



# New Life Riders

*Motorcyclists Serving God and Community*

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*Dear Friends,*

*We have been blessed by great fellowship and wonderful devotional messages delivered by our members at our recent dinner meetings. In May, Bob Johnson explained more about Faith Walkers, his ministry to the needy and homeless. He challenged each one of us to follow our own calling as we help others and share the love of Jesus with them. We are looking forward to hearing what the Lord has laid on Ron Moore's heart as he brings the message at our meeting on June second.*

*With all the laughter at our May meeting, I felt compelled to focus on laughter in this newsletter.*

*There are so many wonderful biking events to consider in the upcoming months. Many of us are eager to get out and ride following some "down time" due to illnesses, surgeries and radiation treatments. We praise the Lord that He is not only our Savior and Redeemer, but is also the Great Physician. We thank Him for His comfort and His healing power.*

*No need to focus on our aches and pains, the Lord is in control. We read in Proverbs 17:22 "A cheerful heart is good medicine." (NRSV) In the winter issue of Cure Magazine, Rajiv Samant, radiation oncologist, wrote, "Because humor is useful in helping us deal with the challenges of daily life, it can play a role with regard to our health. There is even research backing up the significant value of humor in health care."*

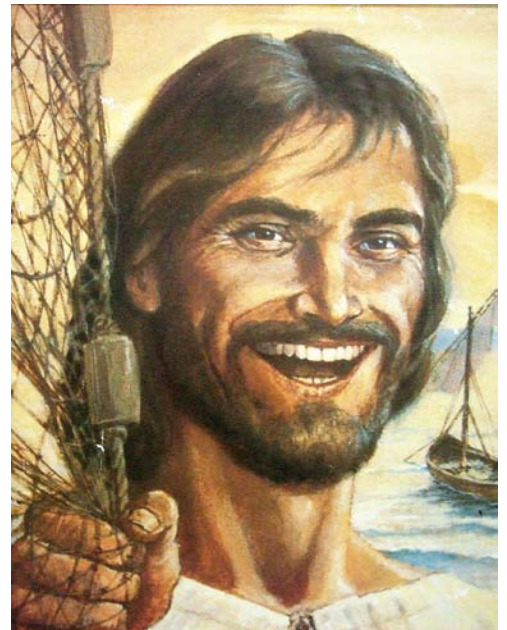
*Of course, Jesus knew the value of joy and laughter in people's lives. He attended the wedding at Cana in Galilee and told the parable about the big party the father threw for the returning prodigal son. (Luke 15) In recent years there have been many versions of the portrait of "The Laughing Jesus." On Easter Sunday, my pastor, Larry Kurtz, gave everyone a copy of the one pictured here .*

*I think the early church had the right idea with their celebrations of Bright Sunday or Holy Humor Sunday. This old custom was observed by the faithful as a time of joy and laughter the week following Easter as they continued to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. The early theologians like Augustine and John Chrysostom said that God had played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. They called it "Risus Paschalis" the Easter laugh.*

*God identified with human need and suffering, and the cross declares that God took all the sin and shame and dealt with it once and for all in Jesus' death. Paul put it this way, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2Corinthians 5:21 KJV)*

*We will never fully understand the cross in this life; it is a mystery. God does not require us to understand it, but to experience it. He died as our substitute that we may be forgiven. We know that it is God's way of salvation and it has changed the lives of millions.*

*If you have not asked Jesus into your heart and life, I would invite you to do it today.*



We update the website [www.newliferiders.com](http://www.newliferiders.com) frequently. Please keep checking 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 there and share the love of Jesus.

Please remember we are engaged in ministry and service in whatever we do. The gifts and talents the Lord has given us are not for ourselves, but to be extended to others. May you be blessed as you ride, work and live for Him!

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.

I want you and your family to know that all are welcome as we gather. Think about joining us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

In closing and in keeping with our humorous thoughts, I must share the following two photos. When my wife, Kathy, found these t-shirts she couldn't stop laughing, "Sons of Arthritis, Ibuprofen Chapter, Ridn' Thru the Pain." She purchased them for our son-in-law, Gary, and me. We had great fun wearing them while they were here on their last visit.



***"Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused!"***

*Until next time, keep smiling. "For the joy of the Lord is your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)*

*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)***