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# Tis the Season for Thanksgiving

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of
our salvation. Let us come before
his presence with Thanksgiving."
Ps 95:1,2

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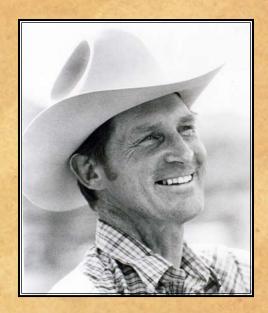


## In Loving Memory of Mark Schricker

ark, the FCC's cofounder, went home to be with the Lord Oct 20,2014. Up to the very end, he was surrounded by the Spirit, friends and family. His memorial service was held at Rocky Mountain Calvary Chapel in Colorado Springs, CO.

"Whatever it Takes!", was Pastor Randy Weaver's theme for Mark in his message at the memorial service. Tell it like it is, no hedging around, do what you've got to do, pull your own weight and do whatever it takes; that is the cowboy culture Mark came out of and carried throughout his lifetime. This motto influenced his rodeoing, ranching, training rodeo horses, building homes, family life and getting the word out about the love of the Lord for cowboys and cowgirls. He just did whatever it took to get the job done.

His rodeo career all started when Mark and his dad were watching the Cow Palace rodeo on television one year and during the steer wrestling, Mark

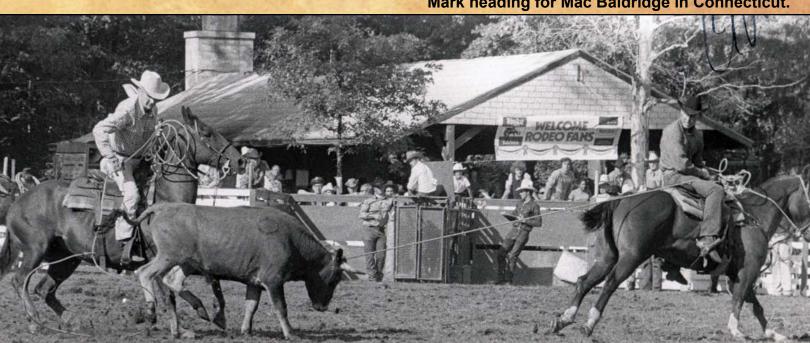


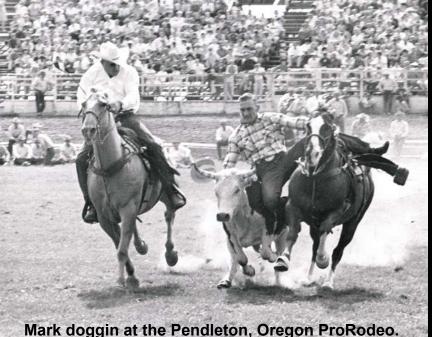
told his dad he thought he could do that and his dad just chuckled at him. Mark lived in the wet region of Oregon and to practice, he and his brothers built a round pen with posts poked into the ground for the wall and filled it with wood chips from the local lumber mills to keep out of the mud. They got an old steer and would run him in the round pen jumping off onto him from their

horse... some two years later Mark was calf roping and steer wrestling at rodeos! True to form, he hit the professional rodeo circuit and soon won the Steer Wrestling Championship of the National Finals Rodeo in 1962. In 1963 he met, Lynne Harley, a long-legged college girl at the Denver Stock Show and six months later they were married at the end of the Cheyenne Frontier Days. They had three best men picked out and waited to see who would "draw up" right in order to make the wedding.

In the next nine years he had made the National Finals Rodeo fourteen times in two events; calf roping 7 times (when the calves were big!) and steer wrestling (when the steers were big!) 7 times. He won the Calf Roping Championship at the National Finals Rodeo in 1969 and became the first man to win two separate events at the National Finals Rodeo. In 1965 he was Runner-Up All Around World Champion to Dean Oliver and Runner-up Steer Wrestling Champion to Harley May.

Mark heading for Mac Baldridge in Connecticut.







Then in 1967 he was again Runner-Up All Around World Champion to Larry Mahan and 3rd in the PRCA (RCA at that time) Steer Wrestling average. He was Steer Wrestling Director on the RCA board of directors for one and a half years. Another lifetime rodeo highlight is when he competed at the rodeo

held for President Reagan. He was the header in the team roping for President Reagan's Secretary of Commerce, Malcolm 'Mac' Baldrige. Mac flew Mark and two other pro-rodeo cowboys back to his home in Connecticut for a week of roping before the Montreal, Canada

World's Fair Rodeo. That started a twenty-year friendship with Mac and Mark and it was not unusual to have the Secretary of Commerce eating at the local diner in our hometown of Florence, CO. I remember the marquee out front of the restaurant reading, Hamburgers - \$2 and underneath, "Welcome US Secretary of Commerce."

> I heard a comment at Mark's memorial service by one of his friends, "I didn't know all of that about Mark". That was the way with Mark; accolades were things of the past, it was what had to be done today that was important.

In 1968 their son, Mack, was born. Mack hit the rodeo trail with them from the beginning and was soon talk-

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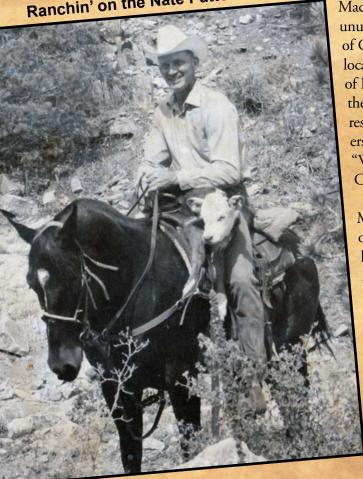
ing sentences to everyone he met before he was even walking. Mark retired from the professional rodeo circuit after ten years of hitting it hard and began ranching for Lynne's uncle Nate Patton in the Canon City, CO area. He loved life on the ranch. As Louis L'Amour says, he worked from, "Can see to can't see" and managed to train a few calf horses along the way.

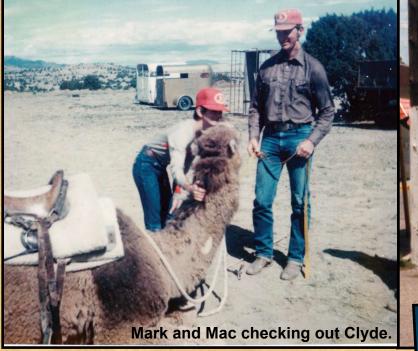
In 1975 their daughter, Leah, joined the family. Her big brother was thrilled to have a "play buddy" and it was nice to have a little cowgirl join the ranch.

Around 1978, Mark had a chance to purchase some 194 acres south of Florence, CO and so began setting up a training center for rodeo horses. He eventually built an indoor training barn with a riding arena between the 22 stalls and big outside roping arena. The bunkhouse always had several fellas who needed a place to hang out and Mark would have a training horse for them to practice on. There were many jackpots at the "Schricker's Arena" with Mark and Mack usually competing alongside many friends and Little Leah manning the concession stand.

One of their favorite projects was probably Clyde, the dromedary camel. Yes, you heard right. Clyde spent some three months there being broke to ride



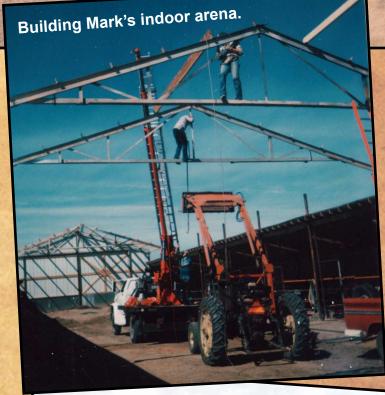


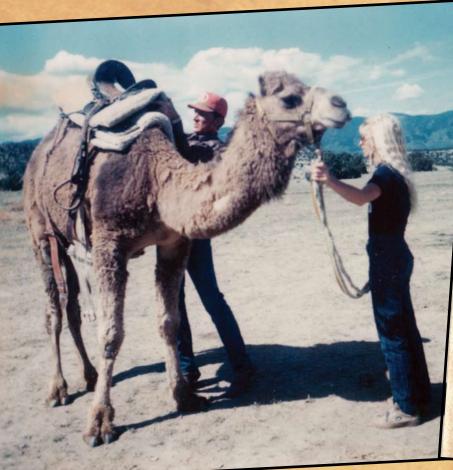


and terrifying all the horses. He was to be used for a commercial stunt by a lady in Canon City. They trained Clyde to kneel to the command of "Cush" and to guide fairly successfully around the place. The lady won third in her contest riding him around two blocks in downtown Denver, CO wearing a bikini and singing "Dixie."

Of all the things Mark undertook, the love and driving force of his life was his love of the Lord. Mark didn't come to his walk with the Lord easily. Along with his fierce competitive spirit in rodeo, he had an immense pride and self-reliance. In 1969, he had just experienced one of the best years he had ever enjoyed in his rodeo career, when he discovered a mole on the left side of his neck that was black and growing. It was diagnosed as Melanoma, a deadly and unpredictable form of cancer. After his first six operations, he said, "I was able to get back to roping and 'doggin fast and I really felt no need for help. I thought I was doing alright, I would beat it on my own. It wasn't until we had retired from the active rodeo circuit and were working on the Nate Patton ranch that the cancer came back on the other side of my neck. The doctors told me at that point (with surgeries) that they should be able to keep me going at least another five years. It hit me that I just might not make it... might not be able to lick it on my own."

It was then that God set Mark up. He had to attend a wedding rehearsal for a friend at the church Lynne had been attending; Mark was to be the best man. "The preacher had read a story concerning my cancer and he asked how I was doing. Automatically, I answered, 'Alright'. Then I turned back around to him and said, 'No, I'm not alright and that I faced major surgery in a week." We went to his study where he and Lynne prayed for me." Mark didn't say a word







Saddling Clyde for his owner.

Memorial edition of the Cowboy Bible.

during the meeting but left there a "new man". He was so excited about his discovery of the overwhelming Love that had encompassed him during that prayer that he had forgotten all about his cancer. Mark said at that point, "I forgot about dying and began to really live."

Mark became impassioned about sharing this new found way of life and was talking about it with the only other rodeo personality he knew to be Christian during the Denver Stock show that January.

This other cowboy was rodeo's funny man and bullfighter, Wilbur Plaugher. Wilbur had been keeping a list of fellows he had talked to about the Lord. Mark and Wilbur decided they needed to do something to get these "secret service" Christians out in the open. They desperately needed some fellowship with each other. Introverted, bashful and quiet Mark Schricker said, "Whatever it takes, we have to do something." After a couple of months of desperate prayer and soul searching, Mark posted a note at the Phoenix, AZ pro-rodeo. The note said they were going to hold a meeting to see if there was enough interest to start a fellowship. Seven men showed up at the meeting, Walt Arnold, Barry Burke, Jim Warren, John Quintana, Stan Searle, Mark and Wilbur. They decided to target Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo for the first meeting.

As the time came near, Mark realized he was going to

have to MC the program. The same man, who had walked out of speech class because he couldn't face giving a speech, was going to have to get up in front of people and talk. That's when Mark's "whatever it takes" attitude showed up. The evening of the program at Holding's Little America ballroom, Mark took a seat at the front of the room with knots in his stomach. Not looking around, just sweating out his prayers and thinking "there may not be anyone even show up"! When the time came, he stood and turned to see a standing room only crowd.

God started reaching into the rodeo cowboy world that night. From there the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys found its start in 1973. The next year an article in the Rodeo Sports New and Western Horseman magazine announced to the world that the new organization was made up of cowboys who wanted to "stand up and be counted." They started holding "cowboy church" at many of the rodeos so cowboys and their families could attend church. I remember Mark saying how his heart swelled at the sight of the little families threading their way through the Cheyenne, WY fairgrounds toward the fellowship tent. Requests started flooding into the little office, located at Mark and Lynne's training facility, to have one of the Christian Cowboys come speak at their meetings. Bibles were ordered





Mark with Wilbur at the Schricker Arena cowboy camp meeting.

through a memorial for Uncle Nate's wife who passed away about then. A cowboy cover was designed so the Bible would be something the cowboy world would be apt to carry around and now millions of cowboy Bibles have been dispersed all over the world. It was the launching pad through the last forty years of new cowboy ministers and ministries to the rodeo and cowboy world. The motto for the Fellowship was, "To present to cowboys and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and then to disciple them in their commitment to serve Jesus in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

At the 25th anniversary edition of the Line Rider, Mark said, "It's fun to be used (by God). You can look back and see how He used you. I don't take credit for any of that stuff, I guarantee you, I don't. I know the reason the Lord healed me back when I first became a Christian at one of those little fellowship

meetings where they prayed for me. He wanted to use me to get this started, me and Wilbur."

As the FCC got established and his children got older, Mark continued to train horses and compete at the Senior ProRodeo's. During this time he also discovered that he loved to build and so when Lynne's father, who was an architect, retired and moved to the ranch; they started building some homes locally. Mark sold his tractor and bought a backhoe, learning to put in septic systems and dig trenches for all kinds of infrastructures. You could see him pulling his harrow working the arena with his backhoe. Unusual, but... whatever it takes. He continued training horses and developing their subdivisions for many years. After he retired from training performance horses for others, Mark continued building custom homes with beautiful log work until his Parkinson's would no longer allow.

In 2009, God was gracious in allowing Mark and Lynne to sell their ranch in CO and move to South Dakota for a few years to be closer to Leah and her family. They developed many new friends during their time in SD and continued to share Christ with whomever they met. God then coordinated for Mark and Lynne to return to Colorado to live with son, Mack and family where they also enjoyed reuniting with long time friends.

Mark has gone to be with the Lord since our last edition and he is getting to meet his Jesus face to face. What a difference a month can make! Wow! Make sure you do whatever it

takes to "get busy with living", sharing Christ with whomever you meet and living out Mark's closing verse: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21"

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servant." Psalm 226:25

"You held me by my right hand. You guided me with Your counsel, and you received me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? My flesh and my heart failed: but God is now the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (part of) Psalm 73:23-26

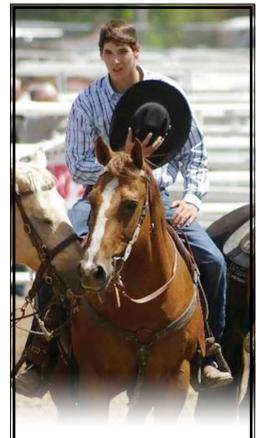
Lynne told one of Mark's cowboy friends, "He's up there checking out his heavenly rope horse. Only thing though, it might be a white one. I don't know what he'll think of that." Mark's cowboy friend said, "Well, he'll just have to get over it!" Mark words probably went like this, "Whatever it takes... I guess he'll just have to do."

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### Ty Batie

RR: Tell me a little about how you came to know the Lord.

TB: Well both my Parents and grandparents are Christians so I grew



Ty Batie

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Grade/College yr: Junior in College at NWOSU

Where do you live: Black Hawk, South Dakota

What is your favorite food: Steak and Potatoes!

up going to church and all. As I got older I started going out to Rainbow Bible Ranch and that really helped me grow in my faith, And just as I have gotten older I have become more knowing and understanding of Who God really is.

RR: What is your favorite Bible verse, and why?

**TB:** Ah, there's about 10 of them right now! Probably my favorite Bible verse is 2 Timothy 4:7 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'

RR: What are some of your favorite hobbies or things to do?

TB: College Rodeo, Spending time with my family while hunting and fishing and playing basketball.

RR: If you attended rodeo Bible camp—what did you like most about camp?

**TB:** I really enjoyed just watching and learning. It was fun to be able to see others grow closer to God and find out who they are based upon the Bible and good morals instead of all the bad things that you see in life today.

RR: What years did you attend Camp?

**TB:** I've gone to RBC ever since I was old enough to go!

RR: How has RBC or the FCC impacted your life? What are your goals for the future?

By Rachael Reinholt

**TB:** I don't really know as of now. I am just working on getting through college! Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

RR: Tell about a time when you said "no" to what the world thinks is ok.

**TB:** Well, I went to a high school of about 2500 kids and drugs were a big deal. I was around it all the time and saw people do it, but I can thankfully say that I have never "conformed" and been a part of that.

RR: What has Christ been teaching you lately?

**TB:** Lately, Christ has been teaching me patience and forgiveness. Also, to trust Him completely! Especially in the financial aspect of being in college and having more financial responsibility in life!

RR: Anything else you'd like to share with the readers?

**TB:** I would just challenge you to completely trust God and let Him guide your life in every aspect. Let Him take you where He wants you to go.







#### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH**

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<sup>3.</sup> **FAMILY** 7. TURKEY 11. **BREAD** 15. **VEGETABLES** 

**FRIENDS POTATOES** 12. YAM 16. HAM

## Down the Road

## Being Vigilant



With John Kissel

The chirping of crickets and the distant barking of a dog poked holes in the inky solitude of the night as I walked outside. The 2:30 a.m. peacefulness in the country seems just about perfect as the summer heat of the previous day has been chased away. The beauty of the cool solitude is punctuated by clear twinkling of innumerable diamond like stars gleaming down from the heavens above.

Even though there was no dew, the damp coolness should have turned the dry windrows of hay to a tougher perfection. The throaty cranking of my diesel tractor engine almost seemed a shame as it tore through the silence of the early morning. However, the engine coming to life was a welcome sound to a cowboy farmer like me. My 806 International tractor and 273 New Holland baler, like me, have aged well and are still pretty dependable. Good maintenance and TLC coupled with lots of prayer still yield productivity.

The headlights on the tractor illuminated the heavy windrow in front and made driving ahead possible. This required an exact allowance of space against the tractor tires to feed the full width of the windrow into the baler. The floodlight on the back allowed me to see the windrow gently rising on the baler pickup and disappear easily into the bale chamber. Glancing further back behind revealed a dotted line of evenly spaced bales fading into the dark distance.

As dawn approached and the baler steadily kicked out bale after bale, the rhythmic sounds and feel of the equipment brought awareness to the physical senses of sight, sound, and feel into focus. There was a steady "hum-hum-hum" sound from the engine up front and the "whining" of the power train beneath. From the baler itself came a "clickety-clickety-clickety" sound as the pickup rolled over, punctuated by the less frequent but regular "clank" as the "knotter" tied another bale.

These rhythmic sounds were accompanied by the feel of the equipment's movements. The physical senses could be lulled into drowsiness as the process wore on, yet they seemed to assure me of the machinery's proper operation.

It was as if the tractor and baler themselves "talked" to me. As long as their "voices" were consistent, all was well. But if that humming became even the slightest bit labored or the sounds from the baler slowed, it was an alarm that something was wrong. Immediate attention was needed to avert a breakdown such as breaking a shear pin between the drive line and fly wheel. When this happened it was not a major problem, but required time to replace the bolt and pull the packed wads of hay back out of the pickup and bale chamber. Some of the overload had to be freed for the baler to get started again. Paying attention and reacting quickly could save some grief. Being vigilant was much easier.

Walking with the Heavenly Father and learning to please Him are certainly the results of adherence to a full time commitment. This undertaking would compare to an ongoing marathon rather than a short sprint. Vigilance to every aspect of His desires and requirements as set forth in His Word is necessary. But He has not left us on our own to carry this out.

He has provided light for our path as spoken so often in scripture. The books of Psalms and John speak much about that light. One clear reference is Psalms 119:105 which says "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." As we walk in the light He has provided in His word and the unction of His Spirit within we are given direction in our walk with Him.

Studying His Word is so very important in this walk. There are no short cuts to learn, know, and understand His statutes and laws for us – only searching it out daily will accomplish these things. Again, the book of Psalms speaks so clearly of this as in chapter 119 verses 97-98 "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me."

Finally, we have the guidance of the Holy Spirit who resides within our hearts as we yield to Him. He comes to bring all the working of the Heavenly Father within us. Continuously, unending, though subtle is His help for us. Strength and guidance are clearly provided in our steps of walking with Him day by day through the help of the Holy Spirit. Life with the Father is made possible (and much easier) if we are vigilant in obedience to His voice within.

Thanks for sharing a few thoughts with this ole cowboy farmer.

STEP 1- God offers eternal life to all who come to Him through His son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10b).

STEP 2- Sinful man has chosen to reject God's offer, choosing instead a way that leads to judgment and destruction.

There is no one righteous, not even one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."(Romans 3:10, 23).

STEP 3- God sent His Son to this world to pay the penalty for our sin and to take away our judgment by dying on the cross in our place.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

STEP 4- To receive eternal life, you must repent of your sin, turn to Christ for forgiveness, and then surrender your entire life to Him.

"If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9).

If you have accepted Christ as your Savior, let us know. Email us at info@christiancowboys.com or call the national FCC office at 719-275-7636.

By Mike Shields, Sr. **FCC: Board Member** 



#### In The Saddle And The Will Of God

Il of my growing up years was on a small ranch, so that became my vision of adult life. I would be a rancher. But not the small ranch variety. My ranch would be big. "Ponderosa big" for those who remember Bonanza. There were other childhood aspirations that didn't pan out either. For instance, to me basketball was the only sport on earth, and my imagination had me either playing with or against the likes of Bob Cousy, Elgin Baylor or . . . whew! I have really dated myself.

God called me to become a missionary pastor. Could have been a rancher and a pastor, but for me it has been just pastor. With that came the blessing of preaching to ranchers; helping with brandings, with cattle drives and the likes. The graciousness of the Lord even included playing basketball which was a great way to relate to men who needed to know the love of God through Christ. Nothing big. No name recognition. When my name is mentioned most think of my son. And that is okay with me because God's will and way is always perfect. Are you thankful and content with where you are and with what you are doing?

The will of God for your life doesn't mean that you have to just grin and bear a bad environment or bad circumstance. If you are caught in an abusive relationship you need to do something about it; get good, godly counsel and help sooner than later. If you are wallowing in a self-destructive lifestyle choice, God's will is for you to repent and get things right. If you are suffering from sickness, get to a doctor as well as secure strong prayer support. However, there are things that are out of our control, tough to take and yet the better part of the perfect plan of God. An example comes out of the life of Helen Keller, deaf and mute,

who said, "I thank God for my handicaps, for through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God." The apostle Paul said it even better: "I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10).

The will of God brings contentment, gratitude, joy of living. How do we get there in life?

No person can ever get there without a personal trusting relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord. Christ has done His part by dying for our sins and rising from the dead. Our part is to admit that our sins deserve hell, believe that Jesus died in our place taking the punishment for our sins, and confess Him as our only Savior (see Romans 10:8-13).

With Jesus as Savior, you then need to rest in the fact that He fully accepts you (Romans 8:1), has made you a born again child of God (Romans 8:16-17), has a special future for you (Romans 8:18), is totally devoted to your eternal safety (Romans 8:31-39), is in the process of making you like Christ, and on it goes. You might be a rancher, a barrel racer, bull rider, or a pastor, but this is God's will at work in your life.

So, God's will is not so much about what you are doing and where you are as it is about what you are becoming in your relationship with Jesus. It is in that relationship where we find meaning and purpose. It is in that relationship where we start experiencing true contentment regardless of circumstances.

It is in that relationship where our hearts begin to overflow with thankfulness. And it is in that relationship where we find the joy of the Lord.

# NATIONAL FINALS RODEO DECEMBER 4-13, 2014 \* LAS VEGAS, NV

FCC NFR Ministry will feature

Miss Rodeo America Breakfast Praise and Devotional December 5th

Cowboy Church at the
Las Vegas Convention Center
December 7th - on the Live Stage
8:30 a.m. for those
with Credentials
3:30 p.m. for all!!

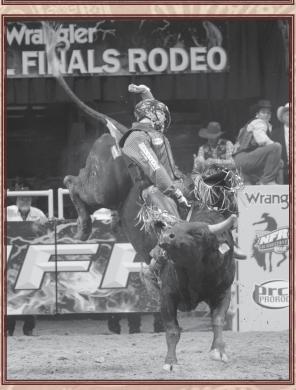
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To begin your involvement, STEER, INC. will purchase a cow or cows for your project. STEER would gladly purchase bred cows or heifers from your herd or from a neighbor's herd. Then you raise the Cattle on STEER/FCC's behalf.

When it comes time to market your project, sell the livestock in the name of STEER INC. If you are selling some of your own livestock at the same time, you can simply take the overall average and have the marketing agent make the check payable to STEER INC. for the portion, which is designated to The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

By not involving your personal account you will not have to declare as income or pay Social Security Tax on STEER, INC. Project funds.

When the calf is sold, 85% of the *gain* goes to The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys as designated by the Producer. The remaining portion is used for replacement cost, death and depreciation losses and administration. When a cow is sold, the original investment is always retained to be invested in another project.

#### STEER, INC. Offers Other Projects

STEER, INC. has other types of agricultural projects for the support of FCC. Contact us if you are interested in participating in these projects, which include:

Feeder Steer Projects Dairy Projects

Hogs, Goat and Sheep Projects, and

#### **GOD'S ACRES CROP PROGRAM**

The Farmer receives funds to cover production cost on 5, 10, 20 or more acres of crops. He donates his time and use of his land, and sells the crop during or after harvest. 85% of Gain from sale goes to benefit FCC.

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys has served for over 39 years doing God's Work. The Lord has opened more doors for us to expand our Western Youth Evangelism, Youth Rodeo Chaplaincy and Youth Mentoring ministry programs. STEER, INC. offers you, the Producer, an opportunity to partner with FCC in our ongoing mission of "Steering youth toward the truth" impacting lives for eternity.

For more information, contact the FCC National Office or David Crumrine, FCC/STEER, INC Partner Coordinator, by phone, (719) 685-6464 or email: dccrumrine@msn.com



## "LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS." HEBREWS 10:24

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## Registered Chapters of the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys

#### Colorado

Delta County Chapter – Delta Meet: Saturdays 5:30 p.m. 10211 Tongue Creek Rd. Austin, Co. Shane Kier 970-835-3897

His Outfit Chapter - Kiowa Contact: Buddy Strachan 719-492-7098 Robbie Sneed 720-244-0778

Northern Front Range Chapter – Kersey Contact: Justin Decker 719-688-1945

Platte Valley Chapter – Julesburg Meet: Baptist Church – Wray 3rd Sunday Monthly, 2:00 p.m. Jody Wiltfang 970-630-5465

Flat Tops Chapter – Rifle Meet: Garfield County Fairgrounds Every Monday 7:00 p.m. Jeff Kehr 970-878-3286

#### Illinois

Spirit of the Prayer-E Chapter Meet: 3rd Thurs Monthly Steve Havener 217-454-8972

#### Indiana

Hoosier Hills Chapter – Hardinsburg Meet – Hardinsburg Lions Club 1st Friday Monthly, 7:00 p.m. Richard Holland 812-736-2729

#### Kansas

Journey to the Cross Chapter – Garden City Meet: Last Tuesday Monthly 7:00 p.m. 1205 W. Maple Street. Randy Fisher 620-521-1949

Spoon Creek Chapter – Wellsville Meet: Trinity United Methodist Church 4th Sunday monthly, 3:30 p.m. Edward Ouellette 785-893-2049

Cowboys at the Cross - Howard Contact: Greg Butler 620-637-2934

#### Minnesota

Headwaters Horsemen Chapter Meet: Lazy J Ranch 4th Sunday of the month, 4:00 p.m. Kelly & Lola Julin 218-785-2089

#### Missouri

Chariton Hill Chapter – Greetop Meet: Hartford Baptist Church 2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m. Sara Sevits 660-341-5774

Show Me The Way Chapter - Centralia

Meet: Grandview Baptist Church 4th Tuesday Monthly, 7:00 p.m. John Gray 573-682-5962

Trail to the Cross Chapter – Salem First Baptist Church 4th Monday of the Month, 7:00 p.m. Esther Clancy 573-265-1516

#### Montana

Gallatin Valley Chapter – Belgrade Contact: Clark Mueller 406-388-4807

Little Rockies Chapter – Havre Contact: Mike Swinney 406-376-3162

#### New Mexico

Sangre De Cristo Chapter – Eagle Nest Meet: Eagle Nest Baptist Church Every Sunday 1:30 p.m. Tom Reed – 575-586-0602

#### North Dakota

For His Glory – Mandan Contact Jeff Casey 701-854-7605

#### Oregon

Redmond Oregon Chapter – Redmond Contact: Melissa Smith 541-531-0930 Oregon RBC Chapter – Powell Butte Meets: Hershey Ranch 3rd Saturday monthly, 3:00 p.m. Rod Hershey 541-480-7743

#### South Dakota

Badlands Cowboys For Christ Chapter- Kadoka Contact: Robin Jones 605-441-8554

Willow Creek Chapter - Harrisburg Meets: Abiding Savior Church Monthly 1:00 p.m. Pam Winter 605-743-5659

#### Texas

Greater-Houston Chapter – Houston Meets Monthly Last Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Matt Bisson 281-221-9052

#### Washington

Clark County Chapter – Vancouver Meets: Clark County Saddle Club 2nd Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m. Joe Thompson 360-772-2856

Klickitat Valley Chapter – Goldendale Contact: Dave Siebert 509-831-9230

Be sure to visit **christiancowboys.com** or call the national office at **719-275-7636** for more on becoming a registered chapter.

## PAM WINTER June 30, 1963 - October 20, 2014

Harrisburg, SD- Pamela Winter, 51, died Monday October 20, 2014 at her home surrounded by her family. Funeral Services will begin at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Family will be present to greet friends for visitation from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Thursday, October

23 at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church with a prayer service beginning at 6:30 PM.

Pamela Winter was born June 30, 1963 in Sioux Falls. She graduated from Washington High School in 1981. Pamela then graduated from Stewart's School of Hair Styling in 1982. She worked for Don & Co. and Innovations until opening her own shop in her home in 2000 to 2013 until her health began to fail her.

As clients came to her she would witness about her Savior to them and invite them to her church. They always knew where she "stood"



in her faith even though she was always standing behind them fixing their hair.

She always loved her horses starting with her first one that her grandma Leona bought her at age 12. Pam taught her family to ride and love horses. They went on trial rides, to horse shows, belonged to 4H, and attended rodeos.

She became the director of the Willow Creek Chapter Rodeo Bible Camp in 2003 and moved it to the Expo Building at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds which has carried on for 11 years reaching many children for Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Ken Winter, Harrisburg, SD; daughter, Calista (Dylan) Stalheim, Omaha, NE; mother, Shirley Erickson, Sioux Falls, SD; and sister, Peggy (Darwin) Albers, Sioux Falls, SD.

Pamela was preceded in death by her father, Larry Erickson; and father-in-law, John Winter.

Memorials may be directed to the mission of your choice or the Union Gospel Mission.



#### Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, Inc. P.O. Box 1210, Cañon City, CO 81215

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"I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the fields are Mine. Offer to God thanksgiving, And pray your vows to the Most High." Ps 50:11,14

#### **Our Purpose**

To present to cowboys, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and to disciple them in their commitment to serve Jesus in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

#### **Our Desire**

The desire of FCC is to use our rich western heritage to reach across this great nation, using cowboys and cowgirls ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, Inc.

... is a non-profit, interdenominational ministry that operates on the faith-funded support of individuals and companies who share a common desire to further the gospel of Jesus Christ to rural America.



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#### **★** THROUGH MEMBERSHIP **★**

- Yes, I would like to become a member of the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. Suggested donation of \$45.00. Membership packet includes "The Way for Cowboys" New Testament Bible, FCC decal and FCC's monthly e-newsletter "The Line Rider".
  - **★** THROUGH STEER, INC **★**
- Yes, I raise livestock and/or crops and would like more information on how to use what I raise to help support FCC.

#### **★** THROUGH PARTNERSHIP **★**

- Yes, I would like to partner with the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and give regularly to help fund the ministry (includes membership packet).
- ☐ My monthly commitment is \$\_\_\_\_ Name

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I am interested in joining a local chapter. Please send details.

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