



A Bible First Community Of Christians!

Texoma Cowboy Church

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As disciples of Christ Jesus, we are all called, to some degree or another, to give counsel. This is not to be mistaken with our own personal advice. This is guiding someone in the Holy Spirit, through the gospel, and the authority of God's word to Christ Jesus. Today, the world is full of all sorts of self-help and secular advice, convincing people that the power they need to bring about change in their lives is found within themselves. As Christians, we know that could not be further from the truth.



“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). The idea that any answers for spiritual warfare can come from inside us, from our hearts and minds, is a dangerous concept. This is particularly misleading for someone who doesn't know Christ. We would be guilty of setting a foundation for self-righteousness and “tightening the blindfold” of self-deception by affirming there is no real need for a Savior.

As followers of Christ, we want to underscore the need to first, to the best of our ability, determine whether a person actually knows the Lord. This calls for prayer and careful discernment. Someone could tell you they are a Christian, but revealing specifics about their life could illustrate something entirely different. “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” When I hear, from within and out of the heart, I hear myself without God, and I hear it in surround sound. People must know that until God removes the heart of stone from their flesh and gives them a new heart and a new spirit, nothing good can come from them (Ezekiel 36:26), “for no one is good except God alone” (Mark 10:18). Answers do not come from within a person.

Only then could you begin to address the issue and set up conditions to present the gospel to them. Help them understand that only God, Christ Jesus, can create in them a new heart and renew a right spirit within them (Psalm 51:10). Now, through the Holy Spirit, they can hear the words of Life, and are equipped to keep and guard the words of God in their heart with diligence (Proverbs 4:20-23). They can trust in God. The answers and tactics they seek for the spiritual war they wage are only found in Christ through the Holy Spirit, the Counselor.

When defining addiction, we need to realize that it is a spiritual battle of idolatry and false worship, which is something that all Christians need to understand. This is foundational. Studying the first commandment (Exodus 20:1-6) helps to clarify and define idolatry. The recognition that most, if not all, sin as an idolatry issue can not be overemphasized. It must be seen for what it is: disobedience and an offense to the one true God. It is an activity devised by the father of lies, and it is buried deep in deception.

We also need to illustrate how sin does not occur in a vacuum. Anyone, especially an addict, teaches him or herself the lie and rehearses it, not just to perfect the deception, but to help persuade themselves that the lie is the truth. It is self-deception of the worst kind at the counsel of the Deceiver himself. A shame that is felt so great, a lie so secret that this person will actually convince themselves first before leading others down this road of untruth, and potentially dragging them into a shared world of chaos and sorrow.

The Holy Scriptures point to the power of God. We want to demonstrate hope in love for those that we counsel. We want them to experience the empowerment we have that only comes from God. We want them to KNOW our motive is love, and that there is no judgment. We must pray and seek God's counsel so that our method is confrontation (in gentleness), analysis (not judgment), and applied Godly wisdom (not secular wisdom or our own personal thoughts).

Sin is everyone's main problem. Idolatry is sin. Idolatry can root itself in the heart of anyone, and for some, it becomes worship (a false worship) and blooms into addiction. "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death" (James 1:14-15). James goes on to write in verses 17-18, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth", and as Christ's disciples, we must extend our relationship with Christ to those we counsel and console so that they might be brought forth by the Word of Truth. The relationship we develop with someone must be done with instruction from the word of God and fueled by the light of Christ. This is done with patience and in humility because "such were some of you" (1 Corinthians 6:11), and the line separating us from that person could be very narrow, if not for the grace of God.



MOVIE NIGHT: The **TCC Youth** will have a movie night the last Friday of every month.

The doors open at 5:30 pm, and the movie starts promptly at 6:00 pm. This open to **EVERYONE** and the money from concession goes to fund our Youth missions and events!

Men's Retreat at Beaver's Bend in Oklahoma

WHEN: April 17-19, 2026 (Friday-Sunday)

WHAT: There will be fellowship, Bible study, and the great outdoors. We will enjoy breakfast and prayer, then men can break off by groups or individually to go enjoy whatever the area has to offer: fishing, archery, hiking, golf...you name it. We will reconvene in the evening after dinner for fellowship, study, and prayer.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

GRITTY MEN: GRIT CAMP COMING SOON!

A new study through Ephesians is coming soon. Watch for information and updates on Sunday and Facebook.



Celebrating Our 6th Anniversary



Texoma Cowboy Church
Horse Ministry



For More Information Visit:
texomacowboychurch.com/tccarena
or call
940-687-2237

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

APR 05- Resurrection Sunday

We will be horseback for the sunrise service, and then greet and park vehicles for the main service. (Anyone that is able can help lead line w/ horses during the main service.

APR 11 - Maverick Day of Service

The date and time is to be determined. MSU students will help us with work and odd jobs in the TCC arena.

MAY 07- MSU Final Frenzy

Potentially providing horseback rides and/or petting zoo.

JUN 08- [TX] Kids Ranch Camp

From June 8th- 11th we will help and participate in TCC's Ranch Camp from 7:00 am to noon each day.

A Little Bit About Us



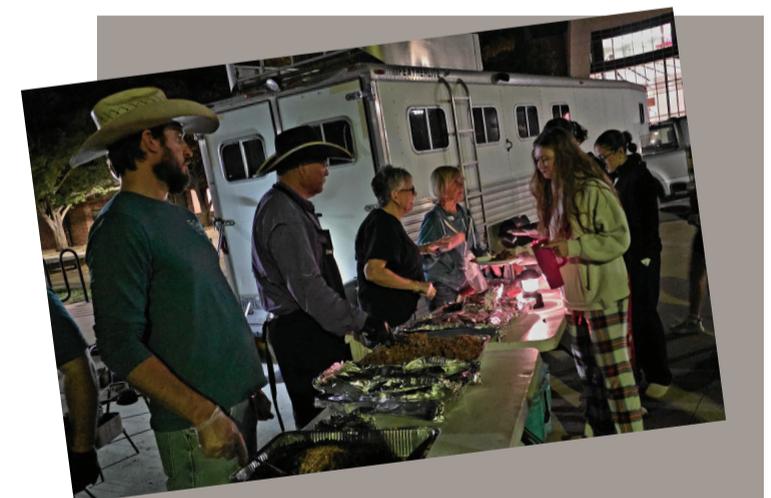
Our ministry consists of several volunteers, an average of 30 kids, and 11 horses. We live to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have a kids ride and Bible study at 6 pm on Tuesday nights for ages 18 and younger, and an adult ride the first Tuesday of every month. We also minister to students at MSU with fellowship meals, horseback rides, and petting zoos. Not to mention the numerous TCC events we help organize and participate in.

Meet One of Our Horses

This is one of our kid's favorite Horses, Apache. He's one of the first horses to be a part of our ministry. He's gentle, loving, and will do just about anything we need him to!



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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Wednesday Nights:

Ages 2 - 6th Grade

Wednesday nights from 6-7:30

Come Join the Fun!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Sunday Mornings:

As we grow we find ourselves in need of helpers in the classrooms

We are in need of:

- Teachers for the pre-k rotation(once a month), a back up teacher for Kinder - 1st, and 1 for 2nd - 3rd(once a month).
- We also need Helpers for the rotation Pre-K to 6th grade(once a month)!

To Volunteer, please fill out the gray volunteer card and turn it in to the Church Office or the offering bucket and begin the process. You can also contact Kelly.

(kelly@texomacowboychurch.com)

Come Join the Fun!

JOIN US every **Wednesday night** for [TX] Youth Group!! Doors open at 5:30 pm and everything kicks off at 6.

This will be an awesome time of fellowship, games, fun, and powerful worship! Come grow in Christ and build lasting friendships.

This is open to the community. **BRING A FRIEND!**

FRIDAY NIGHT HANG OUT!!

Starts February 6th at 5:30 pm. This will be reoccurring each week except movie night.

You don't want to miss this!!

MOVIE NIGHT: The last Friday of every month at 5:30 pm. This open to **EVERYONE** and the money from concession goes to fund our Youth missions and events!

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!"
Psalm 133:1





TCC LIFE GROUPS AND MINISTRY TEAMS!



Youth Ride Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Horseback riding lessons for all ages.

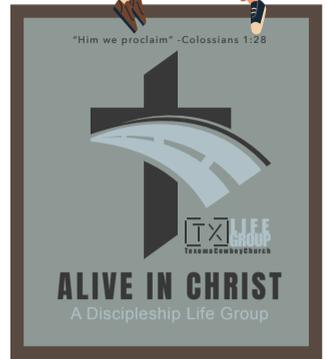
Adult rides 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Don't have a horse of your own? Not a problem. We will provide you with a horse to ride.

Bring your Bible!



Every Tuesday Morning at 11:00 am



This is a discipleship life group and we currently looking into the Acts of the Apostles.



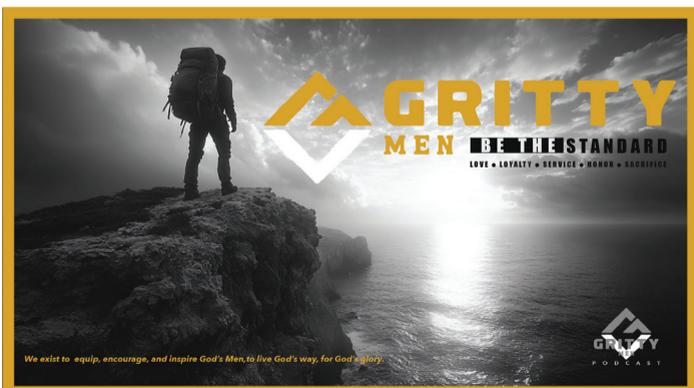
Ruck/Walk 30 min out 30 min back taking in God's creation and glory. Keeping his temple he blessed us with spiritually and physically fit.



Thirteen lessons blend Biblical truths with personal obedience and service. We encourage believers to join this group to grow in their understanding of Biblical truths.

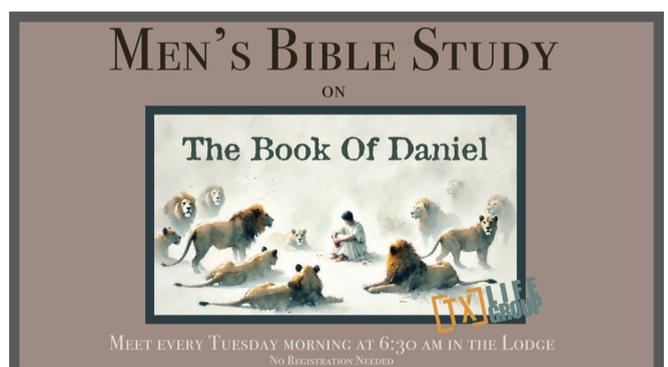


Check out the study notes from Pastor John Riggs' past sermons at www.texomacowboychurch.com and click on the RESOURCES link.



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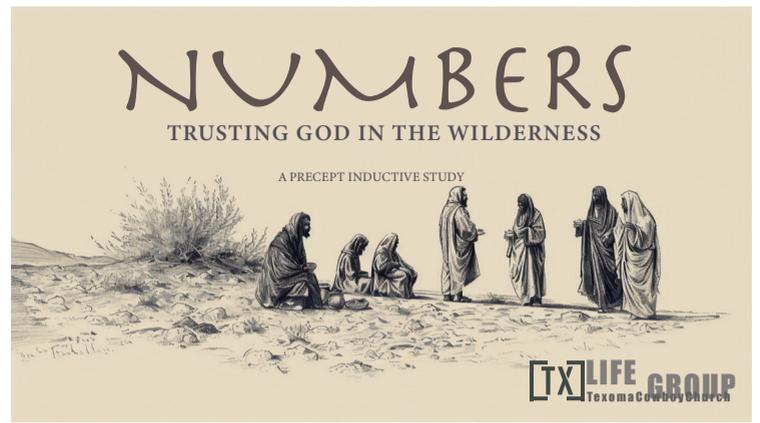
Starts at 6pm on Tues
and Thur Nights



SICK Ministries Recovery
Group

2100 9th St, Wichita Falls

Meets Monday nights at 6:00 pm.

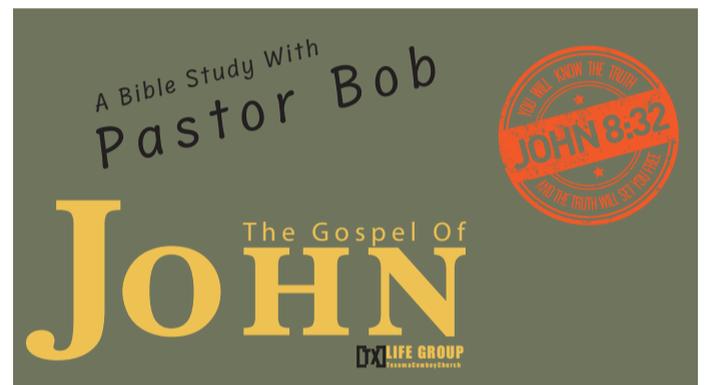


When the Israelites cried out to God, He raised up Moses to bring them out of slavery and into the Promised Land. But the people rebelled and suffered the terrible consequence of wandering in a wilderness. Are you following the Lord to the place He wants you to be?



A welcoming community for individuals 18-35 who are seeking to grow in their faith, build meaningful friendships, and navigate life's challenges together. Centered on biblical teaching, prayer, and authentic conversation, this group provides a space to ask tough questions, encourage one another, and pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus in the context of everyday life.

We will be meeting 2 Sundays of every month.



Join Pastor Bob for a transformative Bible study through the Gospel of John, where we'll encounter Jesus as the Word made flesh and the light of the world.

Discover for yourself why John wrote, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

All you need is your Bible!
Wednesday Nights starting Dec 3rd

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