

New Life Riders

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Dear friends,

Happy New Year! A New Year and a New Riding Season has begun. Let us ride together in hope and patience, entrusting ourselves to God, and always being faithful in prayer.

For those in and around central Indiana, the riding starts on the first of January with the 38th Hangover Rally to benefit Damar Services. The ride starts at the Mid-West Clubhouse, 310 S Harding Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. First bike out at 10 am. The cost is \$20 for the rider and \$20 for a passenger. Need more information, call Scott at 317-697-6836. It is always a joy getting together with all those who have braved the frigid weather to ride for a good cause.

Before I say anything else, if you missed our Christmas Celebration you missed a truly wonderful time of fellowship. You could feel the love that we share for each other. Larry and Suzie went beyond the "Extra Mile" to make all of us feel welcome. Put that with a beautiful devotional message given by Kathy and more good food than we could possibly eat. Words don't do it justice, you just had to be there. It was great!

In Hebrews 11:1 we read, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." I recall conversations with people who say they wish they had more faith, many who say they do not understand faith, and some who say they have no faith at all. Whether we realize it or not, we exercise some form of faith in almost all of our daily experiences. When we sit on a chair without checking the legs or turn a key in our bikes expecting them to start, we are exhibiting faith in these things because we have previously found them to be dependable.

I recently saw an example of faith in an article of one my favorite Motorcycle Magazines. Matthew Levatich is the president and CEO of Harley-Davidson. He and his engineering team are launching their "LiveWire" electric motorcycle in the middle of this year. They want to establish themselves as the "leader in the electrification of the sport." Harley also plans to launch an additional five electric models through 2022. This comes when Harley's sales and stock price is down plus the announced closing of the manufacturing plant in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Levatich is confident that the LiveWire will be a huge success. That my friends is faith!

Praise God we can have confidence (faith) in an all-powerful, all-sufficient God, who is also our Savior! He is not an object like the chair, the key or even a motorcycle. He is a Person! We can trust in His Word, "...these things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the

Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." John 20:31. May we say with Paul, "...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

As we enter 2019, we pray that we have opportunities to share God's love with those we meet each day. May we all meet people who need to meet Jesus!

As we begin this New Year, we are approaching the really chilly riding season. My wife, Kathy, and I have always enjoyed riding year-round. Of course, it's always wise to check the wind-chill index and the weather report for any potentially hazardous conditions. Speaking of cold weather, we will not be meeting in January or February. However, we want you and your family to know that all are welcome as we gather on Friday, March 1st at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

We are at the threshold of a New Year. The days ahead may be uncertain with some valleys to go through and some joyful mountain peaks to experience. But, Praise God, Jesus Christ is with us through it all!

Dear friends, if you do not have that personal relationship with Jesus, I invite you to ask Him into your heart and life today. This New Year would be an excellent time to do it. 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. We cannot earn his love. It is His gift to us. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and not that of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8,9.

The New Life Riders ride with the two-fold purpose of enjoying the wind in our faces and more importantly, serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our ministry.

We update the website <u>www.newliferiders.com</u> often. Please keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Be a blessing! Don't underestimate your ability to make a difference in someone's life and don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

My wife, 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

Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all." Mark 16:15 (The Message)