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



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President's Pulpit

Bill Lang

Flexibility: The ability to adapt, modify, yield or bend without breaking.

This was the main word God had for a large team that went on a Missions trip to Guatemala in 2004. Elaine and I were part of that mission, and Barbara's adoption became a reality because of it.

Normally you might think unity, focus, goal, or opportunity would be the visionary word. Instead the word was "flexible". This word served us well in Guatemala. You must be flexible when you are appointed to a mission....because you will be faced with unexpected situations and choices.

This is an important word especially as we get older and more set in our ways. We don't normally gravitate toward change because we're not sure what to expect. Heaven forbid, we might not be in control!

I personally ride a cruiser and a sport touring bike. I need to be flexible. They absolutely don't handle the same. Both are motorcycles, both meant for the paved road, but take some serious twisties, and if you stubbornly ride the cruiser like an ST, you may not like the outcome.

We need to be flexible in our service to the Lord. He is in control and that includes the outcome! Romans 8:28 (NLT): "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them".

If we are walking or in our case riding or setting up a boot shine booth according to His purpose, He will work it out for the good!

He made:

the blind to see

the lame to walk

set the captive free

and fed thousands with little

Romans 8:31 (NLT): If God is for us who can ever be against us?

If we strive for unity, stay focused on the goal, look for opportunities, when the earth quakes (and you can be sure it will), if we are flexible, we may sway a little, but we will come through ready to roll on to the next mission God has for us.

The riding season is just about ready to explode. Are you ready to "rumble"? I am. I cannot wait!



**Vice Presidents Word****Randy Bridgewater**

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

Deliver Us not into Evil



The cross is a beautiful and wondrous pivotal moment in the history of the world, but the gospel message goes beyond the cross and beyond the gift of paying the price for us. If not, we wouldn't have Christmas and Easter as our two highest holidays; instead we would have Christmas and Good Friday! But we have Easter! He was and is the only one not only to lay down His life, but also with the right and ability to pick it back up again! He is not just a remembered dead God that sacrificed His life, but He is the Living God and Giver of Life. His kingdom is not just of this world, and His purposes and will for us are not merely for this earthly life. He is about His eternal kingdom and that means that the purposes He is working in us are also for His glory and His eternal kingdom.

Most of us have studied or heard teaching on Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. We have heard how the people were expecting the Messiah, but many of them (even after following Him for a while) had expectations of Him that were not in alignment with His intentions. They were looking for One that would deliver them from their Roman oppressors. He had a different plan, though. He had come to deliver them **from** themselves and **from** the consequences of their own choices, but He had also come to deliver them **into** relationship with the Father and eternal life!

Many people today are like people were then. They seek God as the means to solving all of their earthly problems, to remove their pain and suffering, to eliminate their struggles. There are even people in the church that seek a God that will give them ease, comfort & prosperity here on earth. The cry of "Bless me, bless mine, bless us" goes up daily. While it is certainly in God's ability and nature to bless, His blessing is not just an end in itself. It is a means. A means to lead us to repentance. A means to demonstrate His love to a world that doesn't know Him, that they might come to Him, too.

He does not come to make our lives better by eliminating our difficulties and challenges. His purpose is far more than merely changing our situation. He comes to make our lives better by making us better, by changing us! He comes, as He did 2,000 years ago, to deliver us **from** ourselves and **from** the consequences of our choices and to deliver us **into** relationship with the Father and eternal life!. It has been said that God loves us just the way we are but He loves us too much to leave us that way. Maybe it would make more sense to say that God loves us *for who we are* (since He made us) and *accepts us as we are*, but loves us too much to not raise us up to be who we were made to be.

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 (NIV)

That freedom is also something that is often misunderstood. It is a liberty that has responsibilities. So many people try to use Freedom not as liberty, but as an excuse for taking license selfishly and inconsiderately. "God has it all under control. It's all good." But let's look at this scripture in context. Jesus was not speaking to His disciples making some great and generous promise. He was speaking to the Pharisees. They were standing on their own righteousness as Sons of Abraham. He was telling them in no uncertain terms that a righteousness that God would recognize and accept could not come from a human line of ancestry, and that the law was powerless to grant life. Rather, that life was to be found in the Son and Him alone.

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."

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

Isaiah 29:14 (NIV)

As we finish our celebration of Easter (not just Good Friday) and our season kicks in to gear, let's go out with our focus on the living Lord and how to bring Him glory and point His lost and wayward kids back towards Him.

For sure we will minister to all of their needs including the temporary, earthly ones. Let's just make sure we do it as a means to demonstrate His love to a world that doesn't know Him that they might come to Him.

Secretaries Report**Sheryl Reiley**

Secretary's Corner –

I was in church a couple of weeks ago and our Pastor spoke on prayer and to pray for the “opening of the eyes” of the people in our community, so they can be saved.

Mathew 6: 22-23

²² “Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

The bikers we witness to need us to allow the light to come in. We must be in prayer before we go out, and ask that “God, open their eyes” and turn them from the power of Satan to God. When someone is forgiven and delivered from the control of sin and satan, they are then sanctified and saved by faith in Jesus Christ. We know some folks will have an instant change, but others’ change is slowly, like a baby growing each day.

My prayer for each of us this riding season is;

“God, You say throughout the Bible, You will set the captives and prisoners free. You will give sight to the blind, and heal the sick. We ask You Lord, daily, to do this for the bikers we come in contact with and we believe in faith that you will do it! As it is written in the Word, it is Your will for all sinners to be saved. We pray for the biker to receive healing from their spiritual blindness caused by sin.”

Amen



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

Opportunities can present themselves at any time, you just have to realize when God places one before you. On my way to our last months meeting I stopped at the Staples in Chadds Ford to get copies of my handouts made. I've stopped there before for the same reason, and had been waited on by the same young lady. This time though, she saw that one of my copies was about helmet safety from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. She confided in me that her boyfriend rode but did not wear a helmet and she really wished he would. I told her to make an extra copy and to give it to her boyfriend. At first she declined but as we talked more she finally relented and made the extra copy (I told her I would pay for it). As she rung up the bill I asked if we could pray for her boyfriend to come around and realize the importance of wearing a helmet both for him and her. She agreed and I guess I'll find out before this meeting if it had any effect on her boyfriend.

Well the Run for the Son Ride has been pre-ridden twice. The first time , Bill, C-Bear and I rode to find all the roads that I laid out on the map. A couple wrong turns and a change in route to avoid a bad intersection proved the worth of pre-riding. I rode it a second time to get mileages from turn to turn and to write down better instructions. C-Bear took the finalized route and made a nice map that we will also hand out before the ride. I'm going to pre-ride it a third time so I can take some pictures of the scenery both for our Year in Review CD and also our newsletter. We always have pictures of the start and finish of the Run for the Son, this year we will have pictures from the route. Additionally this year , for people who want to pick up lunch on the way to Fort Monmouth, we will be able to call a Deli from the Red Lion Diner and pre-order our lunch and pick it up on the way.

As always keep your 2 tires on the road and ride safe.



PICTURES



**Randy's
Tech Day
3/27/2010**



**Elaine's New Ride
SHARP!!!!**

Ride Reports from C-Bear

Friday, March 19

East Coast Watchmen Meeting (Point Diner, Somers Point)

Saturday, March 27

ST Tech Day @ Bridgewater's

This was an amazing time. I wish I could have done more for them. I left for the middle portion of the day to attend the next event.

Warrior's Watch mission - Welcome Home Sgt DJ Vanatter

This young man had served 2 tours and was home with his wife and 2 daughters and listed as inactive when he was called back for a third tour. We welcomed him home for the third time. It was good to be back with them and to find that the relationships built still stood.

Sunday, March 28

Leadership Meeting

Saturday, April 2

RFS Fundraiser Breakfast in Erma, NJ

Met with Jim & Colleen at the Silver Coin and made a chilly ride down to the Church of the Nazarene in Erma, NJ where the Beacons of Faith & Hope held the event.

Enjoyed nice hot food & coffee and rich fellowship.

We were joined on the ride back by Gene & Ginger Wall.

Yellow Ribbon Club/Warrior's Watch Fundraiser

Baker Bowling Lane, Cherry Hill

The Yellow Ribbon Club is the group that WWR work with most closely. They are now sending comfort items to troops in over 30 units. This event was to collect materials and raise funds to purchase materials to send over to Iraq and Afghanistan. Food, bowling and good times were had by all.

(That last item starts in a few hours, but I wanted to get this in.

I am confident in predicting the last sentence!)

An Article from our Webservant Elaine

Are your Eyes Open?

I have sensed a theme in recent days with a direction toward opening my eyes....opening the eyes of my heart (meaning my mind, emotions.....the window into how I perceive what Christ has for me).

Ted Dekker writes in “The Slumber of Christianity”.....We tend to lean on our eyes more than our hearts or minds. Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians makes perfect sense: I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe (Eph. 1:18-19).

Question: What did Paul mean by “the eyes of your heart”? He answers the question himself later in the same sentence when he described the benefits of opening these eyes: “in order that you may *know*...” Opening the eyes of your heart leads to knowledge. Not fuzzy, feel good thinking, but real brain function knowledge.

So, if God wants my eyes (my mind) to be opened so that I will know something....what is it I’m supposed to know? Hope! Hope for what? The hope of the glorious inheritance that awaits all believers. A clear vision of the richness that awaits us in heaven.

C.S. Lewis, in “The Weight of Glory”, suggested that we in the church have weak desires for the rewards that we have been promised by God, because we don’t understand those rewards: “We are halfhearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered to us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday by the sea. We are far too easily pleased”.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory (Col. 3:1-2).

Meditate on our inheritance. Set your minds, hearts, hope, on eternity. Fan the flame of passion for heaven.

RIDE SCHEDULE

Thursday, 4/15/10: Collingswood Cruise Night / 6 – 9 pm

Saturday, 4/17/10:

4th Annual Puzzle Run and Bike Blessing

- Evangel Church, 1251 Terril Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ
Registration: 10 – 11 am / Rider: \$15. / Passenger: \$10.
50 mile ride through scenic back roads with puzzle stops along the way
Lunch, live band, prizes / Benefits youth group missions trips (Sponsored by Rider of the Apocalypse)
 - ***Meeting at Denny's, 1132 Rt 73 South, Mt. Laurel / KSU at 8:15 am***

- Run for the Son Fundraising Concert at 7 pm / Rays Seemans and the Prisoners of Love
Safe Haven Café at New Covenant Community Church
701 New Hampshire Ave., Somers Point, NJ
All love offerings will go directly to Run for the Son

Sunday, 4/18/10

• ***4th Annual Victory Bike Blessing***

- Victory Assembly of God, Schalick High School, 718 Centerton Rd., Pittsgrove, NJ
Free Registration: 9:00am to 10:00am
Free Bike Blessing is followed by a worship service & special music from Ray Seemans
Free continental breakfast served with drinks & snacks
 - ***Meeting at Silver Coin Diner, Rt 30 & Rt 206, Hammonton / KSU at 8:15 am***

Sunday, 4/25/10: ***Ride the Wave Motorcycle Run***

Susquehanna Bank Center (Tweeter), Camden, NJ (lot #1) / Breakfast and coffee avail for purchase
Registration: starts at 8 am / Memorial Ceremony at 9:30 am
Ride begins at 10 am / Rider: \$25. / Passenger: \$10. / includes lunch at Bolero and misc items
Ride ends at Oak and Atlantic Ave in Wildwood (Bolero Motel)
Benefits Burl County 200 Club, Camden and Gloucester Counties Hero Scholarship Fund

Saturday, 5/1/10: ***Run for the Son***

Registration at 9:15 am / KSU at 10:00 am SHARP

Red Lion Diner, Rt 206 & 70, Southampton, NJ

Destination: Monmouth Battlefield State Park, 16 State Route 33, Manalapan, NJ

Sunday, 5/2/10

- ***Biker Sunday:*** Red Lion Faith Church, Medford, NJ (CMA Heaven's Saints chapter)
- ***St. Stephen's Bike Blessing,*** Whiting, NJ

Saturday, 5/15/10: ***3rd 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
Ride ends with bike show, burnout event, vendors, tattoo contest, entertainment, food
Info: 609-567-4330

Ride Schedule (contd)

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 ArmedForcesFreedomRide.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 / 6th Annual Thunder on the River / 4 pm – 10 pm

Sunday, 6/6/10: 7th 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

Saturday, 6/26/10 / ? BOOT SHINE:

NJ Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club Annual Children's Ride for Life

Sunday, 6/27/10: **Motorcycle Monthly's Cowtown Showdown Antique & Custom Show** Salem County Fairgrounds, Woodstown, NJ

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

COME ON PEOPLE I KNOW WE HAVE MORE PRAYER INTENTIONS THAN THIS!

