

Volume 48, Number 3 "...By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another." John 13:35 May / Jun 2024

A Special Service for a Special Young Cowboy by Dave Harvey

Titius Sloan is our newest and youngest Chaplain, as I was so blessed to preach and officiated at a special service at Resurrection Church in Lenoir North Carolina on April 7. Titius had a great group of family, friends and church members to attend the service with special music, then they turned the service over to me to share the Gospel. It was truly a joy to be a part of helping this young man expand his service to the Lord and to become our newest Chaplain. Titius is very active in the cowboy and rodeo world and he will be ministering to the rodeo cowboys and cowgirls under the Cowboys For Christ banner to tell them about our Lord and Savior. It is so important that Cowboys For Christ and all ministries reach out to the young folks and help them to become faithful and dedicated servants to serve the Lord. I was so impressed with Titius and his strong desire to serve the Lord in the cowboy world, especially with his youthful energy and commitment. The devil is sure attracting the youth and when we have the opportunity to equip these young workers

to serve the Holy God, then I am sure ready to help them saddle up and ride in service to the Lord. Please be in prayer for Titius and all of our Chaplains as they go to share Jesus Christ, as they are called and led by the Holy Spirit.

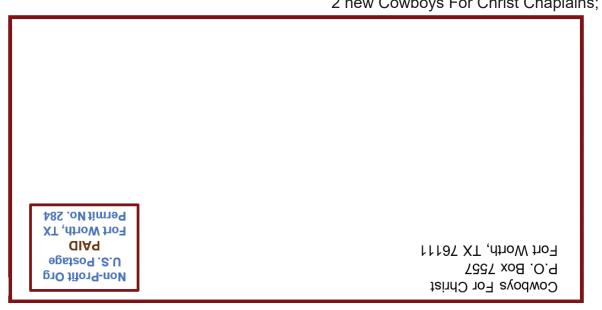
Dave Harvey and Junior Chaplain Titius Sloan



# Ordination of Cary & Roxie Stultz. by Chaplain Joel Nupp

John 15:16" You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit."

We had the honor of standing in for Dave Harvey and doing the ordination service for 2 new Cowboys For Christ Chaplains;





Cary and Roxie Stultz. I was invited to hold Cowboy Church at the Pennsylvania Horse World Expo at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. And this turned out to be the perfect place for their ordination. It was well attended and the sermon was on Galatians 1:10 "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings or of God?" And that is sure a big question for each one of us to ask. Am I trying to please God, or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a Chaplain and I would not be a servant of Christ."

I shared about my 20 plus years as a horse dentist and in 2004 I was picked up in a golf cart to give my first lecture on equine dentistry at Maryland Horse World Expo outside Baltimore MD. From all the years of trying to show folks that I was some hot shot dentist ......to my now finding my place in serving the Lord and building the Lord's Kingdom.

I thank Denise Parsons, who runs these beautiful venues that bring the horse world together. The friendships we've made over the years is invaluable.

God is calling us all in our different gifts to spread the Gospel. Congratulations to our new Chaplains and God bless them.

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Ordination of Will & Marcia Rytky by Dave Harvey

On April 3, 2024 in the big sky state of Montana, Marcia & Will Rytky were Ordained as Chaplains at the Outdoorsmen Church in Missoula, MT. We were blessed to have Pastor Peter Zipp officiate the service and to have the church come together for "the laying on of hands" in prayer for Marcia & Will. After a long conversation on the phone with Pastor Peter of the Outdoorsman Church, I was stirred to ask him to conduct the ordination service of Marcia and Will, and he agreed to be a part of equipping them to minister under the Cowboys For Christ banner. I so greatly appreciate the help from Pastor Peter and the fine folks at Outdoorsmen Church and especially their support and prayers for our newest Chaplains in Montana. Spring is here and the cowboy world is certainly coming alive throughout the northern part of the nation, with so many cowboy and equine activities. It is assured that the Missoula and Bonner area cowboys and cowgirls will be introduced to the Good News of Jesus Christ by our new Chaplains in that area. As you can see April was an active month for new Chaplains, please be in prayer for them and all of our Chaplains as they go to share Jesus Christ to the hurting, the lonely, and the lost.

# *I Believe - I Receive* by Richard Pullins

MY name is Richard Pullins and I'm currently in prison and I've been locked up going on 4 years and in that time, I've found the Bible and Jesus Christ. A little how I ended up here is that I've been abusing drugs and alcohol since the age of 19. I've always held jobs and relationships, just never could get away from the booze and drugs. About 5 years prior to being arrested my drug use

turned a lot worse and led me to being locked up. The reason I was arrested is not the person I am or ever planned to be. But I keep telling myself that the worst thing I ever did, is the best thing that ever happened to



me because I found Jesus Christ and the Bible and I'm happy for that.

I don't know without all this happening in my life, if that would of ever happened. I have about 3 years; give or take, and I just want my faith and knowledge of the Word to grow strong. That brings me to the reason I'm writing you is that I don't have a lot of support on the outside and I'm looking for information on Bible Study Correspondence courses, daily devotions, Christian books and other Christian resources. I just want everyone to know that there is no one that is beyond God's saving power. I just hope my past failures will allow others to have hope.

# 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 of their very own. And I stress that each Bible be filled out with their name and the date of those receiving their new Bible. Our Bible program started with a Bible Fund Raising Drive in 2014 and in March of 2019 we received our first shipment of 15,000 of the Cowboys For Christ ERV Bibles. And we have freely shared these Bibles 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) military, police 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 of our Bibles into the hands of those seeking and searching for the LORD.

These 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 2021. The LORD again provided HIS precious WORD for us to take as we go, as we share, as we minister. And right now, January 2024 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, all free.

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

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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 adds a bunch to the total cost of getting these Bibles into the hands of the ones that are certainly in need of them. We definitely have an army of Ordained 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.

Please pray and go to our website: cowboysforchrist.org to make a special donation to our **BIBLE FUND**. Just click on the special Bible Fund Donate Button on our website or send a check marked **BIBLE FUND** to: Cowboys For Christ PO BOX 7557 Fort

Worth, Texas 76111

Thank you for riding the trails of this ministry with us, GOD bless you, In JESUS' NAME, Amen

# Love: Part #2 by Chaplain/Pastor J.C. Shook

If you read the part one series in the last Christian Ranchman than you know that relationship was mentioned and in a true relationship you must have love. This shouldn't be a worldly love but a divine love. There are so many scriptures that speak on love and the heart. In a reference to Google, it was mentioned that the Holy Bible refers to the heart approximately 856 times. In doing so, it often intertwines with love. Also, in the first part series of this, we spoke on the meaning of a true disciple. Which has me referring to an old Billy Graham devotional called, "Love In Action." Pastor Graham starts his message in this fashion, "Jesus said," "All men will know that you are my disciple, if you love one another" (John

13:35 NIV). "But how do we put that love into action?" Pastor Graham's reply was, "We serve one another, and the Lord modeled this when He washed His disciple's feet." I would think most of us in some capacity have served someone. But I will point out that there is a difference between worldly service and divine. For example, if someone is difficult, argumentative, or provoking a fight, it can be hard for us at times to show these individuals the love of Christ. This is possible when we rely on the Holy to those that are acting in such a manner. In Pastor Graham's reference to "the Lord modeled," I think about that and His great 4. do not be judgmental...This does love for His people. Our Lord and Savior left His perfect state to be in the form of a human to save many. For me that is the ultimate service and love. In this thought, I will spend my very last breath in learning and trying my best to reflect His love.

Many of us know, and, or have memorized John 3:16 but here are some other passages that I would recommend in memorizing and trying to reflect in your daily life. I would like to take us to Philippians 2:1-11, what does it mean to you to be "Christ-minded?" Then take a look at verses 3-4 and how many of us have had an issue with this at one time or another? Then in verse 5, "In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:" All too often then I've seen the individual and the church fall short in this area. Then in verse 7-8 you see how our Lord and Savior takes on the very nature of a servant, even though having the very nature of God. This love and servitude and obedience went to the cross for our salvation, are you there yet in your walk?

Then I'm reminded of First Corinthians chapter 13 and Romans 8:31-39, we can see false ways of it if we do not have this divine love, that's referred in chapter 13. So, for those that have read the Romans passage I just referred to let me ask this, for those that are His disciples and have a relationship with Him; what will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus?

In closing of part #2, I would like to remind us all of the 'Cowboy Chaplain of America

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Guideline 3', that I take to heart. "The Cowboy/Cowgirl Chaplain will accept the position of being a 'Spiritual Paramedic' or first responder in the case of problems, emergencies or crisis. As the Cowboy/Cowgirl Chaplain responds as a 'People Helper' they must have the proper attitude and;

- 1. be available...be there when needed. whenever and wherever
- 2. be compassionate... be sympathetic, understanding and caring
- Spirit that dwells in us to reflect such love 3. be a good listener... be quick to listen and slow to speak (except pray with those in need) to
  - not mean to condone their actions or behavior, but to allow the Holy Spirit to convict them and guide you as to how to minister in each situation.

This is just the beginning of Love! And please realize that these teaching barely scratch the surface, so it's up to you and the Lord how far and deep you can go. Think of it like this, you've been riding your horse for a while and come up to an area of woods and or forest. You happen to know that there is living water in those woods. Your horse can get you there to the living water but will you hold it back or even worst turn in the opposite direction. O' by the way you have been 3 days without water...

"God love" is 1 Jn.4:8.

# Letter and Testimony by Curtis Metcalfe

I am writing this letter for a couple of reasons. For one, I am very interested in the Bible Study that you are offering, but I am going to start this letter out by telling my testimony in how Cowboy For Christ was apart of my younger years. I was a (Continued on Page 4)



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Metcalfe Testimony Continued young man who loved riding bulls and I use to go to a buck out every Wensday night. That's where I got introduced to Cowbovs For Christ. You had to make the service to be able to get on any bulls. Cowboys For Christ stayed a part of my life throughout my high school years, because I also made the services at the High School rodeos. Now fast forward to my adult years, and yes, I kept rodeoing and I was pretty good, so, I got a scholarship to college. After college I got married and had two beautiful kids and still rodeoed, but I kind of separated from God. Between working and trying to raise a family and still riding bulls. I let my life slip away from God. I still did pretty good, because I made a name for myself and am friends with a lot of famous people in the rodeo world. I thought that I was alone this whole time, but it took me losing everything for me to realize the ONE PERSON that was always with me and beside me the whole time. And that was the Most High Jesus Christ. Now I have been in prison for the last 15 years serving a 20-year sentence. It seems that no matter what I do or where I go, Jesus finds a way to get to me. Two people that I am friends with that are well known and well respected in the rodeo world have made their way back into my life and everything points to the Almighty. Back to Cowboys For Christ. A good friend in prison gave me a Cowboys For Christ newspaper. I didn't know that Cowboys For Christ had a newspaper or a Bible study; which is the main reason for this letter. I would like to receive the newspaper and the Bible study. I go to church every week, but still have a lot of down time. I am trying to fill my down time with good stuff. Thank you for lending an ear and doing what you do.

# *Ministry Report* from Chaplain Joel Nupp

I was born 1957 on a horse farm outside Ellicott City, MD. All through the week hard work, but Sundays though belonged to the Lord. All through school years I was involved in riding, sports and church. My first job off the farm was mucking stalls for 25 cents an hour. I was riding cutting horses, too, for that cha same farm. I could sit a horse.

I worked on a beef farm during college that was up off Deep Creek Lake. I found the isolation and distance from my familiar church family, and I got lost. The world swallowed that little farm boy whole. I got married, and we had three kids. My wife got sick, and passed and I was lost again.

In 2004 I started my career in my new business; Friendship Equine Dentistry, L.L.C. It gave me a purpose, as I knew horses. But there was a void, an emptiness. Then I met my wife now, Sheryl in 2007. She was widower as well. I had raised 3 kids, and she had raised 4. We got married in our old barn. My mom and dad were maid of honor, and best man. We were equally yoked. I knew who I was, but there was unfinished business in my soul. In 2009 we started a Cowboys for Christ chapter out of our barn. Very few if any would come, but there were papers we had to fill out for our chapter. It kept talking about the Chaplain's program. I asked the president about this. He said you don't have to have a chaplain, but if you do, I can help you.....

I started preaching in 2013 for Maryland High School Rodeos. Three hay bales were my podium. I was so nervous I couldn't make spit. When I thanked the bull riders that had come, they told me the Lord kept them safe. I went back and told my wife. I'm all in.

My wife and I were ordained Nov 2 ,2015. The little farm boy that had a call to preach as a 12-year-old boy; was home.

I've done weddings, funerals, baptized babies. I've helped fill in for preachers. Many different churches, and many denominations. It doesn't matter. One God. I ride every day, every day. I sing and talk to God, and He talks to me. We still float horse's teeth sometimes. My wife does the paperwork, and takes care of the bills. We have met 100s, if not 1000s of people. I know every single one, they are special to me.

In closing, I preach because it's personal. On Jan. 1 2007 I died, to myself. The Lord saved me, lifted me, and filled my lungs;

changed my blood.

I preach because I want you to know this same Lord that saved me, and can save you. I'm the happiest I've ever been in my life.

Cowboys for Christ is non-denominational. We don't judge, we don't get a salary. We love. Come out and hear about this Jesus. It's FREE!

### **Palm Sunday Praises** from Chaplain Dale Brenneman

At our Bible Study, on Palm Sunday Evening, we began by reading the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Each account tells of the people praising Jesus saying. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

We then looked at some of the results of praise: Praise breaks chains and opens doors (Acts 16:22-30), Praise enlists God's protection (2Chron. 20:1-23), Praise helps us remember God's blessings (Psalms 105:1-5), Praise reveals solutions we can't see (Psalms 73:16-17), Praise helps us sense God's presence (Psalm 140:13), and Praise lifts our spirits (Psalms 42:11). After discussing these precepts, we decided to put them into practice by composing and sharing our own psalms of praise. I have enclosed those psalms of praise in this article and hope and pray they are as meaningful to you as they were to us.

\*\*\* Lord, who can comprehend your faithfulness? Your love and understanding are without measure, and your mercies are new every morning,

Every day you bless those who diligently seek you; those who desire to know your truth in all aspects of their lives.

I praise you Father because there is no one like you. I pray that thanksgiving will never cease to flow from my mouth and that your Word would abide with me forever.\*\*\* \*\*\* Holy Lord Most High, Praise in the highest is yours O Lord; I worship you with my whole heart.

Your love extends to the heavens and to the depths of my soul. Your kindness and mercies are unending. Whenever I need

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**Palm Sunday Praises Continued** you, you are near – waiting on me! You listen to my cries – your love never fails me, You redeem me from the pit that threatens, then you set me on high that I might gain perspective. You invite me to lay all my burdens down and listen to your heart. My heart melts. I begin to see what matters most to you.

You gently lead me onward. All around me – everyone needs the Lord. Your word ministers in every situation. You have gone before us and way beyond. In all my life I will never get beyond your teachings.

Thankyou Lord, for loving all your creation – for your wisdom, blessings, and mostly for your son, Jesus. His mercies never end.\*\*\*\* \*\*\* Praise the Lord..... Each day praise the Lord for all he has done. He heals my diseases, He forgives my sins, He has ransomed me from death.

Praise His Holy Name for He is faithful. He goes before me. He stays beside me. He pushes me forward. He is so, so good to me. Praise the Lord.

His love endures, and will endure forever for he says so.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Praise the Lord for he is good, faithful, and true.

He leads us through life; through good and bad times and all is well in the end.

Give thanks to the Lord forever.\*\*\*

\*\*\* I praise you Lord for your goodness. Your mercy endures forever.

I praise you Lord, and give you thanks for who you are, for your wonderful works. As the song says, "I will enter your gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter

your courts with praise." I give you thanks for you are my Lord and Savior. You are my all in all.

To your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

I love you Lord and I lift my voice to worship you.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Lord, you are my God. I lift my eyes to You.

Many times, I do not understand, but know your ways are higher than mine.

I praise you as I trust in your righteousness. I continually seek You with a joyful heart even when my heart is heavy, because I know you are always my strength. Selah.\*\*\* \*\*\* You, O Lord, are higher and more wonderful than anything or anyone I could experience.

You are the Creator of all that exists. You are the answer to every question. Your grand design is more than I can comprehend.

You are more than I can express with human words. And yet you know me, you communicate with me, and best of all You love me enough to sacrifice yourself for me.\*\*\*

\*\*\* I praise the Lord for the family I was raised in. For parents who drugged me... They drug me to church every Sunday.

I praise God, how he has directed my life by leading me into situations where I belong and out of areas where I did not belong.

I praise God for a loving Christian wife who has helped me in my walk with Jesus. I praise God for our 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I praise God for study groups such as this

where we can grow in our faith with others.

I praise God for our nation. With all its issues, we have the freedom to worship.

*I praise God for the touch of the Master's hand.\*\*\** 

\*\*\* Praise the Lord for all you have done.

Help me to remember your faithfulness and mercy when I am troubled.

Help me to remember to praise you and give you thanks when I am happy and all is going well. And give me the desire to still praise you and give thanks in the midst of trouble.

In all times, good and bad, Praise the Lord!\*\*\*

\*\*\* Praise the Lord Oh my soul, and forget not your benefits.

You are holy and worthy of my praise. Your faithfulness endures forever and your love and compassion fill me with peace.

I will lift your name on high and give you all glory and honor. For your love endures forever.

Father God, thank you for the sacrifice offering of your son for the salvation of all mankind. He is my rock and salvation. Glory and praise be to you forever.

Praise breaks chains and opens doors.\*\*\*

I hope you enjoyed reading these "Home grown" psalms of praise to our God. Maybe this may inspire you to sit and write your own psalm of praise to the Lord. I'm sure He would love to hear it. Praise breaks chains and opens doors.

# Testimony

by Chaplain Lynn Carter

I do not have a testimony. I have many. I remember when my Sunday School teacher asked me if I understood who Jesus was and what he had done for me. I recall enthusiastically saying, yes, to her invitation to accept Christ at a very young age of 8. Yet, for the next 15 years, or so I could not tell you anything about what it meant to me or what I had done with this acceptance.

The first time I remember consciously being aware of Christ presence in my life, I was deathly ill, in the hospital bed and barely into my twenties. There I learned a few things about just how closely he was walking with me. It was the first testimony I will share with you of what Jesus was to me. Later, nearly thirty, pregnant and very ill again, He taught me what it meant to love sacrificially. I was far more concerned with saving the life of my child than my own. What a testimony that is.

The testimonies continued, as life dealt me blow after blow, with the loss of my husband and other family members by the time I was forty. Jesus was right there teaching me to persevere, to pray, no matter how bad it felt; to love and give through all the pain and change. To keep my eyes on Him! To preserve in all the truth, I had learned of him through his Word and through his history of faithfulness.

I could give you many more testimonies of Him in my life, but there is not enough time or space to tell of my love, surrender and great desire to tell of Him. It is my desire and prayer that He will continue to allow me to tell of His redeeming love, as long as I live.



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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)

Dear Cowboys For Christ, Howdy, my name in Cody. I've been in church my whole life, but when I turned 16, I started to stray away and started hanging with the wrong crowd. I started drinking and smoking weed. Well, at the age of 18 I started dating this 16-year-old and she started sending me pictures of her body, and I got arrested because her mom found out. I'm now 22 and still in jail. I have 5 more years to go. My charge is 1 count of pornography involving a juvenile. I've turned my life back to Christ in 2021. I grew up rodeoing and just found y'alls Cowboys For Christ newspaper in my dorm and started reading it. I was wondering if y'all could send me one and a Bible. The one I have is worn out and old. I really enjoy reading y'alls paper and hope to join you when I get out. God bless. Cody in Louisiana

**Dear Cowboys For Christ**, I would be very, very appreciative if you could send me a copy of your soft cover, easy to read version Bible. I am a 68-year-old inmate at the Central California Women's Facility State Prison. Because I have a neurological disorder that affects my neck movement, I find it easiest to read laying down. Your ERV Bible is not only lightweight and easy for me to hold above my chest, the print in large and easy to read despite my AMD, and the wording is easy for me to understand. I would be truly blessed to receive a copy of your Bible. Thank you very, very much in advance. Sincerely, Cheryl in California.

**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** I really did like the prayer that was in the paper. I hope you will put me on the prayer list. Do you have any Bible studies that are easier to understand. I am still trying to get my life together, and to understand the Bible better. Do you think I could get one of y'alls Cowboy For Christ Bible, please? I've heard a lot about them from other people over the years, and they say they are really nice. But I pray that y'all have some Bible studies that are easier to do. I'll put y'all in my prayers. And thank you for all y'all do for everyone inside and outside. God Bless y'all, Jamie in Arkansas

**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** Enclosed is my check as a donation to your Bible Drive 2024. I make this donation in memory of Stan, my husband for over 55 years, when he died. He was a great man, a great husband and father, a devoted Christian and a proud cowboy. I support and applaud your work and wish I could contribute much more to your cause. God bless you all! Sincerely, Jan in Tennessee

**Dear Sirs,** I would be honored to receive your Cowboys For Christ Newsletter, the Christian Ranchman, David in Texas

**Hello**, I just gave my friend in the hospital a couple copies of the Christian Ranchman, and she loved them. She would like to be added to the mailing list to receive copies at her home. I could not find a way to subscribe online, so, if possible, please add her to the list. Thanks, Kandy in Ohio

**Dear Cowboys For Christ**, I don't know how many tracts I need, as I like to put tracts in my bills when I mail them. These will be more interesting to people; I think than the kind I had. Just send some of each, how many you think is needed. I have enclosed a check to help with the postage. Someday I will write a little article for the paper. My husband and I rode in several parades (CFC) with Ted Pressly. He was a good friend. They are both in Heaven now, probably riding horses and having lots of fun. Your Truly, Estelle in Texas

**Dear Cowboys For Christ**, just wanted to say thanks so much for faithfully sending us your newsletter for the past 15 years. You never once sent anything asking for money. The past 10 years or so has been the hardest times for me financially. In the future I hope to be able to give a whole lot more. "Thank you" again for being so faithful toward the kingdom of God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Gratefully, Ray and family in Missouri

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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...**

**Rev 19:16** On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

"LORD OF LORDS" is the title given to our Lord Jesus Christ and this title was already his in eternity past but this title was also earned by his death on the cross. It is so hard for us humans to understand the Biblical and eternal truth of victory through death, but that is truly what Jesus Christ achieved through his death on the "cross of Calvary." The two thieves, one on each side of him suffered death; one to glory

with our Lord and one to eternal darkness, but they still died beside of the LORD of LORDS.

Let's explore the title "Lord of lords" throughout the holy Scriptures to see the development of the truth of Jesus Christ and how we have, as God's children, gained victory through his death. We certainly do obtain eternal life, and we also gain the person of Jesus Christ through his sacrifice and through his blood when we accept him as our Savior and Lord. We are first introduced to this wonderful title of "Lord of lords." "**Deut. 10:16-17**"

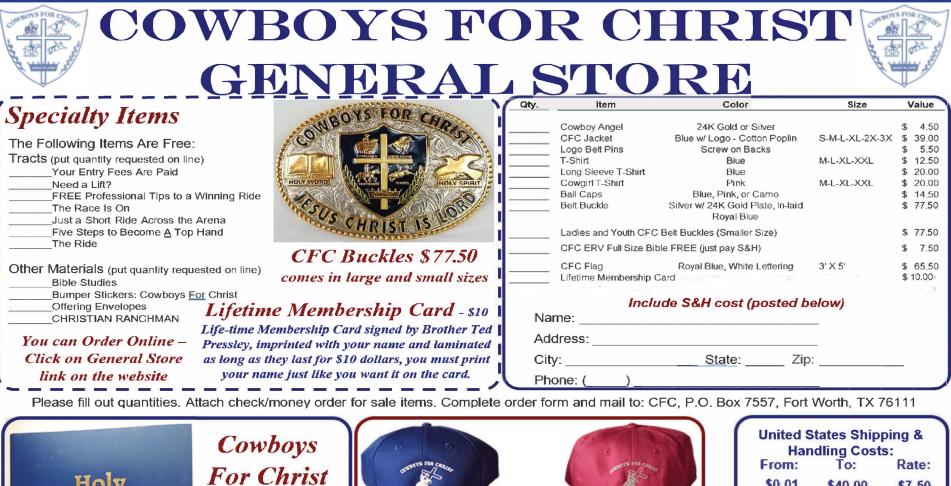
One thing I would like to point out is that the references to our Lord throughout the Scriptures have it listed as: Lord of lords, with Lord capitalized and lords, not capitalized. In every verse, except "**Rev. 19:16**" where all letters are capitalized as "LORD OF LORDS" and this is when the title earned on the cross is confirmed with victory over the agent of death. Our Lord defeated death on the cross, but the agent of death, the devil, himself, has been allowed to continue his reign of terror through the years. But this will certainly stop with victory over him in this final battle, as is described in **Rev. 19:10-16**, as we will shortly see. But first, let's see the progression through the Scriptures as the Lord of lords is revealed in direct wording and in actual declarations down through the ages.

Jesus Christ is not only Lord of lords, but as we see in these verses from the great Book of Deuteronomy that he "shows no partiality and accepts no bribes" which is so wonderful, because he allowed even me to become his child. I certainly had nothing to offer him for the forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life, but that didn't matter to him. I was only to repent, believe and accept him as my Savior and Lord; making him "Lord of lords" of my life. But first I had to throw away my cowboy pride and allow the Holy Spirit to touch my heart of stone to understand and receive this wonderful, soul saving truth. Moses who wrote the Book of Deuteronomy used a Hebrew word to describe "cowboy pride" and the translators chose to use "stiff-necked" as they translated into English, but it sure means the same thing. Cowboys and cowgirls, that cowboy pride will get you into trouble a bunch, and we need to throw it away and get real when we are presented the truth of Jesus Christ. So, as Moses tells us; "do not be stiff-necked" any longer and receive the truth of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please do not think that you are too bad, or have gone too far to be good enough to be a child of God. None of us are "good enough" and we could never be good enough to be accepted on our own merits. We are all sinners and we are all sinful; even down to our thoughts. Our hearts are hard and we are rebellious, but we are also human and we are all in need of a Savior, not only from the penalties of those sins, but from the effects of a sinful life. We are not good enough and we are not strong enough to fight the devil, but we can have a Savior who is good enough and strong enough. In fact, he is strong enough and he is willing, plus he has already paid the price for your sin debt, all you have to do is accept this free gift of salvation and accept the Savior, who also happens to be the Lord of lords.

What are we supposed to do when we do throw away our cowboy pride and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord of lords? Well, the very blessed and anointed Book of Psalms tells us very plainly in: "**Ps 136:1-3**" That we are to "give thanks" to our Lord of lords and we are to worship him, we are to spend time in fellowship with him, which means that we are to read and study his Holy Word. It would be so very hard to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord of Lords and not give him our attention on a daily basis. I don't see how he would feel like our Lord of lords, if we ignored him during the week, and just showed him honor on Sunday morning. Is he really your Lord of lords, then show him? Let him see your worship, your praise and your thanksgiving and spend time in his Holy Word and in prayer, every day. Let him know that he is your Lord of lords and let other know it too. Remember you have already thrown away your cowboy pride and you are no longer "stiff-necked" so act like it.

Our next reminder of our Lord of lords is in the New Testament in: "**1 Tim 6:12-16 12**" Boy, this sure tells us the whole story and in a hurry, because we are to "fight the good fight of the faith." Jesus Christ testified that he was the King of kings and the Lord of lords and we are to share this wonderful truth and to "keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." And we are to keep the faith and keep fighting (sharing, testifying, witnessing, studying, reading, praying and believing) until our Lord of lords burst through the clouds in glorious brilliance on his white horse. *(Continued on Page 9)* 



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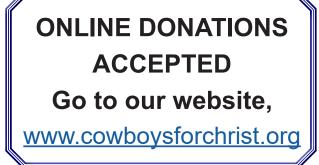
A Cowboy Chaplain is called to serve the MOST HIGH GOD and fulfill the commission from our LORD in Mark 16:15. That commission is to "GO" and Cowboy Chaplains accept that calling to "GO" wherever and whenever possible to proclaim, to witness, to reach out to the lost. The Eternal Salvation of those ministered 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

# Lord of Lords Continued

Cowboys and cowgirls, there is a good reason that the Apostle Paul tells us to fight, because there are battles, now and there is going to be war. As we can see that our Lord of lords is in the middle of this war and he is still in the middle of our battles, even now. "Rev 17:14" Those that are with him are "called and chosen and faithful" and we need to be called, or we need to be answering his call to serve here and to be ready to respond to his call at any time. When we accept him as our Savior and Lord, we are one of the "chosen" so folks, we need to be faithful, very faithful to our Lord of lords. The battles are going to come, and he will be faithful, and we must be faithful to him, so be joyful and be blessed in knowing that he is faithful. But wait, the truth of our Lord and Savior being Lord of lords has certainly been established, but what about the title; the title LORD OF LORDS, in all capitals. What about when it doesn't have anything to do with the rulers of this evil world? What about when it all has to be about our LORD OF LORDS, Jesus Christ. Let's turn to our text in: "Rev 19:11-16" The title; LORD OF LORDS is now officially presented to the victor, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is official, but what does that mean to you? What does the title: LORD OF LORDS mean to you right now and what will it mean to you

in eternity? Actually, it will mean the same as it did to one or the other of the thieves on the cross that died that day beside of our Savior. Remember, I said that one went to glory with the LORD OF LORDS that very day, but the other went to eternal damnation in hell. At this time, both knows the truth of the LORD OF LORDS and both very well understands the impact of this truth on their eternal destination. Right now, one is with him as he promised and will spend eternity with him. And the other knows the devastation of not knowing him as their Savior and Lord. They both know the LORD OF LORDS, but only one knows the joy of experiencing this wonderful truth and acting upon that truth. You actually have the same opportunity as both of those thieves, because you have the option to accept or deny the LORD OF LORDS. It is as simple as saying "I am sorry for my sins, I repent, I believe the truth of the LORD OF LORDS and I accept him as my Savior and Lord, or you can be stiffnecked, and let cowboy pride keep you from eternity with the LORD OF LORDS. Now, my question to you, "is he your LORD OF LORDS?" It is your choice and I ask that you choose wisely, In Jesus' Name. Amen.







# 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.

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Lessons From Our Horses on The Fruit of the Spirit:Peace by Barb McMillan

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

In my previous articles, I shared some of the ways that working with my horses at Liberty illustrates how God works in my own life to bring my stubborn, willful heart into submission to Him so I can enjoy being in that safe spot of His love, experiencing joy regardless of the circumstances in my life. I cannot work to produce the Fruit of the Spirit, but I can practice daily spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with other Christians, which enable the Holy Spirit to flow more freely through me to meet the heart needs of other people.

According to the Bible, there are three dimensions to Peace: 1) peace with God through the saving grace and work of Jesus Christ 2) peace in our relationships with other people and 3) peace in our own hearts, that is, freedom from anxiety and worries because we are confident that God is in control.

- The most important kind of peace comes from reconciliation with God thru the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit when we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- Romans 5:1, 6, 8 assures us that we have peace with God through Jesus because Christ died for us, the ungodly, and reconciled us with the Father.
- And in Ephesians 2:14, we learn that Jesus Christ Himself is our peace – He bridged the divide between the old sinful man (us!) and Holy God.
- Flowing out from our new connection to God is the peace that comes from turning over our anxiety and worries because God is in control of every situation in our lives.
- In John 14:27, Jesus promised that He would give us His peace that is so powerful that we can trust Jesus and not be troubled or afraid even in dire circumstances. Jesus said this is not the world's kind of temporary peace based





on politics or possessions or vague promises, but something much greater. And in Philippians 4:6,7 we read, Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- Reconciliation with one another, and harmonious relationships should be the natural outflow of our new life in Christ and our freedom from worry, but obviously many of us struggle with this. The Scriptures are full of admonitions to live at peace with one another.
- In I Thessalonians 5:13, 14 Paul commanded us to live in peace with one another, encouraging the timid, helping the weak, being at peace with everyone.

We see this in our horses a lot, don't we? When our horses are not at peace with each other, they are constantly nipping, biting, chasing with ears flattened, rearing, striking out or kicking, and playing endless games for dominance, just like Little Lincoln and Big Willie playing "gladiator games" to establish who is the Big Man on Campus (or in the pasture, I should say) whenever Stella is around. You would think that Little Lincoln, being a pony only half the size of Big Willie, would have made peace with Willie long ago, but his stubborn pony pride gets in his way. Sounds a little like us, doesn't it?

However, our horses are a real joy when they are at peace with each other – under saddle, they are content to ride at the beginning, middle or end of a group of horses going out on the trail; in the



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pasture, we watch them grazing quietly side-by-side; or as in the photo, laying down in the pasture contentedly side by side, just enjoying one another's company. When our horses are at peace with us, and the care and training we give to them, they are generally obedient and pleasant; they come quickly and cheerfully when we call them. But if our horses have experienced neglect, abuse or just harsh treatment from humans, they often become fearful and suspicious, anxious, jiggy, expecting the worst, ready to explode at any little thing.

I have learned how important that attitude of peace is when I do Liberty training with multiple horses. My horses MUST be at peace with themselves and with the other horses, and must TRUST and OBEY me completely, or things fall apart quickly in my little arena. Starting with "Team Up", I teach two horses to "glue" themselves side-by-side to each other, and stand contented, not agitated *(Continued on Page 11)* 

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# **Peace Continued**

or fearful of the other horse, not trying to escape back to their stalls. I ask both horses to either move together at my signal (circle around me; walk, trot, canter, halt, back) or, ask one horse to leave the other and follow my directions while my stationary "anchor" horse stands still. So I might direct one horse to trot around a cone or walk to the line of laiddown barrels and sidepass them, then come back to the anchor horse and Team Up again.

Herd dependence sometimes keeps the horses from paying attention to and obeying ME, and the Team Up horses might either merrily canter off together when I asked just one of the to circle the cone and trot back, or both just stand there with a hind foot cocked and do nothing that I ask! Needless to say, disobedience does not lead to peace!

What a great reminder of the three types of peace God wants us to experience – peace with Him through Jesus, peace within our own hearts through the Holy Spirit, and peace with those around us. And that confidence of who I am in Christ gives me peace in the midst of difficult circumstances.

### My Testimony by Richard Arrington

I was born March 17th 1975. I'm the youngest, my sister being 4 years older than me. At the age of 6 months, I had back surgery to remove a lipoma mass which had a bone in it that was attached to my spinal cord. The doctors told my parents that I could die or be paralyzed the rest of my life! I was able to come through that surgery. On March 13th 1978 my dad committed suicide just 4 days before my birthday. My mom decided to move in with my grandparents, and my aunt and uncle also live there. There was always chaos and unrest with family feuds because my grandpa's sister lived next door to us. So, it was always arguing or fighting between somebody. I remember sitting at the dinner table and an argument would break out. Family would be cursing and screaming with each other. We lived with my grandparents for approximately 4 years. My grandfather had Hodgkin's disease and

was a World War II vet. I watched him go through failing health for many years and even face death a couple of times. My mom decided to remarry a man whom she met, who just turned out to be nothing more than an alcoholic gambler and a physical and mental abuser. She divorced him after a year and a half. I grew up in hopes that the story about my Dad committing suicide wasn't true; I had hope all my life it was from an accident from cleaning his shotgun. Well at the age of 48 the truth came out with documents that it was ruled by. I guess you can say I felt abandoned my whole life because of what my dad did! There were many nights I just cried myself to sleep. I grew up playing sports, basketball, baseball, football. I wanted to be like my cousin Charles Ray or be like Tony Dorset of the Dallas cowboys and be a football star! But due to my back condition and an injury in seventh grade, my football career ended short. Not even knowing what was going on, I allowed anger to get a hold of me. I was active in boy scouts and an Eagle scout. And an active Chaplain and a very active outdoorsman; horseback riding, hunting and fishing etc.

I grew up going to church all my life, so I knew who Jesus was but I never knew him on a personal basis. I guess you can say I owe my faith to my grandfather who always looked at me and said you have to have faith in God. I never really knew what that meant till I got older. In the summer of 1988, I went to a concert at Glen Hope Baptist Church where I attended as a youth. I remember that night I wore a green button-up shirt and blue jeans and I sat towards the back. I guess you could call me a back row Baptist! (Lol) but something strange happened that night. At the end of the concert, we sang a song called "Just as I Am" Not really knowing the song I felt something pulling on my inner soul, my inner being and the stronger it pulled the tighter I griped the back of the pew in front of me but something kept telling me to just let go! In what seemed to feel like minutes on end, I decided to let go and I asked Jesus to save me that night. I wasn't moved by what the preachers spoke about. I wasn't moved

by what the singers testified about. I was feeling something drawing on my heart that was turning my heart into putty, which had become hardened through my childhood!

I went on quite a few mission trips through my youth, but after graduating high school and going into the work field, I slowly began to drift from God. I knew at the age about 19 and 20 I was called to preach. I had the calling of God to preach but then I had the devil threatening to kill me if I decided to go preach the Word of God. But out of fear and running with the wrong crowd I threw in the towel and started drifting from God and hanging out at Honky Tonks on a regular weekend basis, drinking smoking etc. In 1999 I would be married with my first child in 2004, and I had my 2nd child in 2005. I was faced with another back surgery, and this time having family and kids. I was told the same; I could either possibly die or be paralyzed to have this lipoma mass with a bone in it that was attached to my spinal cord, that had it pulled and tethered.

So, I decided to reach for scripture and I read every verse, so I can find healing all the way through the procedure and even after the surgery and even after the surgery was successful, I ended up with MRSA and I had to have another surgery to have antibiotics flush through my body! The whole time I basically had to live by faith just like my grandpa taught me growing up, I had to cling to the Word of God and use His Word and mix it with Faith to get through this. I'm still doing well today. I'm still very active and I can still ride a horse; go fishing, go hiking, camping, whatever I may choose.

I can be honest with everyone about my younger years, as I lived like a heathen dog from hell. But over the last 15 years, God has had to discipline me and get me in a quiet place, a restricted place and talk to me by using His Word and other ministers to bring me back to Him. I made a lot of mistakes in my early years of adulthood. I've been delivered from alcohol and tobacco products and I'm still on the journey. It was about 2010. I got in such a dark place and I started searching for God again. I tried to *(Continued on Page 12)* 

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Arrington Testimony Continued listen to many preachers but couldn't get anything out of them. I remember I was coming through Katy, Texas and I was listening to a cowboy preacher out of Tatum, Texas and that is when I started to see a very dim light of God again.

So, I started walking towards that dim light and getting back into His Words heavily. Ever since then it has been a journey for me. God has led me to the ministry of Cowboys for Christ through this journey. I think it was for the love of horses and the love of the cowboy life that grabbed my attention. Which has led me here to Cowboys for Christ. I have been blessed by the testimonies that I get through it. And I'll look forward to many years of being a part of it. Sometimes living by faith isn't easy. Can you do it when you are broke? Can you do it when you don't have a job? Can you do it when you are laying in the hospital bed and you don't know what the outcome may be? Can you still do it when your world seems perfect! I think my grandpa said it best,

"you gotta put your trust in God and have faith in him!" To sum up this testimony I can say I face many hardships in all areas of life. Some people have said I've never seen anyone to have bad luck like you. Or do you have a black cloud hovering over you? But I just laugh it off and keep my faith and trust in God. My life kind of makes me think about Job. If you lose it all, are you still going to trust and have faith in God!

Letters Continued

**To Whom It May Concern,** My name is Salvador and I have a cell-mate and I was reading his Bible and he gave me your address to order one large print Bible, if possible. I would also like to start any kind of correspondence course that you have to better understand the Bible. I have strayed away from the LORD and my life is a mess. I have lost everything I owned and my family due to depression and started drug use after 18 years of sobriety. I asked for prayers for my ex-girlfriend fighting colon

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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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cancer, Jennifer. I asked for prayer for me to find myself and start caring about life itself through Jesus Christ. I am currently incarcerated in the county jail. I thank you and would like to hear from you soon. Salvador in Texas

**Cowboys For Christ**, I recently found one of your Christian Ranchman in our library. Loved it, read it from front to back, then again to make sure I didn't miss anything; then passed it on. It was truly a blessing. I would like to be blessed with a subscription to the Christian Ranchman. I would also love one of your Bibles, Bible study and whatever tracts you are sending out. Thank you all and God bless you all for all that you do! Sincerely, Michael in Kansas

**Cowboys For Christ,** I am beginning my walk with Christ and am trying to acquire a Bible. Can you please send me a Bible and any material you may think could help me along my path. Thank you, Miles in Texas (Continued on Page 15)



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Hello, my name is Chrisitan and I am writing to inform Cowboys For Christ that I have finished the Bible studies, Living Under His Wings, one through three. It has helped me to see that one can be led astray easily by attempting to copy the behavior and customs of this world. I've also learned of the specific things unto which Jesus has taken authority over. This information was provided to me by your Bible studies and have opened my mind to want more. I am thankful of Juan who referred me to your great organization. Thank you for the newspaper, too. I've enjoyed reading all the testimonies. Thank you all again for the opportunity to participate and to better my walk with the Lord. Christian in Illinois

To Whom It Concerns, Greetings, I am writing to you to get one of your fine Bibles. I've heard about by one of your members who is here on my unit. He said y'all had a very good one. Can you please send me one! Your, Charles in Texas

Cowboys For Christ, I really enjoy your newspaper; my bunkie gets it. But I am moving dorms soon. Can you send me the Christian Ranchman and Bible studies? I have a good bit of time to do and your paper alone makes time and troubles seem smaller. Thank you for all y'all do. Shannon in Texas



# **CHRISTIAN FAMILY ROUND**

Mammoth Cave Horse Camp, Mammoth Cave, KY

# **4 DAY EVENT - FOCUSED ON** FAITH, FAMILY, AND FUN!

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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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