

# ***The Cox Chronicles***

## **Spring 2022**



Recently on one of our travels I took the time to delete old emails from both of our accounts. Apparently we have a hard time with the delete button even after reading or responding to them. This took me all the way back to 2016 and unanticipatedly through a walk down memory lane. The emails pertained to speaking trips, college correspondence for a daughter, the loss of a granddaughter, the excitement of a booked

vacation, and many friends who have connected with us and come alongside us in our deepest sorrows and greatest adventures. The emails also contained critiques of the ministry, but also testimonials as to what the Lord was doing through it. Legal documents, board correspondence, pandemic protocols, fund raising, organizational charts, grades, classes, horses for sale, vehicles to consider, medical appointments, and each one bringing with it the memories of walking through those events. Who knew spring cleaning emails could be so emotional?!?! Yet despite the variety of emails there was one common and consistent thread: God's faithfulness through it all.

I am an "all in" kind of gal and can easily get tunnel vision on what lies ahead. It's easy for me to forget the past and keep looking forward as our days fill. (We are driving through a rain storm in OK as I type this!). Yet God calls us to remember. Throughout scripture He instructs His people to celebrate things in remembrance of what He's done. (The Passover). At times he instructed them to build monuments so that the Israelites would remember His goodness to them (as they crossed the Jordan River). We are a forgetful people! And as we forget we also start to doubt. I recently experienced a frustrating night at a fire training exercise. I was able to perform the task at hand (cutting ventilation through a roof) but in the process felt defeated by how difficult the task was for me to complete. I had to get help to start the saw. I couldn't reach as far as I should have to cut the hole, etc. In those moments I looked to my own meager abilities and got frustrated by my shortcomings. I've been able to accomplish more than I ever thought I could throughout this training process, and all because of the Lord's enabling, but I forgot about all that. I let my pride cause me to forget that I'm there to learn, not be immediately proficient at everything. I'm there to serve, not do every task myself. So in the end, if all I do is

collect and hand them tools, then that's important as well. (and Matt would be happy not to have me up on the rooftop!)

#### Family Update:

The crew is doing well and gearing up for our busy spring and summer season.

Hannah and Garrett are settling into their new lives in Whitesboro, TX and we loved having the whole family here for the wedding. Shiloh, Raelynn, Rome, and Hannah were all in the wedding and Garrett wrangled the little ones in the midst of much activity. We recently had the joy of visiting them again in TX and bringing home some horses for the Ranch.

Megan was married to Simeon Wallace on April 1st, 2022. It was a snowy but beautiful day in so many ways and we marvel in the Lord's blessing on this event. They are settling in here on staff until Simeon gets his legal working papers. Their current apartment is without a kitchen so they are getting creative with food prep. They are excited to embark on this new adventure as a couple and seeing where the Lord directs them next.

Lydia has been busy working 3 jobs and enjoyed nesting in a little apartment halfway between the Ranch and Corry where she works. She is helping the couple that own the apartment with some tasks as he goes through chemotherapy treatments. She has enjoyed this opportunity to spread her wings but is considering what comes next as the lease ends soon.

Emily spent this winter taking classes with our School of Discipleship and is already hired on as a counselor for our summer camp season. She's been a huge blessing with running Jonathan to volleyball, helping with errands, babysitting for staff, and generally keeping her mother sane. She is praying about what the fall season holds for her.

Jonathan has enjoyed his first volleyball season playing with the same Christian Co-op that Emily played volleyball with. It's a lot of driving but so worth it to see him enjoying this fellowship with a great group of boys and their wonderful coaches. He is also joining the fire department as a junior when he turns 14 at the end of May. (How is my BABY 14?!?!) He's already been attending some of the trainings and helping with events.



Nana Pat is back in PA for the spring and summer season and will also be with us through the holidays though she plans to return to Lancaster to meet her new great grandchild that is due August. We will be heading to TX for a long trip in September as Matt is officiating a wedding so she will stay with his sister during that time.

Upcoming Events at the Ranch (and beyond):

May 2-4	Matt attends the Basics Conference in Cleveland (Alistair Begg event)
May 6	Jenni speaks for a ladies event in Home, PA
May 6-8	Spring Horse Lovers Retreat
May 20-21	MMR Board Meeting
May 20-21	Father Son Retreat
May 29th	Message From the Mount at Warren Fairgrounds
May 30th	Open House and Memorial Day 5K
June 3-5	Message From the Mount in South Haven, Michigan
June 5-10	Potter's School Camp
June 12-21	Staff Training
June 19	Message From the Mount in Springville, NY
June 22-24	Buckaroo Camp 1
June 26-Aug 5	Weeks 1-6 of summer camp
Aug 7-9	Buckaroo Camp 2
Aug 8-13	Warren County Fair (Ranch has a booth)
Aug 11-14	Family Camp 1
Aug 19-20	School of Discipleship Graduation
Aug 26	Golf Scramble (fundraiser for the Scholarship Program)
Sept 2-5	Family Camp 2

And then we kick into our fall retreat schedule and welcome our new students for 2022-2023!



Prayer Requests:

Emily and Jonathan both get their wisdom teeth removed in May. We are traveling over an hour to find someone that would accept their insurance so prayers for a smooth trip home both times would also be appreciated.

Safety in travel and working with the horses with many upcoming Message from the Mount opportunities.

Wisdom and safety in travel schedules and juggling Ranch responsibilities.

We are still looking for a few more nurse volunteers as well as guy counselors for the summer.

Wisdom with working with our students and guiding them as they look at plans for next year.

For staffing needs and staff housing.

For God's provision for the wedding as well as multiple car repairs that were needed.

That we can get the new bunkhouse finished in time for camp.

For the health and safety of our staff, students, and summer staff.

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Praises:

For the ability and safety to travel to TX to get horses.  
For God's provision in the details of the wedding and especially for Simeon's parents being able to make it across the border to attend.  
For the whole family making it to the wedding.  
For God's provision to meet our needs and continue to serve here.  
For funds to build the new bunkhouse.  
For God's lessons in our lives as we learn and grow in Him.  
For the opportunities to serve that surround us.  
For God's faithfulness in so many ways!  
For the new foals that are being born!

We thank you so much for the role you play in our lives and ministry here. We know that none of this would be possible without God's provision and faithful hand. We are so overwhelmingly blessed by the amazing network of people that God has brought into our lives and so humbled by your encouragement, prayers, and support.

May God bless you this spring and summer.  
In His service,

Matt, Jenni, Emily and Jonathan Cox      (photo credits: Rosie photography and MMR)