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“Changing the World, one Heart at a time.”



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President's Pulpit

Power vs Control

Acts 1:8 (NLT): But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

The Greek word for power is (**dunamis**)....it's where we get the word dynamite. Although in this scripture the more accurate word translation would be dynamo – meaning an inherent power capable of reproducing itself.

I'm part of a generation that was raised seeing countless TV documentaries displaying the incredible power of the Atomic and Hydrogen bombs. This is unbelievable power, completely devastating in the wrong hands. Now you might ask where is he going with this and what does this have to do with motorcycling or being a witness for Jesus? Well, this is where control comes into play.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJ): Death and Life are in the power of the tongue.

Mathew 15:18 (NLT): Jesus said, "But the words you speak come from the heart."

James 3:2 (NLT): Indeed we all **make mistakes**. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect in every other way. James also goes on to say in **vs 18** (NKJ), Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the **meekness** of wisdom.

Well, I've done some stupid things like pulling a hole shot showing off to Elaine, and you probably guessed it! I hit a small patch of ice (now you know how stupid this was with snow on the ground), lost control and wiped out. The result is pain, the physical kind, not to mention being totally embarrassed!! This would be an example of Power without control, but we want to be a people filled with God's power under control.

As we move forward as Light House Riders and East Coast Watchmen let's do so in the "**dunamis**" power of the Holy Spirit, but also with **humility** and self control. We are a witness, a testimony, of the One (Jesus) who goes before, along side, and behind us.

My final thought: I don't want my way, but His way, then I'll know I'll have power and control.





Vice Presidents Word

Message from the VP

Hard to believe it is already March! Our chapter has been busy even though the weather has not been a blessing! We were invited to help support the ICE races in Trenton. It was a great opportunity to show our colors and interact with the racers. We also set up a table to meet those attending the event. At Seasons of Refreshing Rick Steffy spoke about first making contact and showing a common ground that we can spread Gods word, letting it blossom! After Season of Refreshing a few of us rode up to Mt Holly Powersports to look at some bikes. Upon arriving a man approached me asking about my bike, once he saw my colors the question was asked if I was one of the folks at the ICE races? I explained our chapter members were there to support the event. He talked with the guys at our table and thanked us for helping out at the event. We are making a presence every time we are in public, even if all we do is listening to those we meet. We need to be consistent, being a friend first then asking for needs.

Our chapter is growing, I watch this growth with a grand smile and warm heart! 2 Corinthians 1:4 says; "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others." We must continue comforting others showing through God all troubles will be removed! I can't begin to say "Thank You" for demonstrating Gods blessing to others! Keep up the great work spreading throughout our community about what CMA is about.

Bill, Ron and I had the opportunity to meet with our pastors to explain what CMA is about. We also talked about Run for the Son and where the money raised is distributed. Sometimes we take for granted that everyone knows about CMA. We need to share with others what we do in our community, more than just ride bikes!

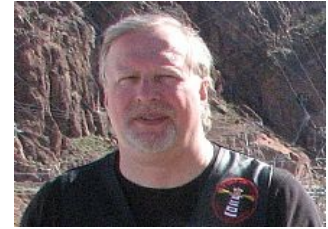
Let us take our experiences from Season of Refreshing and share our blessing within our community as a good listener. God will open the door when we should speak his word.

To all of you I again say **Thank You** for your continued support moving our chapter forward spreading God's light in our community!

Keep your eyes focused forward and I will watch your back!

Randy

Let's hear it from the little people



Have you ever noticed how often it's the people that you least expect it from that surprise you the most? It might be the generosity of someone who does not have all that much to begin with, or the hospitality flowing from the people that don't live in the McMansions. Perhaps the simple kindness and respect that come from a total stranger, or the guy in the Cadillac that lets you pull in front of him. People sure are full of surprises. That is God's design and plan according to 1 Cor. 1:20-21 (NIV)

"Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him,

God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe."

The truth of the matter is that although tent rallies and stadium events are wonderful, the majority of the people that come to the Lord are not brought in by brilliant preaching, incredible exposition or astounding theology. They make a connection with someone and that makes them more open, able to receive, to hear, and to believe. Jesus knew this when He commanded that we ALL go into the world with our experience of His message. There are many different reasons that people are reluctant to evangelize, are afraid to evangelize or simply refuse to evangelize. These range from the fear of failure to misunderstanding what the job actually is. In between lay concerns about not being a good speaker, not being a people person, not knowing scripture well enough, etc. "That's not my gifting" is a perennial favorite, along with "But I don't have a dramatic conversion story to tell." Some or all of these things may be true, but it does not matter, nor does it change a thing. Why? Because it isn't about us, it's about Him! It isn't about anything that we have, except for what we **all** have; His the truth, His story and His command to share it. Immediately preceding the passage above the author of the letter to the Corinthians quotes the prophet Isaiah:

For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Isaiah 29:14 (NIV)

What happens if we consider a very familiar parable thinking about evangelism? In Matthew 25: 14-30 Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents. A man is going on a journey and entrusts his property to his servants. He returns after a long time and meets with each of them. Notice that he never once compares the abilities or production of one servant with another. There is no discussion of what they did not have or might have needed. His sole concern is did each one put to use what they were given, and did they get a return on what he entrusted them with.

All through history and scripture we see this played out over and over again. God really is pleased to use the simple, the foolish, and the lowly so that people will know that "It must have been God!" His only requirements are that we believe Him, trust Him, and step out as He leads us ... He does the rest.

We are talking about the God that chose a couple nearly a hundred years old each to start a nation.

The same God that chose the youngest, smallest son to be King! The same God that called forth His "mighty warrior" from hiding in the winepress, and then had him keep sending warriors home because the army was just too big! The same God that had His prophet soak the offering with buckets and buckets of water before lighting the fire! The very same God that said that the price has to be paid, I'll send my Son! So let's not leave the message for the professionals, the skilled, the trained, the comely ...

Let's hear it from the little people!

Secretaries Report

Secretary's Corner

As I was sitting at Season's of Refreshing and listening to Rick Steffi talk about "Rag Tracts" I was thinking about how we are a TRACT unto the world.... We have paper/material tools available to us when talking to others about their motorcycles, and, if we want we can leave a paper tract or a rag tract that delivers the gospel message about Jesus. But, when you get right down to it, aren't WE the best TRACT in the world?

Two weekends ago, my department lost one of our best technicians, and one of the nicest people I have known, suddenly to death. Was he a man of God? I don't know, but the next day after his viewing, one of my other technicians came into my office and asked to speak with me. Our technician's death made him think about his own mortality. What he said to me was very poignant....."I know you are a woman of faith, and I have been watching you." Wow, he caught me a little off guard, but I realized how actions speak louder than words....

You may not know it, but you touch people's hearts deep down inside. You may not see a change in folks right away, maybe never. But, know this. God is using you as a TRACT that speaks out.

We are only kidding ourselves if we say we don't need Jesus to help us live our life. If some folks chose not to listen, or if some folks chose not to believe then that was their choice, just the same way we chose to drive a certain car.

Jesus could have stayed on earth for a lot longer than he did, but God in His infinite wisdom wants you and me to be the TRACT that folks come in contact with and, if warranted, to share with them about our Lord and Savior and how he can help them, anywhere in their daily walk in life.

Isn't it much better that we can live and deal with life's challenges, at peace, and knowing that God will take care of everything for us here and in heaven?

So...ALWAYS LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE...BE A TRACT UNTO THE WORLD!



Road Captains Report

Trust in the Lord with all thine Heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

I picked the above Bible verse because I thought it was relevant to my position as Road Captain. Turns out the Lord wanted to teach me that it had more meaning than that. As you all might know at the last meeting I was telling everyone that the next day I was going to look at 2 motorcycles and purchase the best one. I had lined up a truck and a trailer to borrow to bring whichever cycle home. Well to make a short story long, when I arrived home there was a message on my answering machine that the truck I was to borrow would be unavailable and there was no time to put a plan B together. After my initial disappointment I went back online to check out what other bikes might be available. Imagine my surprise to find an identical Kawasaki Concours on E-Bay that had 1/2 the miles of the other one I was looking at and with one day to go the bidding was at \$1200. That Monday the bidding ended and I was the winner! \$400 less than the original bike I was looking at and like I said it had half the miles! Like I said in the beginning of this article the Lord really had something he wanted to teach me. What an awesome God we have.

On another note, I am posting a link to a site that has Protocol Basics for when you meet up with 1%ers. It has a lot of good information on the do's and don'ts which we need to learn. The site is: www.rcvsmc.net/id4.html

Additionally, please visit www.msf-usa.org/ open the library and you can print out many good motorcycle safety tips. I especially like the 49 page operators manual and the 89 page "You and Your Motorcycle Safety Tips". The site also has several safety tips relating to helmets, protective gear, riding with a passenger and group riding.

Let's have a safe and fun 2010 riding season!



New Rides

Jim's New Ride



Elaine's New Ride



Deborah's New Ride



Susan's New Drive



Pictures from the Masonic Widows Poker Run 3/7/2010



Ride Reports

Friday 2/19/2010

John Van Sant, Randy Bridgewater, Tim DeLaughter, Jason Lang, Justin Lang, Elaine Lang and myself went to the Sun Bank Arena for the ice racing championships. Justin and C-Bear were flag men on the ice, Randy and Tim worked the pit gates, and Jason, Elaine and I worked a CMA table.

I had the opportunity to pray with an individual whose (girl) Michelle was addicted to Heroin.

Shared about CMA and RFS with numerous individuals.

Excellent outreach.

Saturday 2/20/2010

Elaine, Bill, Jason, and Kaitlin went to Seasons of Refreshing.

Jason and Kaitlin received their Colors!!!!

Monday 2/22/10

C-Bear, Bruce, and myself were at C-Bear's for prayer.

Good night really glad I went.

Tuesday 2/23/10

Elaine and Bill went to the Cherry Hill food Pantry organized by St. Michaels Lutheran Church.

WE wore our Colors and bagged food and shared our testimony.

Another excellent evening.

1. 3/5/10 Officers meeting at Susan's Bill, Elaine, Bruce, Sheryl, John, Jim, Collen and Susan.
2. 3/6/10 Atlantic City Rescue Mission Butch gave great testimony Bill, Elaine, Randy, C-Bear, & Bruce.
3. 3/6/10 Somers Pt Diner DVD and training for East Coast Watchman Bill, C-Bear, & Bruce.
4. 3/7/10 1st Annual Widow Sons Poker Run. Bill, Jim, Randy, & Butch. Fun day to ride met some old and new friends.

Article from our Webservant Elaine

Slave or Child?

What would God say if I asked Him about you? Do you know God or just know about Him? Are you acquaintances or intimate friends?

Galatians 4:8-9 (NLT): Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?

It is incredibly powerful to be absolutely sure that God, the creator of the Universe, adores you as His child. But do you really believe that? Serving God and living faithfully can become a constant guilt trip of “trying harder” or “performing better next time”...generally not measuring up to the expectations of others, or our own expectations of ourselves. Each of us can remain a slave to insecurity, or not feeling sure of our salvation, living in fear or a desperate need to earn acceptance. But is that really the way you want to live?

Some of us were raised in circumstances that created challenges for us. Some have wounds that are very deep and we really don't know if we are able to trust. Or you've taken the failure of past human relationships and imposed those shortcomings onto God....our perfect God.

The Holy Spirit keeps us on the path and provides the confidence to allow us to enjoy intimacy with God. God gave us the Holy Spirit not just for our personal benefit, but it's undeniable that the outcome of true relationship with God, through the Holy Spirit, is the intimacy, security and encouragement that only He can bring. When we grasp this truth, it is then that each of us can serve God as His child, His loved child, rather than as a stressed out, guilt ridden slave.

Prayer Intentions

For a speedy and complete recovery from hip surgery for Deacon Ron Reiley.

For continued growth both in membership and Spirituality in the Lighthouse Riders Chapter.

For the birthing of the East Coast Watchmens Chapter.

For the continued safety of all the riders in the Lighthouse Riders Chapter.

For help in Colleen deciding her job direction.