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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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Cowboys and Cowgirls,

This is the third time that the testimony of "Big Daddy" Jack Favor has been printed in the Christian Ranchman. It first appeared in the December 1976 issue, and at that time Big Daddy Jack was very active in the Cowboys For Christ ministry as the Vice-President and served on the Board of Directors. He had a major part of the development and expansion of the ministry. It was reprinted in February 1988 seeking funds to help Jack with his medical bills due to his failing health. Big Daddy Jack went home to be with the LORD in the fall of 1988. Rick Ledoux asked me to reprint Daddy Jack's testimony as a follow-up to last month issue of Rick's article about the Angola Prison Rodeo and prison ministry. There was a book written about Daddy Jack and a movie filmed "Still Holding On; The Legend of Cadillac Jack" starting Clint Black. Daddy Jack was a great man of GOD and it is an honor and a privilege to reprint a powerful testimony about a true servant of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

## "Not Guilty"

– World champion cowboy Jack Favor, imprisoned for a crime he did not commit, trusts God for his release. (originally published in *The Christian Ranchman*, December 1976)

God works mightily in the lives of his children helping them to use even great adversity to glorify the name of Jesus. Of such adversity is the life story of Jack (Big Daddy) Favor and his resolve to live as a Christian has changed the seemingly hopeless adversity of false imprisonment into triumph. A book soon to be published, and the potential of a movie is the offering which will make the story of Jack Favor a testimony throughout the nation.

A tireless and willing worker in the vineyards of the Lord, Jack is currently vice-president of Cowboys For Christ and active in his home church, the First United Methodist church in Arlington, Texas. He traces his abiding faith in God back to an early age, when he put his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. That staunch faith was his sustaining force during the seven years he served in a Louisiana prison for a double murder of which he had no knowledge.

Born and reared near Eula, Texas on a Callahan County cattle ranch. Jack's varied career has included several hitches in the U.S. Navy; thirty years as a champion bulldogger, saddle bronc rider and rodeo producer; a trucker driver and a salesman.

After graduation from Abilene High School he entered the Navy for his first hitch, from 1929 until 1932. Upon returning to Texas, he worked as a dairy hand, then as a truck driver for a plumbing supply firm in Abilene. It was during this time that the rodeo arena became a dominant influence in the course of his life. In Jack's own words, "I had rodeoed some with wild west shows during the summer months back in High School days, riding saddle broncs. In fact, I won my first rodeo

championship as a bronc rider at a Legion rodeo in Cameron, Texas in 1926 when I was only 15." The West Texas native, who actually learned to ride a horse as soon as he could walk, took to rodeo like a duck to water, and spent over thirty years in the rodeo arena as a participant and as a producer. He is a charter member of the Rodeo Cowboys Association carrying the Gold Lifetime Card number 79.

In 1942, a year before he went back into the Navy, he became one of the few cowboys to ever ride the legendary bucking horse, "Hell's Angels". This was in Madison Square Garden while he was working with the Gene Autry Rodeo.

During the war he served briefly as an instructor of new recruits, then he saw action in the Pacific aboard an LCVPI, which was a small rocket carrying ship. "We had three of them shot out from under us in only a short time, but I always managed to survive", Favor recalled. "But one time I came out with a blocked nerve which paralyzed me from the waist down for a couple of months."

Following the war, Jack returned to concentrating on bulldogging steers. He won the championship in Denver and in Fort Worth in 1946, and was runner up on 18 occasions.

The RCA didn't start keeping points until late in Jack's career, the early day championships being decided by money earnings. Jack was in the high fifteen from 1946 until 1955, the year he won the bulldogging in Madison Square Garden.

"When I retired in 1961, at Texarkana, I held the world's championship for two steers, 3.1 and 3.9 seconds, or a combined seven seconds. My fastest time for one head, 2.2 seconds, still stands in the RCA records, although it has been tied by James (Big Jim) Bynum of Forreton, Texas which is close to Waxahachie.

After an early marriage had ended in divorce, Favor moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1939 where

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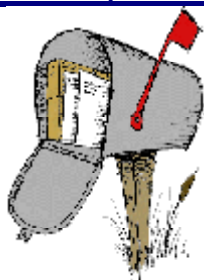


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# Letters TO The Editor!



Howdy dear friends called to beservants of CHRIST JESUS,

I have received your Prisoner Newsletter and it was very welcomed. I write and send many more letters than I receive. I find that in my walk with the LORD, I write about all the blessings and tell others how they can receive blessings and salvation from CHRIST JESUS. Paul's prisons letters really inspired me to do the same. "My Mom has wrote and told me 'bout a couple of my cousins have started go'en ta church. That JESUS is really sum'en ain't HE!"

For me the first thing the HOLY GHOST corrected in me was language (foul mouth). Here of late HE has really been wor'en on my heart, teach'en me to love my brothers and in a place like this (the edge of the pit) that is a miracle in it's self, and also forming a servants heart. But I want to do more. That brings me to the point of this letter. If it's possible I would like and am being lead to ask to start a chapter of Cowboys For Christ here at the Pack Unit. I ain't ever done noth'en like this and of course that fellow the HOLY SPIRIT reminded me that they would be with me, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. If I step out in faith then they will give me strength and guidance. That's been a week or so ago, so now a week or so later that HOLY SPIRIT keeps on spur'en me, so I reckon I better write and send this here letter before GOD sends sum big fish ta get me!

Like I said, I don't know how, but if this is possible, I'ma gonna learn.

Peace to the brethren and love with faith, from GOD the FATHER and the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Grace be with all who love our LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity. Amen. Eph. 6:23-24 (right after the armor) TS, Pack Unit, Navasota, TX

PS. I like ta read a good ole western ever now'en again. I get ta kick outata spell'en like this there. Did you know that a bee is considerably faster than a John Deere?

## Special Note from Dave;

To have a chapter prison division ministry it must be through an official local Cowboys For Christ chapter, and it must have full approval of the Warden and the prison Chaplain. Read the other articles in this paper and you will get a vision of the

great harvest available for the KINGDOM OF GOD. I know that the HOLY SPIRIT is speaking to some cowboys and cowgirls in the Navasota, TX area. Please give me a call and I will do everything possible to get you started and up and running, especially before a big fish gets you, too.

I want to thank all you guys for your hard work and dedication in serving us religiously through the Christian Ranchman and the Cowboys for Christ prisoner newsletter. I am a prisoner in the state of Florida and have been receiving y'all's literature for approximately a year now. I am a past bull rider and a lover of the great outdoors and most of all the Lord Jesus Christ. I can relate to many of the stories in the Christian Ranchman and really enjoy each and every issue. There are many times that I get down and out in my current situation, and the one thing that I can rely on to pick me up is reading other Cowboy stories and how Jesus Christ brought them through all their turmoil. For that, I know that there is hope for me, and I see light at the end of this very dark tunnel. Once again, I want to thank y'all for everything that's done for us in and outside of these walls.

JH, Tampa. FL

I have enjoyed the Christian Ranchman since 1988. An issue traveled with me from Texas to New Jersey to Colorado to Montana to New York to California to Oklahoma to New Mexico and back to Texas. I keep old issues around the house to read again for encouragement and study up on the Word of God. I often give my copy away to someone I meet or to folks who drop by so they can get some nourishment too.

I believe the Christian Ranchman newspaper is one of the best ways to spread the Gospel to folks today. So, thank you for continuing the ministry of Cowboys for Christ and the Christian Ranchman after the homegoing of founder, Ted K. Pressley.

R.C. Fort Worth, Texas

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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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## *A Butt in the Right Direction*

By Sheila Sellinger

It's been said that each of us has a weakness, something that tends to dominate the choices that we make in life. For some, it may be cars; for others, jewelry; and still others, money, but for as long as I can remember, mine has always been horses and cowboys. Maybe because they go together...but, who knows?

I was working the receiving gate at the Tucson Stockyard (before they moved it to Marana), filling out forms and directing the animals to their assigned pens, when a stock trailer backed up to unload a shipment of heifers. It was late morning, and the auction had already begun. It appeared that this was the last entry, no one else waited in line, and the young cowboy who'd hauled them didn't seem to be in any hurry.

I passed the paperwork to the runner who would herd the beasts down the alley, then filed the blank forms. I knew that I should go help the others move the cattle on since my job was done, but my companion smiled and asked how long I'd been working there. He was cute, and I was captivated. The buzz of activity faded as we talked through a gap between the wood planks, my attention solely on him.

How long we chatted, I can't be sure, but after awhile, his eyes grew huge and his tanned face paled. "Up!" he rasped, "Up, up!"

His thumbs jerked upward as he continued to order me to climb the fence. It was only seconds, and it happened in slow motion. As soon as my foot touched the second plank, I was shoved up the fence from behind. I discovered myself seated between two very large horns, my rear end collecting sweaty bull hair on my jeans.

In sheer fright, I scrambled the rest of the way to the top, my legs dangling over the safe side, while the bull snorted angrily below. My foreman rode up just then to apprehend the renegade, and asked if I was okay. The bull had broken free, turned on the runner, charged the pen-back rider, and bolted down the alley that I should have secured. I was safe, but not because of anything I did. I allowed my weakness to cloud my judgment, and it could have cost me my life.

Poor choices aren't always a matter of life and death, but they still affect the future. Many times we focus so much on other things that we don't pay attention to the important stuff. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, Romans 8:28 (NIV). But when anything becomes our weakness, and we place it first above all else, it becomes an idol. It's only when we give them to Jesus, and trust Him to provide for us, that He turns our weaknesses into strengths so that we will always be aware of the dangers around us. And, that's good judgment!



## *A Living Memorial*

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## **WE NEED YOUR TESTIMONY**

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## Testimony

By Sam Caldwell

Today is a good day, amen! I'm alive and am truly growing in my faith in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank y'all for your "newsletter" and "The Ride". I enjoy it very much. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and I must say, He's done wonders in my life already.

You see, I've cowboied all my life and rodeoed off and on all over Texas, Nebraska, Indiana, Kansas – all over. Cowboy is all I really know, but I had a bad name: "Outlaw". I was rotten to the core, in and out of jails from age 16 to 23, which is when I landed myself in prison for the first time. See, I lived in Lampasas, Texas from my early teen years till now (age 34). There just wasn't anything around to do, but cowboy, drink, and raise cane. And I was pretty good at it. My oldest sister, Julie, and a few other folks would always say, "Son, Its time you give yourself to the Lord." I was in denial and would always say, "No, the Lord has no time for me" or "He gave up on me a long time ago."

In '93, I broke my neck riding a bull at 15 years old. Long story short, that's when my life changed for the worse. I was already set in my ways, nothing good, at that. So, my mother and her boyfriend at that time moved me to Brownwood, Texas in the summer of 1993. At the age of 15, I started my first run in with the law and in less than 3 years I was already put in jail more than 10 times for P.I., M.I.P., and fighting. I always got right out, but between ages 17-21, I had already been on probation 3 times, went to jail and served my time. I went to prison April 2002 for fighting and got out 6 months later. In September 2003, I went back to prison for violating probation (drinking). I tried to do the church thing at my unit but failed. I was released from prison January 2008, but I was out one week when I started drinking again – just picked up where I had left off. I got in trouble again, but through God's Grace, a felony charge which I had was dismissed.

After I left Texas, I went all over until I met the love of my life, my wife, Olivia, in Minnesota. We came back to Texas November 2008. My wife was and is a believer in Christ, but I was lost and started drinking again and went to jail overnight a few times. I hadn't worked much, but finally my boss gave me a chance and a great job. I made foreman, and he would say, "Have you ever given your life to the Lord?" and I would say, "I do believe, but I just ain't got time." My wife would ask me if I would go to church with her but I never had time for Jesus Christ. Finally, my wife stopped going, too.

I got in trouble again in October 2009. I asked my wife to marry me and we were hitched December 14, 2009. I was sent to prison February 12, 2010. Since then, I have said "enough is enough!" I told my wife I'm going to ask Jesus into my heart. I think that was the happiest day of her

life.

I want y'all to know that with your help, Christian radio and my wife, my walk with Christ has been awesome! Jesus Christ has healed me of my depression, anger, the hatred I had in me and all the darkness that once flooded my spirit and heart is now light and so bright that I will never be in the dark anymore. Things get tough at times, but I just put everything in the Lord's hands, because I truly know without Christ in my life, I won't make it.

So, this is my testimony and I hope its ok. A short message to all the cowboys and cowgirls out there, or in here, "It's time to turn away from the old ways and come ride for the Brand of Jesus Christ." As for myself, I've "Cowboied up" and am ready for the Trail that Jesus has laid out for me.

I close with this, "Lord, I pray and ask for you to come into my heart, turn me into the Follower of Christ, man, husband and father You want me to be, in Jesus' Name. Amen, amen." Again, I give thanks for Cowboys for Christ and I pray I'll be able to start a chapter of Cowboys for Christ ministry in the Lampasas area. If I don't make parole in March 2013, I'll be discharged February 12, 2014. I would like to ask if I can receive a Cowboys for Christ Bible and would like to be on your prayer list. I ask for your help in starting a Cowboys for Christ chapter. I know it takes time and prayer and faith, but I have the will and still have a lot to learn. I would like to be a member of your ministry for starters.

Thank you brothers and sisters. I hope to hear from you soon! This is my first testimony, so feel free to put it in the Christian Ranchman. God Bless you all!

Y'all's Brother in Christ, Sam Caldwell

PS I will do what I can in here to spread the Word and to help make it possible to have CFC ministry come to the prison. This I pray will happen because I know CFC will be welcomed with open arms.

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 forty-two years.

## WHAT IS A COWBOY?

By John Wessels

What is a cowboy?  
Do you really want to know?  
A gentleman or a scholar?  
A scoundrel or cad?  
No, he's just a man who loves horses,  
So he can't be all that bad.

When he was a boy, he herded cows,  
And got the name from what he did.  
Today he should be called "horseboy,"  
'Cause he also worked with horses  
Since he was but a kid.

A cowboy's horse is his best friend,  
They train and work as one.  
Through thick and thin,  
They stick together,  
'Til the day's work is done.

If you don't know a cowboy,  
That's not really a sin.  
But if you do, you know it's true,  
He's "one of a few good men."

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a part of the cowboy way of life  
before they were imprisoned.  
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greatly appreciated for helping  
us continue and expand this very  
fruitful work. GOD bless you  
and I Thank You.**





## *Riding Point With Dave Harvey...*

### *PRAY VOTE PRAY*

When studying in the Old Testament I have always been amazed at the failure of the Jewish nation to remain committed and faithful to the LORD. Time after time and situation after situation the Children of Israel seemed to stray from the protection and blessings of ALMIGHTY GOD during the good times causing them to fall into the traps of the adversary and turn their backs on the LORD. Neh 9:35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. KJV Then after much heartache and strife they would correct the error of their ways and return to worship the HOLY GOD only to be caught in the same traps just a few years later.

There are many timelines in the Old Testament and I haven't spent much time or effort in calculating the exact number of years between the falls and the returns, but it probably has already been worked out by someone to the average span of years. I do know that it was a very constant up and down with different leaders involved, as well as, the following of the masses to join in with the falling away. I also know that it took major prayer, and major spiritual battles to return to the LORD, even though I'm sure that there was always a remnant of faithful people to the LORD each time to remain steadfast in their dedication and obedience to HIM. Mic 2:12 "I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. NIV

One point that always stuck out to me was when it was mentioned that every person did what they thought was right for them to do, regardless of the HOLY LAW that was handed down by the LORD through Moses. Judg 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes. KJV To be clear in plain old cowboy language, they did what they wanted to do to please their sinful desires. That means that each group had their own special interest and they wanted to have everyone accept it as correct behavior in society so that they would feel justified in their sinful actions. Ps 10:3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth. KJV I am sure that it didn't matter if it was strictly forbidden in the WORD OF GOD, and those acts were probably not desired or appreciated by the majority of the people. I'm also sure that fact didn't stop those special interest groups from forcing those sinful acts upon the nation. Ps 37:14 The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. NIV

Read if for yourself and study the history of GOD'S chosen nation and you will see the pattern of rebellion that seemed to focus on doing the exact opposite of the things that ALMIGHTY GOD had given them to follow. This was done even though their recent, as well as, their past history proved that following the HOLY GOD would give them protection and blessings. They were determined to not only ignore HIS teaching and laws, but they put forth massive effort to be disobedient and to deliberately defy HIM. These special interest groups were not only openly defiant themselves, but they tried to drag as many as possible into their wicked ways. Ps 37:32 The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives; NIV

Now, Cowboys and Cowgirls, I know that this doesn't sound in anyway familiar with our current situation in this nation, because this country has remained completely committed to their walk with the LORD as a Christian nation. Even though we are already over two hundred and thirty-six years old as a nation we certainly don't have special interest groups that challenge the Laws of the HOLY GOD as HE has set forth in HIS HOLY WORD. I am sure that no one would think that a certain group, or groups, of people of this nation would openly and blatantly follow the paths of destruction that the Children of Israel had travelled in the Old Testament, because modern folks are just too wise to fall into such traps. Certainly these people would not demand that the followers of ALMIGHTY GOD not only accept their sinful ways, but to approve of them.

The title of this article is PRAY VOTE PRAY and that is what I am asking each and every person to do, because we are facing a major spiritual battle in this nation. If this nation is to stand, if this nation is to continue, if this nation is to remain the leader of TRUTH, and if this nation is to be free we must return to the LORD and be obedient to HIS HOLY WORD. We must be in humble prayer and continually seeking HIS HOLY FACE during this time of trouble and instability. 2 Chron 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. KJV We must stand up and be counted and heard as children of the MOST HIGH GOD and resist the onslaught of the adversary that is trying to destroy the very foundation of this Christian nation. We must also drop to our knees in prayer and constantly seek HIS WILL as we fight to regain our place as One Nation under GOD, as a Christian Nation committed and dedicated to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

Cowboys and Cowgirls, please "pray, vote, pray" and ask the LORD to guide you as you vote and search out the candidate that has Christian character, honesty and integrity and that will seek the best for all of us not just select groups, especially the ones that are so openly defiant to our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Our religious freedoms have greatly eroded over the last few years, but if we elect men and women with Christian character they will in turn appoint honest, law abiding people who will overturn the blatantly sinful laws that are now destroying the country and we can return to being the reflection of GOD'S LOVE and GOODNESS to the world. And please pray that the LORD'S WILL be done, for the LORD does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked Ezek 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? KJV HE does desire to seek and save the lost. Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. KJV

So, PRAY VOTE PRAY and GOD bless you and GOD bless this nation.





# COWBOYS FOR CHRIST

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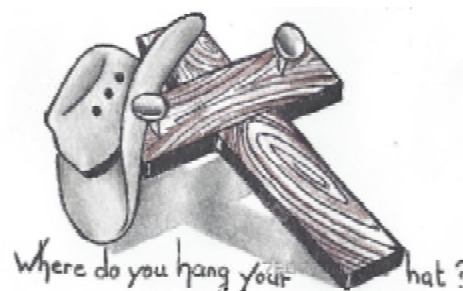
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### ANGOLA-PRISON COWBOYS FOR CHRIST

God continues to move in the lives of people at Angola. We've had great services and seen 15 men give their lives to The Lord this summer. We've spent a lot of time in the cell blocks ministering one on one with many men. We look forward to our fall services and believe God will do great things in the months to come. October is always a big month at Angola. The Prison Rodeo is held every Sunday thru the month. This is a great event that draws thousands of people from all around the world. This is an all inmate rodeo except for the ladies barrel racing. The rodeo is known as "The Wildest Show in the South". Inmates compete for monetary awards and year end trophy buckles in every event. PRCA rodeo stock contractors Lewis & Dunn put on the rodeo with PRCA contract acts, Pro-Rodeo clowns, and bullfighters. The Christian Ministry Team, The Glory Riders, will open every rodeo followed by the Cowboys For Christ "Prayer Circle". In addition to the rodeo that begins at 1:45 pm the grounds are open at 9:00 am in the morning until 5:30 pm. Acres of grounds are filled with craft items. All crafts are made by inmates and are for sale by the men of Angola. Also many food booths with many different great choices of fresh cooked foods are available to taste and fill your appetites on the grounds. There is also a section for the kids to enjoy games, horseback riding and a great ol' time carousel for all to enjoy. Every Rodeo performance is usually sold out. If you want to attend you may order advance tickets at [www.angolarodeo.com](http://www.angolarodeo.com) or save a couple dollars and call the rodeo office at 225-655-2030, 225-655-2607 or 225-655-2008 have your credit or debit card ready. Hotel accommodations are available in St. Francisville, La 25 miles away. Baton Rouge is 50 miles away with other accommodations and the closest airport. The Angola Prison Rodeo was started by Jack Favor former Vice President of Cowboys For Christ. (See the feature story on Jack in this issue). God had a great plan for Cowboys For Christ and we

still have the opening place in the Angola Prison Rodeo. Let us hear from you if you are coming because we would love to meet you. If you can attend the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October we would love to have you attend on Saturday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> our annual Ranch Day With Jesus. This is a great event for all to enjoy. Fun and games for the kids, good FREE food, music, and ministry all held outside on Justin and Deborah Wascom's Heavenly Hill Ranch in Greensburg, La off I-55. Our special guest The Glory Riders will be performing thru out the day. Come join the fun. Call 985-878-6524 for more information or email at [wclédoux@yahoo.com](mailto:wclédoux@yahoo.com)

#### Let's Go – "To The Word"

##### 1 Thessalonians 5:11

New American Standard Bible (NASB)  
<sup>11</sup> Therefore <sup>[a]</sup>encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

The word "encourage" here means to "comfort". When we see the words "encourage or encouragement" they mean "strengthen, consolation, or comfort." This is what the body of Christ should be doing for each other every day, encouraging (strengthen, counsel, comfort) each other. When we see a brother or sister in need, going thru a trial, hurting, etc... We should be quick to pray for them and lift them to the Lord in their time of need. Also we should be there to help, give support, or walk thru this time with them.

##### Romans 15:5-7

New American Standard Bible (NASB)  
<sup>5</sup> Now may the God <sup>[a]</sup>who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with one accord you may with one <sup>[b]</sup>voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted <sup>[c]</sup>us to the glory of God.

##### Hebrews 3:13

New American Standard Bible (NASB)  
<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

These scriptures speak clearly of how we should "encourage" one another. Notice Romans 15:5 speaks of our obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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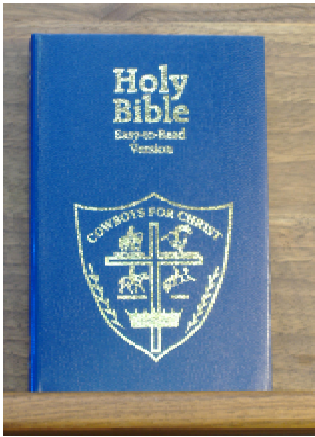
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## COWBOYS FOR CHRIST ENTIRE BIBLE



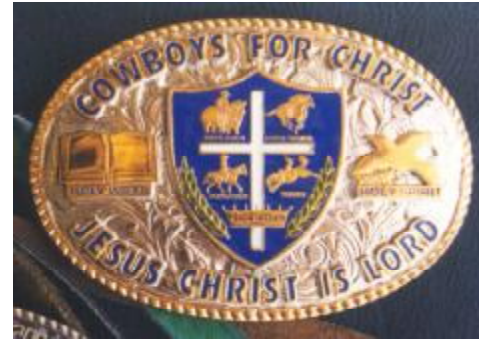
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**Chapter Update from Cliff Lee,  
President of the Heart of Carolina  
Chapter, Clayton, NC**

Howdy Wranglers,

It has been a bit since I have sent out any chapter updates! The summer has gone by and fall is just around the bend!

Of course with Fall comes the Equestrian Exchange, Mule Days, and hopefully some good rid'n weather! The Equestrian Exchange was started by Lynn Beeson who as I have shared before, put together one of the first photo albums for our Chapter. She and her husband Jim have ridden with us a few times as well. Her sale is a great place to sell your used or new tack and also a great place to find a good bargain for any of your equine needs! Check their website for info: [www.equestrianexchange.com](http://www.equestrianexchange.com)

Benson Mule Days in Benson, NC is here again too! It's the week end of Sept. 22. We plan to ride in the parade and hope you can join us.

The Trailblazers will be singing for us again at the Grove on main street 3:00 till 5:00 PM on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Check out their web site :

<http://www.trailblazersofnc.com/index.html>

The Hickory Grove Quartet will all share some great harmony of Gospel songs. Check them out at :

<http://www.hickorygrovechurch.org/hgquartet.aspx> or just google Hickory Grove Quarter and there are lots of sites as well as youtube.

Yep, we are still meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Carolina Bar B Q in Garner off Hwy 70. Check out our web site:

<http://www.heartofcarolinacfc.com> for pictures and more info.

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Hoffman Benefit Trail Ride is Oct. 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Call 336-688-9906 or email:

[myra1@northstate.net](mailto:myra1@northstate.net) for more information. A few of us hope to ride with them. Come join us!

We will also support the Trailblazers at the Clayton Harvest Festival Sunday 1:30 PM the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept. Come on out to join us there! Lots of fellowship, food, vendors, and other Christian music that day!

Billy shared a good message at our last meeting. He spoke from Matthew 9:36( The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few...). It centered around a song that goes :

My house is full, but my field is empty  
Who will go & work for me today?

No one wants to work in my field today.....

As Billy shared, if someone sees you with a CFC shirt on, they may not know you by name. But they know Christ or know of Him, Who knows you (us)

both.! So they do know something about you! We are a voice crying in the wilderness. Let's band together, come lend a hand and follow His commandment. (There are lots of CFC T Shirts and I think one sweat shirt left for sale at our cost.)

Thanks Billy, great message!

That closes up for us this beautiful day that He created for us!

Happy trails and blessings to all,  
Cliff

**NORTHERN INDIANA  
COWBOYS FOR CHRIST**

Submitted by Kim Hostetler

God leads us to things and God leads us through things. 2 Corinthians 2:14: But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

We prepared for Dr. Lew Sterrett with "Sermon on the Mount" to come to Goshen, Indiana for nine months. It felt similar to the anticipation of an expecting mother. We were excited, nervous and busy making sure all the details was tied up before the arrival of this event. As we all know, strength will rise as wait upon the Lord.

There were many diversions and road blocks the devil had put in place to detour this event. Willie, Northern Indiana Cowboys for Christ president, had to be at his brother's funeral in Iowa on the first day of the event, so many people stepped up and did whatever was needed to help set up for the event. Dr. Sterrett had some brake issues on his trip to Goshen, so he was running behind when he arrived. After a two month drought here in Indiana, it turned cold and decided to rain the first day of the event. Through all this the Lord was always there to lift us up and guide us to the next step. Hebrews 13:5: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." At the last minute we were able to move the whole event inside a beef arena, thanks to the fair board secretary.

Throughout the weekend, Dr. Sterrett worked with an un-broke horse, a troubled horse and a horse that was used as a trail horse. Even if you never had ridden a horse in your life, the visual demonstration was so parallel to building a relationship with your child, a co-worker, a friend, but most importantly...a relationship with Christ.

Trust is hard. You've probably been betrayed by other people, and when that happened, maybe you swore you'd never open up again. But Jesus loved you and trusted you first. He laid down his life for you. That sacrifice has hopefully earned him your trust. Dr. Sterrett worked each horse in various exercises teaching the horse to trust and follow him.

At first there was much rebelling by the un-broke horse, but eventually the horse, in its own language, would seek and ask for forgiveness and trust in the leader that was teaching him. For the horse, maturing and growing past its wild instincts means it has to go against all its natural reactions and learn to choose to follow and trust in its human leader. Spiritual maturity means more than just learning a whole bunch of facts. Spiritual maturity means that we have the mind of Christ—moving beyond our former way of thinking and working to think and act the way that God wants us to.

It was hard not to feel the presence of God throughout every aspect of preparation to presentation. Several people were moved to give their life to Christ and I am sure there were many more with feelings stirring inside to make that decision soon.

It was an honor to have president and executive director of our national Cowboys for Christ, Dave Harvey, to be able to attend this moving and exciting event here in Indiana. For those of you who have not had the joy of meeting Dave Harvey, he is a kind and gentle servant of God. We just hope we didn't tire him out too much for the folks back in North Carolina and Texas.

We are very excited to have a campout on Sept. 14 and 15 at Quinn and Kathie Holdeman's at 14727 C.R. 108, Middlebury, IN. Please let them know if you will be camping, 574-825-7258. You may just come for the ride at 10:00 a.m. sharp on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. As always remember to bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. We will be having a haystack dinner following the ride. This is an extremely scenic and serene ride. You won't want to miss it.



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# ***RULE BOOK TALK***

*By Ted K. Pressley*

*Cowboys For Christ Founder  
1938-2011*

## *Choices*

When buying a horse for pleasure or competition, much thought goes into what you purchase. If you buy cattle or other livestock for your own use or for profit, you must gather much information before making your final decision. The bottom line of what you buy comes down to choice.

Choices must be made as to what type of horse will be best suited for the competition in which you compete. What type of cattle will produce the leanest beef? What money will have to be spent on care, food, tack, entry fees? How many can or must benefit from your final decision? How will you arrive at the most profit for your dollar?

Actually, no matter what we do in this life, where we end up is a result of choices we make along the way. And if, for some reason, we find ourselves in a place that was not our choosing, it is our choice whether we stay in that place or not.

When it is time to clean the barn, we choose to do it, hire it done, or let it go. The same goes for the routine we build around feeding schedules. We can stick to it, or have our animals hungry and confused about when they may eat next. It's our choice.

When competing in an event, you must decide to practice enough to feel confident to compete. Then you must pay money to enter and do your best to win. Every step involves a choice.

No matter what we decide to do, it involves a choice. The animal you buy. The clothes you have on today. The type of event you compete in. How much you practice. All are choices we must make.

There are some instances in our lives that others choose for us; taxes, inheritance, etc. If you will listen closely to the comments people make about situations in their lives and where they're at, you will be able to see they are where they are because of the choices they have made.

Take a few moments, sit down and think about where you are in life. What choices have you made that were right or wrong to bring you to where you are? Sometimes the choice you make is to do nothing. Many times there are consequences to that choice.

So, what's my point you may ask? Are the choices you've made to this point in your life ones that will lead you to an eternal life when this one has ended? Have you made the choice not to think about eternity? When you take your last breathe, you will have made your choice. There will be no choosing where you'll go once you leave. The decision to live forever must be made on this side of death.

The Rule Book, the Bible, talks about choices in Joshua 24:15-16 KJV, "And if it seem evil to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which you fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. And the people answered and said, 'God forbid that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods.'"

We are instructed here to make a choice of whom we will serve. The Rule Book also says in Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me..." If you haven't made the choice to live for Jesus, you have made the choice not to live for Him. If you haven't made the choice to go to heaven, you've made choice to go to hell.

Where are you? Where do you want to be? The choice is yours. Don't know how to change the choice you've made? Romans 10:9-10 tells you how to make the right choice. "That if you 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:13 promises you won't be rejected or turned down. "For whosoever shall call upon the name to the Lord shall be saved."

When you make the choice to allow Jesus Christ to be your Lord (boss), you will see changes as a result of your choice. Romans 6:18 tells you of this change. "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

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### ***“Not Guilty”***

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he met his present wife, Ponder. They were married October 14, 1940, and have three children, Mrs. Jane Jacobs of Watauga, Texas; Mrs. Janice Kitterman of Arlington, Texas; and Tommy Favor, also of Arlington.

Keeping a promise to his family, Jack Favor retired from rodeo in 1961 and went into sales working for several firms, a job which required a great deal of travel. On April 16, 1964, while on one such trip, he stopped to pick up two hitchhikers between Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma. Their names, he learned later were Floyd E. Cumbey and Donald E. Yates. Cumbey was a rodeo fan, and they chatted at length about Favor’s career, his family and his work, while Yates, slumping down in the back seat, slept through it all.

Favor left the pair in Bossier City, Louisiana, the next day and forgot about them until they prominently figured in his life 17 months later. Cumbey and Yates went on into Louisiana where the following day, April 17, 1964, possible with a third person, they committed a double murder. This was the crime for which Jack Favor served seven years imprisonment after being falsely accused by Cumbey.

I went back to Oklahoma on April 17, 1964, traveling with an oil man, Jerry Rippeteau. Favor recalls, “You can imagine my surprise in September of 1965 when I was notified that I was wanted for robbery and murder by Louisiana authorities.”

During the elapsed time, Cumbey had been apprehended and tried in Missouri for an armed robbery, but the trial had ended in a hung jury. In an effort to get off the hook, Cumbey, seasoned at making deals, offered to clear up a “robbery and murder” in Louisiana if they would release him to Louisiana authorities. The sheriff and district attorney of Bossier Parish were extremely anxious to clear up that case, and when Cumbey gave them enough information to convince them that he knew about the case, they managed to get him out of the Missouri prison. Cumbey had remembered that Favor had been in the area, and falsely accused him of planning it all.

The crime, which Louisiana authorities had to reconstruct for Favor since he knew nothing about it involved the murder of an elderly couple who operated a baitstand in Haughton, Louisiana, a small community near Benton. “They only found a small amount of money, but they were supposed to find \$60,000 which the couple had. I still believe there was a third man besides Cumbey and Yates, but they have kept his name secret until this day. They accused me instead, in his place, of those brutal murders, which they committed because the

couple wouldn’t tell where the money was hidden.”

When he was first accused of the murders, Jack was shocked but not greatly alarmed. He had never been to the baitstand, and he was in another state when the crime was committed, and he was entirely innocent of the charges. After all, he reasoned, how can you be convicted of a crime if you aren’t guilty and you can prove it?

So, he hired an attorney and began to build his case. Fate dealt him a bad blow when Jerry Rippeteau, who had been with him in Oklahoma on that fatal day, died of a heart attack. Still, Favor and his wife collected other evidence – gasoline slips he had signed April 17, 1964 in Oklahoma; copies of sales orders he made out; and the testimony of two witnesses who placed him hundreds of miles from the scene when the crime occurred.

But Cumbey was particularly convincing, and Louisiana officials, anxious to clear a baffling case, pressed the charges. Jack’s attorney repeatedly blocked extradition, so the Louisiana officials suggested a compromise. “They told me if I would come to Benton and take a polygraph test, it would give me a chance to prove my point about being innocent and clear up the whole thing.” We talked it over and I left Arlington October 12, 1966 to take the test.

“I didn’t get back home until April 20, 1974,” Favor says.

The lie detector test proved to be a trick. Favor was jailed in Bossier Parish and remained there until the following April when he was brought to trial.

His attorney, Joe T. Crawthorn, put up a good fight against strong opposition, but saw his witnesses discredited, evidence torn up after it was declared inadmissible, and false testimony brought by Floyd Cumbey, one of the two hitchhikers proved to be damning. They jury brought in a guilty verdict and Favor was given two life sentences to run concurrently.

Cumbey and Yates also drew life terms, but Cumbey was secretly taken to the Louisiana border a few weeks later and told to get lost. Two days later he murdered two women in Oklahoma and was later picked up in Missouri on the armed robbery charge. “He was really a bad apple,” Favor says. “Because he cooperated with them in getting me convicted, they let him go after fixing up some dummy papers which showed he had been committed to prison.”

The former rodeo star was struck by a heart condition while in the Benton jail, and although his conviction was being appealed, he was illegally rushed to the Angola prison on the pretext that hospital care was not available in Benton. The appeal failed and it appeared that Jack was in for

life.

“Still, when I went into prison on May 23, 1967, I felt it would only be for a short time. I felt that God had a purpose in placing me there and as soon as I had found that purpose and fulfilled it, I would be free again. I’ll admit, sometimes it seemed awfully long, but I never did give up hope and I can truthfully say, I never did lose my belief that God was with me.”

“You get to see the seamy side of life behind the bars,” Favor declares. “Just about every type of brutality and perversion you ever heard of – and some you never heard of – goes on there. During the seven years I spent in Angola there were over 330 murders. Prisoners killed each other mostly with knives or dirks which they had made themselves, or which they had smuggled in from somewhere.” Seldom was anyone tried, because of the prisoner code of “not squealing on each other.”

Usually a new prisoner arriving at Angola is “assigned” or claimed by one or another of the prisoner groups or factions inside the walls – but Jack Favor would have none of that. In spite of the fact that he knew it would cause trouble, he told them he wasn’t joining anyone’s group. He was forced into six fights in the first few weeks after he was out of the hospital, but at 6’3” and 230 lbs., he managed to win them all, and the word got out on the prison grapevine to leave the big cowboy alone.

Favor’s first job was as an orderly in the prison hospital. Because of some medical training and some long hours on the job, he became head nurse, working at the hospital three years and eight months before the warden picked him for a new project, driving a prison bookmobile to some of the outlying stations. This continued a “trustee” status and a chance to get to know more prisoners and more prison authorities. Escape never entered his mind because he knew that when God was ready for him to go, He would make the way clear. A prison rodeo had been started in 1965 and continued in 1966 just for the entertainment of the prisoners. At Favor’s suggestion, 4,000 seats were bought and installed and the public was invited to see the show for the first time in 1967. “It was a tremendous sellout. We ran it every Sunday in September and not only paid for the seats but made money on top of that for the prison welfare

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## “Not Guilty”

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fund. We added 1,200 seats the next year, along with restrooms, and finally covered the grandstand. Last year's profits were \$16,282.”

They picked Favor as rodeo chairman after the first year and eventually put him on the rodeo project year around. When he left Angola they had \$23,000 in the till, a 5,216-seat covered grandstand, and a rodeo which compares favorably with the Texas Prison Rodeo. Besides the earnings the prison cowboys get from the rodeo, the welfare fund provides eyeglasses, dentures and medicines which the state does not furnish the inmates.

Besides proving himself as a worker, Favor proved himself a Christian as well. He admits that on entering prison, there were some things in his life he wasn't proud of, and he knew he faced a decision. “I either had to come out and say I was a Christian and act like one, or just keep it a secret. I decided to give God a chance in my life.”

Favor helped organize a criminal therapy group and later got a Dale Carnegie club started. He worked with Alcoholics Anonymous groups and later, because he is a Methodist, founded a Methodist Men's group inside the walls. This led the Baptists to ask for help in founding a Baptist Brotherhood, which he did, and several other denominations followed suit. “I taught Sunday School class for three years and went outside the walls on many Sundays to speak to churches all over the state,” says Favor.

Services inside the walls were held in the dining hall, and thus, had to be limited. This led to the start of plans for a prison chapel. Favor was named chairman of the chapel fund. When he left Angola, the fund had \$18,000 in it.

Amid all his other prison duties, Favor found time to visit the prison library regularly, and launch a concentrated study of Louisiana law. That study and the friendship of a Bossier City attorney, James B. Wells, finally launched a legal battle for Favor's freedom.

Favor's research produced a writ which he filed in district court in Louisiana, calling for a new hearing on his case. Wells, who had worked with Favor's attorney in the first trial, was convinced of Jack's innocence and promised “I'll get you out.” He worked entirely without pay to free Favor.

Wells found the writ Favor had filed was sound, and even though it was rejected repeatedly, he kept appealing from one court to the next, finally getting a favorable verdict in a federal court. Finally, after nearly three years from the time the case was first set aside in 1971, the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington ruled that Favor was entitled to a new trial or would have to be set free. The ruling said that the trial should take place in the original court

where the trial had been held seven years before. “My attorney said he could get me a change of venue if I wanted it, but I said “No Sir!” I wanted to be tried again in the same city before the same people who knew and read about my case in the first place.”

The trial, with a visiting judge, J.O. Bolin, presiding, and a different prosecuting attorney, got under way April 5, 1974, in Benton, Louisiana.

This time, things were entirely different. Evidence in Favor's case was admitted, witnesses were allowed to speak for him, and best of all, Donald Yates, one of the hitchhikers who had contended all along that Favor had no knowledge of the crime, was allowed to testify. He had not been put on the stand at the first trial because he had told the prosecuting attorney he knew Favor was innocent. Yates had been convicted initially of murder without capital punishment but was later allowed to enter a plea of guilty to manslaughter in the case. He was brought to the trial from prison.

After Yates' testimony, Favor's attorney rested his case and the jury retired to render a verdict. “It was about 10 o'clock at night and I hadn't eaten in some time, so they took me to the lunchroom. About the time my food came, they said the jury was coming back in, so we rushed back to the courtroom. The jury had been out only 40 minutes.

Then Jack Favor heard the words from the jury foreman, and from each member of the jury as they were polled, that he had been waiting and dreaming to hear during his many years imprisonment – “Not Guilty!”

Upon returning to his Arlington, Texas, home, Favor checked into Arlington Memorial Hospital for treatment of a heart condition. It was determined that a “slow heart” and some nearly clogged blood vessels in his neck were the sources of his trouble. A pacemaker and artificial blood vessels have now made him hale and hearty again.

Since his exoneration, Favor has won a civil suit against four Louisiana officials accused of railroading him into prison. He accepted a settlement of \$55,000, a paltry sum for the seven years he spent in prison. His efforts were thwarted by a U.S. Supreme ruling that state officials have immunity from damages. The \$55,000 was paid by a company insuring one of the defendants.

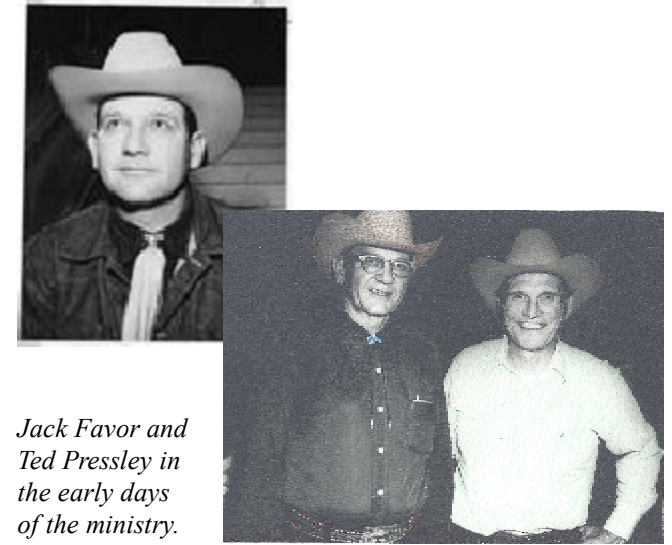
Always a man who would stand up and be counted, Jack was a leader and served several years on the Rodeo Cowboys Association Board of Directors.

During his imprisonment, Favor wrote down many observations about his life which has been incorporated into his book that is entitled “In Jack's Favor”. A documentary is being made about his life, and he has appeared as a guest on the “Tomorrow” television show hosted by Tom Snyder, and on Howard Cosell's radio program.

Favor has raised thousands of dollars from speaking appearances, with the money being deposited in a Louisiana account. “I want to build a chapel in Angola Penitentiary,” he said. “Those men are human beings, and at this time, they have no place to worship – no place to get away from all the bad conditions of the prison. They need a place of reverence, just like everyone else.”

Jack is a true believer in prison reform, and observes that state legislators generally do not give prison officials enough money to rehabilitate the prisoners in any way. He is also against the idea of state prisons, preferring work programs on a county level that could perform beneficial public services.

“God put me on this Earth to leave it a better place than when I came,” Favor said. “I'm just trying to bring out some of the injustices.”



Jack Favor and Ted Pressley in the early days of the ministry.

## COWBOYN' FOR THE SON CHAPTER UPDATE ATHENS, AL

From the President, Otis Everett...

We have had some great rides so far this year.

Our benefit ride on Copley farm, March 5th donated \$200 to the Gaits to Heaven ministry. We have another benefit ride in May and a busy schedule for the summer. We also are scheduling more rides this year that offer camping. Our group's main purpose is to reach out for HIM. If you know of someone with specific needs and you feel we can be of help, please contact me.

In order to try to accommodate a variety of members, our meetings will be at 306 Barbeque Restaurant this summer. Out of town members will benefit from later hours of operation and our own waitress for faster service. Meetings start at 6:30 pm. We are flexible, so please feel free to come even if you arrive a little late.

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## *Cowboy Breakfast Casserole*

5 large potatoes, thinly sliced  
1 pound ground beef  
10 eggs and 1/2 cup milk, beaten together  
1 1/2 cups Mexican cheese blend  
1 very large white onion, diced  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 small red hot pepper, finely minced  
Butter  
Olive oil  
Liquid Smoke  
Salt  
Pepper  
Charcoal seasoning

Sauté the onions in some butter until translucent. Season with a bit of salt and pepper.

Brown the ground beef with the garlic and hot pepper. Season with salt, pepper, charcoal seasoning (about 1/2 teaspoon or more to taste) and a couple drops of Liquid Smoke. Drain any fat from meat.

Sauté the potatoes in some olive oil just to soften slightly.

Spray or butter crockpot to prevent sticking. Then layer the ingredients in the following manner: potatoes, beef, onion, cheese. Repeat. Finish with a layer of potatoes. Pour egg mixture gently over all and top with a bit more cheese. Cook on LOW for 8 to 10 hours.

## *FEELINGS IN INK*

by Tony Delome

I get asked a lot by people who read my poetry what was the inspiration behind this poem or that poem and I always tell them it is emotionally inspired through some act of kindness or love. When I wrote this poem I was thinking of the day that I gave my life to JESUS. What my friend Wanda doesn't know (well, she does now) is that she and Rick were the reason that I wrote this poem. They have always encouraged me in my poetic adventures.



My soul is hurting  
As I fall to my knees  
My arms open wide  
With hands held high  
Praying for mercy  
Seeking Your face  
Awaiting the feeling  
Of Your loving embrace  
I hear Your knock  
The door is open  
Step inside  
Your presences is welcome  
Forgive me my sins  
Cleanse me with Your Blood  
Grant me eternal life with You  
In heaven above  
Pour out Your Spirit  
Grant me Your peace  
Let it rain from above  
Down upon me  
Now take this life  
Do with it what You please  
Forever will I trust in You  
For all my needs



I was at the lowest point in my life when I called upon JESUS to save me, fresh in Angola with a natural life sentence, and save HE did. Not long after that I met Rick and Wanda and they have kept me pointed in the right direction. So, as the friendship between me and Wanda grew, I was inspired to write a poem for her and here it is.

You must be an angel in disguise  
For every time I look into your eyes  
I see strength, an inner peace  
As your kind and loving words put me at ease  
As you take my hands and together we pray  
The love of GOD flows through your touch  
Seeps into my skin, bringing me warmth and joy within  
Food for my soul you so freely give  
As you share a love that is heaven sent

I could go on and on about how much her friendship means to me. She is a continuous source of encouragement and love. So I wrote this poem as a way to say thanks for all that she does. I will post one or two more for you all to read and ponder on, along with a commentary about what inspired me to write it. Your questions and comments are welcome. I will share more poems and they will be more in depth and personal about my life in this prison. I hope you have enjoyed these two and will continue to follow my journey through life in poetic form; I call my poems, "Feelings in Ink."



## DECISIONS—DECISIONS— DECISIONS



There is one very, very important decision that each and every person must make some time in their life. That decision is to accept JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOR and LORD or not to accept HIM. No one knows when their life will end, so it is very important to make that decision before it is too late. I am not trying to scare anyone, cause any worry or alarm, but I am telling the truth.

It isn't hard, painful or difficult, in fact, it is very easy. 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. 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".

Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, "That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the LORD JESUS, and shall believe in thy heart that GOD has raised HIM from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation". And Romans 10:13 includes everyone, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved". Right now, this very minute you need to make that 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 that prayer, please let us know so we can add you to our prayer list. Also, we will send you information on Cowboys For Christ and a New Testament to help you in your new life with JESUS CHRIST as your TRAIL BOSS. Contact information:

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## CAMPFIRE PRAYER

Written By Michelle Porter

The campfire glows with amber light  
And sends its warmth out to the night,  
But I still shiver as the thunders roll.  
As storm clouds veil the starry sky,  
I hang my head and wonder why  
No fire can ever warm a heart that's cold.  
Its flames are bright and brazen  
But on that fire gazing,  
I long to feel it blazing in my soul

The north wind chases through the grass  
Then down along the canyon pass,  
Just like a devil chasing after souls.  
I left the straight trail long ago.  
Can I still turn back, even though  
I've wandered far and paid a heavy toll?  
The way looks long and frightening,  
So many wrongs need righting,  
Yet is a spark igniting in my soul?

There comes a voice which seems to say,  
"Cowboy, you must kneel and pray,"  
So I bow down upon this barren knoll.  
The rain falls hard on the dry ground,  
It covers every softer sound,  
And so the voice dies with the dying coal.  
It left no flame returning,  
But its message I'm discerning  
For in my heart's a yearning to be whole:  
My sins I now am spurning,  
My soul to Him is turning,  
I feel the embers burning in my soul.



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A Time For Looking Back

## A Living Memorial

Death, as Christians understand it, is a change in the form of life; it is not a cessation of life. Those who have been given eternal life in Christ Jesus will spend a few fleeting moments here on this earth. The rest of eternity is spent in the presence of God.

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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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## No Bull About Jesus Arkansas Prison Ministry

I want to report on the major ministry that the great team of No Bull About Jesus had at the Cummins Unit of the Arkansas Prison System. Many of you will remember that I ministered there in February with Brother Mel the president of the Louisiana Chapter. While I was there Chaplain Banks informed me that he had gotten approval from the Warden for Cowboys For Christ to bring our Texas Longhorn Steer into the prison yard to be a part of our ministry program. I told Chaplain Banks that T-bone had died about three years ago and we no longer had a Longhorn steer to use in the ministry.

Well, Cowboys and Cowgirls, Chaplain Banks was very firm when he told me that I didn't understand because the "Warden" had approved for Cowboys For Christ to bring a Texas Longhorn steer into the prison yard to minister, so go find a steer and bring him in the prison. Folks, I just didn't know where I was going to find a steer, but I can assure you that I really did not want to go round up a Texas Longhorn steer and break him to ride. Yeah, you are right; the LORD already had a steer and a whole prison ministry team ready to do HIS work. Praise HIS HOLY NAME.

Just a few weeks later I was going through the new emails at the headquarters and there on the Cowboys For Christ email was a picture of a cowboy riding a Texas Longhorn steer and a short email which said, "Howdy, I'm Kane Riggs and this is my Longhorn steer, Sparky, that I have broken to ride and we go into prisons and jail to minister. If you need us, just give us a call." Yeah, I know you thought I was going to tell you that I went out on the range and roped a 1500 hundred pound Longhorn steer and broke him to ride and rode him all the way from Fort Worth to Grady Arkansas. Not hardly!

Actually I was praising the LORD and I called Kane and explained my need for a Texas Longhorn steer and the possibility of ministering at the Cummins Unit in Arkansas. Kane told me that he would love to go to Cummins and Sparky wanted to also, but there was a problem. Kane had tried to go there to minister a couple years before and because of his record he could not get clearance to get inside the walls. So, I told him if he had a Longhorn steer that he could ride then I could get him into the prison.

After a few calls, OK, a lot of calls and emails the LORD worked out the details and Chaplain Banks got the clearance for Kane, Sparky, his prison ministry team and they were even going to let me back in, too. Now, I'm not sure how it happened, but a couple years before Kane had to stay out in the parking lot while his group went to

minister, because he was not allowed in then. GOD is so good! Chaplain Banks had a big flatbed trailer hauled into the "yard" as a stage for us and we were scheduled to minister to one-half of the unit in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

Cowboys and Cowgirls, we sure had every prisoner on the yard focused on that Texas Longhorn steer when Kane came riding through that prison gate on ole Sparky. It was major ministry with some powerful testimonies from the guys on the prison ministry team and I was able to share the WORD while Kane left Sparky tied to the front of the trailer. It is a joy to share JESUS to a bunch of guys when you have their attention, and thanks to Kane and Sparky, I even had the blessings of offering an invitation for them to accept HIM as their SAVIOR and LORD right there in the prison yard.

We had a repeat of the morning program to a whole different group that afternoon, as the other half of the unit was allowed to come out on the yard. The other two members of Kane's team shared about how the LORD had moved in their lives and we even had one of the prisoners give his testimony that he had found the LORD while there at Cummins. Kane preached a powerful message from GOD'S HOLY WORD as he sat mounted on Sparky. There is just something about seeing a cowboy setting on a Texas Longhorn steer that sure keeps your attention and Kane sure had their attention as he proclaimed JESUS to those guys on that sunny afternoon. We were able to give out a bunch of Cowboys For Christ Bibles and the tract "The Ride" because it seemed that so many of those guys who would have never wanted to be seen carrying a Bible was drawn to come by the trailer to get one.

I want to give Chaplain Banks a giant "thank you" for working so very hard to get this set up and especially for getting the clearance for us to go in to minister to the prisoners there at Cummins. I also want to thank the Warden for approving this program; it is great working with men that seek the best for those that certainly need to be reached for the LORD. Another "thank you" to Kane and the new Cowboys For Christ No Bull About Jesus Chapter and especially Sparky for a great time of ministering together, it was a joy and prayerfully we can do it a again. Also, thanks to Kane and Heather for letting me bunk at their house, what a wonderful family, it was a pleasure fellowshiping with them. Folks, you will certainly be hearing a bunch about the No Bull About Jesus team and the great work they are doing for the LORD, please keep them in your prayers.

JESUS



Left to right— Kane Riggs, Sparky with Dennis Partin in the saddle, Abram Sopshire and Jamie Jones, Not pictured on the team, Dennis Wilson and Wade Biggs



### ANGOLA-PRISON COWBOYS FOR CHRIST

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#### John 13:34-35

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Romans 15:7 Shows us we are to bring glory to God as we accept one another.

#### John 17:22

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Their Future Glory

<sup>22</sup> The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; Hebrews 3:13 Teaches us to guard against "sin".

#### 1 John 4:20-21

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

<sup>20</sup> If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

It is time we "the body of Christ" begin to learn how to "encourage" one another. It is time we grow up to the fullness of the love of Christ Jesus and begin to love as He loves us.

Please contact us if we may serve you in anyway. Our address, phone numbers and email are listed in the Ranchman. God Bless You.

In Christ Love,

*Rich Le Douar*

