

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys "Carrying the Message of Christ to the Cowboy World"

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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TESTIMONY OFbRIAN menaughton By Brian McNaughton

A Life Changed by the Grace of God



This is my personal testimony in the hopes that someone else in the clutches of sin might be set free as I was and begin to experience a life changed by the grace of God.

There was a movement that began in the late 60's and early 70's called the Jesus movement among the young hippies and ne'er-do-wells. A very similar movement occurred in the Lloydminster area which is where I lived. Many young people responded to the message of

God's great love, mercy and forgiveness. I was one of those thanks be to God. I need you to understand two things, first this testimony is fifty years young this very year (2023) and this is God's testimony as well as mine. Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Here then is a brief listing of the things that miraculously occurred during my introduction to Jesus who then became my Lord and Saviour. These things all happened in a short period of time - a few weeks. Let me assure you before I begin that I don't believe that I was a hard-core drug addict or an out-of-control alcoholic. However, I drank pretty much every day for a few years and not just one or two beers a day. I used a variety of drugs mainly pot and hash as often as we could find some which was very regularly. While those were the main stays, I also used acid, speed MDA and heroin(once).

I must tell you that I was not searching for God, no one was witnessing to me. I found out later that my Mom and Dad

and other people were praying for me unknown to me at the time. In fact, I found out later that the very weekend that I had been speed tripping was the weekend that my mom laid me at the foot of the cross saying that they did not know what else to do.

It was early the next week that I ended up at home. Jesus revealed himself to me in Mom's kitchen when I had basically come home to tell them that I was leaving town and going to I don't know where. He literally and physically began a change in me that continues on to this day. Almost instantly I lost my desire to do drugs, something I really enjoyed. Before I left that kitchen that night the desire, I had to continue in the drug culture and lifestyle was gone. I had Iost any desire to continue in using drugs. Again, I did not have anyone telling me I should quit. I went back to the place I was living at and a group of friends were standing around the stove toking hash. They offered me some but like I said had lost the desire. Just then a friend who owed me a favour came in with half sack of beer, my favourite drink. I quickly opened one and began to drink and join in the party. I couldn't finish the beer, it was extremely uncomfortable, I can best describe it as if I was drinking razor blades.

Again, let me state no one had told me that I should guit drinking and I literally knew nothing about Christianity or a personal relationship with Jesus, nothing. A few weeks later I ran out of cigarettes at work and never got around to buying another pack. I had been smoking since I was thirteen and now was twenty and had tried unsuccessfully a few times to guit. God completely took that addiction away. I had zero withdrawal from any of those substances' alcohol, drugs or cigarettes. Again, at this early point in my Christian experience nobody was telling me that I needed to guit any or all of those substances. God literally took the need or desire for any of those things.

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My Dad was an alcoholic and had a wonderful conversion about a year before during an Evangelistic meeting. When Dad took me to a camp meeting at Adams Lake to hear Charles Enloe who was the Evangelist under whom Dad had got saved, I had no idea what to expect. At the conclusion of the meetings, he asked if there were any people who would like to be baptized and I thought that would look pretty weird to see adults being sprinkled on their foreheads. However, while he was speaking, I had the strongest impression that I needed to go up. I was afraid and thought I might be sacrilegious as I knew I had been baptized as a baby, and I fought the urge. I couldn't shake the feeling and found myself going forward literally against my will. When I had gotten up to the front Charles then informed us to turn around and face the crowd and be prepared to explain to them why you had responded. I literally tried to get out of that line up but felt like my feet were stuck in cement, I could not move. The weekend before I had gotten saved, I had been on a speed trip weekend. I still had needle marks on my arms and my arms were sore from all the jabs I had taken. When I entered that water to be baptized it was nothing more than a dirty slough complete with blood suckers. When I came out of that slough after being baptized the marks were all gone and there was no discomfort in my arms and I didn't know what had happened but I knew something very special had occurred. I literally felt that if the two native brothers holding my arms let go, I would have risen to heaven right them and there. I had no understanding or concept of healings or deliverance, no teaching whatsoever,

I don't know all the how's and whys of God and I feel many times that I have let him down but he keeps working in my heart and mind, he keeps changing me making me into the image He desires. So, you can see how it is literally impossible for me to not believe

in Jesus. He has done for me far more than I could have hoped for and continues daily to do more. He blessed me with Linda my wife to be my best friend and closest companion and He blessed our union with four wonderful sons. I feel a bit like the prodigal son, I certainly did not do anything that would earn me this kind of favour.



It is only because of His grace that His hand of mercy and forgiveness was extended to me. God really performed a miraculous intervention in my life and lifted me out of a horrible pit. Psalm 40:2 He pulled me out of a horrible pit, out of the mud and clay. He set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure. Eph 2:1 You were once dead because of your failures and sins. Eph 2:2 You followed the ways of this present world and its spiritual ruler. This ruler continues to work in people who refuse to obey God. Eph 2:3 All of us once lived among these people, and followed the desires of our corrupt nature. We did what our corrupt desires and thoughts wanted us to do. So, because of our nature, we deserved God's anger just like everyone else. Eph 2:4 But God is rich in mercy because of his great love for us. Eph 2:5 We were dead because of our failures, but he made us alive together with Christ. God's kindness that saved

This is where I dwelt and in fact, we all dwell before God reveals His tremendous love for us. Once you recognize and submit to God's love as the scripture says you will experience change and freedom and victory that you may have thought was impossible. However, the scriptures tell us nothing is impossible with God. (Luke 1:37)



God can and will do for you and more if you turn to Him and accept His love.

Brian McNaughton



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report

As I write this, we are close to ending the calving season. So far, so good PTL. We had some cold weather, that had me dealing with a frozen drinker because the float keeps getting stuck. It's much too cold to take it apart, so I have to reach under the cover and manually pull the float down so the bowl will fill with water. And every time I put my hand into that cold water, I'd wish the designer had put more thought (vision) into how it would work. It's the newest drinker I have, but obviously not the best. The older ones have a hose clamp which keeps the float where it needs to be. I've tried a few different things but to no avail and the float continues to freeze to the side of the bowl. I'm thinking a simple hose clamp could save me a lot of trouble!

I have been thinking a lot about vision. What are our aspirations and expectations for the year? Some folks may have the vision of getting a new horse or perhaps a new pickup, but I'm thinking more about what the vision for this ministry might look like. There has been a lot of discouragement over the last few years, with things being shut down and not a lot of ministries happening. We can easily focus on this disappointment, or we can see it as an opportunity. At our last Canadian Board meeting, we saw lots of opportunities to share Christ with the cowboy world. Last summer, we here in Manitoba, were able to be out doing some cowboy churches again. We also partnered with a Bible Camp and did a weekend rodeo camp that was very well attended. Pro.29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". The people perish ... think about that for a minute. If those of us, involved with FCC, have no vision for the lost, people (Cowboys) will perish. Without the gospel, the lost will remain lost. Vision drives our hearts and it's that vision that pushes us through. Could you be a committed farmer without vision or a heart for farming, I don't think so.



These days it takes a lot of money and dedication. I'm always looking for my next ranch horse and have a vision of what I would like. I've had some folks say that I'd be fine with a smaller horse but that's not my vision. I like them sixteen hands high, big-boned and goodsized feet. Last spring, I had a friend call me, who had a horse that matched my vision. I was excited to bring him home, even though he wasn't riding very well. I just knew he would make an awesome

ranch horse if I didn't give up on him. Isn't that just like our Lord and Saviour, He sees the potential we all have and never gives up on us!! Within a few months, I was able to rope cows and calves off of Ben and he is well on his way to becoming my best ranch

So, you can see the importance of having a vision and carrying

it through. I find a lot of churches today, even if they have a vision, it doesn't go beyond their church doors. They are losing ground as their congregations are getting older and the younger generations just aren't coming. We need to be training up the younger ones before it's too late. Let me put it this way if you don't hang on to some heifers, it won't be long before your cows are too old, and you won't have a productive herd. We need to be thinking of the future (Vision) and take action. Christ's vision for us was to take the gospel into all the world (Matt 28:19). Jesus was very straightforward with Paul in Acts 18:9, "The Lord spoke to Paul in a vision. Do not be afraid to speak, and do not keep silent". When I first started going to church, I didn't know the Lord or love Him. As I began to understand the gospel and came to Christ, the Lord gave me a heart for sharing with the lost, I knew what I had gained through Christ to have His peace, to know eternal life, to have hope in all His promises. In the early days of attending church, I can remember wondering why I went, as I just wasn't getting it. I thought there must be a way for a cowboy to understand this. That's when I was introduced to FCC and what an adventure this has been!! This ministry is very important and is changing lives. We must

continue to have a vision and move forward. A lot of times, all it takes is an honest, down-toearth conversation about your walk with the Lord. We don't need to have years of Bible school, or initials behind our name to share the word of Christ. So be willing to tell your story and let the Lord do the rest.



We held our Manitoba AGM and fellowship evening on January 21, 2023. It was a great day and so good to reconnect with our membership and to see some new faces. We have some new ministry opportunities and are excited to see them unfold. Check out our Facebook page Manitoba Fellowship of Christian Cowboys details they become available.

Blessed aine those who trust Lord Terry Baker



FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

Hi Folks.

First, I will give you my usual weather report here in Southern Alberta. We had close to normal snowfall in March. It was often accompanied by terrible south east winds that tend to blow through you and not around you. Not good for any baby claves who were just born. April hasn't had much snow yet. There are a lot of baby calves out in the fields either running, laying in the sun or having a snack from momma. I have seen a few trees starting to bud out which is probably not good as we will have more frost yet. The frogs are awake now and croaking at night. Such a peaceful sound.



We had Cowboy Church at the Canadian Finals Rodeo again after two years without it due to the coved regulations. We contacted the people at the Westerner early in the year and they said, yes, we could do it and they would provide a space somewhere. Later on, they asked how much we would charge to do Cowboy Church; we told them it was free. They were so happy to have us

there they gave us a booth in the Trade Fair Building. Kevin and Mary Rowland made a beautiful booth with rails, steer heads and lots of other stuff, real western; they also manned the booth for the week with help from several other people. We did the Cowboy Church in the same building on a stage they had set up complete with a sound man. It was a



really good week even though the weather was bad and the roads were horrible.

It looks like the Saskatchewan Chapter of this Fellowship of Christian Cowboys have disbanded. I am very sorry to report this because they had a very vibrant bunch going for over forty years. I know there is a lot of people in that province who will be reading this so here is what I will ask you to do. Is there someone who would like to see this organization have a chapter in Saskatchewan again? If the answer is yes, please contact me or any of the board members in Alberta, (the list is in this magazine) and we will be glad to help you.

Another thing is Saskatchewan had a booth at the Agribition ever since they started. We in Alberta and Manitoba would like to get a booth again at the Agribition 2023, and we will be applying soon. We are prepared to pay for it, and also to man it, but it would be great to have some help from Saskatchewan people. If you could spend a day or even a few hours, we would really appreciate it. All you have to do is talk to people when they stop. You don't have to sell anything because everything we have is free, so just answer their questions and be friendly. Who knows you might lead someone to Jesus.In the past the booth was always busy. Agribition let us set up just inside one of the entrance doors so lots of people walked by. We always had the coffee pot on so people liked to stop and sit down and have a coffee after walking through the trade fair. We saw many miracles as the Lord moved on people when they were prayed for. Trish Manske cooked supper for the crew for quite a few years, and then the Security guards who looked after the doors came and ate also. The rodeo committee asked us if we would take the names of the kids who wanted to ride in the sheep riding that night so we were busy all day taking names to put in a box, just before the rodeo started, we would draw a certain number of names from the box and those kids got to ride, while the others left disappointed. We had a real traffic jam around our booth as kids and parents waited to see if their name got drawn.

I will tell one story that has stayed with me all these years. There was a very young man who one of our guys met in the cattle barns. I think he was homeless and didn't have a job but he came to the barns and shoveled manure to get a few dollars from the owners of the cattle. He was invited to come to our booth just as we were going for lunch. So, we asked him to come along, he said no he wasn't hungry but actually he was starving, we took him with us and fed him for a few days. Well, he got born again and developed a hunger for the Bible. It changed his life. He got a job and a place to stay. The last few years of his life he put on a clown suit entertaining kids at parties and gatherings and telling them the gospel stories. He contacted some strange disease and died at a very young age. I saw him in the hospital in Regina just before he died and he was looking forward to meeting Jesus.

We held our Fellowship of the Christian Cowboys Annual meeting on March 11th and 12th at Ponderosa City close to Alder Flats. Alberta. We had our business meeting and election of officers our board stayed the same with the addition of one new member. We welcome Billy Dittman as a director. A wonderful roast beef

supper was prepared by Kevin Rowland and his family with about one-hundred people in attendance. Praise the Lord!!!! After supper we had a great message delivered by Pastor Doug Webb. The evening ended with music and fellowship. Sunday started with breakfast at 9:00 followed by Cowboy Church, music, healing, prayer and fellowship. Next years AGM is slated for the first weekend in



March 2024 at Ponderosa City - we will keep you informed.

God's Blessings on You All

John FitzHerbert

The Benefits of Giving

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By John FitzHerbert

This time we will continue with the gift of love. Last time I shared two stories from God's word, one about Elisha and the other about David, and how they both showed love to the people who wanted to kill them. This is the kind of love that God can

put into our hearts.



He Left the 99 to rescue me Luke 15:4

We will talk about the love that God has for his people. Probably one of the best-known verses in the Bible is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Whether we died thousands of years ago or we are still alive right now, we have this promise from God that he will take us into heaven to be with him. When you

have people who you love you take them to your house and feed them and care for them. That is exactly what God does for us even though we don't deserve it.

God showed his love when he took millions of Israelites out of Egypt after they had been there for four hundred and thirty years as slaves to the country of Egypt. He miraculously showed his love for his people when he parted the Red Sea so they could walk through on dry land, then using the rod of Moses he brought the sea back and drowned the Egyptian army. Three days later they came to water at Marah but could not drink it because it was bitter. God showed his miracle-working power again when he told Moses to throw a certain tree into the water and they were able to drink

Just note here if we want God to do something for us, we need to do something first. That something is to pray and believe. Mark 11:22-24 "And Jesus answered saying to them. Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be taken up and east into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him. Therefore, I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them and they shall be granted to you." Do you have faith to believe this?

Now back to the Israelites, after he had made the water sweet, he gave them a promise. Exodus 15:26 And he said "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, and give ear to his commandments, and keep his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your healer."

The Lord showed his love once again by giving them this promise and it still applies to us today if we will honor him and serve him. Jesus took care of the commandments and statutes that the Israelites had to observe then. Next God demonstrated his love for Israel when they complained bitterly to Moses

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

because they did not have enough food. Moses told them they would have bread and meat. "That evening the camp was covered with quail so they had meat, and in the morning the ground was covered with manna so that they could make bread and other things.

Jesus brought this into the New Testament in Mathew 6:25-26 "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body as to what you shall put on it. Is not life more than food and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?" That is a promise from God that he will look after us and meet our needs if we honor and obey

Mathew 6:33 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added on to you." That doesn't mean we don't go to work; we still do what we can and he will provide. God has a multiplier that he can use any time he wants. He did in Mathew 14 when he fed the five thousand men along with women and children. I know a man who quit his job and went and sat in his house. He said the Lord will pay the bills and feed me and my family. I guess you know what happened, the bills didn't get paid and they got hungry. He had to go back to work. He wasn't willing to work and let provide where had Lord he need

Paul told us in 2 Thessalonians 3:10 "For even when we were with you, we used to give this order, if anyone will not work, neither let him eat." The Israelites had to work to get the quail ready to eat and had to gather the manna off the ground early in the morning or else it would melt and be gone.

We didn't get very far into The Love of God; it is such a vast



don't think I will ever fully understand it. Thank God for giving us

his wonderful love.

More John FitzHerbert next

time



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DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- . Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- . Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the
- longest chapter in the Bible?

 The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after
- Psalm 118? · If you add up all the chapters except Psalm118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
- . 1188 or Paalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible?
- Should the central verse not have an important message? "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." Psalm 118:8.
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"Carrying the Message of Christ to the Cowboy World"

Chinook Country Corner

Down on the Farm

As I write this the sun is shinning and a beautiful day for baby calves to be born. Just one the miracles from the Lord that makes me so grateful for his sixth day of creation!!

We had a cow cast herself about a month ago. She had been struggling on the ground to get up all night long. In the morning when we saw her it took the three of us about forty-five minutes to get her up and on her feet and going again. She was weak but fine. On April Fools Day she wandered off by herself and was trying to have her calf. We got her in the corral as Neil was worried that from all the stress, she went through the calf would likely be dead. Neil put his hand in just about up to his shoulders – "Oh, it's upside down! – Oh, it's alive! – Oh, there is one more! – Oh, it's backwards! – Oh, think we need a vet! – No time to wait for a vet - Oh Lord please guide me!" Well, it was like fishing in a bowl of spaghetti to get the legs and heads matched up and the first one turned the right direction. Chains on - pull - a live heifer - back in - next one had party turned - chains on - pull - another live heifer. When we let momma out with her babies she mooed to Neil as if to say thankyou. I named them April and Fool and they are doing just great. Mark 12 30 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, sole, mind and body and strength." Thank you, Lord, for guiding Neil's hands, guiding his mind and giving him the strength to believe so strongly in you.

When we feed cows in the winter, I am the truck driver. Gotta say I'm getting pretty good at backing up and loading those big round bales. Always a thrill for me when I get the bale picker smack dab in the middle of a bale! Neil's job is to take off the string or net wrap when we unload. While he is doing that my job is to keep the cows from wreaking havoc. Our cows are very quiet but can get pushy so I have a broom stick to remind them not to be. The cows were being very quiet one day so I started scratching the back of one with the broom stick. She backed off and walked away. I continued to scratch her back with that broom stick every chance I had. After a couple of weeks, she began to just stand and enjoy the scratch. Now when she sees me with the stick she comes to be scratched, PTL

You know people are the same. We cannot push them into learning about the Lord or wanting to be saved. It takes time a patience and teaching. You know the old saying "If it walks like a duck, and talks like a duck, it's a duck." I believe we as Christians are the ducks and we can lead by example and therefore lead people to Jesus. People notice your peace, your kindness, your giving and your happiness. Most people want that too. Give them time and space to process what Christ is all about. Invite them into your way of life. Psalm 25 2 "Show me your ways Oh Lord, teach me your path and guide me with your truth and teach me for you are God my saviour and my hope is with you all the day long."

Love, Light and Laughter Debbie Graham



FCC Booth at Canadian Final Rodeo - Red Deer - Nov 22

Me, God and My Guitar

Faithfull one so unchanging
Ageless one you are my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again
You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm, your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone

It's strange, but sometimes it seems like you don't have to learn a song, its there inside you, waiting for someone to put the words, the sounds of the notes and the chords, and the feelings together so that you can express them. It's like those times when your praying with a group of people about something or someone that is precious to you, and you don't know how to put your thoughts and feelings into words, and then someone in the group speaks them, and all you can do is whisper amen and amen.

Thank you Lord, for my hope is in you alone.



Events and Information



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 Deleuw 780 728 9088

Mighty Peace Cowboy Church

Eureka Hall 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month – 7:00 pm Ginger Patton 780 834 6551

Viking Auction Mart

Viking, AB Last Friday of the month –7:00 pm Pastor Doug Webb 780 897 4241

Holden Cowboy Church

4806 50 St Holden, AB Second Friday of the month—7:00 pm Pastor Doug Webb 780 897 4241

Ponderosa City

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