

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

June is finally here! Have you ever noticed how Flag Day is sandwiched between two other patriotic holidays, Memorial Day in May and Independence Day in July. As we continue expressing our gratitude to God for the liberty that we have in this great country of ours, we are mindful of the sacrifices our Veterans and the men and women who are presently serving in the military have made so that we can live in freedom. This liberty did not come cheaply, thousands have given their lives so we may fly our nation's flag, the symbol of freedom. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are in the military and with the families who have lost loved ones.

I recall a day when several of us assembled at the Statehouse in Indianapolis to participate in the Governor's ride to promote safety for motorcyclists. We watched as one by one American flags were taken from boxes and raised on a pole above the Capital Building in preparation for presentation to the families of our fallen heroes.

As I watched the flag waving in the breeze, I thought of a little chorus my daughters used to sing, "Joy is the flag flown from the castle of my heart when the King is in residence there."

In ancient times, when knights were riding home from battle, they could always tell from far off if the king were at home in his castle because his banner would be flying on the battlements. A couple of years ago, there was an interview on public television with the elderly gentleman who is the keeper of Queen Elizabeth's flag. It is his duty to see that it is unfurled wherever she is. Whether she is at Windsor in London or at Balmoral in Scotland for the opening of grouse season, this gentleman is there with her flag. I'm sure it is a carry-over from former times.

There is pageantry and expectation in preparation for a royal visit. The Sovereign may come, but does not stay. It is different with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, He does not ride through in a parade, He comes to dwell in the heart of each believer. Jesus Christ can dwell in your heart by faith, remaining with you wherever you are and whatever you are doing. In John 15:4, Jesus said, "Abide (live, remain) in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." There can be no joy apart from Jesus; there is joy in His Presence. Abundant life now – eternal life forever is dependent upon confessing our need and receiving the gift of salvation through faith in Him.

Dear friends, I would urge you to ask Him into your heart and life today. There is joy in walking, riding and abiding with the King.



work and live for Him.

I have attached a photo of the American Flag and the Indiana State Flag waving above the rotunda at the Indiana State Capitol.

There are many exciting rides in June, too many to list in this newsletter. 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,

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**, **June 3**rd 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.

Please Note we are cancelling the July 1st New Life Riders Monthly Meeting so that our members can celebrate the 4th of July holiday weekend with their families.

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

God bless Riding with Jesus, Bob Dillon

"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)