



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

As bikers, we have the opportunity to bring the wonder of the Christmas Season to children and to families in need when we participate in toy runs, food distribution projects, etc. We can become the hands and feet of Jesus to them. Kathy and I always feel abundantly blessed as we participate in these events.

I write this message with a prayer that you will feel God's Presence during the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas. I was thinking about all the slogans that many of us have used over the years to emphasize Christ's birth, "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 been in Christmas. It is through commercialism and intensified schedules that we become harried and frustrated and lose sight of the real meaning of this Holy Season. This can even be true for Christians. 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 while experiencing the hush of the first snowfall when Kathy and I lived in the Pocono Mountains. Now with the loud noise of commercialism in suburban Indianapolis it takes some planning and definite focus.

I may have previously shared this little story with you, but I think it is cute and a happy memory of mine. We were living in Philadelphia at the time; It was early in December and my wife Kathy was rushing about doing all the things she felt were "expected of her" for the holiday. Our eldest daughter, also named Kathy, was just a small child riding in her stroller as her mother was taking her on yet another errand. As they passed a little Nativity display on one of the lawns in our neighborhood, young Kathy pointed to it excitedly



and called out, "Oh, Mommy, let's stop and talk to Jesus!" My wife Kathy says she did right there and everything else seemed to fall into place. "And a little child shall lead them!"

We need to take time to be still and know that He is God. (Psalm 46:10) God spoke softly on that first Christmas and continues to speak in the same way even to this day. May we earnestly listen for His call as He speaks quietly to each of us.

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

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.

At our November meeting, Ron Moore gave a great devotional message. In addition, his Veterans' Day concert at the Fu Yuan Restaurant in Plainfield was fantastic! Photo courtesy of Bob Johnson.



As we look ahead, consider getting out and riding on New Year's Day. The Midwest Motorcycle Club's 38th 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 Allen at 317-828-3941.

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 held at Bob Evans.** However, it will still be on Friday, December 7th at 6:30 PM. My wife, Kathy, will be giving the devotional message. Please contact me for more information regarding the meeting. Speaking of Bob Evans, **we will not be meeting in January or February** due to the projected frigid winter weather. However, we 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 meeting on Friday, March 1st at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. May you have a joyous Christmas and abundant blessings and safe riding in the New Year.

Until next time!

God bless,
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)**