

## New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community
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Dear Friends,

As we enter Advent and the Christmas Seasons, may we ever be mindful of God's Gift to us, the Child in the manger who became our Savior, crucified, risen and coming again! "Thanks be to God for his indescribable Gift!"

God, the Giver of all that is good, **gave** us this ultimate Gift of His Son, Jesus the Christ, providing the way that we might be reconciled to Him. "For God so loved the world that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (NKJV)

Among the things Kathy and I really enjoy about the Christmas Season, is receiving cards and letters from people we do not have the pleasure of seeing very often and finding out what has been going on in their lives. The joy of hearing about weddings, new babies, promotions and the fantastic scenic rides they have taken during the year is always special. As the song goes, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

This is also a time when the commercial invades the sacred and the world thinks mostly of material things and purchasing gifts. It is also the time of year when the biking community, which is so giving all year long, enjoys those special rides to assist charitable organizations, help needy families and provide toys for children. Kathy and I feel abundantly blessed as we participate in these rides.

It is our prayer that you will feel God's Presence during this beautiful season. I was thinking about all the slogans we believers have used over the years to emphasize the birth of Jesus, "Whose birthday is it, anyway?" "Jesus is the reason for the Season," and "Put Christ back in Christmas" to name a few. Of course, He has always <u>been</u> in Christmas. It is only through commercialism and intensified schedules, and this is even true on the part of Christians, that we become harried and frustrated and lose sight of the real meaning of this Holy Season. Remember, as believers in Jesus, we don't have to "get into the Christmas spirit because the Spirit of Christmas is already dwelling richly in us. (Colossians 3:16)

Perhaps you have been feeling the stress and anxiety that have become so much a part of the Christmas rush. We need to take time to contemplate the miracle of Christmas: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us! God came down to earth as a baby to become our Savior. We need to meditate upon that message. It will help us keep the right perspective regarding the season. I must admit that meditating upon God's gift to us was somewhat easier as we were silenced by the hush of falling snow when Kathy and I lived on Preacher's Camp Road in the Pocono Mountains. My thoughts harken back to those quiet moments as I look out the window while

writing to you today. We are experiencing our first snowfall of the season here in Indianapolis. It is beautiful, reminding us to keep focused on preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

Dear Friends, please remember that motorcycle ministry continues throughout the winter months. Please keep checking the website www.newliferiders.com for bike shows and indoor 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. No matter what your abilities or gifts are, Jesus will use them to reach people for Him.

Dear friends, if you do not have that personal relationship with Jesus, I invite you to ask Him into your heart and life today. This Advent season would be an excellent time to do it.

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. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.

(\*Please contact me for the time and location of our December dinner meeting).

Kathy and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you God's richest blessings during this joyous Christmas season. May you be abundantly blessed with good health and safe riding in the New Year.

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

God bless Riding with Jesus, Bob Dillon

Please note the change in date for our January meeting so that our members can usher in the New Year with their families. We will gather at Bob Evans Restaurant, High School and Rockville Roads, Indianapolis on Friday, January 8 at 6:30 P.M. Hope to see you there!

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)