

Bull Creek Cowboy Church  
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Living for the one who branded us...JESUS!!!

Hey folks, how 'bout these good ol' Dog Days of Summer!! Come on up and join us at Bull Creek—our church is PRAYER CONDITIONED!

We had a great crowd this Sunday, were blessed with fantastic music and specials by the band and a wonderful message by Pastor Mike. He and Kathy reported having a great vacation in New Mexico and we are all so happy they were able to get some well deserved relaxation time. His message Sunday was titled "Escape", and spoke to us of the trap we get into of trying to be perfect, how it affects our ability to act, separates us from others and bottles up our life with worry. Matthew 11:28 (The Message Bible) "Are you Tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

Bull Creek has several Small Campfire Group Bible Studies going on all the time, but starting September 14 we are kicking off a church wide study called "Live Like You Were Dying". There will be numerous new groups starting up so if you're not part of a group now start asking questions and find a group close to you and plan to attend one. There will be groups in all the surrounding communities so I bet you can find one to connect with. You'll hear more about them in the coming weeks. You don't have to attend Bull Creek to come to a small group study. We welcome everyone. If you're interested and don't attend our church, just call the church and someone will get in touch with you. It's a great way to study God's Word, His plan for us, meet new people and have good clean fun, food and fellowship.

Sunday afternoon, despite the heat, was B3C's sportsmen association's 3D archery shoot. They had a great time as always. Thanks to Randy Oakes and others for dedicating their time into putting this event together. CERTAIN PEOPLE are tired of the same old first place winner every time and told me not to put in his name in the paper any more (just kidding Keith). Keith Oakes seems to be leading the pack as the first place winner every time. I guess practice makes perfect or he's just flat good! Taking second and third place were Johnny Lewis and Kenneth Wiley.

Next Sunday the B3C band will have a break as we will be having a special musical guest for both services. Danny Ray Harris will bless us with his gospel country music for which he has been nominated for some top awards in the field. He has an awesome story and hopefully will share some of that with us and have CDs available.

Mark you calendars now for Bull Creek's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cowboy Comedy Show coming up on Saturday, August 16 at 7:00pm. It will be more fun than you can shake a stick at. If you have a skit, a song or any sort of act you would like to perform notify Brenda Boen this week.

Sunday evening was our monthly "Shoot the Bull" supper at the church. As usual, more good food and fellowship. Seems we do a lot of that kind of stuff! There's always a bunch of happy, smiling people around. Gee, wonder how that happens? We know—we're too blessed to be stressed and depressed. Come on out and join us!