



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

In June, one's thoughts naturally turn to Father's Day. During special days like this we begin to wax nostalgic. I couldn't help thinking about my three Fathers. First, I am thankful for my Heavenly Father. I praise Him for his faithfulness and for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save me. Next, I thought of my biological father, Normand Dillon, who died when I was an infant. Then my mind began brimming over with memories of my "Dad", Joseph Gounder. My Mother and Stepfather married when I was fifteen. I was honored to be the best man at their wedding. Dad was a foot shorter than I and at least 150 pounds lighter, yet I always looked up to him. He was a great influence through my teenage years. I hope I have "inherited" some of his traits.

I built my first motorcycle back in the early seventies. Actually, a friend had given me a title and the parts for a 1965 Yamaha piled in three beer cases. That winter, I diligently put the bike together in the living room of our little row house in Philadelphia. Believe it or not, assembling it in the living room was Kathy's idea. I was so proud of the finished product I invited my Dad over to see it. (By this time, the Yamaha was in the garage.) You can imagine my surprise when Dad said that he wanted to buy it. The man had never ridden a motorcycle in his life! He told me that he really didn't have any desire to be out on the open road with the wind in his face, he just wanted the bike out of my garage so I wouldn't hurt myself. Well, I kept the Yamaha and eventually Dad softened to the idea of my having motorcycles. In fact, it was Dad who drove me to the shop whenever I got a new bike. Dad is home with the Lord now and these memories are indeed precious.

Why not make this Father's Day a time to contemplate and to be sure you have a faith to share with your children? God tells us in His Word that we should speak out and let our children know what He is doing in our lives. "Be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things you have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Deuteronomy 4:9

As all bikers know, riding provides a great time for reflection. Think about your Dad, Stepfather, a special teacher or perhaps a youth worker who truly influenced you. Then take a moment to call, write a note or an email expressing your gratitude.

There are so many rides coming up. 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!

Take a night off from dinner responsibilities and join us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, June 6 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. Please feel especially invited. You don't have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome.

Our next Bible study will be on Tuesday, June 10. Please reflect upon pages 9 though 12 in God's Promises for Your Every Need. We will be focusing on Romans 8:31-39. Kathy and I always look forward to studying God's Word with you. Feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

As always, Kathy and I look forward to seeing you down the road.

*God bless,
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

**** Looking ahead to July:** *We are cancelling our meeting on Friday, July Fourth so that our members can celebrate the holiday with their families. We will still hold our Bible Study on Tuesday, July 8.*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)