

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

Before I say anything, I don't want to forget to tell you that our meeting scheduled for July 1st has been cancelled. Several of our members have plans to celebrate the Fourth of July weekend with their families. **Also, starting August 5th we will be meeting at a new location**, Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off of Rt. 267, just North of Rt. 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. We eagerly anticipate the fellowship we will have with brothers and sisters in Christ as we gather together. As always **Visitors are welcome, so bring a friend.** If you need more information, don't hesitate to contact me.

When I ponder the mission of the New Life Riders, I visualize the Circuit Riders in our nation's early history. They were scattered over a large geographical area, rode many miles in unfamiliar territory, in all kinds of weather, snowstorms, extreme heat and they slept in fields and forests. They knew that at least half of them would die before they reached their thirtieth birthdays. Yet they pressed on traveling the byways and places where there were no known roads to take the Gospel to the remote settlements on the frontier.

We too, must press on with the Apostle Paul, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14) We have the advantage of highways and twisty back roads to ride on, but the message is the same. We are called to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

When those Circuit Riders met for their annual gathering, they always began by singing the hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" written by Charles Wesley in 1749.

"And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?

Glory and thanks to Jesus give, for His almighty grace."

How they longed to meet together for testimony and fellowship! How we long to do the same! "Preserved by Power Divine, to full salvation here,

Again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear."

This line reminds me of all that our New Life Riders Family has been through in the past year, illnesses, loss of loved ones, loss of employment, yet, we too, are preserved by Power Divine! The hymn continues:

"What troubles we have seen, what mighty conflicts past,

Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last."

"Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,

And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain."

May we continue to take up the cross until Jesus calls us home to be with Him!

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, work and live for Him.

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.

Enjoy your Fourth of July Holiday. The Stars and Stripes are a beautiful symbol of our nation's freedom. As a child growing up in Philadelphia, I would often ride my bicycle to Betsy Ross's House and also to Independence Hall to see the Liberty Bell, two wonderful symbols of a free nation.

Over two hundred years ago in a letter to a friend, Francis Scott Key, who penned our national anthem, wrote the following, "We are responsible for the most sacred of trusts...to our country, to the world,

to our God." I would add that we need to remember what the Psalmist tells us, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." In everything, to God be the Glory!

Living in a free nation is a blessing, but the freedom we have in Jesus Christ is the ultimate blessing! The Apostle Paul writes in his epistle to the Galatians, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm..."

If you have not felt that freedom in Jesus, today would be the perfect time to ask him into your heart and life. Praise God, Jesus went all the way to the cross to secure our freedom!

Hope to see you at the meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant in Plainfield on August 5th!

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

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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)