



DECEMBER 2025

# Conroe Messengers #362

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



## Messengers: Who are we?

The handbook says CMA chapters are made up of CMA members uniting for a common purpose of spreading the light of Christ. Chapters realize that their true strength comes in working together. It goes on to say strong vibrant chapters are critical if we are going to fulfill the mission, God has given us.

### **We are a chapter. We are not a club.**

It seems as though we have become complacent in recent months. We have lost our interest in fulfilling our mission. We attempt to hold events, go places, do things, and only a few people show up. We need to decide who we are and what we want. We need to be doing more than fellowship rights. Are our activities relevant in reaching others in today's culture? We need to be out talking to people whether they ride motorcycles or not fulfilling the mission of CMA.

What is the mission of CMA? Simply changing the world one heart at a time. CMA is dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through the avenue of Motorcycling.

On 9/11 Islamic jihadists attack the United States. I think we all remember the world trade centers being hit by airplanes and going down in smoke and flames. Recently a new New York City mayor was elected. He is a Muslim, the socialist, and a democrat. He has, in the past, advocated jihad.

Islam is the fastest growing religion - political organization in America so say the news people. It seems that there is Christian apathy everywhere.

**So who are we?** Are we part of the Christian apathy? Are we going to sit quietly and let Christian apathy go on. We need to find new venues and new ways of executing our challenge. **What is our challenge?** **"Changing the world, one heart at a time for Christ".** Are we pointing others to Christ?



Larry

Larry Watrous,  
President  
Conroe Messengers 362



## Calendar Wiz

### BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK

12/2/2025 at 6:00 pm  
[213 Lakeside Hills Dr Montgomery](#)

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

12/6/2025 11 AM  
Set up: 9 AM  
10123 Caddo Trail Magnolia Tx

### OFFICERS MEETING

12/8/2025 6:00 PM

### CYCLE GEAR BIKE NITE

12/09/2025 5 PM - 7 PM  
[19075 Interstate 45 South  
Shenandoah TX](#)

### ANGEL TREE DELIVERY RIDE / LUNCH

12/13/2025 8:30 AM  
[Sunoco](#) - 2854/loop336

### ESTELLE UNIT TEAM 2

12/14/2025 at 2:30 PM

### MESSENGERS MEETING

12/16/2025 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm  
[McKENZIE'S BBQ](#)  
[1501 N Frazier St, Conroe](#)

### FLAME ON

12/29/2025



## Rod's VP Corner: Chapter Rides & Events

October 26, 2025 – Fifteen CMA members attended a **Church Visit to West Conroe Baptist Church**—ten of those from the Messengers. We joined Sunday School and the morning service, enjoying warm fellowship (and, of course, coffee and donuts). The pastor personally thanked us for attending and invited us to return anytime.

November 6–11, 2025 – CMA was once again present at the **Lone Star Rally** in Galveston, TX, shining the light of the Gospel to some of the estimated 400,000–500,000 attendees at the world's largest four-day motorcycle rally. Between 150,000–250,000 motorcycles filled the island as CMA ministered throughout the intense and exciting weekend.

Joy and I arrived on November 5 and enjoyed supper with the CMA team staying at the Beachside Baptist Church facility. It was a blessing to reconnect with long-time friends and meet new ones. Unfortunately, on November 6, I became the first "LSR casualty" after a run-in with the corner of a metal bed frame resulted in a broken rib and a trip to the Galveston ER. Joy and I were very disappointed to miss participating in the rally's ministry this year. *A special thank-you to Jimmy Magruirk for driving us to and from the hospital and for riding my Goldwing back to Conroe.*

November 15, 2025 – Ten CMA Conroe Messengers and several members of the CMA Shepherds of Steel joined together at the Rally Point Ministries of Texas, held at The Woodlands Community Church of the Nazarene, for their **Veterans Day Celebration**. Although attendance was smaller than expected, it was a meaningful day of meeting new people and praying with several attendees. A family from Karastan—living in the apartments next door—came over to the event. Joy recognized them from years ago in Aberdeen, Scotland, when our paths crossed overseas. We prayed with them and for their bikes. They shared that they are Russian Orthodox and traditionally only their priest prays for them or blesses their bikes. We pray for another opportunity to meet with them again and share the Gospel.

### Looking Ahead

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

#### Upcoming Events & Rides

- December 6, 2025 - Chapter Christmas Party
- December 9, 2025 - Cycle Gear Bike Night
- December 13, 2025 - Messengers' Angel Tree Christmas Delivery
- December 27, 2025 - Chapter Ride – details to follow

**Come Ride With Us!** Every ride is an opportunity to share Christ, encourage one another, and enjoy some good old-fashioned wind therapy.

Join us—and bring a friend!

**Prayer for the Road** - Lord, thank You for the joy of riding, the fellowship of friends, and the opportunity 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*

### Messengers Leadership Team

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

#### APPOINTED POSITIONS

**RFS Coordinator:** Stephanie Hitchcock  
 Email: [cmamessengers@gmail.com](mailto:cmamessengers@gmail.com)

**Vice-President:** Rod Booher  
**Treasurer:** Joy Booher  
**Chaplin:** Jeremiah "JJ" Hitchcock

**Newsletter Editor:** Jeannette Kentch

## ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2026

### Officer Election Results

The newly elected Messengers 2026 Officers are as follows:

President- Larry Watrous  
 Vice Pres - Rod Booher  
 Secretary-Stephanie Hitchcock  
 Treasurer - Joy Booher  
 Road Captain - Russell Rhodes  
 Chaplin-Jeremiah Hitchcock Jr.

*Lord, as we begin a new year and install our officers, we seek*

*Your divine wisdom and guidance. Bestow upon them the discernment to make wise decisions, the clarity to see the path ahead, and the courage to lead with integrity.*

*May Your light illuminate their minds and hearts, enabling them to serve our community with humility and compassion.*

*Grant them the strength to overcome challenges and the grace to inspire others through their actions. We entrust them into Your hands, trusting that Your divine presence will guide their every step.*

*Thank you for the blessing of those who came before.  
 Amen.*



### STAY ACTIVE IN CMA

Active membership at a national level is based on completing **one** of the following criteria in a 12-month period:

- 🛒 Purchase any Goodie/ToolBox item(s) from CMA National totaling at least \$20
- 📋 Be a registered attendee at a CMA National or State Rally, or Seasons of Refreshing
- 🎓 Complete the Member Training
- 💰 Donate at least \$20 to CMA National or Run for the Son.



## Road Captain's Motorcycle Maintenance Tips

Last month we talked about the motorcycle maintenance checklist, this month let's look at what a schedule of maintenance is.

### UNDERSTANDING MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE

When it comes to motorcycle maintenance tips, it's hard to give general advice as motorcycles and mileage vary just as much as their riders. However, understanding the very basics can help you form your own idea about your bike's maintenance. In addition to checking the seven points mentioned above, it's always good to keep an eye on how the bike sounds and feels when you ride.

Here are some pointers to watch out for:

1. **SOUND** - Does your bike sound different than before? Can you hear a rattle that wasn't there before? Is your exhaust sounding different, or is it getting hotter than before? Problems like this may indicate carburetor issues or, if your bike is fuel-injected, it may show other problems like sticking valves, cam chains getting loose, or it could be old bearings. When your motorcycle starts making weird sounds, it's time to go for a checkup.

2. **POWER** - Is your bike suddenly slower to accelerate? Do you feel there is throttle delay? If you start feeling that your bike is running differently, that might be an indicator of bigger problems. Your bike might be running too rich or too lean, there may be carburetor issues, or your throttle cable may be loose. If you start noticing that your motorcycle is running differently, it's time to consult a mechanic.

If you know how to maintain your motorcycle, most of these problems can be avoided.

### ROADSIDE BREAKDOWNS

Whether you're an experienced vet or someone who's just had a crash course in motorcycle maintenance for dummies, roadside breakdowns can still happen. Motorcycle service is important, but every once in a while, breakdowns can still occur – you may get a flat tire, a dead spark plug, or a wire gone rogue. Don't panic: most breakdowns can be easily fixed on the side of the road if you carry some basic tools.

For new riders, the scariest thing about motorcycle breakdowns is not knowing what happened. Diagnosing the problem is half of the solution, so here is a simple explanation of why your bike suddenly won't start: to run, a motorcycle needs three things – air, fuel, and spark. If your bike suddenly dies on you, find a problem by figuring out what's missing. In case it is air, chances are, your airbox is flooded or your carburetor is clogged. Otherwise, it'll be fuel or spark: do you have enough gas in your tank? If it's not air or fuel, it's the spark. Are your spark plugs in good condition? Is the battery alive? If not, that'll likely be the issue.

Sometimes, it can also be fuel injection problems or wiring, but most of the bike problems can be diagnosed by simply looking at the air, fuel, or spark.



## Angel Tree Ride & Gift Deliveries

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 them. This kids feel remembered and loved. In addition, the kids love seeing the bikes!

If you'd like to adopt a child go to [CMASETX.org](http://CMASETX.org) to sign up. All are welcomed to ride with us to help deliver the gifts.

**DATE:** Saturday, December 13, 2025

**MEET TIME:** 8:30 am

**LOCATION:** Sunoco - 3760 FM 2854 RD-LOOP 336 CONROE, TX

We will divide up into several groups to make these special deliveries! Routes will be planned out in advance. Once deliveries are made, we will meet up at Vernon Country Catfish in Montgomery, TX

**CONTACT:** Gary Teel - [garyteel@reagan.com](mailto:garyteel@reagan.com) to adopt kiddos for Christmas. Russell Rhodes for ride information. ....

### ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLE CARE

While breakdowns aren't completely avoidable, especially when you're doing high mileage, and while some bike problems can occur even if you service it regularly, basic motorcycle maintenance is extremely important. A motorcycle has multiple moving parts that are prone to wear, especially if they're not oiled, replaced, or cleaned in time. Using the seven-point checklist and maintaining your motorcycle often is the best breakdown prevention policy, and as you go along, you will get to know your motorcycle better and better.

Now that you know some motorcycle maintenance basics, let's cover a few additional motorcycle care tips. Your motorcycle maintenance checklist should also include things like motorcycle security: if you're a new motorcycle owner and all you've got for security is a basic disc lock, that may not be enough. Unfortunately, bike theft is more common than we like to think, and making sure your bike is safe and secure at all times is key to protecting it. Locks and chains aside, a motorcycle GPS tracker is one of the best bike security measures out there. Wireless, almost undetectable, and incredibly accurate, a motorcycle GPS tracker can alert you if your motorcycle is being moved. In case of a theft, the tracker will send out live locations straight to your phone – and that can help the police to recover the bike quickly.

**-Russell Rhodes, Road Captain**

# LIVING IN A BROKEN WORLD AT CHRISTMAS



Nine years ago, on Christmas Eve, my father was hospitalized. I rushed to be by his side, not knowing I had only a few days left with him. Christmas is meant to be one of the happiest times of the year. Time to take a break from work and the usual routine, celebrate with family and friends, feast on good food and enjoy all the festivities of the season.

But what happens when things aren't all tinsel and good cheer? Living in a broken world, we are continually facing challenges — as soon as we get through one problem, something else crops up. And while we might try to put these things to the back of our minds at other times of the year, somehow they have a way of bubbling up to the surface at Christmas.

How is Christmas 2025 shaping up for you? Maybe you are grieving the death of a loved one. Perhaps you are struggling with your health; facing fear and uncertainty about what the future holds. Maybe you have experienced a relationship breakdown. Perhaps you are facing the prospect of being alone. Sadly, Christmas is one of the loneliest times of the year for many people.

As a "church", are we doing enough in this space? It seems that we are adept at putting on Christmas concerts, carols nights, and nativity plays — and there is nothing wrong with these if they draw attention to Jesus. But is there more we could be doing to make a difference in the lives of those who are hurting? Could the time and money be better spent on practical activities that show we care, that we have seen the challenges people are experiencing and we are there to help?

Sometimes all it takes is a small act of kindness to make a world of difference. Our words of comfort can bring a sense of peace in a season of sadness and reassure that God is aware of our pain and is with us. A simple act can touch one's heart, give hope, and reflected the true spirit of Christmas. - Jeannette Kentch



## Christmas Party Fellowship

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).

Bring a White-Elephant Gift to participate in a fund exchange tradition!

Make sure to bring your wrapped Angel Tree gifts with gift tags and number your bags.

If you can help set up tables at 9am - it would be extremely appreciated!

**DATE:** Saturday, December 6, 2025

**PARTY TIME:** 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 the Officers that have led and the new Officers that continue the Messenger legacy.

## Pray For .....

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

Don K. - Sister Vicki is hospitalized and not doing well.

Terry S. - continued prayers.

Paula T. - in the hospital for illness and several complications

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

Rod B. - His brother needs prayer for health and healing his heart

Ellen S. - unspoken request

Tracey M. - healing of back.

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

Judy O. - for sore shoulder and her memory

Teresa S - Brother Tommy S has stage 2 lung cancer & is incubated in ICU. Pray for God's will, heal in family, wife, kids and grandkids.

Theresa & Terry S - friend Charlotte is having shoulder replacement on Nov 25th. Friend Tom & Rose both have cancer; Niece Casey is undergoing radiation, and friend Dale has cancer . Keep them in your prayers.

## FLAME ON youth movement student slam

**December 29, 2025-January 1, 2026  
on Iron Mountain in Hatfield, Arkansas**

High impact student conference especially for CMA Youth Movement students ages 12-17, filled with uplifting praise & worship, vital ministry training, loads of crazy fun, and most importantly, plenty of moments for teens to connect with Christ.

**REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 11**

If you know a youth who would like to attend Flame ON, please let the officers or Gary Teel know!

Many youth come to know God through the Flame On experience!

Let's make sure any youth that wants to attend gets too!

More info at: [CMAUSA.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.cmausa.org/events)





## The Only Gift That Keeps On Giving by Catherine Johnson

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. — Mark 10:45*

At this time of year, a lot of people get excited about what will be waiting for them under the Christmas tree, thinking that these things will somehow bring them fulfillment.

But how many of us remember what we received last Christmas? A few months after the coming Christmas, we probably will also have forgotten about the gifts we will open on Christmas day. Christmas is really not about gifts under a tree; it's about a relationship with God. Jesus came to give us life in all its fullness.

Jesus said, *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life"* (John 10:10 NLT). Jesus came to this earth to bring us a meaningful life, a life with purpose. Medical science may add years to our lives, but Christ adds life to our years. He gives us a life that's worth living.

Jesus also came to give His life as a ransom for many. He was born to die so that we might live. Jesus came with a rescue mission. He came to die on a cross. He said of himself, *"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45 NLT).

Jesus was born in a manger so that we could come into a relationship with God through Him. And He offers us the gift of eternal life. The Bible calls this the unspeakable gift.

Truly, what Christ gives us is the only gift that keeps on giving. We only need to receive it.

**Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year!**



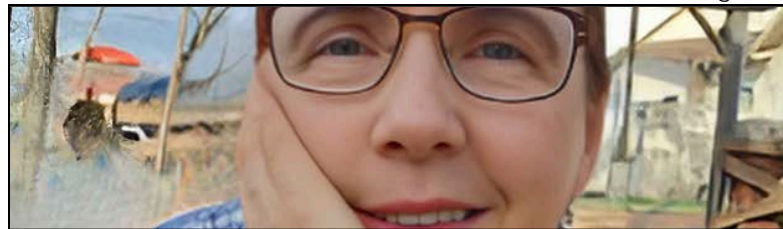
## Celebrations!

### BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Barber 12/4  
Tim Delahunt 12/6.  
Don Kentch 12/23.

### ANNIVERSARY

Gary & Paula Teel 12/22  
Jeremiah & Stephanie  
Hitchcock 12/23  
Vernon & Judy Osborn 12/29  
Jimmy & Tracy Magouirk 12/30



## Heart Matters: An Expectant Heart by Joy Booher

As we approach this season of Advent, I've been thinking of the 400 years of silence between **Malachi**, the last of the Old Testament prophets, and the arrival of our "Long Expected King", **our Savior and Lord Jesus**. What about **Zacharias** and his skepticism when the angel Gabriel came with the incredible announcement of a son, John the Baptist, to be born to his elderly, barren wife Elizabeth, and him? Gabriel reminded Zacharias that he personally stands in the presence of God and had been sent by God with this good news. Elizabeth reacted with excitement and faith when she had a visit from her cousin Mary, pregnant with Jesus, felt her baby John leap inside of her in response to that meeting.

**Mary** rejoiced and submitted herself to God's plan when that same angel messenger came to tell her that she would bear the Son of the Most High God. Joseph believed God's promises and did not divorce Mary, but married her, protected her, and warned by God in a dream, escaped with her and her infant son when threatened by Herod.

The lowly shepherds immediately hurried to Bethlehem to see "the thing" that the angels had foretold. They shared that good news with others in their town of Bethlehem.

The **Magi** followed the star for months to find the new king. That indicates a steadfastness in their search. They brought gifts and paid homage to the infant Jesus. To protect the baby boy, they obeyed a dream warning and returned home another way.

**King Herod** was fearful when the Magi arrived asking for a new king. With deceit he enlisted the wise men to return and tell him the location of the child. He craftily asked that the scriptures be searched to discover the birthplace, but he used that information to start a murderous infanticide of 2 year old baby boys.

**Simeon** had been waiting in the temple for years, praying he would see the Messiah, and preparing his heart for that blessed day. **Anna**, a widow devoted to prayer and worship in the temple, was also awaiting Jesus, and when He came with his parents to the temple for dedication Simeon and Anna responded with grateful joy.

So what reactions have we seen in response to Jesus? Disbelief, excitement, faith, submission, obedience, action, worship, fear and hostility, persistent expectation, gratitude, steadfastness, and joy were some of the reaction? What about you? **How are you approaching this sacred season?** Have you been waiting for God to answer your prayer for a loved one, healing, peace, provision, finances, or reconciliation? Trust Him with submission and faith, that His promises are true and He hears your prayers.

Have you been sharing the good news of the gospel with others in your sphere of influence? I thank God for the opportunities that God and CMA provide for us to do that. Finally, Jesus is coming again soon! **May our hearts be full of joyful expectation.** Let's join Emily Elliott who wrote these words, in singing,



**"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!  
There is room my heart for You.  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus!  
When You come and call for me.  
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne,  
a Christmas carol"**

Come Ride With Us



CONROE MESSENGERS #362  
CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS 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 CMA Member?**  
**Want to learn more about**  
**Run for the Son?**

**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.**