



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

I don't have to tell you the weather we been having has affected many of us. Having New Life Rider members and friends living in various parts of the country, many have experienced vastly different weather conditions over the past couple of months. Some have endured the hardship of hurricanes such as Florence with her torrential downpours; others have experienced severe drought. All of these people need our assistance and especially our prayers. It is a blessing that the Lord, "Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," (Eph. 3:20) watches over us.

The temperatures were vastly different as we rode the past two Saturdays. It was really hot as we gathered at the Eagles in Plainfield for the event to benefit the Rehab Hospital of Indiana. The ride on mostly tree-shaded back roads was great, cooling us a bit as we traveled.

In contrast, last week everyone was suited up in leathers for the Down Bikers but Not Forgotten ride in memory of Rick Perkins who was killed in a motorcycle accident. It is comforting to know that Brother Rick is at home with Jesus. The fellowship was warm at both events. It was a joy meeting up with some people we hadn't seen for quite a while.

Now autumn's vibrant colors have begun to appear on the trees. Truly, "He has made everything beautiful in His time." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

In the Bible, godly people are often likened to trees. "...he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (Psalm 1:3)

Joni Eareckson Tada wrote about this in her book, Diamonds in the Dust. "The branches of growing trees not only reach higher, but their roots grow deeper. It is impossible for a strong tree to have high branches without having deep roots. It would become top-heavy and topple over in the wind. The same is true with Christians. It is impossible for us to grow in the Lord without entwining our roots around His Word and deepening our life in His commands." To be like a tall immovable tree comes only through a life of Bible study, discipline and faith – conditions that produce deep roots.

Trees are also used in the Bible in reference to witnessing to our faith. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30

Opportunities still abound with fall foliage/charity rides sponsored by of many of the secular motorcycle clubs. While you are enjoying the beautiful scenery, think about the trees, and how they relate to your life in the Lord and your witness for Him.

In the upcoming months frozen roads will prevent many of us from riding as often as we would like. However, motorcycle activities are ongoing. I am sure we will meet many people who need Jesus at the indoor swap meets and bike shows.

If you have not invited Jesus into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it today. Let Him take control of your life. When we turn our lives over to Jesus and let Him be the rider and we the passenger, it is a blessing to know that He is in charge. He knows what lies around the next corner, He knows how fast we can take the curves, and He knows how to maintain us and keep us going. When we want to shout directions from the pillion seat, God will not force us to go down the roads that He knows are best. However, what a blessing when we allow Him to take us where He wills.

Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. Speaking of opportunities: October 5-7, 32nd Anniversary of "CHILIFEST", Sponsored by ABATE of Indiana, Region 11, Morgan County. Proceeds support Motorcyclists' Safety and Advocacy.

October 13, 8th Annual "Cruisin' For Strides Car & Bike Show, 8244 E US Hwy 36, Avon, Indiana (Northeast corner of US 36 & Dan Jones Rd.) All vehicles welcome.

October 20, ABATE of Indiana, Region Eleven Red Wagon Ride to benefit Riley Hospital. Also, on November 10th, New Life Rider Ron Moore (Bloodline Recordings) will be performing with an acoustic set from "Burdens Within" from 7pm to 10pm at the Fu Yuan Hibachi Restaurant, 2535 East Main Street, Plainfield, Indiana (Next to the Burlington Coat Factory). Kingma Films will be shooting the performance. Come out and enjoy this special event. Additional information for these and other events can be found on the New Life Riders website: www.newliferiders.com. 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!

The New Life Riders ride with the three-fold purpose of sharing the love of Jesus with all whom we meet along the way, feeling the wind in our faces, and raising awareness and funds for innumerable good causes.

Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. Last month, Lynn Brown gave a wonderful devotional message on the faithfulness of God and our need to be faithful to Him. We know Bob Johnson will have something special to share with us this month. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome at our meetings. Why not take an evening off from dinner responsibilities, straddle that saddle and attend our next meeting on Friday, October 5th at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. We hope to see you there.

May you be blessed as you live, work and ride for Him.

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)***