



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

My wife, Kathy, and I wish you all the joys and blessings of this wonderful Christmas Season. May you feel particularly close to the Lord as you meditate upon His Word.

In the second chapter of Luke, we read about the shepherds and how they were frightened by the appearance of the angel of the Lord. “And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.’” As I was thinking about this passage, I was reminded of a story about a five-year old boy who was taking part in the annual Christmas pageant at his church. If you are in my age bracket, you probably recall the participants wearing bathrobes and striped dish towels on their heads. In recent years, these plays have become more technical and the costumes more professional. At any rate, this little fellow was the angel. His only line was from Luke 2:10, “Fear not; for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” As the poor little guy struggled with the memorization, his mother explained to him that good tidings meant “good news.” On the night of the pageant, our little angel was stage struck. Panic stricken, he looked out into the audience and suddenly his face brightened. He shouted, “Hey everybody, don’t be afraid, I’ve got good news for you!”

*A number of years ago, there was a magazine advertisement for the BMW F650 ST showing the bike in the foreground amid a rather distorted view of a cobble-stoned city street. Concave buildings, cars, delivery trucks, trash cans and several street signs seemed to envelop the motorcycle. The F650 ST was being billed as “the best way to get around the city.” What really caught my eye was the caption adjacent to the bike, **BE NOT AFRAID.***

The really wonderful thing about living and riding for Jesus is that we don’t have to be afraid. He has given us many precious promises in His Word. Actually, there are 365 references to “fear not” in the Bible, one for every day of the year. “Fear not; for I am with thee; and be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness,” Isaiah 41:10. We also see these words, “be not afraid” in the Lord’s charge to Joshua after the death of Moses. “Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” Joshua 1:9

The angels said “fear not because they were bringing good news”. We, too, have the responsibility to share the good news that Bethlehem’s Baby is also the personal Savior of all who invite Him into their hearts.

So often, we can't wait to pass along the message that someone who has been looking for work has found a job or perhaps a friend has a new bike. We consider these things good news. Yet we may be reluctant to pass along the greatest news of all-Jesus Christ came to earth to die for our sins so that we can have a right relationship with God, the Father. Shouldn't that be our message to everyone we meet? Shouldn't we tell it with the same kind of enthusiasm the little boy in the pageant did?

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. 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 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.

As we look ahead, consider getting out and riding on New Year's Day. The Midwest Motorcycle Club's 35th 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 great 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 Bob at 317-557-2130.

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 group. 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, December 2nd at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

Dear friends, if you do not have that personal relationship with Jesus, I invite you to ask Him into your heart and life today. This Advent season would be an excellent time to do it.



Kathy and I wish you a blessed Christmas and good health and much joy in the New Year.

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

*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)