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Christian Family Round Up 2024 by Chaplain Chris Mathews

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We once again had the Round Up at the Mammoth Cave Horseman's camp in Mammoth Cave Kentucky. We had 70 campers to stay at the camp for the entire three days for all of the events, and 12 states were represented. We had a total of 160 in total attendance. We were blessed to have two salvations Sunday morning to cap the entire event off, to make it a fantastic time in the Lord.

The Friday main event was an all-ages horse show. And on Friday afternoon we had a guided trail ride with riders of all ages. Later we had speakers for ladies and men's break out groups.

And we were blessed with recording artist Les Downs lead worship all weekend. Brisket the Bull, a 2000-pound Brahma bull and Judy Presley came from LA, Lower Alabama to carry the American flag during our arena events.

Rusty Kruger from Triple Cross Cowboy Church in Danville Kentucky was ordained as a Cowboys For Christ Chaplain. Rusty along with his daughter taught our kids

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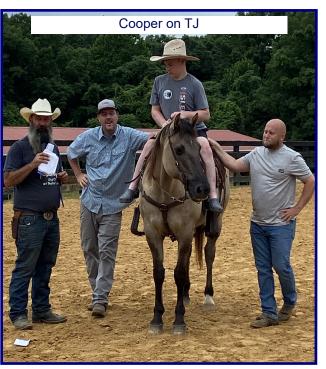
roping and goat tying. Each morning men and women had morning coffee devotions with special speakers.

"...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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Saturday's main event was an allages rodeo with mutton bustin, goat tying, barrels, poles, stick horse, and of course potato sack race.

Later that evening we had speakers for ladies and men groups. The entire family, including the children, were not only entertained but ministered too, with several youth ministers that also spoke throughout the weekend. New Ordained Chaplain Rusty Krieder and



others held rodeo event clinics for the youth, and also, they shared the Gospel and testimonies from the instructors.

We had an awesome inflatables ministry. The kids loved to run through the obstacle bouncy with their new friends they made this year.

One of the greatest moments we had was with a young man named Cooper. Cooper has cerebral palsy and is in a wheel chair. (Continued on Page 2)

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He is going through a multiple surgery treatment to strengthen his joints to enable him to walk. I asked his grandfather and dad if Cooper had ever ridden a horse? Elmer his grandpa said that he hadn't but it would make his summer too.

With the assistance of two strong men and Tonya a helpful cowgirl with a great horse TJ, we were not only able to get Cooper on TJ, but he rode around the camp and into the arena and thanked the crowd for the support. A crowd of over a 100 were silent and not a dry eye in the crowd. The 2024 Roundup was an outstanding success and huge blessing and plans for 2025 are in the works. Thank you for your prayers and help!

Ordination of Shane Hendrickson by Chaplain David Price

Just wanted to report that the ordination for Shane Hendrickson was awesome. I want to first thank you for allowing me to have the honor of conducting his ordination. He is truly compassionate for the Lord and is fired up and ready to begin his journey with serving Christ.

We had roughly forty people in attendance on July 21st and the service was conducted at Happy Trails Cowboy Church in Mayhill New Mexico. Shane brought his mom and dad along and they were so thrilled and proud of his accomplishment, what a true blessing for them and all in attendance.



We started out with a sermon from Chaplain Dave Price based on: Galatians 2:20 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The main focus in the message was on how we lose our focus in our daily walk with the Lord. Along with this we also held communion, followed by some great country gospel provided by the Monty and Bea Penn, Terry Waggoner, and Bob on mandolin.

We closed with the ordaining of Shane and with the congregation coming forward and praying for Shane, and his family, this was followed up by a great meal.

The Lord truly blessed us with a beautiful day in the mountains, temperature was about 72 degrees, and it was a very blessed and wonderful day.

We look forward to keep in continued contact with Shane and his family and know that the Lord will guide him in his daily journey. Please keep him and all of the Chaplains in your daily prayers as Satan continually looks for an opening.God Bless each of you!

Cowboys For Christ Florida Conference by Dave Harvey

There was a full program scheduled for the 2024 Florida Conference, which was held July 20 in Thonotosassa Florida. Chaplain David Gillett had a great group of speakers; giving their testimony or insight on different ministry topics. And I was greatly blessed to share the Gospel and complete the morning service with the ordination of Cliff Matthews, a new Chaplain for the great state of Florida. Please welcome Cliff, as he is very involved in a great ministry of robbing trains and banks (old west style) to draw the kids; young and old, to hear the Gospel. Cliff has a team of cowboys from Double Cross Ranch that sure puts on a big show, so that folks see some shooting and riding and especially hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. A big thank you to Chaplain David Gillett, his family and the special speakers and especially the



West Thonotosassa Baptist Church for the hospitality, great facilities and great lunch. And thanks to all who came out to join the activities and be a part of the program of the 2024 Florida Conference.

To complete a full weekend, I was greatly blessed and honored to share God's Word the next day on Sunday July 21 at Hernando Cowboy Church in Hernando Florida. Pastor and Chaplain John Johnson had invited me to speak and share about Cowboys For Christ. We had a full house and a great time of praise and worship, and blessed with wonderful fellowship; complete with a great lunch after the service. Chaplain John and his wife, Kathy have a wonderful work going on there and if you are in the Hernando Florida area, please stop by and join in with the Lord's work of touching lives for Jesus Christ.

Chaplain Wayne Walker, Dave, Chaplains Cliff Mathews, David Gillett, and Stephen Bissell



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Ministry Report by Chaplains Kelly & Orlin Miller

We received the Bible's and utilized them this weekend at a camping adventure. We said there would be Saturday night service and offered them to anyone who wanted one. They were surprised they were free. We were able to hold church around the camp fire with 9 folks and four Bibles were passed out. We delivered the message, then opened up the floor for everyone who wanted to speak and share or ask for prayer to do so... prayers happened and conversations took many turns. Three hours later and after asking what time Sunday service was going to be, the folks left. We had not planned on Sunday service, but when the Lord leads you rise to serve. Two additional Bibles were passed out on Sunday to two more folks who joined us for the service. God is so good; he is crying out to his people and people are hungry to know him! Thank you, Dave!

PS I do have one question. And I am sure it is answered in the binder we have, but what do we need to start a chapter? Shortly after we were ordained, we joined a church who had a kings horseman group and were not interested in using the Cowboys For Christ platform. Growth has happened and we now realize that church was our training ground and we are now ready to step into the arena and lead folks down the trail to salvation one camp or campus at a time.

Norco Chapter Open House Event by Chaplain Bruce Smith

Last Saturday, August 10th, the Cowboys for Christ, Norco, CA chapter, hosted an Open House event to introduce ourselves to the Norco community. Flyers were printed and posted in various tack, feed and food locations throughout the town and on social media.

The open house was held at Cornerstone Equestrian Center where many games were offered to the visitors including horseshoes, roping (dummies), giant Janga, Connect Four, line dance lessons, along with the opportunity to brand a piece of wood with

our CFC brand and horseshoe painting and a hospitality booth was set up to share about Jesus Christ and distribute Cowboys for Christ literature. Complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs were served all day long. The event was opened with prayer and a beautiful rendition of The Star Spangled Banner, which was sung live.

At the conclusion of the event, a raffle was held which was generously supported by our local merchants. Prizes included a new Weaver headstall, various tack store gift baskets and gift certificates, new spurs, two pallets of shavings (40 bags each), a new straw cowboy hat, and many other prizes. The event was closed with prayer and it was agreed by all that Christ's hand was on this event.

The event raised \$1,000.00, of which \$500.00 will be going to pay for our Cowboys for Christ booth at the upcoming four day fair over Labor Day weekend and a check will be on its way to you for \$500.00 for the Bible fund. Photos will be forthcoming.

Thanks for all the support and blessing to you!

He Reigns Rescue Ranch Update by Dawn Orpant

Dear Cowboys For Christ, John 15:4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

God bless you; Cowboys For Christ! You have provided The Word to help many seek and learn how to remain in the Vine. You are a huge blessing and part of He Reigns Rescue Ranch.

God bless you for your generosity providing Bibles for the kids. The Lord worked mightily in our first session at the ranch! Seven teens gave their lives to Jesus and were baptized last week here at the Ranch. All for King Jesus! Thank you for helping us and thank you for all you do!

Testimony

From Dallas Moore

My testimony; I'm 65 years old, in prison doing a 40-year sentence for possession of

a firearm, because I am a habitual offender. You see, I've been in and out of prison all my life; for drugs, armed robbery, theft and burglary. What's sad is I've heard about Christ's love all of my life, but never met a true committed Christian until now in my life. I'm sure there were plenty of them around me, but I was too blind to see them. The devil only allowed me to see the Christians that still cussed, still cheated and lied. The ones I've learned recently who have compromised the Word of God, considering we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God, that's it's okay to sin, because it's in our nature. But an inmate named, Jimmy Smith has taught me in the Word that it's not ok.

Jimmy Smith, an inmate who has been studying the Word of God for over 25 years in prison showed me how to see the true love of God. Through his obedience to God, my eyes have been opened. I was lost, I was depressed, broken in spirit, as both of my sons died while I was in here. My oldest, 26, was murdered over a girlfriend and my youngest, overdosed on heroin and fentanyl given to him by his mother, my ex-wife, who is an addict, just as I was. But I'm sure she still broken and in addiction. I can only pray she comes to see God's love, as I have.

Like Job in the Bible, Jimmy Smith, got down on his hands and knees and cleaned my living area in the dorm we live in, where I was just trying to die. Long hair, long beard, unmade bed, unclean living areas, full of hair balls, food, cob webs, by the handfuls. I didn't care about life, myself or anyone else. I didn't talk to hardly anyone and no one cared about me. But I cried when this man of God, Jimmy Smith, cleaned my living area. And later he told me God spoke to him and told him to go help this man. That he himself would of never of done it, but in his obedience to God he did it.

Today, I study the Word every morning with Jimmy and I work out with him 3 days a week. I keep clean bedding, clean living area, clean shaved and haircut. I have joy in my life and God within me, and a commitment unto the Lord Jesus Christ. I never have

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been committed to the Lord 24/7 like I am today. Philippians 4:4 Always be filled with joy in the Lord.

I will say it again, be filled with joy. This commitment to Christ Jesus will lead me on my oath to share with others on my way to cowboy Heaven, sharing what the Lord has done for me. I was once living in darkness, but now I live in the Light of our Father God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Let's continue to reach for the Kingdom!

2024 Heartland Christian Cowboy and Cowgirl Gathering by Chaplain Matt Wagner

The ground may have been damp due to the rain, but our spirits could not be dampened. We were celebrating our 20th year!

Our theme for the week was Jeremiah 17:7 NLT - But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. Once again, it was reassuring to see how each of the Bible Study teachers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak on similar themes such as hope, trust, confidence, spiritual warfare and being an overcomer.

We enjoyed some of the traditional activities such as horseback riding, pancake breakfast, auction, cornhole, board games, movie night, potluck and prayer circle, ice cream social and square dancing. New events were added such as the plastic duck dump from the bridge, cupcake eating contest, ring game and horse obstacle course. In addition, the Cowboy Challenge returned with a different spin, which involved a cooking contest over an open fire and an impromptu devotion/testimony.

A great big Thank You to the Laughlin family and the 4J staff for their gracious hospitality once again this year and may a special Blessing fall upon all of the teachers, leaders and volunteers that worked so hard to make this year's gathering a huge success Mark your calendars today and join us for the 2025 Gathering to be held on July 14th – 20th at 4J Horse Camp located in Duke MO.



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! 817-236-0023 or cfcmail@cowboysforchrist.org

5th Sunday Community Worship Invitation

by Pastor Mike Stephens

Cowboy Fellowship, in Richmond, Missouri, invites you to share in the celebration of the 5th Sunday of the month. This special event will take place Friday, September 27th through Sunday, September 29th, at the Watkins Mill State Park. We invite the whole community to celebrate with us. 5th Sunday, in the Richmond area, is a gathering of local churches on months that include five Sundays. Typically, we rotate church hosting duties. We also have the privilege of hearing the message from pastors, other than our own. This has been a fantastic way to celebrate and worship, as a community, reminding us that we are all citizens in the same Kingdom of God. We are doing things a little differently for our 5th Sunday of September. Cowboy Fellowship is hosting the 3-day event at the Watkins Mill State park. Friday night we will set up our campground and settle in for campfires, testimonials, and worship. We will be having pot lock dinners Friday and Saturday night, and we have many fun activities planned throughout the weekend. A good majority of the congregation will be camping, but we have several members who will be coming for the day, both are great ways to participate in the joy of being with our community of faith.

Sunday morning, our worship will start out early with baptisms at the lake. We have a good group of people who will be baptized for the first time, and several people who are renewing their baptism. We will then head to the pavilion for the Sunday message and to celebrate together as one body of Christ. A joint meal will be celebrated after the service. Watkins Mill State park is located at 26600 Park Road North, Lawson, MO 64062. It has a 100-acre lake with a paved bicycle path around it, equestrian trails, plentiful fishing, a picturesque campground and a choice of picnic spots. Located near the Kansas City area, the park has ample fishing opportunities and an abundance of white-tailed deer and wild turkeys to watch. The park is adjacent to Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site, a National Historic Landmark. It has 96 campsites, 74 with electric hookups. To make your own reservations and for information on camping spots, please visit https://mostateparks. com/campgrounds/watkins-mill-state-park. The Equestrian Trail System travels through an area of oak-hickory woodland on its west side and scattered stands of red cedar on the east side. The parking lot accommodates eight to 10 horse trailers and has two picnic tables nearby. There is no water; horses may be watered at two creek crossings depending on the season. A vault toilet is located in the parking lot of the nearby group camping area. The trail is open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Equestrian camping is not available. We hope to see many of our extended family of the Cowboy Church join us for one day, every day, or come for church service. Whatever you may be considering, we would consider it a blessing to celebrate the Kingdom with you. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Pastor Mike Stephens, (816)256-1403 (816)316-0692 or Elder Brian Rowan



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Redeemed Riders at YEDA Championship

by Chaplain TW Lawrence

Some folks say that riding a horse can be tricky. Others don't. Ask a kid from the country, and the reply would be that there's no problem throwing a leg over any pony. The city kid, by contrast, would likely prefer a computer-generated experience. Okay, so how's this for a challenge: you travel in from all parts of America to get your turn at the national finals held at the end of May, and you will be riding a horse that you've never met. Wait, what?! That's right. The contestant, whether high school or college level, has never sat saddle on their mount until about thirty minutes before entering the ring. That, my friends, takes some special horsemanship skill. And this is the premise of YEDA, the Youth Equestrian Development Association. Their aim is to pair young-but-skillful riders with experienced-but-willing horses of all breeds. The Championship event is held each year at the Tri State Expo Center in McDonald, Tennessee. That's just north of Chattanooga. For the last four years, Chaplain Skeeter Spaulding has been invited by YEDA to provide the event's opening prayer and give a short devotional to the assembled crowd and contestants. Chaplain T.W. Lawrence is also there to lend him a hand, and to help him man the Cowboys For Christ information booth. It's here that Skeeter stamps folk's names into special horseshoes that already have "John" and "3:16" already stamped on each toe. In these four years, Skeeter has become good friends with the three people that began this association some years ago. Laura Smith is the Chief Executive Officer and show promoter. Debbie Arnold is the Chief Financial Officer who constantly moves from one spot to another in the arena dealing with financial manners. And importantly, Ric Weitzel is the Chief Regulations Officer who gets the last say determining that all riders follow established guidelines. It is always heartwarming to have both

participants and family members stop by the booth to tell us how much they appreciate hearing the prayer and the Word to open each day's event. And then there's the horseshoes. We average 50-80 shoes stamped in a given Championship. While there is no charge for someone receiving a shoe, there is a donation jar on the table. Each year, we end up with a goodly chunk of change that we send to the Cowboys For Christ Bible Fund. An interesting side note is that Skeeter and T.W. always seem to meet other Chaplains, cowboy preachers, and church laymen who attend the event with their families. They come by and say a prayer with us to encourage our ministry. And the crowd sees them doing it. All all. iť s а event. in great We can't wait 'til next year.

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!

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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)

Cowboys For Christ, thank you so very much for sending me the Gospel of John booklets and for everything you've done for many years to share and spread the Gospel! Love and God bless, Shannon in Montana

Cowboys For Christ, I recently received the Cowboys For Christ Living Under His Wings Bible Studies 1-2 and 3 and completed them.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF: REGINA MARGARET EVRETT FROM:

BERNARD LYONS

Firstly, thank you for the work your ministry is doing, in Jesus' Name. Secondly, thank you for sending me a Bible! Third, studies 1 and 2 were well written and thorough, guiding testers in how to become a child of God, God's purpose for a Christian's new life, growing as a child of God, explaining the Holy Spirit, and the benefits of obedience to God's instructions. I found the third study the most beneficial, however, as I came across information regarding spiritual conflict, weapons that God provides believers and powers bestowed upon Jesus Christ, by God, as the heir and ultimate authority, which is helping me bring God's Word to a cult member in my pod.

I am really looking forward to my certificate of completion. If there are any more Bible studies, please send them also.

Thank you very much for your time and attention. Sincerely, Matthew in Texas (Continued on Page 6)

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Cowboys For Christ, thank you for sending the Bible to us at the Stanford Junior Rodeo. I am already using the Bible. Cord and Ruby in Montana

Cowboys For Christ, I enjoy your newspaper. This is to inform you of my change of address. Keep up the good work. James in Florida

Cowboys For Christ, So, when I was with the Tyler area Chapter of Cowboys For Christ, we were set up at the Gladewater Rodeo. We had paperback cowboy Bibles that we were handing out. Several different times people would pick one up and start to put it back after looking at it. I would tell them, "It's yours, don't put it back on the table." They would say, really? Is this some kind of scam? I'm not paying for it." I would laugh and tell them, "It's free, no charge." Another comment we got a lot was, "So, y'all are non-denominational." My answer was always, "We are multi-denominational. We have Baptist, Assembly of God members, as well as, Methodists, Catholics, etc. Our main requirement is that you believe that God sent his Son to die for your sins, and the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Those small paperback Bibles were definitely a key to opening a door to witness to folks. We had a donation can, too, but we never asked for money. Almost always we had a can full of money to buy more Bibles with at the end of an evening. Richard in Texas

Cowboys For Christ, hello, I would like to request your Bible study course and your newspaper please. Thank you, Bryant in North Carolina

Cowboys For Christ, my name is Joe and I'm an inmate at the Lablanc Unit. I've been walking with the Lord for 3 years now. On 8-18-2021 I made a horrible decision that led me to being here at age 65. I drove drunk and as a result I went off the road and hit a tree. My wife of 14 years died in flight to Dallas. My life changed in a split second. It's Jesus that gives me the strength to face and go on another day. I'd really like to have your paper, your full-size Bible, so I can keep the Word close to my heart. A brother in Christ here has them. God bless you all, Joe in Texas

Dear Sir, please use this money for Bibles. I hope it will help people to know God. Thank you, Will in Ohio

Hi, I would really like to subscribe to the Christian Ranchman newsletter. I have also read about the Cowboys For Christ ERV Bible that y'all offer to those in need. I am in need of a Bible very badly and would like to request one, if I may. I would also like to sign up for a Bible study if you have one available still. I am trying to learn and soak up as much of God's Word as I am able so I may walk closer to God and better my life. Thank you and God bless y'all for all y'all do! Bradley in Arkansas

Cowboys For Christ, hello, my name is Jeffery and I am currently in the county jail. I am waiting to go to a rehab. I've been working on getting closer with God, but the Bible I currently have is hard for me to understand. I read a verse in somebody's Cowboys For Christ Bible and I liked how it breaks the verses down and makes them easier to understand. If you could, please send me a Cowboys For Christ Bible. Jeffery in Texas

Dear Cowboys For Christ, may God bless you all for everything that you do. ľm writing because of my granddaughter, she is 16 years old and she don't know anything about the Lord, as of yet. She has a good heart and she is very smart. So, I'm asking if you could send her one of your Bibles and put her on your mailing list for the Christian Ranchman paper. I do believe in my heart that reading the Bible will help her understand just who Jesus Christ really is and just maybe she will accept him as her Lord and Savior. That's what I have been praying for!! Thank you for your time, Cecil in Louisiana

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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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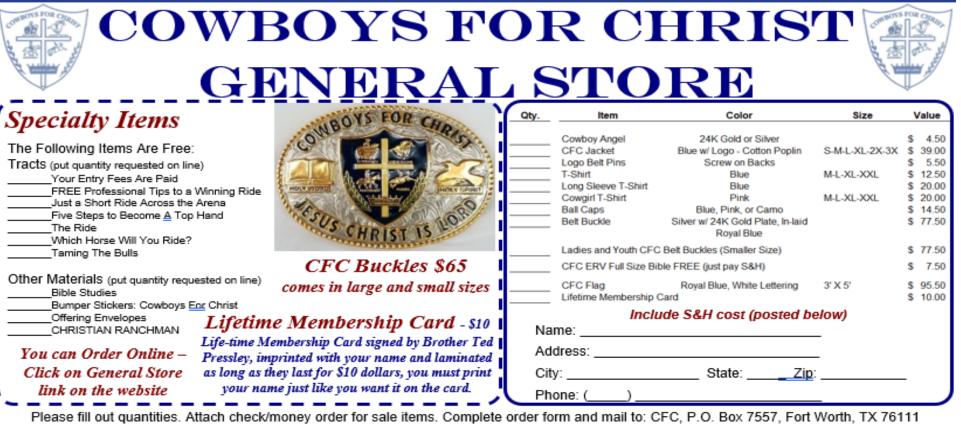
Ps 19:7-11 7 The LORD's Law is perfect, restoring the soul. The LORD's testimony is sure, making wise the simple. **8** The LORD's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart. The LORD's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes. **9** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. The LORD's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether. **10** More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb. **11** Moreover by them is your servant warned. In keeping them there is great reward.

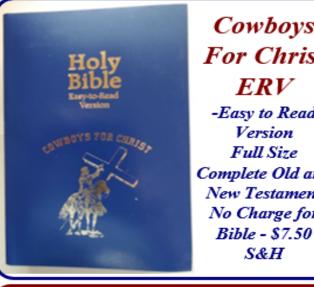
Psalm 19 is one of King David's many Psalms; in fact, he wrote almost one-half of the entire Book of Psalms. When King David wanted to emphasis Almighty God and his power, most of the time he used "Elohim" for Father God. But especially when he was more direct in calling upon the Covenant of God and his Holy Word he would use "Jehovah" as the name of God. And in most translations; as in verse one of Psalm 19 he used Elohim, but in the verses in our text, David used Jehovah. And as we all know the God of creation and the God of his Holy Word, which is his personal revelation to mankind, are certainly one and the same. The Lord's Law, or God's Holy Word is absolutely true and the truth; thereby making his Law perfect. The Lord's Law will also restore the soul; as in eternal salvation and in walking in the truth of peace and strength in this sinful world. These statements concerning the Lord's Law are not only referring to the Ten Commandments, but to each and every word and all elements of God's Holy Word and God's Law. Every aspect and every facet of God's Law and God's Word contain all truth and are true and are totally complete and entire in all revelation and scope. We know God's Law, because we have God's Word. God's Law has been given to mankind in two very distinct, descriptive and complete parts of one book; the Old Testament and the New Testament. This written form of God's Law contains all that is necessary for mankind to know the eternal God and be restored back to his Holy Creator and reveals the truths of God's Son, Jesus Christ and the plan of eternal salvation.

God's Law not only refers to the written Word, but also to the many truths of the Holy God which are revealed in all creation. The visible Law of God contains the truths of the sun, the moon and the stars in the heavens, and clearly seen in the continual rising and setting of the sun and the moon; day and night, just as we are told in: "Ps 19:1-2 The heavens declare the glory of God. The expanse shows his handiwork. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech, and night after night they display knowledge." God's truths are readily seen in life; as in the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and the animals of the fields and forest. And God's Law is also very apparent in the trees, flowers and all plants and vegetation. The supreme notification of Almighty God is all life; especially the life breathed into mankind. And we are clearly told that in: "Gen 2:7 The LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." God's creation shouts the truth of the Almighty Creator throughout the universe and time; past, present and future and mankind's existence on this earth. And history tells us that many civilizations down through the ages have recognized, revered and worshipped Almighty God in some form or another.

After the fall of sinful mankind, the Holy God chose to build upon and complete the revelation of himself and to make known the plan of eternal salvation for his creation through his written Word. Almighty God's love for mankind called for the chosen nation of Israel, which was given the written Word of God, or more specifically the first five Books of the Old Testament. This revelation was to reveal the character and attributes of the Holy God and his laws, his commands and his love for his creation. The remainder of the Old Testament is actually the history and acts of loyalty, faithfulness and reverence to the Holy God, as well as, the many transgressions and sins of rebellion and evil by sinful mankind. The Lord so mercifully anointed writers all down through the ages to record these failures, so that mankind would not repeat these many offences and prayerfully and hopefully would stand firm in their walk and dedication to the Holy Supreme God, his Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. But as we know this did not happen, and in fact, the wide chasm between the Holy God and his sinful creation has widened to the extent that Father God sent his one and only Son into this world to be the perfect sacrifice to pay the debt for the sins of the world.

Ps 19:7 The LORD's Law is perfect, restoring the soul. Which, so perfectly describes God's Law; as his perfect Law is truthfully declared "perfect." And his perfect Law has been proved totally perfect throughout history and all down through the ages. Plus, we are told how perfect and how totally restoring his Law is in: "Ps 23:1-3 The LORD is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul." And the older we get, as more miles roll over on our life odometer, the more we need and realize his strength, his peace and his restoring. What a blessing, what a comfort and what a joy; to know that the Master of the universe has given us his Law to restore us after the hard-fought battles of live. Thank you, Lord Jesus. *(Continued on Page 9)*





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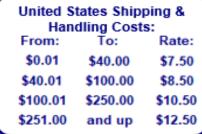


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Next, we are given the time-honored truth that the Law of the Lord is sealed in his own personal and sure testimony, as is so wonderfully declared in the second part of this verse in: "Ps 19:7b The LORD's testimony is sure, making wise the simple." And we receive the promise of wisdom with the divinely professed truths of his testimony through his Holy Word. In fact, the simple, or the non-understanding are promised the ability to understand, with this declared truth of his sure and complete testimony; as we read and study the Lord's testimony in his Holy Word. Jesus tells us plainly that we are to receive the truths of God's Law with the faith of a little child in: "Matt 11:25 At that time, Jesus answered, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and intelligent, and revealed them to little children." And the Greek word for children is not referring to infants, but to babies in faith or the young, unknowing and immature believers.

"Ps 19:8 The LORD's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart. The LORD's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes." It is clearly stated that the precepts or statutes of the Lord are not only right, but will bring joy to our hearts as we follow the Lord's blessed and anointed standards for life. This very trustworthy and life impacting truth is declared for us by the Apostle Paul in: Eph 4:20-24 20 But you did not learn Christ that way; 21 if indeed you heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man, that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit; 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth." Because, cowboys and cowgirls, we have the entire Word of God; the New Testament included, to read, study and to live by as his children, his followers and his servants.

And in the second part of verse 8: "Ps 19:8b The LORD's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes." We have the stated fact of the purity of God's Word, and are assured that his commandants are not only pure, but will add purity to our lives. And as we follow the Lord's precepts and commandants, we will find that it will bring goodness and righteousness to our lives, and bring brightness to our future. And to complete this wonderful teaching of his truth and his Law, we are told in: "Ps 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. The LORD's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether." Which so clearly states that the fear or reverence of the Lord is clean or pure and will also add a pureness to our lives and joy in service to him. And especially, this promise declares that our eternal life is assured with him in his Kingdom for it will endure forever. Then, as his children, we are told that our Lord's ordinances or judgements are true and righteous, which means that he will judge us through his blood, as he is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world in: "John 1:29 The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

To top off all of these wonderful everlasting glorious truths of our Lord and his Law, we are told that they are to be desired much more than pure gold and to follow them will bring great reward in: "Ps 19:10-11 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned. In keeping them there is great reward." That each and every one of our Lord's Law, testimony, precepts or statues, commandants, ordinances and judgments are completely pure, trustworthy and assure and that our Lord deserves our total and complete reverence now and throughout eternity.

As we love our Lord and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our eternal salvation, we certainly need to love his Holy Word, as he is the living Word of God, as clearly stated in: "John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." It is imperative that we read, study and memorize these

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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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wonderful Words of truth, life and peace, with reverence, with joy and with dedication, that we may be the steadfast, committed, faithful servant of the Holy God, his Holy Son and the Holy Spirit, that our prayer should be, as is so wonderfully declared in the last verse of Psalm 19. I certainly hope that this will be our prayer: "Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, LORD, my Rock, and my redeemer." In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Dane

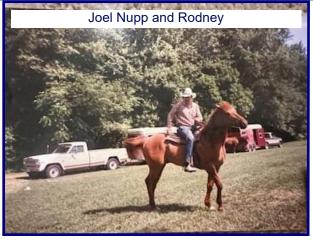
Testimony by Chaplain Joel Nupp

Back in the day.....(Pic from Howard County Fair. I rode there. Trailers from others attending)

30 plus years ago I needed a new horse. My kids were little. I went with my friend Bill Decatur (One of the original Buffalo Soldiers) to check out some horses. We were down off Marriotsville Road. The lady said, "Oh, we got a couple for sale." From as far as you could see coming out of the woods from the top of the hill, were probably 30 horses or so. This dun gelding caught my eye, and he led the herd.

I threw my old beat-up western saddle on him and rode him off. He was 3-legged lame, but he was proud. We looked and here he had thrown a shoe. I gave the lady \$250 cash. Back in the day that was a lot of money. I had 3 kids; my wife was sick. I was working 3 jobs, 2 of them mucking stalls, weed whacking and mowing. We lived on a little 3acre flag lot in West Friendship MD, which was across route 32 from the Howard County Fair. I rode old Rodney everywhere. Rode him leading my daughter and her pony to shows. My boys riding behind me, we didn't have a trailer.

One fall morning years and years ago, I headed out the back gate to some trails we had cut through the weeds. I was probably



5 miles away off Tridelphia Road. I popped open a cold beer and rode a couple hours; alone. I came up on what looked like a shallow stream. Probably 2 hours away from home. Rodney didn't want to cross. I had to get back home, but he was as stubborn and as bullheaded as I was.

We were 2 steps out into the stream. Down we went, quicksand. Turtle bog, we sank. Rodney showed me the whites of his eyes. I slipped off the left side of the saddle and wrapped the reins around my wrist. Now, I was sinking as quick as he was. He was giving up. I yelled c'mon as I stood off in front of him to his left. He lunged forward. Right on top of my right leg. I can still hear that scream today. I was done. Drunk. Alone. Nobody will ever find me I thought. Rodney lunged again. And again. My wrist still wrapped around the reins. He backed up onto the bank. Pulling me with him. Cold. Scared. Confused. Thankful. ...Worried now. How am I going to get home? I've lost my bearings. Saddle covered in 2 inches of brown sludge. I was covered in brown sludge. We were both shaking. But I was alive.

I remember I couldn't bend my legs. I walked Rodney over to a stump. Climbed on. I'm in shock at this point. Rodney took me home. 2 hours out. I'm freezing cold. Numb. .

My world was rocked. Not really going to church at the time. I had jobs to do. Horse farms to work. My wife would take the kids to church. Catholic. I didn't go. I had work to do. Make a living. OH, I believed in God, had all my life, but....but....but....

I look back now. Years later my wife passed. Our little family fell apart. Scattered. I was a

mess.

I write this morning as I reflect on my life. God...was always there. I left Him. He never left me.

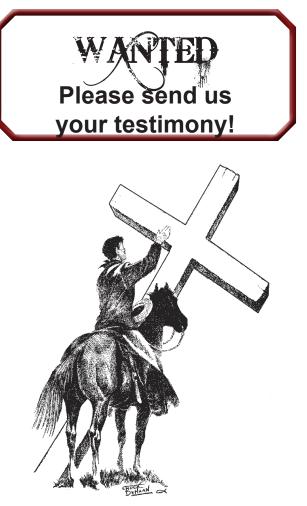
All these years later. I've returned to that God.

Couple weeks ago I preached 2 churches. Same morning. 10 miles apart. As a benediction I sang Numbers 6:24-26 " The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord TURN his face toward you and give you Peace."

Out in the middle of the woods. Out in the middle of nowhere, was a drunk old cowboy, that had lost his way. Lost. I remember that, Peace. It was the Lord. He saw me. He turned His face towards me.

I felt it 30 years ago. I feel it now writing on the porch. Reflecting. All the times in my life....all the times in your life.....,He saw you. He saw me.

I love the Lord Jesus Christ. It's personal. He saved my life. He'll save yours too. He's looking at you now....



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A Chaplain's Journey

by Chaplain Greg Connolly

This is a testimony of my wife and myself following the voice of the Lord. In April 2018, I was away on a ranch, spending time with the Lord. As I sat between two fields-one to the north of me and the other to the south the Lord gave me a vision of moving north. We were living in Texas, where we ran a thriving chiropractic business, and we didn't want to move. But it was clear. I had no idea when that would be or how it would lookuntil April 2020. We all remember what took place in the world at that time. My wife and I thought that we were about to move into a house, but the Lord had different plans, which we can see clearly now. The house fell through and we moved an hour north, to the farm of my wife's aunt and uncle. It helped us out, but we also helped them to maintain the farm, which had become difficult for them due to their age and health. Three months into our stay, my wife's dad's cancer spread, so we found ourselves traveling back and forth to a small town in Illinois to help her parents. In December 2020, he passed away. The Lord had already prepared us to be mobile and to be the ones to move to Illinois to help take care of Mom for a period of time. So in February 2021, we moved 12 hours northeast.

A testimony in this: Someone at my father-inlaw's funeral knew the owner of the funeral home, and mentioned to us that I may be able to get a job there. At the time, I didn't want to move to Illinois, or work at a funeral home. Shortly after we moved, however, I called the owner just to be able to say that I had called. I went in to meet him, and within five minutes, he asked if I could start on Thursday. I said, "Sure," thinking that I would find something else. I was there for a year and a half, and it was a blessing and a ministry.

Eventually, we felt the Lord releasing us to move from Illinois, and thought that we would go back to Texas. But again, the Lord had different plans. "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9) Since January 2023, we have stayed in approximately 30 different places, in six different states. In each of these locations, the Lord had His reasons as to why we were there.

In the spring of 2023, the Lord started speaking to us about California, and showing us signs. I told the Lord that He has my yes if I know it is His will, and HE clearly answered that this was His will. We came out to Redding, California, after a friend invited us to stay and see what the Lord was showing us. I found out soon that the Redding area of Northern California is called the "North State." How funny is the Lord! He was showing us to attend ministry school, which turned out to be a blessing for some healing we needed, and further equipping. We believe He is calling us to do a second year of school, as well. In all of this, we have been working to establish new paths.

I have been serving in pastoral care and healing through school, visiting the homes of people who have illnesses and disabilities. Some are on hospice care, or in hospitals. It has remained on my heart to serve hospice patients, so I have connected to a hospice company here in Redding, through which I am able to go and serve these patients.

The Lord has also shown me to serve the homeless in this community. More testimonies: We were visiting a homeless area, and I was speaking with a polite homeless gentleman. I listened to his story and found out that he had a metal plate and screws in his foot from a concrete block falling on it. I prayed for healing but didn't see his foot healed. I asked the Lord why, and HE said they need Love. A guy we were with was sitting on a curb talking with a homeless lady, and she wanted her heart prayed for. So he prayed and listened to her story. We went to leave and she stood up and said that her back was healed! She had never mentioned anything wrong with her back, but the Lord knew. On another day, my wife and I took food to an area where we knew some homeless people would be. We saw a lady in a dumpster. She was wearing a dress and had a white flower in her hair. We asked if she wanted to come out and have something to eat. So she did, and we

were able to share God's love with her. In return, she gave my wife a white flower. On this journey, we have seen the Lord work in so many amazing ways. Thank you, Jesus! On a visit to friends in Colorado, we felt the Lord tell us to go out a different direction than the way we had come in. We ended up stopping in a small town to get a cup of coffee. A young college girl was there working. I brought up the Lord for some reason, and she got chills, saying she had been asking God to send her someone "who knows You to show me You're real." So we shared His Love and His word with her and gave her a Bible.

Back in Redding, we also prayed for a lady who had stage 4 colon cancer and was not a believer, but was searching. She came to church the next day, saying she wanted to share her CaringBridge link with us so that we could stay up-to-date on her health journey. Two weeks later, we got a message from her, saying that the doctors couldn't find cancer, but that a specific number had risen, which concerned them. Then they ran another test, and the number was dropping, and still no cancer. Thank you, Lord!! When you give the Lord your "yes," be prepared! Matthew 22:36-40 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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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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Matthew 20:25-28 25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— 28just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

My affiliation with Cowboys For Christ began in 1998. I have a rodeo background, and I started going to Bible studies in Saginaw, Texas with Brother Ted Pressley, founder of Cowboys For Christ. Two years ago, I felt the Lord calling me to become a chaplain, and it brought me back around to Cowboys For Christ, to go through the chaplaincy program. At times, I have questioned whether I am a cowboy chaplain, since what I am doing doesn't look like what I thought it should.

Chaplaincy is a ministry built on compassion for others who have lost hope or need to be given hope. Chaplaincy is called a ministry of presence since the main purpose of a chaplain is to listen, care and respond appropriately to a person's needs. The commission is to "GO," and cowboy chaplains accept the calling to "GO" wherever and whenever possible,

to proclaim, to witness, to reach out to the lost. He or she is all things to all people that they may be productive servants of GOD. A large percentage of the time, they are called to serve those who have no religious or spiritual background. A cowboy chaplain may be called to minister to those who do not expect to be ministered to, and in many cases are not open to, or do not welcome, being ministered to. A cowboy chaplain seeks the guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT, and prayerfully serves those who the LORD sends in their daily walk for HIS Glory. (Cowboy Chaplains of America and Living Shield Ministries)

I can say yes, I am a cowboy chaplain. We can't do this alone. Your prayers, support and encouragement are invaluable to us.



I did want to say a big "Thank you!" to Inmate Reverend Steven Caughorn "Bluehorn Leather" for making this portfolio for me. I will treasure it always!

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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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