



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2019 is behind us, and we do not know what the Lord has in store for us in 2020. However, if we follow His leading, it promises to be awesome!

In our newsletter last January, I mentioned the wonderful Christmas Celebration we experienced. This year was equally fantastic! If you missed it, you truly missed a special time of fellowship. The love the New Life Riders share could be felt as we gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Larry and Suzie went beyond the "Extra Mile" to make all of us feel welcome. Put that with a great devotional message given by Ron Moore and more good food than we could possibly eat, words don't do it justice. You just had to be there. It was great!

We do not always know where life is going, but we do know who promises to go with us. In his letter to the church at Philippi, the Apostle Paul talks about the importance of looking ahead. He has just given his readers a glimpse of his family heritage and his accomplishments. He has taken stock of his life and has considered what is important and what is not. He tells them that for him everything is a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus his Lord. He goes on to say, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13,14.

Keep all the precious memories but not all the other stuff that weighs us down. Jesus is willing to take our "stuff." We can leave our heartaches, our anger, failures and burdens behind and press on with Him. He wants us to focus our hearts, no matter their state or condition, on Him. He wants us to bring all the broken pieces of our lives to Him in worship. Through Jesus and His life, death and resurrection, the Lord has restored us to wholeness. We just need to accept His gift of grace and open ourselves to the work of the Spirit in our lives.

My friends, we too, need to look forward. We have a new year, a new future with new possibilities before us. No matter what we are going through, Jesus promises to be with us. He tells us, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28

Just as Paul wrote to the Philippians, we need to move forward. Through the presence of Christ we can move toward the future He gives to all of us.

***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 6th at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans*

Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

With the current frigid temperatures and inclement weather, some of you may have put your bikes away until spring. However, consider getting out and riding on New Year's Day.



(Unless, of course, the weather is like that in the attached photo.) The Midwest Motorcycle Club's 39th Annual Hangover Rally benefiting the children at Damar Services is a great way to connect with people you may not have seen for a while and you will be helping a good cause. The event starts at 10:00 AM at 310 South Harding Street, Indianapolis. The cost is \$20 for rider and \$20 for passenger. For more information call Scott Vance at 317-697-6836.

Dear friends, as we move forward into the winter months, this would be an excellent time to invite Jesus into your heart and life if

you have not already done so. 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 www.newliferiders.com 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. Let us ride together in hope and patience, entrusting ourselves to God, and always being faithful in prayer.

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)***