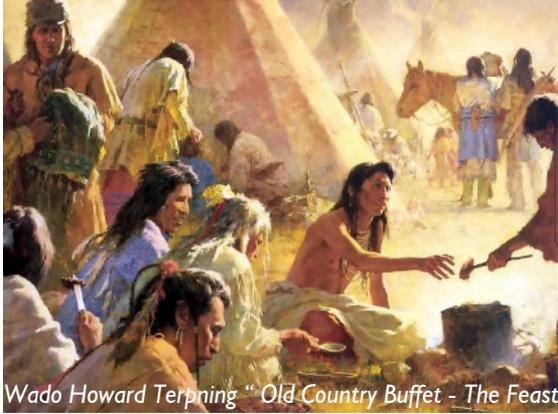


Restoring the Paths - Healing Relationships

Osyio' (Greetings) The Fall season is upon us and with it the excitement of fall festivals, including a day to publicly acknowledge and give thanks to our Great Father for His Goodness! A fact that is often overlooked on Turtle Island is that Creator is a "Good God and it is His Goodness that leads one to repentance." **Romans 2:4.**

The Thanksgiving Holiday is a time to be still and know there is a Good God. Thanksgiving on Turtle Island (North America) did not start in 1565, nor did it begin at Plymouth in 1621. The Cherokees were raising corn as early as 1,000 BC. Before European contact, the Cherokees already participated in a ceremony giving



Wado Howard Terping "Old Country Buffet - The Feast"

thanks for crops and it was a **form of worship** in what is known as the "Green Corn Ceremony". This traditional dance and festival was a very important ceremony for the Cherokees. This ceremony was the beginning of the New Year. Our ancestors gave thanks for the corn crop that they saw as a continued life for them. It was a time for **forgiveness and grudges to be left behind - starting anew**. A part of their celebration was **fasting**, and then gathering at the ceremonial grounds to play stickball, dance and have a big feast. (information courtesy of Cherokee Nation)

Our Hebrew Scholars tell us this mirrors the Jewish Holidays from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur. This also supports the teachings of Rabbi Wolf Brother Brody of Israel that the Cherokees are descendants from the tribe of Zebulun.

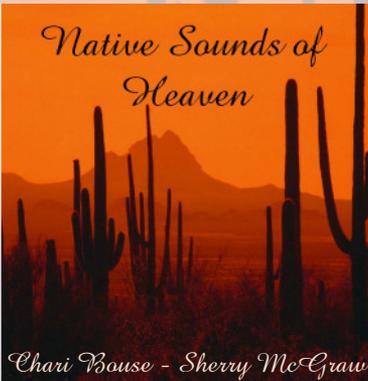
The first known Cherokee converted to European Christianity in 1773. In 1801, the first permanent Christian Mission in the Cherokee Nation was called Moravian Mission. It was located in present-day Georgia. Also in 1801 the Cherokees adopted the Western style of Christian hymn singing. As more Cherokees became Christians the custom of observing the English National Thanksgiving Holiday became common.

When I was hungry - you gave me something to eat...

What is true prosperity? *“True prosperity is the ability to use God’s ability and power to meet the needs of mankind – regardless of what those needs may be”* ...Brother Kenneth Copeland, Cherokee.

This ministry is blessed to be a blessing to others. Every winter on Reservations, families and elders go without heat in their homes or warm themselves in front of a wood stove. We partner with charities that repair and winterize homes to conserve heat and make the homes more livable. This type of ministry is near and dear to my heart. Before crossing over to heaven, my earthly father worked for a non-profit organization that winterized homes for the poor. He told the Lord one time “Lord, if you would just give me one million dollars, I will spend it all on helping the poor.” As it turned out, the Lord provided him two million dollars to winterize homes for the poor before he was overtaken with cancer in 1991.

In honor of my father I will continue his work in helping the poor. As a follower of the Jesus way I know that what I do to the least of these I do unto Adonoi.



Our latest CD project “***Native Sounds of Heaven***” has just been released.

All profits from this CD will go back into helping the poor and training up First Nations youth to prosper and be a blessing wherever the Lord sends them.

For a minimum donation of \$10 plus shipping, you can share the rewards of blessing these wonderful people and enjoy the peaceful, soothing sounds of Mohawk and Navajo flutes. You can send a check to this ministry or order online at www.ChariBouse.org . It will soon be available on iTunes and Amazon.com.

May this music serve as a repairer of the breach and restorer of the paths of relationships (Isaiah 58:12) between the First Nations of Turtle Island and all people groups.

The Anointed Generation – Our Youth:



Another ministry we will support through the CD projects is the **Rez10X** youth program on the Navajo Reservation, a division of Pastors Ellson and Debra Bennett's Covenant of Faith ministries. They share that "neither the churches nor the BIA have provided anything for them and we have already lost generations of youth."

The name **Rez10X** has a special meaning: **Rez** is for the Reserve or Reservation. **10** is the number of Divine Order. **X** in Greek means "Anointed One." We believe this is the anointed generation. So the whole name means: *Reserved for God's Divine order, the anointed ones.*

Pastor Ellson continues: "**Rez10X** is a Youth Church that mentors them in the Word of God, helping to enlighten and develop each one's individual giftings and callings. We are teaching them how to find their identity in Christ. This will not only be a church, but a place where they can learn life skills and where they will not only be taught culture, but how to function off the Reservation. No matter where their steps are ordered, they will know how to use what they have been taught. They will prosper in that place. This is a place where their social needs for healthy relationships are made and developed."

The Bennetts' vision for this youth ministry is to meet the needs of these youth: spirit, soul and body, so they may be a blessing to the next generation in their Nation, or wherever God sends them. Not only for Navajo Youth, but the Bennetts' vision extends into all Indigenous Nations in the USA, Canada, and Mexico.



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God bless the Bennetts' and other youth ministries on our reservations. The youth of this country are our greatest treasures. We must teach them their covenant rights and responsibilities. The fulfillment of this mission takes place when these youth become rooted and grounded in love, established fully in the Word of God to reach out and to teach others the same principles that they have learned...Aho!

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