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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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## *Praise Reports from Ohio*

by Chaplain Tammy Burton

We had a great Cowboy Church Service at Elkins Creek Horse Camp on Sunday, April 14th. The camp hosts an annual Redbud Ride, and it's a perfect time to showcase God's renewing of life after a hard winter. We had a great turn out for the Sunday service. It was so good to have services there again and to catch up with the friends Cowboys For Christ has made there!!

I also have an amazing story to share with everyone. Twelve-year-old Shelby Battista, from Williamsburg Ohio attended our CFC Cowboy Church service at Elkins Creek Horse Camp in Pedro Ohio earlier this Spring. She went home and held Cowboy Church at her own barn. Upon hearing this, I sent a Cowboys For Christ Bible to her, which was presented to her at her 13th birthday celebration! Chaplains, we are making a difference!!

**ISAIAH 6:8--And then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? And I said, "Here I am Lord, send me".**



Redbud Ride Cowboy Church

Here you can see Shelby sharing the Good News at her own barn, as well as receiving the Cowboys For Christ Bible! Thank you, Jon Winters, for sending me the pictures, and Amy Battista for allowing me to share.

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## ***Annual Retreat at Miracle Mountain Ranch***

by Chaplain Dale Brenneman

For more than two decades the West Keystone Chapter of Cowboys For Christ has been making a yearly trek to Miracle Mountain Ranch in Spring Creek, PA. Every year the fellowship is sweeter as our relationships grow deeper. The staff, led by Matt and Jenni Cox, always welcomes us as family as we participate in a fun filled weekend! The March 2024 retreat was better than ever, as we enjoyed beautifully renovated bunkhouses and milder weather. Bible Studies, Sermon From The Mount presentations, trail rides, arena work, team building games in the gym, along with inspiration from Cowboys For Christ Executive Director Dave Harvey combined to make this a very memorable time for all in attendance. This year we had thirty-six attendees, including 8 CFC Chaplains, from six states.

As we descended from the mountain, renewed and refreshed, our thoughts are already focused on our return trip next year. Next year's date is scheduled for February 28-March 2, 2025. Lord willing, we hope to see you there!



## ***The Robertson Unit Magnificent Seven: Cowboys For Christ Ministry Team***

by Chaplain De'Rome Patterson

The Cowboys for Christ Ministry Team was established through ordination by the Cowboys for Christ Chaplains of America Ministries. Warden J. Cozby opened a pathway for these Cowboy Chaplains to begin trail-blazing for God's Kingdom. Since

then, these trail blazers for God's Kingdom have earned the nickname: "The Magnificent Seven".

The fields are ripe and ready for harvest and the Magnificent Seven are in the fields. In Genesis 3:23, the word says: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. To till means to work by plowing, sowing and raising crops, cultivate.

When we truly begin to do the work of the Lord, God has specific steps for us to take and the first one is plowing. [Plowing means to open up; also to break-up.] Any time we engage in a relationship, you have to be willing to open up; be transparent through the truth which will ultimately break up the barriers so the truth can begin to enter into the relationship. By this being done intentionally it will give birth to the second step.

[Sowing: sowing means to plant seeds, to scatter abroad.] It's a beautiful thing to see the heart receive the word of God through fellowship. This fellowship is multifaceted, meaning: demonstrated through one on one seed planting moments, or group fellowship which allows the seeds to be scattered abroad to the multitudes, which leads us to step 3.

This is one of the most crucial steps. I once heard that ministry is compared to doing surgery. We are opening people up, taking out all of the bad and putting in the good. Then we have to stitch them up. Then begin the healing therapy. If this step is not properly completed, someone can die. We could lose the person or/people that God has placed in our care. That is why raising, which is step 3, is so important. [Raising means: to help to rise, awaken the dead, grow, to bring to maturity]. As a child of God, we truly know the importance of receiving help so that we can rise above our circumstances in life. When God's power has brought forth a resurrection, not just in our lives, but in the lives of our brothers and sisters as well, we all benefit spiritually as well as emotionally. This raising will cause anyone to be brought to maturity. When these steps are followed, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, we will

truly understand the meaning of cultivate. The meaning of cultivate is: [to prepare and improve, to tend and grow; to seek the good will of.] What Jesus did on the Cross was to save all of us! [2 Peter 3:9, The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.]

## ***Guy's Testimony***

by Chaplain Guy Graves

Howdy fellow Cowboys and Cowgirls out there. I am Cowboy Chaplain Guy Graves here on the Robertson Unit. Just letting you all know that I have been serving with my fellow Chaplains here working to advance the kingdom agenda. Every week for three years I have along with other men went into the hard to reach places within the Robertson Unit to preach the word. During those years hundreds of men have given their lives to Christ. Due to staffing issues and their custody level I have not been able to baptize them.

Yet in the fullness of time, God provided a mobile baptismal and on March 4th I baptized 16 men in Restrictive Housing who confessed and received Christ as their Lord. Recently Dave sent in some Bible studies and Bibles to us via Cowboy Chaplain Tommy Tutt and I have 12 men doing them at this time. Every day I walked around the unit talking to men daily counseling, teaching and spreading the gospel. Furthermore, I help conduct other church services on the unit and we had a combined baptism service where I baptized 25 more men out of the 56 who got baptized on May 24, 2024. The harvest is plentiful and we are hard at work every day going into the brush to flush out the strays bringing them in to be branded with the cross. None of this would be possible without the guidance of Tommy Tutt who has led us by being Christ-like in all his words and deeds.

Thank you all for allowing us to be a part of such a great mission.



## ***Tony's Testimony***

by Chaplain Tony Ramsey

A big "howdy" and many blessings from the Restoring Robertson! Much is happening around this camp, and we are seeing great movement of the LORD here. As one of the first two Cowboy Ordained here, it has been a true blessing to see and be a part of what the Cowboys for Christ ministry has evolved into on this unit. There are now seven of us Cowboy Chaplains here, having been named "The Magnificent Seven" by our mentor and dear brother in Christ, Cowboy Chaplain Tommy Tutt. We are striving to follow the LORD's lead and be humble, effective servants in the place we are currently planted. Several of us, myself included, were privileged to participate in many baptisms as a Sunrise service on Resurrection Sunday. What a blessing that was! Quite humbling to learn of the influence you've had on someone and their desire to have you baptize them.

On another note, I want to quickly share a nest story about Cowboy and Cowboy Chaplains networking to meet people's needs, all the way across the State of Texas. Cowboy Chaplain Angie McAlexander learned of a lady in Dallas area whose husband was passing through the Robertson Unit on transit and was without the basic necessities of life. She contacted Cowgirl Chaplain Tina Perkins, knowing that she and I are in regular contact, to inform us of this gentleman's needs and request that I reach out to him. Thanks to the trust we Cowboy Chaplains have acquired on this unit, I was able to go visit that young man the next morning. After meeting his needs, Cowboy Chaplain Quinton Henry and I were able to pray with him, before parting ways. A true blessing how God used us that day, and a magnificent way us Cowboy and Cowgirl

Chaplains were able to work together, even with many miles and razor-wired fences between us. We look forward to what the future holds here.

## ***Letter***

From Ellen Achenbaugh

Cowboys for Christ, thank you for all you do in sharing God's Word. God is such a blessing to all who seek Him. For those whom are believers and are not truly seeking Him with all their heart and soul, I would suggest they read Rev., 3:14-17 with emphasis on vs. 15-16. This is the church of the Laodiceans of today as to how we are living. God convicted me at the age of 80 telling me in verse 16, because I was lukewarm, He will spue (vomit) me out of His mouth. I gasped because I had not been reading Scripture. I have a Charles Stanley Life Principles Bible which gives me structure in what I read. I have been so blessed in this past 3 ½ years. I pray for wisdom, understanding and the truth in His Word every day. God is opening up new understanding, and it is like finding new treasures of wisdom. Again, thank you for all you do for the Lord in bringing His children to His light.

## ***Surprising Ministry Opportunities***

by Keith Barnes

James 2:15-16 (NASB) If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?

Summary of Matt. 25: 45 (NASB) "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Saturday my wife and I helped a lady move her horse from south of Atlanta Georgia to north of Atlanta (a two-hour drive). Of course, you know how ranch work goes. One of the brakes on her trailer locked up, so we had to get that fixed first. Finally, with that fixed, we loaded the horse and headed north. Two hours later we were unloading the horse at his new pasture. The owner was grateful and tried to pay us for the trip,

but we declined. You know, doing things for others is just the cowboy way. We take care of each other.

We stood around talking, watching the horse explore his new pasture. Before we knew it the owner was opening up to us about problems and issues she was facing with kids and finances. This lady has had a rough couple of years. Her husband died from covid a few years ago leaving her with five kids to raise by herself. A little over a year later, her son died from brain cancer. My wife spent the next two and a half or three hours ministering to her right there at the pasture. This mom found herself in tears of joy, standing beside a horse trailer knowing that God cared enough about her to send a couple that was willing to take their whole Saturday to meet a need she had and show God's love to her.

Many people restrict their understanding of where and how ministry takes place to Sunday morning worship and sermon. I think Jesus met people where they were and ministered to them on the spot. Jesus ministered in the streets, in the market place, on mountain side and from a boat just off shore. He ministered to people in the wilderness, while seating at the well in Samaria, while walking down the road and yes, in the Synagogue. I think Jesus would minister to people at rodeos, barrel races, roping and ranch sorting events, too. Why? Because God loves cowboys and cowgirls.

## ***NEEDED: HORSE SHOW CHAPLAINS***

If you are called to serve the Lord in the Horse Show World, we have a great need for Horse Show Chaplains to take the Word to the Cowboys and Cowgirls at Horse Shows of all Breeds. Please Call Dave to talk about how you can start in this amazing ministry!

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## *My Journey to Finding Christ*

by Sharon McKinney

Growing up, I always felt a deep sense of longing and emptiness within me, despite having a seemingly fulfilling life by worldly standards. I chased after success, validation, and pleasure; hoping they would fill the void in my heart. Yet, no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't shake off the feeling that something crucial was missing. It was during one of my lowest moments when I hit rock bottom and felt utterly lost and hopeless, that I encountered Christ in a profound and life-changing way. I was in the midst of a personal crisis, overwhelmed by my struggles and burdened by my sins. In my desperation, I cried out to God for help, not knowing if anyone was listening or if anyone cared. To my amazement, God answered my prayers in a way I never expected. He didn't just rescue me from my circumstances; he revealed himself to me in his boundless love and grace. Through the kindness and compassion of a friend who shared the Gospel with me, I began to understand the depth of God's love for me, despite my flaws and failures. As I learned more about Jesus Christ and his sacrifice on the cross for my sins, I was overwhelmed by his mercy and forgiveness. I realized that I could never earn my salvation through my efforts or good deeds; it was a gift freely given by God through faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. In a moment of surrender and repentance, I opened my heart to Jesus Christ and invited him to be the Lord and Savior of my life. It was a decision that transformed me from the inside out, filling the emptiness in my soul with his peace, joy and purpose. I experienced the truth of Jesus' words when he said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Since then, my journey with Christ has been a continual process of growth, learning and transformation. He has walked with me through the valleys and the mountaintops, comforting me in times of sorrow, guiding me in times of uncertainty

and strengthening me in times of weakness. Today, I am grateful beyond words for the gift of salvation and the privilege of knowing Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. He has filled my life with meaning, hope and everlasting love, and I am forever changed by his grace.

## *Quentin's Testimony*

by Chaplain Quentin Henry

God is really moving here on the Robertson unit. Not only has He blessed us with an awesome warden (Jennifer Cozby), but she seeks the same goal as we do here, for men's lives to have a complete and lasting change in here as well as outside. God has opened a door for us as Cowboy Chaplains to function in our calling. Through her by the grace of God we are able to minister Jesus across the unit, teach classes and help men find hope in Jesus instead of the things they did before. God has granted me the privilege of being with the men on 7 building, the G4s (the wild ones as some would call them). They are encouraged to see that they are cared for. God has truly given me a heart for these men, truth be told, they're the ones that encourage me. God Bless.

## *Donald's Testimony*

by Chaplain Donald Kenebrew

Howdy, and God Bless!

We the "Magnificent 7" here at the Restoring Robertson Unit, want all to know that we appreciate your support of us, in prayers and otherwise. We proudly represent the brand (Cowboys For Christ), in word and action, for the glory of God.

The Bibles and Bible studies we received from you, are definitely being utilized. We are using them in classroom environments, as well as in groups of personalized studies for greater interaction. We the "7" are active and effectively busy, being Spirit led, in participation in all areas of service, unto the Father. Baptizing, preaching, counseling, teaching, praying, and just in general, being a hitching post for others.

There is much to be done for the harvest,

as we the "Magnificent 7", will continue in striving to do our part at the Restoring Robertson Unit.

## *My Testimony*

by David Melton

To whom it may concern, my name is David Melton, people who know me call me, cowboy. I'm from a little town, Mt Pleasant, Arkansas. I was raised right, pretty successful as a working man, no money, but blessed to see a lot of things in my life. Construction has been my career, but cowboying my passion. In 2000, I met the late great Rick Wheat, founder of the Noavel Headstall. A few years later, I became a certified clinician on the road with Rick Wheat, taken in more of cowboying and horsemanship than I ever thought possible. Living a dream, a life of unstoppable events.

Rick didn't just teach me a better way to have a more successful connection to the horse and people, but his practice in life itself was more than I had known, a peaceful life through God. As I enjoyed the fame, I also indulged in the bottle and becoming something I'm not. I now find myself daily praying for relief of my shame and for my chance to be release from prison, possible next year. I fear that I've lost everything I've worked for; home, clothes, tools, etc., even respect for myself, but I've not lost what I've been taught. At 61, I've taken my farriering experience and now shoe horses and training colts for the Arkansas Department of Corrections. God, again blessing me and using me where I can feel as free as possible when I'm with the horses.

I ask for your prayers on my behalf and that maybe God will allow me to have some back that I've lost and wasted, that I'm able to complete some of my unfinished tasks, dreams, goals, and promises I've made, that I be forgiven and learn how to fully forgive and I become worthy once again. Thank you and I'm also asking for one of your Cowboys For Christ Bibles. I do know Jesus as my Savior and Lord and am proud to be able too, but I did stray from the right

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## Melton Testimony Continued

path and have to endure the consequences of my drunken actions.

Again, I would appreciate your prayers for my parole next year and my safety during my incarceration here at the North Central Unit. And my future to continue being helpful to the horse, not just helping the animal to better adjust and understand us, but for us the people, to remember that the horse is too a gift from God, to love and take care of, not just to use.

## Chester's Testimony

by Chaplain Chester Bell

My name is Chester Bell. I am number six of the Magnificent Seven here on the Robertson unit. I and my fellow chaplains have been busy for the last six months. This past Friday 5-24-24, we baptized 56 men in a joint baptism service. My role and calling is to pray. And I did that, as well as prayer covering for the service and I prayed for each man individually for the entire service. I don't know if you have prayed for three hours straight but I was full of the Spirit and needed a nap at the same time. It was so good to see so many new brothers to publicly proclaim their salvation and faith in Jesus. Some of the other things I do as a Chaplain, include the following: I am the Prayer Pastor for my church. As well as the Leader for spiritual warfare an intervention. I also serve as a Kairos Building rep, where I lead the stewards during the Kairos walks. I also teach a class called Walk the Walk, where we teach deliverance, discipleship and Spiritual Gifting. I also pass out and help men in completing the Cowboys for Christ Bible studies part 1, 2, & 3 that Dave and Chaplain Tommy Tutt have been so kind in getting in here to us. I am always striving to be a good servant for the Lord and to teach His ways as I help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Get a good hold and a far away look.



## Tommy's Testimony

by Chaplain Tommy Hutchins

As a Cowboy for Christ Chaplains of America, I have been called to service in the Kingdom of God. Learning how to develop my gifts as a leader. Many aspire to be a leader, but few understand its true nature. Being a Cowboys for Christ Chaplain has helped me to understand what leadership is, and isn't. Leadership is not an ego game. True Leadership has vision and places the goals of the institution above their own interest. True Leadership realizes the importance of the people working with them. True leaders are not only open to good ideas, but also have the courage to implement them. Please keep the Cowboys for Christ Chaplains at the Robertson Unit in prayer that as the Holy Spirit leads us we are able to lead men to our King and His Kingdom!

## The Final Words

by Chaplain De'Rome Patterson

First and foremost it is a blessing and an honor just to be able to serve in the kingdom of God, let alone to be a part of the Cowboys for Christ Chaplains of America Ministry. This trail ride has been a thriller, definitely one to remember. The way that God has continued to move throughout this unit has been nothing shy of a miracle. Through the blessing of the Senior Warden, Jennifer Cozby, we have been allowed to really get in the trenches to help save souls and to advance God's kingdom. Jesus showed us that real ministry involves getting your hands dirty. Reaching those that are within reach. Meaning those who are right there by you. Throughout the Scriptures Jesus did miracles with those who were right there with him and by that the word was able to spread, which ultimately cultivated outreach. It was because of his "in-reach", that made His "out-reach" so amazing. And it is the same way with us today when we are able to minister to those within our reach with the love and compassion of Christ. The word of God says, "If He be lifted up He will draw all men unto him." That's the power of "in-reach".

We are all servants in the field of life, and God is expecting a harvest. I leave you with this quote. "Your kindness to others is the rent we pay for our place on Earth."

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](mailto:cfcmail@cowboysforchrist.org)

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

**Cowboys Cowboys For Christ**, Thanks for your ministry and for sending us the newspaper another year. God bless you and we enjoy the testimonies of changing lives, In Jesus' Name. He is coming back; the sooner, the better. It all started hearing Bro Ted Pressley at the Ohio Quarter Horse Congress. Keep up the good work. God is good. Jon & Elizabeth in Indiana

**To Whom It May Concern**, hi, my name is Crystal. I am currently incarcerated at the county jail. I learned about your Bible studies from another inmate here and I am interested. I did in fact, pray the salvation prayer and am ready for that new leap! I hope to hear back from y'all. Thank you so very much, Crystal in Texas

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Letters to the Editor

**Hello**, My name is Chris and I am an inmate at Pekin FCI in Illinois. I would like to enroll in the Cowboys For Christ Bible Study. A good friend, Juan from Grand Prairie and fellow inmate recommended the study to me to improve and enrich my walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. I too, hunger for the word of God and crave the peace of which it brings. I thank you, Cowboys For Christ in advance for enrolling me and for your time with this matter. God bless you all, Chris in Illinois. PS; could I also receive the Cowboys For Christ newspaper. Thank you for all you do for the men and women behind barbed wire.

**Cowboys For Christ**, I had a thought the other day while I was brushing my horse. The next time someone says to me “the Bible is not the Word of God” I intend to say, Oh, really, then explain to me Genesis 3:14. When was the last time you heard of a snake walking up to someone to bite them. Jesus is Lord, John 3:16. Karen in Missouri

**Cowboys For Christ**, hello, my name is Joe Newton. I am currently an inmate at the county jail. Though I am innocent of the crime I’m being held for I have come to realize through reading the Bible, I’ve been guilty of so much worse by not living my life for God. Since being locked up I have found salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. I found your Bible study packet in the jail library (Living Under His Wings) and have completed all three sections with my answers included in this correspondence. I’m requesting the Completion Certificate for the study, as well as, a KJV or NKJV or whatever you have on hand and any and all courses and study material that is in your heart to send. It will be read daily, shared and applied to my life. Thank you so much for spreading God’s Word. Joe in Texas PS I did not write on the Bible study pack, so after I work on the memory verses, I can pass it to another.

**To Whom It May Concern**, my name is Michael and I got to read a Cowboys For Christ Bible and absolutely loved it. How can I purchase or receive a Bible such as it. It seemed so easy to understand and realize we all need Jesus. I look at life as this: God’s purpose has a plan! God’s plan has a purpose! Any info would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Michael in Virginia

**Cowboys For Christ**, Greetings and blessing to you! I am writing because I came across a pamphlet called; “Which horse will you ride and which trail will you take” and it really got me to thinking. I have been on the wrong horse and trail for way too long. And while God is not new to me, I have really slid way back. Being a Christ follower in prison is not an easy thing and that has caused me to slide back from God. But I have prayed the prayer of salvation and would like to be added to your prayer list. I have been incarcerated for 29 years and really need to change and so whatever kind of studies you can send to help my walk would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all y’all do to help people find Christ and the truth. May god bless you always, you are in my prayers as well. Charles in Texas

**Cowboys For Christ**, Hello brethren, grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord. Just this short letter to request the Bible you guys offer. I was letting one of the brothers in here know how I’ve been wanting a good Bible and he gave me you guys’ address. God’s been moving here on this yard. The attendance at church is picking up and guys are getting saved. Thank you, guys, for the work you do. May the Lord open up the windows of Heaven and pour out blessings, upon blessing on you guys and your ministry. With love, Eric in California

**To whom it may concern**, I am writing this letter to request a subscription to the Christian Ranchman newspaper. Thank you for taking the time to read this. God bless! Sincerely Brian in Pennsylvania

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STATEMENT OF POSITION

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...

## HELP AND COMFORT

**Ps 94:16-19** 16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will stand up for me against the evildoers? 17 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul would have soon lived in silence. 18 When I said, "My foot is slipping!" Your loving kindness, LORD, held me up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, your comforts delight my soul.

Help and comfort or fear and anxiety! All four are certainly apparent in this troubled and evil world, but who gets what and when. The adversary sure wants to add to any and all problems and if he

can add fear and anxiety to our everyday lives, then he will certainly make the most of every opportunity. He also has a bunch of minions, some in very high places and with much authority, to add to the problems, which undoubtedly increases the fear and anxiety. And according to our text, this is not a modern situation or something that is new to our human existents on this earth. We are in the world and we are subjected to the trials and tribulations of this world, whether we like it or not, and they have all been here since the fall of sinful mankind. God's Holy Word has the answers against these attacks and problems from the adversary, his workers of evil or from our own sinfulness and lack of standing strong against the devil. The Psalmist clearly reveals the truth in his time and this truth is still very active and effective in our time, too. And we may fall, if we are unprepared for these attacks and merrily chase after the world and its sinfulness. We win only through and by the Lord and his power, strength and might. We have uncountable amounts of mercy, grace and love from the Lord, but we certainly need the faith, and his strength and ability to stand strong during times of attack.

Who do you go to for help and comfort. I know it is of little concern when everything is great and all is well, but things normally don't stay that way all of the time. The devil sure likes to sneak into our lives and disrupt our peace and comfort. He has made a special effort to be the liar that he is famous for; always spreading his untruth or half lies to make life a living hell and he is really good at his business. Plus, he is not at all lazy or caring about what he does, when he does it and how he does it, so we certainly need to be prayed up, studied up and seeking the Lord Jesus Christ, at all times and in every way. The writer in our text was evidently under heavy attack and he was laying out his battle plan and he declared victory, which he has readily revealed to us. God's Word is the battle plan and for sure, the way to victory, but we need to follow this time honored and proven way to victory and eternal life from the holy God. The holy Word of God is such a wonderful gift to mankind, and we certainly have the living Word of God to guide us through the pitfalls, trials and problems of this trouble world and on to eternal victory. And God's living Word is still the same as it was when the Holy Spirit led writer of Psalm 94 penned these wonderful words for us to read, heed and follow. They are here for us, but are you receiving this life providing, life comforting, life protecting and eternal life-giving directions: daily. And I am talking about you setting down and reading and studying God's Holy Word and seeking his will and plan for your life, every day.

Not only do we have God's Word, but we have free, paid in full, always available, direct communication with the Holy God in which we can take our needs, our desires, our trials, our tribulations and our battles directly into the throne room of the Holy God. We are very special to the Father, and we also have a High Priest who is the sinless Son of God and who readily understands our weakness and even our sinfulness. "Heb 4:14-16 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." What without sin; not me, not you, but him, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

You will not receive help, you will not receive comfort and you are totally defenseless, without the Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. You are alone in this sinful world and you are on your own; no help, no comfort, no Savior and no Holy Spirit. Wait just a minute, I am not alone just because I haven't made a decision one way or the other; I'm on the fence. Folks, Satan owns the fence, and everything else in this sinful world, except God's children, and you are either God's child or you are not; one or the other, no in-between. And not only does Satan own the world, but he is seeking your soul to keep for himself, or better yet, to destroy, which is very clearly explained 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." But we have a Savior who responds immediately in the next verse and tells us what to do: "1 Peter 5:9-11 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." You can fight the fight of life alone and seek help and comfort on your own, but the Psalmist declared that he was not fighting alone; he was depending on the Lord. What about you? Are you ready for eternity and help and comfort from the Lord.

Choose Jesus Christ today, In Christ,

*Dave*







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James and Charlene Gibson with  
Dave Harvey



## Ordination of James & Charlene Gibson

by Dave Harvey

I was so greatly blessed and honored to share the Word, and a little about Cowboys For Christ and officiate at the ordination of Charlene and James Gibson at the Rock Church in King, North Carolina. James and Charlene have grown up in the cowboy world and are very active in the rodeo circuit, as Charlene competes in barrel racing. They hope to be even more active, especially in reaching out to the cowboys and cowgirls throughout the state and as the Holy Spirit leads. A big thank you to Pastor John Blackburn and all of the great folks at the Rock Church for such a warm welcome. They certainly have a greatly talented Praise and Worship team, of which James sings and plays the keyboard, and I am sure he will turn that talent towards the cowboy ministry as him

and Chalene hit the rodeos sharing Jesus Christ. Please keep James and Charlene and all of our Chaplains in your prayers for safety and a great harvest for the Kingdom of God.

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### Ministry Report

by Chaplains James & Charlene Gibson

I would like to thank Jacob and Hayley Dagenhart owners of Rafter K Rodeo Company for having Charlene and I to represent Cowboys for Christ at the 3rd annual King American Legion Rodeo on June 7th and 8th in King NC. They have had sell out attendance for this event every year. They also hold a winter series bull riding that is attended equally as well. Our relationship with this family goes back 50 years to when they began producing events and it was a very welcoming environment to be in with our first ministry event following our ordination earlier in the year. I would also like to thank our close friend Robin Hooker who donated a tent for use in the ministry which we used at the event where

### Chaplain James Gibson Ministering at King Rodeo



we provided study material and information about the ministry for those who dropped by. There was also a time of study and prayer each night before the event with cowboys and cowgirls that would be contesting and any others that wished to attend. Local minister John Jarvis who has been very faithful to the King cowboy community was on hand each night to give the Word and we were glad to be able to assist and undergird him and establish our relationship with him. It was a great time and we could not have asked for a better start on our journey with Cowboys for Christ.

### My Testimony

by Chaplain Charlene Gibson

This is 40 years wrapped up in a few paragraphs. Let's start with I did not grow up in church. We Rodeo so we were gone a lot on the weekend. When I was in my early

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### 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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## Charlene Testimony Continued

20's I realized I did not really like the worldly life style.

I met a Christian Cowgirl that I moved in with for a while. We would get up & go feed the horses, come back and have breakfast and while we ate breakfast, she would read her devotion out loud to me every day. Then she started talking to me about Jesus and Salvation and how important it was to get saved and have a personal relationship with the Lord.

So, I accepted Jesus into my heart and was saved. I was immediately hungry for the Word of God because we had already been reading it every day. So anytime I had a little time I would sit down and read my Bible instead of watching TV. Then we started having Cowboy Church or Prayer before the Rodeos. In 1981 or 82 a friend invited Ted Pressley over here to have Cowboy Church at our SRA Rodeo Finals in Charlotte NC. This was my first introduction to Ted Presley and Cowboys for Christ.

A little later on I meet my husband to be James Gibson. We would have a short Word and Prayer before the Rodeos. pass out Cowboy for Christ New Testament's and tracts to whoever wanted one. I knew this call was placed on our lives in 1989, although it has taken us this long to meet Dave Harvey and become true Cowboys for Christ Chaplains. As with many people's testimonies there has been highs and lows. Hot and luke warm until I get sick of my flesh and my messes, and then back to the burning desire to be walking with the Lord. We are now saying; Yes, Lord send me.

## My Testimony

by Chaplain Russell Kreider

I was a born and raised Christian. I was brought up in the Methodist Church. I have been a believer ever since I can remember. Problem was I haven't always been a true follower of Jesus Christ. Oh, I always went to church. I went to youth group, and ever prayed before my wrestling matches. But, then the temptations of this world and Satan led me astray. My world kind of fell apart.

Chaplain Charlene Gibson Running Barrels



Russell Kreider & Chaplain Chris Mathews



I got married, was blessed with a pair of twins, one boy and one girl. Four years later I got divorced. Not exactly the way I had it planned. A few years later I remarried. We had a girl and then two years later we had a boy.

My son was born with a tumor on his kidney and was moved to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital. Four days after he was born the surgeon went in and removed the tumor and the kidney. We thought everything was going to be good after the surgery. Four days later we were told that after the procedure our son's stomach had died. Before we could get back to the hospital, the surgeon had gone back in and removed the stomach and spleen. The next couple days saw no improvement. An associate Pastor from our church came to the hospital and we had a dedication ceremony for our son. You

could tell the pastor was struggling a bit, I think he was new to this situation. The nurse that was taking care of our boy was present at the time, and she opened her Bible and started reading. After the dedication my wife and I went home to make some hard decisions.

Later, I ended up on the steps of our church. I really wanted the security of being at the altar, but there was no way to get inside, so, I settled for the front steps. I prayed to our Lord and Savior to heal our son. I also asked God to take me and let my son live. I know that bargaining was not what I should be doing. I was blessed that night by one prayer received and one prayer ignored. I was allowed to live and the next morning the nurse called and said that not long after the dedication our son made a complete turn-around for the better and was going to make it. Three months later there was an experimental surgery and a pouch was made out of the small intestines. It took three years for our son to eat by mouth. I know there was a reason he was born to the mother he has. He is 21 years old now and I was blessed that night to still be here to see it.

I don't remember the nurse's name that took care of our son and finished the dedication, but we went back to the hospital to see her and she had left the hospital. I am pretty sure she was our son's Angel. An Angel on earth or from heaven above, still an Angel!!

***Congratulations and welcome to our newest Chaplain, Russell Kreider, who was Ordained on June 9 at the Christian Family Roundup at Mammoth Cave Horse Camp in Kentucky. A big thank you to Chaplain and Pastor Chris Mathews for officiation at Rusty's Ordination service.***





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### *What is a Cowboy?*

by Tom Kerlin

The dictionary defines a cowboy as “a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the Western United States, and as represented in westerns and novels.”

A dictionary of slang defines a “cowboy as a person who is reckless or careless, and one who doesn’t always follow the rules.” I know many of you have heard the term “cowboy” used in such a way. Personally, I have never known a cowboy who just willy-nilly went head long into something with reckless abandonment or refusing to follow the rules pertaining to their endeavor. I have known some who have thrown caution to the wind when trying to save a fellow human being, or even an injured animal. And I have known some who disregarded a rule or two when the so-called rules were wrong-headed. But generally, that was the exception and not the “rule.”

I recently read that “being called a cowboy is often a term of endearment. It’s a term that many are proud of. From time to time, it can mean that a person will get the job done no matter how difficult the task may be. Their can’t quit, won’t quit attitude that can be bullheaded and stubborn, but shows a person’s drive and determination.” That

sure describes the cowboys whom I have known.

There is a lot of information in that short statement. It implies the real attitude of what we have come to understand about a real cowboy. And that attitude should embody the role of each of us in Cowboys For Christ. Each of us should adopt that can’t quit, won’t quit attitude in serving our Lord and Master, and putting Jesus at the fore-front in our lives. We should live each day as a witness to our fellowmen that God is real, Jesus is our Savior, and, as the song says, “Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow.”

### *Encouragement: Part #4*

by Chaplain/Pastor J.C. Shook

Blessings brothers and sisters, I’ve been a bit perplexed of how to begin part #4 of this five-part series. So, I will start it off with this question; have you put much thought into the “signs of the end of the ages-end times?” If you haven’t, I would start with reading Matthew 24. I believe we are in the birth pains and in Mat. 24-10-12 really causes me concern. “At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,” Matt. 24:10-12 and my question to you is: “are you ready for this?” How are you helping and/or mentoring your loved ones to not fall into this?

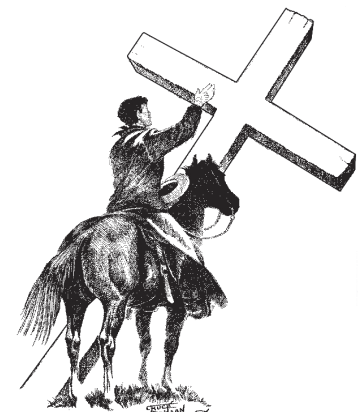
If you have been following my 5-part series you would know: Relationship, Love, and Time have been mentioned in part 1 thru 3. The next topic of discussion is: ENCOURAGEMENT-(part 4.) I believe the Lord has given the commandment to be encouragers to battle against what’s occurring in the above-mentioned Scriptures. (Heb. 3:13 and 10:25) So, as times are getting tougher for many, DO YOU SEE how important these topics are: Relationship, Love, Time and Encouragement?

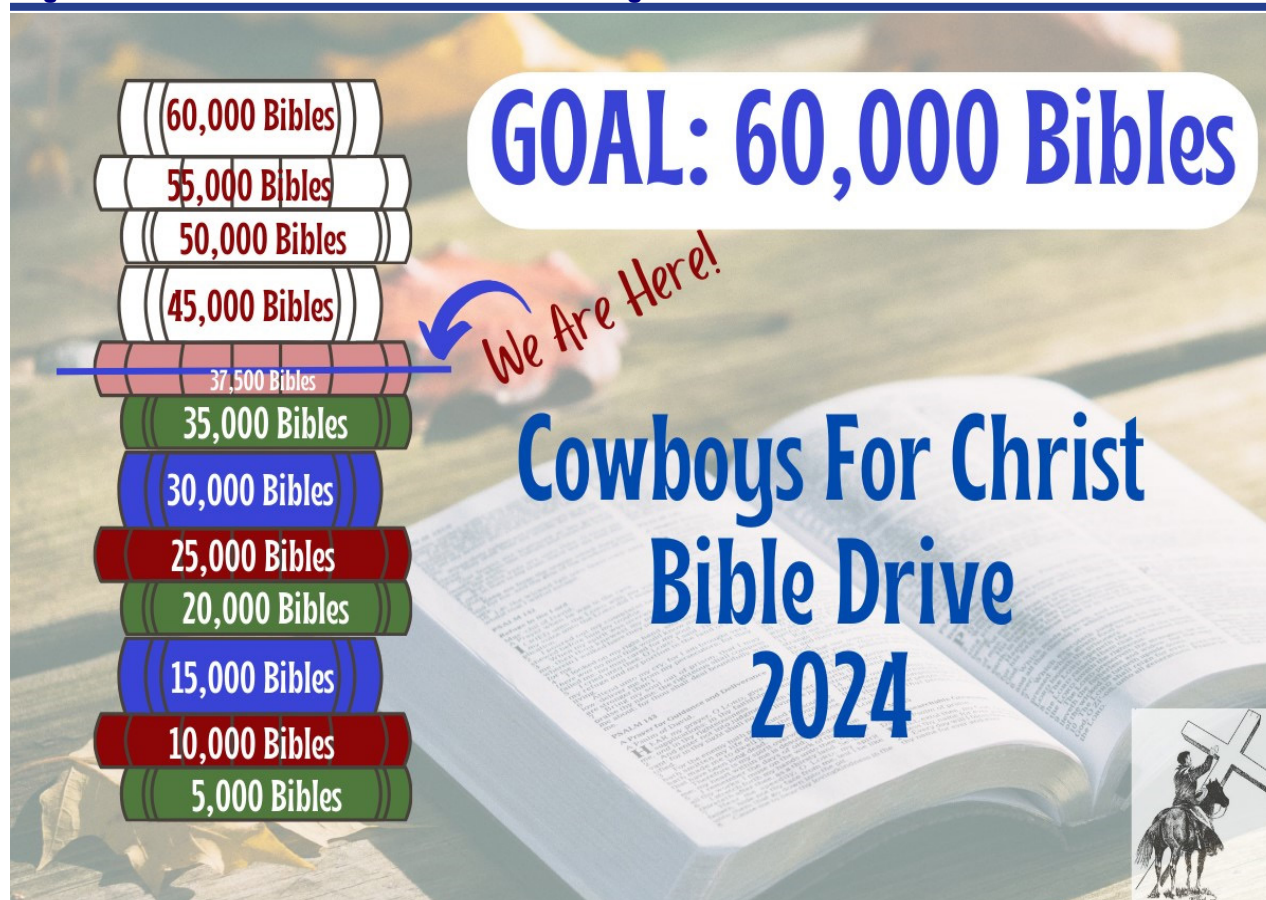
Encouragement defined by the Oxford Thesaurus (2008) says: “a bit of heartening, cheering up, inspirations, morale-boosting, to spur on, prodding, goading, cultivation,

nurture, fostering, sponsoring and help.” When I was going over this the word Mentor, came to the forefront of my thoughts. How many of us had amazing mentors that encouraged us over the years? Boy, I had several that I would love to give thanks to. For example, my horse trainers Jerry Shook (dad) who trained under world champion Buster Welch and Karen Quinn.

Also, Abel Lopez, my Martial Arts instructor, SSgt. Paul Kirk, my Ranger buddy, who helped me get into the 2nd Ranger Battalion. And Chaplain Samuel Lee in mentoring me to be a good shepherd. Finally, I must mention Chaplain Dave Harvey, he has blessed me in this ministry and just last week he wrote me a very encouraging letter. My mother, Elizabeth has always been there for me, but my biggest encourager has been the one holding me in His hand. “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.” 2Thes. 2:16-17 I’m also reminded of Apostle Paul, who was such an encourager to Timothy. Paul gave Timothy this charge: “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.” 2Tim. 4:2

In closing, you could be a difference maker more than you know, whether young or old. All you need is to start with some form of encouragement towards someone. Then give a little of your time and you may need to be persistent on this. Finally, build the relationships with HIS kind of love and trust in Him for applying the growth, (see 2 Cor. 6:1-2).





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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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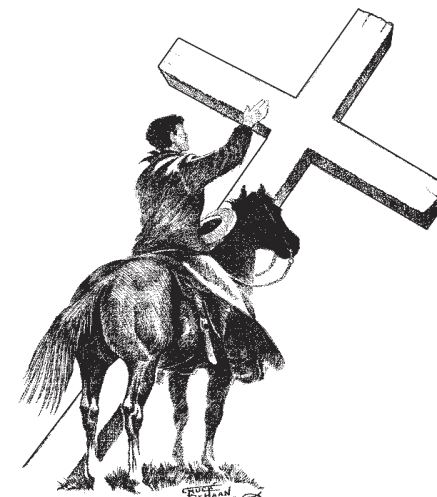
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# COWBOYS FOR CHRIST GATHERING

September 27 – 29, 2024  
Check-In Sept 26!

at Elkins Creek Horsecamp  
Pedro, OH

## FACILITIES

- Scenic riding trails through the Wayne National Forest
- Hook-ups for campers
- Limited number of cabins
- Restrooms w/hot showers
- Stalls
- Bedding

## ACTIVITIES

- Daily Bible Study led by Chaplain Dale Brenneman
- Evening devotion led by Executive Director Dave Harvey
- CFC Chaplain spotlights– show or tell us what amazing thing God did in your ministry this past year
- Concerts by Poverty String Band and Mercy Line
- Ice Cream Social

## SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT CFC BIBLE FUND

Bring an auction item! Items will be on display and bids may be submitted until Saturday night. Items will be awarded during the intermission of the Saturday night concert. All proceeds go to the CFC Bible Fund to help pay the printing and shipping costs of the thousands of free Bibles distributed every year by CFC!

Make your reservation soon -  
campsites are filling up! Make your  
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How would you like to be involved in a ministry that takes the **GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST** to **Cowboys and Cowgirls** wherever they ride the trails of life? We would certainly **like for you to join us** in a very unique and rewarding ministry, and **we will help you get started** through the power and guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT. **Please pray about starting a local chapter of Cowboys For Christ**, especially if you are not afraid of a bunch of hard work, long hours, and eating the trail dust of service to the LORD. It will take **boldness, dedication, and commitment**, but the sheer joy of saddling up for JESUS CHRIST is worth the effort, and the rewards are totally out of this world. Contact us about a **Chapter Start Up Packet**, and let's work together to make a difference in your area to change lives for eternity just as **Cowboys For Christ** has done for over fifty years.



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