



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

The warm sunshine and cool breezes of the past few weeks have beckoned everyone to dust themselves and their bikes off and get out and ride. We are blessed to have so many biking activities to enjoy.

As my wife, Kathy, and I were heading out to the 33rd Annual Midwest Motorcycle Swap Meet and Bike Show, we encountered a huge traffic jam on Route 465. Reminiscent of years when I paddle-walked the bike for miles in similar situations, I was praising the Lord that we converted Gideon 2 to a trike a few years ago. We arrived at the Marion County Fairgrounds relaxed and ready to spend the day meeting up so many friends that we haven't seen for a while and making new ones as well. The New Life Riders bag that Myrtle Collins graciously made for Kathy, was filled with Gospels of John and New Testaments. As we made our way through the buildings, we stopped and chatted with people who were manning their booths/tables giving scripture portions to those as we felt the Holy Spirit's leading. By the time we left the Fairgrounds, our bag was almost empty.

The "Rock for Jesus Concert" with our own New Life Rider, Ron Moore was great. Those of us who were in attendance enjoyed a wonderful evening of music and fellowship.

As we look forward to all of the various rides and events in the upcoming months, I couldn't help thinking of one particular ride. That is the Annual Miracle Ride, where we ride past the kids outside Riley Children's Hospital, and take one lap around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It will be a special thrill because this year the whole world will be celebrating the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500.

With racing being such an integral part of Indianapolis, I would like us to look at First Corinthians 9:24, which also features racing. "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." In this letter to the Corinthian church, the Apostle Paul is comparing the Christian life to an athletic competition. It would hit home for his hearers because Corinth was the site of the Isthmian Games similar to the Olympics. In these games several well-trained athletes competed for the prize, but there could only be one winner who would receive a pine wreath crown. However, those who faithfully complete the Christian life will receive an imperishable crown.

The race that Paul, and we too, are preparing for is the calling of God. Paul's spiritual training was the very best available. He continued to discipline himself and to follow his calling from God. We need to continue to discipline ourselves as well. Finally, Paul writes to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:6-8) "I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

*Praise God, there is not just one winner as there was in the Isthmian Games! The crown of righteousness is for **all** who have loved His appearing! The crown is for **all** believers in Jesus. If you have not invited Him into your heart and life, today would be an excellent time to do it. "Behold, now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2b*

We update the website www.newliferiders.com frequently. Please keep checking it for biking events and 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, share the love of Jesus wherever you go. Be a blessing! Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

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. You don't even have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome. We need prayer warriors, too! 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, May 6th 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.

The ABATE Region 11 Safety and Awareness Ride on May 22 at the VFW Post 2695, 1622 East State Route 44, Shelbyville Indiana promises to be a special family friendly event. Registration is \$10 per bike and begins at 1 PM, giving people time to get home from church prior to the ride. For more info please call Sue at 317-395-4261 or Dave at 317-796-8891

*As I mentioned, the 23rd Annual Miracle Ride will be held on June 5th. Registration and Staging is 8am to 10am at Allison Transmission, Inc., 1 Allison Way Indianapolis, IN. South Parking Lot (Cossell Rd.). Cost is \$50 for rider and \$50 for passenger. We will Depart at 11am to ride past the kids outside Riley Hospital, take one lap around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (*A helmet is required at the track). Ride ends at 1501 N. Main Street in Speedway, where a complimentary lunch will be served. Big prize giveaways and announcements all emceed by Bob & Tom. Go to www.miracleride.net for more information.*



If you have never attended this ride, I have enclosed a photo that I took a few years ago. It will give you an idea how many bikers come to support the Kids.

May you be blessed as you reach out to others in your daily lives and at all the motorcycle rides and events coming up this month.

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

*God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)