



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

It's February! Most of us, particularly here in the Midwest, have experienced cabin fever due to unusual amounts of snow and frigid temperatures. It's time to arise from our "long winter's nap" and fellowship with our biking brothers and sisters. Hazardous road conditions may prevent our taking a scenic ride together. However, we have been blessed with several area bike shows where we can see all the newly manufactured motorcycles and the must-have, can't live without products, as well. But most of all, the laughter and hugs from friends as we all come out from hibernation, means so much. I am especially looking forward to the Motorcycle Expo here in Indianapolis, February 14-16.

February is also associated with heart-shaped greetings, candy, flowers and --love! It is a time when we especially remember to express our affection to those we love, husbands, wives, children family members and friends. But let us remember what real love is. When humankind was helplessly bound in sin, God loved us so much that he sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us. "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 New International Version) God's unconditional love for us is a gift that requires a personal response. Don't leave His gift of love unopened like a box of Valentine chocolates. If you have not already done so, accept Him into your heart and life today.

Once we have felt God's great love for us, we want to share it with all those around us. We may not be able to go to the whole world, but just like the Valentine flowers, we can "bloom where we are planted." In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tells us we are to live a life of love. "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1-2) As imitators, we are called to care, become involved in serving and reach out to those who need encouragement.

With this in mind, I am asking each one of us to take some time to reflect on what we are personally doing in the area where God placed us. As Christian bikers, are we taking every opportunity to minister wherever we go; particularly at motorcycling events? As Christians we are called by the Lord to be communicators of the Gospel and mandated to take the message of Jesus' love to the lost. May you be blessed as you reach out to others in your daily lives and at all the motorcycle shows and events coming up this month.

We hope to see you at our meeting on Friday, February 7 at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located just off Route 465 at the corner of High School Road and U.S. 36, Indianapolis. If you will be in the area, please feel especially invited. Remember, you don't have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome. We need prayer warriors, too!

And speaking of prayer warriors, please pray for those who are unemployed. This time of year can be especially difficult for those without an income. Lift up those in leadership both nationally and locally and remember our troops, firefighters and law enforcement officers as well.

Continue to check out the website for upcoming events. 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.

Until next time...May you be blessed as you ride and witness for the Lord

*God bless,
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

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