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



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**President's Pulpit****Bill Lang**

For The Joy

Heb. 12:2 NLT

Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

I've just finished rereading Richard Wurmbrand's **Tortured for Christ**. He's the founder of Voice of the Martyrs. He was a firm believer in the simplicity of the Gospel message. Most people imprisoned because of their belief in Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life (**John 14:6**) do not have access to scripture like we do. Still it's amazing the zeal in which they are compelled by the love of Christ to love and pray even for their enemies.

I've been contemplating how awesome our God has been to us as a Chapter and as individuals.

If we look at all of the events we've been to this Spring and Summer, and all of the opportunities to share the Good News it's incredible. I was totally in awe at the Collingswood Cruise Night 8/19/10.

Jim Mayhew pulls up with his new water wagon and we hand out over 85 bottles of water with the Gospel message. The Saturday before, we were blessed to have the Boot Shine at the GWRRA Motorcycle Show in Medford at the Medport Diner. The very next day Randy and I were able to share with the members of Kingsway Church, our place of worship, about CMA and the upcoming Biker Blessing. This past weekend we fellowshiped with CMA members of East Coast Watchmen, Heaven's Saints, Riders of the Apocalypse, Calvary's Thunder and a host of other Christian bikers at the Gathering of the Tribes. It has been quite a ride!

I've also been contemplating on the incredible stress, illness, and other difficulties that have afflicted my family, friends, and fellow Chapter members. Some of the circumstances have been fairly long and drawn out, others we've seen the answer to prayer. This is what leads me back to the Scripture in Hebrews. Because of the **Joy** awaiting him, he endured the cross!!!

Jesus knew the final outcome, and actually so do we. If we place our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith we will have Joy. This is a joy not based on the circumstance we are in, but rather in the Joy giver, Jesus. This will compel us with the simple message of God's Love, a love that covers a multitude of sin, casts out fear, gives us hope for tomorrow and brings a lost and dying world into relationship with the Father through the Son.

Changing the world, one heart at a time, it's an awesome commission, so let's **Ride** in the **Joy** of the Lord.

Bill Lang
8/25/10



Vice Presidents Word

Randy Bridgewater

Words from the VP

As I reflect on the year for inspirational thoughts that will enlighten those that read our newsletter my focus steers to the future! Our chapter continues to be rewarded! During our boot shine at the GWWRA Bike Show Medport Diner, we were blessed with opportunities that are beginning to open many doors for our chapter!

Matthew 7:7 tell us Keep on knocking and the door will be opened for you. This is happening for our chapter! As members are being called away by other demands others members step up allow our chapter to continue being a presence in our community. Our president was able to open doors at our church allowing motorcycles brought into the church to promote Light House Riders first Biker Blessing August 29, 2010. We were able to establish what CMA is really about, a mission for the biking community. Spreading the gospel One Heart at a Time! The reception from our church was overwhelming, for the past few years our church would always see us come and go with no idea what the patch on our back was really about! There are many people in our community that don't know as well, but with our continued presence out in the public we will bring awareness to the community that we ride!

I am continually rewarded when I pull into someplace to gas up and the attendants say they see us CMA guys all over the place! That tells me that once again I get to say Thank You Chapter for being a presence, spreading God's Light to the motorcycle community we live!

By the time you read this article our first chapter Biker Blessing will be a history but I know God will make it a success through the participation of Light House Rider members! Wow that brings a huge chill of God's Glory that is working in our chapter! I want to fall to my knees, say Thank You Lord and take a fist raised high in the air yanking it down to my side saying Hallelujah! Our chapter is moving forward through everyone's prayer and faith!

Nominations for our chapter are coming up in October, please pray about whom you wish to elect to continue the growth of Light House Riders into 2011!

BLESSED BY THE BIKES



We will spread God's word one heart at a time!

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

Randy



Chaplain's Corner C Bear Who is my Brother?



With so much of scripture there is much discussion, even debate. Literalism vs. metaphor, law vs. principle, inspiration vs. context ... it can be quite overwhelming.

Consider the following verses:

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matt 12:46-50 (NIV)

Many have struggled with this passage over the years. People trying to figure out if they are to disown their family members (at least the unsaved ones) and other equally unsavory considerations have come from it.

Let's add another passage and see if it helps:

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham." Matt 3:8-9 (NIV)

Does it still sound like it is about relations, bloodlines and lineage?

But Jesus began with "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance."

Hmmm, maybe the issue isn't about family after all. Maybe it is about righteousness.

And the first verse, too. "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven ..."

In both cases Jesus is making the case that righteousness before God (and getting to be in God's presence) is not a matter of natural relationships. It doesn't matter who your great-grandfather was. It doesn't matter how much your father served or how much your mother prayed. No one can stand before the Father on another person's righteousness or position ... unless that person is Jesus.

He truly is The Way, The Truth and The Life.

Our relationship with Him, and our living a life that is a response to His incredible gift (as well as His direct commands) are all that matters.

So let's all stop worrying about what we are to do with our relatives, or anyone else. Let's just keep our eyes on Jesus, and keep ourselves focused on honoring the Father, His Son and His purposes.

Secretaries Report

Sheryl Reiley

Secretary's Corner

John 14:2

"There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

We do know the way to the place where Christ went and it's our duty and responsibility to tell

others "the way" there. **"Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mathew 28:20)** Are we doing that today?

Teaching our new disciples? I think we are. I hope and pray we are. Even if we aren't, and we have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal savior, we are told that we have a heavenly home to live in. Christ, as our heavenly father, went to prepare this place in heaven for all of us.

I read a book over the summer "90 Minutes in Heaven". It was outstanding because it not only told the man's story of how he died, how he went to heaven, what he encountered, how he was prayed back to his body, and, in turn has encountered each day since, living in pain.

Was he happy he was prayed back to his earthly body? No. Did God answer prayer? Yes. But, even before I read the book, I knew there is a place where we are going to live for all eternity because God told us in John 14:2.

Our heavenly place will be more beautiful, grander, peaceful, as nothing you can ever imagine. Since Christ is coming back and bringing us back to Him, are you living today as His? Are you living as He did, without shame? Living from your heart and not as society wants to see you? Ask yourself these questions and examine yourself, so when we go out into the world and teach the new disciples to "obey all the commands" He has taught us, we can say we lived the life giving glory to our Father now living in our mansion that awaits us.



Web servants column by Elaine Lang

H.I.T.: Hanging in There

Have you ever replied to the question, “How are you?” with “I’m hanging in there” or simply “Hangin’”? For some it means things aren’t going so well, for some, it’s just a common saying and we really don’t give the response much thought at all. You’ve probably seen this saying “Hanging in there” on everything from posters (commonly a cat hanging onto a tree branch by its nails) to coffee mugs to cross stitch crafts. I suppose these items are popular because there are many times in our lives that we find ourselves “hanging on”.....not able to do much more than hold on for dear life.

This saying has been running through my thoughts recently as I’ve had co-workers say it to me quite often recently....probably meant as an encouragement. And I’ve actually been paying enough real attention to hear it in the common interactions we have during our daily lives.....such as a response from the cashier in the grocery store line when I asked, “How are you?”.

What does it mean to hang in there?

- What can you do when you have endured long hopelessness – and you are about to lose hope?
- What do you do when every attempt to find help has ended in disappointment?
- What do you do when you need so badly for something to happen – and it doesn’t happen?
- What do you do when something that was very important in your life is taken away?
- What do you do when it seems that your prayers get only as high as the ceiling and then stop – and that God is not listening at all?
- What do you do when things get so bad that you just want to curl up and die?

The answer is.....You hang in there. You keep the faith. No matter how hard it is – the secret is to not give up – even if all you can do is hold on and hang in there. The lesson is that there is no substitute for faith.

In Matthew 15:25-28, the Canaanite woman had nothing to lose. Her daughter was suffering from demon-possession. She was a member of a condemned race that to Jewish civilization was nothing more than a despised and hopeless people. In our culture we might consider this woman rude, but ancient Mediterranean judges were sometimes so corrupt that among the poor only a persistent, desperate, otherwise powerless woman could obtain justice from them. Both men and women in the Bible showed courage by refusing to take no for an answer to a desperate need. When we recognize that we have nowhere else to turn, clinging to the only One who can answer us is an act of faith. The Canaanite woman did not yell out a threat, but cried a humble plea. She begged Jesus with a believing heart.

When we are thinking about whether to have faith in God or not... when things get so bad that we can’t imagine them getting any worse ..and then they do...when we feel that we are saying our prayers and trying to live faithfully, but God is not listening or paying attention to us because our lives do not improve, we really have two choices. One choice is to give up and fall and the second choice is to hold on and hang in there.....cry out to God with a believing heart.

Hang in there and keep the faith!



Collingswood Cruise In 8/18/2010



2009 New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge

On October 17 & 18 2009 the New Jersey Lighthouse Society held the 10th Annual Lighthouse Challenge. Over 1700 people visited 13 lighthouses and two museums over the weekend, but only one motorcyclist completed the challenge. Accompanied by Bill and Elaine Lang and his wife Colleen in cars, Jim Mayhew was the only motorcyclist. This photo was taken from the Lighthouse Societies web page and the caption read “ Jim Maynor(?) dressed for the weather a member of the Lighthouse Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclist Association.”



On the weekend this event was held not one but two nor'easter storms hit the Jersey Shore and many roads and some access to the lighthouse's were flooded out. However the 4 members of the Light House Riders lived up to the chapter name and completed the event.

Light House Riders 1st Annual Biker Blessing





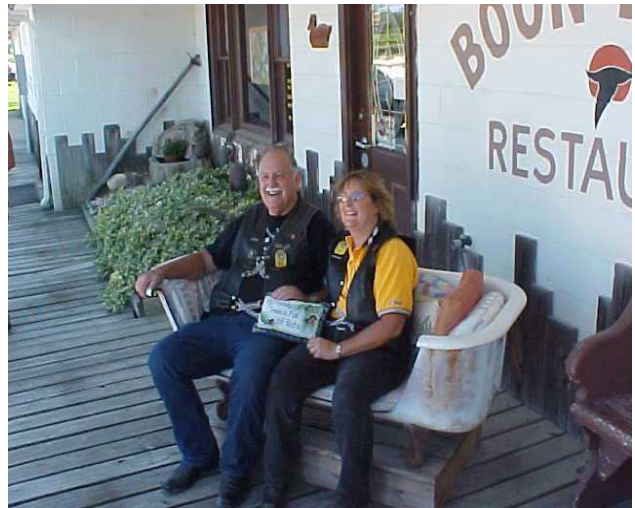
Fellowship Ride to Boondocks for Dinner



This is the Reedy Point Bridge we rode over.



Oyster Creek Nuclear plant across the Delaware River



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

Please also continue to pray Mary Marx (the ROAR President.)
Mary hurt her back and is on bed rest and is in pain.
Please pray for Mary and for a speedy recovery.

It is with a sad heart that I inform you that our brother Lloyd Goldsberry has passed away.
Please remember Lloyd's wife and three children in your prayers as well as the members of Salvation Soldiers who have lost a dear friend and brother.

Pastor Andy and his Wife on the continued good health of their baby who is to be born later this month.

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



OK I'll just let you know up front I'm going to be boring in this column. No high speed police chases or 2 wheeled near death experiences, just some observations from the last month.

First let me start with our Progressive Dinner ride. Unfortunately I was only able to experience 1/3 of the ride (and actually no part of the ride since I only attended my house's fare) due to emergency motorcycle repairs. But what I saw and experienced was amazing, members of our Chapter just sitting around the rooms talking and sharing and being themselves. What a great time and what great friends you all are.

The Collingswood Cruise In is my next stop. Not a large motorcycle turnout only about 15, but we gave away 85 bottles of water which meant we crossed over to the car show participants and the Collingswood pedestrians. I think it was God's way of showing us that we can minister to more than the motorcycle community. As a side note a couple of Colleen's friends showed up and took a picture of the water wagon with their phone, then they forwarded the picture to friends of theirs in California who are Christian motorcyclist and said here is what we are doing in New Jersey. What are you doing in California? LOL

A month of planning and 3 pre-rides came down to a canceled Chapter Fellowship ride. Believe me though it was a good thing it was cancelled because the weather teased me a little before it dropped it's wrath on me. Even though we cancelled the ride I still went anyway thinking a few more details needed to be ironed out before the actual event. As I crossed the Delaware Memorial Bridge I had to question our decision to cancel, nothing but blue skies and sunshine as far as I could see in front of me. When I arrived in Delaware City I phoned Bill and told him it was hot and sunny. I continued farther on and took some pictures, ate some lunch and decided it was time to head for home. When I crested the peak of the Reedy Point Bridge off in the distance I could see a massive weather wall coming from the west and right into my homeward path. Could I beat this massive storm? Well you all know my luck....10 miles up Route 295 it hit like a wall of water. Two inches of rain in just over an hour had me holed up under a bridge to wait it out. I know it may seem strange to some of you, but I do have my limits of what I'll ride through. After it passed it took me over an hour to make a half hour ride home because in every direction I went roads were flooded out. At one point in Paulsboro the water was so deep I was riding on the sidewalk past people sitting on their porches watching the cars try to navigate the lake that had formed in front of their house. I waved as I rode past.

My last observation is about our 1st Annual Bike Blessing. Over 70 motorcycles showed up to attend this event. OVER 70!! For a first time event!!! Couple that with an outstanding Church service and it was an obvious success. I can't wait for the 2nd one. After everything was cleaned up Bill and Dee, Gene and Ginger, Bill and Elaine, Colleen and I went to Boondocks for a fabulous seafood dinner. We were all so stuffed that after we got up from the table it still took us half an hour before we could throw our legs over our bikes for the ride home.

I just want to thank our Chapter leadership for their dedication, our fellow Chapter members for their hard work, but most of all to my wife, Colleen, for standing beside me. Thank you all, I'm truly proud to be a member of the Light House Riders and to consider you all my dearest friends.

Deacon Ron's quote Corner

"If people are good only because they Fear punishment, and Hope for reward, then we are a Sorry lot indeed"
Do what you do for God and the reward is in Heaven

A message from Kathleen

Missing in Action

I am starting a new part of my life on August 24, 2010 at St Francis Nursing School in Trenton. Just wanted to tell everyone I will be missing in action from participating in the CMA events for the next 2 years. I will be missing physically but not spiritually. I will be praying for the chapter as they are out riding. Please pray for me as you think about me and also pray for my boys that they don't disown me through this difficult time. My family will be financially limited and mentally challenged! Just keep us in your prayers!

I am praying that God will provide me with the skills and knowledge to become an RN! I also pray that God will still provide time for me to attend our chapter meetings from time to time! If I am MIA please continue to pray for me! Please continue with all the great things this chapter is doing, I will be back!

Hope to see you all soon!

Kathleen Bridgewater
"Grasshopper"

"There is nothing I cannot master with the help of Christ who gives me strength." Phil 4:13 (JB)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Birthdays: