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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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## 40 Years on the Trail

by Chaplain Yolanda Stroup

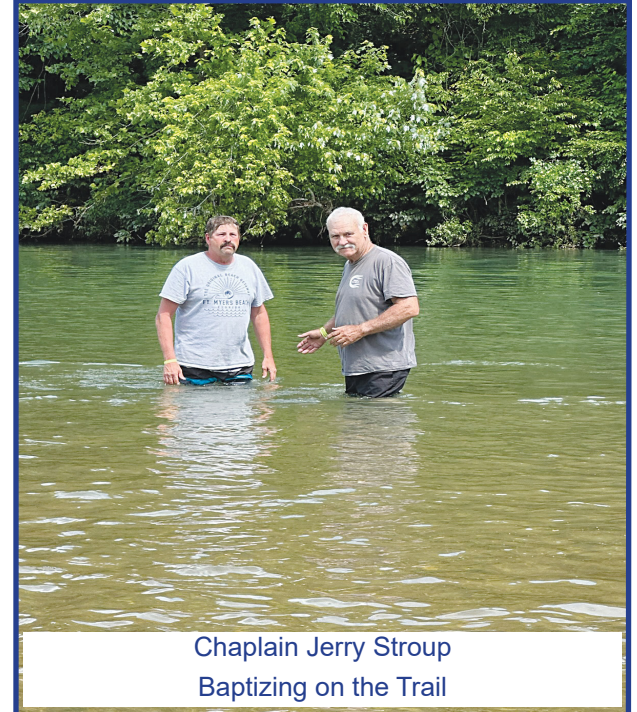
As we begin our wagon ride, our Missouri mules: Janet, Roxie, and Jake trotted in step down the gravel road by the Jack's Fork River. A cool breeze, rushing and roaring waters beside us. The river was high and out of its banks. A very refreshing ride. We were counting our blessings. We have so much to thank Him for. We were ready for this vacation. As a rule, we are always working on a tight calendar schedule. God meets our needs daily. His Word says in Philippians 4:13 and 4:19: “And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

As a reminder of how God is in control of our lives, the river got out before we left home. They had to move campers to higher ground. We had experienced this a few times over the years. We delayed travel until Saturday morning. We were honored to get to return to Cross Country Trail Ride at Eminence, Missouri on the beautiful Jack's Fork River. It had been 14 years since we had been. It is June, 2025 and Jerry and I are celebrating our 40th Anniversary after meeting there on



Chaplains Jerry & Yolanda Stroup on the Wagon Train

June 15, 1985. Time flies when you are having fun. It was great to renew old acquaintances and friendships. It felt like family and that we hadn't been gone. The owners Jim and Jane Smith greeted us with open arms. Their daughter, Caroline also took very good care of us. Thank you for your great hospitality and kindness. We had worked there 26 years before we left to travel to other places before we were too old to travel.



Chaplain Jerry Stroup Baptizing on the Trail

Before we always worked with horses: broke, trained, and shod. Jerry also bought and sold horses. We did auction sales, horse sales, and announced horse shows. We were very busy and living life to its fullest.

Jerry and I were ordained as Cowboys for Christ Chaplains on June 4, 2016. We enjoy working for Jesus. We got to share a lot with Brother Ted Presley who started Cowboys for Christ. We also worked closely with Brother Dave Harvey who is the current President/Editor in Fort Worth, Texas.

We headed to Cross Country Trail Ride for fun, but Jesus had work lined up for us. We got to baptize a dear friend we have known for years: Brian Black from Liberty, Missouri wanted Jerry to baptize him. His wife had told him she didn't want to spend eternity without him. They are a very special, loving couple that we enjoy. Also, we prayed with several different people. One young man had lost his wife three years ago.

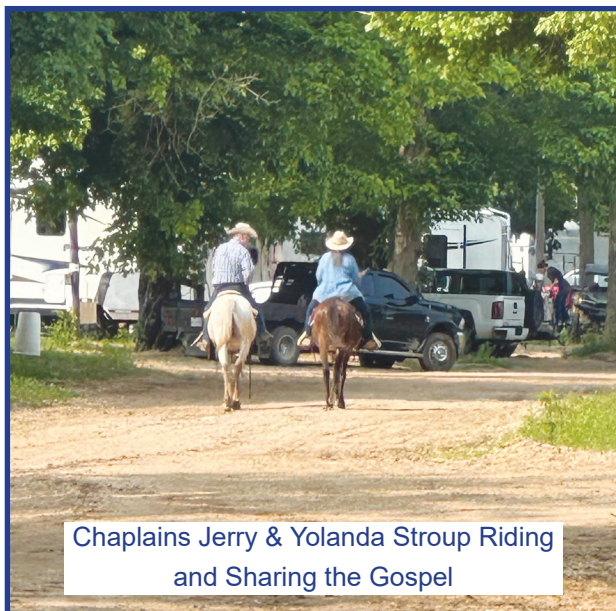
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Afterwards, two months later his son (twenty-three years old died from a heart attack). He is a believer and needed a brother to share prayer. We had prayer before we left home that if anyone needed help or prayer to put them in our path. We got to see a pastor friend and his wife who married a close friend of our years ago on the ride. We got to meet the daughter of Ray Norin who led the mule ride for years. It was a special occasion.



Chaplains Jerry & Yolanda Stroup Riding  
and Sharing the Gospel

Every day was full of sunshine and blessings. Seeing old friends and making new memories. We prayed with a friend who had some serious surgeries. We sat around the fire and told stories. We got to see a new entertainer, Jordan Rowe from Georgia. He gave his testimony. It was great to see young people working for the Lord and supporting Agriculture. He has two songs out, "Moma Ain't Jesus" and "Heroes." We have seen a lot of young stars launch their careers at Cross Country Trail Ride. Jerry and I shared our traditional dance. We rode our mules.

We attended a beautiful church service Sunday morning. The New Horizons provided the music. They are known for the song, "A Hundred White Horses." Jerry gave his testimony. People came

up all week and talked to us and thanked us for sharing.

Jerry and I have a carriage ride business and do rides all over the country. We have old covered wagons, people hauling wagons, a stage coach, Texas wagons, a two seated wagon, and a Tennessee wagon. We travel all over with our wagons. We have gone to Cheyenne, WY., Fort Worth, TX, Montgomery, AL, Oklahoma City, OK, Deadwood, SD, and Phillipsburg, KS., Utah and all over Missouri. The most important thing about our rides is sharing the Christian Ranchman Newsletter with our riders and about Cowboys for Christ. We offer ourselves for prayer and services, and we do a lot of the church services on the rides. We give out Cowboy Bibles and the Newsletters. We perform services such as baptism, weddings, and funerals. We love the Lord and want to get as many people saved before it is too late. Jerry and I feel that we were born to serve the Lord. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." There is no greater feeling than working for Him as long as He allows. Remember Revelations 19:11-16, Jesus is coming back on a white horse in power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30). He is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges

and wages war. *God bless each one, Chaplains Jerry & Yolanda*

## Ordination of John Beaver

by Chaplain Ben Addington

Cowboys For Jesus had a very exciting Wednesday night on the August 13, 2025, as Pastor and Cowboys For Christ Chaplain Ben Addington had the privilege and honor of officiating at the ordination of a new Cowboys For Christ Chaplain. Mr. John Beaver was ordained in front of his Family and friends.

John has been a committed member of the Fischer Texas flock and has always stepped up to serve as needed going above and beyond in many areas. John felt the call from our Father and stepped up immediately to become a member of Cowboys For Christ, leaning in and asking God to direct his path and assign his mission. It will be an amazing Journey to watch what God has in store for our beloved John Beaver. Please join us in welcoming John into the Cowboys For Christ Family.

Like many before him John's heart was touched by the Holy Spirit, as his drive and desire to answer Gods call was evident. Thank you to all who attended this amazing night and again, lean in and pray with us for God's ministry in John to be revealed.



Jerry Hoyt, Jimmy Darnell, Pastor Andrew Arrieta, Chaplains John Beaver, Ben Addington,  
Arron & Deb Toli and Rebecca Lehne.

**Letter from Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
 from Director Kelly Fero

Dear Cowboys For Christ,  
 Howdy from all of us at Cornerstone Baptist Church! We just wrapped up our Vacation Bible School-Wonder Junction-and it was a wild and wonderful week in the Wild West! We wanted to take a moment to let y'all know that we chose your ongoing Bible Challenge as the focus of our VBS mission offering this year.

Each night, our cowboys and cowgirls dropped their offering into galvanized tubs in a fun Cowboys vs. Cowgirls challenge. The kids loved it-but more importantly, they were so inspired by the work y'all are doing to share the Gospel in such a unique and powerful way. We are honored to enclose a check representing what our VBS families gave to support your mission of putting God's Word into as many hands and hearts as possible.

We also want to say a huge Thank You for the generous donation of Bibles that you provided to our kids. What a blessing! The children were absolutely thrilled to receive their very own copy of the Bible-for many, it was their first! One little girl couldn't wait to show her grandma and said, "This is my first Bible of my very own!"

Knowing how exciting it was for them to receive God's Word truly touched their hearts—they wanted to help others experience that same joy. They understood that your ministry helps people hear the life-changing message that God loves them, God sees them, God cares for them, and God offers forgiveness and salvation to anyone who believes.

Throughout the week of VSB, we had 141 kids participate and averaged around 128 each day. On Friday, our Animal Pal was Mission the Horse, and we learned about the circuit-riding preachers of the old days. That reminded us of modern-day missionaries—like Cowboys For Christ Chaplains-- who ride out to meet people

wherever they are, Bible in hand and ready to share the Gospel.

We're so grateful to be able to partner with you in this small way and pray that it helps you to continue your work for the Lord and share His love in every place He leads.

*With joy and gratitude, Kelly Fero*

### ***Lessons From the Rodeo Bulls***

by Chaplain Keith Barnes

Good morning fellow workers in the Kingdom,

Like many of you, my wife and I are called to minister in the western culture community. For us, that's rodeo. We travel to 35 rodeos a year, set up a canopy and a table and offer free Bibles to rodeo staff and contestants and minister. This past weekend was no exception. As I was looking over my notes to deliver the sermon for cowboy church, the owner of the rodeo company walked over carrying a square bale of hay and set it down near the bull pin. The bulls were laying down resting having completed their days work and really didn't even notice him. Then he took out his knife and cut the first baling string. I'm sure you are familiar with that sound they make when the pressure is released. So were the bulls. At that sound, they jumped up and before he could cut the second string they were all standing at the railing waiting for the hay to come.

Psalms 122:1 (NLT) I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD.

Matthew 5:6 (KJV) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

I couldn't help but notice the parallel between the action or response of those bulls and these scriptures. If we as Christians were as

hungry for God's word and His presence as these bulls were for that hay, things would be a lot different in our lives. Many of the things I do today will be things I have to do but some will be a matter of choice. A response to my priorities. If God's word is a priority in my life, I will find a way to make time for it. If talking to God is a priority, I will find a way to spend some time in prayer. Let's be like those bulls with the hay. Let's make God, his word and his presence a priority in our life.

*Thank you, Chaplain Keith*

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Please send us  
 your testimony!

### ***Letter from Francis Bloom***

Hello Cowboys For Christ, My name is Francis and I'm from Missouri. I have spent many years serving the darkness. While in Ad-Seg, also known as "the hole" I was in a very bad place. A fellow inmate named Caleb Morris gave me one of your Bibles. It saved my life. I now will fight for the Lord. To be real, I'm afraid to be released on Oct. 5th. I have never lived as an adult on the outside. I have 71 days left and no home plan. I'm counting on God to tell me where He wants me to go. I have no support system out there and will need to find a church. Will you guys and girls please pray for me. I hope your Bibles help many more brothers in here like they have helped me.

*With all love your brother, Francis*

***Editors note: Caleb Morris is one of our Inmate Chaplain trainees-going where we cannot go, and as you can see, God is greatly blessing this work. We are praying and working on a release program for Francis.***

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## Letters to the Editor

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

**Dear Sir,** It's my pleasure to help with your Bible Fund. God has helped me in every way though my life and I am grateful. Praise the Lord in all things. Thank you, Will in Ohio

**Hello to you all.** I recently ordered from you guys your Bible Easy to Read Version, I have been a Christian for over 40 years and I have fallen into a phase in my life of wanting to understand some things in God's Word easier than a full-blown get my Strongs concordance out, kind of study. And I've had a hard time searching for a Bible that would give me that until I stumbled on to the ERV Bible on my Bible app. When I typed in to find this particular Bible, I couldn't believe that they're not in the Bible bookstores that I looked at and I stumble on to you guys!

We are farmers/ranchers, raise cattle and plant wheat, soybean, and of course hay. I wish there was a cowboy church close to us. We live so far out in rural Oklahoma, and the churches that are around us or in the small towns that are around us are Baptist churches and churches of Christ and such. I used to belong to a cowboy church when I lived two hours away from where I am now. Since meeting my husband and obviously getting married, lol.

Anyway, the whole point of my email today is I have thoroughly enjoyed the extra material that you guys sent, from the little newspaper, to the little pamphlets on taming the bulls and which horse we ride and which trail will you take and especially the Cowboys for Christ Bible study.

I know that it's basically for new Christians or anyone looking for answers about salvation, etc., but it just took me back into re-reading scripture and just renewing my mind again about certain scriptures.

My question is can I order several copies of this? I would love to put them in my nail salon and pass out to my clients. I am willing to pay, but I would love to get maybe 50 copies. I was going to make a copy of the one you sent and then I started writing in it completely forgetting what I was going to do lol. Is that possible? Thanks so much. Stacie in Oklahoma

**Cowboys For Christ,** just think, a little heart sticker a kid gave me at a rodeo in Clark, Wyoming would evolve like this. Just when I was so "down" from losing my husband. The

package arrived today, starting Bible Study tonight. Thanks so much for your kindness. God is great. Janet in Wyoming

**Cowboys For Christ,** I would like to say thank you for the Bible Study Certificate and the Bible Study. I have completed the review you sent with the certificate. I also, would like to say thank you again for the Bible and the Newsletter, the Christian Ranchman. I'm coming to the end of my sentence, so I'm asking to be taken off the mailing list. I should be leaving in October, if everything is right. I would also like to ask if you'll could pray for me that I get a job soon after I am released and find housing. I'm worried and scared that it's going to be a struggle. I'm headed to the streets and asking to be blessed. Thank you, Lisa in Nevada

**Cowboys For Christ,** hello, my name is Ashley, currently an inmate at the Southwest Regional Jail. I am writing to let you know I have received the Bible, Bible Studies and Christian Ranchman. I have read and completed all 3 of the "Living Under His Wings" Bible Studies. Thank you so much for the wonderful material you have sent me. It has helped tremendously with my journey on getting closer to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I look forward to receiving more materials in the mail. May God bless you and thank you guys again so much. Sincerely, Ashley in Virginia

**Cowboys For Christ,** hello, my name is Chris and I wrote to you a while back and requested a Bible and your Bible studies. I did receive them and I'd like to thank you for them. I'm currently serving time in prison in the state of Wyoming. I talk to my father, Dan, on the phone every day and God has been putting it on my heart to share His Word with him. He doesn't have his own Bible that I'm aware of. I was wondering if you would be willing to send him a Cowboys For Christ Bible. I really hope and pray my dad will come to know the Lord and I believe that this would be a great opportunity for that to happen and it would give us something to talk about on the phone. I will provide his mailing info on the back of this letter. Thank you for your time, your ministry and your love for God. You definitely blessed me. Thank you. Sincerely, Chris in Wyoming

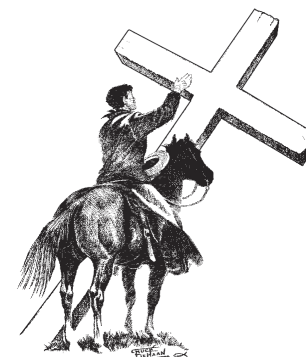
**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** I wanted to thank you for the beautiful Bible that you sent to me. It means a lot to me. I will cherish it always.

I have a grandfather that lives in Fort Worth, I wonder if you know him. Anyway, I thank you again for that and the Bible Studies. I completed them, also. I'm so grateful for everything you all do for your fellow Christians! May God bless your organization. Sincerely, Jessica in Virginia.

**Cowboys For Christ, Hello,** I would like you to add my mailing address to your subscription. I met your Norco Chaplain Bruce Smith at the Mounted Posse Rodeo last Friday evening. Thank you for your publication. I really enjoyed reading it! Have a blessed day! Wendy in California

**Dear Cowboys For Christ,** I am proud to say I have completed all three of your Bible Studies. They have really taught me more about our Lord and Savior. They are definitely ones I'd like to review over and over again, especially the lesson on making prayer a daily experience. I also want to say, thank you so much for the Bible. I make it a daily book to read and I have been able to get a better understanding of it. I would also like to continue to receive your Cowboys For Christ newspaper/newsletter. Since being transferred from Pekin, IL to this mountain I now sit on in West Virginia at the Hazelton FCI, I have not received it. I enjoy the paper just as much as the Bible. Thank you for your generosity to us inmates in prison. God bless, Marty in West Virginia

**Cowboys For Christ,** I was writing to see about any Bible Study courses you may have, please, and also a Bible. I'm a new reborn again Christian. I'm currently locked up at The Stringfellow Unit in Texas. I would like to start a Bible Study with a Bible, please, in the pod I'm in. I'm in a disciplinary pod, please and thank you. If this is possible, could y'all send a Bible to my grandma, so I can go through it with her? She has horses and a farm, so she'd like the Bible. Please and God bless, Dustin in Texas



## ***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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### ***Heartland Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls Gathering - 2025***

by Dave Harvey

I sure have a great report on the Heartland Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls Gathering at 4J Horse Camp in Duke Missouri. It was a little rainy, but nothing could dampen the Spirit as we gathered for the different events, Bible studies, preaching, teaching and sharing Jesus Christ. The rain seemed to come at the right time to cool everything off and we still had plenty of time for trail riding, all of the events and activities planned. I greatly enjoyed teaching the men's group this year and it appears that each group had a great time of Bible study and fellowship, plus gaining insight and understanding in the Holy Word of God. The week was filled with a sweet spirit of Christian love, friendship, sharing and caring, and a great big thank you to Matt & Melissa Wagner and all of the great folks of the Heartland Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls for a very blessed time. If you are in Missouri or close and didn't make it this year, then make a special effort to be there in 2026.



### ***My Testimony***

by Francisco J Zapata

My name is Francisco J. Zapata, I was arrested on April 6, 1995. I was 16 years-old, under murder charges, at that age I was in street gang lifestyle. I come from a good home, but I was a rebel. I only lasted around a year and 8 months in Texas, before I was arrested. I came from Mexico, an immigrant family. Being so young and under this charge, I continued my crazy youth and I got into prison gang and become a dangerous person. I ended up in segregation on Oct of 99 for my prison gang lifestyle. When I was in segregation it hit me, nothing was making sense for me, my gang family or nothing.

Later this volunteer came around and shared Jesus with me. I had this deep conversion, and surrender my life to Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. I started to read the Bible for the first time from Genesis to Revelation. The next week the volunteer came again and gave me some Christian Material and so my life started to have a meaning. 2000 till 2009 I studied the Bible like nothing else; Greek, Hebrew, Bible translations and religion. I wanted to know Jesus and how my faith will save me and guide me to the life in Jesus. Then on 2009 I was given the chance to get out of segregation in November. I was finally released to population again and went to try to go to church. I saw nothing but religion and sinful lifestyle, so I got away from God, church and reading the Bible. I thought I was good enough and if the church was like that I was better alone. The last of May of 2024, I went to Kairos, and I returned to Jesus! I was a real prodigal son, who turned away from Jesus!!

After Kairos in 2024, I got back and the Lord Jesus has restored me, has put this peace and hunger for Him. I being in the unit for 9 years all the cowboy Chaplains know me, because I am real athletic and because I was not the type of person to get upset, curse and because I am in the craft shop. But since Kairos of 2024, my life has turned and the Lord has been really gracious to me. And everyone has seen the change, even when I don't try or say a word. I just

glad God has saved me again and brought me back to His Son.

I have a solid Christian foundation and love for my Lord and Savior and a hunger to grow to what He has planned for my life. On June 20, 2023, I got a 5-year set-up on parole! I was going to wait till I got out to come to serve Christ, like in a ministry, but this parole denied hit me hard. What really helped me was faith. I started a Bible study with one brother in my dorm, So, why I was waiting until I got out, I better start now.

I know both languages, but focus more on Spanish, and I see that there is no help for non-English speaking people. So, God put this on my heart, to try to be a cowboy Chaplain for the Spanish brothers. I realized that everything that has happened is of the Lord. He had this planned for me, because I was not ready for the free world. So, I am just surrendering myself to Him.

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## Zapata Testimony Continued

Whatever Jesus wants, I want to serve and have peace, joy and honor Him. It doesn't matter if I get out in 3 days, 3 months, 3 years or 30 years, I want to live every day for Him. And this step will help me be more humble and dedicated to my Lord and Savior. Yes, I struggle, like any human, but I get up and continue to focus on Jesus. Because I departed from God for over 15-years, I guess I am more aware of slipping, sin and the strategies of the devil. I don't like to talk about my past, but I love to live my faith now. God has put this in my heart to serve Him, so I put my trust that He will open the doors He has for me for His glory. Thank you, Francisco j. Zapata

## The Florida Cowboys For Christ Conference 2025

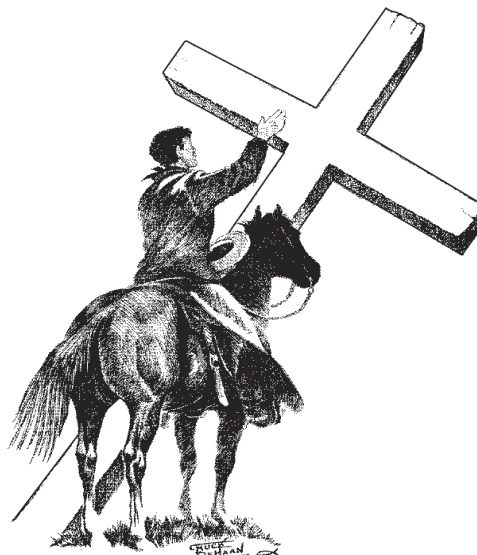
by Dave Harvey

The Florida Cowboys For Christ Conference on July 26 was a great time in the Lord, also with a bunch of teaching, preaching and sharing. I was majorly blessed to preach and officiate at the ordination of four new Chaplains; Barbara Mackenzie, Lawanna & Robert Davis and Bret Lamblin, all are serving the Lord and will now be serving as Chaplains. Plus, we had three guest speakers that blessed us with special teaching on serving the Lord and sharing Jesus Christ. Another big thanks to Chaplain David Gillett and all of the folks of Florida for a great conference, keep up the great work for the Lord. The next day, Sunday July 27 I was greatly blessed to preach at the Hernando Cowboy Church of Hernando Florida, where Chaplain John Johnson serves as pastor, with his wife, Kathy. And I had the wonderful privilege of officiating at the ordination of Kathy, as our newest Cowgirl Chaplain, which makes 5 new Chaplain for the great cowboy state of Florida. Also, congratulations to our newest Chaplain for Canada, Cody Gilliland. God bless each one and greatly bless their works as they touch lives for the Lord.

Praise the Lord. We added six new Chaplains to our elite group of hard riding Gospel

proclaiming riders for our Lord and Savior in the month of July. And we were greatly blessed to add three new Chaplains for the month of August, plus, two more for the month of September. It is such an honor for me to be a part of this ministry and especially riding along beside each one of you Chaplains, as the lost and the strays are rounded up and added to the Kingdom of God. Thank you for joining with this great trail ride and ministry of Cowboys For Christ, I pray that God will continue to greatly bless our efforts for Him, as He so wonderfully has for 55 years and counting.

I have gotten some really encouraging updates on different ministry works all across the nation, from California to Pennsylvania and many parts in between. If you are faithful and keep sharing and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, cowboys and cowgirls will be there to receive this message of eternal hope. When you seek the Holy Spirit to guide and direct as you minister, the Holy Spirit will certainly anoint you and also draw those to you that need to hear that message. Don't forget your Chaplain Manual, for a refresher on the best way to lay a ministry foundation. And make sure you dedicate a bunch of time for prayer and seeking the face of Jesus Christ, so you will be armed with the Sword of the Word of God and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit as you go to share and touch lives for Jesus Christ.



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

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

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

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# Riding Point With Dave Harvey...

## STEPHEN AND CHARLIE - THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE



Acts 6:8-10 8 Stephen, full of grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But some of those who were of the synagogue called "The Libertines," and of the Cyrenians, of the Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia and Asia arose, disputing with Stephen. 10 They weren't able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Acts 8:2 Devout men buried Stephen, and lamented greatly over him.

The similarities of the New Testament Stephen (Acts 6-7-8) and Charlie Kirk are striking, especially when you compare the description of Stephen in the verses of our text. Stephen was a dynamic young man who was greatly anointed to step out in faith and serve the Lord during a very difficult time. Stephen is described as being "full of grace and power" which is also translated in the KJV as "full of faith and power" and he used that grace, faith and power to do great thing for the Lord. And Charlie Kirk has certainly accomplished the same and greatly proved his faith, the power of the Holy Spirit working in his life, and in his great service for the Lord in touching so many of today's youth in colleges and high schools all across this nation.

We are absolutely a people in mourning of the murder of Charlie Kirk, just like the believers at the time of Stephen's tragic murder. Christians all around the world, and especially in this nation, are certainly mourning the heartbreaking, tragic murder of a great man of God, Charlie Kirk. After founding Turning Point USA in 2012, Charlie put himself on the front lines of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the college campuses and high schools throughout the nation. And then he extended his reach, by going to other nations, to share Jesus Christ and the truth of God's Holy Word and debate the sinfulness and evil of today's youth and those in all walks of sociality. Both Stephen and Charlie very seriously took the Great Commission from our Lord in: "Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." And they greatly proved this in their lives and service to the Lord. Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit never backed down when debating difficult subjects, especially sinfulness and the truth and Charlie Kirk certainly never backed down or avoided these issues either. And they both gave their lives in a very heartbreaking way to prove their dedication and commitment to these truths, and especially to the Lord. They were mighty warriors of the cross of Jesus Christ in this spiritual battle against sin and evil.

Charlie would take the controversial topics of the sinful lifestyles that are so prevalent throughout the world today and declared the truth of the evil of this type of living. He always focused on the salvation message of the cross of Jesus Christ, and how with Jesus, you could change your life and live for Him for a much better life in this sin torn world, and have eternal life, too. And in doing so, Charlie went into the very "pits-of-hell" to debate and try to persuade the young folks that the results of this type of sinful living will always produce the same effects; pain, heartache, grief, sorrow, broken relationships and eventually eternal death. Charlie, like Stephen, was a great man of God, a great witness for our Lord, and certainly filled with the Holy Spirit and assuredly both were great men of faith. Which means that both great men of God gave their lives fighting the spiritual battle of good versus evil and the rampant sinfulness promoted by the devil and his many puppets.

Stephen was such a mighty man of God that he was blessed to preach his own funeral, as we see in: Acts 7:1-53. As Stephen declared the truth to the religious leaders, the Sanhedrin and the High Priest, who were presiding over this court session, as charges were brought against Stephen. Stephen declared that they and their ancestors were guilty of murdering the prophets and now the Messiah, God's own Son, Jesus Christ. And with this declared truth by Stephen, they seized him and took him outside of the city of Jerusalem and stone him to death, which made them guilty of murdering him, too. And as we know Charlie Kirk was murdered just a few weeks ago, and he was just as innocent and truthful as Stephen. And this was certainly the wicked results of the continued spiritual battle going on since the Garden of Eden, and not a political battle, as so many are trying to distort the truth of both of these acts of murder.

Actually, we have another young man who was especially ordained by God to declare the truth of Jesus Christ and the truth of sinful living and he gave his life doing it: John the Baptist. And each one of them were about the same age as our Lord and Savior. Plus, each one is with their Lord in the glory of God's holy Kingdom right now, at this very moment, and will be for all eternity. But what about their killers? What about the many men that were involved in stoning Stephen for telling the truth. And what about the young man that pulled the trigger and took the life of Charlie Kirk? Actually, I know for sure that any or all of those men could be just like the Apostle Paul and are joining Stephen in Heaven, if they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Just as the man who killed Charlie has the chance of joining Charlie, if he would repent, turn his life around and accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord, too.

It is certainly time for God's children to become warriors and servants and step out in faith to declare sin, as just actually what it is "sin." If you are a child of God, and have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, then this is your fight and it is your wake-up call to action.

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**STEPHEN AND CHARLIE****Continued**

Please don't be afraid of the enemy, but be very loving to the lost and the hurting and the strays. Please declare the truth of Jesus Christ, and also the truth of sin and evil; hate, strife, murder (in act or thought) abortion, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, transgenderism, and all acts of evil living are included in these sins of destruction. Jesus Christ is the answer and He is the only answer to this sinfulness and evil. Be faithful to testify the truth, declare the truth, live the truth and let other see the truth of Jesus Christ in your life, in your word and in your actions.

A great facet of Charlie's life and ministry that is different from Stephen or John the Baptist is Charlie's wife, Erika. As far as we know, neither Stephen nor John were married, but assuredly Charlie was married and as has been revealed, he was married to a wonderful help mate and worker for the Kingdom of God. Ladies, you may be thinking that she has a great big job ahead of her in leading Turning Point USA, but she also has the Holy Spirit. And I would like to remind you of the "Woman at the well" who happened to be the very first evangelist that Jesus, himself sent out to declare the soul saving truth of the Gospel to her entire village. And I would like to mention so many of our dedicated and committed cowgirl Chaplains that are certainly doing a great work for the Kingdom of God all across this nation and other parts of the world. As we have two very active cowgirl Chaplains in Australia; Jude Fisher and Amanda Butcher. Stephen was certainly the seed planted to produce the mighty Apostle Paul through the power and anointing of our Lord and Savior. And it is my hope and prayer that Charlie Kirk will be the seed that the Lord will use to raise up a whole army of men greater than "Charlie Kirk" to keep this revival fire burning and turn it into a raging inferno, to change the sinful and evil direction of this nation and especially its youth. So, please pray, step out in faith and "be a Charlie Kirk" and be a part of this great revival for our Lord and Savior. Please join me in prayer and in service to our Lord and Savior that all of Charlies' great works will wonderfully and mightily increase to

continue to touch uncountable multitudes of lives for Jesus Christ. And please pray for his wife, his children and Turning Point USA that a worldwide revival will be the results of this terrible evil of the murder of Charlie Kirk, the great man of God. In Jesus' Name, Amen. In Christ,

*Dave*



Chaplain James Eaton

**Chaplain James W Eaton, Sr**

by Dave Harvey

Sadly, I must announce that Chaplain James Eaton has gone to be with his Lord. James was ordained as a Chaplain on October 31, 2020, and he was already serving the Lord with his ministry: Branded by God. James had some major medical problems over the last couple years and also suffered from an illness that had caused the death of his son at the young age of twenty-seven. James dedicated his ministry to helping those hurting and feeling left behind, and especially helping them find the comfort and peace of Jesus Christ. Please remember his family in your prayers.

**My Personal Testimony**

by Chaplain Rain Ermis

As many Americans, I attended church basically since I was born. I heard the Bible stories, went to Sunday School and what we called "big church" for worship and the sermon. When I was seven years old, I decided to accept Jesus and be baptized. Whether or not I understood most of what I was doing I'm not sure, but was more so of an agreement than what I would call true faith. I continued attending church for about ten more years and got to a point where I refused as a teenager. Looking back, it was likely due to an incompatibility of my lifestyle with what church was about, though I doubt I was aware of this. At the time, I just knew I didn't want to go and thought (or at least used the excuse) that everyone at church were hypocrites, possibly just assuming they were all like me.

Fast forward a few years and a heap of bad habits later, I can say I was actually leaning on Scripture in hard times, though I had no idea what God wanted me to know. I clung to promises from Psalms and convinced myself I didn't know what the heavier parts meant. For several years I would say I knew God was there but because I didn't understand (supposedly) enough about Jesus I would say I wasn't sure of him. As time progressed and I made more sense of everything, I started trusting more of the Bible and would've called myself a Christian again.

By the time I was about 30 years old I was beginning to understand that the more literally I took Scripture as the truth, the more it made sense to me. This is when God "sent me to the desert" so to speak, I found myself in very dark spiritual circumstances and had no idea what to do. I visited pastors seeking answers and spent days and nights on end in prayer and worship. One clear message I received at the time was that there was a need to stop sinning.

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## *Ermis Testimony Continued*

Obviously, I had heard this many times in church, but in accordance with my nature at the time, I just told myself that it was okay, because I thought my sins to be covered anyway. As the dark days and nights continued, I persevered through prayer and worship.

It seemed that I could see the light on the other side of the tunnel and was eventually released from the affliction. It was "on my way out of the tunnel" that I was on my knees in prayer and can recall the moment I found a great new affection for holiness. Shortly after, Jesus provided me with assurance of salvation.

Yes, I was aware of this aspect, which was absolutely amazing, but because I was still lacking knowledge of the Bible, I didn't actually know what had happened in theological terms. What I did know was what I had been given and that I was beginning to see several victories over sin that had been very large parts of my life.

It took about three years until, after finding myself binge-watching street ministry videos, that I finally realized what had happened in October of 2020. I had been born again! This of course, is the only power that can give man the power of righteousness to overcome sin. The power of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. The power of the only Spirit and source that has overcome sin and death! The power of my sin being nailed to the cross and Jesus imputing His righteousness to me! I realize this may not be how a lot of people may be born again. I realize that faith and repentance may happen right at the beginning for many people, but this was simply not the case for me. I could probably be called hard-headed for much of my life before this, but I do fear that this may be the case for many people that grow up in the Christian households in the United States. Especially as many doctrines fill the country that were not derived from Scripture, but from men's hearts which are deceitful.

The true Gospel is my motivation for the Great Commission moving forward. To boldly, but in gentleness, share the truth of the Gospel

of Jesus Christ that has the power to change lives and save people from sin and death. To lead others by prayer and preaching and by blessing and grace of God to eternal life in Christ Jesus!

### *New Chaplains* **Ricky & Annie Parnell** by Dave Harvey

A big thank you to Chaplain Chris Mathews of Mammoth Cave, Kentucky for officiating at the ordination of Ricky & Annie Parnell on Sunday September 7, 2025. Ricky & Annie have been very active in helping with the youth ministry at the big Christian Family Roundup there at Mammoth Cave Horse Camp. The Brand Cowboy Ministry and Cowboys For Christ join together for a great weekend of camping, trail riding, ministry and touching lives for Jesus Christ. It is usually held the first part of June, so mark your calendar for a great time in the Lord at the annual Christian Family Roundup, and they sure hope to see you there. And pray for Chris, and Ricky and Annie and all of our Chaplains, as they go to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Chaplains Chris Mathews, Ricky & Annie Parnell,  
and Denise Mathews

### *Rain Ermis and Cody Jones* **Ordained as Chaplains** by Dave Harvey

Praise the Lord, Bad Days Are For Other People Ministry of Luckenbach, Texas was the place to be on August 17, 2025. Chaplain Arron Toli was blessed with the

honor of officiating at the ordination of Rain Ermis and Cody Jones, both from the great state of Texas. Chaplains Arron & Deb Toli have worked hard for a number of years to develop a great ministry there in Luckenbach, with special efforts in reaching the lost and hurting for Jesus Christ.



Chaplains Deb Toli, Rain Ermis, Aaron Toli, Cody Jones & Rebecca Lehne

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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.

### ***Ermis and Jones Ordination Continued***

A big Cowboys For Christ thank you to Arron & Deb and Chaplain Rebecca Lehne, who was also ordained there in June. And a big Cowboys For Christ welcome to Rain and Cody. I pray that God would greatly bless their service to Him, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### ***Expectant Prayer Mixed with Faith*** by Chaplain Tommy Earl Hutchins

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (NIV)

The Bible says to set your minds on the things above.

Colossians 3:1-2 Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (NIV)

Paul is telling us here that the people of God can now fulfill the command daily to display their attention towards spiritual things, the things above, because of our identification with

Christ. Prayer is an essential way that we do this and Jesus took time to teach his disciples how to pray.

Matthew 6: 9-13 This then, is how you should pray; Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily

bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtor. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. (NIV)

Starting our days with prayer, we can set our minds on higher things for the day. When we do this, we can let God guide and direct our steps. We are also told in Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (NLT) When we live our lives with intimate contact with God daily, God promises to direct our paths towards a fruitful life begetting His endeavors. His favor is surrounding us. Goodness and mercy are following us.

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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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### ***Expectant Prayer Continued***

Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (RSV)

When we start our day with prayer, we pray with faith and expectancy. Romans 8:32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else. (NLT) So then we can anticipate good things to happen and expect circumstances to change in our favor.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved. (RSV)

God wants us to get our hopes up when we pray. If we have faith we will have hope.

Romans 5:5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

We have to confidently expect the favor of God. Expect prison doors to open. Zechariah 9:11-12 As for you also, because of the blood of MY covenant with you, I have set your prisoners

free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you. (NASB)

Expect things to change in your favor, start looking through your eyes of faith even when your situation looks bleak. Job 42:1-2 Then Job answered the Lord and said, "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (ESV)

When you get discouraged or depressed you must encourage yourself by praying. Stay in God's Word like your life depends on it. It will help you, set your mind, trust the Lord, knowing God will give you what you need and His purpose will be accomplished in your life!!!

### ***Letter from Ray***

by Ray Permenter

Dear Dave and Cowboys For Christ, I am currently in the Ellis Unit in Huntsville, Texas in the GRAD (Gang Renouncement and Disassociation) program. I've shared my testimony with you a while back, I've been a gang member over 35 years, 28 years of that

in AD-Seg (solitary confinement.)

Entering this program is one of the best decisions I've ever made. "Matt. 6:24 says, we can't serve two masters, you will love one and despise the other, cleave to one and hate the other, you can't serve God and mammon."

I chose God over the world and I encourage any of your readers, who are in that life and situation to do the same. You're not doing anyone; God, your family or yourself any good sitting in an Ag-Seg cell. That is no way to live a life, even in prison.

God has called us to fellowship with other Christians, to serve and to make disciples, we can do none of those things in Ag-Seg. Two-thirds of God, is GO! I pray if you read this letter, that you will make the decision to take advantage of these types of programs, and choose to be free. God bless you.

Grace and peace to all at the Christian Ranchman. Thank you so much for your love and encouragement thru this season of my life.



### ***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.

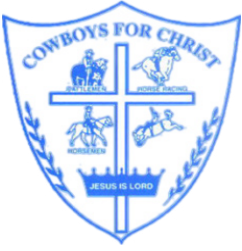
Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 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.**

If you prayed this prayer, please let us know so we can add you to our prayer list. Also, we will send you a Cowboys For Christ Bible to help you in your new life with JESUS CHRIST as your TRAIL BOSS.

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## *Titanic*

by Karen Meisner

The other day on the radio I heard this commentary. When the news was out that the "Titanic" had sunk they said anxious relatives and friends of the ship's passengers had converged on the owner of the ship at his place of business to find out about the fate of their loved ones. The crowd was so overwhelming that they devised a plan to give information they installed a large board up high over the crowd. On the board was a red line down the middle on the top of one side of the sign it said, "Saved" on the other side at the top said "lost." When news came into the office a runner would go to the huge board and put a name on the one side on the other, so people could be informed.

I thought about the "Lambs Book of Life" in the New Testament, Revelation 20:11-15. If we are saved by asking Jesus to save us and repenting from our sins, HE will, if not the other side of the red line is for eternity also—Thank about it. John 14:6.  
*A friend, Karen*

## *Restored*

by Chaplain Donald Kenebrew

As I was growing up, my Dad had a good friend who owned a construction company. His friend would garner work for himself on the weekends and whenever he had days off from the company he worked for. He soon began approaching my Dad for his help, whenever he got jobs too big for him to handle alone or take too long to be cost effective. My Dad would not refuse such financial opportunities. He actually had great interest in the trade. So, my Dad began assisting his friend and, in turn, gained the knowledge and skills of the trade. Soon my Dad started taking me along with him, whether I wanted to go. But soon, I realized that I began to have a level of interest in the work.

After a time, my Dad developed a good experience of the trade. And I wasn't so bad either. Dad began getting job offers

of his own. He and his friend continued to work together whenever projects were too large to handle on their own.

The jobs my Dad obtained were mainly for owners of old houses. It typically meant a room needed to be gutted and remolded, cabinets taken down and replaced or refurbished, floors dismantled and re-laid, or doors and windows replaced with new ones. No matter how difficult or simple these restoration jobs were, my Dad would never refuse one. He saw accepting the job as another opportunity to become a better carpenter.

Taking out, or bringing down, the old to bring in the new certainly wasn't easy work. We had to cut boards, pull nails, yank wire, beat on things, hammer a lot, drill, rip and tear it all for the sake of restoration. Even now as I think back, I can imagine those old inanimate objects which constituted a house (boards, nails, wiring, etc.), moaning and groaning as we inflicted our restoration efforts upon them, replacing the old for the new. I could almost hear the silent cries of "ouch" and the inaudible exclamations of discomfort as we pulled out nails and hammered new ones in. Do not laugh at me having such an imagination.

God's word tells us in Romans 8:21-22 Everything God made would be free from ruin. There was hope that everything God made would have freedom and glory that belong to God's children. We know that everything God made has been waiting until now like a woman ready to give birth to a child. (ERV)

In other words, all of creation is moaning and laboring, waiting to be delivered from the taint and stench of corruption. Therefore, it is not hard to imagine all inanimate objects of creation moaning and groaning as we, by our sin, affect them.

Restoration is no easy process, whether with inanimate (things) or the animate (living). From Genesis to Revelation, in a sense, is all about God's program to restore fallen man to fellowship with Himself. God tells us in Leviticus 20:7 "Be special.

Make yourselves holy. Why? Because I am holy. I am the Lord your God." (ERV) The restoration process is to make us holy more like Christ. The trials and tribulations we as Christians must endure; the cutting, hammering, yanking, pulling, refurbishing of ourselves are not pleasant experiences. Yet it is okay to moan and labor with creation as we strive and long to escape the corruption of this world. But be mindful not to whine and cry as the Israelites did in the wilderness on their trek to the Promised Land. Let us never forget God works everything for our good. Romans 8:28 "We know that in everything God works for the good of those people that love Him. These are the people God called (chose), because that was His plan." (ERV)



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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