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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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2023 Cowboys For Christ North Texas Fall Conference

by Dave Harvey

What a blessing and what a joy to meet together with cowboys and cowgirls that have a strong desire to seek and serve the LORD. The presence of the HOLY SPIRIT could certainly be strongly felt as hugs and hellos were shared by all attending the conference. It was a special honor and pleasure to meet the new Chaplains to be, for the special day of drawing close to our LORD, sharing HIS HOLY WORD and the Ordination ceremony. It was especially humbling and blessed as there were ten new Chaplains to make the commitment to "worship and serve the HOLY FATHER, accept and proclaim the HOLY SON, and to be filled and directed by the HOLY SPIRIT." We have had other Ordination services of six or seven, but this is the first to have ten. Chaplains Don Barthold and Joey Skaggs had worked hard and made arrangements to hold the conference at The Ranch House Restaurant in Gainesville, Texas and owner Ronnie Neu sure had everything ready for us. And along with Chaplains Don Barthold and Joey Skaggs, it was sure a blessing to

have Chaplains Judd Treat and Lainey Franklin to attend the conference.

We were greatly blessed to start the day with video expert Chaplain to be Dorinda Blease, who had everything set up to livestream the service on the Cowboys For Christ group Facebook page. And after a welcome and introduction by Chaplain Don Barthold, and an opening prayer, Chaplain to be Jack Blease got us off to a rousing start with poetry and singing. After a great opening of the service, I was blessed to share GOD'S HOLY WORD and stress the importance of listening to the WORD OF GOD, just as Mary of Bethany had just before our LORD and SAVIOR went to the cross to pay our sin debt. Following a great moving of the HOLY SPIRIT at the close of the service, I was greatly blessed and honored to officiate



Seated-Angie McAlexander, Anna Bowen, Maria Halterman, Lynn Carter
Standing-Judd Treat, Craig McAlexander, Thomas Burt, Doyle Self, Dave,
Don Barthold, Joey Skaggs, Dorinda & Jack Blease, Lainey Franklin

at the Ordination of ten new Chaplains, starting off with Jack and Dorinda Blease, who already have a great work for the LORD in "Trail Boss Ministry." I then called up the next husband and wife team to be Ordained, Angie and Craig McAlexander, who happen to already be involved with a prison ministry. We then proceeded to complete the Ordination service with six other wonderful dedicated servants of GOD; who also declare their commitment to serve the LORD and were Ordained: Joey Skaggs, (who was already a licensed Chaplain) Anna Bowen, Lynn Carter, Maria Halterman, Doyle "Buck" Self and Thomas Burt. We then took a lunch break of dining at the Ranch House, which was great food on the buffet bar, complete with some super tasty desserts. After lunch we returned to our meeting room for a presentation of appreciation of the Cowboys For Christ belt pins to Ronnie Neu, for blessing us with the great conference facilities. And to Don Barthold and Joey Skaggs for working so hard to get everything set up and ready for the conference. Then we were greatly blessed to have an excellent time of Chaplain training; especially going over the Chaplain's Manual.

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It was also a wonderful time of group sharing of ministry ideas and important points and the importance of much 'knee bending' prayer. Folks, we sure had a perfect program that came together and was carried out with a powerful moving of the HOLY SPIRIT and this was sure one of those times.

Cowboys and cowgirls, I sure wish that everyone in our Cowboys For Christ family could have been able to attend our Fall Conference in Gainesville, Texas on December 2. What an absolutely fantastic time of fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, GOD'S HOLY WORD, which was broadcasted live on our Cowboys For Christ group Facebook page. There is no doubt that everyone there could feel the presence and moving of the HOLY SPIRIT throughout the program; at the proclaiming of GOD'S WORD and especially the Ordination of ten new Chaplains. Please be in prayer for our new Chaplains and our entire roster of Chaplains as they go to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST as they are directed by the HOLY SPIRIT. GOD bless them and their great works for HIM. In JESUS' NAME, Amen. In CHRIST, Dave

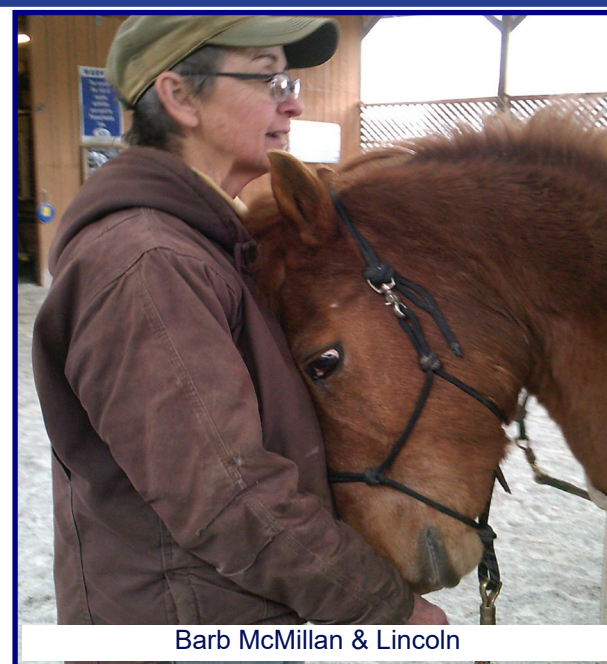
Lessons From Our Horses on The Fruit of the Spirit: The Bond of Love

by Barb McMillan

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

In my personal Bible study, I have been working through Phillip Keller's book, *A Gardener Looks at the Fruits of the Spirit*. As an avid gardener myself, I appreciate Keller's writings from the Parable of the Sower about what happens to seeds planted in different types of soil, conditions needed for plant growth and God's expectation that our lives would produce fruit as a result of His work in the gardens of our hearts. As I studied the mysterious ways that God digs out the stones and yanks the weeds

from my stubborn heart, I realized that the ways I train my horses reflect some of the ways God works in my own life to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. I have been working a lot with all five of my horses on Liberty skills – which means directing them from the ground at a distance with no halter or lead rope on. As one natural horsemanship instructor says, "When you take off the halter and lead rope, all you have left is the truth about the strength of your relationship with your horse." When starting Liberty, I use a 12-foot rope and a training stick to direct my horses. The first task is asking my horse to yield his hindquarters 180 degrees away from me and face me with two eyes. Sounds a lot like God asking me to leave my sin behind and look at Him, doesn't it? Then I call my horse to me, drawing him hand-over-hand with the 12-foot line and I ask him to gently put the front of his face – his forehead with nose pointed toward the ground – against the front of my jacket. This requires a huge amount of trust from the horse since it puts him in a very vulnerable position – he can't see what's going on around him and he can't run away to safety. As the bond of love and trust develops, I become my horse's safe spot. So true of us with our Sovereign Lord – the minute we take one step of faith toward Him, He offers to be our safe spot forever. Next, I ask my horse to follow me as I hold the lead line – around the rail of the arena, then through various obstacles, then halting, backing up, staying and coming to me when I call. Whenever he comes to me, I always invite him to place the front of his face flat on my front, and to relax in that safe spot of my love. When my horse can do these first things well on the 12-foot line, I remove the rope and walk side-by-side with him through all the same tasks – he is free to leave me at any time. This is the first test of the strength of the bond of trust and love between us. As our bond of love and trust strengthens, I stay farther and farther away, and direct my horse through various tasks with voice commands and body language at increasing speeds. So, from across the



Barb McMillan & Lincoln

arena, I might send him at a trot to a row of 6 barrels laying down and ask him to sidepass over the barrels, or jump them, or squeeze through a narrow opening between two barrels. Or, I might ask him to canter around the rail of the arena, then halt in a slot with a ground pole on one side and back out. And at any moment I might ask him to yield his hindquarters, look at me with two eyes and come trotting back to me to find his safe spot with his face on my front. Without a halter and lead rope on, my horse is free to decide whether to obey me at a distance or disobey and run off. So true of us with God as well when He sends us off to do something for Him – we can choose each moment whether to leave Him and "do our own thing", or to obey and keep our eyes on the Lord! Just as it is the bond of love and trust that keeps my horse with me at Liberty, it is the love of Jesus living in me that motivates and enables me to stick close to Him. And even when my horse asserts his will, kicks up his heels, squeals and runs away from me, the minute he yields his hindquarters and looks at me with two eyes, I invite him back to enjoy his safe spot next to me. So, it is with our loving Lord who graciously invites us back to share the safe spot of His love every time we repent of our willful wanderings.



A Cowboy Day

by Richard Philips

It's early in the morning when he rolls out of bed, and he wonders what the day might bring. Will it be good or bad?

But it doesn't really matter to a cowboy of his age. He's just thankful the good Lord blessed him with another cowboy day.

He dons his jeans and boots, and then he grabs a shirt. The boots a little muddy, but mud is only dirt, and dirt it will turn to dust, and you know what they say. In the end when we die, we'll all end up that way.

He heads for the kitchen for beacon eggs and grits. His heeler Sue just howling. She's about to pitch a fit.

So he lets her out for business and then later lets her in, and he sits down at the table for breakfast to begin.

Then they head out to the barnyard. There is livestock to be fed. Waiting and stomping at the gate his faithful paint old Red.

He's always been a good one. You could rope a calf or rope either end or drag an unruly colt around but mainly his best friend.

The cowboy he could catch one and get off and tie him fast. He could even ride the rough stock, and he never finished last.

But father time has caught them as they've reached and older age. It's just a change in life's direction like the turning of a page.

So he saddles up old Red; there is fence to check today or maybe doctor cow or calf whatever comes their way.

And Sue is chasing every bird. She might even catch a mouse. She runs and plays all the day until they get back to the house.

And when the day is ending and they ride back to the barn, there is extra oats for Red tonight, but they will do old Red no harm.

And the cowboy gets a cold drink. It's one of life's simple thrills. Then he grabs a steak and tater and throws them on the grill.

And when supper is over and Susie has had the scraps, he walks out on the front porch and she lies down to take a nap.

He looks at the horizon. He never has too much to say. He just bows his head and thanks the good Lord for another cowboy day.

My Testimony

by Derome Patterson

In 2017, the Lord was putting it in my heart that if I died, I would go to hell. I didn't know God, but there were two things in my heart that anybody could have asked me, and I would have answered with absolute certainty. The first question is: Do you believe in God? And I would have said, "Yes! With all my heart." The second question is: "Are you doing what He has called you to do?" I would have had to say no! I couldn't escape the truth of those two questions. There was a Chaplain here in 2014, named Clay Whidden, who is a true man of God. One who walks with true integrity, and who was sold out to Jesus. I was in a class that he taught called, "Quest for Authentic Manhood." As I was taking this class, someone came to me before I even graduated the class and told me I was selected to be a group leader. Immediately, I questioned what he was talking about and who told him something like that? He said the Chaplain, so I went to question the Chaplain myself. I asked him how he picked the people, and he said he doesn't, God does! I looked into his eyes, because the eyes will tell you if someone is lying to you, and it appeared he was telling the truth.

So, I kept the harsh words I had for him to myself.

I watched Clay's character, and the more I watched, the louder those words he told me got. I wrestled with myself because all I could see was the manipulation, the drug selling, all the people I had taught to hustle, to kill, all of the innocent blood that I had on my hands for leading people the wrong way. And to hear that God had told someone that He chose me, it did something to my heart.

At that time, I didn't know how to stop what I was already engaged in. For some reason, I always went to church. I had missed one Sunday, and this little eighteen-year-old kid came up and asked me why I didn't go to church. Before I could tell him, I wasn't going back. He told me that the reason he went to church is because he saw me going. I didn't want to be the reason for someone not to go to church, so I started going back again. I was also wondering who else may be going because I was.

The most amazing thing about this is how I went back for the people, but God used that to deliver me. I heard a message by Paster Luben, a volunteer that comes in the Robertson Unit, titled, "Do You Want to Know if You Have the Holy Spirit?" When I heard those words, he had my attention like I was sitting on the front row with my hand to my ear, making sure I didn't miss a word. Now that's just how I felt though,

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A **Cowboy Chaplain** is called to serve the **MOST HIGH GOD** and fulfill the commission from our **LORD** in Mark 16:15. That commission is to "GO" and **Cowboy Chaplains** accept that calling to "GO" wherever and whenever possible to proclaim, to witness, to reach out to the lost. The **Eternal Salvation** of those ministered to must remain the constant and sustaining goal of a **Cowboy Chaplain**. As the **Chaplain** cares for their concerns, seeks to comfort their hurting and be of service to them there must be a strong desire for them to come to know **JESUS CHRIST** as their **SAVIOR** and **LORD**. If you feel led by the **LORD** to be a **Cowboy Chaplain**, please contact us! Email: cfcmail@cowboysforchrist.org

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because I was actually in the back row, but I will never forget the words he said. "This is how you will know if you have the Holy Spirit. If somebody cusses you out and you cuss them out back, and then you feel the Spirit pressed upon your heart to go back and apologize, that's how you know you've got the Holy Spirit. Because He convicts and leads in all truth."

Those words cut straight through my spirit! I remember back in 2004 I gave my life to the Lord Jesus, and since that time, I have been receiving conviction and never knew it. I had even been hearing God's voice telling me that it had been His Word the pastor was telling me. I didn't receive all of this understanding until 2017, but what I did ask was for the Lord to help me change.

I didn't know how to stop selling drugs or stop being loyal to my friends. I used to ask them to release me so that I could do what God was calling me to do, but they said no and that they needed me. Many nights, I cried under the covers, asking God to give me a chance. I told Him that I was not strong enough to let go, that He was going to have to take the things that I was holding on to. To take the pain of my daughter growing up with only one living parent. To take the pain of me not being in her life due to the bad decisions I have made. To take the pain of me not being able to read or write. Surprisingly though, the Lord took it!

I got busted for conspiracy to bring synthetic marijuana onto the unit with a correction officer. I got G5 and was confined to a cell for twenty-three hours a day for the next twelve months. I experienced God in a way that I never thought possible. I only had the New Testament Bible, and I went from not knowing how to read, to reading from eight to twelve hours a day; just the Bible. Outside of my Bible, I read my first book by Charles Stanley called "Man of God." All of this took place in close custody isolation. God completely changed everything. Another six months after that was spent on median custody where I began to walk by faith. While I was in close custody, God was showing me visions of me preaching. I

asked God how I was supposed to preach when I couldn't even read. As you can now see, God changed that. He gave me the ability and I began to serve God however He needed me. Singing songs, when I can't sing, but I did it for Him. Mopping floors and shaking hands, whatever it took. He allowed me to serve with my brother.

It has only been three years of actually walking out His word of faith, but it has been the best of my life. Today I know who I am, and I know what I am called to do. My name is DeRome Patterson, and it is an honor and a privilege to be ordained as a cowboys Chaplain. May this testimony bare fruit in the lives of the readers. And the Word of God says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the words of their testimony." **Revelations 12:11**

On the Trail with Cowboys For Christ

by Chaplain Dale Brenneman

A friend told me "Horses are only afraid of two things: things that move, and things that don't." The little dun mare I'm riding is a perfect example of this. Anything new or changed in her surroundings causes her to become all ears and eyeballs. The problem is that there are too many "new" scary things in the world to try to get her accustomed to them all. So, what's the answer? Is there no hope?

Yes, there is hope. In fact, I can see and feel the change happening in her as we spend more and more time together. Now, when she encounters something new or scary, instead of shying or bolting away on her own, she has begun to defer to me. She may still be hesitant, but if I say it's OK, she proceeds, trusting in me to guide her safely through the situation. As we go down the trail of life, we will undoubtedly encounter some pretty "scary" obstacles.

In fact, **John 16:33** states, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world". By spending more time with the Lord in prayer and reading His Word, we will prepare ourselves to trust Him fully in every situation. **II Timothy 1:7** says, "God

didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of peace, love, and a sound mind". Remember, Jesus has the reins. Put your trust in Him. He will guide you safely through. In His name have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Dale

Letter

from Brett James Martinson

(Editor's note: writer will receive the **Christian Ranchman**, Bible and Bible studies)

Dear Christian Ranchman, I have been in and out of prison my whole life and did 25 years flat from 1993 to 2018 and came back with another 12 years sentence. When I was young until coming to prison I lived on my grandpa and grandma cattle ranch in New Waverly, Texas and worked stock since I was old enough to sit and handle a cow horse. I always wanted to be a cattleman like my grandpa and dad, but started running with the wrong crowd and got into a lot of trouble and drugs while riding bulls on the PRCA Rodeo Circuit as a Bronze Card holder and thought the drug, crank made me a better rider and unbeatable. That was just another lie from Satan and I now see that too!

At 24 years old I committed the murder of my best friend and got 25 years and did it day for day because when I got to prison, I joined a prison gang and started acting up, big time. I got confirmed as a gang member and put in Ag-seg (23/7 lockdown) in a cell by myself, and I did it for 22 years, until released in Nov. 20, 2018.

I went back to the family ranch and was blessed with a great job and started building a relationship with my son and daughter, who were now grown adults. My son's son and soon to be wife, who had shown my son the love of Jesus that had completely made my son, a man of God.

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Which made me want what he had found, so I started going to church (Cowboy Church of Huntsville) with my son and daughter, and daughter in law, too. But the company I worked for was behind on production and as a welder I was working 15 to sometimes 18 hours a day to make sure we met the deadline. So, I started using again to stay awake longer and work more, too!

I was out 3 years when my daughter's boyfriend put his hands on her and I handled it as a sinning father would and got 12 years for aggressive assault with a deadly weapon. Now, I am back in prison and even through I'm no longer a prison gang member, I'm back in Ad. Seg, because I was still talking to others who were still active members. They were my friends for over 20 years, but it is not allowed, so I was locked back in Ad-Seg as a confirmed member. But I'm at the Michael Unit and by God's grace I met a guy named Tommy who is also a Christian and the other night he showed me your newspaper (*Christian Ranchman*) and I fell in love with it. It shows the absolute love Christ has for us and shows it truly in a way I can relate to.

Could I please receive your *Christian Ranchman*? And a Cowboys For Christ Holy Bible, as well? I pray that this letter finds all of those at the *Christian Ranchman* and Cowboys For Christ in the highest of blessings and the best of health, as well as all y'all's families, too!! God bless y'all and love y'all always in Christ, Brett James
PS: If y'all have a Bible study course, could I please be a part of it! Thank you and God bless.

Bibles - Cowboys For Christ Easy Read Version

by Dave Harvey

We have been so blessed as a ministry to have such a wonderful version to take to the lost, the wandering and the strays of the cowboy world and beyond as we go to share JESUS CHRIST, absolutely free. It is such a joy to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST and then place an excellent, easily understood copy of the LIVING WORD OF GOD into the hands of the young, the hurting, and the anxious. Those seeking the TRUTH and wanting to know the TRUTH and to live by this wonderful eternal TRUTH and these Bibles are theirs to keep. It is truly an honor to preach, teach, share and testify of the eternal TRUTH of the HOLY GOD, and what a delight to be able to give to the hearers a Bible to take with them, a Bible of their very own. And personally, I always ask them to promise me that they will read and study this wonderful GIFT of eternal LOVE to sinful mankind.

In March of 2019 we received our first shipment of 15,000 of the Cowboys For Christ ERV Bibles, which we have freely shared as we go to minister; rodeos, horse shows, trail rides, rodeo Bible camps, youth events, children's homes, nursing homes, jails and prisons, prison's children (when we can get their info) and anywhere and everywhere we are led by the HOLY SPIRIT. Our army of Ordained Chaplains have been so very faithful and dedicated to share JESUS CHRIST and to share HIS HOLY WORD by making sure that the ones being ministered to have a Bible. And if they need

one, they sure get one and what a wonderful blessing to be able to place one into the hands of those seeking and searching for the LORD.

But, folks, the 15,000 Bibles just didn't last long and we ran out in early 2021, but through the power of ALMIGHTY GOD and HIS wonderful blessings we were able to get another 22,500 in July of 2021. The LORD again provided HIS precious WORD for us to take as we go, as we share, as we minister. And at this time, we have about 5600 Bibles in stock to give away. And when they are gone, it means a total of 37,500 Bibles going out into the world, especially the cowboy world, to reach the lost and hurting with the saving knowledge of JESUS CHRIST. Also, we have just had a new printing of our three-part "Living Under His Wings" Bible Study series printed and going out with many of those Bibles. And go and share and minister we have done, and we are getting on the low side of our 22,500, and now it is time to start making plans and working to replenish the stock of HIS HOLY WORD. So, we can give them away, too, as we hit the trail of "riding for the LORD" wherever HE sends us and to anyone and everyone we are able to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST as we go.

I have explained all of this so you would know and understand the situation and prayerfully commit to helping us replenish our supply of our Cowboys For Christ ERV Bibles. We certainly want to continue to give them away as we go to share JESUS CHRIST and to minister. It is my desire to raise the funds to have another 22,500 printed and on hand to make the WORD OF GOD available to cowboys and cowgirls and to those searching, so they will have the TRUTH, understand the TRUTH and know the TRUTH. Please be in heavy prayer and dig deep to contribute to our Bible Fund. Also, the cost of shipping these Bibles has greatly increased, which add a bunch to the total cost of getting these Bibles into the hands of the ones that are certainly in need of them. And a special touch to our Bibles

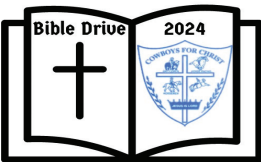
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as they are distributed; they are usually accompanied with the Christian Ranchman, The Ride and Which Horse tracts and many with our Bible Study series. Donations can be made on our website: cowboysforchrist.org or by mail: Cowboys For Christ, PO Box 7557, Fort Worth, Texas 76111. Please designate that it is for the Bible Fund, and I want to personally thank you for your generosity, for your love and for your help in making our next order of 22,500 Bibles a reality. I'm not that good at math, but I do believe that with this new order it will get us to the grand total of 60,000 Bibles going out to touch lives for JESUS CHRIST. We certainly have an army of Chaplains, who are dedicated, committed, and riding hard to spread the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST all across this nation and beyond as the HOLY SPIRIT leads. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful work for HIS HOLY KINGDOM and GOD bless you and keep you safe during these troubled times. In JESUS' NAME, Amen.

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Letters to the Editor

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

Hello, I am the chaplain at Hardeman County Correctional Facility in Whiteville, TN. I would love it if I could get some of y'all's material, so that I can pass it along to our inmates. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks! All for Him, Greg in Tennessee

Dave, Thanks for responding back! I have been on your website and love what you guys are doing. We would like to receive a bulk package of your Christian Ranchman. Thank you and God bless! Greg in Tennessee

Cowboys For Christ, Brother Dave I am enjoying reading God's Word in my Cowboys For Christ Bible. Please accept my donation. Isaiah 26:3-4 Thou wilt keep me in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. In God's Love, Roxie in South Carolina

Cowboys For Christ, I would like to participate in the Cowboys For Christ Bible study program. I have seen a fellow inmate here at the prison who is from Texas working on them. When I asked him where he got his peace, he said, "Jesus gives it to me." May I please be enrolled in your Bible study program. Thank you in advance, Onix in Illinois

Cowboys For Christ, my name is James and I'm currently in the Hardin County Jail. I'm writing because of a pamphlet of ya'll I saw on my celly's bunk. The picture on the front of it caught my eye, so I asked him about it and he gave it to me. I read it and prayed the prayer to my Heavenly Father asking for forgiveness and to come into my heart as my Savior and Lord, My Father in Jesus Name Amen. I really want to change my life and if ya'll would please send me a Bible, I would be truly grateful. Thank you, James in Texas

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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...

WORKMANSHIP

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Workmanship is a wonderful word that brings beauty and quality to mind and it sure stirs us when we see some finely crafted article, without any blemish or marks. I am sure that all of us at one time or another have viewed something that was just beautiful; perfectly fitted together, finished to perfection such as a piece of furniture, or an object of art or a handmade quilt, or even a masterly crafted saddle or a pair of boots. Whatever this article there would certainly be no defects in materials, fit or finish, and it would be the perfect picture of fine craftsmanship and workmanship.

Well, the Apostle Paul in this letter to the Ephesians is calling Christians; believers, God's children in Jesus Christ, God's own workmanship. Paul is declaring that each child of God is a personal work of art by the Holy God. Folks, it is hard for me to perceive how I could qualify for this verse as God's workmanship. I mean I am a sinner; I have failed in so many ways throughout my life, I have been disobedient, rebellious and evil. I have blatantly turned my back on the Lord and refused to follow His Word in so many ways and for so many years of my life. I am still guilty as charged, because I fail daily. I am weak, worn, torn and just not a specimen of good workmanship, and certainly not of God's workmanship. But, praise the Lord, He is not looking at me through my eyes; our Heavenly Father is looking at me through the Blood Of Jesus Christ, His Son and my Savior and Lord.

We so very much need to get a hold of this statement by the Apostle Paul, so we can grow in our understanding of our role as God's workmanship and live like it. We must be a beacon on the hill, so the world can see what we are in Christ Jesus. We, as God's children are certainly in this world, but we do not have to be a part of this world. We do not have to conform to the ideas of this world. We sure don't need to be enticed by the sinfulness of this world and we must make sure that we are not drawn into the sins of the world and the deceitfulness of the devil.

In this high-tech age, where everything is at the speed of light and at our fingertips, we must be on guard to protect ourselves from the onslaught of the world and the tricks of the adversary. Satan is not a little cartoon figure running around in red flannel long-johns with a little plastic pitchfork. The Apostle Peter in: **"1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." Which certainly tells us the truth and gives us a real picture of the cunning father of lies. He is seeking to destroy anyone and everyone that he can find, and he is especially looking for the weak, the worn and the troubled. To say that he is not a fair fighter is certainly an understatement, so we need to be more on guard when we are down than when we are on the mountain top.

What do we do to reveal to the world around us that we are God's workmanship and how do we protect ourselves from the enemy who is trying to distort our words and actions to mar His workmanship? I would certainly hope that every child of God would strive daily to be a better example of His workmanship and the child of God that He saved us to be. Remember, eternal life is the benefit of our salvation; the purpose is to serve the Holy God, here and now on this earth and throughout eternity.

Once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord you can start building and working to develop your walk as a Christian and as a servant of God. The excitement of serving the risen Savior is such a wonderful addition to a changed life and should greatly add joy to reflecting Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We must never feel it is a chore or a burden to share Jesus Christ, and we must be about declaring our testimony, expanding our focus and searching for opportunities to reflect the "Light of the World" to this dark world. We must pray, read, study and pray some more to perfect HIS workmanship to the fullest to be the best we can be for our Lord and Savior.

Remember we are God's workmanship; so, we must work hard to make sure that our thoughts are the thoughts of a finely crafted article. We must act like that masterly crafted object that brings admiring approval from all who look upon us. We must reflect His craftsmanship in our words, our actions and all aspects of our daily lives. We, as God's children are to be examples of His love, His grace and His mercy and we must share the Light to the blind and the lost. We must do the good works and share Jesus Christ as His fine workmanship, so all the world can see Him.

Cowboys and cowgirls, Jesus didn't quit when He died on the cross, although He accomplished our eternal salvation with His sacrifice as the perfect Lamb of God on that cross. He spent three days in the tomb and then He arose to declare His victory over death, hell and the grave and then He ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand of Father God. Jesus Christ is now our Great High Priest and He has sent the Holy Spirit to direct us and strengthen us as we live our lives as children of the Most High God. He is hard at work for us and we can rest assured that HE is certainly ready and able to help us through the rough trails of this life. So, we certainly need to do our part as we reveal to others the workmanship of God in our lives so that they will see Jesus Christ in us. Happy New Year and God bless you as you reveal His workmanship to your world, in Jesus' Name, Amen,

Dave





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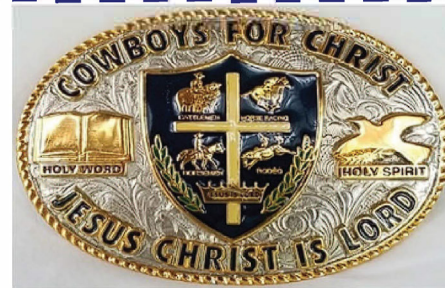
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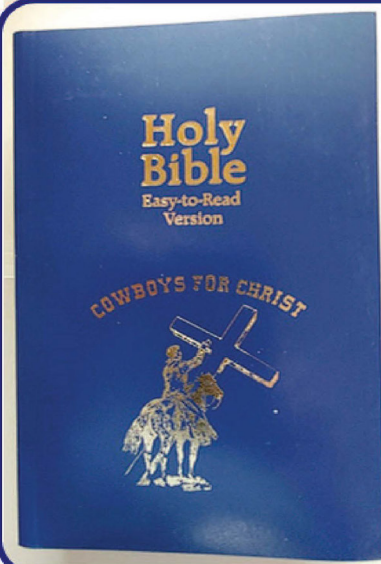
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Letters Continued

Dear CFC, I have enjoyed reading the Christian Ranchman for many years and hope to enjoy it for many more years. I have a friend in the Ministry that would also like to receive the Christian Ranchman. He is retired veteran and a retired law enforcement officer and is now an ordained minister. Thank you and God bless, Jason from Florida

To Whom It May Concern, I've enclosed the order form for the free specialty items. I would love to thank you all for sending me the Christian Ranchman. It is amazing to hear the stories from other people that may be in a similar situation as me. When I'm able to send the money for the Bible, I plan on doing so, as I don't have a Bible at this time. Thank you all again for your kindness and generosity. Take care and God bless. Sincerely, Jason in Minnesota (*Editor note: Bible, Bible studies and tracts sent*)

Dear Cowboys For Christ, Thank you so very much for the Christian Ranchman. I got it out of the mail last Saturday. I will always be proud to be a charter member of Cowboys For Christ. That sure means a lot to me. I used to live in the Fort Worth area. In September 2022 I had to leave and move to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. I really appreciate the articles and stories in the Christian Ranchman, they are really good. Well, I only wanted to write to you and say thank you. Keep up the good work! God bless you! Sincerely, James in Oklahoma

Dear Cowboys For Christ, I want to thank you so much for changing my life and other that are around me. I am writing this letter cause I want to share my testimony with my Cowboys For Christ family. I have been through so much and it has been a tough ride, but God changed me completely. I thank the Lord for changing everything around me and the men and women that are in prison and jail. Please share my story with them and tell them it's not too late to change their life. God is always waiting on them to walk in the light not in the darkness. Psalm 23 is my favorite Scripture in the Bible.

Please share my story to people who need motivation. I just want to help in any way I can. Thank you for everything Cowboys For Christ, May God bless, Kendell in Louisiana

Hello, I am happy to announce that I have completed all three of the Living Under His Wings Bible studies. I have enjoyed seeing Jesus with a new perspective for He did so much for me. It is more than being crucified as I thought, He conquered death! I'm glad y'all have helped me out of a cookie cutter mind set and fully see/comprehend what Jesus has done for me. Thank you, Cowboys For Christ, Thank you for all that you do for us inmates, Randell in Illinois

Cowboys For Christ, I am writing to let you know that I'm being released from prison, but I don't have a forwarding address. Please quit sending your newsletter. I thank you for the precious gift of your support in hearing about the lives of others Cowboys who are dedicated to do God's holy work. I pray that you will continue to help others learn of God Almighty, Your brother in Christ, Henry in North Carolina

Dr Dave, Glory to our Lord Jesus. His Love and Grace to you. Happy Thanksgiving, Cowboys For Christ is on my Thankful list indeed. I'm sure and certain, as water's wet that the Cowboys For Christ ministry is part of Gods' purpose in my life and the life of my son, Amen. Thank you for loving Jesus and making disciples for His Kingdom. Thank you for ministering to my son and I, Heavenward, Lewis in Texas



A Living Memorial

Death, as Christians understand it, is a change in the form of life; it is not a cessation of life. Those who have been given eternal life in Christ Jesus will spend a few fleeting moments here on this earth. The rest of eternity is spent in the presence of God.

Service in the name of Christ can also live on, even though the servant has gone to his heavenly reward. A living memorial in the name of a loved one, in the form of contributions, bequests or gifts to the work of Cowboys For Christ, will be acknowledged with a reproduction of the Keith Avery drawing, "A Time For Looking Back". Keith's poem accompanying the drawing, "Checkin' the Back Trail", will also be included with the reproduction of the drawing, in a framable presentation which acknowledges the receipt of the gift.

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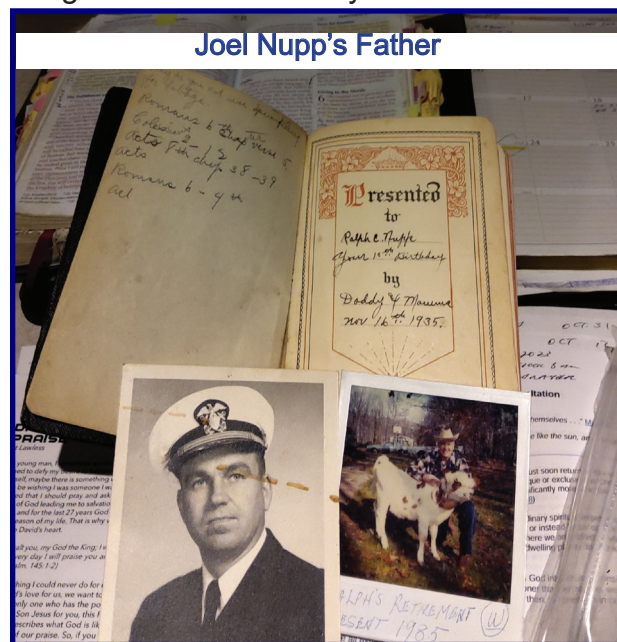
Veteran's Day

by Chaplain Joel Nupp

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."

Veterans Day

This morning as I did my morning daily devotions I thought of my dad. My hero. My Billy Graham, my example of strength and faith. I thought of my dad's upbringing on that farm amongst the plain people of Ohio. I thought of my dad with 2 degrees in engineering, 37 years a test pilot, Chief test pilot, Navy Pilot. I held and read the same Bible that was given to my dad in 1935. He was 10 years old. Days of the Great Depression. My dad. My earthly father. Taught me of a Heavenly Father.



As a 10-year-old boy. I too, gave my life to Christ. As a boy, I knew.

Veterans Day; my dad served. We found medals from the war, when he passed away. But he never spoke of them. In the Smithsonian there are planes my dad flew. There are articles written of his boldness and directions as a test pilot. He never spoke of it. My dad was quiet. Let his actions speak. I watched as every year my dad would have the mechanics and janitors out to the farm for a picnic and get the pony out for the kids. I'll never forget the lead mechanic tell me "your dad is the only pilot that brings his lunch down and eats with us." Lunch.

Brown paper bag. Humble. Quiet. Servant. Not only to God, but to others as well.let your light shine

As a boy I followed my dad to kneel at the altar. Take Communion. Bow my head. Folded my hands. Just like my dad.

Veterans Day. Oh, my dad served our country. Quietly. But he mostly served his family .

Dad, thank you. Even though your physical body has been gone from us years now, we still feel your presence.

As I spent time with the Lord this morning, I raised my hands to the sky. To God. I wept as I felt you were right here with me. In the darkness and still of the morning, I felt your spirit. I felt the Lord's Spirit. Thank you for teaching us.

2nd Annual Wisconsin Cowboys For Christ Weekend

by Michelle Rasmussen

October 6-8, 2023 we held this fun weekend at Ukarydee Equestrian Campground east of Necedah, WI. Michelle Rasmussen and Peggy Bohn gave an "Obstacles are Opportunities" clinic on Saturday morning. They helped the participants understand the steps to take in the process of helping their horses be confident with each obstacle. A key to this is to slow down and allow the horse to relax as the rider stays in position all during the ride. When the riders kept their eyes ahead and loosened the reins so the horses could stretch and move more easily, both calmed down and were in better balance! When people learn something new, we tend to hold our breath, pull the reins tighter and squeeze our legs which are all opposite of what is needed. Instead, we learn to exhale, move with the horse and hold the reins so the horse can feel free to walk forward. "My child, never drift of course from these two goals for your life-to walk in wisdom and to discover your purpose. Don't ever forget how they empower you. For they strengthen you inside and out and inspire you to do what's right; you will be energized and refreshed by the healing they bring." **Proverbs 21:22**



A Living Memorial

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In the afternoon, Michelle led Games on the Trail clinic. The riders enjoyed using trees in the Pine Plantation as opportunities to weave, Figure 8, Back through and around, ride 3 abreast down the open paths, ride their own pattern then come back together. Out on the trails, they played "Leap Frog" by having the rider in the back trot around the group to the front. "Go to the Back of the Line" was another game they played. Each of these helped the rider to focus themselves and horses on the patterns, enabling them to not just follow another, but be with the herd while riding their individual parts. This is how God has us-being individually responsible to God while living in harmony and unity in and with the Body of Christ. "Let your heart always be guided by the peace of the Anointed One (Jesus Christ), who called you to peace as part of his one body. And always be thankful." Colossians 3:15 We held a "Pot-Blessing" that evening and enjoyed fellowship while we ate delicious food together.

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Wisconsin Weekend Continued

Thanks to Mike and Tina for hosting us at their campground and setting up tables and chairs. It was a nice time of visiting and getting to know each other better. Being with brothers and sisters in the Lord is very encouraging! "For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, 'You are God's beloved child.'" **Romans 8:16**

Sunday morning started with Kelly Koch making sausage and pancakes for breakfast. Yes, he truly is a good cook!! Then we held church on horseback in the arena! Bible verses were hung around the fencing to read. We played contemporary Christian music with which to sing as we rode around, praising the Lord, taking time to read and meditate on the verses as we paused by each. We allowed ourselves to be part of the worship, and feel the freedom of what Holy Spirit wanted to do with us and through us. Hallelujah! Some of us had tears coming out of our eyes. That's when God touches our hearts and tears leak out! At the end, Michelle preached from **1 John 5**, particularly **1 John 5:20**. "And we know that the Son of God has made our understanding come alive so that we can know by experience the One who is true. And we are in Him who is true-God's Son, Jesus Christ-the true God and eternal life!" TPT

It was a blessed weekend and folks were encouraged, thankful to have "church" and worship together, outside and with our horses. It sure was a fun weekend with God blessing us with great fellowship and new friends. We look forward to holding the 3rd Annual CFC Weekend next year and may have it in September. "I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources, He give you mighty inner strength through His Holy Spirit." **Ephesians 3:16**



Michelle Rassmessen demonstrating the 360 turn



Come Gather At The Table

Riders at the Wisconsin Gathering



Riders at the Wisconsin Gathering



Michelle Teaching the Straight & Narrow Walk



Come gather at the table, we've reserved

you a seat. Every December brings forth the new season and bringing with us the good things of the season that is passing. Hope, joy, peace, faith, throughout each season. But every season has served its purpose. Our Saviors birth are things we celebrate. The presents and His presence. Where He has brought us from and where He is taking us to. Mine and Lana's word for 2023 was overflowing. Sandra, Lana and I have been tied as a 3-strand chord that cannot be easily broken. Every other week we sing, and pray, and minister, to needs, and encourage those in the Ewing wing at the hospital. What I take with me to 2024 from that is the word, "Embolden" as 2024 will be a year of open doors, as the Jewish calendar indicates. I have learned this year more than any other He is worthy to be praised. We need to offer Him praise, worship, and gratitude before asking for anything. I am taking with me into 2024;

1. God is for me-to live a victorious life.
2. God is with me=He is always with me
3. Wherever I go He is right there with me, and nothing is too hard for God to do.
4. If God is with me, who can be against me., "The battle belongs to the Lord."

A cowboy saying, I saw recently said, "Hold your tongue and live your life, for it is in the way that you live that you speak the loudest." Thank you, Jesus, that you became a man and dwelt among us. There is a gentle peace that you have, when you experience the peace of Christmas. Lord Jesus, in this season, let us not fear but have the hope of Christmas, and experience the joy of knowing you and being yours. Forget all the reasons it won't work and believe the one reason why it will. Share the love and the Word with others as there is not a single soul that doesn't need Jesus. Let your light illuminate this season. Be strong and of good courage in the Lord. Let's not forget some of; we need one another, and we are better together. We stand together yet we all stand separate.

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Gather At The Table Continued

There are four worlds that simultaneously exist and are in relationship to the other.

1. Our physical world, what we see with our eyes, our body needs to be healthy, safe, and comfortable.
 2. Our world of emotions, a place to be safe in all relationships, able to express your unique self, and be accepted and not shut down.
 3. Our intellectual world- a place for our brain to be stimulated by inspirational ideas and engaged in meaningful learning.
 4. Our spiritual world- a world that culminates or activates when each of the other worlds are nourished.
- How can this be you say? Daily prayer, seeking to serve and study can satisfy all four of your worlds' need. Social time and connection with family, community, and all of the world. Turn off your weekly routines, have some time for deeper thinking, and build your spiritual connection. Check in with each one of your worlds. Don't let any of them

of pride, emphasizing the importance of relying on Jesus for everything, especially the door of humility, where only the humble can walk through and receive blessings and assignments from God. The Jewish calendar gives us a 3 month jump on the rest of the world as it starts Sept 15th. So let's begin, let's take some apples dipped in honey for a sweet year. May we speak a blessing for a good and sweet year. "Blessed are you God, Ruler of the universe who create the fruit of the tree." Don't lose your paradise, don't eat where He says not to, "as you will surely die." This was the origins of poverty when Adam and Eve ate of the fruit. The Bible does not say which fruit, as it could have been figs as in the next verse it says they covered themselves in fig leaves. The apples dipped in honey "sweeten" correct, separate, and raise importance of love and connection among each other.

And certainly no, "egotism", the desire to enjoy at the expense of others. The key to a happy and sweet New Year is how we use our desires to enjoy, personal benefit of others, and to connect positivity with other people, Love God and love one another well. Remind yourselves of the miracles as told in God's Word, of the 'Light' of the world coming to our world. Sometimes, when things seem so broken around us, it can feel hard to see a way forward. It can feel so tough to search for things we need. This month invites us to look more deeply at the possibilities around each one. How can God's Holy Word help ground you and offer support during these difficult times? Please come sing with me, O come let us adore Him, we give Him all the glory and the praise, and we offer our sacrifices and suffering unto Him this day. When the time is right the Lord will make it happen. Be emboldened in 2024. Love and Blessings, Chaplain Bobbi

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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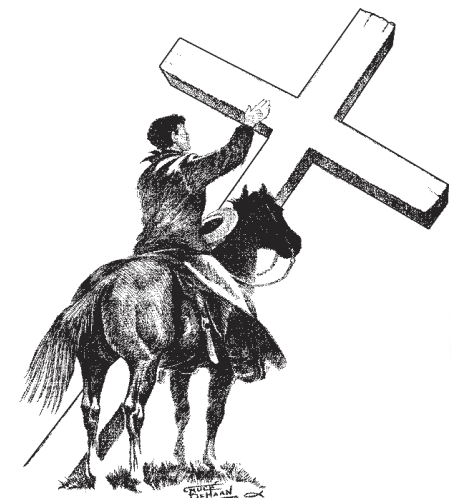
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FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Location

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Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM: Breakfast
- 9:30 AM – 12 PM: Sessions
- 12 PM – 1 PM: Lunch
- 1 PM – Mid Afternoon: Sessions

Bring with you

- your bible
- notebook and pen
- contact/business cards

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