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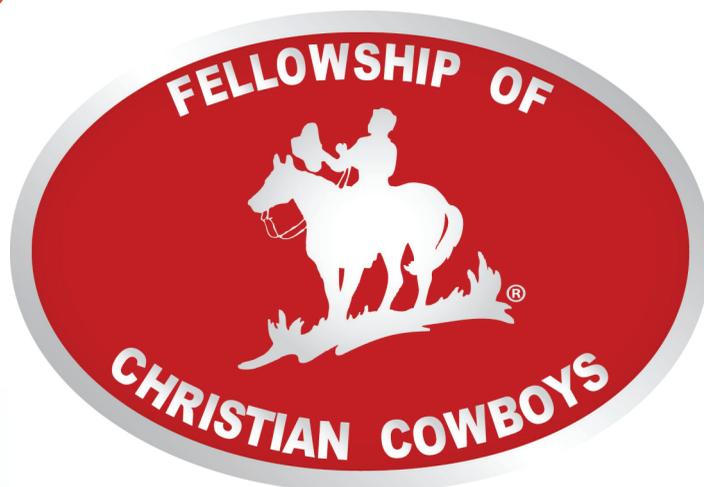
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SALVATION PRAYER

*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.
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and some literature to help you get started
on this exciting journey.*



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TESTIMONY OF COY SCHELLENBERG

BY COY SCHELLENBERG

I grew up on a ranch south of Beechy, SK, where my parents raised me and taught me the importance of faith in Jesus Christ, working hard and respect for others. I continue to live and ranch here with my wife, Laura-Lie, and my three children, Ella, Nora, and Ty.

I remember attending church regularly as a child, as well as bible camps in the summer. I was very familiar with bible stories and basic biblical teachings. At the age of seven I began to understand what I was being taught regarding the importance of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. I made the decision at the age of seven to accept Jesus into my heart. At this young age, I think my true motivation was my fear of hell and wanting to ensure I went to heaven. Right motivation or wrong motivation, it led me into a relationship with my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Although I accepted and began following Jesus at an early age, somewhere in my teen years I began to fall away. Many aspects of my life appeared to be on the right path from an outward appearance, but I was not surrendering my entire heart and life to Jesus on the inside. I wanted to live for myself and make my own decisions. This led me down a path of sin and eventually addictions. I spent a large part of my teen and young adult years living like the prodigal son but ironically believing that everything was ok because I had my "salvation card" from when I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart as a child. Now, don't get me wrong, I loved Jesus and I worshiped Him and prayed to Him. I tried to read my bible and live right but could not break free from my addictions. I wanted to surrender to Jesus, but only in the areas I was willing; I learned this was the problem.

It wasn't until I was a married man that I hit rock bottom. I realized that although I claimed to be a follower of Jesus Christ, my life and my heart did not reflect this; I lived in habitual sin and addiction. Something wasn't adding up. Passages in Scripture began to jump out at me like 1 John 1:6 "If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth", and 1 John 2:3 "And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments". I didn't have the freedom and power that scripture talks about. I wanted freedom from my addictions, but I was a slave to sin; contrary to Romans 6:6 which says, "We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be brought to nothing so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin". I was emotionally fragile during this time and even battled suicidal thoughts. I wanted to escape from the torment I was living in; to escape from the shame of my sinfulness and the addictions.

Matthew 6:24 says, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other...". I realized that I could no longer go on serving myself. I had been trying to serve Jesus and myself for a very long time, and it was not working. Once I realized this and chose to surrender myself completely to Jesus – surrendering every aspect of my life, holding nothing back – I began to see the power of God truly pour out into my life. I started to experience freedom from addictions that I never thought I would be free from. As the Holy Spirit gently guided me and asked me to follow Him with different steps and decisions, I began to surrender and obey. This obedience, even in the small things, brought immense freedom and joy into my life.

Am I perfect now? Absolutely not! The more I surrender to Christ, the more I love Him, and the more I realize what a wretched man I am. The extent of God's grace extended to me through His Son Jesus Christ becomes more and more vast. I am realizing that my best foot forward is like filthy rags compared to the holiness and righteousness of God. Do I ever sin or make mistakes anymore? Absolutely I do, but the huge difference now is that I am able to repent and receive forgiveness from Jesus and not 'continue' habitually in that sin. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". If my confession and repentance are true in my heart, I should not return to that sin over and over again. Proverbs 26:11 says, "Like a dog who returns to his vomit, is a fool who repeats his folly". However, this type of true repentance, or turning away, I cannot offer out of my own strength. I must surrender it to Jesus Christ and He will make it possible.

My flesh and the work of the enemy are very clever and deceitful. Every day I have to be on guard to not be led astray. And, the only successful battling I can ever do is when I surrender to my King and let Him do the battling for me.

I encourage you to surrender every aspect of your life to Jesus Christ, so that you may become holy, righteous and pure as Christ lives in and through you. 1 Peter 1:14-15 says, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct". This holy living is not possible in our own strength. It is only possible by the power of Jesus Christ, but He does not force Himself upon us. We must choose Him. We must choose to surrender all to Him. And, when we do, Jesus is right there with arms wide open, ready to receive us and carry our burdens for us.

Coy Schellenberg

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Annual Team Roping Camp and Jackpot

Olds, Alberta - August 23 and 24, 2019

The annual FCC team roping camp and jackpot hosted by the McCarroll's was a huge success again in 2019. The venue changed to Olds Rodeo Grounds this year and it was a great facility to accommodate the events. A big thank you goes out to Buck Thompson and the crew at Olds for being very reasonable, helpful, and hospitable. Also, a huge thank you to Josh and Kimberly Hillock (and boys) who supplied all the cattle and office help for the weekend/jackpot. We could not run the event without supporters like you.

It has been awesome to change venues and meet a whole new crew of students. Some people seem to make their way to this annual event no matter where it is held, which is a testament to the quality of event that the FCC puts on. Others, attend when the venue is local and it is a blessing to get to meet new faces and share the Good News of the Gospel with new folks.

There were 67 students registered in the team roping school this year. The school was taught by Brett, Justin, Dirk McCarroll, and Orrin Ellis. The school included a dummy roping. Coy McCarroll was the champion 8 and under and Rance Coates won the 9-12. The "Lil' Red Jackpot" got partially rained out Saturday night, but Halle McCarroll and Keaton Martz braved the elements to be victorious. The Heel-O-Matic jackpot champions were Coy McCarroll and Lane Gross. The coveted titled in the "Rope with a Pro" Jackpot was earned by Amanda Schmidt roping with Brett McCarroll. She was able to pull 3 steers into Brett's loop (which is very difficult to do!) with a smoking 20.1 on 3 steers. We (McCarroll's) had a lot of fun putting on this school and hope to see many of you down the trail.

The FCC jackpot was a big success on Sunday as well. There were 130 teams. The champions were Jim Shields and Kyle Pushie, winning \$800/man + Bibles and buckles. Both champions pledged to read the good book this year! I will be



Caleb Fawcett and Dennis Johnson winning FCC sponsored breast collars at Duane Robbins summer series. Duane and his crew were very thankful for the donation.

checking in on that. Second went to Murray Young and Dirk McCarroll winning \$550/man plus breast collars. Third went to Lukas Komant and Dirk McCarroll winning \$450/man plus trophy knives sponsored by the Steve and Jan Gross family.

It is the tradition to always break part way through the Sunday jackpot and have a church service put on by the FCC. Marvin Engels and his crew did an amazing job leading us in music and story telling. The main message was based upon who we are as the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. 1. We fellowship – one of our main goals as Christians, as the church, is to be a light in this world. As Christians, it does little good to huddle together and push the big bad world out. We are called to be in the world and fellowship with others. In our case, we choose to bring the gospel to the rodeo/cowboy community. This is who we are and what we do. Each Christian is responsible to do the same in their own particular walk of life, whether that be at the office, job-site, school, or wherever.

Brett McCarroll

FROM PRESIDENT TERRY BAKER



"Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and feed on God's faithfulness", Ps.37:3. It's been that kinda year, where we need to be trusting in the Lord. The spring was cool and dry, so much so that the cattle were late going to the pasture. They weren't out there very long before the pastures were starting to burn off due to the hot dry summer heat. Some places were so dry that there was a severe shortage of hay. And just as the combines were getting ready to go, the clouds opened up and we have seen a lot of rainfall. A blessing for the pastures; cows get to see more grass green grass, but it sure

has slowed down the harvest. Sounds pretty clear to me; that as long as we dwell in this land, we need to put our trust in God's faithfulness.

We have been out doing some ministry over the last few months. Heath Butler did an awesome job getting things in order for FCC to host the MHSRA banquet held in conjunction with the Roblin rodeo on the August long weekend. The contestants and their families were very appreciative of the free meal that was served after Saturday's performance. A big Thank-you also goes out to two local churches; Roblin Evangelical Missions Church and Roblin Free Methodist Church, for ALL their help in making the banquet a success.

Once again, the chapter provided a Cowboy Church Service at the Austin Threshman's Reunion.... we are so blessed to be asked back year after year to do this. Dwayne and Mary Whitehead joined us. Donna and I were unable to attend the HRA Finals due to a family wedding, so I asked a young bull rider friend of ours who would be competing at the finals, to fill in for us. Colton Abrahamson, a Saskatchewan lad, who is riding bulls at HRA, MRCA and CCA rodeos, to be a witness for Christ, he graciously did the presentation of the FCC Cowboy and Cowgirl of the Year Trophy Bibles and our custom Trophy Buckle for the Season Leader Saddle Bronc Rider. He was asked to say the blessing at the banquet, be able to pray behind the chutes and be a witness throughout the weekend, which he later told me was a real joy and honor. The Lord blessed him with the winning bull ride on Sunday!!! What a blessing he has been to us, we have been praying for young guys with a heart for ministry in rodeo..... here's one.

At the Austin Cowboy Church, I spoke about traditions and how we all have them in some kind of shape or form. For me, I have dressed in the same attire for as long as I can remember... "old school cowboy". I like a handmade boot with a riding heel and a

good spur edge, so my angles don't get choked. I have worn the same pair of jeans for years (well.... not the exact same pair but the same brand), Wrangler originals with extra length. My shirts have always been long sleeve with snaps, that I make use of all and preferably white. My hat is always black felt with some beaver in it ... It may cost more, but they feel so much nicer and last a lot longer. So, if you have seen me twenty years ago or just the other day, I would be dressed the same... slow to change. Very traditional in the way I dress, and I like it that way. Now if you were a Team Roper, you could wear sneakers, jeans, a t-shirt, and a ball cap would be considered a cowboy hat as long as it said "King Ropes". The early cowboys called, "Vaqueros", were very traditional from their flat hats, wild rags, and long ropes.... their horses continue to tell a story by the gear they have on them.

I believe traditions are ok as long as they are working but I also believe there are times when they can leave us "stuck in a rut" and therefore a change is needed. For many years, farmers would work 1/3 of their soil black, not the case now as this tied up valuable cropland and stripped the soil of nutrients. The common practice now is zero-till. One of the biggest changes in rodeo is in the team roping. Times at the NFR use to be 6-7 seconds, now they're running under 4 seconds. There is no doubt that something has changed to be recording times like this.

How does the church fit into all of this? Most churches are very traditional in one way or another. Whether you sing songs that are three hundred years old or songs that are thirty years old if you're doing the same thing week in and week out, then it's traditional. I often wonder..... how's that working? I'm not trying to pick on anybody's church here but just want to spur you on. I feel we need to do better with the church. This world is crying out for us to do better; it is so lost without Christ.... without knowing the truth. The world doesn't know right from wrong anymore, but we who know Christ have those answers.

It's time to change the way we operate and be doers of the word and not hears only, for this will only deceive us, as it states in James 1:22. As a body of believers (the church) we are called to be the workers in the fields. 1 Peter 1:22, *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"*. So, church let's not get tied up in traditions, but rather in the doing of the Lord's work.

Terry Baker

REPORT

FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

Hi Folks.

I will tell you once again about the weather in Southern Alberta before I get into other things. Since the rain started in June we've had six inches in High River as always. Some places had more and some had less. The hay crop was about average. I must make a correction here - the last issue said the hay crop was above average, that is not what I wrote - somehow between here and the printer about got changed to above. Most of the grain crops looked great, some of the grain that was put in for green feed or silage were lodging before they were cut. At the end of September, we got over a foot of heavy wet snow. Some places got two feet while closer to the mountains and south of here got four feet. We had a pretty good fall with not much rain and no killing frost until the snow came. Just about everything is combined except for the canola. Not that far north of here not much has been done due to rain. Some are still trying to put up hay.

This summer some of us went to Buck Lake (west and a bit south of Edmonton) to help Dennis Pomeranz and his crew do Cowboy Church at the rodeo. The ground was so wet they could not drive in with the sound system so by the time they were hooked up and ready to go we had to leave because we had to be at Kevin and Mary Rowlands place to do the Cowboy Church there which is about twenty minutes away, south and west of Alder Flats.

Their place is called Ponderosa City built on an old western town theme. They have a few cabins, a western store and a huge meeting place that used to be a PMU barn set up. With God's help, Kevin has made this hall wonderful. During the summer months they have a free breakfast then Cowboy Church on Sunday mornings. The day we were there over sixty people came. They have built a very nice commercial kitchen and the food that comes out of there is great and there's lots of it. Guess we should expect that because Kevin is a great cook, maybe he's a chef. Their vision is to cater to weddings, conferences, meetings and other large group gatherings.

The annual meeting for this Fellowship will be at Ponderosa City in January of 2020. Look for more information in this magazine. If you plan on staying the night, there are hotels and motels in Drayton Valley.

I went to Strathmore in mid-September to present a Trophy Bible to the Cowboy of the year at the Foothills Cowboy Association. They told me there would be two tickets to get into the rodeo at the ticket booth. When I got the tickets I asked where the rodeo office was so I could get instructions about where and when I would make the presentation. A man was standing there and he said he would take me to the office.

We got in a John Deere side-by-side and he took me there and told me he would bring me back to my car. The first person I met was the rodeo announcer who told me everything I needed to know. Then I got a ride back to my car, with a fellow named Ryan. To top it off he gave my wife and me a ride back to our seats by the chutes. When I went behind the chutes waiting to make the presentation I was surrounded by cowboys waiting to look at the beautiful Bible I had in my hands. Joel Waddel a saddle-bronc rider was awarded the Cowboy of the Year, so I presented the Bible to him and told him if he would read it his life would be changed. He replied. "Not right now, but I will later".

We also donated a lovely Olson silver buckle to the winner of the saddle-bronc event at the Caroline Rodeo in May. Guess who won it? Joel Waddel, now he has two trophies to remind him of the Lord.

After the performance, Ryan was right there to take us back to our car. In all the years I have been doing Cowboy Church, presentations, etc I have never been treated so good. Sometimes I have been treated like a nuisance!

The next morning a bunch of headed to Clarsholm for breakfast and Cowboy Church at the CGRA finals. As we played music the people ate and talked, it seemed like no one was listening. When I started sharing The Word there was still quite a bit of talking then The Lord laid it on me to share about a young boy I had met at the Circle Square Ranch a few years ago. He was a very rebellious boy because he had lost a dad and a stepdad before he was twelve years old. I didn't know his circumstances, but I made a point to be his friend. He helped me paint a wagon one evening and that is when he told me his story. We both cried. I put my arms around him and he asked me if I would be his dad. As I told the people this story, with a few more details, you could hear a pin drop and there were not many dry eyes. Praise the Lord. The end of the story Mike (that was his name) asked Jesus to be his Lord and Saviour. He went from the ranch to a changed boy.

Afterward editor, Debbie Graham presented a trophy Bible to the Cowgirl of the year. I can't think of a better way to spend the weekend sharing life and putting the word of God into people's heads.

Thanks to all of you who support this fellowship with your deeds and with your money. It is because of you that we can have the kind of weekend that I just wrote about. The rodeo season is about done, but please don't stop your giving. God will reward you.

God's Blessing on you

John FitzHerbert

The Benefits of Giving

By John FitzHerbert



When we read the Word of God we can see that every time He gives instructions concerning man it is either a promise or a command and both will be a blessing to us if we take it to heart and do it. Psalm 33:12 - tells us a nation is blessed and to take it a bit further a man will be blessed whose God is the Lord. *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.* This is a wonderful promise that we can carry with us every day and benefit from it.

I have people say to me, "I am born again but I am not being blessed. Why?" I ask them what the word says about being blessed and the reply will probably be, "I don't know." *Hosea 4:1 - "Listen to the word of the Lord O sons of Israel. For the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land."* Israel was not being blessed at that time because they had gotten away from the word of the Lord and they didn't know how God expected them to live because they had gone away from His law or Word.

Then in verse six, the word says, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."* I believe that North America is in a very bad state spiritually today because of its lack of knowledge of God. We can find out about just about anything we want to just by pushing a few buttons on our phone or computer. We have never had so much knowledge at our finer-tips. It is not the knowledge of God and sometimes it is not the truth, just someone's opinion.

Verse two sounds like reading the daily newspaper, *"There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore, the land mourns and everyone who lives in it languishes along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky; and also, the fish of the sea disappear"*. It doesn't sound like a blessed nation to me. Things are changing in our country. I have never heard of so many bear and cougar attacks on people as we do now. When I was young we very seldom saw a bear because they were wild. We might see a cougar but it was just a flash in the bush. Now, these animals are bold not only in the parks where they see a lot of people but in the ranching country where they see very few people.

My dad worked as a cook on a ranch in the early 1900s. He could go to the Highwood River and catch five or six fish for breakfast with a hook and piece of red rag tied to it. Every cast got a fish, now you can fish all day with the latest of equipment and maybe catch one and then you have to throw it back because we are short of fish. We read about the shortage of fish on both the east and west coasts. People say it is because of overfishing. From what I have read in the Bible when God Almighty supplies the fish we will never run out or be short. Others say it is climate change. As I have said many times before there will be climate change but God will do it not man.

Enough of the bad news. We will look at some of the good promises that God has given to us. *Psalm 1:1 - How blessed is the*

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



man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked (or ungodly). Nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scoffers. But his delight is in the Law (or word) of the Lord and in His law, he meditates day and night, and he will be like a tree planted by the stream of water which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither, and in whatever he does he prospers. These are instructions for us to follow to make us successful. We see and hear of paradise in cities all over the country were people are promoting a way of life. We know this is against what the Word of God teaches us but politicians and leaders take heed of them and act accordingly. In my estimation, this is taking counsel from the wicked. The scripture that we just read tells us we don't stand with them or walk with them. If someone were to mention God or The Bible to them they would be laughed and scoffed at. This is just an illustration, there are many more that I won't go into now.

We are told to meditate on the Word day and night. This means to think on His word. I think it is pretty hard to do the work that you have to do and still think about God's word all the time. One thing we can do is ask ourselves what would Jesus do in this situation and then act accordingly. I try to spend at least half an hour reading The Word and praying every morning. It is a great way to start the day. If you have not done this sometime in the day you will find it hard to start.

Interruptions will come, but once you make it a priority it gets easier with less hindrance. Sometime the answer will come on how to deal with a problem that I have been thinking about, or perhaps to pray for someone or something that is going on. God wants us to prosper and this is just one of the ways we can open the door to His blessings. We will have setbacks and trials, but that just makes us stronger. Remember Paul, he wrote, *many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Psalm 34:19.*

Thank God again for giving us His wonderful promises

More next time

John FitzHerbert

GREETINGS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Greetings from Saskatchewan. As I'm writing this I'm looking out the window with a temperature of minus six degrees and am reminded that the great white is coming. People in our area are working hard trying to get crops off, haul hay and bring cows home from pasture as every day brings us closer to winter when you won't be able to do it.

It reminds me of Matthew 25 and the parable of the ten virgins. Five of them were preparing for the coming of the bridegroom and five were not. When the bridegroom finally did come the five who were prepared were allowed to come in but the five unprepared were turned away.

As we are looking at the coming winter it is similar to our Christian lives. Are we living in a way preparing for the coming of Jesus? Jesus left this place to be crowned King and promised to return. And note, He did not leave to hopefully be voted in as King or to someday be made King, He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords now. When He returns He will be coming to take what is His.

Now depending on your theology, He may be coming back soon or it may be a while, but the question still remains, are you ready? Have you bent down on your knees in repentance and faith? Submitting all of your life to Him? Are you ranching, cowboying, running a business to the glory of Christ? As men are you leading your home to the glory of Christ? Ladies, are you growing as wives and mothers to the glory of Christ? If your children were asked what's the most important thing in mom and dad's lives, would they answer, Jesus?

You see Jesus is giving us time to bring things together, to prepare for His return. Just as we labor this fall to get things ready for winter so we must labor to get things ready for the King. There are many ways to do that since there is nowhere that the Lordship of Christ doesn't touch, but the important thing is that you are preparing.

With winter coming that means Agribition is on the horizon. The Sask FCC will be there for the week with our booth. Feel free to contact us if you would like to volunteer at the booth or just stop in for a coffee. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with people.

Our annual general meeting will be Feb 1, 2020, in Saskatoon, Sask. We will be meeting at the South Corman Park Log Cabin. Please join us for a good time of fellowship, potluck supper, games, skating and tobogganing for the kids.

In Christ
Brian Hunstad
Sol del Gloria

Shane Broeder and Hayden Sormaz

Shane Broeder and Hayden Sormaz won the fellowship buckles at the Didsbury Rodeo Aug. 17 2019. This is the fourth year in a row that Shane has won. Shane would like to thank us for our support and without it there would be no wild cow milking in Didsbury.

Didsbury is one of his favorite rodeos to participate in, and it is a great place to bring his kids to. He just might be a little biased with four successive wins!!!

Bible donation was privately sponsored.



Upcoming Events

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

1 st 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

Seasons

High River, AB

660 - 7 Street, High River, Alberta

4th Sunday of Each Month - 1:00 pm

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Ponderosa City

Alder Flats

Every Sunday - July and August

Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 am

Service - 11:00 am

Kevin Rowland

780 388 3088

The Medicine Tree Manor

Last Sunday of the Month - 7:00 pm

815 - 9 St. SW., High River, Alberta

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Saskatchewan Cowboy Church

Diamond C Cowboy Church

208 Sidney St.

Maple Creek, Saskatchewan

Every Tuesday Night - Music starts at 7:15

Ross Pollock

306 662 3431

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Alberta FCC AGM

January 18 & 19 - 2020

at Ponderosa City, AB

<https://www.ponderosacity.ca>

Jan 18th - 5:00 AGM - 6:00 supper followed by music and fellowship

Jan 19th - Breakfast at 9:00 am followed by music and fellowship

Contact: John FitzHerbert to let us know if you will be there for supper 403 652 1377 or Debbie at oldwomanabu@gmail.com

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Chinook Country Corner

“Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow”

Greetings to all,

This summer I was leisurely walking down the cement sidewalk on the south side of our house, mostly looking at the garden. I happened to look down and noticed an inch wide crack in the cement in a shady spot beside a flower pot. You could see the crack had been there a long time as it was filled with dirt, tiny rocks, and other debris. Growing out of the crack was a baby poplar tree about three-inches high. I began to think about how much we are like that crack in the sidewalk.

We are all cracked, chipped, bruised and broken in some way. None of us go through life unscathed. We can't live a life of pretty bubbles, roses, and sunshine every day. My mother used to say, “We all have a cross to bear.” Man has so many possible issues to deal with that we could fill many pages of paper and still not be able to list them all.

Matt 8:14-16 – Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law of a fever by touching her hand. Later that evening he healed people who had demons. Matt 9:1-2 Jesus heals a paralyzed man who was lying on a mat by saying to him, “Be encouraged, young man. Your sins are forgiven.” Matt 9:18 - 25 - A woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years touched the edge of the coat of Jesus and she was healed because of her faith. A young girl was dead. Jesus proclaimed her to only asleep and took hold of her hand and she stood up. Jesus performed numerous miracles and healed countless people from a long list of ailments. Matt 9:33 Crowds of people were amazed and said, “We have never seen anything like this in Israel.”

All of us can be healed. We just have to ask God. *Matt 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and*

it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

The crack in that sidewalk had given way to a new life. I guess I could have pulled out the little poplar but I decided to leave it be as a reminder to me that Jesus can heal us too. Sometimes we don't even realize that we are healing until our life begins to change in amazing ways.

If we open up our hearts and trust in the Lord in all his ways he will heal us of all those chips, bruises, cracks and breaks that we have had in our lives.

Love, Light, and Laughter
Debbie Graham



“Your name is permanently engraved in the palms of my hands and no man shall pluck you out.”
Isaiah 49:16 John 10:28



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Me God and My Guitar

I'm sitting here holding the index finger of my left hand and praying. I had been playing my guitar for about five minutes and had to quit because of the pain and I have a pancake breakfast and service to do on the weekend and I can't play for five minutes. It's not that I haven't been playing and have lost my callouses, I could cover that with Krazy Glue callouses. Just apply multiple layers until it is about 1/8 in. thick and your good for about two hours.

This was stupidity. When I had the commercial safety inspection done on one of my trailers they told me that I had to protect all the hydraulic brake lines underneath from rocks, so I was splitting a rubber gas line and tie wrapping it over the lines. I had done a few short pieces by just gripping them lightly in the bench vice and was now splitting a five-foot piece. I must have quit sharpening my carpet knife at the right time because it was laying open that rubber hose like a hot knife in butter.

It was going so well that instead of repositioning the fuel line in the vice I kept going, left hand keeping the hose tight and straight, right following with the knife. It went well until the end. I must have twisted my right wrist because that knife came out the side of that hose and entered my finger on the side at about the level of the nail head. When I looked at the end of the finger I could see where the blade tip had stopped just behind the callous. I guess that the knives in my toolbox are not sanitary because this cut would sort of start to heal over then start to throb so I would have to take my jackknife and open it up again hoping that whatever was causing the problem would work its way out.

As I was praying the Lord ran the words to a Keith Green song through my head. Me the guy that claims contemporary music gives me heartburn and God is running Keith Green through my head, but as I listened I realized that it wasn't just my finger that needed healing it was my heart too.

There were places that looked healed but we're really healed over. I needed God to take his jackknife and open up those places so that hurts and hates and prejudices could work their way to the surface and be expelled. Yes, Lord please wash me anew in the wine of your blood.

Me, God and My Guitar

MY EYES ARE DRY
MY FAITH IS OLD
MY HEART IS HARD
MY PRAYERS ARE COLD
AND I KNOW HOW
I OUGHT TO BE
ALIVE TO YOU
DEAD TO ME
WHAT CAN BE DONE
WITH AN OLD HEART
LIKE MINE
SOFTEN IT UP
WITH OIL AND WINE