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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



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Hello God's church family this is Ruben Becerra (overseer) and this month's editor for the newsletter. April was a beautiful and amazing month. We participated in the Phelan easter egg hunt in the city of Phelan. It was a good time to fellowship and talk about Christ and what Jesus did for us and how he changed our lives. It was really awesome to see young kids find candy and even get blessed with easter baskets and to see the joy on there faces; but the important thing about Easter is the resurrection of Jesus and to know he is risen and resurrected. Another amazing thing is watching individuals grow spiritually. That's one thing I love about being here is seeing the change, and seeing Christ's attributes in our brothers and sisters here at God's ranch. Pastor Rico has been giving us here at the ranch really good church messages on how to be in tune with the spirit and knowing how the spirit convicts us, reveals things to us , and how we understand the word of God. Our church family wants to say thank you to Dave and

Debbie for keeping the praise and worship music going. If this is your first time coming to church or you are interested in coming to church on Sundays I know you'll love everything about it, and the music would get you off your chair to praise God. Another blessing that we get the opportunity to do is the bread give-away at New Life Church in Phelan on Tuesdays at 1:00pm. It's a real good time and a good opportunity to give back to the community and even pray with people and talk about Jesus. Our church family wants to say thank you to whoever has donated ,prayed for us or contributed their time to come up here and spread the good news to us— its very highly appreciated .

We are a ministry that helps people that are suffering from the sinful lifestyle, drug addictions, homelessness, alcoholism , and more . But our mission here at the Ranch is to take broken individuals amd guide them into becoming disciples of Christ .

So if you know any individual that's struggling let them know about us and what we are about here at Gods Church. Have them give us a call we would love to help. —Ruben Becerra

Verses to Reflect On

2nd Corinthians 1:4
 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we could comfort others. When they are troubled, We will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (NLT)

Proverbs 3:5-6
 Trust in the lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding, seek his will in all you do, and he would show you which path to take. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 13:7
 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (NLT)

John 15:12
 This is my commandment: love each other in the same way I have loved you. (NLT)

Joshua 1:9
 This is my command: be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged. For the lord your God is with you wherever you go. (NLT)

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Word of our Testimony

Testimony: Tommy Furney

Growing up in a violent home mother and father were both violent alcoholics. I see them fight a lot and it hurt me as a child. I had a lot of anger built up inside and I never understood why, until I got older. Me and my mother bounced around once they split up. We were never stable, and I never had a structured Environment. Everybody around me, adult and teen were using drugs and drinking and violent. I wanted to fit in so bad as a child I was willing to do whatever it took. I would steal from stores to look cool and be accepted. I took my first hit of meth When I was 11 and my first hit of pot. Although I didn't continue to use meth that often, because at my age it was hard to get. I continued in the cycle of trying to fit in and trying to be cool. I was a juvenile hall at age of 13 for commercial burglary, got pout on success probation. I still only cared about my friends and what they thought. Deep down I knew I was headed down the wrong path, but I was stuck in a cycle, and I was very impulsive. I didn't think before I acted. That behavior led me in and out of placement as a child and eventually to C.Y.A, where my attitude got worst. In my heart I knew the truth, but I still was so worried about how other people viewed me as. once I turned 18, I got off parole, but it wasn't long before I was in state prison. I've lost a lot behind going after my fleshly desires, seeking that temporary relief. I've lost kids, jobs, houses, and families. But now I'm clean and seeking God and his will. I have a beautiful family that love me and want the best for me, and they are rooting for me. God is working in my life daily and I'm coming back one day at a time. Praise God Thank you Jesus.

—Tommy Furney

Testimony: Ryan Price

My greatest fear has always been that I would never truly live the life, I wasn't convinced I deserved to love life. I love living observing other life being astonished at nature's sheer mass. A little over thirteen years ago I consciously decided to give my life to the gutter, my drugs and alcohol addictions. Temper aside I have always walked as a black sheep with dark clouds over my head. Never good enough, and eventually failure to the odd man out I embraced that unholy trinity of depressing fruits grabbed the streets by the hair and laughed out loud, while I let it strike me over and repeatedly. Alleviating myself from the love of family and friends I got what I wanted and became a thug that was not being trifled with, lest you regret it, dearly I made evil miracles happen for my dark habits and smiled in my reapers face as it turned tail and fled. I wanted to die, I wished and prayed to Santa Muerte for life to drag me to hell. I have worked very hard to bring out the worst in myself and find the darkest depths of humanity in many faces and listing of places, to only be sent to the hospital, twice for all years is a true miracle. To always get away, be successful in negative ways, and to be able to write this testimony is a true miracle to me. I would cry out I anger at God and Satan for not wanting me like my father did not want me, more than they money my grandparents paid him to disappear from my life before I could know or remember him. I would wake up depressed that I woke up alive and not dead. God for all my many sins has affected me positively the whole time. A small glimmer of hope I always held close to what remains of my heart. Because to survive all I have there must be a path for me that only redeems me of these sins but gives me the chance to make my life as beautiful as the world can be.

-Ryan Price

Testimony: Amanda Tapia

First and foremost, I'd like to give glory and thanks to God for bringing me to the ranch! Before coming here, I was not only spiritually dead but living a life controlled by an addiction that had such a stronghold on my life that I completely lost myself and forgot who I really was. Being here has not only given me a opportunity to grow in my faith but also the chance to sit back and remember who I was before the disaster I was living that I called my life. Now I wake up with a smile on my face instead of the worry and anxiety I did before getting here. In the first couple of days being here it took everything I had inside me to not run out the door, but I know that it was God who granted me the strength and courage to stay, because even though at the time I didn't believe I needed to be here God knew! And that I'll forever be grateful for it. I would have continued to lean on my own understanding and not acknowledged that he knows what's best for my life, I would have not made it this far. The alternative of not staying not only would have been prison but most likely death and in turn staying here has given me life!! Now I know both in my mind and my heart that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. And I do walk through these doors I plan on continuing my walk in Christ and allowing him to instruct me and guide me to stay on his path and not on my own, seeing how as how I've finally come to realize that doesn't seem to work for me very well, and although I know my way may become rough at times but I'll never again hesitate to call on the name of the lord and when I really need help I'll pick up the phone and call God's ranch because without them I wouldn't be here today. Thank you. —Amanda Tapia

