

John 14:6 tells us Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life. This is key to our salvation in Jesus. This is also the truth that is proclaimed week after week at Circle C Ranch. I have had the opportunity of being a camper and staff member, as well as sending my children to Circle C. Through the past twenty seven years I have been involved, Circle C has never swayed from showing and preaching the truth of salvation in Jesus Christ. I learned basic truths of scripture as well as made friends who are now positioned in various places across the country. We all share the common bonds of salvation through Jesus, and the time we spent at Circle C. What a blessing to share this same truth now with my children. The Aarum family is dedicated to preach truth no matter the cost. For three generations, they have led well, and taught the youth under their leadership that Jesus is not only our salvation, but our ever present help, our defender and our redeemer. This world is a crazy place, and it's so reassuring to know that Circle C remains committed to boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all those who come to their camp. I hope you will consider what impact the truth of Christ can have on a student or young person in your life and consider sending them to Circle C Ranch to experience it for themselves.

To say that I have been abundantly blessed by Circle C Ranch and the Aarum family would be an understatement. I have known the Aarum family closely for nearly 20 years and have been involved in their church, youth programs, camps, and various extra activities along the way.

During my young teen years I had many struggles and finding my faith was what saved my life, and I'm not sure where I would be without this ministry. As Wayne being my youth leader I opened up to him about my struggles and some of the obstacles I was facing. Never once did he belittle me, make me feel lesser, or perhaps most importantly to state, he never once made me feel threatened or vulnerable in any manner.

Unfortunately I have encountered some giants in my life that had made me feel those ways and have used their power to hurt myself and others, Wayne Aarum never has come close to that. In fact, he helped me jump through to healing after circumstances occurred in my life that I never even detailed to him. I don't know that I have ever been able to truly articulate the words to thank him for his influence on my life, the guidance he offered, the truth he shared from God's Word even when I didn't want to hear it, and how often he pushed me to be better and never stop fighting. Here I'm hoping my testimony of his influence and care in my life is a step towards expressing that.

Being able to grow alongside this family and ministry has been nothing outside of a blessing. God has used Wayne, the ministry, and his beautiful family in so many amazing ways to further the Kingdom of Heaven and to help so many lost people get pointed in the right direction. To know Wayne, to see his passion for the Lord, and to be able to witness his desire for truth to be known, is to know that you are in the presence of a man seeking to honor and glorify Christ with his life.

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have had the privilege of knowing Wayne Aarum and Circle C Ranch for the past 18 years in a variety of capacities to include friend, mentor, pastor and boss. He along with his wife Julie were foundational in helping me grow in my walk with Christ after I got saved at the age of 17. I was first introduced to Wayne, Julie and Circle C Ranch when he became the fill in pastor at Arcade First Baptist Church. During this time I was a bit of a wayward teen making poor choices that could have resulted in unpleasant consequences. Kindly, he and Julie befriended me and became my mentors, counseling me on numerous occasions. Together they helped me realize that making good choices was honoring to God and by doing what God loves, it in turn allowed Him to pour His blessing upon me and my life. This realization was life changing for me and over the next few years my life completely changed for the better. As a devout Christian, I eventually became engaged to my husband, whom Wayne also counseled and led to Christ. Wayne and Julie again walked along side us providing us with godly marriage counseling and practical advice that has sustained us in our marriage for almost 16 years and still going strong.

After that, I was honored to take an administrative position at Circle C Ranch managing the finances and payroll. During my time there I happily worked alongside Wayne on a daily basis and he was always very kind, supportive and respectful, helping me whenever needed. I truly loved my time working at Circle C Ranch and was sad to leave when my husband's job in law enforcement transferred us out of state. Despite the distance, we have continued to remain close friends with Wayne, Julie and the whole Aarum family visiting the Ranch on a regular basis.

My husband and I were blessed with four beautiful children who also love the Aarum family and Circle C Ranch. My oldest two were campers the past three years and were devastated when they could not go to camp last summer due to Covid. They would come home raving about all the fun activities, wacky shows and awesome messages that strengthened their personal relationship with Jesus. As a parent it is my greatest joy to see my children on fire for the Lord and Circle C Ranch has played a vital role in developing that relationship.

For His Glory,



I remember the first time I stayed at Circle C Ranch. I was 8 years old, and as a very shy child, I did not connect with my cabin mates right away. But I remember going to Chapel on Monday night, and that was when Jesus became real to me for the first time.

Growing up in a Christian home, I had learned about Jesus, and how He came to earth and died for my sins on a cross. How He rose again from the dead. How He loved me even though I was a sinner. But until my encounter listening to Mr. Wes speak, it just felt like stories from long ago. It was not real life.

Mr. Wes described each step in the death of Jesus as if it were happening that very moment. I remember tears rushing down my cheeks as I felt for the first time what dying on the cross actually meant, and what it was like for those that witnessed it. And then to imagine witnessing Jesus alive again after raising from the dead...Wow! Jesus became real to me that day. He was a real person, not just a figure in a book.

That encounter changed my life. It changed my relationship with God. From that year and moving forward, I attended Circle C Ranch every summer either as a camper or staff member, until I graduated college. It was a part of my life that I would not trade for anything. I met some of my closest friends at Circle C, that still encourage me, pray for me, and challenge me to this day.

The entire Aarum family left a huge impact on my life. The years I was working there, both Wes Jr. and Wayne were running the camp together, and they were always very encouraging and supportive, but also challenged my relationship with the Lord. Wayne and Wes both are tender-hearted, God-fearing men with integrity and compassion. They are not afraid to call you out if your walk with the Lord is wavering, but they also will own up to any mistakes or wrong decisions they have made. God has used these men in mighty ways, and He is not done with them yet.

The focus of Circle C is winning souls to Christ, and it always has been. All the other things (games activities, horses, food, swimming etc.), are just ways to have fun serving the Lord in teaching children about Jesus. Jesus lives at Circle C Ranch, just as He lives in my heart!

My children now attend Circle C Ranch in the summer, and I love seeing the excitement and hearing the stories of how Circle C has impacted their lives after their week of camp is over. It's amazing to hear the stories of what they learned and how Jesus has become real to them, just like He did to me. Circle C is a sacred place where many have encountered Jesus, and God has more to add to this story.