

Welcome from the President

This is a special edition of the Truth Aflame magazine as it marks the home-going of the pastor, founder and longtime Executive Director of Bible Doctrines to Live by. In addition to all of that, he was affectionately known as “Cowboy Lee” because of his many years of skillfully using the tools of the cowboy, including his ropes and whips, to attract an audience for the purpose of sharing the gospel. Whether it was behind a pulpit or twirling a rope, Lee was unashamed of the Gospel of the Grace of God and not afraid to loudly proclaim its saving power to all who would listen (and often whether they chose to listen or not).

On February 29, 2020, the funeral service for Lee was held at the Rush Creek Bible Church in Byron Center, Michigan. Several hundred individuals, some traveling a few hundred miles, attended with a clear testimony to the impact Lee’s ministry had had upon their lives. The service, which lasted approximately three hours, was filled with the music Lee loved and testimonies from family and friends. There was laughter, and there were tears as events in Lee’s life and ministry were shared. There can be no doubt that Lee Homoki was larger than life in numerous ways and his life and ministry touched many.

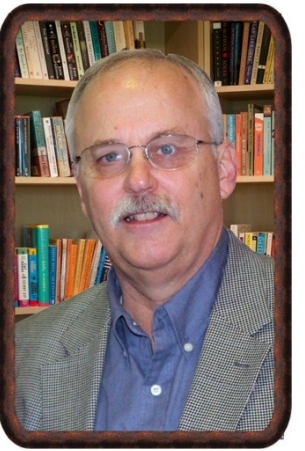
We would ask that you lift up Darlene, Cari, and Steve in your prayers, as they continue with their daily lives. Pray

that the Lord’s peace and grace will be all-sufficient, even as the Apostle Paul found it to be in his life. ***“And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me,”*** 2 Cor. 12:9.

As you leaf through this edition of the *Truth Aflame*, you will read testimonials from numerous friends, pastors, and ministry leaders. I know your heart will be blessed as they paint a picture of the heart of S. Lee Homoki and his compassion for the souls of mankind.

While you are at it, enjoy the pictures of Lee’s life and ministry. (Lee was a prolific photographer; you would not believe the number of pictures we have on file.) In more recent times, when Darlene was able to travel with Lee, she became the photographer and was rarely seen without her little camera in hand.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those who readily offered to be included in this issue. We certainly appreciate your cooperation, which clearly demonstrates your own appreciation for Lee and his many years of ministry.



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Joining B.D.T.L.B.

Personal Thoughts

By Ev. Joel R. McGarvey

I first heard Lee when he spoke at my home church, the Altoona Bible Church in Altoona, Pennsylvania, sometime in the mid to late seventies. Our pastor, Pastor Henry Kulp had invited this “new” guy to the “Grace Message” to preach and had announced that his name was Lee Homoki. Well, I found that name very interesting in that I had never heard a Chinese preacher and looked forward to the Sunday when he would be speaking. That morning as Susan and I arrived at the church, I looked around to catch a glimpse of the speaker. Wow! Was I surprised, and a little disappointed, when this tall, thin, dark-haired gentleman in a black suit, wearing a tie, and carrying a large Bible held close to his chest walked out onto the platform. I’ll never forget that first encounter. Pastor Kulp was an animated preacher and never stood still for very long, but this guy’s arms were waving all over the place. He was loud and waved his Bible in the air, as he poured out his heart for the Word and the Gospel.

It would be a couple of years before our paths would cross again. Lee had suffered a stroke and, as he made his way back into preaching, he was invited to speak at the church where I was the Associate Pastor. He struggled that day. I remember thinking how painful it must be to search for his words as he did but, as he preached, the old Lee could be seen peeking through.

That Sunday began a relationship, not only with Lee, but with BDTLB as well. Several church members began volunteering at Bible Doctrines when larger printing jobs were being done. (The printer didn’t collate, fold and staple in those days.) My brother Timothy and I would often travel and sing at Lee’s Evangelism Crusades. In was through this relationship that I would first travel to England and later to the



With Cowboy Lee in 2001 where I was pastoring Grace Family Bible Church, Duncansville, PA.

Philippines. It was through this relationship that my association with BDTLB would eventually change.

In 2002, I had begun sensing a need to make a change in ministry, a change that would take me out of the pastorate and into an itinerant evangelistic, Bible teaching ministry. In 2003, Lee invited my brother and me to Bushnell, Illinois, to help him with a crusade he would be conducting for a week. Since Lee had left the pastorate and had entered an itinerant ministry, I decided that, if possible, I would arrange for a private time to discuss my feelings. We met for coffee and, when I told him of my thoughts, a big smile came across his face, as he told me that the BDTLB Board had begun praying that the Lord would bring someone to BDTLB

that was familiar with the ministry, had a passion for the lost, and was willing to travel. We left our meeting deciding to begin praying, seeking the Lord’s direction for the future. In 2004, I partnered with Lee and Darlene in their VBS ministry. After I preached in my church on Sunday, that evening I would head out to wherever the Homokis were set to minister.

For seven weeks, Monday through Thursday I taught the adult VBS time and then returned home to my

church for Sunday. The experiment as to whether Lee and I could minister together worked, and in September of 2004, I was invited to join the staff of BDTLB as the Associate Director. On June 1, 2005, Susan and I boarded the motor home that had been given to our ministry and headed out on a journey that, since that



My brother Tim and I joined with Lee in Bushnell, Illinois for an Evangelistic Crusade. It was here that Lee and I spoke of joining BDTLB.



In July of 1997 evangelist Cowboy Lee Homoki and Dolly came to our camp, Antietam Recreation. We were all excited to be a part of his “Round up for Jesus”. I was 12 years old, had my own horse, loved all things western, and was given the special assignment of assisting Cowboy Lee. I got to be with

Cowboy Lee had a vision of reaching boys and girls through the avenue that meant so much to him— the cowboy lifestyle and the cowboy way. He was diligent in creating a program that fulfilled his passion for bringing youth to Christ. Cowboy Lee could draw out the God-given talents that one didn’t even know they had. That is what he did when choosing me to direct the Cowboy Camp in Apollo, Pennsylvania. June and I were stretched to new limits and were blessed beyond measure in the process. What a mentor he was to his staff and the Apollo ranch crew. And the way he motivated the buckaroos was beautiful to behold. We still hear from former camp attendees who are now adults, many in mentoring roles themselves and active in their churches and other ministries. Cowboy Lee’s vision lives on.

When Pastor Lee Homoki learned that Carl and Clayton Schutter were thinking of starting a gospel cowboy singing group, he fervently urged us to do so. He even suggested a name: Riding for the Brand. This was his motto in his Whips & Ropes program which he performed in countless venues over many years. Riding for the Brand has been doing about twenty performances a year, now entering our seventh year. By mixing secular cowboy ballads with gospel songs of a cowboy nature, we get invited to events where a gospel quartet would not ordinarily have an opportunity to minister. Lee loved this.



One of our most memorable events was the Cowboy Reunion held at the B.D.T.L.B. facility in Comstock Park in 2018. (What many of you didn’t know was that David Sorensen, bass singer, broke his foot that morning but didn’t want to disappoint Brother Lee; what a trooper!) Cowboy Lee sat right up front and kept clapping and

Cowboy Lee all day long as he taught all 12 groups, and especially me, with enthusiasm and gusto how to rope and be a cowboy for Jesus. That will be a day and a man I will never forget (of course, we all know he would not have been the great man he was without his faithful angel, Dolly by his side every step of the way). The subsequent visits, letters, Grace Conventions, Cowboy friends I met through him, words of encouragement, and Godly wisdom were great inspirations to me. I was also honored to travel with their mission team to Florida. Our family traveled to Grand Rapids and presented “The Story of Nevada Steve” for Doctrines to Live By, which later became the name of our first outdoor western show. Our whole family has so benefited from Lee Homoki who was full of fun and enthusiasm, an amazing individual, and a real warrior for the Lord. This is a man we honor, love, and look forward to seeing in that great “roundup in the sky.” With love and admiration, Andy and the whole Rotz family.

Andy Rotz & Rotz family



yelling, "Yes! Yes!"

Carl & Clayton were so honored to sing at Brother Lee’s funeral. There was not enough time to sing our second song at the service, but we believe it epitomizes the life of this Christian man we all were so blessed to know. He stayed true to the "narrow" trail.

June Schutter, Carl Schutter, Clayton Schutter, Roger Schutter, and David Sorensen
Ravenna, MI

“Cowboy” Lee was a living legend to us. His memories and lessons will continue to bless throughout time. My oldest son was entering kindergarten the year we met Lee nearly forty years ago. He and Finley Hunter held evangelistic meetings in the beginning days of the church my parents founded, Berean Bible Church in Minerva, Ohio, which met at the Fairmount Grange at the time. In subsequent years, the Joint-Heirs would travel with him, bringing their harmony in music to life.

Lee held special services and “Cowboy Round-ups” at our churches in Beloit, Wisconsin, and Fairhope, Alabama. He performed his rope tricks, sharing the gospel at Central Christian School in Robertsdale, Alabama, where I taught. It was also a treat experiencing Teen Missions at Merritt Island, Florida, with the Fairhope youth, watching Lee’s presentation.

I will always be thankful for Lee’s influence on my children’s lives. He was especially influential in Nathan’s life, who has pastored Grace Bible Church in Fairhope, Alabama, for six years. Lee encouraged Nathan to enter the ministry, mentoring him in simple ways. Nathan traveled with Lee and Darlene for a few weeks during the summer of 1997. “He even let me drive the bus,” Nathan said, “and he made me preach my first sermon!” It always warmed my heart to hear Lee say, “Nathan was a special boy. I wish I had had a dozen like Nathan to travel with me.”

Since Lee invested his time and life into the youth, his legacy and the truths of the gospel will live on through their lives.

Cindy Russell Lippincott
BDTLB



Pastor Lee Homoki moved in with us the week he came to Ohio as evangelist for our church revival. We were just a young couple, scared of life and timid before strangers. We certainly knew nothing about hospitality. But our arms had been twisted and we were committed. We gave him the spare bedroom and a meal here and there. Most of the time he was socializing with church people. I noticed that the man was himself the entire week, never putting on airs. I remember him comforting my husband, who had become overwhelmed by circumstances of life, and I appreciated Lee’s intervention. It made us feel safe and loved. We were supposed to be caring for him, but he became the caregiver with his words. During one of the services, Pastor Lee’s words pierced

my heart, especially through an analogy he gave. His words are even now making an impact forty years later. My version may vary a little from the original, but it still gets the message across.

During that service, Pastor Lee described his take on petty church debates. He claimed that they remind him of the makings of a football game with both teams hoping to win. In his illustration, the ball had just been hiked. The quarterback avoided a tackle, throwing it long and hard to the receiver who was wide- open. The receiver, catching it squarely, could easily make a touchdown. He just needed to turn and run.

The people of the crowd held their breath, not moving their eyes from the young man on the field. Their excitement peaked, but they quickly became bewildered. The speed demon stood perfectly still. He appeared to be frozen. He stared hard at the football in his hands, puzzled. He began to question and count the number of stitches on the ball. The other players huddled around him and the debate began. Were there twelve stitches or thirteen?

All the while, the crowd was screaming, “Run!” But he was too enamored with the design of the ball to make any points for the team that day. Thank you, Evangelist Lee Homoki for the reminder to us that evening. All of heaven is watching with baited breath, shouting for us to run! Let us do the work of the ministry and high-tail it to the end-zone with the message of Jesus Christ for the masses.

Kimberly Russell Haynam
Alliance , Ohio



Lee loved animals, especially the many dogs he had over the years. Here he is with his two “girls” Daisy and Sassy.

time, has covered many thousands of miles, seen us in hundreds of churches, and ministered to several thousand kids and adults. We have been blessed to see many come to faith in Christ.

In 2008, Lee stepped down as the Executive Director and handed over the reins to me. The transition in leadership went very smoothly and I credit Lee for that. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our thirteenth year as the President and Executive Director of BDTLB.

It all began when we were taken by that man who turned out, not to be a China-man, but was a larger-than-life evangelist who loved the Lord, loved the Word, but most importantly loved to share the glorious Gospel of the Grace of God and see people saved. He loved to teach and never apologized for the Word of God, his faith or the message of God’s Grace. His life and ministry spoke to me louder than anything else and it was his unwillingness to deviate from his ministry of the Gospel that served as a real inspiration to my life and ministry.

He was a man who never really thought of retirement as such. He just said “I’m just going to change gears.” and looked for a new way to serve the Lord and preach



Here I am teaching the adult Bible study Grace Bible Fellowship in Ridgeley, WV. I had joined with Lee and Darlene for a week of Vacation Bible School.

the Gospel. The hardest part of Lee’s last years was the inability to get behind the pulpit and preach. Susan and I often told Lee that one of those things we admired most in him was his desire to *keep* keeping on. He never had a desire to simply sit back and play. He saw the need was so great, that time may be short, and that people need the Lord. He always said he wanted to die with his boots on and, until his health had failed him, he continued to read, study, write, and on occasion preach.

Lee was a good friend and partner in ministry for many years and I will surely miss him. But I know that there is coming a grand reunion in the air and that we will meet again. Until then, I will seek the Lord’s direction for the ministry Lee began and seek to continue its two-fold purpose best set forth by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:4; **“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”** God’s desire is that all men be saved and the evangelistic ministry of BDTLB boldly proclaims the saving gospel of the Grace of God and invites young and old to place their faith and belief in the finished work of Christ— His death, burial and resurrection. Secondly, God’s desire is that all men come to a knowledge of the truth. That is an accurate knowledge of **the** truth; the Word of God Rightly Divided, that unique message revealed to and through the Apostle Paul. That was Lee’s driving motivation, and will always will be the overriding purpose of BDTLB.

We miss you dear friend. See you later.

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I Found A Man With A Passion

By: Pastor Matthew Ritchey

Some of my fondest memories of my church growing up involved the annual camp meetings with hankies wavin' and fiery preachin', so meeting Cowboy S. Lee Homoki for the first time was a memorable occasion. I was captivated by this evangelist in cowboy garb, roping children and whipping paper out of people's hands...in a church building! That's just not something that happens every Sunday! While the whip and rope may have caught my attention, it was his passion that won me over. His sermon took me back to those camp meeting preachers. That Sunday I saw a preacher with conviction who spoke the word from the depths of his heart. Lee Homoki was not just playing cowboy; he had a passion for souls.

A few years later, I was asked (some would say "suckered") into being the morning Bible teacher for the first Missouri Cowboy Lee Cowboy Adventure Camp. I must say, it was a week I will never forget. Sleeping in a tent on 100 degree nights in jeans and long-sleeved shirts (Why? Cuz Lee wanted everything to be authentically cowboy), tornado-like winds that threw all of our tents into the woods one afternoon (I still remember the face of the one camper who was IN his tent during this time), cold showers in a horse stall surrounded by tarps (no girls allowed), the bucking barrel (LEE on the bucking barrel!)... man, what memories. At the heart of it all was Lee



Homoki (well, when he wasn't sitting in his air conditioned bus). Lee Homoki also had a passion to teach young people the ways of the cowboy and, more importantly, the ways of the Lord. There are men and women today who are serving the Lord due to the influence of Cowboy Homoki.

I spent time with Lee various times over the years in various capacities, but I really got to know him when I took a position with Bible Doctrines To Live By. Whether it was meeting for breakfast, board meetings, or helping him with a project, Lee was always kind and encouraging to me. Lee was more than a simple cowboy; he was very well-read and had contemplated many of the deep things of God's Word. I enjoyed many conversations with him over theological subjects and respected his zeal for preserving teaching through the written word.

Sadly, I also was around to see Evangelist Homoki's health and ability to communicate decline. I can tell you that it was hard for this man who had traveled many miles over many years, holding meetings and writing literature, to see it all come to a grinding halt. It was difficult for him to communicate, read, talk, or walk with his dog. Yet, he continued to try to contribute in any way that he could. I am so thankful that Lee is now enjoying the Savior he served faithfully for so many years.

Without Lee Homoki, there would be no Bible Doctrines To Live By. While the avenues for reaching others for Christ may have changed through the years, one thing remains: our purpose and desire is to see all saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. I can think of no better way to honor the legacy of Lee Homoki than to continue to exhibit the same passion that I saw in him those many years ago.

MEMORIES OF S. LEE HOMOKI

Linda and I first got to know S. Lee Homoki, when he stayed at our home in Cope, Colorado. I was serving as the pastor of Cope Community Church, when he came through on one of his evangelistic campaigns. Everyone who knows Lee has an interesting story about him, and the thing that left an impression on me was that when we offered him some peanuts in-the-shell, he first popped them into his mouth whole to suck the salt off, then opened them to eat the nuts!

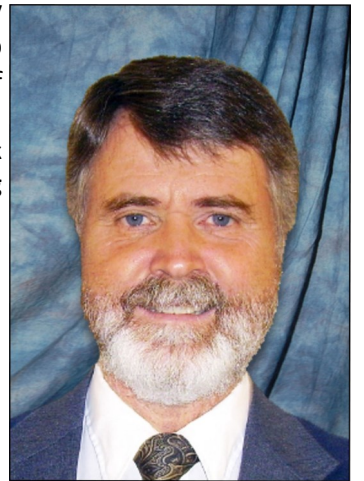
More memorable, however, was the joy of seeing souls saved and believers edified, as Pastor Homoki thundered out the Word in his inimitable style. His passion was infectious and one could not help but be challenged when confronted with such a powerful exposition of the Scriptures!

On a personal note, my own ministry was greatly expanded beyond preaching and teaching in the local church. Brother Lee encouraged me to send copies of "take home" Bible studies I wrote for our members, and promised to print them in TRUTH AFLAME. This he did, and further encouraged me to publish my various

sermon series in books. Much to my surprise, these Bible study books "took off," beginning with THE MYSTERY which is still our most popular title.

For several years, we had the privilege of hosting "Cowboy Lee's" Cowboy Camps here in South Dakota. We appreciated the fact that, in the midst of all of the fun and excitement of horses, ropes, and whips, the weeks were centered around the teaching of the Word of God, as well as with outreach, as young people took to the streets to spread the gospel. Thank you, Pastor, Evangelist, and Cowboy S. Lee Homoki! The glory all goes to Christ Who was and is the center of it all!

Pastor Joel Finck
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Due to the Covid-19 virus we have found it necessary to **"PAUSE"** the **Mid-Atlantic Grace Bible Conference** scheduled for September 11-13, 2020 and reschedule it for **September 10-12, 2021**.

At this time **Pastor Mark Wright** is still scheduled to be the primary teacher.

We have purposely used the word **"PAUSE"** rather than **"CANCEL"** as we do not want this interruption to be seen as an end to the conference. **We will be back!**

We ask for your understanding as together, we make our way through this difficult time. Please pray for all those who have been affected directly and indirectly by the virus, and especially for those who have lost loved ones.

~~September 11-13, 2020~~

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Lee really cared about people

"Lee Homoki had a big impact on both of us. When we were children, it was always a treat to have Cowboy Lee visit our school yearly and perform tricks with his ropes and whips. Hearing him preach afterwards was powerful. He was a great encouragement, not just to the kids in the school, but also to my (Carolyn's) father, who was the pastor and the principal of our school. It was clear he looked up to Lee over the years, right up to the very end – as did we.

A few years after Tadd and I were married, it was Lee and Darlene who gave us both jobs with Bible Doctrines. They welcomed us on board, even though we were unpolished and inexperienced. That was something we really appreciated about Lee: he didn't care what people looked like or where they came from – he was interested in their hearts. He made it clear that that was what God was interested in, too. *Anyone* could receive forgiveness through Christ and become a child of God.

When it came to presenting the Gospel, Lee was genuine and passionate. He would regularly turn to the Scriptures for inspiration and direction while talking with people, whether on the street or in the church. His Bible Briefs were filled with such depth and wisdom. It was amazing to see the wealth of knowledge and understanding he could find within God's Word.

Lee Homoki was a great man of God, and we are thankful for all he taught us about the Bible. He will be missed, but his legacy can be found in the lives he touched through his vast evangelical outreach and writings. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with him for many years at the ministry he started, and an even greater honor to call him

Two became Thirty-two

"Good morning, Jan. This is Lee Homoki from Bible Doctrines calling. Trust all is going well with you. I met you for the first time, along with my dad, at Grace Ministries International where you were working as their secretary. I understand that you resigned from there so you could work full time with your Husband, Harry, in the church. We are swamped with work right now and your help for a couple of days would be much appreciated." "Yes, I would be willing to help out for a couple of days."

Hmm...a couple days needed, but 32 years later (December 2018) I retired from Bible Doctrines. Truly, I loved my job (ministry) and just couldn't adjust to retiring. I

still miss the BDTLB ministry and the wonderful staff.

Brother Lee (and Darlene) started the ministry a year or so before I came to work with them. This was wonderful for me to start on the "ground floor" of the ministry. Lee was so helpful and patient. I had so much to learn and put into practice. We had a few ups and downs, mistakes were made, Truth Aflame with misspelled words in it, and other mistakes as well, but we learned together. Lee had a saying when things went wrong, "oh, carnal spasm," but there was always an apology from him during those times. We even had many times of laughter to share also.

Lee truly loved the Lord and being involved in the ministry. Through Lee, items such as Truth Aflame, Bible Briefs, books, booklets, tracts, conferences, planning meetings, Cowboy Lee summer camps, Family Bible camps, DVBS, mailings, came to be. His passion for preaching, teaching, and writing can be seen in the thousands pieces of Christian literature produced during his many years at the helm of BDTLB. Countless men and women and boys and girls came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Through all of this literature also, hundreds came to know the Gospel of the Grace of God – the difference between Law and Grace.

The staff all worked closely together. Well, we had good times, too...especially the word "Chinese." When we needed to "get away," Lee loved Chinese and, of course, we didn't let him go alone. We enjoyed our times together – birthdays, guests, planning luncheons (we did get things done), and so much more.

The planning for the conferences needed extra special attention. Lee was sure to let Darlene and I and whoever wanted to, go to Shipshewana and the Das Essenhaus restaurant. What a great day! He was known to go along with us, too.

Because of Lee's great leadership, he passed down many wonderful ideas, suggestions, etc., to the staff. The verse that describes this I believe can be found in I Corinthians 3:6; "So then neither he who plants is anything, nor *he who waters, but God gives the increase.*" We are a team working together.

Jan Bultema

Office Manager (Retired)

A Note from Darlene

"Precious Memories – how they linger..." I am so thankful for these precious memories. When Joel asked me to write a couple paragraphs about our ministry, I thought how can I put 60 years of memories into a nutshell unless it might be a coconut! Anyway, I'll give it a try.

We were married in September of 1960 following our graduation from the Arizona Bible Institute. My first memories of Lee were watching him preach on the street corner in Phoenix back when this was a requirement of the school that every Saturday night we were either on a street team or a Rescue Mission Team. His passion even then as a student was to preach the Word! He never lost that passion. He loved to share the Gospel and there was not a nurse, doctor, or therapist that came to the house that would leave without Lee giving them a tract or whenever possible talking to them about the Lord Jesus.

We moved several times from 1960 to 1981. Our first home was in Window Rock, AZ, the capital of the Navajo Indian Reservation where his parents were missionaries. A couple months after our wedding Lee decided we should do something for the Navajo teens. Lee contacted the Truth for Youth (Youth for Christ) Director in Phoenix and got permission to use their name and started Truth for Youth rallies every Saturday night in window Rock for the Navajo young people. We both worked full time because we didn't have any support for this ministry but the Lord provided us good jobs, and we were able to keep it going for a couple years adding a Friday night rally in Gallup, NM for the teens there.

Leaving Window Rock, we went as Youth Pastor to Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ, and also worked with Truth for Youth, then to Pomona Valley Baptist Church, Pomona, CA, as Youth Pastor, on to Pastor Twin Peaks Community Church, Twin Peaks, CA, and after five years to Pastor the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Tipp City, Ohio, and in 1977 to Berean Bible Church in Evansville, IN.

Finally, in 1981 we found ourselves in Grand Rapids, MI, where Lee founded and directed the ministry of Bible Doctrines to Live By, until 2008, when Joel McGarvey became the Executive Director of Bible Doctrines, freeing Lee of the administrative work.

Bible Doctrines was formed with the intent of an itinerant ministry of Evangelism, Bible Conferences, etc., and a printing ministry developing and printing Bible study materials with an emphasis on "right division" of the Word. Lee started out with a couple of meetings scheduled for 1981, and I got a job at Home Insurance Co. We were so thankful for my job and for requests for additional meetings coming in thanks to Pastor Henry Kulp of Altoona, PA, who had told Lee, if he would start out, Pastor Kulp would help him get started with some contacts and a recommendation. It wasn't long before

Lee's schedule was as full as he wanted. For 15 years he traveled all summer by himself, while I stayed home with Steve and Cari and worked at the Insurance Company. (I started as a clerk typist but by the time the company closed, in 1995 I was Supervisor of the entire clerical unit. Many changes there too.) When the company closed, we decided I was going to join Lee in his travels and we would trust the Lord for increased support of Bible Doctrines to supplement our income. We never went without!! Thank and Praise to the Lord.

We traveled extensively across the USA doing Evangelistic and Bible Conferences and soon added helping the small churches do their Vacation Bible Schools. Then we added the Cowboy



Lee and Darlene with Dusty Rogers, son of Roy Rogers. Dusty attended a camp program Lee conducted while in Twin Peaks, CA.

Lee Adventure Cowboy Camps. These were a highlight of Lee’s ministry. How he loved and enjoyed working with, and mentoring young people. We would take a Gospel Team with us during the summer months and he would always give the young people an opportunity to share their testimonies and, if the men so desired, he would help them prepare and give their first sermons. It has been a joy to watch these young people mature and now find many of them in full-time ministries themselves.

We also traveled to other countries. I joined him to go to England and Scotland, to Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii. Our final foreign trip was to Africa in 2001 (Zambia and Zimbabwe). What great and exciting experiences we had in our ministry. Lee had also gone to Curacao and the Philippines before I went with him overseas

I could share many stories of the Lord’s blessings and some heartaches with you, but that would take an extra, extra large coconut to do that; so suffice it to

say I have MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES of ministry and a marriage of 59 years. Lee was a wonderful husband, provider, dad, and a great leader and preacher and is greatly missed. There is a real vacuum in our home but, praise the Lord, the precious memories are great and nothing to be regretted in our life.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support for us over the years. It was all greatly appreciated. The last few years for Lee were really hard. He did not suffer from physical pain but it was the emotional pain of not being able to study and preach. At last he could not walk by himself (for 3 ½ years, swallow well, communicate, talk well, or read, or write. He could not get words out) and the last stroke took his sight. He was ready to go Home as he said but NOT THE NURSING HOME! Praise the Lord he is with the Lord Jesus whom he loved with all his being. (1 Thes. 4:13-18) Thank you again. Those verses have become very special to me over the last few months. Praise the Lord!



The first time I met “Cowboy Lee” was many years ago, while serving as Youth Pastor at Northwest Bible Church in Enumclaw, Washington. He preached that Sunday morning and shared some of his rope tricks. Most importantly he shared the gospel and how the Lord had impacted his life. There is no doubt that his faith and his love for Jesus were evident and if there was a picture of someone in my life that was “unashamed” it was Lee.

My greatest memories of Lee would be encapsulated in his last few years. It was certainly hard to watch him struggle with his health, whether that was in the hospital, at rehab, or even in the comforts of his home, and yet, it was through those challenges that his testimony shown brightest. Visiting him and Darlene was a treasure. When I stepped into the role of



Executive Director at the Grace Gospel Fellowship, I must admit to being a bit “green” with regards to the history of the “Grace Movement” and yet Lee shared openly about the rich fellowship he had experienced with the various leaders in the different organizations. He didn’t candy-coat the differences of opinion or

the unique philosophies that existed within our fellowship, and yet he saw the diversity as an opportunity to model the beauty of the “Body of Christ” and how effective we can be when we work together.

One visit with Lee and Darlene that I will remember most is when Dr. Sam Vinton Jr. joined me for a visit to the Homoki home. I really didn’t say much during that time together. I simply listened. To hear these two men, of great faith, share about their trip to Zambia was so special. I have looked up to both of these men for many years, so being able to sit back and hear firsthand how God used the two of them to minister to the young leaders in Africa was special. It simply affirmed for me that God is powerful and is able to use any one of us to change the lives of others, even thousands of miles away from home. Highlighting God’s faithfulness above all, I am secondarily drawn to the willingness of brother Lee to be used by God, no matter the time or location. Lee was and still is a testimony of “bravery” and “courage” as one that simply responds to the leading of the Lord to advance the gospel for the glory of God! Brother Lee will be missed, but the Lord’s legacy through him will carry on for eternity. There is no doubt that many will spend eternity in the presence of Jesus, simply because of God’s faithfulness and Lee’s willingness. Love you Lee!

Matt Amundsen
Executive Director
Grace Gospel Fellowship

We Sure Miss our Partner,

2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

These few verses are an example of Lee Homoki’s motivation to found the ministry “Cowboy Lee’s Cowboy Adventures”. Cowboy Lee Ministries started as a cowboy adventure camp for boys and be sure there was much hardness to endure that first year. The idea of sleeping, eating and roughing it under the stars is romanticized by many, but the reality of cooking over an open fire with temperatures in excess of 100 degrees F every day, in the sun, is a hardness to endure. We had storms everyday and mosquitoes and ticks to fill a western novel. Runaway horses and cowboy showers went along with Bible study and right fine preaching. It was quite a week!

As he developed Cowboy Lee’s Cowboy Adventure Camps, he included programs for girls and families. The facilities improved but the focus remained to proclaim the grace found in Christ Jesus, teach others to be faithful to proclaim God’s matchless grace found in His word.

Many cowboys and cowgirls testify that Cowboy Lee impacted their lives through the camp program. The skills they learned are used today as they share God’s

Remembering Lee Homoki

I remember so succinctly the very first time I met Lee Homoki. He was most definitely a force to be reckoned with, but in a good way. His love for God was evident! His desire to witness was contagious! His burden for the lost was palatable!

A Grace Pastor was the first person to tell me about Lee, and he called him the "Evangelist of Evangelists." This pastor shared how he enjoyed having Lee at his church, for "he really shakes things up!" So, his reputation had proceeded him, causing me to feel a little intimidated and nervous at the prospect of meeting him the first time. Lee quickly put me at ease by his gentle & friendly spirit, his genuine interest in my ministry, his desire to serve the Lord Jesus, and his eagerness to fellowship around God's word.

No doubt that this man was a mover and shaker, but only because of the urgency he felt to "win the lost at any cost!" I cannot begin to express fully the gratitude

amazing gospel of grace and many believed in the finished work of Christ Jesus.

As a staff member I testify to a much closer relationship with Christ Jesus through the Bible studies and excellent sermons presented by Cowboy Lee. He presented the truth of God’s Word in a manner that brought me right where I needed to be to grow. Sometimes that included enduring hardness. His example was to be gracious when rebuffed by those who were not receptive to the truth of God’s grace.

Cowboy Lee’s influence continues through literature. Books, study guides, and tracts are available through Bible Doctrines to assist all as they remain strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. I invite you to explore the store at BibleDoctrines.org.

We sure miss our partner Cowboy Lee but rejoice in his presence with the Lord Jesus Christ. All cowboys and cowgirls can be sure they are able to someday be present with Christ Jesus. God’s word says all who believe that Jesus died for your sin was buried and rose again has the promise of eternal life in heaven. Nothing made Cowboy Lee happier than when a soul is saved.

We continue to labor in the strength we find in the grace in Christ Jesus, looking forward to the day of rejoicing in His presence.

Neil Schnaath
Chairman of the Board, BDTLB



and appreciation I have for Lee and Darlene Homoki and the fruit of their ministry. Being a part of the first "cowboy camp" in Missouri and seeing this dynamo in action, was a tremendous blessing and an experience that I will treasure forever. Lee dreamed big, for he knew his God was much bigger than any of his dreams. He was a man of faith, because he knew he served a faithful God.

Dr. Lee Homoki set the example we all should follow when it comes to personal evangelism. His legacy of winning souls reaches into eternity. What a blessing it has been to be, in a small way, a laborer together with this "Evangelist of Evangelists!"

Pastor Rick Owsley
St. Louis Bible Fellowship



Lee Homoki Left His Mark

As I reflect on the life and ministry of Lee Homoki, my mind immediately drifts back to the first time I heard Lee preach. I was a freshman at Grace Bible College (Grace Christian University), and each day we would attend chapel and listen to various speakers share messages from God’s Word. I must have attended what seemed like hundreds of chapel messages in my five years at Grace, and, to this day, I can only remember a few. Lee Homoki was one of the few that left an imprint on that young college freshman studying for the ministry. When Lee took the pulpit, he immediately had the attention of everyone in the room. He not only spoke with a loud booming voice, but he spoke with passion and conviction. You could tell that Lee believed in what he preached and wanted everyone who heard him to know his Lord. Even today, Lee’s passion for preaching is something I strive to emulate in the pulpit.

Now upon graduation and beginning my ministry, I would see Lee from time to time. Each time I was confronted with a man who loved the Lord and maintained a passion for souls until the day he died.

Lee was also a man who wanted to get the message of grace out to as many people as possible. He wrote just like he preached, with purpose. In every area of ministry, Lee’s purpose was that men and women could know Christ as Savior and be grounded in the truth of the Word.

Lee founded the ministry *Bible Doctrines to Live By* and that name says so much about Lee’s heart and passion. Lee’s heart was preaching the meat of the Word for he knew that it was doctrine that leads to the salvation of the soul and the transformation of the believer. Lee’s ministry continues even today as *Bible Doctrines to Live By* publishes materials that proclaim the gospel of Grace given to and through the Apostle Paul.

As I conclude this short tribute I would be remiss if I did not include Lee’s passion to make the gospel message as clear as possible in his teaching and preaching. Lee sought creative ways to help those who heard him understand for themselves what God had done in Christ to provide the way of salvation. Lee used his western upbringing and his love for the “wild west” as a way to share God’s Word through cowboy camps and his evangelistic meetings.

In closing, it is hard to quantify how much a person’s life can affect those they leave behind. However, even though we may find it hard to measure, I can say for certain that Lee Homoki left his mark on me.

Dr. Robert E. Nix
President, Berean Bible Institute



In 2003 when I came to be the President of Grace Bible College, brother Lee was serving as a board member. He was so very encouraging, when I came, as he took me aside and talked about how he wanted me to lead the college, because I was an evangelist like him and had a clear passion for the Grace Message. He was outspoken on those two principles and had dedicated his life to preaching, serving, writing, and supporting those important things. We were co-laborers and talked often about how to help churches and students to be more evangelistic and dedicated to our grace distinctives.

Brother Lee invited me to come to the Grace Revival for Evangelism held in Nashville, IN, and I came with a GBC student and we enjoyed great fellowship with those there. The student (Alex) and I went out and did person-to-person evangelism in the afternoon and passed out gospel tracks. We sought to embody what the conference was about and, when brother Lee found out, he wanted to know all about what we did and how the Lord had led us to individuals who would listen. In a future conference Lee made a plan to take time out and meet in the parking lot of a large store. There Lee

gathered a crowd by doing rope tricks and asked me to do outdoor evangelistic preaching, as I’d done so many times on the mission field. Once again. Lee and I shared a heart and ministry for the lost.

Lee was a regular guest for chapels at Grace Bible College (now Grace Christian University) over the years and we asked him to challenge our students to be bold soul winners. Lee always did this with passion and was received well. He served our Board until his health did not allow it any longer. I thank God for his laser focus on those two passions of his life — evangelism and grace theology. It has encouraged and inspired me for ministry. His focus has touched our Board where he served, our students at Grace, and my life as a fellow minister for His glory.

Dr. Ken Bruce Kemper
President, Grace Christian University



We Got More than We Bargained For

We were a new Grace Church when we met Ev. Lee & Darlene Homoki and invited them to come and provide a V.B.S., which they did. But, we got more than we bargained for. Lee taught us how to do “the work of an evangelist”(2Tim. 4:5), how to present the gospel of the grace of God (1Cor. 15:1-4) in a clear, concise, and brief presentation, to adults and children alike. After getting sinners saved, he encouraged us to build on the ministry of the apostle Paul – “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery” (Eph. 3:9).

It was perhaps the biggest week of the year for us when we saw that big bus park behind our church, because we knew great things were going to be accomplished for Christ during that week of summer V.B.S. He inspired us to be more than we thought we could be. His passion was contagious, his teaching in-depth, his honesty refreshing—*‘he called them as he saw them.’* I asked him every question I had on my mind, and he never tired of answering. He made me a better pastor and Bible teacher. I will forever be grateful for his mentoring.

Our local church established a relationship with Lee, Darlene, and B.D.T.L.B. that first year, one that has continued for 17-years with his successors, Ev. Joel & Susan McGarvey. Our association with B.D.T.L.B. was one of the best decisions our church could have made and continues to pay dividends until this day. We believe Lee & Darlene will be richly rewarded at the bema seat in heaven for their lifelong service to Christ’s ministry of grace. We are proud to have known Lee and the valuable organization, which he started.

Pastor Brent & Sandra Biller
Grace Bible Fellowship
Ridgeley, WV



Lee and Pastor Brent Biller in 2003

An Example to Follow

D. L. Moody once said, “When a man is filled with the Word of God you cannot keep him still. If a man has got the Word, he must speak or die.” That’s how it was with evangelist Lee Homoki. He could not keep still. He had the Word and the Word had him, and he had to speak the truth to others. For Pastor Lee, it was “...woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” (1 Cor. 9:16).

There are many stories that have been and could be told by those who knew Brother Lee, but the bottom line of his life is that he cared for souls. In this, he was like his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are called to follow the Apostle Paul as he followed Christ both in doctrine and practice (1 Cor. 11:1). Paul’s passionate example guides us under grace. It challenges us to live faithfully and sacrificially for the Savior and to reach out with the gospel of the grace of God. Paul instructed the Body of Christ, “Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample” (Phil. 3:17). Paul wanted the Philippians to follow his example *and* to look for and mark believers among them whose lives were examples of Paul’s manner of life and ministry.

It’s been said that God’s Word tells us our duty; godly examples show us that it is possible. Lee Homoki followed the example of the Apostle Paul. He showed us that it is possible. And for us, the life of Pastor Lee Homoki is one to “mark.” Lee’s heart for evangelism and his allowing the Lord to use his life to the fullest has provided an example for each of us to follow.

Pastor Kevin Sadler,
President of Berean Bible Society

