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“...By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another.” John 13:35

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## ***Cowboys For Christ Chaplains Attend International Ranch Ministry Conference***

by Chaplain Jesse Bowman

Wings of Hope, a biblically based equine assisted learning ranch in Doswell, Virginia, was the site of the 2025 International Ranch Ministry Conference in late September. Four Cowboys For Christ Chaplains joined 300 other attendees for the three-day event. Roxie and Cary Stultz from Pennsylvania, and Bert Lambin from Florida, joined Jesse Bowman from Virginia. Attendees representing 76 ministries from across the country and including Germany and Norway came together to fellowship, worship and share best practices and strategies in a wide variety of equine ranch related and ministry topics.

The annual conference included 60 one-hour educational sessions on topics ranging from equine ministry, programming, volunteer management, horse training and other related areas. Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch was able to send three of their staff members to lead sessions.



Chaplains Jesse Bowman, Roxie & Cary Stultz,  
and Bret Lambdin

That was a special treat for similar ministries who might not be able to travel to Oregon to hear from a ministry that inspired so many to start outreach of this type.

Cowboys For Christ has been invited to participate in the conference for the last three years. This year, Chaplain Jesse Bowman presented two sessions on initiating a Cowboy church into your

ministry program. Both sessions drew people from across the spectrum of equine ministry as well as folks who do not currently use horses in a ministry-based program. Faith, Hope and Horses, an equine rescue and bible-based ministry in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, sent several volunteers, as well as the ministry director to the conference. The first fruits of the sessions were realized when Faith, Hope and Horses held their first Cowboy Church in November. They are actively working to incorporate cowboy church into their regular ministry program.

The hospitality expressed by Wings of Hope staff and volunteers was outstanding. The conference included amazing food prepared and served by Wings of Hope volunteers each day. Each evening attendees were treated to contemporary praise music by the band 1499. The band is led by recording artist Sam Gatto, who has a passion for bringing worship outside the walls of the church. The band's name is inspired by Luke 15:1-7, because you and I are the (1) for (4) whom Jesus left the ninety-nine (99). The band hails from New Jersey and made the trip to Wings of Hope at their own expense. You can discover additional information on the band at [www.the1499.com](http://www.the1499.com).

This conference continues to grow in size and in spirit. Opportunities for reaching lost, hurting, and broken people, are willingly shared by those who are currently doing the work. Those seeking to start, grow or discover best practices and ideas for ministry outreach can benefit greatly from attending this conference. If you would like to be a part of the 2026 conference and impact ministries across the globe, please reach out to, [Alison@wingsofhoperranch.org](mailto:Alison@wingsofhoperranch.org).

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## ***Glory Reins Ranch: 15 Years in the Making!***

by Chaplain Jesse Bowman

In September, Glory Reins Ranch in Farmville, Virginia celebrated the ranch's 15th year of serving God; and Cowboys For Christ was invited again to be a part of that celebration. On an absolutely gorgeous early fall weekend, nearly 300 people filled the ranch with laughter, fellowship and stories about how people have been comforted, hearts have been changed, and God has called people to Himself.



Glory Reins Ranch - washed out bridge

Owners Robin and Kevin Warren, as well as many current and previous volunteers recalled how the ranch has grown under the provision and blessings poured out by our loving God. One small corner of the Spring Newsletter caught my eye and really brings home the attitude of thanksgiving that permeates Glory Reins Ranch. Next to a photo of a completely washed-out driveway bridge were the words: "Fall rains washed out the driveway bridge" . . . and right below that was a photo of the new bridge with the caption, "God provided a new one!" That simple yet profoundly direct statement of faith, trust and thanksgiving seemed to me to be the theme of the weekend celebration. I also learned that it was no little event that washed out the bridge. Nearly eleven feet of water surged through the normally placid stream and completely

demolished the only bridge on the driveway. Yet through it all, God had this problem, as well as all the other challenges of operating a biblically based equine assisted learning environment well in hand. A very moving and heartfelt testimony was offered Saturday evening by Kelsey, who came to the ranch with the idea of volunteering. After going through one of the programs herself, she experienced her life changed in a profound way through the love, mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus. When someone is touched by the physical and spiritually healing power of Jesus, it is



Robin & Kevin Warren

evident to everyone who comes in contact with them. Kelsey's testimony was a tribute and a shining example of the genuine concern, care, and comfort that makes Glory Reins Ranch a very special place. All that visit the ranch, no matter what they think they are searching for, will find that authentic love, care, and concern at no cost other than a willingness to listen. On Sunday morning we were treated to a wonderful breakfast and I was blessed to offer a message at Cowboy Church. Glory Reins Ranch operates solely on the provision of God and through the generosity of others. As ranch activities continue to expand, a wellness barn to care for the maturing herd has become necessary. This will provide a safer environment for feedings, a dry and warm place for stalling older horses, as well as a safer place for humans treating

the horses. A team of workers has already volunteered to help build the barn. Please pray for the funds needed to accomplish this addition. As I am writing this article, I have a deep sense that the Spirit of God is already at work in the provisions needed for Glory Reins Ranch to continue to offer the Love of Christ to anyone who visits.

## ***Fall 2025 Women's Retreat***

by Chaplains Cindy LaChance, Lauren Daniels, & Carmalee Scarpetti

God always brings people together in His timing for His glory! This has been very evident in the last couple of years as God has brought several horse girls together, bonding over a love for horses and, even more so, over their love for Jesus. God gave them the desire to share His love with others in the horse community. The Lord then opened doors for these sisters in Christ to begin hosting Cowboys for Christ women's retreats at 4B Farm and Campground in the Uwharrie National Forest. We were attending the Cowboy Bible Ministry weekend at 4B when they announced a men's weekend coming up. This weekend brought men together for fellowship, a Christ-centered message, and horses. We thought this sounded fun and inquired when a women's weekend would be held.

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Chaplain Cindy LaChance Speaking



## Women's Retreat Continued

We received the disappointing news that there was not a women's retreat because there was no one to lead it. Well, God definitely had us all in the right place at the right time because we looked at each other and said, "We'll do it!"

The first retreat was held in the fall of 2024 with 17 women, from teenagers to senior citizens, in attendance. We drove through Hurricane Helene on the way there. This storm devastated the western part of NC, but the campground was spared. Some of the participants from western NC came early to beat the storm and stayed extra days because they didn't have power at home.

The theme of this first retreat was 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." God showed up in a big way, giving us meaningful fellowship and plenty of horse-riding time.

Believing that God was blessing this ministry, a second retreat was scheduled for the spring of 2025. The word was spreading; we saw God bring 20 ladies to the weekend. We even had women attend without a horse. The theme of this weekend was 1 Thessalonians 5:1 "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing." And the Lord helped us build each other up in powerful ways.

The third women's retreat was held October 3-5, 2025. We saw familiar faces from previous retreats, along with new faces, for a total of 30 ladies. The focus of this retreat was Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." The Friday evening program started with a beautiful, delicious charcuterie table. Carmalee Scarpitti then brought the devotional. She shared that we need other Christians alongside us to make our way easier. But sometimes, like the footprints in the sand poem, it is Jesus who lifts us up.

We ended the evening with a game where everyone started with a wrapped gift that they had to trade multiple times. It was fun and a great time of fellowship. Just when everyone thought the game was over and the gifts, they unwrapped was theirs to keep, a twist was thrown in! You had to find someone you did not know and exchange your gift with that person. That was how we established our prayer partners for the weekend.

Saturday morning devotions were presented by Chaplain Cindy LaChance. She spoke about acknowledging that sometimes we are the person who needs the help to get up. But many of us have been taught to hide behind an "everything is great" mask. We must make sure our pride does not get in the way of allowing someone to minister to us. After morning devotions, the ladies with mounts went trail riding and the others enjoyed fellowship in the camp.

That afternoon, Danny Blackburn presented from horseback, helping us see how our relationship with our horses is similar to our relationship with God. We want our horse to be obedient and listen to us just as God wants His children to be obedient to Him. Just as we use hand, weight, and voice aids with our horses God gives us the aids of scripture, prayer, and fellow believers to help us on our journey. We need daily time in the Word, fellowship with and guidance from believers, and to spend our quiet time praying and listening to God. The night finished with dinner, a craft and lots of fellowship.

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Sunday morning the message at Cowboy Church was brought to us by Dave Harvey, the President of Cowboys for Christ! He gave us all a challenge to present Christ to everyone we interact with.

The Lord knew about these retreats long before we knew about them. Looking back at how He orchestrated these Cowboys for Christ Women's Retreats leaves us all in awe! We are looking forward to what God has in store for us at the Spring retreat, scheduled for March 20-22, 2026 at 4B Farm and Campground. The theme will be Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding." Our special guest will be Peace Haven Horsemanship! We invite all ladies to attend and be renewed by a weekend of devotions, fellowship, horses, and crafts.

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Please send us  
your testimony!

## Letters to the Editor

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

**Cowboys For Christ**, I am writing to say thank you and God bless you guys for what you are doing. I read the Bible daily and thank you for the Christian Ranchman. I myself, already have a Bible, but new guys are coming in daily. So, I gave it to one of the young fellows and he now reads his Bible daily, made possible from Cowboys For Christ. You guys are in my prayers and keep on blessing and God blessings to all, Shawn in Minnesota

**Dear Christian Ranchman/Cowboys For Christ**, First, I pray y'all are well and blessed!! I really enjoy the newsletter y'all send out and would like to know if I could be added to the mailing list. God bless, Robert in California

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## Letters Continued

**Cowboys For Christ,** I would like to thank you for your publication of the Christian Ranchman, that I have been receiving since 2019. Your publication has been a source of inspiration for me over the years and I know it has been a blessing to others that I share it with. I thank the Lord for ministries like yours, who bring light into the darkness. I know there are many rewards stored up in Heaven for those who have made it possible for men like me to hear the Gospel. I have recently lost my Bible in a unit shake down and since I am indigent, I have no way of replacing it. If you have the resources available, would you please put me on your list to receive a Bible. Thank you, again for your ministry and may God bless all that you do for the Kingdom of God. A brother in Christ, Randy in Texas

**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** Thank you for your Bible. I have found joy and easement in understanding God's Word. I also enjoyed the Bible Study, y'all sent. I wish y'all had more of them or something like a Bible Study course. I'm sure I'm not the first to bring that up. Thank you for finding the time to do all y'all do out there. And thank you for the Christian Ranchman, me and my friends enjoy reading them. Please keep us on the mailing list. God bless, Stephen in Virginia

**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** Hello, my name is Steven and I am a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. So, I was recently at the Billy Moore Unit in Texas prison system. I have been moved to the Hightower Unit in Dayton, TX, if y'all can start sending the Ranchman here until I get home. Then we can hopefully meet up. I am from the Wise County area. Yes, my very first Ranchman I received, there was you and my cousin, Jeff Tackett and his wife and a friend of the family. But I will be living in Venus, TX. God is calling me to the ministry, so when I get home unless I get to start my ordained ministry training in here. If not, I will be doing it when I get home, and I am on my way home. I'm in a program now, and I am about 2 months in a 9-month program. I am just going to follow what the Lord is calling me to do, anyhow, thank you for all y'all are doing. I hope to meet you one day on the outside soon. I will be home no later than April, but I should be home the end of January or the beginning of February. Steven in Texas PS I love you, my brothers and sisters. Keep allowing Christ to work through you, without Him we are nothing.

**Cowboys For Christ,** Hi, my name is Mary and I am a prisoner serving a life sentence in Michigan. I gave my life to Jesus in 1999 and have never looked back. I serve Him in the music ministry here. I play keyboard for our praise team & choir. The reason why I am writing is that I was reading some Scriptures in Proverbs with my roommate. She brought out her Bible that she found on the bookshelf. I'm from the old school and use only the NKJ Version, but I was so moved by your Cowboys For Christ ERV Version. It really carries an anointing while staying true to His Word. I was wondering if you could possibly send me a Bible like that? And if you offer any Bible Studies, I'd like that as well. Thank you for reading this. I have been in prison for 26+ years and I am still on fire for the Lord. But most of all, I'm thankful and grateful for what the Lord has done for me. He's my everything. Thanks again, in His love, Mary in Michigan

### *Letter from Doyle Britt Dunn*

Cowboys For Christ, Let me start this letter out by saying God bless to you all for the service you all do. It's a good thing y'all got going on. I just went to the dayroom and found these 3 pamphlets and read them all and I felt a tug to write you all to say thanks. I'm in Seg in prison, I go home January 1st. I gave my life to God last January, I've been sober for almost a year and God has really done a miracle change in me. I'm an ex-gang member, 20 plus years. I have 19 years all together incarcerated. I've been a drug dealer, drug addict, been shot, bled out and saved by the grace of God. They said one more minute would have been too late. I've completely surrendered to God and he's transformed me; mind, body and soul. I take no meds. I have no more mental problems, no stress. I'm filled with joy and peace every day! I get another chance, January 1st (my daughter's birthday) to go home and start over and I'm excited to do it with God this time. I'd like to check out anything I can get from your movement, Cowboys For Christ. Please add me for a Bible and sign me up for the Christian Ranchman. I'll be sure to get ahold of y'all upon my release and would love to share my testimony for

people who may need to hear it. I've put the Brotherhood life behind me, although I still love all my brothers. I now just offer the help of prayer and spreading the good Word. I'll be waiting to hear from y'all. God bless! Keep doing God's mission.

*Love & respect! Britt*

### *Ministry Report*

by Chaplain Keith Barnes

Below is a testimony shared with me from one of our teachers here at Red Top Middle School. As you probably remember, we gave out 150 English and 100 Spanish copies of the Cowboys for Christ, Gospel of John here at our school. So far 3 kids have been saved here at school as a result. Also, the lady who heads up the Bible study here shared this testimony below with me. God is using that small seed of 250 Copies of the Gospel of John and Multiplying it.

I am a teacher in a public middle school. A fellow teacher in my school named Mr. Barnes who is involved in Rodeo Ministry and a ministry called Cowboys for Christ. At our school, we have a weekly Bible club called Vida Nueva - New Life. Mr. Barnes donated Cowboys for Christ Gospels of John (from the Pocket Testament League) in both English and Spanish to give out to the students in the Bible club. These have been a huge blessing to our students in the Bible club and other students that I have been able to share them with.

My dad has recently had to move to an inpatient rehab nursing home. One day while I was sitting with my dad, he was sleeping. I had some of the Cowboys for Christ Gospels of John with me in my bookbag, and I took one over to offer to my dad's roommate in the nursing home. His roommate is a man who had been shot in the head and is now partially paralyzed. He was glad to receive it. I asked him if he would like for me to read it with him while my dad was sleeping. I read the tract at the beginning and when I asked him if he would like to pray to receive Christ he said YES!

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## **NEEDED: HORSE SHOW CHAPLAINS**

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

We prayed together and he was saved! He asked me if I had any more copies of the Gospel because he wanted to share some with his friends in the nursing home. I gave him 5 and so far, he has given away 2. When I have a chance, we read John together and so far, we have read up to chapter 5. When I asked him to share any prayer requests so I could pray for him, he asked me to pray that he could keep getting closer to Jesus. Praise the Lord for preserving his life and saving him! Praise the Lord for all the lives of students who have been touched through the Gospels of John shared through the Bible club!

Additional story - when I saw the Pocket Testament League Gospels of John that Mr. Barnes shared with me, I fell in love with them! I love the tract at the beginning and the way that the tract refers to the verses from John that can be looked up and shared. I have since ordered Gospels of John in French, Chinese, Portuguese, and Farsi to share with my students. Some of my students asked for more copies to share with friends and family. I am now ordering 300 Greatest Gift Gospels for our youth group to share with all the residents and nurses at my dad's nursing home.

Thanks, Chaplain Keith



## **The Narrow Gate**

by Chaplains Theresa & Tim Anderson

We were honored to be invited to lead a Sunday service for the Back Country Horsemen of Missouri, held at the picturesque Brushy Creek near Black, Missouri. The event took place during an unseasonably warm and drought-ridden September. Despite the weather, members came together for their annual meeting, enjoyed a member appreciation dinner, played fun games, participated in a silent auction, and rode the horses that God has blessed them with.

The members who typically provided worship music were unable to attend this year. Tim and I, while not gifted singers, often refer to our efforts as making a joyful noise. However, God graciously provided not one, but two talented individuals—Toni Giardina and Stephen Assenmacher—who both played guitar and sang beautifully, uplifting the service with their music.

The devotion centered around Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it."

Because narrow is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." There are many today who proclaim all paths lead to God, but this is simply not true. If we leave mid Missouri and drive 1000 miles north, we will not arrive in Florida, though someone from Rhode Island driving south 1000 miles just might. Nor do the Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist etc. religions lead to the One True God.

We shared that people on the broad path and the narrow path often share these three things. 1. They believe that Jesus is Lord. 2. They are passionate about their beliefs. And 3. They are active volunteers.

The differences that those on the narrow path have are: 1. They have a grasp of God's grace. Nothing we do compares to what Jesus did for us. He led a sinless life, died and rose again in payment for our sin. All we do in our flesh is like filthy rags comparatively. And 2. On the narrow path we learn to surrender to God's will. We come

to realize God is not like a wish granter for the things we want. We must submit to Him and be His servants.

Theresa described parallel stories about gates and getting off the trail and being lost. She asked attendees for examples and folks shared some gate stories. The Bible was referred to as God's Compass and GPS, God's Positioning System. Prayers were sent up, and literature was offered. We were very honored to share God's Word and hope.

### **Testimony from Chaplain Ed Singer**

I just received my stack of Christian Ranchman. Thank you for that. I see you are soliciting testimonies and I have one to submit. The introduction is from The Parable of the Wedding Feast: Matthew 22:11-14 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. 13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot,

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*Singer Testimony Continued*

and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

This past March, I had a moment in church; a pivotal moment; a moment where I realized I was that man in street clothes who showed up to a wedding banquet dressed inappropriately. I wanted the food and the festivities, and the celebration, but I was not committed to the event. I was not honoring the King. I was not in relationship with His Son. I was in attendance physically and mentally, but not wholeheartedly. I thought I was saved when I was 48 years old. 20 years ago. Maybe I was. I believed in God and in Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. I came to learn more about God. I read the Bible; I even studied apologetics. I knew in my head that this made sense. What other reason but God could there be for the existence of the universe and life on earth? What reason for our existence, what purpose, to what end is this life worth living for? I was ordained with Cowboys for Christ in 2016. Yet, there was still no personal relationship because I had never surrendered. I had never given up fighting the fight myself; battling against life and circumstances; guarding my heart against submission; against doing it God’s way. Covering my eyes and my ears, I was protecting myself because surely, I know better than God. Sound familiar to anyone? So, on that day in church, an altar call was made and my eyes were finally opened. My ears heard the call in a new and transforming way. As I stood there with the congregation, in a dimly lit church, I cried. Streams of tears, friends. Joyful, painful, uplifting tears ran down my face as the burdens I had been carrying were being handed over to Jesus. My heart softening toward mankind. My eyesight changed to where now I can see much more of the strengths in other people and far fewer of their weaknesses. I see God’s purpose in my fellow believers and the potential in the unsaved. God took my heart of stone and replaced it brethren, with a heart of flesh.

As I opened myself to Jesus, I truly felt

unburdened and home, and safe and ... just lighter in every way. It was the most significant cleansing of my core that I had ever felt. All my past, every way I had been towards God and people, was washed away, I was made new again. In the days that followed this pivotal experience, I got to thinking.... who else is in the congregation was just like me? Who else was attending that church or your church or any church, and wasn’t fully bonded with Christ? It was a sobering thought. If that’s you, you don’t have to stay in that place. God is inviting YOU to a close relationship...today! He invites you every day, and He is inviting You right now. He wants YOU to experience the joy and fulfillment of His presence. You have an open invitation; you can RSVP today, right now. You can have a personal relationship with God the Father, through the sacrifice of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can have a place at the table. You can partake of the feast that is prepared for you. My prayer for you is that you look seriously into your heart. It’s not about being perfect or being a better person or exerting more effort. It’s about letting our Lord and Savior rule your heart, carry your burdens, and be the sacrifice He showed Himself to be. God Bless you all. *In Christ, Ed Singer, Chaplain*

*My Testimony*

by Rodney Hurdsman

I was born and raised in the state of Utah. I grew up hunting and fishing in the beautiful mountains God made, and I was blessed with good loving and caring parents. My dad’s side of the family was Mormon, and my mother was Catholic. Although my dad didn’t go to any church, he made me go to church with my mom, so she tried to bring me in the Catholic church. However, that didn’t work out so well. My middle name is Adam, and I inherited his sinful nature for sure. I remember stealing a candy bar when I was 4-years old, and the nuns at the Catholic school my mother put me in called her up after I had been there for about a week and told her to come get me because

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**COWBOYS FOR CHRIST  
STATEMENT OF POSITION**

Supreme authority over this organization and all its activities is vested in God’s own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This must be recognized and practiced as laid out for us in God’s divinely inspired Word, the Holy Bible.

Cowboys For Christ is not in competition with any denominational group. It seeks, rather, through God’s enabling grace, to be a helper to all local churches, denominations and groups to the extent that they are in harmony with the will of the Almighty God. Its function is to proclaim the Word of God. It is designed for outreach and building up of the Body of Christ, God’s blood-bought people, and in harmony with the work of the Holy Spirit is an active force in the Lord’s program for the present day.

The message of The Christian Ranchman is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. These messages come to us in a variety of expressions, including testimonies and Letters to the Editor, and each is meaningful in its own way. We pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of you that bit of reassurance and comfort your need today.

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# Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

## *HARASSED AND HELPLESS*



Matt 9:35-38 35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

"The harvest is plentiful." Now that is sure the desire of every farmer and anyone else in the growing business. If it is planted, if it is growing and if it is needed to feed or care for someone or something, then somebody had

to plant, nurture, cultivate, protect, develop and wait and wait and wait and then get ready for the time of harvest. Harvest times is a very special time and a joyous time; even though it is usually a time of hard work. And depending on the crop or whatever is being harvested it is a very important time because so many lives and their well-being depend on it all happening; the plenty and the harvest. And, to be sure every planter wants a plentiful harvest, but I don't think that this is the harvest that Jesus was talking about. I think it was the "harassed and helpless" that he was talking about?

Cowboys and cowgirls, our Lord and Savior tells us in John 4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. He said very plainly: "They are ripe for harvest." That was our Lord and Savior speaking of the wandering and lost, the "harassed and helpless" that were followed him around seeking the truth. The people readily understood that religion certainly did not have the answers they were seeking. The evil and corrupt Roman government was certainly not concerned or wanted to help and the people were bound by the evil that bombarded them daily. Their lives had become so unsure, troubled and they just did not know to where or who to turn to for help, guidance, strength and victory in their everyday lives.

In the first place, why were the people "like sheep without a shepherd" and why were they "harassed and helpless?" As we read and study the Old Testament and the history of God's chosen nation, the children of Israel, we sure see a pattern of moving away from the Holy God and then after a major crisis they would come running back to him in repentance and humbleness. This pattern was repeated many times down through the ages and on into New Testament times, and it is sure a history of aimless wandering, discouragement and helplessness. The people certainly resemble sheep running off without a shepherd; lost, abandoned and unable to find help. But, folks to be honest, many of us as God's children who have accepted God's Son Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord have not learned anything from those history lessons and we are just as guilty of doing the same thing. We are running around like sheep without a shepherd and especially being harassed and helpless because of the works of the devil and the massive movement of evil in this sinful world. The enemy certainly has not changed and the troubles, trials and heartaches are still here today, just as they were then. Do some of these things sound familiar, do you know someone that seems to be harassed and helpless to fight off the devil and his evil schemes? Do you know someone; family members, friends or others that appears to be "harassed and helpless" especially with so much evil running rampant across this country? What about in your own life; do you have times of feeling "harassed and helpless?" Do you think that there is a shortage of lost and hurting people today? Would Jesus look out on the multitudes around this nation and feel the same compassion and know that they were harassed and helpless?

I truly believe that Jesus would, and now my question to you, "What are you going to do about it as his servant and worker for the Kingdom of God. Do we allow the harassed and helpless people in our circle to continue on their downward spiral to everlasting hell, or do we share the truth of Jesus Christ with them? Do we leave our comfort zones and step out in faith and tell them about our Savior and Lord? Do we seek to serve in a way that touches them for good and helps them leave their lives of harassment and helplessness and especially help them find the Savior?

But first I need to ask you a question. Do you know Jesus Christ? Have you accepted him as your Savior and Lord? Do you have a personal relationship with the Lord? If not, then you are harassed and helpless, too. Please go to the section in this paper: [My Eternal Decision](#) and after you have settled this issue, then come right back. But if you have, then you have the answer to the world's problems and you have a testimony. You also have help in your walk with the Lord, too; because you have the Holy Spirit. So, now I am going to ask you another question. Have you told someone about your Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ?

You can start today by being on the lookout for those that are harassed and helpless and in need of prayer and especially in need of a Savior. Tell them you want to pray with them and for them and go ahead and pray for them. You can also give them this copy of the Christian Ranchman and get their name and address and send it to us and we will put them on the mailing list. You can request some tracts, especially "Which Horse will You Ride" or "The Ride" or "Taming the Bulls of Life" and have them ready to give to those the Lord sends your way. It may be a little thing, but it could sure be a big thing for eternity for those you touch for Jesus Christ. Happy helping the harassed and helpless and God bless you, in Christ,

*Dave*



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### *Hurdsman Testimony Continued*

they couldn't handle me or do anything with me.

Well, that only seemed to progress as I got older. I would have gotten a free ride to college playing baseball, but alcohol and drugs and women and partying was all I really seemed to want to do. Well, that kind of stuff cost money, and the demons I had inside me lead me down a road of progressively worse criminal activity. I went from petty theft, all the way up to robbing banks. I robbed a bunch of banks in my life and spent 10 years in federal prison because of it. I wasn't all bad or just evil, but the demons I had inside of me were. Inside I had a good and loving heart that God had given me, and I would have never just intentionally hurt anyone, but what I was doing to get money to support my lifestyle wasn't good for sure. I had periods of time earlier in my life in which I did really well. I spent 6 years in the US military during the first Gulf war and received an honorable discharge upon separation. I completed two separate 4-year apprenticeship programs through U S Department of Labor as an electrician, and in HVAC&R and I have around 100 hours of college credits and was about 10-months away from receiving a degree in electrical engineering.

After getting out of federal prison before my present incarceration I was doing very well. I married my second wife, and was making over one hundred thousand dollars a year as a gas compression mechanic. However, just as the demons of Egypt followed the people of Israel after they left their physical enslavement, my demons of alcohol and drugs followed me. Ultimately, I got so drunk that I drove on to a gas compression site that I knew had video security cameras and stole a bunch of what was basically scrap metal and didn't even remember what I had done. Well, they didn't play with me this time, they enhanced my sentence under Texas penal code law and gave me 75-years for a third-degree felony theft charge that usually carries a sentence of 2-10 years. Proverbs 3:12 says that God corrects the ones He loves. Well, I can tell you that He corrected

me pretty tough this time, but I can also tell you that I am so very thankful that He did. I know that sounds crazy.

When I came to state prison, I was broke inside but I wasn't all the way broken yet. I still was walking in the world, worshiping the many idols the world (the devil) has to offer with blinders still on my eyes. It was about after I had been in prison for 5 years that my wife and I started to have some pretty serious problems, then I got my butt in trouble and lost my contact visits with her. On top of that, I was moved to the area of the prison that houses the most violent and unruly prisoners. That's when it happened, I finally broke and hit my knees and cried out to Jesus and asked him to forgive me. I cried like a baby and confessed my sins even going all the way back to when I stole that candy bar, when I was 4-years old.

First, the best way I could explain it. I had what I've heard people call a "radical regeneration." All I wanted to do was read the Bible and talk about God and how great He is. I have seen the words come off the page in the Book of Genesis and sparkle and float in the air. Hebrews 4:12 says the Word is living and active and I can tell you that it really is. Then I started seeing the number seven (7) everywhere and it was manifesting all over in my life. I know that may sound crazy, but let me just tell you a couple things about what I mean. First, they moved me to seven building, and I had to start eating in seven chow hall. Then I get a new cell mate that has a giant number seven tattooed on his back. I have eight children between my previous wife and the one I am married to now and two of my sons were in different parts of the state and got themselves in pretty serious trouble with the law themselves. One was looking at 40-years in prison, as least that is what they were offering him, and the other was looking at 35-years in completely different jurisdiction and matters. Well, they both ended up getting 7-years after the prosecutors offered them that.

Listen to this one, as I said my dad's side of the family was Mormon, and since I have been saved by our good and gracious Lord,

my dad and I had started to mend what had been a broken relationship and I started asking him about my great grandparents. Well, he tells me that my great grandfather on my grandmother's side was a Mormon and that they threw him in jail in Utah because he had seven wives. I could tell you at least twenty more things like that and they all happened within about 3-months of me getting saved.

All I can say is that our God is a living God, and he at times was revealing himself to me in a manner that I could not ignore or write off as some type of coincidence. I even read the Bible in seven months back then for the first time all the way through.

One of the other things that happened was that it was like scales fell from my eyes and I not only knew that God was real, but that the devil and his demons were, too. Not only that, but the Holy Spirit led me down the road; as He teaches us all things, to learning and teaching spiritual warfare and that is what my gift is. I can do exhortations and preach the Word, but what I have been led to do is teach spiritual warfare. I could literally camp out in Ephesians chapter 6, verses 10-18, and talk about the battle we are in and how we protect ourselves with the armor of God. You may be thinking that's great and everything, but what are you doing to walk that out right now. Well, I can tell you that inside a prison the opportunities are limited, because we can't just go wherever we want and do whatever we want, which I am sure you already know. And the people that I believe are really hurting and broken like I was are in the medium and high custody areas of the prison, especially the young men that are using drugs in here and lost in the wilderness. So, this is what I did. I was the electrician for the whole Robertson Unit prison and that wasn't working for me because I try to minister everywhere I go, and I wasn't getting to do much of that in the areas of the prison where I could make an impact on those young men, I just told you about.

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## ***Hurdsman Testimony Continued***

So, I found me another job shining the brass doorknobs and floor drain grates in seven building, which is where the medium custody prisoners are housed. What my job does now is allow me to minister to these men there while I am over there doing my job. It is hard sometimes and all I can really do most of the time is plant seeds and pray that God waters them. It troubles my heart that most of the young men in here are in bondage and don't want to hear about our loving Father. Nevertheless, sometimes I get to see the Holy Spirit do a work in them and they do an about face and clean up themselves and their mind, and start to have a relationship with our merciful God. Those times make any struggle all worth it. Praise God!

## ***The Harvest is Truly Plentiful, But the Laborers are Few***

by Chaplain Don Barthold

I spent Thanksgiving Day 2025 with inmates at TDCJ-Hutchins Unit in Dallas, Texas, and it was the most memorable Thanksgiving in my 68 years. The numerous inmates I interacted with are dedicated to serving God while incarcerated, preparing themselves for release and a life free from recidivism. Although I couldn't engage with everyone present, who were eager for words of encouragement, I was reminded that God's presence is not confined by fences with razor wires. I arrived at 9AM and departed at 5PM, feeling as though I was floating. The inmates' gratitude for my presence on Thanksgiving Day, having left my family to be with them, overwhelmed my spirit.

I encourage others interested in serving within the Texas prison system to join me in mentoring inmates who desire change and need guidance to maintain a life free from incarceration. If we positively impact just one person, we've accomplished something truly remarkable. Anyone willing to join me in mentoring at Hutchins State Jail in Dallas, Texas, is welcome to come alongside me. I need your support. As a volunteer chaplain, volunteer teacher, and mentor within the

Texas prison system, I wear multiple hats. These inmates will eventually be released and reintegrate into our communities. I'm committed to providing them with a blueprint for a life free from incarceration, substance abuse, and addiction. I firmly believe that most people are good, and a significant percentage of those incarcerated have committed crimes to support a drug or alcohol habit. If you're interested in spending any holiday or anytime with me at the TDCJ Hutchins Unit, please contact me at: Phone: 972.748.8938 or Email: [don.barthold@yahoo.com](mailto:don.barthold@yahoo.com). Or, if you are interested in ministering at any jail or prison. I will try to help you get started.



Chaplain Don Barthold

## ***Elkins Creek Cowboys For Christ Gatering 2025***

by Chaplain Karen Burgoon

The 9th annual Cowboys for Christ Family and Friends Gathering at Elkin's Creek Horse Camp was a wonderful time for all. The 4 days from September 12 to 15 was filled with God honoring activities and programs including the time spent riding God's creation on

Trails in the Wayne National Forrest. Our Bible study was led by Chaplain Bob Werry. Nightly services were brought to us by Pastor Tim Bell and Chaplain Dave Harvey. Chaplains Daryl" Skeeter" Spalding and Tammy Burton contributed to the afternoon devotions. We were very blessed to have the very talented Rodney Parker lead the singing at our various services. Praise worship was provided to participants on Friday evening by the group Mercy Line with Saturday's musical ministry by Brad Howerton and Friends. Jill and Rick Mccleese once again were wonderful hosts. They provided use of the kitchen for the group potlucks and smoked a turkey for us for one meal. There was not one complaint about the food, and no one went away hungry. The ice cream social was a success, and we appreciate the young men who served. The annual Bible fund silent auction was a success and over 3000 dollars was raised through participants generosity. Chaplain Tammy Burton donated funds collected from her birthday fundraiser. Attendees from 7 states were present, both new and old friends. Testimonies included answered prayers from the previous year. It truly felt like a family reunion enhanced with the presence of the Holy Spirit. I personally was touched by the caring and sharing by the participants and the willingness to serve our great God.

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Pictured below: Chaplain Tammy Burton, Dave, Chaplains Gary Liston, Karen Burgoon, Bob Werry, and Skeeter Spaulding (kneeling)



Chaplain Tammy Burton presenting Dave Harvey the check for the Bible Fund Challenge





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## *Elkins Creek Continued*

Chaplain Skeeter donated a handmade bench to become the camp altar and it was used by many during our services as people came forward for praise and prayer.

I want to thank all who attended and participated. Remember to save the date for next year September 10th through the 13th 2026, it will be our 10th annual gathering with many activities already planned to include great fellowship, music, praise, worship and a tenth anniversary tee-shirt. Please come back and bring more family and friends so they too can experience a little bit of heaven at Elkins Creek Horse Camp during this wonderful weekend surrounded by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Watch for updates on the camp website and CFC webpage and in the Christian Ranchman. God bless you all.

## *Too Many No's*

by Karen Meisner

No Jesus - I'm ok without religion.  
No Jesus - I'm too busy for church services.  
No Jesus - I heard there are errors in the Bible.  
No Jesus - I'm not a bad person, God knows.  
No Jesus - I'll go to Heaven, I'm sure...  
One yes is so easy.  
Yes - Jesus, I know I have sinned, please come into my heart and save me and be the Lord of my life. I know you died for my sins and without your forgiveness, hell will be very real to me. Amen.



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### MY ETERNAL DECISION

There is one important decision that each and every person must make some time in their life. The decision to accept JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR guarantees eternal life. No one knows when their life will end, so it is very important to make that decision before it is too late.

The Bible very plainly tells us in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned". Also, in Romans 6:23 we are told, "For the wages of sin is death". This death actually is referring to eternal death. But the last part of Romans 6:23 reads, "But the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. And in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" sure includes you.

This very minute you can make the decision for eternal life and by praying this prayer and truly believing you can accept the LORD JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR. The late great D.L. Moody once said, "GOD has put salvation within the reach of everyone, because all you have to do is believe".

**Please pray this prayer, Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to you a sinner and I am sorry for those sins, please forgive me. I know that your SON, JESUS CHRIST died on the cross and rose from the dead to save me from eternal death and I believe that in my heart. Please, Dear JESUS, come into my heart as SAVIOR and LORD. And FATHER please help me to be your child. In JESUS' NAME, Amen.**

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Annual Heartland Conference . . .

Sharing ministry ideas to better equip God's servants

**DATE:** Saturday, Feb 7, 2026

8:30 – 9:30 AM: Breakfast

9:30 AM – 12 PM: Retreat sessions

12 PM – 1 PM: Lunch

1 PM – Mid Afternoon: Retreat sessions

**Location:** Hoof & Horn Steakhouse

429 Illinois Ave

St. Joseph, MO 64504

**Bring with you:**

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



Please confirm your attendance by 1/26/26

Questions or need more information?

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