

Conroe Messengers #362

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



Don't Fall Down: We Are Messengers

Sometime ago the an issue of Heartbeat contained a safety topic dealing following a straight path or safe path. Psalms 27:11 - "Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies."

To follow on with the Heartbeat message, we need to refer to Ephesians 6:10 concerning the armor of God. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

When we ride motorcycles on our mission, we need to follow both of these recommendations.

Maintain a straight Safe Path and put on our armor to protect us from events. The path will contain curves that we must negotiate. Paying attention to our position on the road is critical. Watching for road obstructions such as potholes, sand or gravel on the road surface and "road snakes" especially in the summer when the road is very hot and "road snakes" become very soft.

We must put on our safety equipment to protect us from the hazards mentioned above. We must also put on the armor of God to protect us from non-road hazards that we encounter on a daily basis.

The armor of God includes items that we can refer to when we ride. We put on a jacket, gloves, eye protection, boots and a helmet. For us to complete our mission we must be safe. We must follow a straight or at least an appropriate

path considering curves and road hazards.

We need to have on our armor on should something happen to us. Whenever possible we need to be aware of our path and our safety gear, helmet, jacket, gloves, boots and eye protection. You never know when problems will show up. **Ephesians 6:13:** "Therefore put on the armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done everything to stand."

Ephesians 6:14: "Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place."

Ephesians 6:15: "With your feet fitted with a readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." **Ephesians 6:16:** "In addition to this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."

Ephesians 6:17: "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God."



Larry Watrous,
President
Conroe Messengers 362

Calendar Wiz

BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK

10/04/2025 at 6:00 pm 213 Lakeside Hills Dr Montgomery

LONE STAR RALLY

11/06-09/2025 Galveston Island, TX INFO AT: <u>CMASETX.org</u>

ESTELLE UNIT TEAM 1

11/09 & 30/2025 at 2:30 PM

OFFICERS MEETING

11/10/2025 6:00 PM

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION BIKE BLESSINGS

11/15/2025 11 AM Woodlands Community Church 5401 Rush Haven Dr, Woodlands

MESSENGERS MEETING ELECTION NIGHT

11/18/2025 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm McKENZIE'S BBQ 1501 N Frazier St., Conroe

STAR OF HOPE

10/15 & 24/2025 6:30 PM 1811 Ruiz Houston, TX 77002

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

12/6/2025 10123 Caddo Trail Magnolia Tx



Rod's VP Corner: Chapter Rides & Events

With CMA's Changing of the Colors Rally held October 16–19, 2025, we had just one local ride since our last update.

Our most recent outing was with the Spring Shepherds of Steel chapter, riding to Houston's Water Wall. We met bright and early at 6:30 a.m. at Whataburger in Spring — eight bikes and fourteen riders (including two in a truck). After breakfast at The Source, we arrived at the Water Wall just as the fountains began flowing at 9:00 a.m. It was a beautiful morning and a blessing to pray with five individuals we met there. We wrapped up the day with a fuel stop at Buc-ee's before heading home in different directions — thankful for safe travels, good fellowship, and God's presence on the ride.

Our rides and events are great opportunities for fellowship, adventure, and enjoying God's creation together.

Upcoming Events & Rides

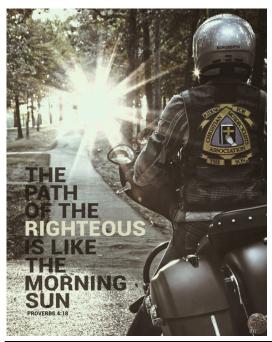
- November 6–9 Lone Star Rally Galveston. Join thousands of riders for fellowship, music, and ministry opportunities along the Gulf Coast.
- November 15 Veterans Celebration at The Woodlands Community church. Celebrate veterans and bike blessings so let everyone know!

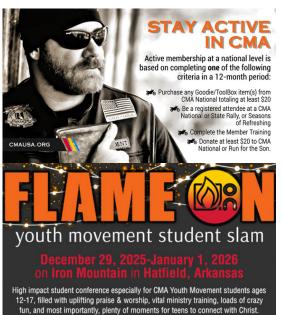
Prayer for the Road

Lord, thank You for the joy of riding, the fellowship of friends, and the chance to share Your love wherever we go. Keep us safe on the road, guide our conversations, and help us be a light for You in every place we ride.

Amen.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12 See you on the next ride — let's keep the rubber side down and the Son shining bright!





Messengers Leadership Team

President: Larry Watrous Secretary: Catherine Johnson Road Captain: Russell Rhodes

APPOINTED POSITIONS

RFS Coordinator: Stephanie Hitchcock

Email: cmamessengers@gmail.com

Vice-President: Rod Booher

Treasurer: Joy Booher **Chaplin:** Jeremiah "JJ" Hitchcock

Newsletter Editor: Jeannette Kentch

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 1!



Officer Election Time!

During our November chapter meeting we will be holding officer elections. This is an important meeting as we elect those who will direct and lead our chapter. Plan to attend!

Officer Elections ByLaws

Article 9. Election of Officers: – Nominations will be made by secret ballot during the October meeting. Active chapter members may only make one nomination per office per person. • Persons nominated for office are to be notified and can accept or decline. • Pastors of churches are not permitted to hold an office other than Chaplain.

Elections will take place at the November regularly scheduled chapter meeting by secret ballot. Term of office will be for one year from January to December. Office is not limited to one term. Active chapter members must be chapter members for at least six months before they are eligible for nominations and voting.

Active means: Having taken part in at least three chapter meetings in the previous six months (for nominations: April-September; for voting: May-October). – Having worn only the CMA back patch or logo for a period of six months prior to an election. – Anyone wearing any back patch (Christian or secular) other than the official CMA back patch is considered to be a guest of the local chapter. – Guests are welcome, but have no chapter membership privileges.

- Votes shall be cast by secret written ballot. A simple majority vote shall be necessary to fill any office. - Vacancies in any office shall be filled by nominations and elections from the chapter. • This term will be until the end of the current year.

Elections: Chapter elections are an important part of the function of a chapter. Those who are nominated for an office should be willing to take the office, not forced into it because they are the only ones who will do the job. Remember to pray for God's direction as your chapter prepares for nominations and elections.

Officer Elections:

- Conduct elections during the chapter's November meeting by secret ballot.
- Voting is for active chapter members only.The current Chapter President votes as a
- member, not just a tiebreaker.

 The current Chapter Secretary will have pre printed ballots with nominees listed.
- (Write-in nominations are not valid.)
 Elect one office at a time, in the following order: President, Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, Road Captain, and
- and/or Ireasurer, Road Captain, and Chaplain.
 Two active chapter members not running for an office will count the votes and announce the elected person and
- position.After being elected to a position, the person's name is removed from further
- nomination.
 Newly elected officers will take their appointed positions as of January 1.
- All existing officers need to turn in all material pertaining to the office to the newly elected officers by January 1 (i.e. chapter attendance, chapter financial records, etc.).
- See Constitution for additional information.



Minister at the Lonestar Rally - We need You!

This November, Galveston Island will be taken over by the sound of the throttle as motorcyclists across the nation will roll in to what has become the country's biggest 4-day rally!

This is our opportunity to minister to our motorcyclist community. Rather you're sharing Christ with people on the street, doing bike blessings, helping with bike maintenance, praying at the hospital, parking attendant, or any other task - big or small - THIS IS THE TIME to be brave and shine Jesus to our community!

Volunteer sign-up, schedule, and ministry guide is located on the CMA SETX site under events: cmasetx.org

DATE: November 6-9, 2025

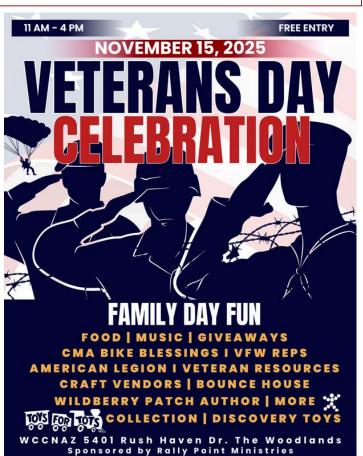
TIME: Begins at and Ends after service on Sunday.

LOCATION CHECK IN: Galveston, Tx

CONTACT: Ralph Robson

LONESTAR RALLY WEBSITE: lonestarrally.com

We need volunteers for the hospital ministry! Ministry at Lone Star cannot be successful without you participating with the goal of winning hearts for Christ in mind. We know that is what CMA is all about. Thank you and God bless you for your love for Christ and desire to serve with His body of believers known as the Christian Motorcyclists Association.





Road Captain's Motorcycle Maintenance Tips

This month let's look at what a schedule of maintenance is.

MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

How often should you maintain your motorcycle, and which parts are the most prone to wear? First, it will depend on the type of bike you own and the type of riding you do. Street motorcycle tires last much longer than dirt bike tires: this is because heavy abuse on dirt trails, rocks, and rough terrain will strip the tire much faster than smooth pavement. As a rule of thumb, you should change your engine oil every 3200 miles. If you own a highly-strung race bike, you may need to change the oil much more frequently. Brake pads will wear faster on a sport bike than on a cruiser. An air filter on an enduro bike will need to be cleaned or replaced much more often than on a café racer.

MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

There are some general motorcycle maintenance schedule guidelines you can use. First and foremost, check your owner's manual. If you bought a brand-new motorcycle, all the service intervals will be indicated in the manual. If you bought a second-hand bike, find and download the maintenance manual for that specific make and model. Don't forget to also ask the previous owner about the recent service. Sticking to the guidelines in the owner's manual is the best way to look after your bike.

If you don't have the manual, here's what's important:

- Check the tire pressure weekly and top up when needed. If you ride on and off the road, you'll be reducing the tire pressure on rough terrain and re-inflating the tires when you get back on tarmac.
- Engine oil should be checked every 600 miles or so and changed every 3200 miles. This is a general rule: if it's a motocross race bike, oil changes happen more frequently. Check the manual for then specifics on make & model.
- Cleaning and lubricating the chain weekly is enough, unless you're riding off-road in that case, doing it daily will help extend the chain's life. If you've been riding in wet or muddy conditions, clean and lubricate the chain after the ride.
- It's best to check the thickness of your brake pads every three to four months or so, depending on your mileage.
- Your air filter will need replacing once a year, unless you ride off-road in dusty conditions like sand. You'll need to clean the air filter on a monthly or even weekly basis depending on the mileage.
- Your oil filter should be replaced along with the oil, unless you
 have a metal oil filter that's designed to last longer.
- When it comes to your coolant and brake fluids, it's best to keep an eye on them every few months or so.

Having a logbook of your service and maintenance intervals can help keep everything organized. More often than not, it's easy to forget some of the most basic maintenance jobs or forget when you've done them; keep a maintenance journal and jot down some notes every time you work on your bike.

-Russell Rhodes, Road Captain

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Veterans Day Celebration

We will have a tent set up at Rally Point Ministries Veterans Day Celebration and will be doing bike blessings. Please share this event with all you know. (See graphic on page 4)

We need volunteers to help set up and do bike blessings.

If you will help out, please email Catherine Johnson at catherine.johnson59@aol.com.

DATE: Saturday, November 15, 2025

TIME: 10 AM Set up - Event begins at 11 AM

LOCATION: 5401 Rush Haven Drive, The Woodlands



Christmas Party

Deck the Halls at our multi-chapter Christmas Party coming this December! Its a time of fellowship and cheer! Sign up to bring your favorite Christmas dish to share and a gift for the gift exchange! (More info on this soon). Make sure to bring your wrapped Angel Tree gifts with gift tags and number your bags.

If you can help set up table on 12/5 - it would be extremely appreciated!

DATE: Saturday, December 6 , 2025 **TIME:** 9:30am (arrive by 9:15 am) 11 am **LOCATION**: Vernon & Judy Osborns Home -10123 Caddo Trail Magnolia Tx

CONTACT: Gary Teel - garyteel@reagan.com

RSVP & DISH SIGN UP: https://www.cmasetx.com/at25.html

Praise God For....

Praise God for 50 years of CMA.

Praise God for Terry S healing of colan cancer!

Praise for the Teels new grandson, Emmett T.

Pray For

Larry W. - Has surgery on his ankle. Pray for quick healing and for his emotional health.

Don K. - Sister is hospitalized.

Terry S. - good result on upcoming procedure.

Kase - grandson of Jimmy & Tracy M.; healing of hip disease.

Judy O. - upcoming cognitive evaluation.

Chaz J. - Lords guidance regarding his stressful job and lowering blood pressure

Bill E. - went home to see his God, wife & son. Pray for his family and friends who grieve his loss but celebrate his homecoming in Heaven.

April - Judy O. niece, she and daughter 9 yrs old witnessed husband shot himself in front of them.

Teresa S - Brother Tom S has stage 2 lung cancer & is healing. Had a good visit with him.

Gary T. - healing of fractured lumbar.

Brenda H. - suffering from liver failure

David - friend of the Teels, undergoing chemo & radiation for throat cancer.

Jeremiah H Sr. - Emotional healing for his mom

Hitchcock family - continue praying for financial situation.

Krohn family - God's provision of a permanent home. John, the father is the caregiver for his wife Sandi & son's Ryan & Timothy.



Angel Tree Gift Deliveries & Ride

Each year, Messengers, deliver gifts to kiddos whose parent(s) is incarcerated. No child should be without a gift from their parent. We purchase gifts on behalf of the parent and deliver and deliver them. The kiddos feel remembered and loved. In addition, the kids love seeing the bikes!

If you'd like to adopt a child go to <u>CMASETX.org</u> to sign up. All are welcomed to ride with us!

DATE: Saturday, December 13, 2025

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION:Sunoco - 3760 FM 2854 RD-LOOP

336 CONROE, TX

CONTACT: Gary Teel - garyteel@reagan.com



Holy Spirit Helps Us Pray by Catherine Johnson

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will." -Romans 8:26-27 NLT

There will be times when you don't know what or how to pray. You may be overwhelmed with a burden. You may be discouraged. You may be depressed. You may be afraid. That's when the Holy Spirit steps in to help.

Referring to the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you". The word Advocate can be translated as Comforter. It comes from the Greek word parakletos, meaning "called alongside to help." The Holy Spirit comes to assist in your prayer. He advocates by interceding for you and pleads your cause before the Father.

Let's face it, some prayer requests are too complex to put into words. Some situations are beyond your ability to fully grasp. Some cause you to confront your self-interests in uncomfortable ways, requiring you to choose between what's easiest for you in the short term and what's best for you in the long term. In situations like these, arranging your thoughts and emotions into coherent sentences may seem next to impossible.

The good news is that sometimes the most profound prayers are nothing more than a sigh or a groan—an emotional SOS, signaling that you're overwhelmed and don't know what to say. I can attest. After my son died, I struggled to come to grips with the reality of his being gone. I prayed to God, but I didn't always know what to pray. So, sometimes I just said, "Oh, Lord." Sometimes I just groaned. Sometimes I just cried. Sometimes I just sighed. But that was all I needed to do because I wasn't crying out against God; I was crying out to Him for help. And His Holy Spirit was ready to assist.

The apostle Paul wrote, "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will" (Romans 8:26-27 NLT).

Don't let a lack of words keep you from praying. No matter what you're experiencing, take it to the Lord. Give Him your sighs, your groans, your tears, your anxiety, your rage. Even if you can muster no more than "God, please," it's enough for the Holy Spirit to work with. He will make your needs known to the One who can bring ultimate good from any situation.



Heart Matters: One Heart At A Time. by Joy Booher Here are 4 concepts to cover when leading a person to Christ:

- 1. Focus on Jesus as God's Son and resurrected Savior. Invite them to "receive" God's free gift of salvation using John 3:16, Romans 10:9, Luke 19:20, and Revelation 21:27.
- 2. Present the promises of acceptance, forgiveness, assurance, and eternal life. John 1:12, 6:37; and 6:40 tell us that we are fully accepted and entirely forgiven because of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- 3. Invite the seeker to pray as an action of faith to receive Jesus Christ. Help the person to understand what it means to confess and acknowledge Jesus. John 16:24; Matthew 10:32; and Revelation 3:5 will help you to explain. Use this prayer by saying a phrase and having the seeker to repeat it after you, until you have said the whole prayer with them repeating it all:

"Dear God, I know mankind needs a Savior and I know I can't save myself. Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, You died on the cross for my sins, and God raised You from the dead. Right now, I confess You as my Lord and Savior, as the One who forgives me and restores me. Thank You, Jesus, my past is forgiven, I have a relationship with You, I am a new creation in Christ, because I have said "Yes!" to You. Amen."

4. Affirm their obedience to God, and pray a prayer of thanksgiving. Help the new believer to get started in their walk with Jesus by providing them with resources (A copy of the New Testament "Hope for the Road" and a simple Bible reading plan) and fellowship (invite them to the chapter Bible study or set up a weekly study online with them).

5. Pray for God's Spirit to:

- A. Prepare the seeker's heart before you talk to them,
- B. Help you explain the Good News clearly,
- C. Convict and convince the seeker of the truth, and
- D. Continue the work begun in their heart.



Celebrations!

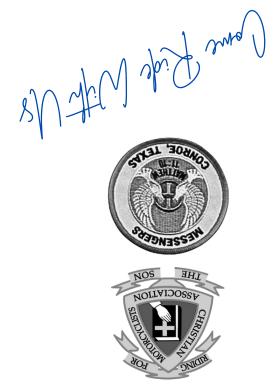
BIRTHDAYS

Rob J. 11/1 Rod B. 11/26 Jimmy M. 11/27



ANNIVERSARY

Chaz & Catherine Johnson 11/16



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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Want to be a <u>CMA Member?</u>
Want to learn more about
<u>Run for the Son?</u>
Want us to come and/or speak at your
organization?
Need someone to pray with you?
Let's connect!
Contact us or drop by one of our Chapter
Meetings.