

Conroe Messengers #362

Celebrating 50 years of changing the world, one heart at a time.



Time Alone With God by Larry Watrous, President

When the pressures in your life begin to mount, the first thing you will be tempted to drop, is your time alone with God, praying and reading his word. And what's more, Satan knows if he can keep you from it, he has won the battle, and he will get no opposition from you. So, how can you overcome this problem?

- (1) By making a covenant with God. Think about it: why do we make marriage vows? So we will think twice about breaking them! It's the same in your devotional life. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it.
- (2) By scheduling it. Block out time to meet with God each day, just like you would for a doctor's appointment or a business lunch. Can you think of a more important appointment? Surely not!
- (3) By being prepared for the devil's excuses. Adopt the Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared! Dr. Robert G Lee used

used to say (if you wake up in the morning and you don't meet the devil face on, it means that you're headed in the same direction.)

(4) By leaving your Bible open the night before to the verses, you intend to read the next morning. When you wake up, it will remind you that the most important thing you have to do today is meet with God. What if you miss a day? Don't worry – and don't go on a guilt trip. If you miss a meal you don't give up eating right? It just means you eat a little more at the next one and move on from there.

*Devotional from West Conroe Baptist Church Thank you to Rod & Teresa for putting up fliers at different shops! If you can help please let me know!



Keep the rubber side down in the shiny side up!

Larry Watrous,

President Conroe Messengers 362

<u>Calendar Wiz</u>

BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK MEAL

06/03/2025 at 6:00 pm 7027 Casita Dr. Magnolia, TX

ESTELLE UNIT MINISTRY Team 2

06/08 & 29/2025 4:00pm

OFFICER'S MEETING

06/09/2025 6:00 PM

CYCLE GEAR BIKE NIGHT

06/10/2025 MEET: 5 PM 19075 I-45 STE 900 SHENANDOAH

MORNING BREAKFAST RIDE

06/14/2025 KSU: 9:15 AM Sharp Sunco 3760 FM 2854, Conroe,

JEREMIAHS ITALIAN ICE RFS FUNDRAISER

06/14/2025 TIME: 12 - 2 PM 10463 TX-242 #210 Conroe, TX

MESSENGERS MEETING

06/20/2025 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm McKENZIE'S BBQ 1501 N Frazier St., Conroe

MEN'S STAR OF HOPE

06/18 & 27/2025 TIME: 7:00 PM 12575 Reed Rd. Houston, TX

SONIC BIKE NIGHT

06/26/2025 @ 7 PM 14625 Hwy 105, Montgomery









Mini Story of Impact: Suzanne, a Nigerian Survivor of Terror

Global Christian Relief is one of CMA's partner ministries that we work with to help persecuted Christians around the world and help provide Bibles and other much needed materials. Read about Suzanne.

In Nigeria, Suzanne sits waiting for us when we visit her in a humble courtyard at the Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camp she's staying in. Her face beams with gratitude. "Salut," she repeats her thanks over and over again. She reaches for an embrace.

Last year, Suzanne was part of a horrific attack on her family by Boko Haram. After refusing to renounce their faith, she and her father were both shot. Miraculously, Suzanne survived, but she lost her eyesight from the bullet that went through her head. Sadly, she lost her dear father that day.

Through relief efforts, she's received trauma counseling to help process and recover from the attack. She also receives food parcels and medical checkups, for which she expresses deep appreciation.

Despite the severe violence she endured at the hands of Boko Haram, Suzanne remains a testament of forgiveness. When asked what she would say to the person who shot her, she says: "I'll welcome him. I'll give him water to drink. I'll give him food to eat. Because Jesus Christ teaches me so."

She lives by Jesus's instruction in Matthew 5:44: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." What a profound demonstration of grace. Suzanne exudes resilience and joy often spilling over into singing and laughing. She has an infectious faith.

Stories like Suzanne's highlight the continued work that needs to be done in the most dangerous countries for Christians. The testimonies of faith and

renewed hope are a good reminder of the difference we can make and why it's important. Your donation to CMA's Run for the Son reaches people like Suzanne and makes a difference by sharing the love of God!.











used for pairing:



VP Corner: How to Pair Cardo Units in DMC Mode by Rod Booher
Pairing Cardo units for Dynamic Mesh Communication (DMC) can sometimes be tricky,
leading to frustration when preparing for a group ride. This guide provides clear, stepby-step instructions to successfully pair and manage DMC connections, ensuring

seamless communication with fellow riders. **Key Controls on the Cardo Packtalk Bold:** Here's an overview of the primary buttons

- Phone Button: Pairs mobile devices, answers/rejects calls, & activates commands.
- Intercom Button: Initiates or accepts intercom connections with other riders.
- Media Button: Controls media playback
- Control Wheel: Adjusts volume and navigates menus.

Understanding Standby Mode: Standby Mode is the default "ready" state after powering on the unit. The unit is idle but operational, waiting for user input to connect. How to Confirm Standby Mode:

- LED Behavior: Slow blue flash = Bluetooth mode. Slow green flash = DMC mode.
- No audio (voice, music) is active, and no buttons are being pressed.

Enter Standby Mode by pressing the Phone + Intercom buttons for 1 second.

Pairing Cardo Units in DMC Mode: Follow these steps to pair two or more Cardo units in DMC mode for group communication.

Step 1: Ensure All Units Are in DMC Mode

- On each unit, press & hold Phone + Intercom buttons for 5 seconds activating DMC mode.
- Confirm LED flashes green (if it flashes blue, repeat the step to exit Bluetooth mode).

Step 2: Create a New DMC Group

- On the Admin Unit: Press and hold the Intercom button for 5 seconds until the LED flashes green rapidly. Tap the Intercom button once; the LED will flash red and green, indicating "Create Group" mode.
- On Joining Units: Press and hold the Intercom button for 5 seconds until the LED flashes green rapidly.

Step 3: Complete the Pairing

- The Admin unit will automatically detect and connect to the joining units.
- Once paired, all units' LEDs will flash purple to confirm successful pairing.
- The group is now connected in DMC mode, allowing hands-free communication. Riders who move out of range will automatically reconnect when back in range.

Tips for Successful Pairing:

- Ensure all units are within 3–5 meters during pairing.
- Verify all units are in DMC mode (green LED), not Bluetooth mode (blue LED).
- The Admin unit can add one new unit at a time. Repeat the process for more riders.
- No need to reset the group when adding new riders unless troubleshooting is required.

Reset the DMC Group if pairing issues persist or you want to start fresh.

- On the affected unit, press and hold Phone + Intercom + Media buttons for 5 seconds until the LED flashes purple rapidly.
- This clears all pairings and DMC groups, allowing you to begin anew.







Messengers Leadership Team

President:

Larry Watrous

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Reping CMA with Integrity Listed below are several guidelines to provide a foundation for members in ministry. These procedures are in place to protect the integrity of our members and CMA. See Handbook 1:9

- Commit to one back patch.
- Walk the Christian walk at all times, even when not wearing the CMA logo
- Maintain gender lines in ministry.
- Have modesty in apparel.
- Use of tobacco or alcohol by a CMA member at any CMA meeting or designated ministry area is not permitted.
- Keep ministry tools for 1on-1 witnessing on hand.
- Involve only CMA members in services at secular events.
- Refrain from placing the CMA logo on secular event fliers and materials as a sponsor or promoter without approval.
- Refrain from using CMA to build support for another ministry.
- Refrain from using questionable door prizes.



A Few Memories of SETX State Rally 2025

The CMA Brenham Iron Horse Beacons hosted the Southeast Texas Rally, Consuming Fire, on May 15 -17 at Fireman's Park. With plenty of parking and plenty of space for the Goodie Store, it was the perfect setting for prayer, praise & worship, group games & tournaments, sharing food, bike games, and lots of fellowship.

Days began with prayer & devotion, followed by group rides along curving back roads through ranches and historic locations. A lot of ice cream was consumed at the Bluebell Creamery. In the evening, we heard from our national evangelists, Steve & Lynn, and God stirred our hearts and challenged us to follow His Spirit in bold witness to our biking community.

Messengers Larry Watrous, won a medal for the most Patriotic Bike; and Rod Booher won a medal for the longest antenna on a bike!

Our youngest attending member was Emmanuel, from the San Antonio area. As a young boy of nearly 8, who loved motorcycles, gave a birthday party invitation to a member of his local CMA chapter. The entire chapter showed up for his birthday party and gave him a Bible and bandanna! This made a huge impression and a seed was planted. When he turned 18, the chapter celebrated with him and he joined CMA. He's active in his chapter and is a leader at his church youth group. He is actively seeking God's will for his future and CMA.

Friday evening the chapters presented their poems and on Saturday we heard from the chapter historians. Joy Booher presented our poem detailing chapter life and Vernon Osborn did an excellent view of the Messengers over our 30 plus years. He displayed 2 vests from the Harvesters complete with pins and original patches.

Don Beard recounted an incident from the past that changed the shape of our colors. He called it the "Valentine's Day Massacre". Our back patch had previously been made of 3 separate parts in which each chapter had the name of the area they are from. At a Texas biker event, a leader of the Banditos saw our patches and in biker culture fashion, assumed that CMA was "claiming" area. In a powerful demonstration, the Bandito had taken a knife and cut off the "offending" patch off the back of a CMA vest - while is was being worn! After some respectful negotiations, and Christcentered presence of CMA members; an agreement - and understanding - was reached. A year later, a new design was created and CMA now has a single patch on the back of our jackets, shirts, and vests. Our goal is to change the world one heart at a time, therefore, CMA vest standards are created to be respectful of the biker culture so that our mission may be achieved and not misunderstood.

Beans in a Barrel was delicious with just the right amount of spice! Both evenings Don Beard had bought, chilled, and cut up sweet, seedless watermelon. With a humorous gesture, he awarded the watermelon knife to our Joy Booher who had eaten the most watermelon.

Thank you to all who coordinated and volunteered to make this an amazing event!

Next up is the National Rally in June and to Iron Mountain for the Changing of the Colors in October!



































The Messengers' Mission by Joy Booher



At SETX Rally, each chapter was challenged to write an original poem that reflects on chapter life. Joy Booher wrote and presented this poem on behalf of the Messengers. While all were fantastic poems, we think hers was the absolute best poem written!

Why do we ride as Messengers, hearts bold and free?
We carry Christ's message with fervent decree.
Where motorbikes roar and dusty roads wind,
By His Spirit with the goal of "one heart at a time".

Come ride with us, find friends, see God's hand in our land, Our CMA code shapes our hearts and our hands. We share Jesus' love with the lost and the found, Run for the Son, for outreach world around.

Through shaded forests and 149's sweep, We ride through the rain, feel the sun's golden keep. Seasons and rallies with chapters we blend, Sweet fellowship blooms where the highways extend.

At McKenzie's each month, over brisket's warm haze, We plan and we pray, lifting hearts in God's praise. Testimonies and hopes weave our spirits as one, Eyes raised to the Father, His will to be done.

At MotoGP we serve fans from afar, Stowing their gear near the grandstand's bright stars. Bike blessings and prayers bring peace to the soul, Comforting hearts where fear takes its toll.

Lone Star Rally ignites with our labor and light, From street-side salvation to hospital night. Chili we cook off, with awards and good cheer, Serving with joy, spreading hope far and near.

Bible study and potlucks, our spirits ignite, With food and with prayer, we stand in the fight. Our newsletter shares trips, tips, and plans to unfold, Guiding our rides with stories retold.

We thank You, O God, for your mercy and grace, Your faithful protection in each rugged place. Healing and comfort, salvation's sweet call – We praise You, our Savior, who reigns over all.















June 18th - 2025 National Rally

Join us in Altoona, Pennsylvania as we celebrate what God has done through this year's Run for the Son efforts, reflect on CMA's 50 years of ministry, and become refreshed by the teaching/preaching of God's Word in our lives in this time.

DATE: June 18th @ 7 PM thru 22nd @ 9AM **LOCATION**: Blair County Convention Center

Altoona, PA 16602
REGISTER & SCHEDULE:

https://cmausa.org//Events/EventsTypes? EventPagePath=1239_Event.html#

EXPLORE ALTOONA HERE

MORE INFO: CMA Events Team Phone: 870,389,6196



2025 *International* Changing of the Colors Rally

This year we're celebrating our 50th year of ministry along with guests from 35 of our CMA International countries.

The Changing of the Colors Rally is like the world's largest family reunion where thousands of CMA members and guests gather together with one heart and one purpose to surrender to God's will, changing the world one heart at a time!

This is a family rally with something for all ages! Youth & Kids are encouraged to participate!

If you've been wanting to attend Changing of the Colors and haven't, well this is your year! This is expected to be the biggest rally ever as we celebrate the road God has led CMA! Register now!

DATE: October 15th @ 7 PM -19th @ 10 AM

LOCATION: Iron Mountain

4278 HWY 71 South, Mena, AR 71953

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE HERE AT CMAUSA.ORG

Save when pre-registering online or register at venue.

LODGING: See website for camping options.

Act fast as area hotels are booking up!

FULL SCHEDULE: Find Online - Still being updated Wednesday Night Kick-Off:

7.00 DNA Jana Marantain D

7:00 PM - Iron Mountain Pavilion, Evening Service

MORE INFO: CMA Events Team

Phone: 870.389.6196 events@cmausa.org



History of the Messengers #362 by Vernon Osborn

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.....for He is the only one that truly knows when the Messengers began.

I want to thank Debbie Norris, Tommy Lucas, and John Hicks for their input and their knowledge of when they perceive the birth of the Messengers began. According to National, the Conroe Messengers received their Charter on October 21, 1994. We do know for certain that

- Jack Ott, was the first president
- Jim Jamison, was the second president
- John Hicks, was the third president.

My first exposure to CMA was when we (Judy & I) were coming back from Bastrop in May 2000, and we followed a biker into a Shell Station in Brenham. They were wearing a Christian patch on the back of their vest. So, we were introduced to CMA through Bare and Flower, otherwise known as Chuck and Kathy Branco.

In August 2000, I attended my first meeting with the Messengers, of which I was not a member. At that time, a lady by the name of Sue Liptrap was president. The meeting was held at a small restaurant called Porky's. In 2000, I sent in my application to join and to my surprise, it was rejected because we weren't married, so I grabbed my little missy by the arm and found some dude claiming to be a preacher, sitting on a park bench breathing oxygen through a machine, puffing weed and all at the same time. He got us hitched then we went home and filled out a joint CMA application.

In 2002, Larry Norris was voted in as president and I was made Vice President until 2005 when Larry stepped down, and I was voted in as President. From 2005 to 2010, I served as president, and in 2010, I was appointed as Area Rep for SETX serving the Conroe, Hempsted, Spring, Brenham, Bryan and Huntsville areas. In January 2014, I was appointed as State co-ordinator for SETX until I stepped down from that position in December 2020. In 2021, Ralph Robson assumed the role as SETX State Co-ordinator. He's much younger, with fresh ideas, and about 5 motorcycles at his disposal.

From that period on, the following people have served as president: Danny Jackson, Gary Teel, Greg Dickinson, Steve Burke, Don Eustus (deceased, Pres. 2022 until 2024), Larry Waltrous, current president.

Some Chapter activity highlights include:

 In 1997: Larry Norris, Tommy Lucas, and John Hicks went to Washington D.C. for a Promise Keepers convention titled Standing in the Gap along with another 100,000 bikers.

- In 2007: Gary Teel put a ride together to generate interest in Run for the Son called the Grand Ride for the Son. The ride also carried with it a Bible with a unique leather handmade cover. The idea was to ride to the hometown of each SETX State Chapter and meet the chapter of the town at a perdetermined location. At each meeting, each chapter member present would sign the inside cover of the Bible. The Grand Ride group rode 1250 miles in 3 days. At the conclusion of the ride, at the 2007 State Rally, the Bible was presented to Curtis Clements, our National Evangelist at the time.
- In May 2007: following the State Rally, the chapter did a group ride to Red River New Mexico to participate in the Memorial Day Red River Rally. It was a great time of chapter follies and fellowship that won't be forgotten by any who participated.
- In 2008: Gary organized the grand ride again, but going in reverse direction from the previous year.
 The new signed Bible was presented to Kerry Gibson, our new National Evangelist at the 2008 State Rally.
- In August 2008: we were asked to come to Austin and receive the TDCJ Governor's Criminal Justice Volunteer award that was presented to us by then Governor Rick Perry. Gary Teel, Gary Zackery, Wayne Waltrop, Bill Sprinkle, many others and I were in attendance at that event.
- Over the years, the Conroe Messengers have had a rich history supporting Run for the Son, making the National top 10 contributing chapters at least 8 times, maybe more. A few of those times we were number one.

In memorial, there are many Messengers that have gone home before us. We would like to mention their names here. These are not in any order: Jack Ott, Jim Jamison, Charlie Sheehan, Grady Hanna, Amy Hanna, Larry Norris, Bill Sprinkle (Honorary Messenger), Steve Hill, Joe Barrett, Bob Darden, Don Eustes, Gordon Wyrick, Bob Maltz, Robert (Bo) Chelette, Lola Foor, Mark Steinfort.

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What Helmet is Right for You? by James "Russell" Rhodes, Road Captain

Good day to all reading this - glad you could stop by for a bit! I'd like to revisit a topic I discussed around 2 years ago about motorcycle helmets. I recently purchased a new helmet myself, going from a modular style to a full-face style. I didn't have any other reason except that I wanted to try it out. It is much lighter than the modular helmet I had, however, now I'm missing the ability to drink my water at a stop light. I'm starting to see several people I know looking at a new helmet themselves, so why not take another look at the different types of helmets and the factors that surround them.

You can argue that the most critical piece of safety gear when riding a motorcycle is the helmet. There are many different types of helmets on the market, all of which keep you safer than not wearing one at all. There are 6 primary types of motorcycle helmets. These are:

- Full-Face
- Modular
- Open-Face (3/4)
- Half Helmets
- · Off-Road, and
- Dual Sport

Full-face helmets offer the most coverage around your head and neck. As a result, it is considered the safest type of motorcycle helmet to protect you from potential impact. A full-face helmet is a versatile choice for all riders, regardless of the type of motorcycle you ride or where you ride it. A full-face helmet varies depending on the riding that you do. Sports riders have a crouched riding position and need a helmet that doesn't lift at high speeds. Therefore, they usually opt for a helmet with a higher chin bar, and a visor opening angled slightly towards the top of the helmet.

Modular helmets, also known as flip-up helmets, are a mix between a ¾ helmet and a full-face helmet. The reason is that the chin bar and visor can flip up to open the front of the helmet.

Open-face helmets, also known as ¾ helmets, cover your head's top back and sides but leave your face exposed. They are popular amongst scooters, cafe racers, tourers, and cruisers, as the face area is kept open to feel the wind on their skin. The distinguishing feature of a ¾ helmet is the lack of a chin bar, which significantly reduces the safety of the motorcycle helmet.

Half helmets only cover the top of your head and the area from your forehead to your brows and provide minimal protection. Some may offer a bit more coverage on the back of your neck and ears, but will leave the rest of your face exposed. Although these helmets provide excellent airflow, they offer significantly less protection than a full face or ¾ helmet. That said, you can still find half-helmets that are DOT-approved.

Off-road helmets are designed just as their name suggests, to ride away from the streets and on dirt roads. They aren't the best option for city and highway use but are ideal for places requiring knobby tires. Off-road helmets usually do not offer eye protection, so riders should be prepared to ride with glasses or goggles. If you're riding in dirt or mud, goggles will be the preference as they can seal against the rider's face to prevent debris intrusion while riding.

Dual-sport helmets are a mix between an off-road helmet and a full-face helmet. Dual-sport helmets offer a larger eye protection visor than a full face, but they can also snap into an up position for the use of goggles. The visor is aerodynamic; therefore, it does not lift in the wind like an off-road helmet. In addition, the chin bar is not as protrusive as an off-road helmet, so there is better soundproofing and not as much airflow.

Next time, we'll talk about how to find the right size helmet for your head!!



Ride Time! Morning Breakfast Ride

Invite your friends for our early morning breakfast ride to Fish Pond Cafe and then we will loop around to support our RFS fundraiser to Jeremiahs Italian Ice for a cool-down!

DATE: Saturday, June 14th MEET: 9 AM

KSU: 9:15 AM Sharp

LOCATION: Sunco 3760 FM 2854, Conroe, TX SEE FACEBOOK EVENT FOR MORE INFO

Email: cmamessengers@gmail.com

Fish Pond Cafe address: 17091 TX-75, Willis, TX



This One is for the Gals!

Messenger Gals sign up to attend the SETX Ladies Retreat at Stoney Creek Ranch in Ulm, TX for a weekend of relaxation, laughter and prayer. Lynn Brackeen, our regions national evangelist wife. Come and join this fun and relaxing Ladies Weekend! Retreat is limited to 40 participants and 20 have already signed up!

DATE: September 19-21, 2025 **LOCATION:** Stoney Creek Ranch,

1912 Zimmerscheidt Rd. New Ulm, TX 78950

REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: cmasetx.com/volunteer_signup **COORDINATOR:** reneepage03@gmail.com



Prayer Requests by Chaz Johnson

Be careful what you repeatedly ask of God. You can't always judge a prayer by its answer. While it's true that many times in his kindness God withholds granting what we foolishly or selfishly request (Jms. 4:3), there are plenty of biblical examples where God eventually grants the persistent yet imprudent prayers of his people.

Consider Israel's repeated cry for a king. "We want to be like every other nation!" they relentlessly sniveled. So at last God said, "Fine, here you go" (see 1 Sam. 8– 9). God answered their prayer with exactly the type of leader they requested, but it certainly wasn't in their best interest. We may think of God giving non-Christians over to their sin when they are obstinate in chasing what is wrong (Rom. 1:24-28), but how often do we Christians doggedly pursue our own interests in our prayer lives without sincerely following Christ's example of tempering every request with "...nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done" (Lk. 22:42)?

We need to learn to be flexible in our asking. We must be honest and humble about our limitations. We may not know what is actually best. We need to be less obstinate concerning our prayer requests and more trusting that God may have a different path or some creative means to accomplish his will in our lives. So pray, and be specific, but always end your prayers with a malleable heart, which believes that God knows best how to lead and direct his children.

*written by Mike Fubarez from Focal Point Ministries



Men's Star of Hope Ministry

Come minister at Star of Hope Men's Development Center. Messenger's Pastor Terry Strack leads the service. By being present you'll encourage the men as they work to overcome their struggles & addictions.

DATE: June 18th & 27th **TIME:** 7:00 - 8:30 PM **LOCATION:** Men's Development Center Star of Hope 12575 Reed Rd. Houston, TX 77051

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: contact Terry Strack or

email cmamessengers@gmail.com MYSTERY PHRASE: Star of Hope



Praise God For....

Praise God for 50 years of CMA.
Richard H. is officially an ordained minister!
Praise God for a safe and blessed State Rally!
Praise God for the seed planted through the
Messengers ministry outreach & blessings.

Pray For

Terry S. - healing as he is being treated for colon cancer. Pray for Theresa as she provides care & support to her husband.

Gary T. - healing of fractured lumbar.

Kim E. - recovery from surgery for her shoulder

Brenda H. - needs a liver transplant.

Chaz J. - change of work hours and uncertain job stability.

Steve & Lynn B. - National Evangelists who are traveling and fighting off colds/allergies.

Paula T. - deliverance from her kidney stones.

Mark T. - healing from cancer.

Jeanie - doctors to be able to identify and treat her extensive pain.

Joy B. - her 96 yo mother sustained a fall and is hospitalized as she heals.

Coy K. - hospitalized for heart concerns. Father of Theresa & Judy.

Calvin S. - grieving the loss of his father.

Jeremiah Sr & Stephanie H. - financial issues and God's continued guidance in decisions.

Roger & Sandra - seeking new jobs.

Momma Karen - upcoming knee surgery and smooth healing post-op.



Learn about God's Ride Plan

<u>cwausa.org/resources/</u> <u>therideplan</u>



Rev. Richard Hatfield

Congratulations to Rev. Richard Hatfield, pictured with his wife Liz, for completing years of ministerial training and becoming an ordained minister in May 2025!



The Power to Heal by Catherine Johnson, Secretary

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." — Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

There will be good people in Hell. People who trusted in their own human efforts, people who trusted in their own personal reality, and people who trusted in the religious things they did. Jesus issued a very clear warning in Matthew 7:22: "On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name" (NLT). If we updated the passage, the people might say, "Lord, Lord, we were baptized in Your name and received communion in Your name." But the answer still would be the same. "But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws'" (verse 23 NLT). These are good people Jesus is talking to. These people paid their taxes, recycled, drove Prius's, ate kale, and didn't damage the environment. They're good people. They're just not good enough. That's why the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:8-9, "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it" (NLT).

Jesus never said that if you live a good life, you'll go to Heaven. But here's what Jesus did say: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28 NLT). He doesn't want us to work ourselves to exhaustion, trying to be good enough to earn salvation. He wants to give us rest and assurance. He wants us to accept the gift of eternal life He offers.

For people with a mature faith, this is a simple review. A chance to celebrate God's mercy—His kindness and compassion—and His grace—His undeserved favor. But it's also a reminder that there are people you know who believe that their good works are good enough for God. We know people who believe that being good outweighs their bad and they will be welcomed into Heaven. People who believe that growing up in a Christian home and attending church make them Christians. People will be stunned to hear Jesus' words in Matthew 7:23. People need a mature believer to help them understand what it means to make a personal commitment to Christ: to confess that they're not good enough to earn salvation, to turn away from their sin, and to accept Him as Savior and Lord.

You can be a mature believer. You can share the gospel truth. You can help them see the futility of trying to earn salvation through good works. You can point them to Jesus' sacrifice—the gift of God that makes salvation possible. The auestion is. will vou?

Question for reflection: How can you share God's truth with someone who believes they're a good person?



Heart Matters: No Greater Love by Joy Booher, Treasr

As at Easter we've just been focusing on the days leading up to Jesus journey to the cross, we find ourselves amazed at His great love and willingness to die for a broken, sinful world to reconcile mankind to His Father God and restore us to righteousness. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends." In John 15:13, Jesus highlighted the ultimate gift of love that He was going to give by going to the cross for others, in particular His friends. He willingly laid down His life for the sake of humanity, offering forgiveness and redemption. He used "friends" to describe His disciples, and by extension it refers to all believers and emphasizes the close relationship and mutual support that should exist among all members in the family of God.

He had previously directed His disciples in John 13:35: "By this will everyone know you are My disciples, if you love one another." Caring for each other is the defining characteristic of Jesus' followers, and a clear witness to the world that we are His. In Philippians 2:5 we read, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." These verses are meant to inspire us as believers in Christ to live out our faith through loving acts of service mirroring Jesus' example of self sacrifice.

We are blessed to be members of a worldwide association that models this great love to one another & the world. In our chapter, we have seen Jesus equipping us to care for each other and to reach out to a hurting world. What a privilege it is to raise funds & give to Run for the Son and its ministries! What "a treasure we have in earthen vessels" as we ride together & minister to the world!

The Lord wants each of us to experience His great love personally and intimately. Don't let doubts, fears, challenges, and disappointments rob you of this great gift. Believe that He loves you and has many blessings to shower on you. In the recently released movie "The Last Supper", the song "No Greater Love" by Chris Tomlin centers on the person of Christ and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us. 7

"No Greater Jove"





Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

Jeannette Kentch - 6/1 Larry Ramsey 6/12

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Jeannie Ramsey 6/2 Chuck & Karen Wayne 6/11 Frank & Ellen Stanley 6/21 Rod & Joy Booher - 6/28 - 50th!



CONBOE MESSENCERS #362 CHRISTIAN MOTORCYLISTS ASSOCIATION

History of CMA

The original brainstorm for such an organization occurred in 1972 when Herb Shreve and his teenage son purchased their first motorcycles. It was not until 1974 when the need for a new organization began to be realized. Herb attended his first motorcycle rally and saw a massive crowd of motorcyclists who did not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In fact, many had never heard the Gospel message.

The realization of such a great need prompted Herb to share his vision with a couple of Christian friends. Together, they began to pray. Herb became more and more convinced that God wanted a Christian organization dedicated to reaching motorcyclists with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the spring of 1975, he put action to his prayers. An attorney was contacted, and a nonprofit charter was applied for and approved. The waiting was over. The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) was born.



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