

*A
Celebration
OF Life FOR*

Deacon Joseph Floyd Lewis



First Breath

June 14, 1956

Last Smile

December 31,
2023

Celebration of Life

Saturday – January 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM

First Baptist Church

13916 County Line Rd, Elgin, Texas 78621

Under the Auspices of

Straight Gait Fellowship Missionary Baptist
Church

Elgin, Texas 78621

Pastor Don Cyphers – Officiating

Pastor Justin Green – Eulogist

-Obituary-

Joseph Floyd Lewis was born on June 14, 1956 in Telfair County, Georgia to Flaxie Bell Lewis and Steve Jerome White. He departed this life on December 31, 2023 in Elgin, Texas.

Joe attended public schools in Telfair County and graduated from Telfair High in 1975. In June of 1975 Joe enlisted in the U.S Army this led Joe on a journey of lifetime from Germany through New Mexico, before finally settling in Texas. Joe received an Honorable discharge in December 1981 and returned to Civilian life, Joe began working with the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Texas and Georgia and remained in this field for numerous years before retiring.

Joe joined the New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at an early age, this was the start of his Christian journey. Once in Texas Joe joined Weeping Willow B.C under the Late T.L Garner Sr and served as President of the Brotherhood Department. He Later moved his membership to Mt. Moriah B.C under the leadership of the late Pastor L.R White and then to Straight Gate Fellowship B.C under Pastor Don Cyphers who ordained him a Deacon on August 20, 2017. Joe was a faithful member here until his passing.

Joe had a passion for horses and the cowboy life, he would often tell of stories of all his past times and how Elmo "Bunchie" Brown taught him all there was to know. If he wasn't in his suit & tie, you would find him in his starched jeans, cowboy boots, hat, and shades always dressed to impress. He loved taking the grandkids to feed the horses or introducing them all to their 1st horse rides.

Joe's family was his pride & joy, especially his children and grandchildren. He often quoted they are "Bone of my bone, and flesh of flesh... I marked each one!" Each one was special to him and there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents: Steve Jerome White and Flaxie Bell Lewis. Siblings: Archie Williams, Oliver Lewis, and Novetta Lewis.

Left to cherish his memories are: **8 Children:** Takeya Middendorf, Ronnie (Briona) Lewis, Yanina (Russell) Larkins, Shalanthia (Anthony) Navejas, JaQuita Lewis, Joana (Byron) Caldwell, Justin (Wilnesha) Lewis) and Rosalynn (Gerrath) Lewis. **Two Bonus Children:** Angelia Cook, and Eric Haywood, **Six Sisters:** Shirley Shoemake, Emma McRae, Doris Timmons, Yolanda (Toy) Austin, Derlez (Alonzo) Webster, and Dickie Broxton; **Six Brothers:** James (Tanya) Lewis, Stephin White, Robert (Beverly) Lewis, Laurence Lewis, Harold Lewis, and Fontaine Baker; Special Sister: Robbie Hardeman; Best Friends: Jackie (Byrdman) Parker, and Henry (Zock) Haynes ;Goddaughter: Monique Owens; 30 grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren, loving aunts and uncles, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

*Life
Celebration*
Order of Service

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1

Soft Music

Processional

Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family

Solo

Sis. Portia Vincent

Deacon Tribute

Straight Gate & Elgin Sub District Deacons

Scripture Reading
Old Testament

Pastor Jason Huddleston

New Testament

Pastor Jason Huddleston

Prayer Of Comfort

Appointee

Solo

(Walk Around Heaven)

Bro. Bobby Roberson

Church Resolution

Straight Gate Fellowship Baptist Church

Expressions Of Love

Family Appointed

Special Remarks

Kids & Grandkids

Gospel Melody

Musician

Words Of Comfort

Pastor Don Cyphers
Straight Gate Fellowship B.C- Elgin, TX

Solo

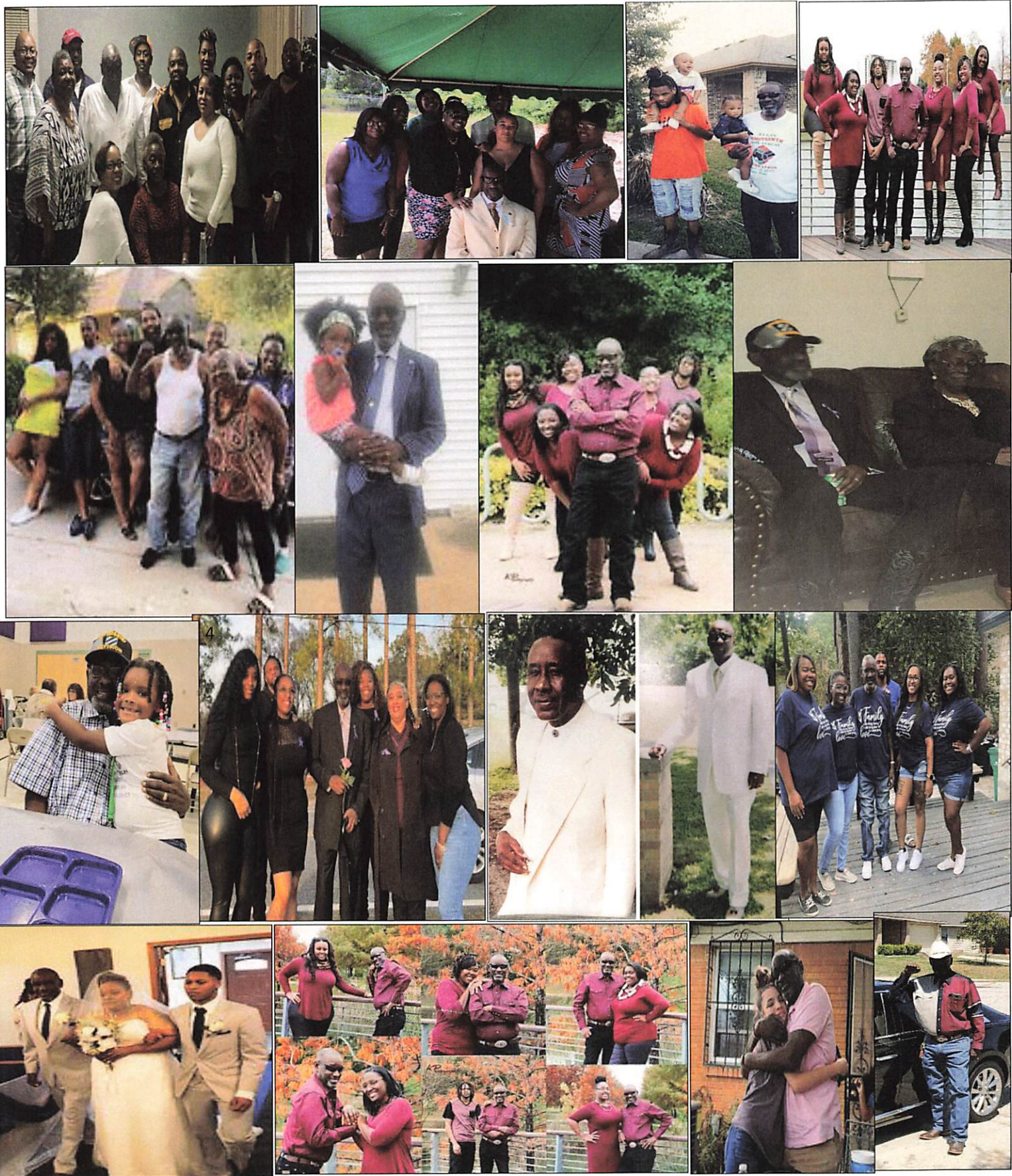
Yolanda Austin

Eulogy

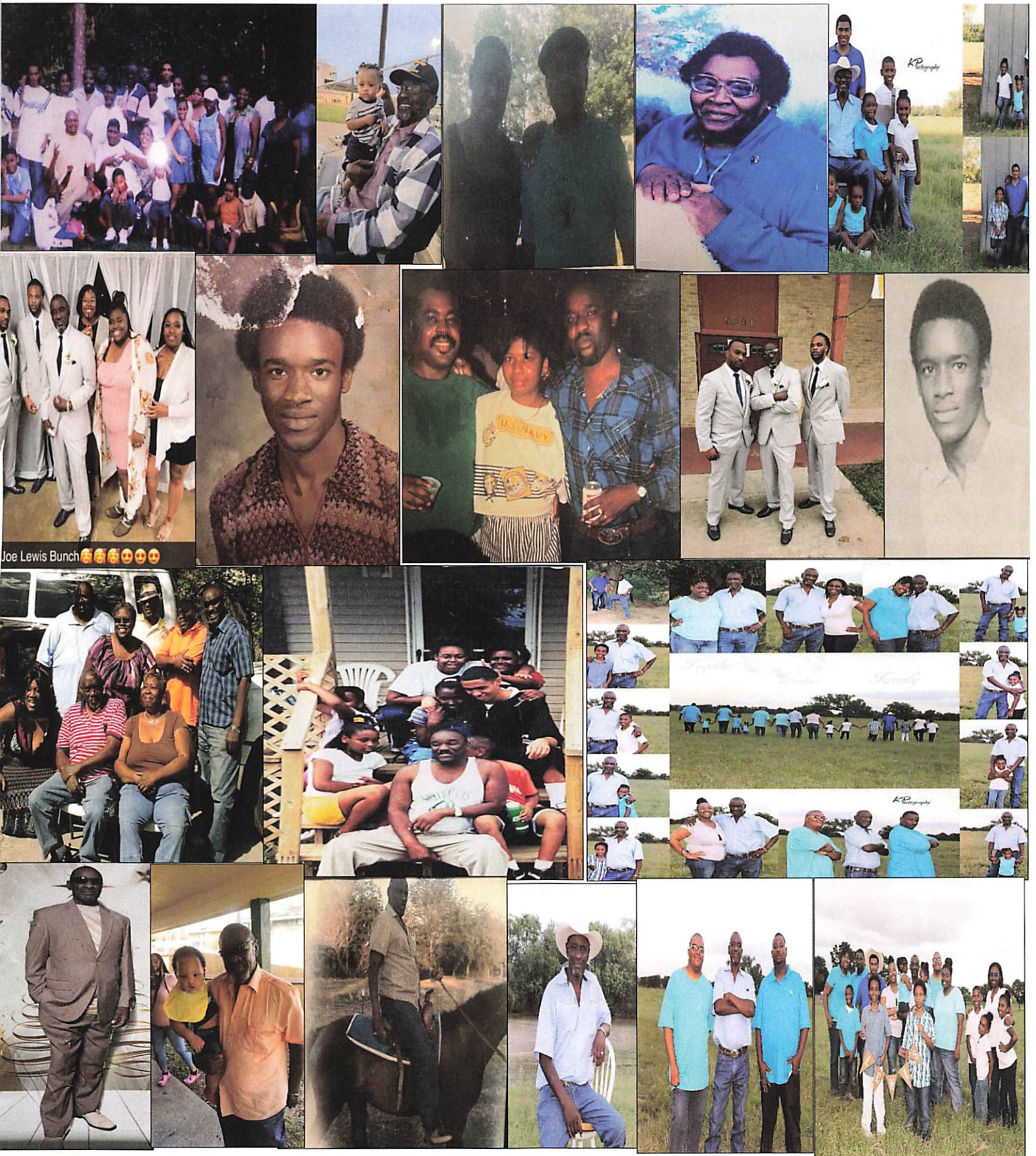
Pastor Justin Green
Weeping Willow B.C- McDade, TX

Parting View

Recessional



'And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: but the



greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:13

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

By David Romano

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love



But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From his golden throne

He said this is eternity
And all I promised you
Today for life on earth is done
But here it starts a new

I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the exact same way
There is no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart



To the Lewis Family.

When our hearts are full of sadness and there is nothing that seem to help this is where our faith comes in. No one knows why certain things happens and we certainly have no control over them what we must do is lean on the things we have been taught and believe. Your faith in God is being tested when tragedy strikes. No one can find the words to comfort you and no one knows how you feel but the Lord. If I had the words to comfort you I would surely say them to ease the pain. Cry if you must, express how you feel but know this, tomorrow will come with troubles of its own. We must keep living and doing the best we can. You will never forget the love one you lost but try to remember the good times and how blessed you were to have that person in your life for whatever time you had.

Those who are strong must be strong for those who are weak. Let not your present sadness determine your future. Look within to find the joy that God has placed in each and every one of us and only you can do that. Turn you tears of sadness into tears of joy knowing that there is more than this present life. If we truly have faith and believe we know there are love ones waiting for us.

Love and cherish the ones that are still here knowing we only have a limited amount of time so use it wisely. Don't hesitate to tell someone you love them and know that you are loved by someone greater.

Serving with Grace and Honor
Pallbearers

Ronnie Lewis
Nathan Lewis
George Smith

Justin Lewis
Brandon Owens
Lindsey Wilson Jr.

Honorary Bearers

(Grandsons)

Malcolm Moore
D'andrew Utley
Marquavius Utley
Logan Lewis
Kennedy Shaw
Jace Haywood

Jeremy Utley
Russell Larkins III
Anthony Middendorf
Kendric Shaw
Kaidyn Green
Dennis Lavigne

Acknowledgments

The Family of Deacon Joseph Lewis would like to thank all of you for your kindness, love, and prayers during this time of sorrow. We would also like to give a special thanks to dad's caretakers Sherry John & Arietha Teo. May the blessings of God surround you and keep you.

The Lewis Family

Final Resting Place

Interment will be with Military Honors at Central, Texas
STATE VETERANS CEMETERY OF KILLEEN, TX
*11463 TX-195 * Killeen, TX 76542*
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.



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Service and Compassion from a Family that Genuinely Cares

We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us, and we sincerely hope that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

Josh and Jamie Hausladen and Staff

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"Cowboy's Prayer"