

Heavenly Hoofbeats—Mar/Apr

S O U T H C A R O L I N A E Q U E S T R I A N M I N I S T R I E S

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- GAF Ministry Outreach at Lee County Council on Aging
- Happy Trails Cowboy Church
- SC Horsemen's Council
- Prayer Requests

GAF MINISTRY OUTREACH

Great day on Saturday, March 10, at Lee County Council on Aging Fun Day. GAF participated by offering horse rides, giving away Cowboy Bibles and horseshow cross necklaces.

Big thanks to everyone who participated and all those kids brave enough to ride the horses.

Hard to know who had more fun, the ones riding the horses or the ones walking the horses for the riders. But we do know everyone had FUN!



Lori Smith

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CLEAR TRAILS—GOD'S PATH PART 2

Venturing into the unknown frightens most of us. Not knowing the way, not having the answers. Some of my current questions are because of unknowns: Will my husband be able to earn enough as the new company owner? Is the store going to be able to turn a profit and sustain our needs? Where will we be living?

Now that the landlady has decided she has plans for the lot our mobile home rests on, she has told us to move.

Where will we go? Find land for the mobile home? Buy another place? Rent somewhere?

All the questions have an answer. But right now, only God knows the answers.



Psalm 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. (NASB)

He provides us with shelter, comfort, and beauty.

If we've traveled with Him before — we can trust, though we can't see what's around the next bend in the trail. He knows the path before us.

Note: This was my first time at Hitchcock Woods with Reecie.

Kristy and Ace had been there before. With them to lead us, we could enjoy the unknown adventure that lay before us.

~Cindy Payne

THE STILLNESS AFTER THE STORM

Mark 6:45-52

We have all been in storms, sometimes with high winds and heavy rain. It makes one fear such power that mother nature brings. There was time I was caught in a squall while out deep-sea fishing. Fear filled my soul as we rode white caps and crashed about, landing on the other side of the sea. Eventually the storm passed and a stillness came over the water . . . It was as though nothing had happened. Think of it this way: a large wooden match in a bathtub filled with two inches of water. Then the water is turned on full force and the match is tossed about, with no control.



He came to them, walking directly on the sea. And He acted as if He meant to pass by them. (Mark 6:48)

Our story this month brings us to 12 men, a boat, Jesus, and a storm. After feeding the 5,000 Jesus at once insisted that his disciples leave, sending them on a boat to the other side of Bethsaida. Then he went into the mountains to pray.

Evening came, and the small fishing boat was out in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, while Jesus stayed by himself on land. It was the fourth watch (between 3:00 am and 6:00 am) and a bad storm had blown in. Jesus could see that his disciples were having trouble rowing the boat.

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Timed Obstacle Challenge
May 5, 2018
 Gates Open at 7:30 Demo-Clinic 8:30
 Competition begins at 10:00

Come join us!
 Join the South Carolina Horsemen's Council to compete for \$\$\$

at **Cottonwood Arena**
 8024 Park Place Road, York, SC 29745

Open Division (Youth may compete in open division)	Youth Division (Youth cannot compete in both divisions)
	
Entry Fee: \$20 advanced Member registration \$30 advanced Non-Member registration \$35 On-Site registration	Entry Fee: \$15 advanced Member registration \$20 advanced Non-Member registration \$25 On-Site registration
Payouts: 1st place, \$200 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25	Payouts: 1st place, \$75 2nd place \$35, 3rd place \$20

To Advance Register go to
<http://www.schorsemenscouncil.org/obstacle-challenge-may-5.html>
 For more information **Mark McCarter 803.242.0323**

All proceeds go to support South Carolina Horsemen's Council
 Programs assisting SC Horsemen & Horses

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<https://mailchi.mp/8390da2f3fe9/timed-obstacle-challenge?e=3dd1c7f387>

Go here to learn more about the Horsemen's Council and to join:

<http://www.schorsemenscouncil.org/join.html>

Common Goals:

- To protect our right to enjoy our horses
- To improve awareness of the economic impact on the Equine Community
- To improve our knowledge and ability as horse owners

NEW PASTOR FOR HAPPY TRAILS COWBOY CHURCH

There was a biting chill in the pre-dawn hours the first Sunday of April, as trucks, cars, and a tour bus pulled onto the property of Happy Trails Cowboy Church for a special Easter SonRise service. Working quickly, volunteers set up a flat bed trailer at the arena shelter for The Redeemers of Faith, a gospel group hailing from Clinton, SC.

By 7:00 AM the arena shelter was packed with over 100 attendees, donned in warm coats against early morning shivers. Among visitors and members, there was a spirit of oneness. All were there for one purpose: to celebrate a special day of the year for Christians – that of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For 45 minutes, The Redeemers of Faith blessed with their special blend of voices, singing praise to a Risen Savior. After the last song, retired pastor of Happy Trails, Doug Jones, introduced the new Pastor, Scott Lawson, and his

wife Noelle. After over a year of research and praying, the pastor search team of HTCC felt God-led to call Scott as the church's new pastor. A hush fell over the crowd as retired pastor Jones prayed for God's blessing on the pastor and the service.



Pastor Lawson then launched into a sermon that was God-sent, addressing the Christian's fight to stay strong in faith while fighting desires to remain in worldly sins.

He spoke of God's goodness and His love and His desire that we give our lives totally to Him. Following Pastor Lawson's sermon, all adjourned to the church building, where breakfast awaited inside. Thanks to many who provided and served a sumptuous meal of eggs, grits, sausage, biscuits, jams and beverages.

Pastor Lawson is a citizen of Simpsonville and a graduate of Hillcrest High School and Mars Hill University. He and his wife, Noelle, have been married for 26 years and are the parents of two sons. Owner of Hydro Turf Landscaping, Scott is also Assistant Recreation Minister and Young Adult Minister at First Baptist Simpsonville. He and his wife, Noelle, are Biblical Counselors as well. Scott will serve as the bi-vocational pastor for Happy Trails.

His life verse is Psalm 73:26: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Continuation of Happy Trails

Located at 9530 Augusta Road, Pelzer, Happy Trails Cowboy Church holds several events annually, starting in March, at the arena it built on the property several years ago. Fun Days are horse-related events held the first Saturday in March, April, May, September, October, and November. The Marsh Tacky state heritage horse will once again be featured at the October Fun Day. This group will co-sponsor the event with Happy Trails. Come out and enjoy the fun, and learn more about South Carolina's state heritage horse.

In addition to the equestrian fun days, horse clinics and other events are featured throughout the year. Visit the Happy Trails Facebook page to learn more about events and church service times. If you are ever in the area, stop by for a visit — you will be welcomed with a handshake and a smile.

Sylvia

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PLEASE REFER TO THE JAN/FEB ISSUE OF HEAVENLY HOOFEATS FOR A LIST OF TRAIL RIDES AND EVENTS FOR 2018. BEFORE MAKING PLANS, CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANIZERS OR SCSEM LEADERS TO MAKE SURE DATES OR PLANS HAVE NOT CHANGED DUE TO WEATHER OR CONFLICTS.

Several SCSEM members are experiencing health problems and desire your prayers:
Hollis & Nancy Smith, Jesse & Edna Whitmer, Joel Roper, Lori Smith, Dony Cook, Roxie Williamson

If your name is not listed, or if the above is incorrect, it's because the editor did not receive updated information.

Remember to keep me posted. This is everyone's newsletter. Please contribute.

T H E S T I L L N E S S A F T E R T H E S T O R M (continued from page 2)

Jesus stepped upon the turbulent waters and began walking toward the boat. However, he acted as though he planned to walk right past them. But they saw him, walking on the water, and thinking that he was a ghost, they began to shriek in terror. It was common in those days in those areas, for people to see things as demons, ghosts, devils, or just plain boogers. They were literally filled with dread. Seeing their fear, Jesus spoke. "Be of good cheer. It is I, be not afraid." He entered the boat and immediately the wind ceased, astonishing the disciples. They had failed to understand the feeding of the 5000, and their hearts had become callous and unbelieving.

In this age, we may not see Jesus, but he is still here, knocking on the doors of hearts, waiting to be let in. The hardened heart cannot receive a miracle nor a blessing when the door is closed tight and locked.

Look at the miracles of healing that prayers of others have brought to you. Consider the power of healing and the trust that Jesus has left for you if you will only open the door.

Have you witnessed to someone on the trail? Or did you lose an opportunity because you were afraid to speak up? The fear that Satan puts into our hearts is his best weapon. A weapon he uses to divert people from witnessing to someone . . . someone who is on a pathway to hell and torment. What if you are the one person who could made a difference and you let Satan fill you with fear.

A survey was conducted that concluded that only 6% of all Christians have heard Jesus' charge to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matt. 28:19)

When you are in God's will and following His commands, you will find peace and calm during the storms of this life, as well as after the storms have passed you by.

"and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matt. 28:20)

Frank Chappell

