



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

*I am writing this first so I don't forget to tell you. **"WE ARE NOT MEETING AT BOB EVANS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION."** Please call me for details.*

During this season the various toy runs will provide opportunities to brighten a child's Christmas and to share the Gospel with our fellow bikers.

The birth of Jesus was an event the prophets had foretold and the people had waited for expectantly. Every era has needed Jesus and ours is no exception. In fact, we stand in special need of Him. As the day we celebrate our Savior's birth approaches, are our hearts open and waiting? Or are our lives so cluttered with customs of little or no spiritual significance that we lose sight of the true meaning of His coming? We long for simpler times; but life must have been just as stressful two thousand years ago. The people were burdened with worry about payment of their taxes and just imagine the traffic associated with everyone going to his own city to pay them. It must have been horrendous!

Sit down, get comfortable. I would like to share some thoughts from a writer far better than I. In the Gospel of Luke 2:8-20 we read, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

The angels said "Fear not because we are bringing you good news." We, too, have the responsibility to share the good news that Bethlehem's Baby is also the personal Savior of all who invite Him into their hearts. Praise God, we need not fear because He is Emmanuel, God with us!

No room at the inn for the Baby of Bethlehem was a serious situation; no room in the heart for the Christ of Calvary is another story entirely. I am reminded of the hymn:

"Have you any room for Jesus, He who bore your load of sin?

As He knocks and asks admission, Will you let Him in?

Room for Jesus, King of glory! Hasten now, His Word obey;

Swing your heart's door widely open, bid Him enter while you may."

If you have never asked Jesus into your heart, this Advent Season would be an excellent time to do it.

What a wonderful time we had at our November meeting. Knowing that six of our group were not going to be there, we thought our number would be smaller. However, we were surprised when Joan Philpott, Susan Catron and Terry Tilly arrived from Kentucky. We were about to sit down when Bob and Elaine Williams from Pennsylvania walked in! What a great time of fellowship and laughter. Ron Moore's devotional message was truly meaningful. We are grateful to Bob Evans Restaurant for letting Ron plug in the colorful tree he brought to illustrate his talk on Moses and the burning bush.

Veterans' Day was a blessing. There were several area businesses and organizations honoring those who are serving or have served our country. Kathy and I handed out more than fifty Gospels of John with the patriotic cover and a cross and flag pin attached thanking the men and women for their service. They were all really appreciative. While chatting with one Viet Nam Vet, I commented that it had been a lot different in our era. There were tears in his eyes when he said he wished his buddies who didn't make it home could see how we were being honored today. My reply, "Amen, Brother!"

Our Veterans' Day ended with a special concert by Ron Moore at the Fu Yuan Restaurant in Plainfield. The effort that he put into setting up the lights and all the equipment was truly professional. Ron started with a patriotic number and continued the concert with his own compositions. He ended the evening with an invitation to accept Jesus. The New Life Riders are blessed to have Ron as one of our own.

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. Be a blessing! Don't underestimate your ability to make a difference in someone's life and don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

As we look ahead, consider getting out and riding on New Year's Day. The Midwest Motorcycle Club's 37th Annual Hangover Rally benefiting Damar Services is a great way to connect with people you may not have seen for a while and you will be helping a good cause. The event starts at 10:00 AM at 310 South Harding Street, Indianapolis. The cost is \$20 for rider and \$20 for passenger. For more information call Midwest at 317-557-2130.

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. Please remember our Christmas Celebration and meeting **will not** be at Bob Evans. However, it will still be on Friday, December 1ST at 6:30 PM. My wife, Kathy, will be giving the devotional message. Please contact me for more information regarding the meeting.

Kathy and I wish you a blessed Christmas Season as we all rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of our salvation!

Until next time...

God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and
shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)

**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)**

