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



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President's Pulpit

Bill Lang

Comfort Zone and Challenge

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT): As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend

We all have comfort zones and everyone's is different. It's one of the reasons we are a part of the body of Christ. When we excel at God's specific design for our life, the whole body benefits and God is glorified.

There are times though when the work we are called to do stresses body parts and when this happens it takes us out of our comfort zone. I could use numerous analogies, and to those who've played sports, been involved in music or have trained in self defense, running or weight lifting, you would relate. But since we are all involved in motorcycling, let me use a biker-specific example. I personally can relate to this one. Last fall I was on a ride to High Point with Randy. We met up with a couple of ST friends and started to hit some twisties. The roads had a few wet spots from the night before, and I'm just a little nervous because I know their skill level is better than mine. I didn't set up a turn very well and hit the white painted line, the rear tire broke away just enough to take me way out of my comfort zone! Randy was behind me and talked me through what I was doing wrong via the CB. It took a little while to relax, but I started finding the groove again and had a blast. On a side note, the ERC (Experienced Rider Course) really helped me to better understand how to set up my turns.



Next example is a situation that initially took me out of my comfort zone. A few Sundays ago it was a challenge by a brother in Christ that took me out of my personal comfort zone. It wasn't an Evel Knievel kind of challenge like jumping some cars, but to me it was a challenge none the less. See....I'm a people person, but I generally don't just walk into a group of guys I don't know and start asking questions. Well, my brother, Mike, from East Coast Watchmen was being respectful of my position as chapter President, by approaching me with a question. I showed up with members of Light House Riders to the Vietnam Vets toy run and Mike pointed out the vets club President to me. Mike said, "Bill, maybe you should go introduce yourself and see if they have a chaplain. And if they don't, ask if he'd like you to pray for the ride". For some, this is no big deal, just like nailing some serious twisties, but for me, I guess I feel presumptuous and now I'm out of my comfort zone. The real truth is I deeply appreciated being challenged. It's something we all need. I went over and introduced myself, spoke with some of the Vietnam vet members and asked their President if they had a chaplain, and if not, did they want prayer? The end result was the opportunity to pray for a couple hundred bikers in Jesus' name!

Here is the point. When we challenge each other in Christ, knowingly or unknowingly, and we respond, we are sharpened, the body is strengthened and Christ is glorified.

Vice Presidents Word

Randy Bridgewater

Words from the VP

We are moving into the second half of 2010 and at our last officers meeting we reviewed the year to date. We discussed our focus for the rest of the year and you know when God is in charge when everyone agrees!

This last month has been busy for my family and the members of this chapter! I feel like the devil has been on the prowl, when that happens you have to pray hard! 1Timothy 2:1 says: I urge you, first of all to pray for all people. As a chapter we always talk of prayer and we always pray as a chapter. I urge all of us to continue to pray for our chapter and officers!

Just a few days ago I had to make a decision to put our greyhound to sleep. This is a decision I prayed about for a long time! Even in the loss of a pet it is like loosing a close friend. As I prayed after the loss, I realized even as we feel empty with a loss God blesses us with the opportunity to enjoy life! As we go out into the world we must put on our armor and that armor is God's faith! God will guide us to those that are in need. So pray up to be prepared for that opportunity!

Our chapter continues to make a presence in our community! While at local Tuesday night car/bike night this was confirmed when the people we met mentioned seeing our colors at various events. Even in our busy schedules I ask we continue doing our best to represent our chapter within our community.

Help support our upcoming Bike Blessing August 29, 2010 9:00 AM Kingsway Chapel in Cherry Hill, NJ.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION
**BLESSING OF
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We will spread God's word one heart at a time!
Keep your eyes focused forward and I will watch your back!

Chaplain's Corner C Bear The Power of Prayer



This article began with the idea of writing about the different things that are prayer:

Prayer as Wrestling (Heb 5:7, Matt 26:39-42 and Col 4:12), Prayer as an incense offering (Rev. 5:8), Prayer as a component of Consecration (1 Tim 4:5), Prayer as a focusing, strengthening agent (Mark 14:38), Prayer Coupled with: Fasting (Acts 14:23) Gifts to the poor (Acts 10:5) Fellowship (Acts 16:30) and more (Acts 2:42)

The Laying on of Hands (Acts 28:8) and The extending of the heart (2 Cor. 9:14)

These are now for you to look up, read, and meditate on. All of these are just examples, like the law is examples of things that are offensive to God. The longer I spent pressing in for this word, the more the Lord was showing me how and why prayer truly is **powerful** and **effective** ... and once you lay hold of that, prayer is an incredible tool to be wielded, not a last resort when you can't do anything else!

Until now, I had viewed prayer as my ongoing dialog with God. I would bring everything to Him (joys, sorrows, thanks, requests) and He would answer me in all these things. This was not an incorrect view, but it was absent the realization of how powerful it is. The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8) begins:

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. (NIV)

We say that we **know** that when we pray, God hears us ... so why should we keep repeating ourselves? Because we need to persevere until we get an answer! The true **power** of prayer is not in our speaking, it is in the answer. The answer comes when God speaks, and when God speaks, things happen! The blind see, the dead are raised, whole universes come into being! **The power of prayer is in the answer!**

*He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, **as you help us by your prayers.** Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us **in answer to the prayers of many.** 2 Cor 1:10-11 (NIV)*

For the word of God is living and active. Heb 4:12a (NIV)

Prayer is a catalyst ... it causes action ... we know that God's Word will not return to Him without fulfilling its purpose ... so pray, and persist in prayer until you get an answer!

Secretaries Report

Sheryl Reiley



2:Corinthians 4:6

“For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

CHRIST IS THE LIGHT THAT GUIDES US HOME –

As a lighthouse guides ships up the coast and in the waterways, we are but a ship that sets out to sail through life. We keep our eyes and internal compass on the direction of the “light” to guide us through smooth and rough seas, as we fear the Lord.

Through fear we obtain wisdom, truth and discernment. We may get stuck in shallow water, mud, and start to sink, but, as ships we keep looking and steering toward the light each day and night to guide us along the way. Looking and listening for the markers and setting our “head and eyes” on the buoys to pass on the left, right or straight ahead trusting our internal compass.

We refer to the “owners manual” on a daily basis learning as much as we can about our vessel, creating ourselves to be so much more purer, brighter, clearer than any light that shines except for the light that guides us home.

Our Lord is to be feared and worshiped til we fulfill our journey and end up home, in His light!



Web servants column by Elaine Lang

So....you want to be a Missionary?

You may read this question and say, “I never said I wanted to be a missionary”, or “I’m not a missionary, because I’m not in _____ (some far off foreign land...fill in the blank)”, or “I could never dream of being a missionary, because I have to work, take care of a house and family,etc., etc.”.

Well, folks, I am here to tell you that, whether you choose to believe it or not, or whether you like it or not.....you are a missionary. The basic terms of the missionary call are still, as Jesus said in Luke 9:23 (NLT): “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” You’ve accepted Christ as your personal savior. You are living your life in such a way as you are following after Him, Jesus. In order to have the desire to join a ministry such as CMA, you are one who has a desire to share what the Lord has done in your life, how you’ve been changed and are a witness...share your testimony. You alone has the testimony that will impact someone that the Lord leads you to share with.....at an event, in the parking lot, on the road.....somewhere, sometime, you will touch one heart with your testimony, with your witness....with your missionary effort.

Part of each of our testimonies, is the necessity of surrender. We must surrender our will, to the will of the Father. On a daily basis, we must make a decision to choose to believe that Jesus Christ is absolutely sovereign and supreme in His power in each individual's life. The authority of Christ is all inclusive. All power in heaven, all power in hell, all power on earth is His by sovereign right. Each of us must decide alone, with complete surrender of your will, acknowledge that Jesus Christ who is Lord of heaven, Lord of hell and Lord over all the earth, is sovereign in every part of your life.

Have you completely surrendered your will? The only thing that will give you the grip and courage to stay on the job as a missionary for Him to the biking community is your surrender to the absolute sovereignty of Jesus. Without surrender, we cannot stand the test of Christian service.

If each of us were to honestly be prepared to act, live and move in God’s great purpose for each of us, be surrendered to His will, we will rock the biking community for Him. Cut out the frills and nonsense, surrender yourself, and get prepared to live for the gospel. Be the missionary you were called to be.

Elaine Lang
7/28/10







Buffalo Soldiers 7/25/2010



MillVille Vintage Gran Prix

Tech Tidbits by Jim Mayhew

OIL

This month's topic is oil and I'm not talking about the stuff that's washing up on the shores down south. I'm talking about what's in the crankcase of your motorcycle. Do you have the right type, the right weight and the right amount??? If not you could be heading for trouble. If you are not sure about any of these a quick check of your owners manual or service manual will straighten you right out. The type of oil is listed by certification letters i.e.: SJ SH SC. Match whatever your manual recommends with the certification on the can. Be careful not to use any oils that state Low Friction on the can as these may cause your clutch to slip, usually these are very low weights like 0w20 and 5w30. These weight ratings are to tell you how thick (when cold) or how thin (when hot) your oil will be. Again your manual will tell you the correct weight. Also, be aware that the recommendations may be different for hot or cold weather riding. The amount of oil varies depending if you are just changing the oil or changing the oil and filter. Again your manual will tell you the proper amount. And speaking of oil changes make sure you have your oil and filter replaced at the proper mileage interval. Motorcycle oil is subjected to more stress than car oil, because not only does it lubricate the moving parts in your engine, but it also is used in the clutch and transmission unlike a car. Before riding always check your oil level and add oil if the level is low. Most motorcycles have either a dipstick or a sight glass to check the oil level. You can now consider yourself slick on motorcycle oil!

Prayer Intentions

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 speedy recovery of Bill's Father from surgery.

For safety and fellowship during our 3 chapter events in August. The Progressive Dinner, the Delaware Tour and Dinner Ride and our Bike Blessing on 8/29.

For good health and well wishes for our Chapter members who have moved.

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



From the Captains Chair

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



The sound of skidding tires and the appearance of a truck careening around a corner on 2 wheels heading straight for me!!! That's enough to bunch up your shorts!! Yes it really did happen to me. I was riding to work on route 322 west and was stopped at the light where it meets route 1. If you are familiar with this intersection, the left and center lane turn left onto route 1 and as you pull up you decide which lane you want to be in. This particular morning I was in the center lane and the car that had been behind me pulled up next to me in the spot I would have been in had I chose the left lane. As the light turned green and the traffic ahead of me proceeded into the intersection that's when I heard the skidding and the next thing I knew a pickup truck was coming at me head on. I can only guess he did not see that he had a red light till the last second and in his attempt to avoid running into the tractor trailer in the intersection he turned HARD right. So hard in fact that he raised up on 2 wheels and he was far past the lane of traffic heading in the opposite direction so he turned into my lane of travel. It's strange how at times like these time slows, but still not enough to give me time to react. Luckily when he was about 20 feet away he continued turning and was now heading towards the car next to me. Whew that was close.....but wait what if he hits that car and knocks it into me??? At the last second he swerved further and took the left front of the car completely off! He then proceeded to jump the median strip and come to rest in the eastbound lane of route 322. He had completely destroyed the left front of his truck and had ripped the left front wheel completely off the truck. All of this happened within 8 feet of where I was. Imagine if I had chosen the left lane that morning.... 2 things come to mind from this event. First, the Lord directed my path and let me know it was not my time. And the second thing is that no matter how much training we do or how much safety gear we have on the Lord is our final protection. As a final note after seeing that both drivers were ok I finished my ride to work and when I arrived safely, I prayed and thanked the Lord for his guidance and protection.

Deacon Ron's quote Corner

Duty without Love is deplorable . Duty with Love is desirable. Love without duty is Divine"

Do as God asks and Love your neighbor unconditionally. That is Gods blessing to you.

Blessed are those who serve,
Deacon Ron

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Birthdays:

Jim Mayhew 8/10

Elaine Lang 8/7