



# The Beacon

## Lighthouse Riders Newsletter

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



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President's Pulpit

Bill Lang

## Humility to Sonshine

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV): “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”.

This is a well known scripture, but sometimes we forget that we as Christians are designed to proclaim his excellencies. Recently I've been reading through Chronicles, and I'm always amazed at how God's leaders and people would obey God's command and prosper, and then sometimes they would follow the false gods of their neighbors and become slaves!



I find King Josiah to be very interesting. He was only 8 years old when he started to rule and 2 Chronicles 34 goes on to say he did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight. Still his father Amon and grandfather Manasseh did what was evil in the Lord's sight. Even though Josiah humbled himself before God and God did spare Josiah's reign, God didn't spare the nation down the road because their hearts were ultimately stubborn.

Our real design is to be light in darkness, and I think it's always good to remind ourselves of this so we don't miss the opportunity to shine!

Here's my example: Recently I've been a little fatigued, and I almost used it as an excuse to miss an opportunity to shine. I generally don't look to ride in the rain, but Lord bless both Jim and Randy because they have “encouraged” me to be more adventurous!

Ride the Wave was scheduled on Sunday, 4/25 and there was quite a bit of rain. Personally I just wanted to stay home and rest, but I went. To make a long story short, Jim and I came across another biker on Route 676. He ended up joining Jim and I as the only bikers we saw leave Camden and ride to the Bolero in Wildwood for the event (although they were expecting hundreds!). At lunch we had the opportunity to give this man a Hope for the Highway Bible, sharing the gospel and what it really means to have a relationship with Christ.

I'll just mention that before we left the Camden waterfront I was playing with my gloves and yes, the bike rolled off the kickstand and fell over with me on it. (Quite humbling). I really wanted to go home then!

I believe if we fall before the Lord, he is able to take our foolishness and cause His light to shine. Why? Because, as Christians, that's what we are really designed to do.

## Vice Presidents Word

Randy Bridgewater

## Message from the VP



Hello everyone! The months are flying by at an unbelievable pace! Even at this fast pace God is always good! We continue to be involved in many rides and events; I want to thank everyone for all your support! We all try to keep a balance in our lives and continue supporting our growing chapter by shining our light to those in our community! Most of you know that I like to take rides to meet other riders for lunch, ice cream and maybe a dinner. The only thing is that ride will carry me to different states! A couple weeks ago I was able to take a RTE (Ride To Eat) with other long distance riders to Bennington, VT. After a small repair on a fellow biker's bike I headed for CT to meet up with a good friend. The next morning I left in a cold rain to venture out on God's highways. Before leaving I was able to coordinate a visit to my house the following week to ride in our annual Run for the Son. Long distant trips allow me to become closer to God! Riding and praying becomes my private time which helps me get through all that comes before me! Must be the reason I take such long distance rides, much needed prayer time! During this prayer time I ask God to prepare me for the events that may come before me. I was able to meet up with people that I didn't know except from an internet forum and share a short lunch. After a few exchanges of email address I was off, being able to ride through routes in VT and NY that I have never ridden! Being able to admire God's creation and enjoy the special roads created for bikers to ride just confirms God supports for what we do spreading his glorious word and light! Upon the arrival home after about a 600 plus mile ride I prepared for the visit of a friend. As Run for the Son day arrived we geared up to begin our ride knowing God was in charge, blessing the day with great weather! The ride began on time and we had a great ride with several bikers attending. During the ride once again God was in charge allowing only a joyful event and many stories that we will be able to converse for future years! After some mechanical issues that were overcome we arrived home. That is when God's little seed began to blossom, my friend started asking questions about CMA and why I was involved with this association! I began to water that seed and explain what CMA meant to me.

My point is, sometimes we never see our seeds blossom but we must continue planting those seeds because we never know when God will show us the blossom of those seeds!

I want to thank the Light House Rider members for all they do! Keep up the great work for you will be rewarded!

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



## Cavalry or Calvary ?

Some scripture is well known, and yet ... not! It is familiar, we quote it, but so often there is more there than we realize. Let's spend a few minutes with a favorite for preaching, songwriting and memory verses.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from?*

*My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.* Psalm 121:1-2

(NIV)

This is usually read and considered as a single, complete, uninterrupted thought. There is another way to read or hear it, though. If you insert the pregnant pause that the big dash is asking for, and put David in a context, everything changes. Visualize King David in battle. Several kings have united to come against him with overwhelming numbers. His army is holding its own for the moment and messengers have been dispatched to Israel's allies for aid against the enemy. David looks to the hills to see if there is an army coming to rescue him. Then the Holy Spirit stirs in him ...

*I lift up my eyes to the hills — **(but)** where does my help come from?*

*My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.* Psalm 121:1-2

(NIV)

In an instant, David is transformed from the helpless king, waiting for someone to come rescue him to the confident and seasoned warrior that fights knowing that the battle is the Lord's! He takes command, continuing to listen to that still, small voice. Suddenly Israel is on the **offensive!**

In another psalm David wrote about the difference between the army of Israel and the armies they faced in battle:

*Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;*

*he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.*

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

*They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.* Psalm 20:6

-8 (NIV)

How often are we like King David, in difficulty and seeing no way out, hoping someone will come and rescue us? While there are certainly times that the Lord chooses to operate through human agents you can be certain that every single time it is the Lord that is there ready to answer and lead and guide us to ultimate victory. The Lord is never late, His timing is always perfect. We cannot look to man to save us, nor can we merely seize control to fix the situation ourselves. Read the account of Saul at Gilgal in 1 Samuel 13:3-14. If Saul had been obedient and trusted (spelled F – A – I – T – H) rather than operating from an attitude of fear his throne might have been established.

This can be summed up by saying that we cannot be what we are not! We are not dependent on man, and we are not sufficient unto ourselves that we can 'handle it' ourselves. We are humble and obedient servants of the Living God. On Him we depend, to Him we look for all things.

The next time you need some rescuing; don't look for the cavalry, look to Calvary.

## Secretaries Report

Sheryl Reiley



## Secretary's Corner –

In March, my Director at work told me that he had to do a presentation for one of our hospitals. I thought to myself, “better him than me.” Then he said, “but, they want me to do this in April, and I will be on my honeymoon, so, you will have to do it.” I looked around the room, no one else was there, and I said to him, “do you mean me?” He said, “yes, I mean you.” All I could do was shake inside.....I’ve never presented to a large group of individuals, let alone, doctors, nurses, service directors.....I know, they are only people, just like you and me, but they have degrees, and letters and numbers behind their names that could stretch around a football field.....I have nothing after my name to show I’ve been college educated, or even high school graduated!!!! (I did graduate high school).

So, here I am scared to death...then, he said, “plus, you will have to write the presentation yourself. So, get to work, and by the way, here is your topic. WIRELESS DEVICES. THEIR BILLING/ PROCESSES FOR NEW SERVICE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT. Ugh! Talk about dry material!

I nearly collapsed! Number one, it needed to be geared to the audience’s specific hospital, because everything is done differently depending on the entity.....and, “make it interesting” he said. I took the defeatist attitude for a few days. I started to put my pen to paper. “He just had to get married; I said to myself, why couldn’t he wait until after he gave the presentation?”

After I completed writing the presentation, I was told by my Director, about a week later, “oh by the way, you know the presentation I told you to do?” I said, “yes”???.“.....”well, you don’t have to give the presentation until May.” I said, “May? Oh good, you’ll be back from your honeymoon and you can give the presentation.” “No, no, no, no, he said.....I still want you to do it” and, no more discussions.

One evening I was reading Exodus. The part about God and Moses and their discussion, or should I say Moses’ rebellion, telling God how he couldn’t talk to the Israelites about bringing them out of Egypt, and I thought about my rebellion to my Director and how I didn’t want to do what he was asking me to do.....because I thought I was not **good enough** or **adequate** to do what was needed to be done. As I read further in Exodus 4:11 specifically, “Then the LORD asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup> Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” WOW! So, I stopped my stressing over this stupid presentation and looked to my God and Savior and put it all in His hands. He guided my words, my thoughts and after the presentation was over.....was congratulated on a job well done!

Don’t listen to your “natural self”, listen to God, and all will be as He decides.....



## Road Captains Report      Jim Mayhew

**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**

Whew!!!! I bought my bike the end of February and here it is the beginning of May and I've already put over 5,000 miles on it. Riding at this rate I'll need a new bike by October! For the second year in a row we've hit the ground running (or maybe wheels turning in our case) this riding season. The Widows Run, Riders of the Apocalypse Puzzle Run, Ride the Wave (officially canceled but we rode it anyway), Ray Seaman's Concert in Somers Point, Run for the Son and Victory Bike blessing blew past so fast that it took assembling the pictures for the newsletter to bring back all the memories. There are 2 memories though that I did not need to be reminded about because they hold a special meaning to me, the first was a friend we made at the Puzzle Run in North Jersey. After I bought my Kawasaki I joined the Concours Owners Group. They hold tech sessions, ride ins, national rallies and local rides and rallies beside having a very informative web forum. It was on this forum that I meet a fellow CMAer from New York. I told him about the puzzle run and told him our chapter was going to attend and I would forward information. A promise made and a promise broken. After we had arrived at the run a fellow came up to our group and asked who owned the Kawasaki. He and I talked for several minutes before I introduced myself and he mention his name was Andy. It took several more minutes until it sunk in that this was Pastor Andy from the forum. Some times my heads so thick I wonder why I wear a helmet! Andy joined our group for the ride and we all enjoyed the scenery and the fellowship. Before we parted ways we prayed and Andy let us know that in a few months he was going to become a father. Congratulations!!! The second memory was mentioned in Bill's column. We were on our way to Camden for the Ride the Wave ride when we came across a rider on Rt676 who looked lost. He pulled up to us and asked if we were heading to the ride and when he found out we were he asked if he could ride with us. Harold was from Pennsylvania and had no qualms about riding with us to Wildwood even after the ride was canceled. We had a great opportunity to fellowship with him in Camden and over lunch in Wildwood. BOY what a lunch!!! The power of the Holy Spirit was with us as was all the hot roast beef sandwiches we could eat (you got a free sandwich with your entry fee and the Bolero was planning on 1,000 riders and only 20 showed up). Food and fellowship is there anything better? Between the miles, the rides and the new friends I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds in store for the Lighthouse Chapter.



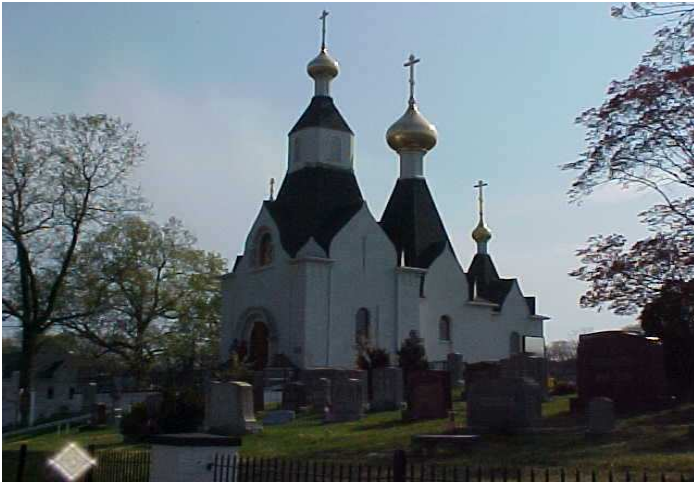


# Run for the Son 5/1/2010 Photos





Run for the Son Photos (cont.)





# Beacons of Faith and Hope Pancake Breakfast Photos 4/3/2010





**Riders of the Apocalypse Puzzle Run and Bike Blessing Photos**  
**4/17/2010**





**East Coast Watchman's Run for the Son Benefit Concert Photos 4/17/2010**



**Ride the Wave Photos 4/25/2010**



**New Friends of the Lighthouse Riders**



**Bill, Harold and I 4/25/2010**



**Bill, Pastor Andy and C-Bear 4/17/2010**



Collingswood Cruise In Photos 4/15/2010





Victory Bike Blessing Photos 4/18/2010



## RIDE SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, 5/15/10: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Second 2 None Motorcycle Run**

Starts at 51 North White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

Registration: 9 – 10:45 am / Ride starts at 11 am / \$15. per bike and includes 1 meal ticket

### **Sunday, 5/16/10:**

- **Armed Forces Freedom Ride IV**

Registration: Now being accepted. The first 200 registrants receive a FREE 4th Annual AFFR tee-shirt. Leaves Barb's H-D at 10am. Ride down the flight line at McGuire Air Force Base! Ends at the John Mann Park & Doughboy Field in the heart of Ft. Dix. Benefits the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee and the U.S. Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation of Philadelphia. To register, call 856-456-4141 or visit [ArmedForcesFreedom-Ride.org](http://ArmedForcesFreedom-Ride.org).

- Central Jersey Rider Training Experienced Rider Course in Egg Harbor

**Thursday, 5/20/10:** Collingswood Cruise Night / 6 – 9 pm

### **Saturday, 5/22/10:**

- **Ride for Ronald McDonald House** (sponsored by American Asphalt Company)

Start at 1791 River Road, Burlington. Ride through south Jersey to barbecue reception at Ronald McDonald House in Camden.

Registration: \$25 / Pre-registration required

Contact: Marianne Busler (856-456-2899)

- **Benefit Ride for Tre Wright** (11 year old boy without kidneys)

Start at 1 Herr's Drive, Nottingham, PA

Registration: 9 – 11 am / Rider: \$15. / Passenger: \$5.

Ride through scenic Chester County, PA

End at Cycle Max, Honeybrook, PA for 50/50, food, beverages

Contact: Rodney Rohrer (610-444-4077)

**Friday, 5/21, Saturday, 5/22 and Sunday, 5/23/10: NJ Vintage Grand Prix and Family Festival at Millville Motorsports Park**

### **Saturday, 6/5/10 / BOOT SHINE**

**Burlington Bike Night** / 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder on the River / 4 pm – 10 pm

### **Sunday, 6/6/10: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lt. Kenny Dechen Memorial Motorcycle Run**

Registration: 9 am – 10 am / \$15. before 5/15 or \$20. After 5/15

There are two runs: 48 miles and 84 miles

KSU for 84 mile run at 9:30 am / KSU for 48 mile run at 10 am

RiverWinds Community Center, 1000 River Winds Dr., Thorofare, NJ

For info contact 856-848-4448

**Monday, 6/7/10 – Saturday, 6/12/10: Americade, Lake George, NY**

**Saturday, 6/12/10: Sons of God Pig Roast**

**Tuesday, 6/15/10 – Saturday, 6/19/10: CMA National Rally, Hatfield, AR**

**Thursday, 6/17/10: Collingswood Cruise Night / 6 – 9 pm**



## Prayer Intentions

For the employees of both Millville and Wildwood HD, that they find new jobs since the dealerships have closed.

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

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

For the safety of our new friends, Pastor Andy and Harold.

Peace and healing for Kevin Connor and family (friends of Colleen ).

For Elmer on his move back to Tennessee.

For a swift recovery for Jim's sister Barbara who has had 2 major surgeries in the past week.

For Jim's co-worker Tom who was involved in a motorcycle accident. Anyone who rode with us to the hillclimb last year will remember Tom and his antique HD.

**I KNOW WE HAVE MORE PRAYER INTENTIONS!!!!!!!**



## The Risk of the Opportunity

I have been considering the opportunities that God presents to me, the opportunities that are right in front of me, but somehow, are just not seen or ignored. Why don't I "see" the opportunity? Is it fear? Or is it complacency that keeps me "blind" from really seeing what God would want me to do? Do I just not "have it in me" to give what is necessary in the moment that the opportunity occurs? Or is it that I do not want to risk myself.....again?

There is a cost to serve God. A cost to love, to give, and a cost to take action. When you serve, you are at risk. And risk exposes you to the possibility of loss or injury. When you take a risk, you can lose. You can lose money, possessions; you can lose your reputation, your health and even your life. Of course, you can throw your life away in a multitude of sinful ways and die as a result. In that case, losing your life would be the same as wasting it. But losing your life is *not* always the same as wasting it. What if the circumstances were such that not taking a risk would result in loss or injury? Well, then it would not be wise to play it safe. What if a successful risk would bring benefit to many people, while its failure would only harm you? It may not be loving to choose your own comfort or security when something great may be achieved for the cause of Christ and the good of others.

Risk is possible because we don't know how things will turn out. But God knows! He knows the outcome of all of His choices before they happen. And He plans accordingly. But we are not God. We are ignorant. We don't know what will happen tomorrow....or five minutes from now. Consider risk in the service of love and for the glory of God. The motive behind taking risks for the cause of God is not heroism, or desire for adventures, or your self-reliant ability, but faith in Jesus Christ, who provides all, rules all and satisfies all. The strength to risk losing life in this world is faith in the promise that he who loses his life in this world will save it for eternity.

When faced with the next opportunity to give, to love, to serve....consider the risk... and respond!

Elaine

## **Deacon Ron's quote Corner**

Quote Corner:

"The first steps to getting things you want out of life is this: decide what you want.

Want something today? Don't worry about anything, instead, pray for everything. Tell

God what you need, and then thank Him for all He has done."

Phillipians 4:6

NLT

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

No Anniversaries for May

Birthdays:

Colleen Mayhew 5/30