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# What is *YOUR 20/20 VISION* for the new year?

**Proverbs warns us that without  
a vision, we will perish.**

*Where there is no vision, the people perish:  
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.  
A servant will not be corrected by words:  
for though he understands he will not answer.  
Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words?  
There is more hope of a fool than of him.*

PROVERBS 29:18-20 KJV

Do you have a vision for a child or family member you long to see come to the Lord? Do you have a vision to reach a health goal? Do you have a friend who needs a friend like Jesus? Would you like to do more in missions? It all begins with a vision, which becomes a plan, which becomes a goal and becomes an accomplishment!

### DID YOU KNOW?

2020 will be a leap year on the Gregorian calendar, the 2020th year of the Common Era and Anno Domini designations, the 20th year of the 3rd millennium, the 20th year of the 21st century and the 1st year of the 2020s decade. SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

# CODY COWBOY CHURCH

North American Mission Board | FBA Short-Term Mission Teams Partnership in Cody, Wyoming

## Seeing Lives Changed in Cody, Wyoming

Pastor Pat Alphin and wife, Renee, are NAMB (North American Mission Board) SEND Network Church Planters. In 2018, First Baptist Atlanta began partnering with Pastor Pat and Renee by sending a construction team to the church in Cody. This FBA team completed the front porch including the cross on the front of the church and put the roof over the porch down the side of the church. This new look was essential for the community to see that this church was not going anywhere and that the church stood for the Gospel of Christ. Shown are pictures of this team's work in 2018.

In 2019, FBA sent another short-term team. This group was tasked with serving the Cody community as representatives of Cody Cowboy Church during the annual Stampede Rodeo. Our team cooked breakfast each day, helped build a float for the parade and helped coordinate the parking of thousands of vehicles (mostly trucks) as they came to the rodeo each night.

Our team's efforts during the Stampede helped get the Cody Cowboy Church on the map in Cody which means that attendance for Sunday services has increased dramatically over the years. Given this, they have asked us to come back in 2020. We plan on sending another team to help during the Stampede Rodeo and a second construction team in September to help do the interior work on the building that will connect the church and the bunkhouse. Thank you for praying with us as we continue to participate in what God is doing to grow His church in Cody, WY!

Pat and Renee were traveling, looking for a change, waiting to be called by God for a place of service when they settled in Cody in 2016. Although some traditional churches are not welcoming cowboys with dirt and manure on their clothing instead of wearing their finery, it is not so in his sanctuary. The church has laminate flooring instead of carpeting, so it is easily cleaned after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Southern Baptist services. "We're not going to let flooring stand between sharing the Gospel," he said.

In 2017, Pat began ministering to cowboys at the rodeo. Then Renee began taping performances with equipment donated by a Texas church. This year they opened the bunkhouse, which fit perfectly with the schooling. The coaches see to the bodily health, while Pat's focus is on their spiritual side. Pat was also a rodeo man in the late 1970s into the early 1980s, so he knows how helpful Renee's taped performance replays can be to spot mistakes. The combination of Cody Nite Rodeo's nightly schedule and cowboys desiring coaching and in need of beds intersected neatly. "This ministry wouldn't work as well other than in Cody, Wyoming," he said. "God opened doors. Never give up!"

The summer of 2018 marked the 80th anniversary of Cody Nite Rodeo, a local institution. During the Stampede, the Cowboy Church, run by Pat and Renee, offered bunkhouse accommodations for 10 young men. The bunkhouse resembles a small dorm situation on a college campus, though they are on their own for meals. Cody Nite Rodeo, with its three straight months of rodeo, is the perfect laboratory to apply new lessons and gain experience. The Cowboy Church buttresses faith in disciplines where cowboys can always use it. Over the last 50 years there has been a great expansion of cowboy churches in the United States. While young men absorb the bareback and saddle bronc lessons, the Cowboy Church will spread the Gospel across the land and across the ocean.

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LEFT:  
Pastor Pat  
Alphin and his  
wife, Renee.

RIGHT:  
2019 FBA  
Wyoming  
Team.



### WYOMING INTEREST MEETING

January 12 | Room 1360

### WYOMING MISSIONS TRIP

June 29 – July 6

Team members will continue our partnership with the Cody Cowboy Church by helping with a wide variety of needs and ministry outreach during the annual Stampede Rodeo in Cody!

This is an open door for the Gospel and an opportunity to serve others in the name of Christ during this very special anniversary event. Team Leader: Tim Goist. If interested in this short-term mission trip, visit: [fba.org/global-missions/2020-short-term-mission-teams](https://fba.org/global-missions/2020-short-term-mission-teams)



# 2020 GEORGIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Jan 22 | 11:30 AM | Liberty Plaza in Atlanta

*Liberty Plaza is located across the street from the State Capitol on Capitol Avenue.*

In the days and weeks ahead, mark your calendar and gather friends and family to join with you at the 2020 Georgia March for Life. Be counted as one of the thousands who cares enough to silently pray and walk through the streets of Atlanta as we remember the millions of pre-born babies lost to abortion.

More than 61,000,000 babies have been killed since the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. What can you do as a pro-life Georgian to commemorate the lives of these innocent and defenseless pre-born babies?

Join thousands of pro-life Georgians at the 2020 Georgia March For Life as we come together for a Memorial Service and silent march at Liberty Plaza in Atlanta on January 22, 2020.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:30 AM | Pro-Life Memorial Service

NOON | Silent march through downtown Atlanta

The 2020 Georgia March for Life event begins with a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. At noon, leaving from Liberty Plaza, thousands of pro-life Georgians will join in a one-mile silent march against the tragic loss of life from abortion.



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