



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

There are so many wonderful biking events to consider in the upcoming months. Those who still have a bike are eager to get out and ride following some “down time.” Much of that downtime was due to surgeries, illnesses and various health concerns. We praise the Lord that He is not only our Savior and Redeemer but is also the Great Physician. We thank Him for His comfort and His healing power.

However, I admit that on May 18th I was not paying attention to my own words. I was scheduled to have surgery to relieve my tremors at the University of Pennsylvania on May 19th. I received very disappointing news the day before the surgery that it had been cancelled due to a clotting issue with my blood. My family and I were very hopeful that this would decrease my tremors and improve my overall quality of life. We were devastated that the operation would not take place, especially after numerous visits to the hospital and many tests in the last three months in preparation for this surgery. I am trying not to dwell on it, knowing the Lord is in control.

We read in Proverbs 17:22, “A cheerful heart is good medicine.” (NRSV) In an old article of Cure Magazine, Rajiv Samant, radiation oncologist, wrote, “Because humor is useful in helping us deal with the challenges of daily life, it can play a role with regard to our health. There is even research backing up the significant value of humor in health care.”

Yes, several of us have given up our bikes due to health concerns or age, but we are still experiencing a beautiful ride through life. Motorcycling has been such an important part of our lives that we have become a community with shared interests because of it. But if we take time to think about it, motorcycling is really secondary to who and Whose we are. Though we may not ride as much as we used to or maybe not even ride at all, we still identify with the faith we have shared in our travels.

As we ride through life remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (King James Version)

Everyone you encounter has a need for God, and you can encourage them. We should always be prepared to share Christ with those we encounter.

It's funny how something will bring back a memory. I recently saw an ad from the Good News Pocket Testament League that stated, “there are only two kinds of people you will encounter: those who have not yet heard the Word of God and those who need to be disciplined in

the Word of God.” Kathy and I heard that very statement many, many years ago at a youth group meeting before we were married, and we still try to live this out every day.

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9.

Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.

Please continue your prayers for the people of Ukraine and for peace in our world. Pray for our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

May God smile upon your life so that the smile in your life reflects God's presence in it.

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

*God bless.
Riding with Jesus,
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God bless America

Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates.

On a humorous note:

You know you are old when the liver spots show through your motorcycle gloves!

***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)***