

# Christian Barrel Racer's Newsletter

## "Racin' To Eternity"

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### Three Years!

Can you believe it? I started to write this month's newsletter and when I changed the date and information at the top, I realized how time has flown. This will start the fourth year I have been writing and compiling things to send out in this *Christian Barrel Racer's Newsletter!*

I would like to start off this year with a big "thank you!" to all of the people who read this every month and especially to those who take the time to thank me personally and to those who send money for postage...Thank you so much!

I am sure that some of you may realize from month to month...there are months when I get very little time to spend on original material. I try to include something each month that I have written myself, but with all the other stuff that goes on around here, it can be tough. So please forgive me during those months when I end up mostly compiling things for you to read and may not include as much "horsey" stuff as I would like to either.

Since I am kind of celebrating an anniversary...this month I think I will just ramble on and on about nothing. God has blessed me with a wonderful life and with great friends and family. We have met so many awesome people through the horse industry. We have made lifelong friendships thanks to these wonderful animals. This newsletter has also introduced us to many new friends, (some I would not know if I saw them at a barrel race.) ☺ But I am thankful for all of my fellow barrel racers. God is just so good to us!

I hope to see all of you down the road...walk up and introduce yourself if you get a chance...I look forward to meeting many more can chasin' Christians in this new year.

Happy New Year and God Bless! CC

### Congratulations!

**Brad Roorda and Jaime Lively!**

Proud parents welcomed a baby boy born Christmas morning at 8:37. Braeden Robert Roorda...8lbs2oz 22in long!

Mom and baby are doing great and Dad is as proud as can be. How could you top that Christmas present?

### Happy New Year! Beginning Again...

*By: Christa Conway*

I hope this month's newsletter finds you all warm and cozy and content. I also hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and Christmas vacation. I know I was not ready to go back to work after the holidays. But, I did anyway. Now it is a New Year and new beginning for many in the horse industry.

This is the time when people are deciding which memberships to purchase...which stallion to breed their mares to...which shows they are going to save their money to attend...etc.

It is a time of anticipation for foals to be born, young futurity horses in training to make the cut...and for spring to arrive soon. I know with the winter we have had (so far...), I could stand to live in Indiana a little easier. But I am still looking forward to spring...it will be here before we know it. Those are all new beginnings.

One new beginning I don't mention as much as I should, is the new beginning you receive when you accept Jesus your savior.

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."  
(Romans 10:13)*

What about you? What's this year really going to be like for you? You can start the New Year off with a Bang by starting your life over in an instant. This could be the best New Year ever...

Have you ever said to yourself, "If I could just make that run again, I know what I'd do different"? Well, you can't go back in time for that barrel race...BUT you can make a fresh start in your life. Jesus Christ has actually made it possible. That's His Christmas present to all of us. He paid the price for all your sins. He paid the penalty for all your bad choices.

That's why God sent him to earth...why he came and was crucified...so we could start over if we choose to do so.

Wouldn't that be awesome if we could do that in the middle of a run if we knew we'd made some time wasting mistakes???

You may say, "I've made some terrible mistakes in my life...that's way to serious for God to overlook. I've done some awful things, made bad choices." That doesn't matter. Jesus paid the price for them all!

How can you make a new start?

***Romans 10:9 says that "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."***

It's as easy as saying, "Jesus, I'm turning my life over to You. From this day forward I'm Yours."

What better time to turn your life around than on this first day of the New Year. Right now, wherever you are, just give your life to Jesus. It will be WAY more satisfying than just getting a rerun! For more on the subject read the end of the CBRN...*Last & Most Important Thought.*

God Bless! CC

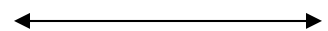
### Bible Verse to study for the month...

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

**Matthew 7:13-14**

What does everyone think that this means? Can anyone out there make a correlation to barrel racing with this scripture? I will be looking forward to hearing from you with ideas about this...

Email me with your thoughts....CC



# Prayer to Share

*Email buddies...sooo good!*

Dear Lord, I thank you for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things.

Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through God's eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example -- to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those who are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those who are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those who will delete this without sharing it with others. I pray for those who don't believe, but I thank you that I believe.

I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers and for each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met.

I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly.

This is my prayer. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# Kicks & Giggles

*Test for Dementia*

Below are four (4 ) questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately...OK? Let's find out just how clever you really are....  
Ready? GO!!!

**First Question:**

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

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**Answer:** If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second! Try not to screw up next time.

Now answer the second question, but don't take as much time as you took for the first question, OK ?

**Second Question:**

If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

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**Answer:** If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST Person?  
You're not very good at this, are you?

**Third Question:**

Very tricky arithmetic! Note: This must be done in your head only...  
Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it.

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

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Did you get 5000?  
**The correct answer** is actually 4100.  
If you don't believe it, check it with a calculator!  
Today is definitely not your day, is it? Maybe you'll get the last question right.... Maybe.

**Fourth Question:**

Mary's father has five daughters: 1.Nana, 2.Nene, 3.Nini, and 4.Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

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Did you **Answer** Nunu?

NO! Of course it isn't. Her name is Mary. Read the question again!

Okay, now the **bonus round**:

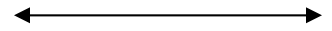
A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done.

Next, a blind man comes into the shop that wants to buy a pair of sunglasses; how does HE indicate what he wants?

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He just has to open his mouth and ask...

**Very simple, huh?**



# Prayer Requests

**This newsletter has become a great way to get the word out to our horse-show family when someone is in need of prayer. Everyone, just take a few minutes when you receive your letter and pray over it and the names on this list...we have seen miracles happen.**

**\*Desirie Ingalls' grandfather\*** (note: last month Desirie's grandmother was on the prayer request list.) Here is a note from Desirie about her Grandpa.

Christa,  
They say that spouses suffer the same things because they spend so much time together. Unfortunately, I am almost 25 years old, and have never seen my grandpa in the hospital. This past horse show season if you haven't notice my grandpa kind of keep it quiet. That is because he hasn't been feeling well. He got bad enough that he had to do something. 12/7/06 he had a heart cauterization done, they found the front artery 85-95 percent block. They put in a stint and ballooned another. He is home, but needs to recover so they can go back in. Cause, they found that one of his kidneys is blocked. My grandpa has done so much for me, and I don't know what I would do without him. I am just thankful to God that he is going to the doctor's to get these problems addressed. **(Physician's treat patients, God Heals)**. I want him to be around for as long as possible. Who else is going to give me the thumb's up before each run. Desirie

No new updates yet, but February will be a tell tale month for us...Please, keep me and Vic and our family in your prayers. Vic's job is a little shaky right now and we aren't sure where God wants us to be...we may relocate if need be, but we want it to be God's will...not our desire to move to a warmer climate (heehee!) Thanks, everyone! Christa

**\*AJ Coffee\*** is in Iraq now and I know he and his family appreciate your prayers for him and other soldiers safety and strength. His email address is [aj\\_coffee123@hotmail.com](mailto:aj_coffee123@hotmail.com) and I am sure that he would love to hear from his barrel racing buddies.

Keep **\*all military and their families\*** in your prayers. They make big sacrifices to secure our freedoms.

***Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24***

## Anyway

*Mother Teresa/via email*

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of having ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous,

Be happy anyway.

The good that you do may be forgotten tomorrow,

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

## Where's God Now???

Two things to know before you read below: Marines are taught:

- 1) Keep your priorities in order and
- 2) Know when to act without hesitation.

A Marine was attending a college course between missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. The professor, an avowed atheist, shocked the class one day when he walked in, looked toward the ceiling, and said loudly, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you

exactly 15 minutes." The lecture room fell silent and the professor began his lecture. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am God - still waiting." It got down to the last minute when the Marine stood up, walked toward the professor and threw his best punch knocking him off the platform and out cold. The Marine went back to his seat and sat down. The other students were shocked and stunned and sat there looking on in silence. The professor came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What the hell is the matter with you? Why did you do that?" The Marine calmly replied, "God is busy today protecting America's soldiers who are protecting your right to behave like an idiot and say stupid stuff. So He sent me."

## Why Go To Church?

*Compliment of email*

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

## Views on Aging

*By George Carlin*

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then

the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . . YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I Was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them."
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

**Wash your hands and say your prayers.... Germs and Jesus are everywhere!**

## \*Prayer for Unsaved\*

Many of us have family members and/or friends that are not sure where they will spend eternity. We may feel unsure about approaching them, but we can approach Our Heavenly Father on their behalf.

Here is a passage from the bible to pray as intercession for them. Just say the person's name when you see a blank.

**I have not stopped giving thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, remembering \_\_\_\_\_ in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that \_\_\_\_\_ may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_'s heart may be enlightened in order that \_\_\_\_\_ may know the hope to which he has called \_\_\_\_\_, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.**  
Ephesians 1:16-23

## Last & most important thought...

Jesus died on the cross as the final sacrifice. When He was resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, he defeated Satan for us. All we have to do is believe that He beat death and acknowledge it with our words. **If we believe that and accept Him as our personal savior...we are promised eternal life with Him in Heaven.**

You can't earn your way into Heaven; you have to believe your way there. So many people think they "aren't good enough" to get to Heaven... But... **Salvation is a GIFT from God** and you don't earn a gift. Gifts are something someone gives to you and for the gift to be yours, you have to accept it.

All we have to do is accept that wonderful gift. I know I have...won't you?

*But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many.* Romans 5:15

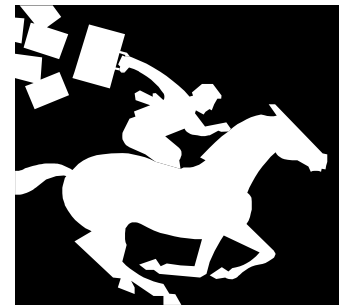
*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10: 9-10

## Email/Mailing List

If you want to be added to the mailing list, just send me your address and I'll be glad to get a newsletter to you. I send out hundreds via email and still many through regular post. So, whether you are on the web or not...I can get one to you if you want. All you have to do is ask. And remember, they are FREE!

If you have a prayer request, a story to share, something to sell or the one's I like the most... a praise, I would be glad to include them in next month's newsletter. Just send them to me mail or email or call me with your request and I'll write them up for you. I can include your name if you like or I can make sure to leave it out if you request.



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