



# New Life Riders

*Motorcyclists Serving God and Community*

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*Dear Friends,*

*Please look out your window. The evidence is all around us. Colorful leaves of every hue, russet, amber and crimson, the steel blue sky and the frosty mornings seem to be saying, "Thanksgiving is just around the corner!" For motorcyclists, the crisp air, the highways and back roads beckon us to get in as many riding hours as possible before the first snowflake hits the ground. Yes, I know that there are many of us who no longer ride. However, fortunately, there are countless charity events and activities where we can go and enjoy the fellowship of friends in the biking community.*



*My wife, Kathy, and I always looked forward to the November rides in Indiana and Pennsylvania. They are usually hosted by local motorcycle clubs desiring to help others with items for Christmas. The toy runs and the rides to benefit the needy give all of us a two-fold reason to ride: helping others and enjoying the freedom of the road. I know that all of you have favorite charity runs in the areas where you live. We can be thankful for the blessing of being able to help these good causes and getting the opportunity to share the love of Jesus at the same time.*



*Yes, November is here! It is going to be a very busy month. We have the presidential election on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There is Veterans Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and then Thanksgiving. Of course, we should express our gratitude to the Lord every day. Did you ever wonder why Veteran's Day is on the 11<sup>th</sup> and doesn't ever change? World War 1 ended on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.*

*The Apostle Paul said, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

*News on the international and national scene has been turbulent and I know many of you are going through troubled times personally, and it may seem hard to be thankful. But God is*

*waiting to hear our praise and thanksgiving even in the most difficult times. He knows if you are grieving the loss of a loved one, dealing with serious health issues, if your place of employment has downsized, or you are facing any number of negative situations that have come your way.*

*It is easy to be thankful when all is going well. The prophet, Habakkuk, speaking in the seventh century BC, gives us some insights about expressing joy and gratitude when things are really tough. "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be on the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." (Habakkuk 3:17-18)*

*To bring Habakkuk's thoughts into the here and now: "Though my bike breaks down and I can't afford the replacement parts, fuel prices are rising, the recent storms have caused food shortages in the supermarkets, the corporation I work for lays me off and my computer is plagued by a virus, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*

*Habakkuk struggled through his doubts and came to the place where he could say, "Even if all these terrible things may come my way, I will rejoice and be thankful." The people of his day may have questioned his sanity, but we need to remember that people are watching us the way they watched the prophet. Some may even come to the Lord because they watch how we behave under adverse circumstances.*

*You have the power to impact eternities by sharing the warmth of Jesus as you embrace the beauty of this holiday season. Don't miss the moments God gives you to share His Word!*

*I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving as we all rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of our salvation!*

*As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.*

*Please pray for our country, our nation's leaders, 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.  
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*God bless America*

***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)***