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### **Billy Graham's Prayer for a New Year**

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant as we look toward 2026.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

In Christ,  
Dirk "Rocketman" Smith  
President, Highway Disciples

# Thoughts and Ponderings from Amy

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TRIED AND TEMPTED

LUKE 4: 1-13

Sometimes, when we are tempted, we feel sinful. But it is not a sin to *be* tempted. The Lord Jesus Christ, when “full of the Holy Spirit,” was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil (Luke 4: 1-2).

At stake was the heart of Jesus’ identity. Was Jesus really the Son of God? A voice from heaven had just declared, at his baptism, “You are the beloved Son; with you I am pleased” (3:22). Now the Devil comes with half-truths to try to undermine that declaration:

- Would God allow his Son to go hungry? Wouldn’t he want him to use supernatural powers to turn stones into bread? If you really are the Son of God, why not do it?
- Doesn’t God intend to make the nations his Son’s heritage, and the ends of the earth his possession (Ps. 2: 7-8)? Then why not worship me, avoid the cross, and rule them right now?
- Wouldn’t God use angels to protect his Son? Then make an irrefutable entrance into your public ministry by jumping off the temple so everyone can see angels rescuing you!

Because Jesus was fully human (as well as fully divine), these were real temptations. After 40 days without food, Jesus was hungry. Anticipation of his suffering on the cross would have been cause for dread. And it would have been natural for him to want everyone to acknowledge who he was and come to him without the criticism of the religious authorities, and the doubts of those who knew him only as “Joseph’s son” (Luke 4: 22). How easy it would be to doubt God’s provision and timing!

Is this not our great temptation as well? “If I really am God’s child, why would he allow me to go through such hard times?” “Why would he make me wait so long to get married? To have a baby?” “Why can’t I just compromise God’s ways to accomplish what I know he wants me to do?”

To *be* tempted in these ways is not a sin. God allows us to be tempted to test us and ultimately to strengthen us. But as he gives us this call to faith, he also gives his enabling

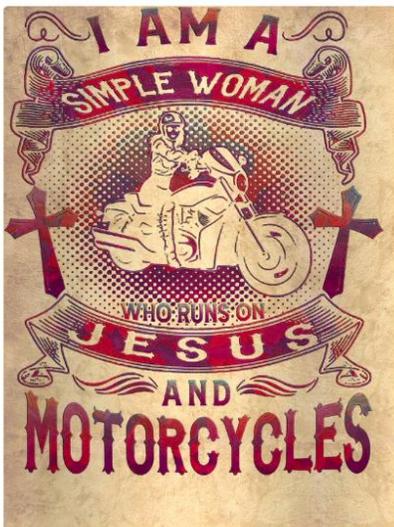
grace so that we can trust him amid the temptations. Just as Jesus answered the Devil's temptations with quotes from Deuteronomy, God gives us his Word to answer the half-truths that assail us. He fills us with the Spirit of Christ to lead us through our wilderness. And as we trust God to accomplish his will in his time, we experience the kind of gospel living that brings glory to God and defeats temptation. ~~Written by: Mary Beth McGreevy

As I look back on the last year and think of everything I have been through; I can see where I have been tempted. So, what exactly is temptation? The thought of doing something that would be against the will of God? Or maybe just the thought of not trusting the will of God? I think it is natural to get frustrated and confused about the things that happen in your life. Why this and why that? I know for me having taken so many "hits" this year I have found myself wondering.

There is a reason for everything that happens, God has a plan. Keep searching for the lesson and the blessings. Keep trusting Him. And remember that God loves you. We are all precious in His eyes, and he has a plan and a purpose for us all. Go into the new year with hope and faith and trust. I love you all and pray you have a happy and prosperous new year.

Amy D Machado  
Vice President, Highway Disciples

Always Dancing and Motorcycling 😊



## Devotional

Every Glorious Work

Gary Wilkerson

November 14, 2025

God is behind every glorious work, and he will not share his glory. He will not allow any obstacle to get in the way of the shining brilliance of his Son. Therefore, he needs clean vessels to do his work. At the peak moment when his blessings and power are flowing freely through his people, he tells them, “Pause now, and put it all on hold. I want you to examine your heart.”

That is the word I sensed God wanted me to preach when our church celebrated its third anniversary. You can imagine my hesitation. I pictured the whole congregation staring at me, puzzled, thinking, “Wait! You’re telling us we’re all great, but then you turn around and say we need to change.” It felt like it would be like the husband who takes his wife to dinner for their anniversary and says, “Honey, I was hoping to talk about the extra weight you’ve put on.”

That’s not what it’s like when God asks us to examine ourselves, though. After all, we’re aware that our righteousness is as filthy rags, that we need his grace. The fact is that just when we’re poised on the brink of God’s greatest work in our lives, he asks us to reflect on these questions: “Is there anything in my heart that’s displeasing to the Lord? Have I neglected to do something he has asked of me? I want nothing in my life to hinder what God wants to do.”

God is forever bringing his people to this point. Why? Because before he can bring about his best, he has to do something deep in us. He wants to give us his victory, but he also wants our complete devotion to him.

What is the Lord putting his finger on in your life? Is it to take away one small thing or to add something you’ve neglected? Don’t delay in your response to the Spirit’s faithful voice. Dealing with one small thing can determine your whole future. Will you examine it? If so, you can know God’s best is ahead; and you can rest assured that you have pleased the one who wants to bless you.

“Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord!” (*Lamentations 3:40, ESV*).

Blessings

Jack (JT) Clark

Chaplain, Highway Disciples

January 2026



## What's It Worth?

Anyone out there ever try to sell a motorcycle? Was your asking price based partially on your love for the machine, and the “improvements” you did to it? Did you get the price you asked for, or something less? One lesson the world teaches us, when we’re trying to sell something, is the value of an object is determined by the price it will bring. An item is worth only what someone is willing to pay for it. But what if you’ve got something that is damaged? Is it worth less? Possibly, but consider a crumpled up old \$100 bill. It’s ragged and wrinkled, but inside is still \$100 worth of paper. It just needs a little help in restoring its appearance so others will recognize its value.

Now let’s switch to people. How much is a man or woman worth? We tend to treat people according to the value they have to us, correct? A waitress only brings us our food and drink, a mechanic is just there to fix our car, and a government employee is there to slowly process our paperwork (ha!), and we walk away giving only a few dollars tip or a “thanks”. What about a man or woman on the street corner with a begging sign? If they can’t do anything for us, do we care about their name, or how their life is going, or what kind of crisis they might be going through?

We must realize that Jesus died for each of those people, just as He died for us. Their worth to God is just as much as our worth is to God. Every single man and woman was worth the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. They may look more like a crumpled up \$100 bill, but their worth is still in there! Regardless of job, religion, politics, color, etc.

I Samuel 16:7 (NIV) “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him (as future king). The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”

We need to train ourselves to look at others as valuable to God, with potential for greatness. They may need some help, some prayer, some cleaning up, but their value is in there! We must help others see their value to God, because many do not realize it themselves.

So let 2026 be a time of change in you, so you can help others see change in themselves. They may be people you know, family and friends, or people you don’t yet know. If family or friends, you may have more time to work with them, be present with them, listening for

their goals, dreams, and hopes. You may be in a position to help them in practical ways, as life can certainly put people in tough situations at times. But be the helper they need, within your own limits. For those you may not know, or haven't yet met, time is usually much shorter, but that doesn't mean you can't be a positive help in their lives. Find out their name, some background, maybe some struggles they have. Help them realize their value to God, and how to attain that value through a relationship with Jesus.

We have a reminder in three different places:

Galatians 6:10 (NIV) "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Ephesians 5:15-6 (NIV) "Be careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil."

Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV) "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Chris "Cowboy" Nightingale  
Road Captain



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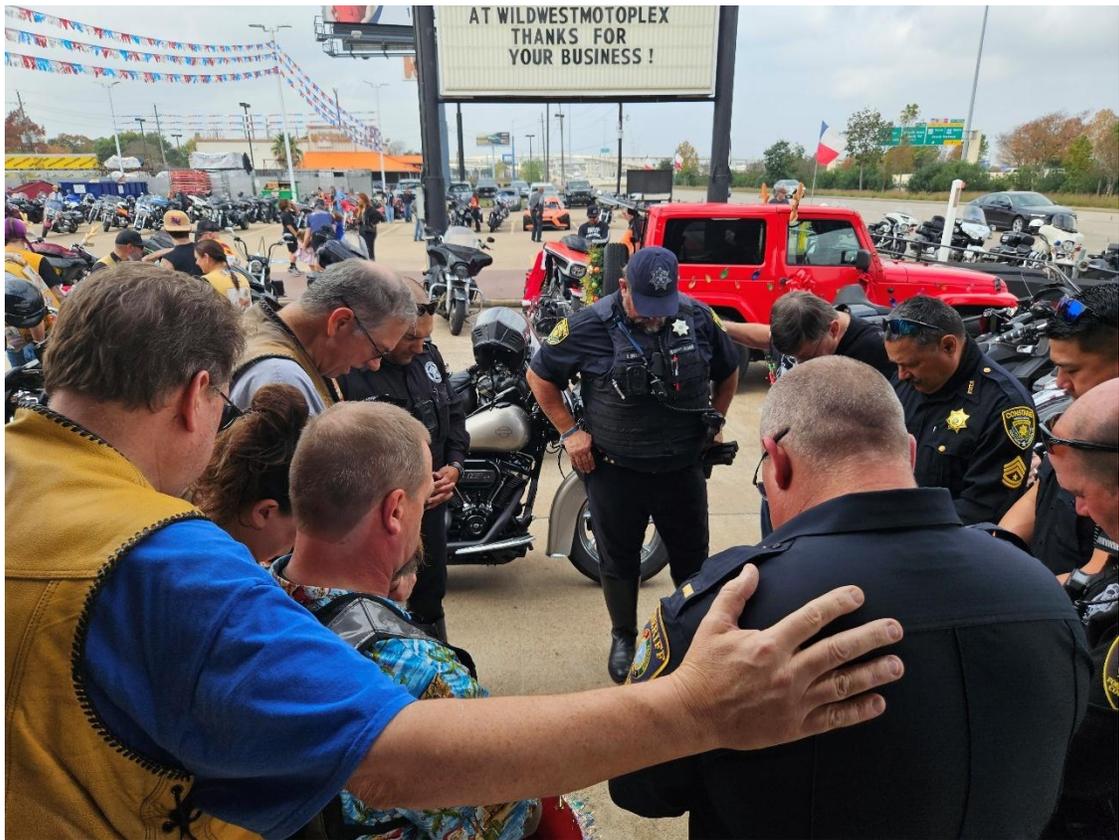
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## *Calendar of Events*

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| Jan. 3           | Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.<br>– Fellowship Ride  | All<br>Chris |
| Jan. 10          | 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual CMA SETX Blessing of the Bikes. Harley-Davidson of the Woodlands (25545 I-45 North, The Woodlands, TX 77380). 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will meet at Valero (20203 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450) ~10:00 am with KSU at 10:15 am | All          |
| Jan. 17          | Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm  | All          |
| Jan. 22          | Spirit Day at Mod Pizza, 1330 Fry Road, Houston, TX 77084. 25% of sales donated to CMA.  |              |
| Feb. 7           | Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.<br>– Fellowship Ride  | All<br>Chris |
| Feb. 21          | Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm  | All          |
| Feb 28           | Road Guardians Accident Scene Management Course, Level 100. River Bend Baptist Church (27600 FM 1093, Fulshear, TX 77441) in the rear building. Time TBD. Pending  | All          |
| March 7          | Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.<br>– Fellowship Ride  | All<br>Chris |
| March 13<br>& 14 | <a href="#">Seasons of Refreshing</a> at Parkway Baptist Church (1501 Southwest Pkwy, College Station, TX 77840)   |              |
| March 21         | Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm  | All          |
| March 21         | Slow Ride Class. Kingsland Baptist Church (20555 Kingsland Blvd., Katy TX 77450) at 9:30 am. Far east parking lot.   | All          |
| April 4          | Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.<br>– Fellowship Ride  | All<br>Chris |
| April 18         | Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm  | All          |
| May 2            | Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.<br>– Fellowship Ride  | All<br>Chris |
| May 14 –<br>16   | <a href="#">CMA SETX State Rally – Consuming Fire</a> . Fireman's Park (901 N. Park St., Brenham TX 77833).  |              |
| May 16           | Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm  | All          |

\*Events in "BOLD" are chapter focused events w/officer or member contact to the side\*

**Be sure to check your e-mail on a regular basis for new events  
that may not appear on the calendar and for any changes to the events listed.**

Please go here to sign-up/register for CMA SE Texas events <https://www.cmasetx.com>

**Officers' Meetings –3rd Monday of Every Month 6:00 pm at Rudy's**

**Any member can attend.**  
**Please contact an officer if there is something you want added to the agenda.**  
Other Ministry Opportunities:

\*\*\*Please let us know if you have a ministry event or opportunity that needs to be added\*\*\*

**CMA Highway Servants**  
**Meets at Schobels Restaurant in Columbus – Third Saturday Monthly / 8:30am**  
**Schobels is located at**  
**2020 Milam St.**  
**Columbus, TX 78934**

**CMA New Testament Riders**  
**Meets at Waller County Line BBQ – Third Saturday Monthly / 9:00 am**  
**Waller County Line BBQ is located at**  
**20727 FM 362**  
**Waller, TX 77484**