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**Ministry of Reconciliation:
 Compelling Men to Get Right with God**

What is required for effective ministry of reconciliation? Christ's love. You know it when you see it. You feel it when you live it. You miss it when you lose it.

Second Corinthians 5:11-21 lays out the foundation. You might say it comes down to the heart of the matter--sincerity of the heart. The NIV translation says in verse 11 **What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.** As the AFCC continues to share the message of reconciliation, let us not be distracted by all the worldly treasures, platforms, and deception. Self-deception occurs when we "con" ourselves into the wrong way of thinking. It is a battle!

Second Corinthians 4:16-18 **Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

Reflect back to the time in your life when you first experienced reconciliation. What was most important? It was experiencing Christ's love. Yet as time passes, we tend to lose focus. If we are not careful, our present, personal needs outweigh eternity. Stop and consider the cost before you get "conned."

Cowboy Church Clinics

Around 400 folks from Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee showed up for the February 7, 2015, clinic held at Magnolia CC. Thank you to the host church for providing a hospitable learning environment. Great job! Three new sessions were well attended: Conflict Resolution, Bridging Generational Gaps, and Advanced Decision Making. **The Conflict Resolution sessions will be on our website (Americanfcc.org) within the next few weeks.**

- Upcoming Cowboy Church Clinics
 (formerly known as Ranch House Schools)
- March 7 Clanton, Alabama
 - April 11 Hugo, Oklahoma
 - April 25 Lubbock, Texas
 - May 9 Pontotoc, Mississippi
 - May 23 Waxahachie, Texas

Good Lord Loving Trail

Thank you for helping spread the *Learning the Ropes Bible*. The Bible was given away in Las Vegas this year in the NRS Shopping Experience. We know folks from 27 states and 5 countries around the world took *Learning the Ropes Bibles* back home. Through the intentional effort of one of the churches, two Bibles have made it to the other side of the Kingdom to grow in China. Another church has been instrumental in getting multiple cases distributed in Australia.

Board News

The first meeting of the 2015 AFCC Board is scheduled for February 27, 2015, at Cross Brand CC, Tyler. The meeting is being held in conjunction with Horse Gate and Testing of the Bulls. Three new members have joined the team this year: Chase Pope, pastor of Saddle Mountain CC, Channing; Jeff Tackett, pastor of Denton County CC, Ponder; and Matt Comer, pastor of Still Waters CC, Carthage. Returning members include Douglas Hovarter, Arkansas; Beau Hague, Oklahoma; Truman Sutton, Alabama; Brandon Henderson, Jason Taylor, Mike Blumn, and Louis Sneed, Texas.

Fort Worth Stock Show Parade

The AFCC had the largest entry in the 2015 Fort Worth Stock Show Parade held on January 17, 2015. We were represented by 15 churches bringing 13 horse drawn vehicles, 26 teamsters, 12 mounted parade marshals, 158 mounted riders and an estimated 60 enthusiastic wagon occupants.

Cowboy Camps

Bring your preteens and youth to one of four camps: West Texas, Central Texas, Oklahoma, or Alabama. Over 2,850 campers participated last summer alone. The camps are filling up quickly this year, so be sure to get your advance registration mailed by April 1 to guarantee a spot at the camp of your choice. Camp packets may be found on our website. Choose the Events tab, scroll down to AFCC Events, and select Cowboy Camps. For more information contact Connie Sanford, 903-571-7119.

Little George Haven's Cowboy Camp

Join area churches from around Coleman, Texas, June 19-28. Get away from the fast pace of life. Take your Bible and draw near to God. Enjoy the fellowship of the camp setting, tent meetings, arena events, and trail rides. It's a little rustic, but it sure has a heritage worth experiencing. For more information contact Sam Stone, 325-669-7522.

Bunch Ministry

We are very excited about what God is doing in our Bunch Ministries across the country. We are making an effort this year to help our Bunch Ministries impact the Kingdom of God in their regions by sharing the great ideas and examples that we find in bunches that are having the greatest impact. We have found that churches working together for Kingdom growth in their regions through joint regional outreach events, regional event series, partnering on outreach ministries to the poor and underserved, and partnering on church planting are seeing fruit in their local churches as well as spreading the gospel to many more people than a single church can by itself. While every church has local ministry obligations, we are seeing the greatest Kingdom impact where churches are pooling their resources in cooperation. For more information on Bunch Ministries contact Greg Horn, 903-453-4544.

2015 AFCC Annual Gathering

The 2015 AFCC Annual Gathering will be held at the Four States Fairground, Texarkana, October 1-4. The Running WJ Ranch is helping us make this a great event. The Annual Gathering kicks off on Friday with the Ranch Cutting Finals. Saturday's schedule includes a Youth Cutting, Youth Ranch Rodeo, extreme Youth Worship service, Ranch Rodeo Finals, Team Roping, Chuck Wagon Feed, and a concert. Sunday begins with a chuck wagon breakfast followed by a Cowboy Church service and concludes with a barrel race.

Arena Ministry

For dates and locations of upcoming AFCC Ranch Rodeos and Ranch Cuttings go to our website (Americanfcc.org).

Pastor Processing

Ten pastor prospects went through the processing held at Magnolia CC. The next opportunity will be in Waxahachie on May 22. Contact pat@americanfcc.org for availability.

