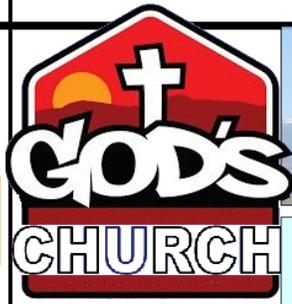




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November was an exciting month in Jesus, and as we move forward into the holiday season we can look forward to those opportunities the Lord provides for family and for fellowship; and also opportunities the Lord gives us to be a blessing to others. Stay posted to godsranches.com for updates on upcoming activities including our annual Toy Giveaway happening in December.

One such opportunity to do the King's work presented itself through our 5th annual community Thanksgiving Dinner. God's Church and God's Ranches in cooperation with other local community churches and organizations were blessed and privileged once again to provide the community with a delicious Thanksgiving Feast. Our efforts came to fruition November 26th, 2019 as many hundreds of people from the community joined us for fellowship and food at the Phelan Community Center -4128 Warbler Road in Phelan. The delicious feast was served between 5P and 8P. Upon arriving people from the community were warmly and lovingly greeted. Then we lined up in anticipating of the mouth watering meal to come! Cheerful servers graciously scooped up delecta-

ble vittles. A delicious feast was enjoyed by the masses! A raffle for turkey boxes was hosted by Steve Goodman! Joanna Jennings blessed our guests with Free Haircuts! Altogether it was a blessed time of family, food and fellowship. We would like to thank our partner churches and our community for coming together to help make this annual tradition a remarkable success. We would also like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus for allowing us to be used as vessels for His purpose in advancing His Kingdom, Beacons of His light and ambassadors of His love. We look forward to continuing this Thanksgiving blessing in the years to come.



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What Christmas Means to Me
By Gary McDonald

On Christmas We're Reminded of Santa and the Presents we receive
But a Holy Child was born in as Stable for All who Believe
He came to save the world of all their sins and shame
His love was so intense for us and that's the reason that He came
God gave us the best present anyone could ever give
The Gift of Life, so it's for Him we must daily live
Our life pleasing to God each and every day
By following after God's own heart, As we read the Bible and Pray
How will we live this life we've been given
To glorify God and spent our eternity in heaven
This star in Bethlehem shone such a Holy light
Just as it shines today, because of God's love so bright.

--Gary Mc Donald

Word of our Testimony

Testimony—Lorina Johnston

My name is Lorina. I came back home to the Ranch October eighth for a few reasons. The main reason was I believe now to spent time with Ms "A". I love her and miss her so much. This time here has been different. The unity I fell because of Ms. Lorraine was and is so much stronger. I love you and I am so grateful for your words of wisdom and infectious smile and laugh—You are truly an amazing sister, friend and mentor. I have been real focused this time and have learned a lot. I take with me a little from each of my sisters. I can honestly say that I am not scared to live on God's terms. I didn't and won't need a twelve step program. All I need is one man, God. I know that I don't want to be in chains, shackled by the world. Just because I am going back into the world, I don't have to live and act like the world. This time I have truly learned and have the tools to survive anything thrown my way. Thank you Ms. Debbie and Dave for making my Sundays like a concert; I'm your number one fan.

Ephesians 2:10 "We are God's creation HE created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do."

Love you, Courtney Killion! See

you when you get home. Love you Mary Slovik! "Corn" LOL!

—Lorina Johnston

My Testimony—Gary McDonald

Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way He should go, so when he is old, he will not depart from it." My testimony isn't like ones you normally read, although it does have the same result. I was raised as an evangelical Methodist, and church became my refuge against a horrible childhood. My dad was all about appearances, so he would parade my siblings and I to church on Sunday, then verbally and physically abuse us during the week. I learned at an early age the value of running away.

I was saved at the tender age of seven, by the late Rev. Burneth Claiborne. I can still remember the head to toe tingle I got when Jesus came into my heart. I'm not going to say my life has been easy ever since, because I had my share of hiccups along the way; I was a victim of incest at age 12. When my Mom died, I felt she died too soon, so I spent two years trying to drink the pain away. And If that wasn't enough I was involved in a near fatal car accident where I myself died three times on the operating table. God wasn't finished with me yet!

With age sometimes comes wisdom and here are a few things my life has taught me...

1. There is one God who is in control, and I am not Him.
2. My Christian walk is mine alone. I will only get out of it what I put into it.
3. Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. God gave me two ears but only one mouth for a reason.

Currently, I am an Assistant Cook at God's Ranch, where I love the brotherhood all of us ranchitos share on this dude ranch. It took me a long time to realize I can' be fully used until I fully surrender. Allow Him to use you before it's too late.

--Gary McDonald



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