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

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Massachusetts Cowgirl Demonstrates Bible Lessons
with Her Horse K-Joy in East Texas

The Equine Bible Teacher

Miss Kirsten Joy Mailloux and her horse K-Joy (Kristen's Joy) demonstrated Bible lessons and gave pony rides to vacation Bible School children, day care centers, nursing homes, and churches in East Texas. While here on vacation, the Beech Creek Baptist Church of Spurper, TX, invited this team to participate in their VBS. Soon, many other churches, Christian schools, and organizations wanted the KICKs Team (Kristen In Church with K-Joy). Children and adults got a "kick" out of the programs. Since the owner and the horse have the same name, sometimes the owner would be addressed as the Kristen with the lipstick!

Kristen would begin the programs by riding her horse blindfold and bareback. All of her performances were done bareback except the pony rides. Riding the horse blindfolded demonstrates faith. The horse must trust its master. The blindfolded horse must completely trust its rider.

Kirsten then practiced lateral flexion to illustrate prayer and Bible study. Each day's ride should begin with lateral flexion to establish control on the ground before getting in the saddle. If you can't control the horse on the ground, you can't control it in the saddle. Even so, we should begin each day with prayer (left lateral flexion) and Bible study (right lateral flexion). The Psalmist prayed, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." 119:18

The horse is the most forgiving creature on planet earth. Kristen took a whip and threw it lightly over the entire body of the horse, and then in a sweeping motion

hit the ground next to the horse as hard as she could. She asked the audience to imagine that she was beating the horse with the whip. No matter how hard and long a horse is beaten, a rider can still mount, and the horse will obey him. What a picture of forgiveness! Forgiveness is essential for the Christian. Jesus said, "For you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matt. 6:14-15)

K-Joy can be lunged in a round pen made of three-foot plastic stakes and a single strand of half inch white tape. This round pen fifty feet in diameter can be assembled in less than five minutes. K-Joy stays in this round pen although she could easily walk through the tape or jump over it. The horse must be free to run. The round pen represents the world. This demonstration represents the Christian fleeing the devil and following the Lord.

In the final performance, Kristen lays K-Joy down while mounted bareback. K-Joy lays down smoothly in less than five seconds. It is evident that both horse and rider are professionals. Here is nature's greatest demonstration of total submission to God. The horse is a flight animal. Its legs are its defense. When faced with predators, a horse is helpless without its legs. Kristen then calls a young girl from the audience to come and mount K-Joy. When the horse gets up, Kristen announces "When we submit to God, we become a new creature in Christ Jesus." II Cor 5:17

Kristen will return to Texas next summer to use K-Joy in programs from Beaumont to Austin in Churches, Christian schools, day care centers, nursing homes, and a ranch for disabled children. Kristen and K-Joy have left deep tracks in the sands of time and in the hearts of many people in East Texas.

Jesus Has Healed Me Of Cancer!

By Donna Barnes

Jesus has healed me of cancer! I just have to share my testimony with my Cowboys For Christ family! Last Thursday, I had a Pet-Scan at Texas Oncology where I have been diagnosed and treated for Triple Negative Breast Cancer. It is a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer. After just two rounds of chemotherapy, the tumor in my neck disappeared! And, the primary tumor that was 4 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide underneath my right arm, reduced to just a residual of 2cm. We all know that cancer does not just disappear with two rounds of chemo, if it did, we would have the cure for cancer. I told my Oncologist (cancer doctor) from the beginning that Dr. Jesus is my primary care physician. Hundreds of people across facebook have been praying for me and standing with me for a miracle since I was diagnosed in June. I have been prayed over and anointed with oil 3 times at the little Pentecostal church where I attend. (James 5:13-16). One Lady Preacher in Ohio felt compelled to call me and pray with me over the phone. She told me to "lay hands" (Mark 16:18) on where the cancer was. So I held the cell phone with one hand and put my other hand on the tumor in my lymph nodes in my neck. That is the tumor that totally disappeared. My five-year-old niece, Kaylee, told me one day that she needed to pray for me. I thought she would just stand there beside me and pray. But she went to her knees and asked Jesus to make her "Aunt Donny" well. That same Sunday, when the minister at her church asked if anyone had any prayer requests, little Kaylee stood to her feet and said, "It's my Aunt Donny. She has cancer. Her feet are swollen and she is doing chemotherapy that makes her sick," and she sat down. I knew, then, that I would not be surprised if the Lord healed me because of Kaylee's faith. (Psalms 8:2)

When the Dr. came in on Monday with the Pet-Scan results, she said "It's gone! The cancer is all gone!" She let me see and read the report with her. It said, "There has been dramatic improvement." "Every area that was previously reactive has now been resolved." It is a miracle!

Dr. Jesus still heals today and He proved it! Glory to God! Thank You, My Great Physician. It is by His stripes I am healed! (1st Peter 2:24). Jehova Rapha: "The Lord that health us." (Exodus 15:26)

I know that many of you that are now reading this interceded on my behalf. Lord Bless each one of you in a special way. You can take those prayers to the bank, if ever you need a miracle in your life! Thank you for standing with me in the trial of my faith, and thank you for sharing my joy and victory over cancer! Thank you for giving Jesus all the Glory!



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Kristen Joy Mailloux rode her horse K-Joy through the McDonalds drive thru to pick up a quick lunch during her recent travels in East Texas. Photo By: David Bingham, Conroe, TX

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Letters To The Editor



A Christmas Letter

Dear Readers,

Christmas is truly a beautiful time of year. Most of all, it is the day we celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. We thank Jesus for coming to earth as a child. His Heavenly Father said, "My son I love these people so much I am sending you to go as a baby to live and teach each of them my ways." So, Jesus said, "Yes Father, I will go, I will teach, I will pay the price for sin."

Thank God the Father that He loves us so much He had His only begotten Son to dwell among us, teach us, and redeem us from our sins. Thank Jesus for the price He paid starting at His holy birth as our Lord and Savior, the virgin birth that people try to deny, the holy love of God, true agape love of our Heavenly Father. Agape Love: God's perfect Love.

Now we can no longer need to worry about sin. We can say forgive me, and He is faithful to forgive, all because Jesus, our Messiah, came to earth as a baby, dwelled among us, and later gave his life so we may live. Read Luke to see that a greater love no man has. Find God's greater love for you. Surrender your life to Him today. Let Jesus have His way. He stands at the door and knocks. Will you let Him in? I did. Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If you answer I will come in and sup with you. I will be your God and you will be my people."

Jesus knocks gently, but satan forces his way in. It is your choice. If you do not choose Jesus, you automatically choose satan. Which one do you choose? It's up to you. Decide before it is too late. Jesus said, "You can't serve two masters for you will love one and hate the other."

You can't ride the fence. You need to be on fire for Jesus or forget it. What do you do? Do you go to God and confess your sins or do you stay where you are? It truly is up to you.



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The Equine Bible Teacher

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Kristen is sixteen years old and has spent three summers aboard as a missionary to Ecuador, Germany, Greece, and Paris, France. She and her three older siblings have spent more than a dozen summers as missionaries around the world. She is a sophomore at Covenant Christian Academy in West Peabody, MA. She won the Academic Achievement Award when she graduated from the eighth grade class at North Shores Christian School.

Kristen began riding with Cowboys For Christ upon her first visit to Texas at the age of thirteen. She was in a three-day trail ride that consummated in the Dogwood Parade in Woodville, Texas. She rode the mother of K-Joy, Sassy Zan Bar, a registered quarter horse. She plans to ride in the Houston Livestock parade in February 2011.

Kristen fell in love with horses when she first saw a picture of a horse before she was five years old. She began praying for a horse. God answered her prayers and have her K-Joy when she was thirteen. Kristen gave the horse back to God and now uses her to illustrate Biblical truths. God blesses us so that we may be a blessing to others.

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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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Christmas Dinner

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Kenneth Wyatt

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and Things I wanted to say.*
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At Grandma's house on Christmas Day,
Kinfolk they came from miles away.

They was huggin', an' kissin', and greetin' galore,
In would come others' they'd do it some more.

Gifts were given and happiness shared,
While in the kitchen was dinner prepared.

Then Grandpa would say to bow our head,
And close our eyes while the grace was said.

Papa always carved while Mama beamed.
We kids waited- -for hours it seemed.

Oh! My eyes were big and my reach was long,
My willpower weak, my hunger strong.

A drumstick- -an' maybe a wing!
The pulleybone would make an angel sing!

Pass the bread that Grandma fixed.
I was there to see it mixed.

Some gravy, some cabbage, some black-eyed peas,
A little more mashed potatoes please.

"Some corn," you say, "before you're thru?"
well, maybe just an ear or two.

And now for some of Aunt Bum's cake.
That's enough for goodness sake!

I'll tell you this to let you know,
There's nothing like it, pure love to show

When you break bread the Christian way
It'll make the perfect Christmas Day.



You Can Take It With You?

Once upon a time, there was a very rich man who had an unusual affinity for gold. He often prayed to God that when he died he would be able to take some of his gold to Heaven with him.

Now, this rich man was not greedy. In fact, he was very generous. He gave a triple tithe and was also known for his generosity in aiding the poor and in supporting worthwhile organizations.

The Lord blessed him greatly as he cast his bread upon the waters. However, he had this love of gold, just the heft of it, the color, the rich gleam of it. He loved gold.

When his health deteriorated and he went into the hospital for what was probably to be his last stay, he redoubled his prayers to God that he might take some of his gold to Heaven with him. Finally, in a dream, God spoke to him. "you have been a faithful steward, but you exasperate me! You may take one bag of your gold with you but only one bag!"

Overjoyed, the man contacted his attorney and asked him to convert some of his holdings into gold ingots, and put them in a zipper bag and bring them to his hospital room. Each night, before he went to sleep, he placed his hand on the grips of the bag.

Finally, one night, the old man's heart stopped, and his monitor flat lined. Some of the hospital staff rushed to his room to see if the bag of gold was there, but it was gone.

When he reached the Pearly Gates, the man had his heavy zipper bag with him. St. Peter asked him, "What's in the bag? You can't bring anything with you!" "Yes, I can!" the man said. "I have a special dispensation!" St. Peter said, "I'll have to look in the bag!" he studied the contents and at the man. "Paving material???"

"And the street of the city was pure gold..." (Rev 21:21)

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

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JESUS

The Road to Heaven is Endurance

By Lucie Hancock

The woods loom overhead in the dark, blocking out the light of the moon. My water bottles are both empty. My horse stops at a mud puddle to take a drink. She drinks long and hard. I let her graze as we walk the next few yards. I feel sweat trickling down my spine and I'm thankful it is night. I can feel every muscle in my body, and I ache all over. I want to quit, but how do I find my way out of the woods in the dark if I leave the marked trail?

I pass another white flagged glowstick. I take my feet out of the stirrups to stretch. My mare's head comes up and her ears flick forward. She picks up the pace from a slow jog to a brisk trot. I shine my flashlight at a shadowy rectangle nailed to a tree. Praise the Lord! It says "one mile to finish line." Rounding a bend, we come out of the woods and see the glow of base camp ahead. Of her own will, the mare breaks into an easy canter. I ask for the trot again. She has to pass at the vet check. I want her pulse to come down easily. We can not overdo so close to the end.

I can see a small group of friends who waited up to see me come in. We cross the finish line, and I slide slowly out of the saddle. My husband hugs me and leads my horse away to see to her needs. My friends, all fellow riders, congratulate me. I finished my first hundred mile endurance race. Joy overcomes me, and I say, "Praise the Lord! Thank you Jesus!" He gets praise again when my horse gets through the veterinary examination with good scores and trots out sound. The veterinarians tell me she looks good after her first hundred miler and congratulates me on riding "smart". Together, we've done it. We've won. Twenty-four riders finished ahead of us. At the awards breakfast we each receive a prize and congratulations.

A Christian's walk with the Lord is in many ways like an endurance race. For one thing, the goal is the same...to finish. The motto of the American Endurance Ride Conference is "To Finish is to Win," due to difficulty of riding one horse a great distance in one day and keeping it sound. For us, crossing the finish after twenty-five, fifty or one hundred miles with a horse that is fit constitutes winning. We receive no credit if we finish the race and the horse is lame or having metabolic problems. The horse must finish sound. For a Christian, the ultimate goal is eternal life with Christ....salvation. For a Christian, to finish is to win.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 tells us that we should run so as to obtain an incorruptible crown. Hebrews 12:1 says "Wherefore seeing that we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witness, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...."

The dictionary defines endurance as the power to last or keep on; power to put up with, bear, or stand; act or instance of enduring pain, hardship, etc.; fortitude, patience, forbearance, tolerance. The Word endure, in one grammatical form or another is in the Bible (KIV) ninety-eighty times. There must be a reason.

Both the endurance racing and Christianity begin with decision. For a horseman, it is the decision to complete, to try the sport. For a non-believer it is the decision to repent, to ask Jesus into his heart. At that point each have the goal of finishing. Both take up a challenge. But like any endeavor, preparation must be made. Jesus himself went into the wilderness for forty days. Paul spent a time of preparation after his Damascus road experience. An endurance rider cannot take a green horse out of a pasture and hope to finish twenty-five miles, let alone a hundred. Likewise, a new believer cannot immediately lead a Sunday School class, head a church community, or pastor a church.

For the endurance rider, preparation means conditioning through diet and exercise. A balanced diet that is complete in all important nutrients, including trace minerals, is important for both horse and rider. Building cardiovascular capacity, strengthening muscles, tendons, ligaments and bone must be done carefully over time, so as not to cause injury by doing too much, too soon. Practice over terrain and obstacles similar to the trails to be traveled is also important, to prepare horse and rider both physically and mentally. The right equipment is essential. It must fit both horse and rider properly and be suited to the task at hand.

Likewise, the believer must prepare. Proper nutrition is essential, in the form of the Bread of Life, reading God's Word. Exercise is also important, through applying what we learn and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and direct us, just as a rider directs his horse. Prayer, praise, and worship enable the Christian to wear the right equipment as described in Ephesians 6 13-18, the full armor of God.

Another component that both endurance riders and believers share is discipline. In order to reach and maintain condition, consistent, regular practice is necessary. When the weather is good or bad, whether busy, tired or we just don't feel like saddling up, it still must be done. No matter how much we would rather sit down with a good book, or stay out of the heat, the cold or the rain. Without that regular, consistent practice, horse and rider lose what's been built up over weeks, months and even years.

Consistent, regular Bible study, prayer and worship are also essential in the life of a believer. There are lots of days when life seems to be busy, we are too tired, or for whatever reasons we just don't want to pray or open the Bible. We just don't feel like it. But, like the endurance rider, we don't want to lose all that's been achieved over the past weeks, months and perhaps years of practicing the faith.

On the trail there are things to watch out for. The rider must be careful to follow the marked trail as well as the directions given at the ride briefings, which, if not followed could result in going extra miles, adding stress on an already difficult trail. At the ride briefing any possible hazards on the trail are explained, and the best way to negotiate the difficult places. There may be a railroad track to cross, or a boggy area to avoid in crossing a stream, or any number of things to watch for. Safety of both horse and rider are at stake.

The Christian must follow the teaching and example of Jesus. Pastors, teachers and elders of the church are there to explain the "hazards of the trail" to the young Christian just beginning a walk with the Lord. Sunday school and Sunday morning worship, plus fellowship with other Christians help us get around those hazards safely.

Once on the trail it is also important to monitor the condition of both horse and rider. Hydration, nutrition, and proper pacing are vital to completing successfully. In the excitement of beginning the race, the horse usually wants to go too fast, and can use himself up too soon. If that happens, the veterinarian will not allow him to continue, or complete at the end of the ride.

By the same token, a Christian must monitor his own progress. As he reads the Bible, studies, prays, and meditates, he must make adjustments. Taking on too much too soon can cause "burnout" and then backsliding may result. Setting a proper pace, then, is important.

Another decision that must be made on the trail is whether to ride alone or "buddy-up" with someone. Horses are social creatures, and quite often when riding with someone else, the horses will keep each other going when they begin to tire. They also help each other negotiate past "spooks" on the trail. You know, things like those horse eating stumps left in the ground by loggers, or little wood critters that someone's horse is trying to catch. A horse that is new to the sport does better in company than alone.

Having a prayer partner, someone to "buddy-up" with can help us get over rough spots in our walk with the Lord. It's good to have someone that can bring comfort when it's needed, give us a nudge, and tell us when we are about to make a mistake. We need a friend that will keep us going on the trail when we get tired, and help us past those scary spots so that we can continue. In turn, we help our friend past those rough places, too. We keep each other going.

James 5:11 says "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is pitiful and full of tender mercy." Jesus said in Matthew 24:13 "But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved." Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." The rewards for the endurance rider and the horse are rest at the end, refreshment, and an award. For the Christian the rewards are the same; rest, refreshment and a prize. The rest is in the mansion where Jesus said He was going to prepare a place for us. (John 14:2) The refreshment is in the Living Water and the Bread of Life, Jesus Himself. The prize is that incorruptible crown mentioned in 1 Corinthians 9:25. Let us all run our race so that we too can say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith."

Why Celebrate Christmas?

Gene Day

There must be hundreds of thousands of people throughout the US who celebrate the birth of Christ every year, yet who have absolutely no idea why His birth is worth celebrating. I know a man who, as a boy of 12, asked his mother, "Why do we celebrate Christmas?" She replied, "Because that is when Jesus was born, dear." "What difference does that make?" he asked. "I don't know," she said. It was many years later before that son was able to tell his mother about the importance of receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior. Not long before her death, she found out why Christmas is important. It is a shame that so much time was wasted living a defeated life, when Jesus' victory was available.

Back in 1960 I was a chaplain for a penal institution for boys. A boy named Jewel was sentenced to a year there for breaking and entering. The boy was 18, yet looked more like 11 because of malnutrition. This small, thin boy said he had broken into a cabin, seeking food, because it had been a week since he had a "good" meal. A "good" meal at his house was a plate of beans or a bowl of potato soup. The family was on welfare, but the alcoholic father managed to drink up all of the money that came in. The family was forced to beg and steal to live. There were several children in the family, none of which ever went to school.

I asked Jewel what his religious faith was, and he didn't understand the question. "What church do you go to?" I asked. "I ain't never been to no church," he said. "What do you think of Jesus Christ, Jewel?" I asked. "I don't know nothin' about Jesus Christ," was his reply. "Then what do you think of God?" was my next attempt to learn of his religious experience. To that he replied, "I guess I just ain't never thought about it none."

Because he seemed anxious to learn, I read from the Bible to him the story of creation and told him of God's concern for mankind. Big tears rolled down the boy's cheeks, as he said that was the most wonderful things he had ever heard. I said, "Jewel, if you think that is wonderful, come back tomorrow night and I will tell you about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Jewel came. I read him the Christmas story, which brought a broad grin to his face. Tears again came to his eyes, when he heard of the crucifixion. The Easter message found a willing recipient in Jewel. He said he wanted Jesus to be his Lord and Savior, too.

Jewel asked if he could have a Bible. "But, you can't read it," I protested. "Yes," he said, "but maybe I can find someone who will read it to me." He slept with his new Bible under his pillow. Whenever the boys had a few minutes of relaxation in the evening, you could see Jewel seated on the steps with one of the camps' tough boys. The tough boy could be heard reading haltingly from the little Bible. Jewel listened as though his life depended on it.

At the camp, Jewel received a warm bed, with blankets, plenty of food (which he ate avidly), and his first shoes. That penal work camp was the most wonderful place that boy had ever seen. The most precious of all things he received there was the knowledge that there is a God, and God loves and saved him.

While you are enjoying your Christmas this year, do not forget to pray for the many thousands of people in our country, who are as spiritually impoverished as Jewel was. I think it would please God if you would take time to make certain your own family, too, knows why Christmas is important.

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God's Always There

By Howard Norskog

I don't know about you
Or the bad times you've had.
When things have been good
Or when things have gone bad.

It's true you may wonder
If Gods really there
Does he live in the forest
Or under the stair

Or could he be living
Where blue sunsets start
Or maybe, just maybe
In somebody's heart

I know Gods been close
In the places I've been
Down in a bucking chute
Now and again

Or out on the killing grounds
Where dying come free
I know he has been there
Or was it just me.

I've called out His name
When I've been alone
In the woods and the hills
A long ways from home

So those are my stories
And perhaps you can see
When I've called His name
He's been there for me

You'll find in this living
The roads rough and sore
But it sure softens up
If God love you more

So I hope when you call
'Neath the shade of a tree
God will be there for you
Like He's been there for me.

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COWBOYS FOR CHRIST CHAPTER DIRECTORY

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God Bless Small Towns

You know you live in a small town if:

- *The airport runway is grass.
- *Third street is on the edge of town.
- *Your are run off Main street by a combine.
- *The editor and publisher of the newspaper carries a camera at all times.
- *You don't use your turn signals because everyone knows where you're going.
- *You speak to each dog you walk past, call him by name, and he wags his tail at you.
- *You dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway
- *You can't walk for exercise, because every car that comes along offers you a ride.
- *You can write a check on the wrong bank and they cover it for you anyway.
- *You can drive into the ditch five miles out of town and word gets back before you do.
- *You miss a Sunday at church and you get several get-well cards.
- *Someone asks how you feel and then stays to listen to what you have to say.

The Cowhand Calls Again

Submitted by Bennie Jean Kuehne
Written by Jeff Burkhart

Howdy Lord
It's Me again

I'm writing you this time
With a ball point pen

The last time I called ya
I was watching the herd
Since I last spoke to ya
I've been reading your word

I read in the good book
How folks treated your son
And how he forgave them
For the wrongs that they'd done

How he traveled the world
Helping all those who seek
The blind and the ill
And timid and weak

He fed those with hunger
And helped them that were lost
He gave them salvation
But his life what it cost

Yeah, Jesus was a top notch hand
I'll sure admit that
He had to have been a cowboy
To have worn thorns for a hat

Them outlaws they called Romans
Who didn't treat him well
Had to face their day of judgment
In the fires of Hell

Revelation says he'll come again
On a big white horse he'll ride
And I hope that when that day come
We can ride side by side

Well Lord, I guess I'll close for now
But I'm sure I'll call ya again
For this night that I've been riding
herd
Is about to come to an end

Santa vs. Jesus

Santa: Lives at the North Pole.
Jesus: Philippians 3:20- "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Santa: Comes dressed in a red suit
Jesus: Luke 2:12- "And this will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Santa: Comes to your house once a year.
Jesus: Matthew 28:20- "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Santa: Brings gifts
Jesus: Romans 6:23- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Santa: Gives Gifts to good children
Jesus: Romans 5:8- "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us."

Santa: Places presents under a tree
Jesus: 1 Peter 2:24- "He himself bore our sins in his body on a tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

Santa: We prepare for his coming
Jesus: 1 John 3:2-3- "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when Christ is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is and everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

Santa: We give him food (cookies and milk) at Christmas

Jesus: We usually give Jesus nothing at Christmas and it's His birthday!

Santa: Children watch for him
Jesus: Matthew 24:42-45- "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour you Lord is coming..."

Santa: Comes with reindeer
Jesus: Matthew 16:27- "For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done."

Santa: Enjoys having children sit upon his knee.

Jesus: Matthew 19:13-14- "Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and bless them, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let's the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Santa: A fantasy
Jesus: 2 Peter 1:16- "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

**REMEMBER, JESUS IS THE
REASON FOR THE SEASON!!!!**



Did You Know?????

- * Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- * God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- * God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- * God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"
- * God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- * He who angers you, controls you!
- * If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!
- * Don't give God instructions — just report for duty!
- * The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- * The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
- * We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- * You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- * The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails= 4 given.

**Pray For Our
Country....**





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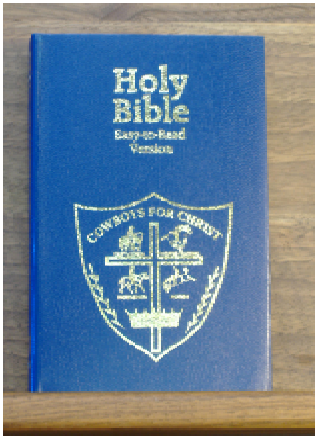
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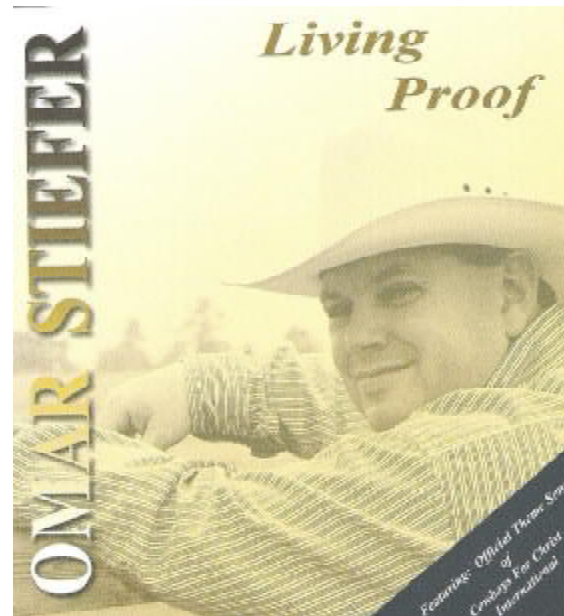


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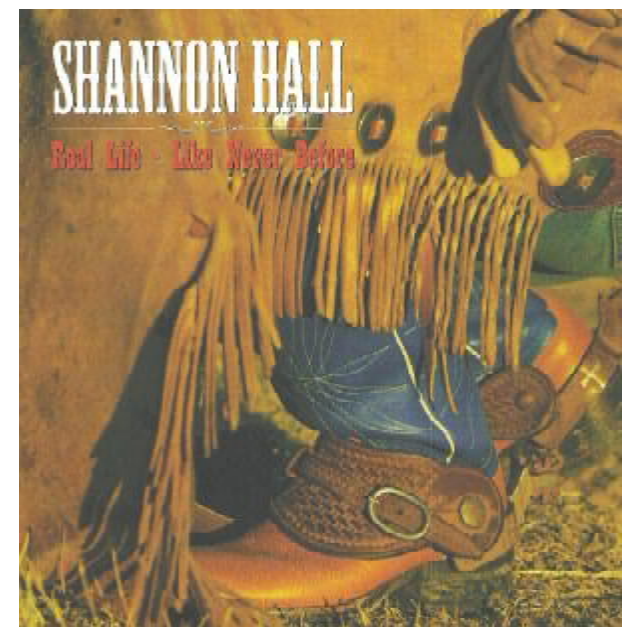
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Fellowship: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm. At Big Valley Arena Cowboy Church Alexandria, AL
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Cowboyn' for the Son – Athens, AL

Fellowship: 1st Thursday each month at 6:30 pm at Lulus Restraunt
Upcoming Events: For more information on these events please contact Ken Lesueur @ 256-771-1826 or email at klesueur@charter.net or Odus Everett at 256-431-7336.

ALASKA

Mat- Valley CFC –Wasilla, AK

Fellowship: Fellowship: The 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm at the Fairview Loop Baptist Church. For more info call Debbie Avritt @ 907-376-2370
Upcoming events: None at this time call for information

COLORADO

Durango Chapter – Durango, CO

Fellowship: Thursday 7:30pm at Animas Valley Grange Hall, 7271 County Road 203, Durango, CO
Upcoming Events: None

FLORIDA

Micanopy CFC- Micanopy, FL

Fellowship: Tuesday at 7pm at the Triple Cross Church.
Upcoming events: None at this time

Soncoast CFC – Nobleton, FL

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Village Inn in Zephyrhills FL
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Range Riders for Jesus – Okeechobee, FL

Fellowship: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Basinger Civic Center

Ridin Double CFC- Fort Pierce, FL

Fellowship is the 2nd Saturday of every month @ 6pm at 990 North Kings Hwy.
Upcoming Events: None

Venus CFC- Venus, FL

Fellowship: 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Venus Clubhouse in Venus, FL. Call Libby at 863-465-4621 for more info on this as well as upcoming events.

GEORGIA

McIntyre CFC Chapter- Leesburg, GA

Fellowship: Tuesday at 7pm at the Mc Ranch
Upcoming events: None scheduled at this time. Call for information. Stephen McIntyre 229-878-5019.
Southeast CFC- Statesboro, GA

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Fellowship: 2nd Saturday at 5:00pm at Various Locations
Call for meeting information 478-237-8702 Jimmie Davis Vice President
Upcoming Events: None at this time.

ILLINOIS

Christian Cowboys Outreach CFC- Pontoon Beach, IL

Fellowship: call for details. 618-580-6372
Upcoming events: None at this time

Southern Illinois CFC # 55- Carmi, IL

Fellowship: 1st Thursday of the Month at 7pm. Weekly Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 6am and Tuesday Evenings at 7pm.

INDIANA

Central Indy CFC- Indianapolis, IN

Eric Martin, Pres. 317-862-9207, Michael McCauley, VP 317-862-9207
Fellowship: Call for more info

Northern Indiana CFC – Paris, IN

Ted Schowengerdt, Pres 574-831-5764, Willie Hostetler, VP 574-575-0451
Fellowship: Call for information

KENTUCKY

Ridin on Faith CFC – Shepherdsville, KY

Fellowship: Thursday at 7:00 pm at call for location
Upcoming Events: Sep 11th- CFC second show at the Blue Grass Arena

KANSAS

Clay Center CFC- Clay Center, KS

Fellowship: See website
Website: www.claycentercowboysforchrist.org
Email: leegirrens@gmail.com – Lee Girrens
Upcoming Events: none at this time

Fredonia Kingdom Riders of Southeast Kansas- Fredonia, KS

Fellowship: 3rd Thursday at 7pm at Fredonia Livestock Assoc. For more info please call Sarah Lowe Chapter President at 620-212-4097. Email sagebrushcreations@hotmail.com
Upcoming Events: None at this time
We Are a Fairly new chapter so please come check us OUT!!!!

MICHIGAN

Great Lakes CFC – Coopersville, MI

Come fellowship with us every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 13796 68th Ave. Coopersville, MI 49404 at 7:00 pm. Contact Kris Hansen 616-997-1234
Upcoming Events: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Monthly Devotions and Fellowship

Heavenly Hoof Beats – Dansville, MI

Fellowship: 2nd Sat from 3:30 -7pm at Dansville, or Perry, MI. Call for more details.
Ron Squires Pres. 517-420-3908
Upcoming events Sep 10-12 Charlotte Down Home Day
Oct Dates TBD Draft Horse

MI CFC – Midland, MI

Fellowship: Call for time and place.
Pat Murphy, Pres. 989-832-9092, John Oelberg, V.P. 989-839-0675

MISSISSIPPI

Circuit Riders CFC- Hazlehurst, MS

Fellowship: Thursdays 7pm at JM Saddlery
Scott Biggers, Pres. 601-672-4262, Jack Foster V.P, 601-894-3809
Upcoming Events: None at this time

MISSOURI

Capital City CFC- Jefferson City, MO

Fellowship: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Timberline Stables, 2380 State Rd. MM in New Bloomfield.
Chapter Ride Day: 3rd Saturday of each month. Please call 573-491-9988 for time/location
Music Jam: 1st Friday of each month from 7-10:00 pm at Timberline Stables in the Lodge.
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Green Hills CFC- Kirksville, MO

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month. Call Jarrod Rapp for details. 660-626-7912

Ozarks CFC – Springfield, MO

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the Month at 6pm. At the Library Station, N Kansas Express, Springfield MO.
We are a new chapter if you have any info please contact Don Day- President at 417-300-1625.
HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE

Pony Express CFC – St. Joseph, MO

Fellowship: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. At King Hill Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO for the winter months. Expect to be back at Pony Express Saddle Club in May Call for address and directions.
Upcoming Events: None at this time

NEW MEXICO

Sierra Grande Mountain Top CFC

Donnie Fernandez Pres. 575-445-8977 Leo Trujillo V.P. 575-278-2593
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Fellowship: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. At Harvest Headquarters in Raton NM

NORTH CAROLINA

Cape Fear CFC- Clarkton, NC

Fellowship: 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm at the HJ White Stables in Bladenboro
Upcoming Events: None at this time

East Coast CFC- Morehead City, NC

Russell Nead, Pres 252-223-2953, James Hill, V.P. 252-665-1016
Email: cowboys4christecc@yahoo.com
Fellowship: Call for information
Upcoming events: Aug 19 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House
Nov 18 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House
Dec 16 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House

Jacksonville CFC- Jacksonville, NC

Call for meeting times and locations Carl Godfrey 910-324-7137 or Athina Williams, V.P. 910-779-9529
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Upcoming events: None at this time

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Chapter Updates

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Heart of Carolina CFC- Clayton, NC

Meetings are at 630 till 845 on the 2nd Thursdays of every month.
At Carolina Bar B Q Hwy 70 Garner NC
Upcoming events August 3 7pm SEBRA Rodeo
November 11 6:30pm Regular Business Meeting
December 9 6:30pm Regular Business Meeting

N.C Foothills- Statesville, NC

Meetings: Call Craig Deal @ 407-873-3421
Upcoming Events: TBA Barrell Racing
They do not have Wednesday night bible study.

N.C Foothills Youth- Statesville, NC

Meetings: Call Billy Saunders @ 704-902-3106
Upcoming Events: TBA: Barrel Racing

Trail Riders for Christ Cameron, NC

Meeting at The River Lodge Restaurant in Sanford, NC. Contact Nancy Thornton 919-774-8030 if you have any questions.
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Tri County CFC- Marion, NC

Fellowship: 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Providence Farms.
Upcoming events: None at this time

Twin Counties CFC- Rocky Mount, N.C

Fellowship: 4th Thursday at 7pm at the Englewood Assembly of God Church at Rocky Mount.
Upcoming events: None at this time.

NORTH DAKOTA

Dakota CFC

Fellowship: 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm at Kist Livestock, on the strip, Mandan
Upcoming Events:
November- Greg Hager

NEW MEXICO

Sierra Grande Mountain Top CFC

Fellowship: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. At Harvest Headquarters in Raton NM.
Upcoming Events: None at this time.

OKLAHOMA

Central CFC- Norman, OK

Fellowship: 1st Wednesday night every month at 7pm at Remington Park. Call for more information. Steve Womack 405-872-7329

Pawnee Lakeside CFC- Pawnee, OK

Fellowship: 2nd Monday at 7pm at Pawnee Lakeside Arena

Riders for Christ CFC- Poteau, OK

Fellowship: 1st Thursday each month at 7:00 pm. At Sugarloaf Christian Fellowship in Monroe, OK
Upcoming Events: 1st Thursday of the month at 630 Regular Monthly meeting
3rd Saturday of the month Monthly Trail Ride
Nov 7-8 Sat 9-5 and Sun 12-4 Cowboy Trade Days in Poteau OK

OHIO

Northern Ohio Chapter

Fellowship: Tuesdays at 9pm. At the Leroy Community Chapel 12791 Painesville-Warren Rd
Upcoming Events: None at this time.

Trumbull County CFC- Southington, OH

Fellowship: TBD please contact John Smith Sr. 330-889-3818
Updates:

PENNSYLVANIA

West Keystone CFC – Portersville, PA

Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Sundays call for times at Brenneman's Creek Hill Stables
Upcoming Events: none at this time.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Coastal Riders CFC- SC

Fellowship: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Horry Saddle Club.
For more info on upcoming events please call Buddy Smith, Pres. 843-397-9133, or Calvin Barfield, V.P. 843-365-5636
Upcoming Events: None

TENNESSEE

Greene County CFC – Greeneville, TN

Fellowship: 4th Saturday of the Month. Call for time and location 423-636-1922 – Brenda Badenhope
Upcoming Events: None at this time

TEXAS

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SE TX CFC – Kountz, TX

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VIRGINIA

Central VA CFC- Rice, VA

Fellowship: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 10am and Tuesdays at 7pm. At Heart Land Ranch
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Greater Richmond CFC, Bumpass, VA

Fellowship: 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at 1917 Signboard Rd. Bumpass, VA
Upcoming events: None at this time

Southside CFC- Gretna, VA

Fellowship: 4th Sat except in November it is the 3rd Sat. At 6pm The Location is various please call 434-248-5386 for information
Upcoming events: None at this time

WEST VIRGINIA

Christ Cavely- Crow, WV

Greg Lilly, Pres. 304-894-5166, James Hartsog V.P 204-763-4207
Fellowship- Call for more information
Upcoming events: none at this time

Kyowva CFC – Harrisville, WV

Fellowship: Sunday 7am at the Chapel in Winfield, WV
Upcoming Events:

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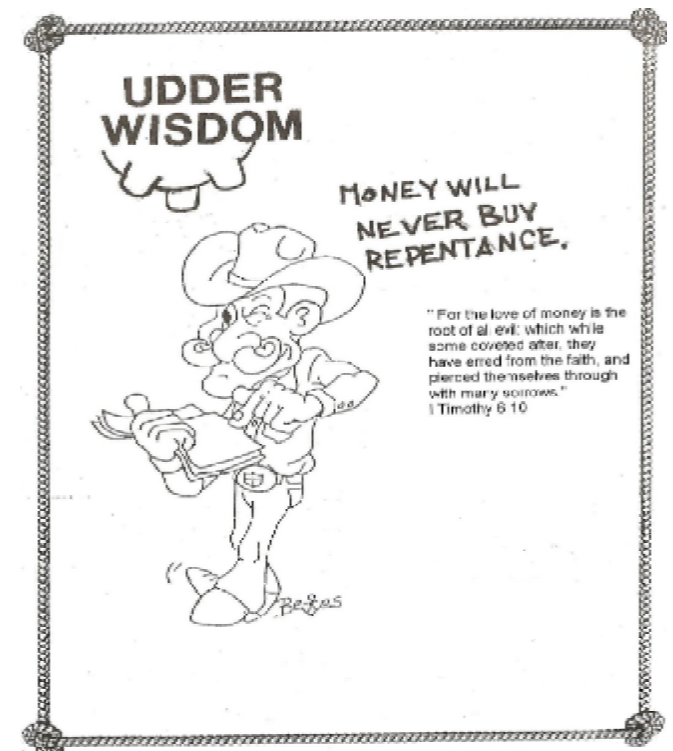
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From The Desk of Dave.....



AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER

The children stories of my day (yeah I know that was a long time ago, and yes, we had books back then) always ended with the words “and they live d happily ever after.” As we grow older, we realize that those words do not describe real life circumstances or the reality of human life. Most of us don’t win a large battle, or even a small one, then have no more problems or battles for the “ever after.” Actually, our battles seem to never be just one at a time, and they are usually followed by others.

Whenever a phrase is started with “and” such as the case with, “and they lived happily ever after,” we can sure figure that something has already taken place. That little word “and” connects a bunch of things, some bad and some good, some good to bad, and some bad to bad. The writers of children stories made a point of always ending with good, but the “and” can also be used to connect with past events, good or bad.

Cowboys and Cowgirls, because of a loving HEAVENLY FATHER, we as Christians can count on one thing for sure, and that is we will end up “living happily ever after.” (1 John 2:25) And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. (KJV) This fact is not a children’s story, but we must accept it with a child-like faith. (Mark 10:15) “Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.” (KJV) There are certain TRUTHS that must be understood and accepted by faith; we can be assured that we will start our personal story of eternity with “happily ever after.”

ALMIGHTY GOD created mankind to love HIM, but HIS creation rebelled against HIM. Because of this rebellion, there was a major debt owed to the CREATOR, which man has absolutely no way of paying. (Rom 6:23a) “For the wages of sin is death.” Our GLORIOUS LOVING GOD, being all powerful and all knowing, knew what HE had to do to save a world of sinners, which is so plainly revealed in the second part of that verse (Rom. 6:23b) “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (KJV) HE put the “plan of salvation” into action by giving HIS only begotten SON to be the PERFECT SACRIFICE for all of those sins. (John 3:16) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (KJV)

Our HEAVENLY FATHER is not only loving, but HE is also RIGHTEOUS and HOLY. Therefore, HE could not allow the sin debt to go unpaid. The sacrifice to pay that debt had to be all on the SON OF MAN, but the sacrifice also had to be completely without sin. (Rom 5:21) “That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” (KJV) The FATHER knew that it would be impossible for sinful mankind to qualify for that sacrifice; therefore, HE provided the PERFECT SINLESS SACRIFICE: HIS OWN SON. (1 Peter 1:18-19) “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (KJV)

Prophesied in detail in the Old Testament and completely fulfilled as revealed in the New Testament, we know that JESUS CHRIST was born of a virgin. (Isa 7:14) “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (KJV) Jesus lived a sinless life and died on the cross to be the LAMB OF GOD not only as the SON OF MAN, but also as the SON OF GOD. HE certainly had the understanding that HE was to die on the cross. HE knew that HE was the PERFECT SACRIFICE that would not only die for mankind’s sin debt, but also that HE would die at the hands of those that HE came to save. (Heb 9:12) “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” (KJV)

This season of giving is to remind us, as sinful mankind, of that GIFT from THE FATHER that restores us as sinners to our CREATOR. When we see signs and seasons of that wonderful GIFT, as is expressed throughout GOD’S HOLY WORD and revealed to us by the HOLY SPIRIT, we must accept that GIFT and acknowledge the GIVER, so we can all “live happily ever after.”

Cowboys and Cowgirls you can accept the Plan of Salvation and the SAVIOR, or you can refuse HIM and deny the truth that is there to find. We must seek that TRUTH. (John 8:32) “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (KJV) To reject and deny is completely your choice, just as to accept and receive is your choice. (John 3:36) “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (KJV) But whatever you choose, you will have to live or die with that choice for eternity. (Rom 10:9) “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (KJV)

It is my hope and prayer that every person reading this will accept this wonderful GIFT, our wonderful SAVIOR and repeat this prayer.

Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to you a sinner, I am sorry for those sins. Right now I accept YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST as my SAVIOR. I know that HE suffered and died for the sin debt that I could not pay, and HE arose from the grave to allow me to “live happily ever after” with HIM. Thank you for saving me for eternity and please help me to be your child. In JESUS’ NAME, Amen.

(Isa 51:11) “Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.” (KJV) (John 5:24) “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (KJV) And, I ask that you please give this Ranchman to someone, and that they, too, will pray this prayer and they also will “live happily ever after.” In CHRIST, Dave



Heavenly Hoofbeats Chapter in Dansville, MI

The Charlotte Michigan Frontier Days proved to be the perfect setting for the very first Cowboys For Christ Official Chapter Charter award ceremony. It was a very special honor to present the Official Charter to the Heavenly Hoofbeats Chapter on September 12, 2010. Ron Squires, the president of the chapter, had called early in the summer to know when we could schedule the Chapter Charter program. I told him to let me know when it would work out for the chapter, because I was still trying to figure out how and when would be best for the Presenting JESUS CHRIST work/study series along with the Charter presentation.

Ron called in July and wanted to know if the Frontier Days would work, and I told him that we would just have to give it a try to find out. The Heavenly Hoofbeats Chapter has had a major program with the Frontier Days for a number of years, and would be a wonderful ministry opportunity for Cowboys For Christ. The fine folks of the chapter have worked hard to develop a ministry that reaches out to the cowboys and cowgirls and everyone that would be close to all of the happenings of this area-wide event.

The Frontier Days is a big deal in that part of the country, and the Heavenly Hoofbeats Chapter has also turned it into a big ministry deal. Everything from setting up a really neat booth, to riding, driving and carrying flags and banners in the parade, to Cowboy Church and rodeo ministry; they have worked hard to reveal JESUS CHRIST to that area of Michigan. This year marked the first time for the "Go Pray Corral" at the rodeo exhibitor tent, and I expect some super ministry as it grows.

Cowboys and Cowgirls, into everything a little rain must fall, and Saturday at the Frontier Days it fell and fell and fell. Yeah, it rained all day, and it was a cold rain, especially for this old southern cowboy. I can tell you all that the mud in Michigan is about the same as the mud in the south, because Ron and I sure got Michigan mud on our boots as we had prayer with the cowboys behind the rodeo chutes on Saturday night.

Sunday morning appeared bright, clear, dry, and beautiful. The LORD blessed us with wonderful weather for Cowboy Church, which was held at the covered pavilion at the fairgrounds. It was a very blessed time in the LORD and in HIS HOLY WORD; I spoke on "AT THY WORD" (Luke 5:5) "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. (KJV) I hope and pray that we all respond to the WORD OF THE LORD as Peter did and let down the Gospel net.

It was truly a wonderful weekend of meeting a bunch of great Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls that love the LORD and love serving HIM in the cowboy ministry. Also, it was great to have Pat Murphy, the president of the Michigan Cowboys For Christ Chapter, to be with us at Cowboy Church. A very special "thank you" to Ron and Clare Squires for their wonderful hospitality and for letting me bunk at their place and for providing all of the transportation for the weekend.

Well, folks, I am still working on the fine points of the Official Chapter Charter program and The Presenting

JESUS CHRIST work/study series. I know I have a lot of kinks to get straightened out, but the very first event was a major success and a bunch of good ministry work accomplished for the Honor, Glory and gainful service of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. God Bless the Michigan Cowboys For Christ group, and, if you are in that area, please join up with them to help continue a great ministry work.



Dave Harvey, Ron And Clare Squires



*Member of the Heavenly Hoofbeats Chapter
in Dansville, MI*

Two Christmas Gifts

Victor Ammann

This is a story I think that needs to be passed on. Mitch Willour is the leader of our men's group at our church in Weatherford, TX, and he finally told his story at our monthly meeting. He was very excited how the Lord worked in this situation for him.

Mitch is a cowboy. He was raised in a horse loving family in Kansas but now lives, works, and trains horses here in Texas. Mitch's dad is 86 years old. He grew up in the time of the Depression when times were financially difficult and he learned the hard way the value of a dollar. As a young boy he spent much of his time with his grandpa who was a horse and cattle trader in western Kansas. Growing up in this culture of horses and cattle, the cowboy ways were ingrained in him and were, and still are, a guiding influence in his life. Over his life time, he has raised, showed, and raced many winning horses. Even at his current age he is still working with one race horse and has him in competition.

Being of the old cowboy ways, his cowboy hat was getting "well broke in", and according to Mitch was at least 30 to 35 years old. Mitch had suggested to his dad several times that it

was time to retire it and even offered to buy him a new one. Mitch tried to convince his dad the hat had done its service, but his dad just couldn't accept getting a new hat when he still had "a perfectly good one".

So Mitch decided to get his dad a new hat for Christmas, but knew it was going to be difficult, if not impossible, to do so. As he thought about it, the thought came to him to write his dad a poem. He was amazed and his next thought was, "Wow! That is weird. I have never written a poem in my life!" The next morning in the shower the idea of a poem was still on his mind, so he asked the Lord to give him a poem. After his shower and breakfast, he went out to work tending the 40 horses in his care. After he finished his chores, he sat down in his office and just picked up a pencil and out "flowed the poem!"

He was completely surprised at how easy it flowed from his pencil. Below is that poem in classic cowboy way.

Cowboy Christmas

I know about a cowboy and his hat
But I can yours has seen better days.
I know how its been yer best friend and all that
Yup, I know about the cowboy ways.

That ol' hat still holds the dust from many a trial
That you two have rode thru the years
Ya'll have listened to the coyotes and the cattle wail
And I've seen ya'll work a few steers.

That 'ol hats kept the rain and the snow off yer head
Shoot who knows, without it ya might even be dead
By catchin' pneumonia or just a really bad cold
But I just gotta tell ya, that there hats gettin' old

Now with all them feelins' finally out in the open
Can I please just tell ya the truth?
You'd look a lot better over watchin' the ropin'
With a new one that ain't so long in the tooth

Maybe it was the victim of a real bad stampede
Or somehow wound up under a train
I know its been kicked and pawed and stomped
All signs of that are real plain.

Did ya use it as a basket fer waterin' your horse?
A good cowboy does that with no remorse
Now I say all these things with respect fer your hat
And fer you too, but of course you know that

All the wrecks its been in are like badges of honor
But what say lets give it a rest
Hang it upon the rack and let it reminisce
And tell hat stories with the best

From my outfit to yours, please accept this gift
Take the money to town and buy a new hat with it
One a bit more in style and a really good fit
And choose a good color, one ya won't regret.

So for Christmas, Mitch sent the poem and money for a new hat to his dad. His dad called him after receiving the gift and Mitch was a little apprehensive on taking the call. The conversation went something like this:

"Hello, Mitch. I got the Christmas present, and thanks."
"Glad you got it Dad."

"I like the money, but I really liked the poem!"

After he told us this story, we all asked, "Well, what did he do with the money?" Mitch smiled and told us, "Would you believe, he went out and bought himself a new hat?!"



The Word

By Phil Schwartz

To go or not to go, to wait or to step out in faith? It can be quite the dilemma. To share your faith with a stranger or to wait for "a better time"? When the spirit in you says give more and there's but a dollar in your wallet-oh what to do?

Thankfully our God is a patient God, we need to learn from Him and to listen carefully for that still small voice in us that will guide us.

As soon as mankind fell in the garden God set in place a plan for our redemption, Genesis 3:15 is the first reference to Jesus and the redemptive plan-only 9 verses after the fall! Paul says in Romans 8:38, 39 that nothing can separate us from God's love"...neither height nor depth or any creature..."

On the other hand, even though God set in a place His part almost immediately after the fall He waits patiently for us to accept it. Some accept and never let go of Jesus from an early age; many have accepted Jesus on their deathbed in there sixties, seventies or older, and some like me accepted Jesus at a young age but wandered away from His loving embrace and then, praise God, accepted Him later on. God will not force salvation upon us but patiently offers it until our last breath is taken-and then I believe He weeps if we have not accepted it!

So when deciding whether to step out or wait, to give to churches that reaches the lost or hold on to your last dollar, or to tell that "unlovable" maybe dirty. Maybe alcoholic, unshaven bum that you love him enough to share Jesus with him, listen to that inner voice because even if you don't finance a world changing project with your dollar or the bum watches you walk away after you share and turns back to his bottle-God knows where your heart is.

Last month I shared about graduating from Bible College and accepting a call to join a ministry in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I knew there was not going to be a salary immediately but I stepped out in faith and went. I moved there IN FAITH and I do not regret that, but...it turned out to be a mistake for a large number of reasons, so I returned to Tulsa to regroup, rethink and above all else reconnect with God in prayer.

Part of my motivation was to "go in faith" as Jesus sent the twelve disciples in Mark 6:8, "and commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only, no scrip (bag), no bread, and no money in their purse."

One of the things I learned at Rhema Bible Training center was a special message of Pastor Hagin- stay out of the ditches-meaning extremes right or left are usually not the best choice. Stay in the middle, go in faith but use wisdom! That is the message I learned from my Santa Fe experience. So I continue to pray for God's will to be made clear to me and I continue to pray that COWBOYS FOR CHRIST continues to harvest souls for our Lord.

In Jesus In Peace.
Phil



When Angels Come

By Sam Noble, for His Glory

When angels come to take me home, and I've no more earthly trails to roam.
Feel sorry only for those left behind as my heavenly home I've gone to find.
Now, angels are an awesome sight; nothin' compares to one in flight.
They are God's delivery crew; it's their job to deliver me and you
Into our loving Savior's arms, safe away from worldly harms.

Cowboy, if with your life you've trusted Him, trust also that He will send them;
In your darkest hour of need, He'll send them forth, your soul to feed.
You may have weathered some close call with some pain or none at all.
Some cowboys thank their lucky stars; take a real look at the luck that's ours.
An angel lurks behind that tree, a guardian placed for you and me.

When Satan tries to catch us in his snare, there are often angels there
To help herd us away from sin, and protect us from the ways of men.
Now, angels form a big ole herd; if you don't believe, check out the Word.
I believe it is Revelations five eleven says there's thousand upon thousands up in heaven.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear in Him, and He promises to deliver them.

A third of the angels fell from God's grace and now they are shackled in a terrible place.
Their decision to follow Satan was a permanent one; I'm sure that trail would not be fun.
Cowboys, our lives are affected by the decisions we make, and the end depends on the trail we take.
The narrow trail don't seem like fun, but cowboy, be assured it is the one.
It will lead you along a righteous way and the Lord will walk with you day by day.

TESTIMONIES!



Revelation 12:11 says,
"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the WORD of their testimony."

Have you shared His Word lately?
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Washing The Master's Feet

By Mary Simpson

I asked the Lord this question,
"How can I serve Thee best?
How can I show my love for you?
What is love's ultimate test?"

He gently turned me toward Himself
And said, "Let me see thy face."
Come spend much time alone with me
In our secret, private place."

Then go out with a servant's heart
To the "least" and meet their need.
And as you take up basin and towel,
You'll be bowing to wash "My" feet."

[EDITORS NOTE] This poem really utters the essence of the Christmas season, though for the Christian, this should be an everyday occurrence. So, we encourage each of you (and ourselves as well) to take some time and thought this Christmas. How we can best help those around us and in this practical way show out love to the Lord. When we share our finances, our home, our time or our love with others, we follow Jesus Christ, the greatest Giver there ever was! He even gave His own life for you and me. No one can show greater love than that. (John 15:13) Praise God!

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RULE BOOK TALK

By Ted K. Pressley

Security

Everyone is looking for security. We look for it in many ways, such as in our possessions of money, livestock, farms, ranches, homes, business, friends, and relations. Most folks have all or part of these going for them, and yet there is an air of insecurity. I have just returned from speaking at one of the larger national horse shows. I noticed a decline in attendance, so I began to question folks from all over the U.S. The answer I continued to receive was people are insecure with the financial situation or the insecure horse market, or the insecure farm product market. Consequently, folks are like a covey of quail...they are pulling

the family close together and staying close to home to wait out the danger (insecurity) that lurks in the world.

I was reading an article from a major city paper on a group of farmers/ranchers who had lost or were losing their land and possessions. The overview of the entire article is utter frustration, no security. There were some second, third, and even a fourth-generation farm family who had lost their land; the father and mother were taking eight-to-five jobs, and even though they would be making fairly good cash money, the overall view was insecurity, possibly because of the great loss they were faced with. Then there were the children...mostly teenagers. One young man was really frustrated because he couldn't go to college as planned. He made the statement, "Life is so insecure right now." Insecurity is a vicious problem.

A professional rodeo friend called me and said that the man he was buying his land from had gotten a better deal and was repossessing the land with all the improvements. The rodeo hand had nothing down on paper so he lost everything. Needless to say, when he talked to me he was a highly insecure person with no place for he and his family to go. I thought of what the Rule Book said in Psalms 118:8 New International Version (NIV), "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." Also, Jeremiah 17:5, "...cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord." There are so many who trust in man or flesh these days, and it only breeds insecurity.

Then there are those who trust in riches—the almighty dollar. But sound advise is as Paul wrote to Timothy in 1Timothy 6:17 NIV, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant, not to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." This is sane, sound advise about the riches of this world, but how about trusting (becoming secure) in oneself. It's called the, "I, me, my" complex.

Proverbs 28:26 NIV says, "He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe." So many men have taken great falls because of self-trust, and they end up having to find a new area of security. We are then left with the question, "Who or what do we trust in (find security in)? The best answer to this question is in the Rule Book, Psalms 37:3-5 NIV, "Trust in Him and He will do this." You want security? Trust in the Lord not only for your land, livestock, money, crops or ability but also for your soul—the most important thing to you. Mark 8:36-37 NIV, "What good is it for man to gain the whole world yet forget his soul?" The answer to this question is "nothing." With this fact we see then to commit our souls to the Lord Jesus Christ is the only true security for our souls and our worldly possessions.

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