



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

I wanted to start off this February newsletter with wonderful, joyful news. Forrest Miller and Susan Jones were both released from the Hospital-Rehab Centers they were in. Forrest is going home to his lovely wife, Barbara. He will also have a part-time nurse. Susan came back to her room here in Whitehall Manner, down the hall from me. She will be assisted. by the staff here. Both of them are very grateful for all your prayers. They're equally thrilled about being home.

I'm sure I don't have to tell you that February is a great month for the many annual motorcycle shows and events. It's time to arise from our "long winter's nap" and fellowship with our biking brothers and sisters. Hazardous road conditions may prevent us from taking a scenic ride together. However, there are several bike shows this time of year where we can see all the newly manufactured motorcycles and the must-have, can't live without products. When I lived in Indianapolis, I especially looked forward to the Motorcycle Expo and all of the laughter and hugs from friends as we all emerged from hibernation

February is also associated with heart-shaped greetings, candy, flowers and – love! It is a time when we remember to express our affection to those we love: husbands, wives, children family members and friends. But let us remember what real love is. When humankind was helplessly bound in sin, God loved us so much that he sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us. "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life". (John 3:16 New International Version) God's unconditional love for us is a gift that requires a personal response. Don't leave His gift of love unopened like a box of Valentine chocolates. If you have not already done so, accept Him into your heart and life today.

Once we have felt God's great love for us, we want to share it with all those around us. We may not be able to go to the whole world, but just like the Valentine flowers, we can "bloom where we are planted." In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tells us we are to live a life of love. "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1-2) As imitators, we are called to care, become involved in serving and reach out to those who need encouragement.

With this in mind, I am asking each one of us to take some time to reflect on what we are personally doing in the area where God placed us. As Christian bikers, are we taking every

opportunity to minister wherever we go? As Christians we are called by the Lord to be communicators of the Gospel and mandated to take the message of Jesus' love to the lost. May you be blessed as you reach out to others in your daily lives.

It's almost impossible to ignore the widespread devastation of the wildfires in Southern California that have engulfed homes, businesses, churches, and just about every other structure in recent weeks. Residents escaped the flames with little more than the clothes on their back and the tragic revelation that all of their possessions had been destroyed.

Those who experienced this devastating tragedy likened it to the flames of Hell. One TV newscaster described it as a "war zone;" another called it "a gut punch." Either way, it is an unimaginable ongoing tragedy that causes us to both marvel and shutter at the destructive power and nature of fire.

The Book of Revelation makes many frightening references to fire as a symbol of God's judgment and wrath in the end times, including the "lake of fire" where the wicked will be tormented for eternity. This is obviously a place where none of us wants to wind up, but there is hope in Scripture's most well-known passage, John 3:16, which states, "For God so loved the world that he sent His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Sometimes, we hear that passage so often that we don't recognize the magnitude of its meaning. In order to avoid hell's fierce flames and secure a place in God's heavenly kingdom, all we have to do is proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior and also pledge to follow Him all the days of our life.

I don't know about you, but it seems like an easy choice to me., so let us embrace that passage and live without fear, regardless of the fires that may burn around us. Please, don't forget to spread the Good News, so that all might hear, see, and believe. What an opportunity to share the love of Jesus.

You have the power to impact eternities by sharing the warmth of Jesus as you embrace this new month of February 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 my eldest daughter, Kathleen. She recently had surgery and is now home recovering.

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.

*God bless,
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***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)***