unfortunately, I doubt I can repair it, the spine is broken. Any chance you can send me a new one? Before my earthly father passed away in 2016, he was attending a Cowboy Church in Hill County, TX. Unfortunately, we were not on speaking terms at this time, but I am comforted to know he was around Godly people who held the moral code of the west. I am sure you folks hold that same moral code. God bless all of you and thank you for all you do. Sincerely, Matt in Texas

Cowboys For Christ, I would love to have a bi-monthly Christian Ranchman sent to my address please. Thanks so much for all you do to reach the lost and witness to so many! Kristie in North Carolina

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Letter and Testimony

by Kenny "Salt" Harrelson

Dear Whom Is Reading This Letter, I am writing to see if y'all would be willing to keep me in y'all's prayers and also, I would like to see if I could get a Cowboys For Christ Bible sent to me. I'm currently in prison at the Bell unit in Texas. A little bit about me. I was raised around horses & cattle my whole life. I'm from Brooksville, FL. I still love to ride horses & work cattle. I have worked on ranches and for big time cutting horse trainers in Texas and worked on a big ranch in Douglas, WY. I was a bull fighter in Texas; I have fought bulls in Cowtown and at Billy Bob's. I had a dream and I wanted to be the best bullfighter in the world. But I got lost in drugs and let drugs take over and I lost everything that I had going for me and lost people that I loved. I lost who I was, but I was still cowboying. But I was losing who I was and ended up coming to prison and let prison life take over; gangs, etc. But God never gave up on me, not one time, and He has been working overtime to get me to come back to HIM and the life that HE blessed me with. The life that so many people wish they could live. Today, February 12, 2023 I went to church for the first time in years, so long I can't even remember and the man next to me had a Cowboys For Christ Bible. I asked if I could look at it and asked how I could get one. He gave me the info and now I'm writing to y'all to see if I could keep in touch with y'all and if someone would be willing to keep me in their prayers. Thank you very much and may God bless y'all.

Day Sheet

by Chaplain Casey McGehee

Not too long ago I was asked what I identify as. I kinda chuckled at the question before answering. Never before since the beginning of time have, we had such free will to choose what we identify as, and frankly it's gone from somewhat humorous to ridiculous. I was at cowboy church when a friend of mine asked me this question, had I been at work or at a rodeo, being asked by a different person I wonder if my answer

would have been the same. I said, well what do you mean, and he said you know, do you identify as an equipment operator or a rodeo photographer, a husband or father? Without hesitating I said I identify as a Child of God and my friend smiled. I've heard it said many times and several different ways when someone passes away. "God must have needed another good cowboy" or "Heaven gained a great cowboy today" or even "Can you imagine the rodeo they'll have in Heaven tonight?" It's natural to want to say the right thing in hopes of making the pain of loss somewhat less for family, friends and ourselves. As a rodeo photographer, when I get to the arena, I find the rodeo office and get myself a day sheet. I think everyone here knows, but for those that may not, the day sheet shows the order of events and list all the cowboys and cowgirls who are entered in each event and the order of the draw for that performance. I always look down through the names and make a mark here and there of some I haven't seen for a while so I'm sure to pay extra attention when they're called for their event.

You see in a fashion the day sheet in rodeo is kinda like the "Lambs Book of Life" the names are all written and each one is called. Sometimes the announcer will call a name, and the cowboy or cowgirl doesn't ride forward to answer the call. Then you'll see the judge move his hand or flag in a circular motion, which means role on and the announcer will say second call for so and so and if there's no answer, he'll say third and final call, if still no one comes forward the announcer will say mark him or her a turnout. It always makes me wonder what happened, why didn't they answer when called, their entry fees were paid, why aren't they here, are they all right, did they change their mind? And the rodeo goes on without them. Do you suppose this is how it might be on that inevitable day that one of these good cowboys are called before the Lord? Could this be how it is when you pass away, will you answer the call, are you ready? There's a hard truth that we all need to understand. Not all cowboys go to Heaven, not so much because of what they've done but because

of what they've left undone. You see, the worst sinners in the world can go to Heaven through faith and God's forgiveness, and the seemingly best people can go to Hell because of unbelief and unwillingness to confess their need for God. Heaven is full of sinners, saved by grace through faith.

Jesus told many parables to his disciples, one of them was, the Parable Of The Pharisee And Publican or tax collector in Luke 18:10-14 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Perhaps sometimes our own self-righteousness gets in the way; maybe we think we've done all we need to do through baptism and our own good works to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. To understand real Christianity correctly, we need to grasp a very surprising fact, which goes against all our instincts. And that is, to get to Heaven and to have eternal life is something that we can never earn or deserve through our own efforts or goodness. There is nothing you can ever do good enough to earn a place in Heaven. Salvation is by God's grace, through our faith, not by our own good works or merit. Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. God gave us all free will. This is the capability and freedom to make choices for ourselves. As I think we'd all agree not every

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choice we've ever made has been a good one, neither have they all been bad. I really doubt any of us want to make a bad choice and as difficult as choosing can be at times, choices have to be made and in a timely manner. There's a story that was written by an unknown author called "The Fence" He wrote about an incredibly large mass of people who had gathered. On one side of the group stood a man, Jesus. On the other side of the group another, Satan. Separating both groups was a fence. Both Jesus and Satan began calling out to the people. One by one, each having made their choice, each person either followed Jesus or Satan. This kept on for a long time, and eventually Jesus gathered those who chose to follow him and they left. The same went for those who chose to follow Satan. However, one man was left. He was sitting on the fence. He sat alone on that fence, never having made a choice whom to follow. As he sat there, Satan came back, looking as if he had forgot something. The man asked Satan, "Have you lost something?" Satan looked at the man with a deadly stare and responded, "Not at all. Come with me." The man replied, "I sat on the fence. I didn't choose either one of you!" "Exactly," Satan said. "I own the fence." The fact remains, either we follow Jesus or we follow Satan. There's no "sitting on the fence." There is no "in between." We must decide. It's our choice. Indecision is also a choice, especially when it comes to Salvation and eternal life. It was suggested to me by a loved one that religion is divisive in other words it causes division amongst people. And I really wanted to argue this but it's true. It causes us to choose light over dark; good from evil, truth over lies, right over wrong. In fact, in Luke 12: 49-59 Jesus Says "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and

three against. 'Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' Then Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "When you see clouds beginning to form in the west, you say, 'Here comes a shower.' And you are right. When the south wind blows, you say, 'Today will be a scorcher.' And it is. You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times. "Why can't you decide for yourselves what is right? When you are on the way to court with your accuser, try to settle the matter before you get there. Otherwise, your accuser may drag you before the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, who will throw you into prison. And if that happens, you won't be free again until you have paid the very last penny."

In Matthew 12:30 Jesus said, "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters." One day, when we stand before Jesus... and every single one of us will stand before Him, He will not look in the "Lambs Book of Life" to see what religion we are, or what denomination we belong to. The "Lamb's Book of Life" contains those who shall gain entry into Heaven. The only way to Heaven is through Jesus Christ. In John 14:6 Jesus tells us, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life! No man comes to the Father except by Me." In Luke 23:39-43 We are given an example of a dying man being given eternal life by and because of his faith and undeserved grace. Jesus has been crucified on the cross along with two criminals, one on his left and one on his right. One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today

you will be with Me in Paradise." Matthew 7:7 says "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you... We have only been allotted so much time, and we know not when our time will be finished, therefore we need to make sure those most important of things are not left undone. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

DAY SHEET. I'd like to conclude this service with a few thoughts that I hope stick with you and that you'll perhaps share with others. And that is, that you'll never look at another day sheet the same way ever again. JESUS has paid your and my entry fees, by his blood on the cross where he bought the forgiveness of all of our sins by his death and resurrection, so that we may be granted access to that big rodeo in HEAVEN. He knows each of our names and has, long before our birth. Jesus wants a relationship with you and more than anything, He wants you to come riding at top speed, joyfully, into His presence when your name is called. No turnouts, no sitting on the fence but a loving embrace as you ask him to be your LORD and SAVIOR.



Cowboy Chaplains of America

by Chaplain Dennis Sonsel

I am coming up on my one-year anniversary as a Cowboy Chaplain with Cowboy for Christ. Sometimes I felt the guidelines of The Almighty being drilled into me. I have felt like someone that read a book on how to ride a horse. Only the horse I have gotten on is teaching me to ride. I hold onto the saddle horn of determination, guide with the reins of righteousness, stay seated with the Word of the Bible. Keep my feet in the stirrups of knowledge that God is coming back. Stay straight in the saddle with my belief in God

CHAPLAIN REPORT

With the help of the Lord I did a church service for the X-Treme Team Roping Sunday. I was there Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Clements puts the roping on, he is from Stephenville Tx. He gave me a check for Cowboys For Christ. He was excited and hoped I would be working with them in the future. It was a good day for Bibles. One roper I had talked to in the past told me he accepted the Lord a month ago and would like a Bible since he didn't have one. Yes, I gave him one and we talked for a while. I prayed for him. There were others that took Bibles and study guides. It was great. Sunday after the first roping they stopped and announced Cowboy Church. I had ropers ride up to the front of the stands and people in the stands to listen. I had around 30 to 35 ropers, plus 20 or so in the stands. Thank the Lord for using me.

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Chapter Start Up Report

by Mike Garrish

Copper Rise Ranch owners Mike and Melinda Gerrish hosted a talent show on April 8 to promote starting a chapter of

Cowboys For Christ. A well-attended crowd showed up to watch 10 performers. Horse acts, cowboy poets, singers, a bluegrass band, a signer to music and some magic were all part of an entertaining evening. The evening was topped off as an email was received during the show from Cowboys For Christ President Dave Harvey. The email was read aloud to all in attendance and was a Happy Resurrection Day message!! What an amazing way to lead into Easter Sunday the next day. God sure was watching over us! The next event to promote Cowboys For Christ planned at Copper Rise Ranch is a tack sale on May 13. For more information, you can contact Mike Gerrish at mikeg7413@gmail.com or 317-695-7413

Chaplain Report

by Dale O'Neal

I am currently doing/starting AD-SEG time at Robinson unit and to be honest with myself and whomever is reading this, I basically gave up on hope and believing in God. (A lot had transpired for me to get to that point) and had me questioning myself and God. Why me, Why me, Why me. When I was doing everything right for a change and was being meek and still got judged, prosecuted, rat pack on and slaughtered like a sheep. This last 7 months has been the hardest time I have ever done and it took a piece of me (my heart and soul) that I will never get back and left me with a broken and hardened heart. I've been on this unit as of 2/9/23 and met this brother by the name of "Cowboy" Cowboys For Christ Chaplain Tommy Hutchins; who is a peer educator and a shining light on this darken road I have embark upon. He just don't know what his presence means to me, the few minutes out of the week and it's given me hope again to know someone, somewhere (a stranger) genuinely does care. I would like to know all about "Cowboys For Christ" and the mentors that are available, please. I need help and some truly good Christian friends in my life. I cannot and refuse to let the devil win, as I have come too far.

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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...

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE



Luke 20:38 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

What a wonderful principle this statement opens up for us to the Biblical TRUTH of being a child of the MOST HIGH GOD. Because by this TRUTH we can declare as children of GOD that we are wanted by HIM when we are alive and even when we were dead in our sins as we are told in: "**Eph 2:1-2** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient." And what a Biblical TRUTH to the fact that we are living forever, as we are promised eternal life by our LORD and SAVIOR in: "**John 10:28** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." So, whether we are dead in our sins and do not know JESUS CHRIST as our SAVIOR and LORD, we are still wanted and loved by HIM. And when we accept JESUS as our SAVIOR and LORD we are wanted and loved, and we will live forever as HIS child. I am sure that most "not so young" cowboys and cowgirls can remember the tv series "Wanted Dead or Alive" starring Steve McQueen. It was an on-going program of a cowboy bounty hunter in search of the bad guys in the old west. I sure enjoyed watching it, and back then we had tv in the house. I can't remember what year or times this played, but it was cowboy and that is all that I cared about. Steve McQueen made a good cowboy and a good, good guy and he always got his man, dead or alive. I really can't remember of him ever getting a dead man, because he always took them as prisoners. So, back then it was a great little show with some principles and morals and actually was entertaining.

As we look closely at this wonderful TRUTH of being "Wanted Dead or Alive" and seek to understand the depth and width of this Biblical fact, we get a real good idea of the power, the strength, the love and the mercy of our HOLY GOD. We also get a real good look at the sacrifice that was made for sinful mankind, for all of us as sinners, and lost for eternity. It gives us a deeper appreciation of the GOD LOVE that reached down to this sinful earth to save HIS creation from self-destruction and eternal damnation. It is certainly a proven fact that whatever man touches, he destroys, or at least tries too. Rust and decay are sure bad for metal and wood, but as mankind we have worked hard at applying the rust and decay to our everyday lives, our society and our world. Now I'm not talking about the environment, I am talking about our walk with our fellow men; with our neighbors, with human beings and especially with our HOLY CREATOR. We kill, steal and destroy, so readily; either in thoughts, in words and even in actions. So, we are faced with the principle of dead or alive in everything and in every way on this earth.

Let's carry this Biblical TRUTH to another level as the TRUTH teaches us that our loved ones that have passed on are now alive in Heaven, at least the ones that knew JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOR and LORD. They may be dead to us, but they are very much alive to JESUS CHRIST. They are dead on this earth, but they are alive and well in the HEAVENLY KINGDOM. This also allows us to claim another TRUTH in: **1 Cor 15:55-57** 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." What a blessing, what a joy, what a peace; to know this wonderful fact and understand the TRUTH of this fact. Because our LORD and SAVIOR is the conqueror of death, hell and the grave as we are told in: **Hos 13:14** "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?" And this was completely proven by the SON OF GOD dying on the cross, to be the REDEEMER of those who have died with the TRUTH of JESUS CHRIST in their hearts.

"**Rom 14:9** For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living." This clearly tells us that JESUS CHRIST died on the cross, but that HE also rose from the tomb to be the LORD of those who will live for eternity. HE died, but HE also lives forever and ever to be the LORD and KING of the eternal KINGDOM of those who have trusted HIM as their SAVIOR and LORD. This sure confirms the statement by the Apostle Paul in "**Phil 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." For truly the child of GOD; the person, however sinful, however evil, however bad that has repented of their sins and accepted JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOR and LORD will gain Heaven when they die, but until then they still have eternal life and are "Wanted dead or alive."

What about you today? Are you "wanted dead or alive" or are you alive, but still dead and dying. You are wanted and loved by your HOLY CREATOR and you can be wanted dead or alive, which means you win either way. Death is just moving on into eternity, very much alive, or facing eternal death reserved for the devil. **Rom 10:9-10** 9 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. Pray the prayer in the Decision section in this paper and welcome to "wanted dead or alive." In JESUS' NAME, Amen. In Christ,

Dave





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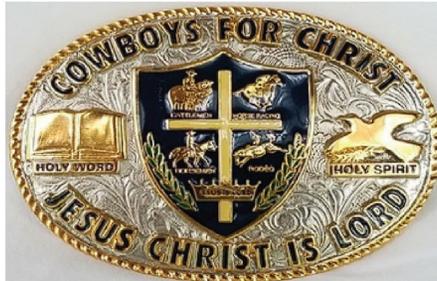
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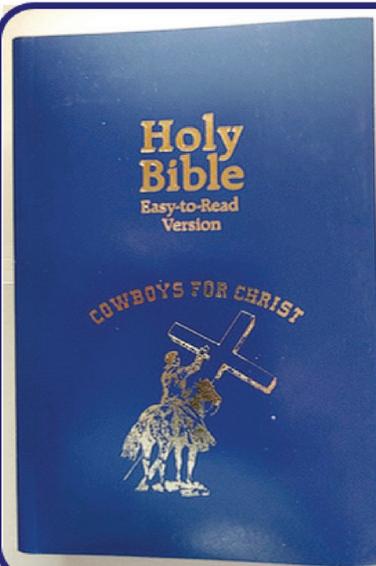
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Testimony

by Matthew Smith

Cowboys For Christ, good morning and God bless to y'all. All praise and glory to our Father in Heaven, amen. I recently received y'all info from a true friend; a brother in Christ here in prison. We both used to be partaker in another lifestyle, involved with the same people and organization and my best friend. So, let me give y'all a little background on me and my testimony.

I'm currently in a Texas prison, Michael Unit, on an 8-year sentence in segregation. This is my 3rd time in prison; I have a total of 13 felonies and 5 misdemeanors on my record. I've also been to state jail, safe P rehab, numerous other drug programs and in jail in numerous cities in Texas and also ISF. I was a member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas for over 10 years and most would know me by my nickname, OX. I have had a drug/alcohol issue since about the 6th grade-1994-ish and it has been the main reason for all my problems.

I grew up in Spring, Texas, the youngest of 3 and pretty much a spoiled kid with really no punishment, ever. My older brother and sister never had issues with the law or drugs/alcohol, even to this day. My parents have never done drugs, been married for 49 years, and dad always worked and provided. No issues with my family at all and to this day they just don't understand what went wrong with me; drugs, crime, gang member, etc. I've had great job careers; made good money, worked and lived all over the state and had all kinds of materialistic junk and always at some point got back on drugs and lost it all numerous times. My high school sweetheart, since 10th grade had a daughter in high school, moved in together after graduation, started our lives, marriage, home, the whole 9 yards. We eventually had a son, but around 2004 we split up and divorced due to my drug addiction. I truly was devastated and this started my collapse into a life with crime and gang involvement. Due to my lifestyle and choices, I stopped seeing my children and ain't seen or talked to them since the end of 2009. I have

regretted walking away from them ever since and pray daily that one day by the grace of God they choose to forgive me and choose to have a relationship with me.

After this my life really fell apart, I was truly lost and did anything to try to fill that void; money, drugs, sex, crime, gangs, anything. I was in Houston, living in motels, driving tow trucks and stealing cars at night. I met a prostitute who I fell in love with and married and was with from 2011 to 2021 when we divorced. Now let me tell you a life of drugs and crime, and gang involvement and being married to a prostitute is a disaster; and all that comes with the craziness. For that I have been in segregation since 2016 every time I come to prison. I've had crimes I committed all over the news in Houston in 2018 for firework stands that I backed up to and hauled away high-speed chase on I-45 that ended when with a rental. I was also on the news for a high-speed chase on I-45 that ended when I crashed, and Harris County had me on the top 10 most wanted list. I turned into a big-time thief, stealing thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise at a time to support my lifestyle. I spent a lot of time living in the hood in Houston and San Antonio.

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North Texas Conference

by Dave Harvey

The North Texas Conference held at the Dos Caminos Ranch in Valley View, Texas was a great event and a great time in the LORD. Also, a great big thank you to Chaplain Don Barthold for working hard to make it all happen. We had a special treat as, Mary Fay Jackson, who happens to be a good friend of Don, and actually was a good friend with Brother Ted, blessed us with her singing talent. Mary had a couple good friends that were in the area, Jack and Drinda Blease, who not only blessed us with Jack's singing and cowboy poetry, but Drinda set up the equipment and livestreamed the service on our Cowboys For Christ Group facebook page. There may have been some service problems, but some of the service went out to a bunch of folks. Chaplain Rand Certain joined in with his violin, or to us cowboys, fiddle and greatly blessed with his musical talent. After a wonderful time of Gospel singing and music, I was blessed to share GOD'S WORD; and we concluded the service with the Ordination of six new Chaplains. Johnny and Jodi Burrows from Arkansas, Johnie Brown and Mark Ingram from Oklahoma and Lainey Franklin and Jeff Bolin from Texas. Please pray for our new Chaplains and also for all of our over 200 Chaplains as they take the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST to cowboys and cowgirls all across the nation. Don had arranged for a great BBQ meal, complete with all the fixings from Dieters Brothers Restaurant in Lindsay. And a big thank you to Don's nephew,



Lainey Franklin, Mark Ingram, Johnny & Jodi Burrows, Dave, Johnie Brown, Jeff Bolin and Chaplain Dr Rand Certain

Justin Barthold, who did all of the picking up and setting up and cleaning up. And I sure don't want to forget, David Marquez, the manager of Dos Caminos Ranch, as he greatly blessed us with providing the lodge at the ranch for the Conference.

Red Bud Ride at Elkins Creek

by Dave Harvey

We had a great Cowboy Church at Elkins Creek on Sunday, April 16, during the Red Bud Ride. Chaplain Tammy Burton lead the Cowboy Church service. Pictured here are the cowboys and cowgirls who enjoyed the service. Thank you, Tammy!

The Story

by Chaplain Bobbi Dupertuis

Today we are celebrating the story of Jesus Christ. Beloved we should always be under construction with God. We need always to be about God's business in our pressure and our priorities. In everything we do it should

reflect eternity. We should all remain "under the influence" of God's influence. He knew us before we were knitted together in our mother's womb, and He will know us and our story in the end of the ages. Why do we keep trying to steal the pen out of God's hand to rewrite our story? My friend Annie O. has a saying that I love. She says, "I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, then to live my life as if there isn't and find out there is. How many times do we think we have disappointed God, and we haven't done Him right so therefore we can't be truly loved and live a life of peace and blessings. Why is it so hard to forgive those who have wronged us and not truly forgive? Do we secretly not believe that we can be forgiven of all our sins, and we are loved by God? Is God the same yesterday, today, and forever? Is He not the same God of Abraham, Jacob and Isaac? Is He not the same God as with the Jewish boys in the fire? Or with Moses in the burning bush? God is still writing our stories. We are confident that His word is true. We know that God sent his son to die for us because of His love for us. We know He endured the cross and ask for forgiveness of those who had wronged Him in His last moments. We are told in the word, that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. This week I got to share in a God moment with a friend of mine. Her husband had been rushed to the hospital in the ambulance. We prayed. God answered our prayers, and it was even better than we had imagined. He had died and been raised back to life. He was given

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Cowboy Church at Elkins Creek

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a message from God to share, and God let him know he was not finished with him yet here on this earth," My friend is blessed with more time with her husband. Dreams had come true and it was witnessed and noted. Many of Jesus' miracles were witnessed and noted and preserved for us all these years later in the bible. When we pray our prayers do not begin or end with our words. First, we think them, then we say them, believing, and they don't end when we say amen. Our words are sent to Him who is seated at the right hand of God. Jesus' story didn't end at the cross, or even after the empty tomb, nor after the ascension into heaven. Our story is in the middle right now. We were known before we were knitted together in our mother's womb. Now we are here, in the flesh as Jesus once was, soon we will be with Him throughout eternity. What is Jesus doing now? He is lovingly sifting through His fingers all things that are bestowed on us. He was not defeated at the cross. He arose and is alive. He sits beside His mediatorial Father. He is still on the throne. Jesus reigns right now. In Hebrews 1:3 it talks about Jesus sitting in power, as Lord and human, at the right hand of the majesty on high. Yes, He came, and lived, died, and rose, and will come again and will judge. But what is he doing now you ask? He is sitting at the right hand of God. He is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father. With all fullness of joy, power over all things, and glory. He is defending His church and subduing their enemies. He furnishes His people with gifts and daily graces and makes intercession for us all. We are promised we will see him coming on the clouds of heaven. He also is receiving our praises and worship. He has been given the seat of honor, there to be served, praised, and worshipped, by men and angels. We can then set our minds in individual and corporate daily habits and devotions on that which is above, not just what we are seeing on this earth. Col. 3:1-2 With this we can attend to the things of earth for His sake, in their proper time and place. #2 He sits in heaven on

the judgement seat of all the world and all of history. From the throne He rules. His name is above all names. He is the head of the church. He will right every wrong and reward every cup of cold water given in His name. #3 He makes intercession for us. Having finished His atoning work and made purification of our sins, He made the very throne of God into a mercy seat. The mercy seat where in the Old Testament only the priest could enter, and only once a year, now under the new covenant, we can draw near anytime, to receive mercy and find grace.

He Himself is the mediator between God and man. He lives to make intercession for us. Hebrews 7:25. Jesus is our living link. #4. Jesus is not anxious or uncertain, He is stable and calm. Seated on the throne, not running around crazy and confused. So today, Let's let Jesus write our stories. He is our identity as believers, He is our future as believers, and He is our joy, hope, faith, on earth as it is in heaven. Now we know what Jesus is doing, what are we allowing the Holy Spirit to do in us today? Through us and with us? Is He writing our beautiful glory

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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.

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filled story, or have we stolen the pen and writing a different ending? Choose wisely. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise. Arise!! As for me and my house I declare, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. What is the God moment you can share today? Love God and love your neighbor. Guard your heart and teach your children. Watch and pray. With all my love and blessings, Pastor Bobbi Today was my momma's earthly birthday. She now has a new day to celebrate. She is in the presence of the Lord!

Testimony Continued

by Matthew Smith

I was sick and in need of a Savior, but just kept going down the rabbit hole of destruction. From 2017 to 2019 I was released from prison and also ISF a total of 4 times and always went on the run and didn't last longer than 2 weeks before I was locked up. So, in November of 2019 the day before Thanksgiving I got arrested for stealing a FedEx truck and getting in a high-speed chase. I signed for 8 years and pulled up at Allred in January 2021. After getting situated and checking in with the organization I was a part of I really started hearing God speak to me. Around March of 2021 in my cell in seg, I asked myself "are you tired, are you done running, do you want to change." I got down on my knees and started crying, while I spoke to God for the first time in many, many years. I told Him all I had done wrong "not that He didn't already know" and I asked Him to please forgive me and wash my sins and pain and hurt and suffering away; come into my life and help me change it. So, I accepted the Lord, put my full faith and trust in Him and started my new life. Now let me tell y'all I was led to salvation by the Blood of Jesus Christ on Calvary and His resurrection and the wiping away of all my sins. I wrote a note to the powers that be at ABT, stating my resignation and walked away from that organization and part of my life and signed up for a program called,

GRAD to try to get out of segregation. It's a process and I'm in the works of it now. I started taking all the classes I could in my cell and through the mail that were religious/biblical based and thus far have completed and received 15 certificates of completion. I read my Bible "The Message" version daily along with a bunch of books and magazines from different ministries.

I got moved to the Michael Unit early this year and am now part of the first faith-based dorm back here in segregation at this unit that lasts about 9 months and consist of 9 different classes taken in my cell. I am truly joyful to be a part of it. My life is so much better now that I accepted Jesus into my life and changed. I may be in prison but the Lord has redeemed me and set me free and I am no longer held captive to sin. There's a Christian song that says "ain't no sinner that He can't save, Let me tell you about my Jesus, and let my Jesus change your life." Hallelujah, Praise God.

Brothers and sisters, who are reading this and are still stuck in bondage of the devil, listen up and pay attention. Just like she says in that song, it's that simple. You are not too far gone, you are not a waste and there is nothing the Lord God Father in Heaven loves more than a sinner coming to him, laying it at His feet, repenting, asking forgiveness, accepting Christ and changing your life. HE WILL FORGIVE ALL YOUR SINS.

To the people in prison, in population and segregation, short timers and lifers; if you ain't living right in here, please, I beg you accept God into your life and make a change. I no longer drink hooch, smoke K2, do other drugs, take any psychiatric pills, or look at any of those sexually explicit pictures; nothing. I'm so in love with the Lord and what I'm learning and things He's changed/changing in my life; it's incredible. My relationship with my parents is so strong and supportive now, Mom and Dad, if y'all read this; thank you, it is thru God that this is all possible. Y'all never turned your backs on me, a true sign of y'all's love. Thank you, I love you. I only hope and pray more will come to Christ, there is no other way, no

other life without God. I've tried everything to fill that void, only God can do that, period.

I pray for all the lost and suffering, gang members, drug addicts, prostitutes, criminals, homeless; I hope y'all find Christ and change. All my brothers and sisters in Christ get involved in spreading the Word of God, leading people to Christ, help the discarded people of society, they matter also.

Cowboys For Christ, thank y'all for all y'all do in preparing people for the coming Kingdom of God and spreading His Word. Y'all are loved, appreciated and prayed for; may blessing be upon y'all. Please put me on the mailing list for the Ranchman and if my testimony makes it into the Ranchman or not, I hope it may give an insight at what was and what can be. Christ is alive, all powerful and what truly matters in life. When we leave this earth, we leave with nothing materialistic, all we leave with is God and go to God. So, build what you have now with God to prepare for what is coming. Thank Y'all and God bless!



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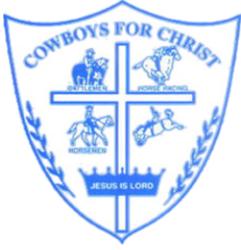
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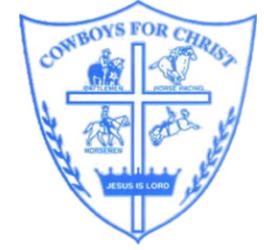
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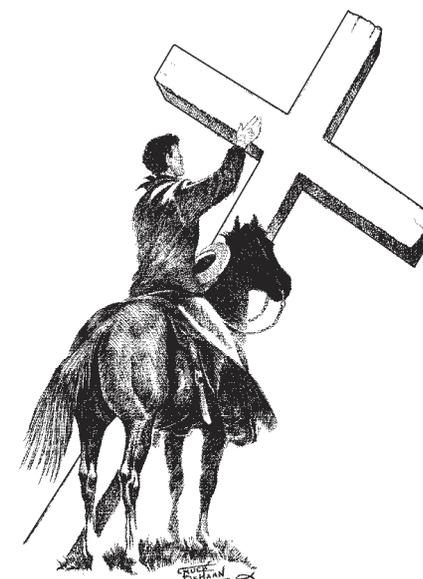
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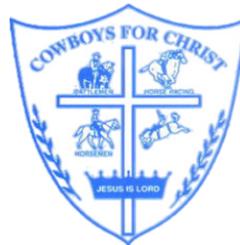
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