



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I pray that 2016 will be a year brimming with hope and promise for each of you. It is my desire that our friendship and love for one another will be the motivation for our group to reach out to those in the motorcycling community who don't know Jesus. What we do, speaks much more loudly than what we say. People are watching us and everything we do is a witness.

My wife, Kathy, and I have always enjoyed riding year-round. At the beginning of the New Year, because we are approaching the really chilly, down-right COLD, riding season, it's always wise to check the wind-chill index and the weather report for any potentially hazardous conditions. As bikers, we should take care to be covered with the proper attire to protect us from the elements. In Romans 13:14, the Apostle, Paul, tells us to "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as one would put on a garment." Just as we put on our leather jackets to ride, Paul is telling us to display outwardly what has already taken place in our hearts, by putting on the nature, character and virtues associated with Jesus. God has provided a covering for us through Jesus. Psalm 32:1 tells us "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." I think Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of this verse is particularly fitting for the New Year. He says, "Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be – you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean." We read in Second Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold all things become new."

If you have not experienced this new life, I would urge you to invite Jesus into your heart today. Where you have been and what you have done does not matter. He stands waiting to receive you with open arms if you will accept His unconditional love. In all of life there is nothing more wonderful than discovering peace with GOD. You cannot earn His love. However, you can get the "fresh start" that Eugene Peterson referred to in his paraphrase if you ask for it.

Kathy and I are looking forward to the Midwest Motorcycle Club's Hangover Rally benefiting Damar Services on January First. Put down the remote, put on the proper attire, hop on the bike and ride. It is always a blessing catching up with friends we haven't seen for a while and, of course, it is for a great cause! If you are planning to attend, registration starts at 10 am, First bike out is also at 10 am. Cost: \$20 for the rider and \$20 for a passenger.

We update the website www.newliferiders.com often. Please keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Remember, if because of time or distance, you are unable to attend the listed activities, and you know of one closer to your home, go and share the love of Jesus. Be a blessing! Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and for Him.

*The New Life Riders ride with the purpose of serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our group. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. Take a night off from dinner responsibilities and join us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on **Friday, January 8th** at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located just off Route 465 at the corner of High School Road and U.S. 36, Indianapolis. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.*

May we go forward into the New Year remembering the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (King James Version)

****Please note the change in date for our January meeting so that our members can usher in the New Year with their families. Hope to see you on the 8th!***

Kathy and I wish you good health, safe riding and many blessings in the New Year.

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!

*God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*