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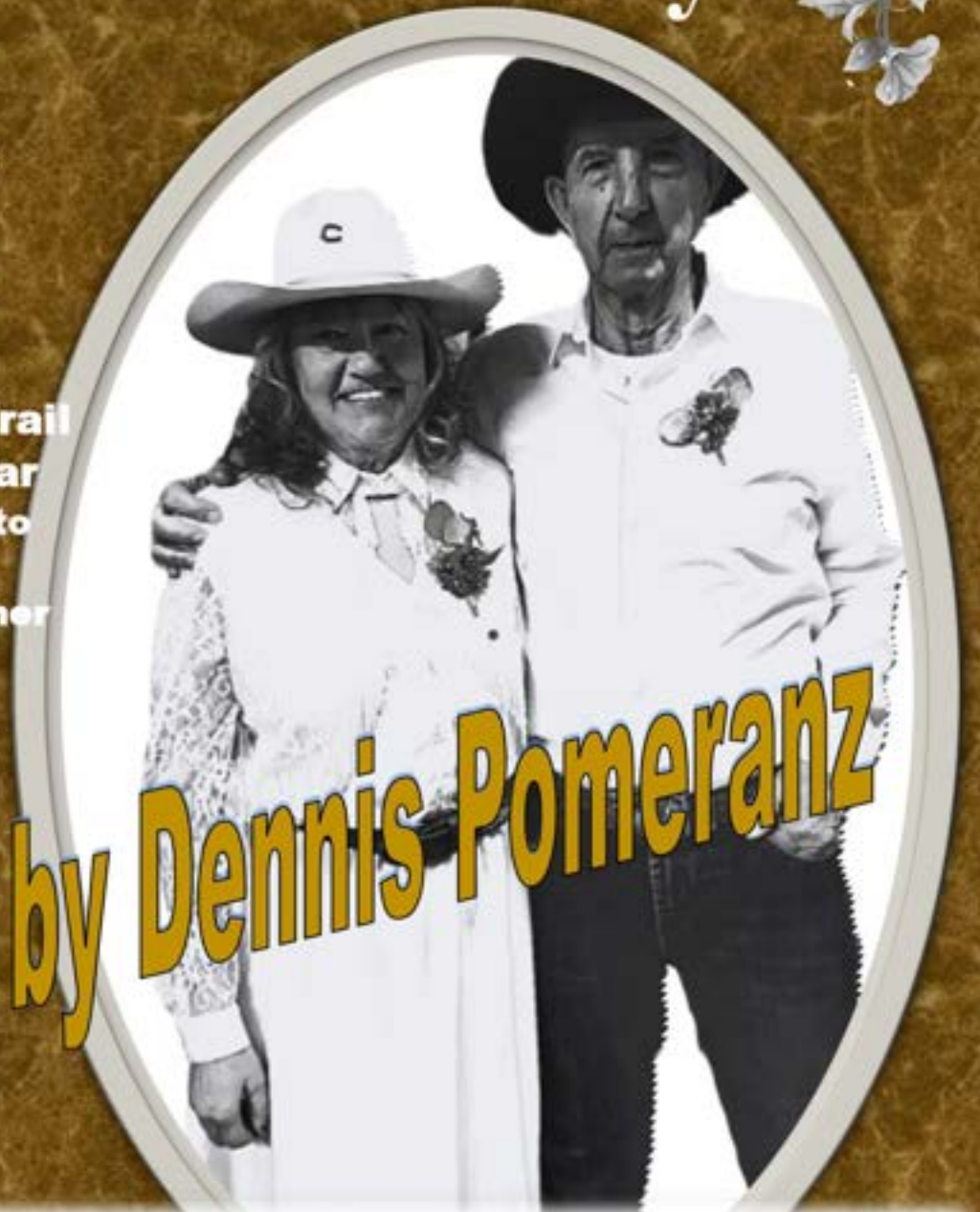
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Salvation Prayer

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 in this magazine. 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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My Hero

When you read this story, do not think that I am feeling sorry for myself or looking for sympathy. I am hoping that sharing my experience may help someone through a tough time or encourage them to obey all of God's word, even if it is something we do not really want to do at the time.

My story begins about five years ago, I was at the world team roping competition in Las Vegas with my son, Reg, and his family along with some other relatives. We had all went to watch my granddaughter, Brooke, rope. When the competition was over, we were all standing at the door of the hotel, saying our goodbyes. My son and his family were going to their ranch in Arizona, Zolton (Brooke's other grandpa) and I were headed back home to Alberta. As we walked to the cab to go to the airport, I looked back at Reg a couple of times, and a strange feeling came over me. I can not explain it, but I knew something was different. I wanted to go back and hug him again, but I didn't, I passed it off as just one of those thoughts you have sometimes. Little did I know that was the last time that I would see my son alive.



Due to my wife's health, we were unable to spend any time in Arizona that winter. For the next four months, that strange feeling never left me. I prayed earnestly that God would not let one of our immediate family go to a lost eternity and I also prayed that God would do whatever it takes to save all of our family. On

April 12, 2019, we got the call that no parent ever wants to get. Our son, Reg, had been killed in a motorcycle accident. I began to wonder; did I pray the right thing? Why did God take him?



The winter after Reg's death we decided to go to Arizona. We hoped it would bring closure to visit the site of our son's accident and we wanted to be there to help our granddaughter run the ranch for the first year without her dad. In February my wife, Ruth, started to become unwell and we decided we better get her back home to Alberta. It was a scary drive home as her health continued to fail but we made it and took her straight to the hospital where she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of blood cancer. So, while still trying to deal with the loss of my son, at eleven months to the day on March 12, 2020 God took my wife home to be with Him.

Jesus said, Luke 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

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Over the next few months, God put two verses that I had a hard time accepting in my mind over and over. They read like this - Romans 8:28 "*All things work together for good to those who love God.*" 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "*In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*" I found myself asking God the same question that the serpent asked Eve in the Garden of Eden when he tempted her to eat the apple, "Did God really mean that, when He said don't eat from this tree?"



I fought with the two verses above for well over a year. Until, finally, one day I did the hardest thing I have ever done in my entire life, I prayed "Thank you God for taking Reg and Ruth home to be with you, because now I have seen people saved because of it and our whole family has been drawn closer to you." God always has a purpose for us to go through hard times, it is all to accomplish His will.

The hard times weren't over yet though, on June 13, 2022, after a two-year battle with terminal brain cancer, God took my daughter home to be with Him also. Joyce was a tremendous inspiration to me as we went through the loss of Reg and Ruth together.

In just four years, I lost two children, my wife, two brothers, two cousins, and two good friends but I still believe those two verses God laid on my heart. Some people have told me, you must be tough to go through all that but I am not tough, I have a hero for a friend who helped me through it all. His name is Jesus Christ and without Him, I could never have made it.

That same Jesus can save you and help you through any and every problem you will ever face. Why not give Him a try? He loves you and is waiting for you to call on Him today.

God is good, now our family is closer to each other than ever before. He has also blessed me with another wife, she is a strong Christian woman. She is very kind and loving, she supports me and is helping me continue my Cowboy Church Ministry.

God is good, ALL the time. Do not look back, only look ahead. God has a plan for you!

Dennis Pomeranz



Dennis and Katharina

Jesus said, Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We held our Manitoba Chapter AGM and Fellowship Evening the first weekend of May and despite it being quite a bit later than usual, we had a terrific crowd. Seeing the new faces at our AGM was encouraging and exciting when they wanted to seek membership. It's



Dwayne Whitehead, Donna Baker,
Terry Baker, Cliff Paul, Heath Butler

always good to have new ideas and perspectives at these meetings. The meal was excellent with lots of variety. You never really know how a Pot Bless meal will turn out!! Josiah Paul led us in a remarkable time of worship before I shared a short message about the importance of getting into God's word. Overall, it was an excellent day, and I'm sure we all left feeling Very Blessed!! The communities we ministered in last year through Cowboy Church have invited us back which is always encouraging and exciting. We look forward to reconnecting with these folks this year. It is exciting when we can minister in new communities as well.

I thought I would share some of what I spoke about at our AGM. Overall, I would say there aren't many folks who are interested in the Christian faith. There are so many distractions. All this new technology that is supposed to make our lives easier?? I would say cell phones top that list! Everywhere you go, people are constantly looking at their phones. There was a time when people would actually have a conversation with you, it didn't matter if you knew them or not. Most folk's time these days is consumed by trying to make a living and trying to stay ahead of all the financial burdens.

All the injustice we see going on in this world today is also a big distraction. It seems like issues are getting worse every day. Politically, events are happening all over the world that most folks aren't in agreement with. I feel we need to be encouragers, to show folks that you can live in this world with all its distractions and injustices and still have peace. John 16:23 states this very clearly, *"These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* We, who have a relationship with Christ have this reassurance and can move forward with peace and confidence, but there are so many folks that don't.

I have been reading and studying John's writings. The five books he wrote, he wrote to the Christian church. We know that John was very close to Jesus, so close that he laid his head on Jesus' chest at the Lord's supper. John was also the only disciple at Jesus' crucifixion and Jesus entrusted him to look after His mother Mary. John was often referred to as the disciple Jesus loved.

John wrote 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John for the Christians who had difficulty living out their faith. Jerusalem had been destroyed leaving the surviving Christians scattered. We know it's a lot easier to show your faith when you're surrounded by other believers. Also, during this time some false teachers were trying to mislead them, which only added to their dismay. We need to remember that John himself walked with Jesus and was an eyewitness to what Jesus said and did. John was with Jesus right to the very end. He saw the good, the bad, and the ugly (as the saying goes). So, if anyone knew the importance of having Christ in our lives and walking by faith, it was John.

As believers in Christ, we should be telling and encouraging folks, about what Jesus has done in our lives as we are His witnesses of today. Acts 1:8 tells us that we are to be His witnesses to the very ends of the earth. John was even with Jesus when he was taken up into heaven. Because John spent so much time with Jesus and witnessed so much, he knows the importance of having Christ as our Savior and wants to encourage us to know and trust Jesus.

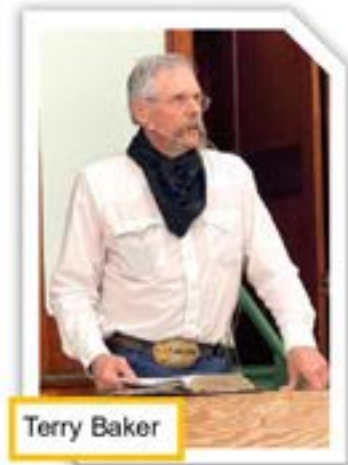
Jesus said, John 15 1-2 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

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The best way I know to accomplish this is by getting into God's word, spending time reading, studying, and fellowshiping in it. We have to have a genuine love for His word. We need to be bold in our faith and be that witness that all believers are called to be. Do you ever think about the people or families who don't know Christ? Ask the Lord to give you boldness in speaking with them about Christ.

Too many of us are just too comfortable in our salvation. John 14:6 is a well-known verse we must take to heart, ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Jesus."*** This is the message that every believer and church needs to take into our lost world as this message offers hope and encouragement. How do we carry through with this, when we live in a time where many are deceived, lawlessness abounds and the love of many grows cold? (Mat.24:1). John has the answer in 1 John 1:1, ***"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of Life,"*** John is telling us that the word of the Lord should be our daily source. How often do our hands handle this source of truth and power? John 1:1,2, also tells us that we are to be in God's word, which has been around from the very beginning, ***"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."***



Terry Baker

Jesus is the Word of Life and when we open and handle our Bibles we are fellowshiping with Him. We get to know His heart and as a result, our hearts will change according to His will. It's kind of like working with horses, the more time you spend handling them, the more they will choose to do what you ask of them. As we continue in the first chapter of 1 John, verse 5 tells us, ***"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you that God is light and in Him no darkness at all."*** John had already heard this earlier on when Jesus was speaking, ***"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life,"*** (John 8:12). So, if you're struggling to be a light for Jesus, in this dark world dig deeper into His word. 1 John 1:6,7 goes on to say, ***"If we say that we have fellowship with Him but walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, saved and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."***

If we are wholeheartedly seeking after Jesus, walking in His light, and fellowshiping with Him, then it is impossible for us to be in the darkness of this world. It's one or the other, light and darkness cannot co-exist. Jesus' blood has cleansed us from all sin (darkness) and we are saved. Saved people walk in light with Jesus, not in darkness as the world does.

I believe just listening to a preacher, isn't enough, you need to get into God's word (the Bible). It's surprising how the scriptures come alive when you read them for yourself. God knows what you need and when you need it. Every good cowboy knows, watching someone else handling a horse, isn't going to make you or your horse any better. You can't get the feel for the horse by just sitting on the front porch with your feet up. How do you win at rodeo? You practice!

How do you win people to Christ? ***"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me, put into practice and the God of peace will be with you."*** (Phil 4:9)



Josiah Paul

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord!!
Terry Baker

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REPORT

FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

Hi Folks.

I will keep on with the tradition and give you a weather report. Since the last column, things have changed a lot here in Southern, Alberta. We have had moisture both rain and snow, March gave us about two inches of moisture in the form of snow, April was about the same and May has given us two inches of rain. Dugouts have filled up, creeks are running, the grass looks great, seeds have germinated in the fields evenly, no bare spots all this because of the rain.

Environmentalists still saying we are going to have another drought but they don't know what God can do. Last time I wrote, let's ask God for rain Zachariah 10:1, Then believe. Mark 11:24, I think that prayer works and now we have the proof. Our job is not done yet we need to thank Him and pray that the rain will go north and west to put out the fires that are burning and replenish the dry land there, in Northern Alberta and British Columbia.

Now to the world situation, Israel is in a war with Hamas and Hezbollah. Both are determined to wipe Israel from the face of the earth. Protests are going on all over the world against Israel. The Government of the U.S.A. has been a supporter of Israel, now they change every week. Canadian Government seems to just go with the flow but they seem to favor the Arab nations more than Israel. The U.N. passes resolution after resolution against Israel. I wonder are we getting close to the time when all nations of the world will be against Israel?

The Lord told Abraham that He would bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. Gen. 12:3. Abraham was the beginning of Israel, he was the grandfather of Jacob whose name was changed by

God to Israel, so we know the end of the story, God will make Israel victorious, but what will be the cost in lives and suffering on all sides of the war. When you can't think of anything to pray for, pray for Israel, its government, and the leaders of the country. Many people who have lost homes and relatives on both sides are hungry, and also for the peace of Jerusalem Psalm 122:6

I am glad to report that Kevin Rowland along with his wife Mary and Joe Simpson organized a booth to advertise and minister at trade fairs. They started last fall at the Canadian Finals in Red Deer then onto Regina for Agribition, and this spring to Lloydminster and a Horse Expo again in Red Deer. I won't write anymore about this because Kevin is going to tell you more. Looks like a great way to reach out to people.

We are finding that there are getting to be fewer Rodeos to go to every year. COVID shut us down almost completely, some Rodeos have not started again and some don't have a Sunday performance anymore. I remember in the '80s and '90s we would have as many as 5 teams putting on Cowboy Church at rodeos across western Canada on Sundays. It was a busy time; every Sunday there was a rodeo or some agriculture event to go to all summer, now we are down to about one a month in my area, and not much going on elsewhere. Our memberships have been slow but they have picked up since Kevin and company have been setting up booths when they can.

In every issue of the Magazine, we find that the mailing list is growing, Debbie said we are up to 480 copies. About eight years ago we were at one hundred and twenty copies. Some people get it off the web, so that is encouraging.

The Gospel is being preached on U.S. television more than ever before. I believe church attendance

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has been down since COVID and doesn't seem to be coming back. Some people are preaching a great revival and a pouring out of God's Holy Spirit before Jesus comes, with thousands getting born again based on Old Testament prophets like Isaiah 54. Then there are some saying that there must be the apostasy (that is a falling away) first, then Jesus will come to take us to Heaven called the Rapture based on 2 Thess 2. I sure would like to see a great revival, when our friends and family would get saved, either way, we know the Rapture is coming soon so we need to be ready and looking for it. A man asked me 20 years ago, "When do you think the Rapture is coming?" I told him in my lifetime, and I still think that is true.

You will notice on the Chapter Directory page we made some changes. We welcome Harvey Lubeck and Ron Deleeuw to the Board of the Alberta Chapter. We look forward to working with these two men, they will be an asset bringing new ideas and thoughts to our meetings. We lost Marvin Engel from the

board as he did not let his name stand for re-election. He served with us for many years and we will miss his input. The good part is he is still doing cowboy church at rodeos, etc. in central Alberta. Thank you, Marvin and Karen, for all you have done and what you are going to do for this organization.

Since we had the booth in Regina last November we have had contact with a few people in Saskatchewan, our goal is to get a Chapter going in Saskatchewan again. We will have a booth at Agribition again this year so you folks in Saskatchewan stop by and talk with us or get in touch with me or Kevin Rowland.

Thanks to all of you for your support, prayers, and giving. Without you, we could not Carry the Message of Christ to The Cowboy World.

God's Blessing on you all,
John FitzHerbert



Jesus said, John 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

The Benefits of Giving

I wrote the last few times on love as mentioned in Gal 5:22 - I don't think I could ever finish writing about God's great love for the people he created, but I will go to the next things in that verse, Joy and Peace. I will put these two together because I don't think you can have joy unless you first have peace. This time we will look at a few of the things that take away our peace and joy. I saw a woman in a grocery store who found out she did not have the keys to her car after shopping. She came back to the store and told the workers her keys were in the store somewhere because she had been carrying them in her hand, she was stressed to tears, finally, someone found them on a shelf and she was relieved but not happy. I thought why not put those keys in your pocket or purse then you know where they are.



I used that story to show how we bring anxiety and stress upon ourselves because we neglect to do something very simple. Doctors' offices are very busy with people who are stressed out over their jobs, sports, relationships, the weather, and the government. I could go on and on but the truth is why worry about something that you have no control over? It doesn't make much sense to me. How many people do you know who are on antidepressants just so they can live a fairly normal life? I know quite a few, some because of something that happened to them years ago perhaps in their childhood. When they dwell on these thoughts it leads to depression and later anger.

I think you get the picture now on to the cure! Proverbs 3:6 – *“My son do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments. For the length of days and years of life and peace, they will add to you. Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, and write them on the tablet of your heart. So, you will find favor and a good reputation in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.”*

These verses tell us to get into the Word of God and then memorize the part that we read. This is pleasing to God and man. Finally, trust in the Lord to do the things he promised to do.

Another passage in the Bible is Philippians 3:13-14 *“Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet, but one thing I do forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Paul is saying he hasn't got there yet but he is looking forward to what is ahead not looking back to what is behind. Paul suffered brutally at the hands of the Jews. 2 Corinthians 11:24-25 – *“Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.”*

Most of us have never suffered any punishment for being a Christian or for preaching the Gospel as Paul was. He did not stop preaching and witnessing for the Lord even when he was in chains because he knew he was doing what God set before him and he had peace. Ask yourself, am I doing what God wants me to do, have I got peace about my job or my occupation? The place I live in or the place

Jesus said, Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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where I live, is there peace with those who are living with me, do I have unforgiveness against someone, am I bitter about something that happened in my life?

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 40:31- ***“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength: They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”*** How do we wait upon the Lord? First, we need to pray. Ask the Lord to show you his plan for you, it may come three ways: Someone will have a word for you, or God will tell or show you, or the answer will be in His word. Whatever way it comes, you will have peace about it all. If you don't have peace, don't do it. A friend of mine has a place with livestock and equipment. He was told by another man to sell all he has and move into town. He asked me what do you think, should I do it? My reply was what do you think? Is this what God wants you to do? Then the big one, do you have peace about it, his answer was no, so I said don't do it.

Psalms 37:4 – ***“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Put the Lord first in your life and He will bless you and show you what to do.”***

I will close this time with Phil 4:6 – ***“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

So, the answer is to pray and don't worry.
Thank God for His Peace

More next time,

John FitzHerbert



Karen Engel, Marvin Engel



FCC Alberta Chapter

Back Row - Kevin Quist, Marty Gilfillan, Harvey Lubeck, Debbie Graham,
Patricia Hanson, Ron Deleeuw, Joe Simpson
Front Row -John Fitzherbert, Kevin Rowland, Billy Dittman

Jesus said, Luke 18:16 “But Jesus called the children to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

The Fence

I was sitting still just thinking about the way it
seems things are
'Bout days long left behind me and what I
might have learned so far
Like how the things we hold so tight, are loaned
from Father's hand
They are His, not ours, ... including all the
cattle and the land

Well, I came upon a problem, a thing that didn't
make sense
I know God owns all the cattle, but just who
owns the fence?
Good fences make good neighbours, but that's
not the kind I mean
And it's not the one where the other side's
where the grass is always green

But the fence I hold in question as I ponder why
and how
Is the fence of indecision where many folks are
sitting now
The Lord is calling all of us to join Him on
"His Side"
That means you have to step down off - that
stationary ride

The prophet said, "If God is God, then serve
Him best you can"
If He's not then don't be bothered, serve
yourself, make your own plan
But know that walking in God's kingdom is
impossible to do
With one foot in the world, so the choice is up
to you

The conclusion of the matter – to me it just
makes sense -
While the Lord owns all the cattle, it's the devil
who owns the fence.
It might be his best invention, it has surely

served him well
Keeping many from God's blessings, sending
many down to hell

Take your time he says, no hurry, make your
move another day
But for some, there's no tomorrow, another
chance has slipped away
So, if you're sitting on his real estate in past or
present tense
Remember there's no future while you're sitting
on his fence
By Kevin Quist

Alberta Cowboy Church

Tepee Creek Hall

2nd Sunday of the month – 10:30 am

Barb and Kevin Quist 780 568 3510

Ninton Junction Hall

Every Tuesday – 7:00 pm

Ron Deleeuw 780 728 9088

Mighty Peace Church Eureka Hall

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month – 7:00 pm

Ginger Patton 780 834 6551

Viking Auction Mart Viking

Last Friday of the month 7:00 pm

Pastor Doug Webb 780 897 4241

Holden Cowboy Church 4806 50 St Holden

Second Friday of the month 7:00 pm

Pastor Doug Webb 780 897 4241

Ponderosa City Alder Flats

Every Sunday - Service 10:00 AM

Followed by Fellowship Kevin Rowland 780 388 3088

Seasons

660 7 Street High River

Last Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

John FitzHerbert 403 652 1377

The Medicine Tree Manor,

815 – 9 St. SW High River

Last Sunday of the month 7:00 pm

John FitzHerbert 403 652 1377

Saskatchewan Cowboy Church

Diamond C Cowboy Church 208 Sidney St

Maple Creek, Saskatchewan

Every Tuesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Coffee/Lunch/Fellowship afterwards

Ross Pollock 306 662 0911

<https://www.facebook.com/Diamond-C-Cowboy-Church>

Down the Gospel Road

Jesus said, "No one, after lighting a lamp puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light." Luke 11:33

It's a privilege to go forth and share the Light of Jesus with others. In April we had a booth at the Lloyd Minister "Everything Equine Horse Expo" and the Red Deer "Horse Expo". It was a wonderful time of sharing and connecting with people. In May we did a breakfast and Cowboy Church at the Alder Flats Rodeo. During these events, we were able to hand out about 200 Cowboy Bibles. Praise the Lord. It is wonderful to be able to share the hope we have in Jesus.

We are looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do as we continue down the Gospel Road.

Jesus told the parable of the Lost Sheep - Luke 15: 4-7, "What man among you if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them. Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost! I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Praise the Lord we will continue to search for the Lost Sheep, that they may come to know "Jesus as Lord".

It's a real blessing and a privilege to be able to work together to shine His Light to the lost.

God Bless
Kevin Rowland

**Red Deer Horse Expo - Kevin Rowland,
Miss Rodeo Canada Kaylee Shantz, Mary Rowland**



**Lloyd Minister "Everything Equine Horse Expo"
Mary Rowland, Joe Simpson**



Jesus said, John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die"

He Loved Us Enough to Die for Us

Continued from February 2024

**Talk
with God, no
breath is lost.**

Walk with God, no
strength is lost. Wait for
God, no time is lost.
Trust in God, you will
never be lost.
Amen.

Gen 3:9 The LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"
Gen 3:10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."
They lost their innocence, they realized they were naked.

He created man to have fellowship and build a relationship. The relationship that they had enjoyed with God was now changed. They were no longer able to walk in the garden with Him enjoying His fellowship. They lost their intimacy with God and God continued the plan of mankind returning to that closeness with Him.

He loved them enough to reveal God His Father's plan for their lives. That included teaching admonishing encouraging challenging and even reprimanding them. He taught them about faith, love obedience service (foot washing), and humility.

He loved them enough to forgive them when their lack of faith disappointed him or even when in Peter's case, he denied him. Sometimes his love for them was so great he seemingly became angry with them in order to correct them.

Mar 8:33 Jesus turned, looked at his disciples and objected to what Peter said. Jesus said, "Get out of my way, Satan! You aren't thinking the way God thinks but the way humans think." God will correct us many times over the course of our lives **BECAUSE HE LOVES us.**

Continued in the next issue.
Brian McNaughton

Just God Me and My Guitar

**I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed
Got this heartbeat in my chest
No, it doesn't matter about the rest
If I got You Lord I'm so blessed**

This is what my friend calls a 7/11 song. Seven words repeated eleven times, (Actually, it's not "quite" that bad), but when young people come back from bible school or seminary telling us that we have to repeat something three times before people catch on and remember it, I can almost hear the songwriter thinking, more HAS to be better.

Strangely, I cannot remember the many "clinicians" that I have had the pleasure to observe, whether they be reining, roping, cutting, or even the "professional" pickup men who came to the college to assist us on rough stock night, had this problem. They did not have to repeat themselves three times because the people there were interested and many had paid good money to be there.

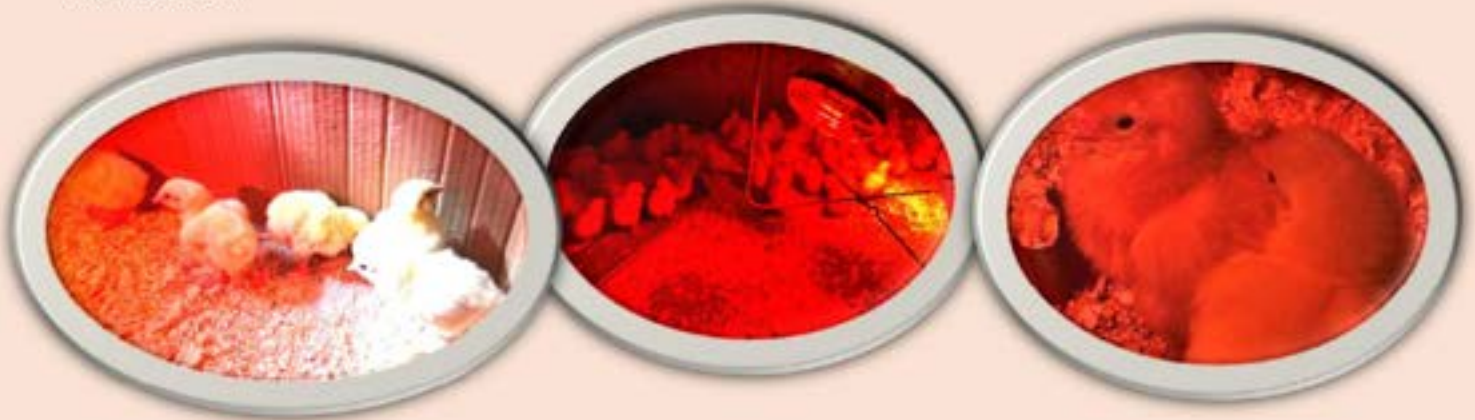
Maybe what we need to do is find this song on YouTube, listen to it three times on the first day, ignore the repetition and the weird beat that constantly changes, but listen and get our heads wrapped around the words. Day two just listen to it twice.

By day three we will only have to listen to it once because we will have come to realize that indeed; **I'm so blessed. No, it doesn't matter about the rest, I've got You Lord I'm so BLESSED.**

Jesus said, John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend."

CHINOOK COUNTRY CORNER

It is a wonderful day! Can you believe this? I ordered sixty baby chicks on March 27th, the weather was plus six degrees with no snow on the ground, from Westlock, AB. They arrived today, June 18th and the temperature was plus one with two inches of snow on the ground. Not just fluffy snow. No! No! No! Heavy wet snow. We have about thirty big broken branches lying on the ground and my perennials, Saskatoon bushes, and caragana's are all lying quite flat as well. Thank you, Lord, for all that moisture!



Back to those little baby chicks. The amazing part to me is that they ship them via Canada Post and you pick them up at your local post office. They are the only live animals that can be shipped via postal services as they do not need food or water for twenty-four hours after birth. They arrive in a specially designed box to keep them warm and with holes in it for air.

You reap what you sow. We work our fields, fertilize them, seed them, spray for the weeds, cut the greenfeed, bale the greenfeed, stack the greenfeed, and feed the greenfeed to the cows in the winter. We ask the Lord to look after those crops by providing rain as needed. Without him we would fail. Galatians 7:10, ***“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”***

Everything we do from the time we get up in the morning until we close our eyes at night works the same as us planting that greenfeed crop. We make decisions all day long, sometimes we go one step forward and two steps back and that is OK because we are only human. We need to seek his word, take it to heart, believe it, and then follow through with it. This is sometimes so very hard as we often believe our way is correct. We need to try not to worry and trust in the Lord with all of our hearts.

Thank you to everyone who has sent magazine articles and photographs, as per my request in the last magazine. You will notice this magazine is sixteen pages and not twelve. As John said in Hi Folks, “Thanks to all of you for your support, prayers, and giving. Without you, we could not Carry the Message of Christ to The Cowboy World

Praise the Lord and please keep sending me articles and photos!
Love light and Laughter,
Deb Graham

**Thank
You!**

Jesus said, Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Reflections From an Old Rancher

Sermons in a Nutshell

ARE YOU TEACHABLE?

Psalm 86:11 *Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.*

So the question is: are we teachable? Luke 1 1:28 He replied, " *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.* "

Being Teachable What being teachable is not:
Does not mean that you must accept every bit of advice.
Does not mean passive acceptance of everything you're told.
Caution: Know your teachers.

You *must* check what's being taught against what the rest of the Bible teaches.

Teachable doesn't mean soft-minded or gullible.

What Teachable is: having an attitude of humility and a willingness to accept and apply instruction.

Being teachable is essential because it helps us to better know God and accept and live-out His Word, His ways and His will.

What a "teachable" person looks like:

They are humble.

They realize that they don't know everything and they aren't afraid to ask questions. It's that childlike quality of asking a million questions.

Luke 11:9 " *So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.* "

They have the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 9:10 " *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.* "

Being reverent and having a healthy respect and awe for the Lord is important because it keeps us teachable.

They aren't afraid to learn something new.

Proverbs 28:1 " *The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.* "

It takes boldness to try new things and learn new concepts in any area of life.

People with a teachable spirit approach each new day as an opportunity for another learning experience. They know that success has less to do with natural talent and more to do with choosing to learn.

Ross Pollock

Jesus said, John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷

If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

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Jesus said, Luke 6:31 "Do unto others
as you would have them do to you."