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



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President's Pulpit

Bill Lang

Road Rash

John 20:24-25 (ESV): Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord". But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe".

Jesus carries the marks of laying down His life so we may have eternal life. All of us who have ever gone down on our bike, especially if it was hard, and without proper protection, carry some scars. Scars are a good thing because it means the wound has healed, but it's still a reminder of what happened. Some may have had broken bones or other internal injuries that aren't readily seen. Even though there might be healing, I know we still carry the aches, pains and memories.



Before we come to Christ we are all down one way or another. Jesus redeems us, forgives us, and heals us. Yet we still always carry some scars from the past; healed reminders of there we have been, and examples for other so they might believe, just as Thomas' response to Jesus in John 20:28: "My Lord and my God", after placing his finger and hands into the marks Christ carries for us.

This article is a reminder that we are called to be ambassadors for Christ with the message and ministry of reconciliation. (2 Co. 5:18-20) In Millville at the boot shine booth, we had the opportunity to pray for a young disabled vet, who has severe PTSD. During his third tour in Iraq after some close calls himself with IEDs, his Lieutenant, and respected friend, was killed. He believes Jesus has spared his life, yet the internal wounds are deep. He left our boot shine booth with a smile and, I believe, a peace from the Holy Spirit. His wounds and scars, like ours, are a reminder of how much we need to daily look to our savior. He sanctifies us and empowers us with a testimony of life.

I hate road rash and I especially hate going down. It hurts! But we know the One who heals and forgives. I believe, and because I do, I plan on getting back up so other will believe too!

Bill Lang
6/1/10

Vice Presidents Word

Randy Bridgewater

A Brief Message from the VP

Time is flying by as I sit here thinking of what I can write for the June Newsletter, Yes June already!

Ephesians 5:8 says “*For once you were full of darkness but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!*” This verse is what Lighthouse Riders is about; we are spreading the Lords Light in so many ways! During our recent boot shine I was able to watch our members share God’s word with so many people! We were able to pray with one soldier that was struggling with issues from the Iraq War! God is Good!

We are starting to make contacts with the biking community, during a recent boot shine questions were asked of how some of our members were doing. Each event we attend with our colors we are bringing God’s light to those that may have darkness in their lives! Keep up the great work and ***Thank You*** for making as many events as possible!

As I write this message I think how blessed I am to be a part of Light House Riders! During a recent rear tire change, an open discussion began about blessing forward. This really made me think! Can we as a chapter take all of our Godly talents and bless forward those that come into our lives? Just think how one small blessing could manifest into a great blessing for the world! I pray that Light House Riders Newsletter will bless and inspire everyone that reads it!

Once again I want to thank everyone for contributing to the continued success of our Newsletter! Please continue to add to it’s success by sending a quick note to Jim! People are commenting that they can’t wait to read each months issue! Wow that is a Great way for us to spread our Light in our Community!

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

Randy



Chaplain's Corner

Familiarity Breeds.....????

A well known saying claims that "Familiarity breeds contempt." In some cases this is true.

There are many people that have heard bits of bible verses and the Gospel message, but they have either not really heard and understood it, or have rejected it. With each hearing of it a fair number of these people gain more and more contempt for it. For others, familiarity breeds numbness or even a cold heart. They become desensitized to the message and its power. Sadly, this can also be true of the elect! Repetitious prayer or recitation (without focus, seeking and relationship) ends up having a very similar result. Similarly, Christian-ese (church talk) can have the same mind-numbing effects that tech speak (computer people speaking in acronyms) can have. The hearer, confused, unenlightened and un-edified wants to hear no more.

So let's try looking at something so familiar that even many who do not know the Lord are 'familiar' with it. Almost everyone knows the Lord's Prayer. But if we are honest, we will admit, so many times it is prayed in a hurry, almost racing. Often, when prayed in group settings, it takes on that staggered, lilting phrasing. We are likely thinking more about saying the words at the same time as everyone else, than about what we are praying. Maybe we are concerned about which translation; will it be 'trespasses,' 'sins,' or 'debts?' Let's go through it taking our time, really focusing on the words. To find meaning we can take a new perspective, trying to apply both the perspective of a Jew of Jesus' day (that is who He was teaching to pray) and also adding the perspective of His teachings and later those of His disciples and the scripture we now have.

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father"

Our progenitor, our patriarch. Source of Life, Character, and Identity.
Him who loves us, irrevocably, as His own.

"Who art in heaven"

Not an idol, made by men, confined to a temple, or a place, or even by space and time.
You hold all in the palm of your hand. The earth is your footstool. You live beyond the firmament, attended by the many great and wondrous creatures that you have made.
They know You, and bow down to You, giving You all praise and honor and glory, for You are worthy.

"Hallowed be thy Name"

We are unworthy to even know Your Name. You are the "I Am."
Even when we write it down (*Yhwh*) we will not write it completely, for it is too wonderful, and too awesome for us.
You are The Almighty God, the Self-existent one who reveals Himself.
You are Jehovah Shammah, the Lord who is Present.
You are Jehovah Raah, the Lord our Shepherd.
You are Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord our Righteousness.
You are Jehovah Rapha, the Lord our Healer.
You are Jehovah Shalom, the Lord our Peace.
You are Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our Banner.
You are Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides the Sacrifice.



Secretaries Report

Sheryl Reiley

**CONFIDENCE – DO YOU HAVE IT?**

After my last article in May's Newsletter, I realized that God told, not only Jeremiah, but us "Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 1:8.

Jeremiah lived one of the most dramatic lives in the Bible, but, he never liked his role. He remained reluctant, insecure and often unhappy. God chose him to be "over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to build and to plant." To accomplish all of that, he had only one tool, and that was his mouth....how did he respond to that? He said, "Ah, Sovereign Lord, I do not know how to speak; I am only a child" Jeremiah 1:6 Jeremiah wanted out of the job....his only encouragement was God's promise....He was beaten and the people hated to hear what he had to say. He was arrested, but still, he only had God's promise. He feared death and was ridiculed by most everyone. He hated standing alone against the crowd and he told God how he felt, yet, he obeyed God and in the end his message proved true.

We have reason to fear in this world we live in, but, God promises us, if we are obedient, he has our back! It is our duty to go out into the world and show Jesus' love to each person we meet. We need not speak anything, as long as we are living like we are told to live. God used a man who was not confident, and, God told Jeremiah, "Do not be afraid of them, or I will make you look foolish in front of them."

Like Moses before him, Jeremiah responded reluctantly to God's call. "I am only a child, he protested, feeling too inexperienced to carry such responsibility, but God contradicted him. Age and experience did not matter, **God's presence did.** In the face of powerful opposition, God would make Jeremiah, and you, and me **as strong as iron.....!**



Chaplains Corner Continued

“Thy Kingdom Come”

Extend and spread your royal position and power, become known to all as You reign in your Sovereignty. Come in power, advancing Your kingdom, so that every knee bows, and every tongue confesses that You are the Lord, the true and living God.

“Thy Will be Done, On Earth as it is in Heaven”

Bring to completion all that You have planned and purposed, in our hearts, and lives. Establish Your perfect order, for which all of creation groans and waits.

With the joy, the awe, and the praise that all the creatures of heaven have, acknowledging You as the source of all, as the Only, Living, Almighty God, whose Word goes forth, setting Your wondrous plans and ways in motion, bringing about all that You purpose.

“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

In Your mercy, compassion, and love, and out of Your great abundance, supply, provide, and enable us. Sustain us with Your Word, make Yourself known to us, but do not give us more than we can bear. Keep us coming back to You for a fresh touch and direction, aware of our neediness and utter dependence on You.

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”

Even as in the Year of Jubilee, release us from the times that we have neglected or mismanaged Your gifts, or even sold out. Restore unto us the fullness of Your inheritance, and enable us to release others in the same way.

“Lead us not into temptation”

Guide our steps, O Lord, with Your Word as a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path,

that we would not stumble, or stray from You.

“But deliver us from evil”

When we do walk in folly, or fail to be faithful to keep our covenant with You, or evil comes upon us, be our Deliverer and our Strength.

Hopefully this brings more depth and meaning to this prayer, for you. As you share with others, I urge you to endeavor to bring them the depth and richness of the truth, and not just time-worn, overly familiar phrases (no matter how true they are.)

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

OK quiz time!!! No don't turn the page this will be easy. Here goes...what is the similarity between a Sport Touring bike tire with 7,000 miles on it and someone who works 60 hours a week and six days a week? Give up? The answer is they are both worn out! Now you may askwhat has this got to do with anything? Well I've experienced both recently. I've worn out one set of brakes and one set of tires on the bike I bought 4 months and 7,000 miles ago. I'm also working 6 days a week and long hours since my co-worker Tom was involved in a motorcycle accident. My free time has suddenly decreased and so has my recreational riding time. If not for riding back and forth to work on a daily basis I probably would not be riding at all. The reason I bring this up is because I was voted in as your Road Captain for the year and I plan on fulfilling this obligation until my term is up. We still have half a year to go and many rides planned. I will do everything in my power to continue to provide the leadership you expect from me. We have some great chapter rides in the planning stages besides the rides and events on our schedule. One of the rides is a lunch ride to Delaware City Delaware via scenic Route 9 with a ferry ride out into the Delaware River to visit some historic forts. The other is a 3 course dinner ride with stops at the Bridgewaters, the Langs and the Mayhews houses. I may not be able to make all the runs but my heart and soul is behind this chapter and it's members 100%. Thank you for allowing me to not only serve our God but also you the chapter members.



Gene Wall's Red Lion Church Bike Blessing and Church Service 5/2/2010





Barb's HD Armed Forces Ride 5/16/2010



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



Rolling Thunder Memorial Day 2010



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 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!!!!!!!



Web servants column by Elaine Lang

A Prayer for Light House Riders

Asking God to Build a Certain Kind of Men and Women

Oh, Lord, by the truth of your Word, and the power of your Spirit, and the ministry of your body,
build men and women in Light House Riders:

Who don't love the world more than God,
Who don't concentrate on making a lot of money,
Who don't care if they have a new motorcycle or two motorcycles,
Who don't need recent styles,
Who don't care if they get famous,
Who don't miss filet mignon or fancy cuisine,
Who don't expect that life should be comfortable and easy,
Who don't feed their minds on TV every night,
Who don't measure truth with their finger in the wind,
Who don't get paralyzed by others' disapproval,
Who don't return evil for evil,
Who don't hold grudges,
Who don't gossip,
Who don't twist the truth,
Who don't brag or boast,
Who don't whine or use body language to get pity,
Who don't criticize more than praise,
Who don't hang out in cliques,

But

Who are ablaze for God,
Who are utterly God-consumed,
Who strive to know the height and depth of Christ's love,
Who are crucified to the world and dead to sin,
Who are purified by the Word and addicted to righteousness,
Who are broken by the consciousness of sin,
Who are thrilled by the wonder of free grace,
Who are stunned into silence by the riches of God's glory,
Who are persevering constantly in prayer,
Who are ruthless in self-denial,
Who are fearless in public witness to Christ's lordship,
Who are able to unmask error and blow away confusion,
Who are tough in standing for the truth,
Who are tender in touching hurting people,
Who are passionate about reaching the peoples who have no church,
Who are keepers of all their promises and vows,
Who are content with what they have and trusting the promises of God,
Who are patient and kind and meek when life is hard.

Adapted from Taste and See by John Piper

Deacon Ron's quote Corner

-Thomas J. Jackson : "Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave."

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

John and Randy Van Sant 6/30

Birthdays:

Randy Bridgewater 6/20

Bill Lang 6/22