

The Branding Iron

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JAKE AND THE RANCHER'S PRAYER

Jake, the rancher, went one day to fix a distant fence. The wind was cold and gusty and the clouds rolled gray and dense, As he pounded the last nail in and gathered tools to go. The temperature had fallen and the snow began to blow.

When he finally reached his pickup, he felt a heavy heart, from the sound of that ignition, he knew it wouldn't start. So Jake did what most of us do if we'd have been there. He humbly bowed his balding head and sent aloft a prayer.

As he turned the key for the last time, he softly cursed his luck. They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck. Now Jake had been around in life and done his share of roamin'. But when he saw Heaven, he was shocked -- it looked just like Wyomin'.

Of all the saints in Heaven, his favorite was St. Peter. Now, this line, it ain't needed but it helps with rhyme and meter. So they set and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three, Nobody was keepin' score -- in Heaven time is free.

"I've always heard," Jake said to Pete, "that God will answer prayers, But one time I asked for help, well He, just plain wasn't there. Does God answer prayers of some, and ignores the prayers of others? That don't seem exactly square -- I know all men are brothers.

Or does he randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason? Maybe, it's the time of day, the weather or the season. Now I ain't trying to act smart, it's just the way I feel, And I was wonderin', could you tell -- what the heck's the deal?

Peter listened very patiently and when Jake was done, There were smiles of recognition, and he said, "So, you're the one! That day your truck, it wouldn't start, and you sent your prayer a flying, You gave us all a real bad time, with hundreds of us a trying.

A thousand angels rushed to check the status of your file, But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard from you in quite a while And though all prayers are answered, and God ain't got no quota, He didn't recognize your voice, and started a truck in North Dakota.

*Moral of the story:
Pray Early...Pray Often*

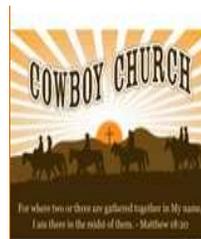
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/2 Joel & Garrett Ratliff Music
- 9/9 Ness Rodriquez Music
- 9/13 Bible Study 7 pm *
- 9/16 Dosser's Western Sunrise Music
- Services at Gateway in Bertram
- 9/23 Bryant's Glory Bound Music
- 9/29 Family Retreat 10 am – 2 pm TBA
- 9/30 Baggy Bottom Boys Music

October - Riding for the Brand

- 10/7 → BBQ Cook-off and Lunch
- Dosser's Western Sunrise Music
- 10/14 Ness Rodriquez Music- Pie Contest
- 10/21 Dosser's WSMusic – Arena Event
- 10/28 Bryant's Glory Bound Music
- Kids Hayride, Costume Judging
Chili and Beans Lunch

Coming Soon: Barn Hoe Down...



Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. Donuts and Coffee
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Young Guns

Second Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Cowboy Logic

"There are three kinds of men. The ones that learn by reading... The few who learn by observation... The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves."

-Will Rogers



Do You Love Great Country Gospel Music?

Join us on Sunday's at 11 a.m.
For a heart blessing, toe-tapping,
praising good time!

Young Gun's



COME JOIN US!
Youth Church
11 a.m.

MUSTANG MANNERS

If you say that a cowboy got thrown off his bronc,
You sure ain't no range diplomat.
It's much more polite if you merely remark
That he got off to look for his hat!
S.Omar Barker

October

Riding For The Brand



Bring Someone With You and Come join the fun!!



Operation Christmas Child

Would you like to give a child a shoebox gift for Christmas?

See Dawn or Annie for details...

Bible Wordsearch  **Sealing the Saints**

Wordsearch 200 Rev.7:1-9

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ISRAEL MANASSEH
JOSEPH MULTITUDE
JUDAH NAPHTALI
LAMB NATION
LEVI PREVENT
PALM REUBEN
PEOPLE ROBES
POWER SEALED
TREES SERVANTS
TRIBES SIMEON
VOICE THRONE
WHITE ZEBULUN

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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The Cowboy Hat



The invention of the cowboy hat goes to none other than John B. Stetson. It seems that John ventured westward due to health problems, looking for a drier climate.

During a hunting trip, Stetson was showing off to friends that he could make cloth from fur, without weaving. Stetson then took the cloth, and fashioned a large hat, with an enormous brim, noting that this hat was so big; it would protect a man from any element known to man.

Stetson wore the hat as a joke for the remainder of the trip, but it actually worked so well that when he returned home to Philadelphia, he decided to manufacture a hat liking to his original idea.

In 1865, he began to produce the big cowboy hats in number, and before long, the original **Stetson** hat that sold for *five dollars* was known as the cowboy hat.

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Answer:
For you have
been my
refuge.
Psalms 61:3