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My goal is to have the magazine to everyone by Jan 31, Apr 31, July 31, and Oct 31. Articles are due by DEC 31, MAR 31, JUN 30 and SEPT 30. Having said that I would like to share with you some of the events that have happened that sometimes impedes those goals. \* One time the magazine was shipped by Greyhound all the way to Grand Prairie, AB instead of High River, AB. \*The magazine is printed in Moose Jaw by Grand Valley Press. Unfortunately, Greyhound no longer runs there so GVP shipped the magazine by courier which then got sent by mail to the wrong address and had to be tracked down. \*GVP was in transition with their editing program and graphic artist replacement and that added a couple of weeks for printing. I just want to add that the staff at Grand Valley Press are excellent to work with and are so willing to help at all times. It is always interesting and fun!!!!

We are always in need of testimonies, stories, poems and photos. If you have submissions for the magazine please send anytime. We do not guarantee that your article(s) will be published. Articles must be of Christian content and be approved by the FCC board. If you have pictures to go along with your article(s) that is great.

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Isaiah 44:22 - Your sins were like a big cloud, but I wiped them all away. Your sins are gone, like a cloud that disappeared into thin air. I rescued and protected you, so come back to me."

#### We are forgiven! Are you letting doubt and shame separate you from Him?

## SALVATION PRAYER:

"Will I go to heaven when I die? Can I have peace and blessing in my life? The answer is YES - by asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Pray a prayer like this... "Dear God, I am a sinner, separated from You. I am sorry for my sins and I ask you to forgive me. I accept Jesus as my Savior and the Lord of my life. Thank you Jesus for dying for me on the cross so I can have peace in my life and a home in heaven to live forever with You. Help me Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God, my Father. In Jesus name, Amen." If you've prayed this prayer, please contact anyone listed on the Directory at the back. We would love to pray with you and send you a free Cowboy Bible and some literature to help you get started on this exciting journey."

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## "I realized that was all part of **God's plan.**"

## **TESTIMONY OF PETER GONNET**

BY PETER GONNET

If anyone here today maybe questions if God still preforms miracles you are witnessing one right now. I am way out of my comfort zone in writing this. I had a talk with my son in law Rick thinking he would side with me and agree with my excuses for not giving my testimony but he as well said that I needed to do this and give the glory to God for what He has done in my life. When I thought about it afterwards I was ashamed of myself for just thinking of myself and my vulnerability in front of everyone and realized what Jesus did for me that day at Golgotha and that He took my shame and punishment on Himself and I wouldn't do this for Him. So, with that here is a very short version of my story.

I grew up in a small farm cleared out of the bush of North Western Alberta in a Christian home. My mom played the piano in church, every Sunday she took us boys to Sunday school and confirmation but my mind was on worldly things and not of God. My mother worked along side my dad helping on the farm and raising rambunctious boys. I do believe there is a special place in heaven for a mother that raised three hillbilly boys. My dad never went to church much. He worked very hard 7 days a week. I hardly remember him being able to take any time off. We milked up to 20 cows by hand and when us boys weren't there to help he did it all himself as well during the winter months he cleaned all the barns with just a fork and shovel. I remember one time we were snowed in for guite awhile and Mom needed to get the cream to town, she was running out of room to keep it, and that cream check was very important to keeping the farm going, so dad shoveled out our laneway. It was full of hard drifted snow up to three feet high in places and our lane was a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile long. He did this without a complaint. We were poor but I did not realize it because I had a very happy childhood. We worked hard and that was probably my parents' best way to keep us out of mischief, although we still seemed to get in enough trouble anyways. My Grandfather and Grandmother came to Canada to the farm and lived in a log cabin with a dirt floor. After fighting in WW1, my Grandfather was a catholic and

Grandmother was Anglican, they were disowned by both families when they married. That is why they fled England and France and came to Canada. It bothered me for a long time and I remember asking many questions to my parents why families would do that. This made me question religion and what so called religious people were capable of. I was baptized as a baby and confirmed as a teenager, but none of it sunk in and the world was calling me and God was the last thing on my mind. I quit school and left home at 16 and went to work as a cowboy for a pasture in Alberta. When my horse fell and broke my leg very bad I spent the next 7 months in a cast so I had to go back to school. When the next spring came I guit school again and headed off once again to get a job cowboying. This will be my 39th year doing what I love and I thank God for blessing me with the great privilege of being able to work in His marvelous creation, and to earn a living doing what I love. But when I started I was busy trying to be the best cowboy and horseman that I could and with that my pride would not let me see what God was doing in my life and that He deserved the glory not me. In the winters when the pastures were done I worked on the oil rigs, lumber mills and other jobs. I worked with some very hard rough men, and I got to be just like them.

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## CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

## Testimony of **Peter Gonnet** continued...



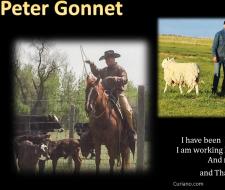
I have been blessed with everything I need. I am working hard towards everything I want. And most of all I Appreciate and Thank God for what I Have.

I think that is one of the hardest things I had to overcome is opening up my heart and talking about my faith in the Lord. I believe this is one of the hardest things for me to do, but then Jesus says if you don't acknowledge him before man he won't acknowledge you before God. The men that I worked and socialized with, all prided themselves as tough brave men, but if you really want to show your courage try speaking to non-believing men like that about God! I was also addicted to chewing tobacco. Where I grew up, everyone chewed and every cowboy I knew chewed, and I wanted to be just like all the other cowboys so I started. I remember puking and so dizzy I couldn't stand, but I kept at it until I was addicted. I chewed for 27 years and must have tried to quit 100 times and tried everything out there to help me quit. It wasn't until my Dad was in the hospital with a stroke that he wanted me to give him a chew and mom said not to, doctor's orders, so I lied to him and said I had guit and so had he. I was so ashamed of myself for lying to my father when he could have been dying from his stroke. I didn't want the last thing I said to my dad to be a lie. So, I prayed to God to help me guit and I have never touched it again, thanks to the power of Jesus who helped me, where no one else could. I then married the Love of my life, Pam. We have two children. Dustin, who is married to Marla and son Destry. Dustin trains cutting horses at Nanton. Our Daughter Becky, is married to Rick and have twodaughters Amelia and Sadie with another on the way. Rick works with me at the pasture and trains horses as well, he is a great resource and I call on him often when I have theology questions.

I think I started to wonder about things when I hired Brian Hunstad on as a rider. He was just finishing bible college and was on fire for the Lord. As well at that time I was hosting a horsemanship clinic, the clinician was Brian Neubert, who I greatly respected as a horseman, cowboy and was a firm believer in Jesus. It really made me start to think about God in a different way. If these men whom I greatly respected believed, maybe there is more to this.

I realized that was all part of God's plan. Brian and I spent many hours discussing theology, he might have considered it arguing, but I was not an easy one to give in to my sinful ways. I had many years of perfecting them and didn't want to give them up. I read as many books as I could on faith but not the book that I should have started with was the Bible. I wanted someone else to tell me what God was saying instead of just listening to God Himself. I think it would have been in 1998 when I finally realized what a wretched sinful heart I really had. I repented for my sins and asked Jesus to forgive me. I did not come to the Lord with a Damascus revelation. It took me a long time to repent and submit to my Lord. I had a lot of questions and still do, but now I don't need to know all the answers in order to believe and have faith in Him. I just do, and that was a huge step for me. A few years ago, some close friends were getting baptised in the South Saskatchewan River and Pastor Rob asked if there was anyone else who would like to be baptised. Pam and I grew in our faith together and we both struggled with getting baptised and our stubborn nature to submit to the Lord would not let go of us. Though that day at the river the Spirit of the Lord was there and Pam looked at me and asked, "What do you think?", and I said, "Yes, lets do it." I thank the Lord every day now for what He has done for me and willingly took my punishment that I deserved.

#### God Bless Peter Gonnet





I have been blessed with everything I need. I am working hard towards everything I want. And most of all I Appreciate and Thank God for what I Have.

#### CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

# REPORT FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

# Hi Folks.

As I write this Southern Alberta is experiencing summer like temperatures every day. Not a flake of snow in sight and it is very dry. This has two concerns: one is the threat of fire like we are seeing in Southeren California and the other is moisture for the coming growing season. But I guess there is still lots of time according to the calendar as we are not into winter yet. People are telling me this is Global Warming, but I tell them I have seen this many times before. My Mother and Dad were married on December 15th, 1930 and they experienced the same kind of weather. In February about 1983 we had a very strong Chinook wind that made our power poles in the yard lean making the wires very slack. We dug a hole in the ground close to the pole and put a fivehundred-pound wheel weight off an old tractor into the hole and hooked a cable to it and pulled the pole straight. We dug that hole with a front-end loader on a tractor as there was no frost in the ground. I told our kids they should take a picture of that because not many people will believe it could happen in this part of the country.

The US President sure dropped a bomb shell when he declared that Jerusalem is now the capital of Israel. This has really upset the Arab nations, and many of the leaders of countries of the world are saying it is a foolish thing to do. I am no expert on this but I believe this has to happen before the coming of the Lord. Zechariah 14 tells us that the Lord will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem and the city will be taken but there will be a remnant of people still in the city. Then the Lord will come and fight against those nations. His feet will stand on the mount of Olives and it shall split in two from east to west, making a very large valley (the mount of Olives is on the east of Jerusalem). Then he will say "You shall flee through my mountain valley". God gave the land of Israel to Abraham and his decedents, that is the only land that I know of where God gave land to a certain people. The west side of Jerusalem is occupied by Israelites while the east is where the Palestine's live. This situation has caused trouble for years and will continue unless one of these people leave the city.

Russia and some of the Arab nations are planning a war

against Israel right now. Since 1948 when Israel became a nation again, the Arabs have tried to drive them into the sea, each time God has intervened and the Arabs have lost. In 1967 Arabs invaded with tanks and a great army. The Lord caused the tanks to stop and the soldier's guns wound not fire. The Israelites got in the tanks and picked up the guns and chased the Arabs off their country. With the record that Israel has when God fights their battles I think it would be foolish to pick a fight with them.

In a previous issue I wrote about the four blood moons, and how something very significant happened to Israel every time we had those moons. I think this is one of the events that will take place leading up to the last days. I think hallelujah, bring it on, then I remember that old song "Wait a little longer please Jesus a few more days to bring our oved ones in." I am sure that applies to a lot of us.

The NFR is over and Canada did not win any Championship buckles, not like last year when they won three but they came home with about half a million US dollars. That is pretty good for ten days work. The room was filled up at the Expo Center in Edmonton for our Cowboy Church at CFR. Marvin and Karen Engel and I did the music while Brett McCarroll brought the word, along with a few other cowboys who shared about the goodness of our Lord. It was really good to see old friends again that we only see once a year at the finals. Thanks again to Northlands for the wonderful room and all those big pots of coffee. This was really appreciated.

As we look at the past year we can see how the Lord has worked in many ways. The Word has gone out at agricultural and rodeo events across Canada as well as in hospitals and senior citizens' facilities. From my point of view, it has been a good year to present the Gospel. I always hope that we will see more people turn to Jesus. In Alberta we gave out nine Trophy leather bound covered Bibles to Cowboys and Cowgirls of the year. We presented six Olson buckles, a horse blanket at Rodeos and Team Roping's. Breakfasts are always popular so we put on two of them. Because of your gracious giving we are able to make The Lords' presence felt in the cowboy world. We thank you for all your generosity.

## **God's Blessing**

John FitzHerbert



## **Chinook Country Corner**

## **Taking Inventory**

I was thinking about various companies and business who would be doing their year-end stock inventory at the end of December, and in doing so would determine their financial success or failure for the year. That thought speared me into taking my personal spiritual inventory for 2017.

I believe many people determine their happiness and success on the dollar worth of the visible material "stuff" within their possession in comparison to their friends, family and neighbors "stuff". It is only just that "disposable stuff" no matter the cost of it. You cannot buy anything that will give you complete freedom and all the love you will ever need for the rest of your life. But you can have at no charge a guaranteed eternal life and happiness when you give your life to the Lord.

In January of 2107 my husband's brother Bill was diagnosed with lung cancer. He is the physical fit one of the family. Skinny as a rake, eats well, works hard and was always doing something physical whether is was bike riding, hiking or canoeing. He has never smoked and only drank alcohol moderately. Without treatment six months to live – with treatment one year to live. Bill went through all the treatments. He has started a new treatment at the end of December. He is not cured but is doing ok. We continue to pray for him.

In June 2017 our twelve-year-old niece had a few bruises on her chest. They went away only to return a few days later. Her Mom thought she better go and have things checked out. Blood tests were done and the results were terrifying. The official diagnosis was "Very Severe Idiopathic Aplastic Anemia. 1 in 3 cases in children per million have this disease. Her only hope of life was a bone marrow transplant. Since the end of June, she has been in and out of the hospital and having at least two or three blood transfusions a week to keep her alive. A matching bone marrow drive was sent out worldwide, over and over again for all those months with zero matches. It was heart wrenching. The Lord sent his help the end of December with three matching bone marrow donors all having markers of nine out of ten. One match is wonderful, three is simply an unheard-of miracle. As I write this little Alex is in the children's Hospital in Calgary undergoing radiation in preparation for the bone marrow transplant which will be done later this month. She has a tough six months ahead of her but the prognosis iv very positive that she will be OK. Thank you Jesus.

July 12, 2017 our son Darryl (aka Spud) had a seizure. It was about 32 degrees out that day. I was working in my garden and Neil and Darryl were fixing a tractor that has a post pounder on it. Neil yelled for me and told me to call 911. As I was coming out of the house, cell phone in hand all I could hear was Neil saying was "Darryl don't die". My first thought was that he had been trapped by the post pounder and was being squeezed to death, but instead he was having a seizure. The ambulance arrived in about ten minutes and he was taken to the Foothills Hospital. After many tests including a CAT scan he was allowed to come home. Nine days later (which is very rare) he was in to see a neurologist. An EEG was done. His driver's license was suspended until Oct 12th because that is the law. We waited for results. We prayed. A few weeks later he was told that he would have to do another EEG as results were inconclusive. A month later (because someone had cancelled) another EEG was done. Results inconclusive so he was not allowed to drive until a MRI could be done. That was the middle of November. This time the results came back clear. His appointment with the neurologist was Dec 14th. She told him he was good and he would not need to see her again and could drive again starting Jan 12th. Praise the Lord.

My spiritual inventory was full. We prayed. We Believed. Our prayers were answered. We were never alone. My wishes for anyone who has not received Christ into their heart is to seek Him out, learn about Him, ask Him to come into your life and you too will never walk alone and your inventory to at the end of the year will be full of everything you need in life.

## **THE CHRISTIAN COWBOY**

On a lush hill far away A weathered cowboy did ride With his saddle bags full His Golden Guitar at his side

A soft gentle breeze blew At each town he rode too There he would sing to the people The great hymns that he knew

Crowds would slowly gather From far and from wide To listen to this weathered cowboy With his Golden Guitar at his side I'm a Christian Cowboy He would softly declare The Lord is my Savior I know He'll always be there

He strummed his Golden Guitar Led others in a prayer With their arms all entwined Embracing the love they did share

One day you may see him On a lush hill far away Riding on through to your town His Golden Guitar there to play

B Graf

## Prayer Chain

In thinking about the events in my life last year (Chinook Country Corner) I am wanting to start a Prayer Chain E-Mail group. I will be sending out a joining request from my e-mail lists.

If you would like to included on this Prayer Chain please e-mail me. oldwomanabu@gmail.com

#### CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

## The Benefits of Giving THANK GOD FO HE HAS GIVEN

THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF POWER HE HAS GIVEN US.

by John FitzHerbert

This time we will have a bit more on love. We will go to 1 Cor 13:4 to find out how love acts. Love suffers long and is kind, loves does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, love does not behave rudely, love does not seek its own, love thinks no evil, love does not rejoice in iniguity but rejoices in the truth, love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. As we go down the list I am sure some of us don't always do what that says. Me included. As I have stated in the past this is the kind of love that God has for us. This is unconditional love.

He didn't always show that kind of love, but since Jesus Christ came in the flesh and paid for our sins and gave us eternal life on the cross, we have a different covenant with God. Now we are in the age of grace. When we do wrong such as stealing or using Gods' name as a swear word we are not struck down because He looks down on us through the blood of Jesus that covers our sins. We can repent and ask for forgiveness and we have a right standing with God again. I am not saying we should do things that don't please God just because we can be forgiven, as Paul said "God forbid we should live our lives to the best of our ability to please God. I have side it many times.

We cannot bring the Old Testament principals in to the New Testament age or we will be very confused as to what God is like. I will give you an example! 1 Kings 13 tells us of a man of God who was told by God to get prophecy against the King who was Jeroboam. He also said that the altar that the King was using to burn incense would split. When the altar split the King put out his hand and said "Arrest him" but the Kings' hand withered and he could not bring it back. He asked the man of God to pray for him and he was healed. The King wanted to give that man a meal and a reward, but the man said he was instructed by the Lord not to eat or drink and to go home a different way. An old prophet was jealous of what had been done so he told the man that he was a prophet and God had changed His mind and he was to come home with him to eat and drink (but he was lying to him) so the man of God went home with him and ate and drank. While they were still at the table the word of the Lord came telling the man of God that he would die because he had not obeyed. He got on his donkey headed for home when he was killed by a lion that did not eat him. When we read this story, we can't think

"I've done wrong and God is going to kill me". The answer is no. As I said before because of the blood of Jesus. Someday after Jesus comes back there will be a judgement and our sentence will be a home in heaven. Praise the Lord!!! But if you have not received Jesus as Lord and Saviour your home will be Hell forever. I didn't say it, the Bible did.

Now back to the love chapter 1 Cor 13. I don't think it was a big mistake that we find instructions on love in between the two chapters that tell us about the gifts of the spirit. I think first and foremost these gifts must be operated with love, not in a haughty manner thinking God gave me this great gift and now I am a notch or two higher on Gods' ladder than you are, not treating people with love. As we read the Gospels and see all the things that Jesus did when He walked on the earth we see he had compassion for people as he operated all these gifts and more. He sure didn't get puffed up or proud, he just loved the people. We can't forget he is our example. God gave us these gifts for the edification of the church, that is a building up, to help us in our daily lives. In 1 Cor 12 Paul compares the church that is the body of Christ to a human body showing how each part works with the other and how every part is needed and how if one part is hurt the whole body suffers. Just stub your toe on something and your body stops, all your thoughts are on that toe and how much it hurts. What can you do to stop this pain? I think it is the same in the body of Christ. We have gifts that we were given to help the hurting and we can go to the sick and pray for healing. That shows we have love and compassion for those in need. How about the neighbor who just lost a loved one? We can go to them and pray for healing of this great hurt and listen to the things they have to say and show them sympathy. Perhaps someone you know is going through a financial trial, or lost their job. A few words of encouragement showing them love will go a long way towards their healing.

Thank God for His Great love and spirit of love he has given us.

More next time John FitzHerbert

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT GREETINGS FROM MANITOBA

TERRY BAKER

Fall is gone and with that comes all the busyness of the Christmas Season. In Oct., Donna and I began going down to St. Johns, ND. to do a church service in conjunction with their Little Britches Rodeo. We have met many good folks and do enjoy going. The ministry has been good and encouraging. Once again, we had our booth set up at AG/EX in conjunction with the MRCA Finals during the last weekend of Oct. The Sunday morning Church service was well attended as Prairie Joe provided the music ministry and Brad Dyck a former bareback rider with CCA and MRCA did an awesome job sharing. During Agribition, the Canadian Board met for our annual meeting.... a good time of sharing and even manage to get through the business side of things. Dirk McCarroll had shared about a five- year old boy, who was really sick and in need of prayer, so of course we prayed for him and his family. Later, I heard that the Lord had brought the healing that this little boy needed, PTL. At our Manitoba Christmas meeting, Heath Butler shared how they have around 22 kids coming to their place once a week to ride and hear about Jesus. Praise God for the work that Heath and Becca are doing there.

Christmas is that time of year when folks make more of an effort to spend time with their family and friends; gatherin' around the dinner table and the sharing of gifts. It is also that time of year when we need to reflect and be thankful for the most important gift of all .... JESUS.

It is only through Jesus that we can enter the kingdom of God. It says in *Mark* 1:15, "*The kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel,*" The kingdom of God is within us only when we let Him rule over our hearts. *Mat.* 6:33, says that we need to seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and John 3:5 tells us that we must be born of the spirit to enter the kingdom of God. When Christ dwells in us, we have the Holy Spirit that gives us the victory over anything and everything that the world may throw at us. 1 John 5:4, says, "For whoever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith". Because Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, God's kingdom is still here accessible through the Holy Spirit who is our spirit of truth and helper who teaches us all things. Jesus encourages us with these words from *John 14:12, "Most assuredly I say to you. he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to my Father".* 

The Kingdom of God is revealed through the many miracles of Jesus: the greatest one being found in *Rom*, 5:8, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Christ died for all mankind, even those who don't love Him. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him ". (2 Cor. 5:12) .... that we might enter into the kingdom of God. Mark 16:15, tells us that we need to "go into all the world and preach the gospel".

With all that's going on in the world or even just in Canada, the need to preach the kingdom of God, is great! We need to put our hand to the plow, starting with our own kids and grandkids. These generations are slipping away. We may need to rethink the way we are doing things as a ministry to be effective in reaching these generations and the cowboy world.... give it some thought.

With the New Year amongst us, comes the Provincial Chapter's Annual Meetings, please pray for leadership and direction for these boards as they move forward in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Terry Baker** 



## **GREETINGS** From Saskatchwan FCC

A very Happy New Year to everyone. Hope everyone was blessed with a good Christmas? Things in the Sask FCC were pretty quiet this fall. The only activity that went on was Agribition. A big thanks to everyone who manned the booth. Our new location in the new concourse area brought a lot of traffic by the booth. It is a main thoroughfare between the barns and tradeshow. Its always encouraging when we just rest in the providence of God and allow Him to do His will. We were a little concerned with the new buildings as to where we would end up, but ultimately, we decided to trust Him to place us where He wanted us, whether in a back corner somewhere or in a place of prominence. The week went by with old friends and members stopping in, new people asking about us, and most importantly the gospel being shared.

Another highlight of the week was the Sask FCC getting a 40-year award from Agribition. I asked and there are only five or six groups who have been there that long. Two of those being the Gov of Canada and Gov of Sask. Knowing that the Sask FCC hasn't always been smooth sailing in its history, its nice to see that at Agribition a consistent witness to the grace of God has been present there. Our fellowship's mandate is to take the gospel to the agriculture world and Agribition is a great venue for that. It gave me great pleasure to see Lorne Bonk receive the award from Premier Wall. Lorne has been a mainstay in the Sask FCC since the beginning. Lorne's faithfulness to God and steady example to all of us of a consistent Christian witness is something we should all try to exemplify.

Next up on our list is our annual general meeting in Saskatoon on Feb 3. We know meetings are everyone's favorite things to attend, but if you're in the area that day stop in. We value input from our membership as to what we are doing or could do. If you have a desire to serve let someone on the board or myself know and we'll put you to work.

In the last few months this has come up in a few conversations so I want to touch on it. I think its important for us as a "fellowship" to remember we are just that "a fellowship." Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines a fellowship as ... companionship; society; consort; mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms... We are not a church. We are a group of Christians desiring to see the gospel go out. We are a group of Christians desiring to encourage each other in our faith. We are a group of Christians recognizing there are people in the agriculture business that need Christ. They are our friends, family, neighbours, etc. As Christians though, we are called to be gathering with other believers regularly, Hebrews 10:24-25. God has given us gifted men to equip us as believers, Eph 4:11-12. We are called to submit to them, Hebrews 13:17. The context of all those verses is locally. If we say we are Christians and the only influence in our lives is the FCC we are truly missing the mark of what God has commanded us to do. We may say, there are no good churches in our area. Well, if there was a perfect one, the moment you go through the door, it won't be anymore. If there really isn't one, start one. We may say, you don't know what those people are like, they're hypocrites. Well, you might as well go, cause what's one more? That may sound a bit harsh but I want you to hear what Paul said our attitude should be when we go to "church." *Philippians 2:1-4 "Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any* fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." I believe we to often go to church with an attitude of what can I get, not what can I do. Ultimately, we go to worship, but secondly, we go to serve. The church is the "body of Christ" Eph 5:23. When the "body" gathers it builds one another up, Romans 14:19. It allows us to serve one another, Galatians 5:13. It allows us to bear one another's burdens, Galatians 6:2. It allows us to confess our sins to each other and pray for each other, James 5:16. The danger in letting the FCC be our "church" is that these things above don't happen. Sure, we have some good times and talk, share, pray, but it is not the same as people who are consistently around you, a pastor and elders who are watching out for you, and the blessing you get by simply serving in whatever way you can. Our desire as the Sask FCC board, is that you are plugged into a local church. Please volunteer with us, come to our activities, support us, but in all that the FCC is supposed to do and does, do that first in your home, your church and your community.

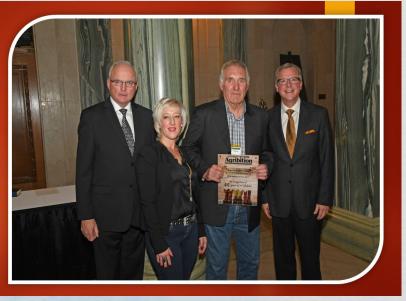
As we enter the new year, as president, I'm excited to see what God has in store for the Sask FCC. It maybe blessings, it maybe discipline, but we know that whatever it is, its what He thinks is best for us and you couldn't ask for a better place to be, but in His hands.

Happy New Year everyone and God bless Brian Hunstad Soli de gloria

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At the Canadian Western Agribition Regina 2017

From left to right Ag Minister Lyle Stewart representivie for Agribition, unknown,Lorne Bonk, Premier Brad Wall





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Watch for changes in the spring issue after the Annual AGMs in January & February



# **Upcoming Events**

#### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS AGMS 2018

#### <u>Alberta</u>

Strome, AB- Saturday Jan 27th 2:00 AGM followed by 5:00 supper, speaker, fellowship and music.

Sunday Jan 28th - 10:00 am breakfast, fellowship and music.

Contact - Terry Leslie 780 376 3599 John FitzHerbert 403 652 1377 Debbie Graham 403 652 8996 oldwomanabu@ gmail.com

#### **Saskatchewan**

Saskatoon, SK - Johnny Boys Restaurant Feb 3 - 12:00 noon Contact -Brian Hunstad 306 544 7976 sole.solutions@live.ca

#### COWBOY CHURCH

If you have a regular Cowboy Church please let me know and I will add to the next issue and on the webpage.

#### **ALBERTA COWBOY CHURCH**

**TEEPEE CREEK HALL** 2nd Sunday of the month – 10:30 am Barb and Kevin Quist 780 568 3510

#### **COMMUNITY COWBOY CHURCH**

Niton Junction Hall Every Tuesday – 7:00 pm Ron Deleeuw 780 728 9088

#### **MIGHTY PEACE COWBOY CHURCH**

Eureka Hall 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month – 7:00 pm Ginger Patton 780 834 6551 Blue Hale 780 494 2062

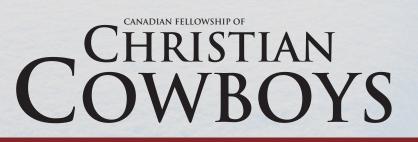
### **VIKING AUCTION MART**

Viking, AB Last Friday of Each Month –7:30 pm Terry Leslie 780 376 3599

#### SUNRISE PLACE

High River, AB 4th Sunday of Each Month 1:00 PM Contact John FitzHerbert 403 652 1377

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