



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It's January! A New Year and a New Riding Season has begun. I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you God's richest blessings in 2018. I hope you had a joyous Christmas season.

Among the things Kathy and I really love about the holidays, 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 scenic rides they have taken is great. Sadly, sometimes the messages contain tragic news of terminal illness, divorce and loss of loved ones.

We are at the threshold of a New Year. The days ahead may be uncertain with some valleys to go through and some joyful mountain peaks to experience. But, praise God, Jesus Christ is with us through it all!

Did you know that January is named for Janus, the mythological Roman god of the gates and of beginnings. It's amazing what can be found on the internet, that is where I found the attached photo. Janus is depicted with two faces, looking in opposite directions. At the threshold of a new year, we often find ourselves in that position as well, reviewing the past and looking forward to the future.



In his letter to the church at Philippi, the Apostle Paul talks about the importance of looking ahead. He has just given his readers a glimpse of his family heritage and his accomplishments. He has taken stock of his life and has considered what is important and what is not. He tells them that for him everything is a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus his Lord. He goes on to say, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13,14.

My friends, we too, need to look forward. We can become hindered by the weight of the past. Former failures and even the memories of previous successes may prevent us from moving ahead and the baggage can be dangerous.

Jesus offers to take that weight and baggage from us. We can leave all the hurt, anger, failures, and burdens behind and press on with Him. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28

Just like Paul, we can forget what is behind and move forward. The writer of Hebrews puts it this way, "Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Dear friends, the beginning of this New Year would be an excellent time to invite Jesus into your heart and life if you have not already done so. Remember, we are all pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31

On a lighter note, what a great time we had at our Christmas Celebration. Larry and Melinda not only opened their beautiful home, but provided a Christmas Stocking for each of us to hang on the fireplace on Christmas Eve, plus a ceramic tree ornament, They also provided the mouth watering roast turkey and custom made napkins to wipe the gravy off our faces. Also, in her free time, Melinda made a unique motorcycle cake. Lynn provided the delicious side dish. Kathy made the tossed salad. Toni brought the fresh rolls and Linda baked additional tasty dessert treats. On top of all that, everyone was blessed by Kathy's devotional message about the visit of the Magi. You really missed a great time if you did not attend.

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.

For those in and around central Indiana, consider getting out and riding on New Year's Day. The Midwest Motorcycle Club's 37th Annual Hangover Rally, benefiting Damar Services. It is always a joy getting together with all those who have braved the frigid weather to ride for a good cause. The event starts at 10 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. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our ministry. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome. Take a night off from dinner responsibilities and join us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, January 5th at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

My wife, Kathy, and I pray you are abundantly blessed and have good health and safe riding in the New Year.

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

Until next time...

*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)***