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Where Do You Get Your Inspiration?

As I was scrolling through the internet, Yvonne asked if I was looking for inspiration for my article. As is normal, she was right. Instead of scrolling through the internet, I should have opened up my Bible and prayed for God to open my heart and my eyes to what He wanted me to write. That got me to thinking and hence the question.

One of the definitions of inspiration is “the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something”. In this case, Yvonne inspired me to write my article on “inspiration”. We can get inspiration from various sources. It could be from others, situations, tv shows, advertisements or media including social media. Hence the question. I believe a better source of inspiration is the Bible though, to be honest, it is seldom my first choice.

If you are in need of inspiration, just simply “google” “Inspiration in the Bible”. You will find many sites that list inspirational Bible verses. One of the better sites I found is www.biblestudytools.com. There you will find over 100 inspirational bible verses. Below are a few from the website. I pray these may inspire you as you go through your days.

Jeremiah 29:11 ~ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Deuteronomy 31:6 ~ Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 ~ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Lamentations 3:22-23 ~ The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Psalms 34:8 ~ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Isaiah 41:10 ~ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ~ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an

eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Romans 15:13 ~ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 40:31 ~ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

It's All About Jesus

Bill Smith
Chapter President

May We Always Be On A Mission

April was such a busy month for all of us. We had the Garage Sale which raised \$653 for Run for the Son. That much money will spread the Gospel to 217+ people. Not bad for half a day's work, if you ask me. Thank you to all of you who showed up and helped unload and sell and load after it was all over!

I heard something the other day that hit me over the head. I hope it does to you, too. "Missions isn't something to add to our life. It is our life." As a Christian, it **should** be our lives. I've seen some church parking lots that have a sign up as you leave their parking lots; not to mention the sign at Iron Mountain as you drive out that reads "You are now entering the mission field." Every day and everywhere we go, we should be on a mission.

Another sentence someone used on a Zoom I was on said: "We prepare for war in times of peace." While the Zoom was talking about something else, again, as Christians, we should also be preparing for another type of war: The spiritual warfare that seems to be covering our land. What in the world is going on with the younger generation nowadays?!?

I know lots of parents who prayed fervently for their kids. I know kids that are alive today because of the prayers of their grandparents. Now that those kids have grown up, to me, it's pretty obvious who was prayed over and who wasn't. The sense of entitlement that seems to be permeating the next generation is sometimes, overwhelming.

While it's not possible for us to have a do-over with our own children, we can still become *like children* in how we reach out to our Heavenly Father. Luke 18:17 tells us "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God *like a little child* will never enter it." [emphasis mine]

The spiritual warfare will continue until Jesus comes to take us all Home. Until then, how are you preparing for war? Are you reading your Bible? Are you holding God's Promises in your heart? Are you socializing with like-minded Christians? Do you know that you KNOW that you will rise up to meet Him when the trumpet sounds? Oh, how my heart races for that day! I look forward to "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4)

As we prepare to turn in our RFS packets, let's already be in prayer for those around the world and around our city who are going to hear the Gospel, some for the very first time, as they come to know our Lord and Savior.

Until then, I'll see you around the mission field,

Yvonne Smith
Highway Disciples Vice-President

God has a plan for your life!

How does your plan for your life intersect what God has planned for you? How can you know? Are you fulfilling God's will for you? Here are a few things to consider. Let's look at Joseph's life first.

Joseph, the son of Jacob, was favored by his father, which stirred jealousy among his brothers. Their envy was so intense that they conspired against him, eventually selling him into slavery. This act of betrayal reflects the human struggle with envy, resentment, and the quest for power, all of which can interfere with recognizing and following God's plan.

Despite the adversity he faced, Joseph remained faithful to God. In Potiphar's house, where he was sold as a slave, Joseph's integrity and dedication caught the attention of his master. However, Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph of misconduct, leading to his imprisonment. This unjust circumstance highlights the unpredictability of life and the challenges we encounter on the path to fulfilling God's plan.

Even in prison, Joseph's faith did not waver. He interpreted the dreams of his fellow prisoners, showcasing his God-given gift of dream interpretation. Eventually, Joseph's talent reached Pharaoh, who was troubled by his own dreams. Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams foretold seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine, and he advised Pharaoh on how to prepare for the impending crisis.

Impressed by Joseph's wisdom and insight, Pharaoh appointed him as second in command over all of Egypt. Through this remarkable turn of events, Joseph not only survived the trials but also thrived, ultimately fulfilling God's plan for him. His journey from betrayal and slavery to prominence and power exemplifies how God can work through even the most challenging circumstances to bring about His purpose.

Joseph's story teaches us valuable lessons about perseverance, faith, and the sovereignty of God. It reminds us that even in the darkest moments, God is at work, orchestrating events for our good and His glory. Joseph's unwavering trust in God's plan, despite the hardships he faced, serves as an inspiration for believers to remain steadfast in their faith, knowing that God is always in control.

Consider how Joseph could have reacted differently to each circumstance?

1. His Brothers' Betrayal:

- Joseph could have reacted with bitterness and resentment towards his brothers for their betrayal. He might have harbored feelings of revenge or sought to retaliate against them when given the opportunity.
- Alternatively, Joseph could have succumbed to despair, feeling abandoned and forsaken by both his family and his God. He might have lost hope and given up on his dreams altogether.

2. Potiphar's House:

- When falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, Joseph could have chosen to defend himself vigorously or manipulate the situation to his advantage, even if it meant compromising his integrity.
- Facing the injustice of being thrown into prison, Joseph could have become bitter and resentful towards God, questioning why he was being punished despite his faithfulness.

3. Interpreting Dreams in Prison:

- Instead of using his gift of dream interpretation to help others, Joseph could have kept his abilities to himself out of fear or self-preservation. He might have

- become cynical or self-serving, using his talent for personal gain rather than for the benefit of others.
- When interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph could have exaggerated or misrepresented the meaning to manipulate Pharaoh or enhance his own status.

It's evident that Joseph's response of remaining faithful, maintaining his integrity, and trusting in God's plan was truly exceptional. Despite the adversity he faced, Joseph consistently chose righteousness over bitterness, humility over pride, and trust over despair. His story serves as a powerful example of how one's response to life's challenges can shape your destiny and influence the lives of others.

How could Joseph had known that God still had a plan for his life in the midst of these trials?

1. **Faith in God's Promises:**

- Joseph may have drawn strength from the promises God made to him through dreams earlier in his life. Despite his current circumstances, he could have held onto the assurance that God's plans for him were good (Genesis 37:5-11).
- Reflecting on the stories of his forefathers, such as Abraham and Isaac, who also faced trials but ultimately saw God's faithfulness, could have bolstered Joseph's faith in God's overarching plan.

2. **Past Experiences of God's Provision:**

- Joseph might have reflected on instances in his life where God had intervened and provided for him, such as his father's love or his initial favor in Potiphar's house.
- Remembering how God had been with him in the past could have given Joseph the confidence to trust that God would continue to be present and active in his life, even in the midst of hardship.

3. **Interpreting Events Through God's Perspective:**

- Rather than viewing his trials solely as setbacks or punishments, Joseph could have sought to interpret them through the lens of God's sovereignty and purpose. He might have believed that God was using his suffering to accomplish something greater.
- Joseph's ability to interpret dreams could have also extended to interpreting the events of his own life, seeing them as part of a larger narrative orchestrated by God.

4. **Inner Conviction and Resilience:**

- Despite the challenges he faced, Joseph may have possessed an inner conviction or sense of calling that propelled him forward. He might have felt a deep-seated belief that his life had a purpose beyond his current circumstances.
- Joseph's resilience and ability to maintain his integrity in the face of adversity could have been fueled by his belief that God was still at work in his life, shaping him for a greater purpose.

By holding onto these beliefs and experiences, Joseph found the strength and assurance he needed to persevere through his trials, knowing that God's plan for his life was unfolding according to His perfect timing and design.

Blessings,

Jack (JT) Clark

Chaplin, Highway Disciples

A Sacrifice Lessons From Jonah's Tumultuous Journey Across the Sea

A Devotion by William Graham

Bible Reading: Jonah 1

We live in a sin-sick and dark world. This statement shouldn't come as a surprise to you, especially if you're reading it as a follower of Jesus Christ. All around us are people—from family to co-workers to celebrities—trying to push a sin-filled, post-Christian worldview.

Sadly, many in our churches are also falling for the lie that there are no consequences to our sin. After all, if Christ died for our sins, why can't we just go on sinning? The price has been paid.

Of course, sin does matter. Our sin—yours and mine—is what drove Jesus to the cross. It's hard to consider the suffering He endured on our behalf and not recognize the gravity of sin.

The first chapter of Jonah is a prime example of the consequences of our sin. We all know the story:

God commanded the Prophet Jonah: "Arise, go to Ninevah, that great city, and cry out against it" (Jonah 1:2).

Nineveh was at one time considered the largest city in the world. However, it is not called "great" simply because of its size, but also because of its sin. The city was notorious for its violence. It's no wonder that when Jonah got the message, he went in the opposite direction.

Was he scared? Maybe, but we also know that he did not want Nineveh to experience God's forgiveness (Jonah 3:10, 4:1-2). Instead Jonah ran away from Nineveh, ultimately ending up on the sea and being tossed overboard, finding himself in the "belly of the fish" (Jonah 1:17).

What can we learn from Jonah's tumultuous journey?

First, sin causes us to flee from the Lord. Twice in verse 3 alone, we are told plainly that Jonah was trying to escape the "presence of the Lord." It is alluded to again in verse 10. Jonah went to Joppa, paid the fare, and got on the boat.

It's interesting that this prophet, who conversed with Almighty God, thought he could escape the presence of the Lord by physically moving from one place to another. How often, however, do we do the same thing spiritually? Sin causes us to spend less time studying the Bible and less time in prayer, moving away from the presence of God in our lives.

Second, our sin will affect others. Jonah's sin so impacted the experienced sailors that they were scared to death. They had never seen a storm such as this, and they were forced to throw their cargo (i.e. their income) into the sea as the ship was breaking apart. Further, when they learned that Jonah was the cause of the storm, they were forced into the position of having to make a heartbreaking life-or-death decision.

Similarly, you may think that your sin isn't harming anybody, but that's not the case. Your spouse, children, colleagues, or church are likely being impacted, whether you or they realize it.

Third, sin can bring a false sense of peace. Even in the midst of the huge storm—as the sailors frantically unloaded their ship and cried out to pagan gods—Jonah slept soundly in the bottom of the boat.

One of the worst things we can do is to use “peace” as a determining factor in judging if we are in the middle of God’s will. You may feel like you’re getting away with sin, or that it’s no big deal, but it will eventually rear its ugly head.

Finally, sin will take us where we don’t want to go. Because Jonah disobeyed God, he found himself in the midst of a storm in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Ultimately he was thrown overboard into the sea, and—by verse 17—he was in the belly of a fish. Not good.

I have a friend who says that sin will take you where you don’t want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you can afford to pay. When we stay in sin, sin tightens its grip on us and makes it harder for us to get away. Consider this: If we never have our sins forgiven, then it will be our sins that will take us to hell—a place where no one wants to go.

The city of Ninevah was infected by sin, but once Jonah proclaimed God’s message, they immediately repented and cried out to God. “Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it” (Jonah 3:10).

The same can happen for us. Rather than taking pride in our sin or minimizing its impact, we must see the gravity of it and repent as well. When that happens, the chains and bondage of sin can and will be broken through Jesus, our Savior.

In Christ,

Dirk “Rocketman” Smith



CMA PATCH

Triangle Shape Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Praying Hands The way God would have CMA grow

Cross The message and statement of faith (1 Corinthians 2:2)

Bible God's direction for CMA

Blue Color The way of the cross leads home (to heaven)

Yellow Color The crowns and rewards that will be
for the faithful Christians

Red Color The blood that makes everything
It encloses effective

The basic purpose of a CMA Chapter is to support the National CMA effort of sharing and showing the love of Jesus Christ to motorcyclists, and supporting the overall ministry of CMA.

In this, there is a three-fold purpose:

- *Provide and encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.*
- *Provide a Christian fellowship ridegroup.*

Ministry of CMA

Vision: *Changing the world, one heart at a time.*

We will accomplish our vision through:

- Evangelistic outreach primarily, but not exclusively, to the Motorcycling community.
- Run for the Son, where we will partner with ministries with world Reaching potential.
- Equipping our members in ministry training that aligns itself with Biblical truths.
- A servant's attitude to the world and to our members (i.e. Here if you need us).
- Quality products that aid in evangelistic outreach.
- An effective Work Center support team.

CMA Ministry Partners:

CMA partners with three other ministries to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Jesus Film
Missionary Ventures
Open Doors

Mission:

To inspire our leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God.

Doctrinal Statement:

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. We believe in:

- The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- One God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The virgin birth and deity of Christ, His explicit atoning death, Bodily resurrection and ascension.
- Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who enables a believer to Live holy.
- The second coming of Jesus Christ.

Katy CMA – Highway Disciples – Chapter April 2024 Meeting notes

Date: 4-6-24, time: 9:00 to 10:05 AM CT

- I. Welcome – Bill Smith
- II. Chaplain's opening prayer – conducted by JT Clark.
- III. Pledges to American and Christian flag – conducted by Bill Smith.
- IV. Into-Visitors – Yvonne Smith.
 - a. Acknowledged Gary T. attending meeting.
 - b. Received thank you card for the donation to the Conroe Messengers.
- V. Chaplain – JT Clark
 - a. Pray for the offering.
 - b. Devotion – having the heart of Thanksgiving from Christ's perspective by focusing on what you have – vs – not what you don't have.
 - c. Reviewed discussed monthly newsletter and relevance of author's articles from a perspective of Thanksgiving aspect.
- VI. Secretary – Alvin
 - a. Took meeting notes.
 - b. Remind people to sign in.
- VII. Road Captain – Dirk Smith
 - a. Odometer challenge: – Chris Nightingale – 3,578 miles; 2nd place is Dirk with 1,280 miles.
 - b. Fellowship ride in March was interesting as had to adapt to a new place and everyone enjoyed it.
 - c. Today's ride is to Busy Bee in Alvin, TX – 8 riders going.
- VIII. RFS -- David
 - a. Next March 2025 – will look at Jersey Mike (food restaurant chain) for their 1-day donation of some % of sales they do nationwide for non-profit groups. Need to look into this to participate.
 - b. Garage sale – April 20th – Cinco Ranch High School – if any items to donate – please bring.
 - c. Bill Smith – mentioned still needing a volunteer for RFS coordinator.
- IX. Treasurer – Jeremiah M.
 - a. Reviewed the checking account activity items from debits and credits.
- X. President Report – Bill Smith
 - a. Bill & Yvonne Smith – have been members of Highway Disciples for 11 years.
 - b. 1st Cycle Gear Bole Night – had 3 bike blessings, prayers for several people.
 - c. Reviewed upcoming events schedule.
 - d. Gary T. discussed the State Rally in May 16-18 in Kerrville, TX
 - e. Gary T mentioned that 2024 Lone Star Rally was 31 Oct to 3 Nov 2024.
- XI. Testimonies-Prayer Request -- Chaplin – JT Clark
 - a. Don Eustes – President of Conroe Messengers, needs prayers for illness.
 - b. Other mentioned people needing specific prayers.
 - c. Jeremiah – praise and prayers for his career and progress in his training.
 - d. Dirk – praise - will be going p/t in his professional career as firm has been acquired. Dirk – prayer for Mark, brother-in-law for illness.
- XII. Closing Prayer and Meeting ended.

CMA Highway Disciples

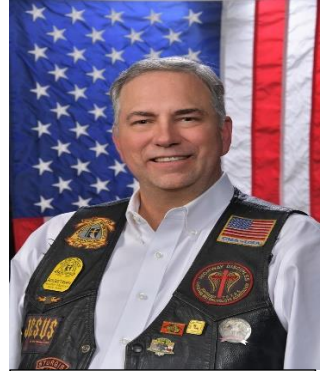
Chapter Officers



Bill Smith
President



Yvonne Smith
Vice President



Dirk Smith
Road Captain



Jack Clark
Chaplain



Alvin Keen
Secretary



Jeremiah Mutzbauer
Treasurer

CMA HIGHWAY DISCIPLES EVENTS

**CMA Highway Disciples
Participated in the Cinco Ranch High
School Garage Sale**



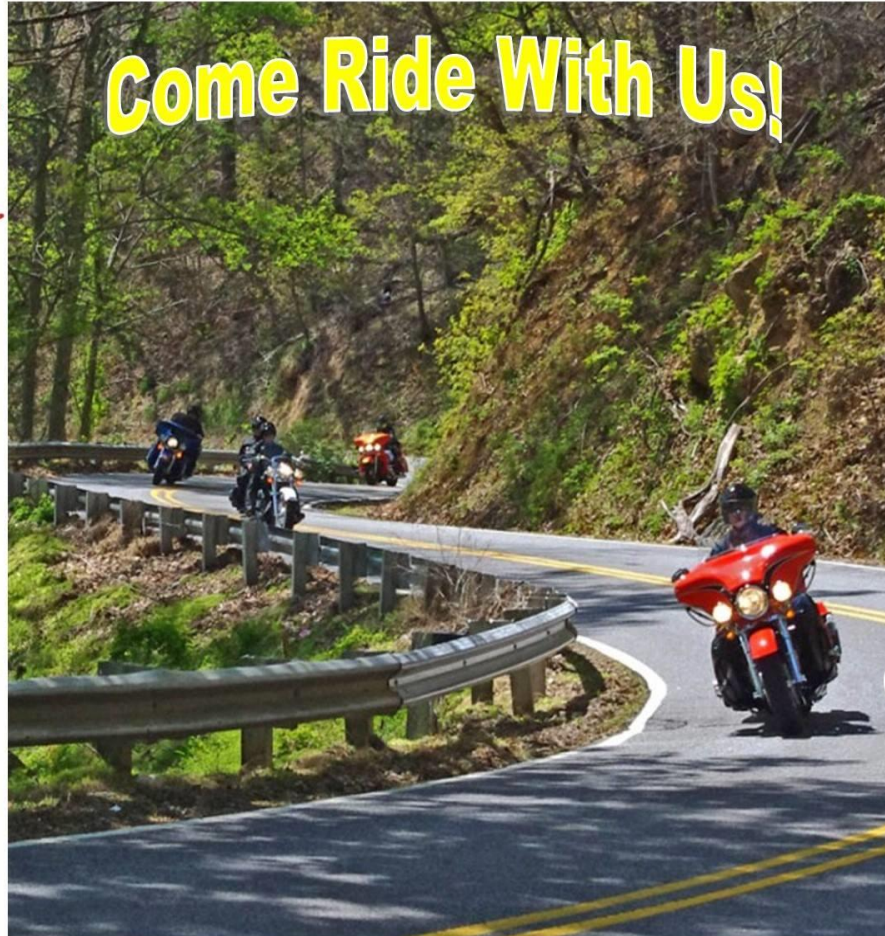




The CMA
Highway Disciples
meets at
Rudy's BBQ
in Katy, TX
21799 Katy Freeway
Katy, TX 77450

We meet on the first
Saturday monthly

Breakfast 8:30am
Meeting starts
@ 9:00am



For more info about
our chapter go to:
<http://cmascr4.org/>
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“For the [remarkable, undeserved] grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to reject ungodliness and worldly (immoral) desires, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives [lives with a purpose that reflect spiritual maturity] in this present age,” -Titus 2:11-12

Calendar of Events

May 4	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting Turn in RFS Donations at the Chapter Meeting. Run For The Son Fellowship Ride	Bill Dirk
May 11-12	3:16 Track Days – MSR Houston, One Performance Drive, Angleton, TX 77515 – Ministry Opportunity	Bill Dirk
May 14	Cycle Gear Bike Night – 24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494 Set-up 4:30, Event from 5:00-7:00ish	All
May 16-18	CMA SE Texas State Rally in Kerrville, TX - online pre-registration at CMASETX.COM. Click on Volunteer / Registration.	Bill
May 18	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Taco Cabana (24611 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 7 pm	ALL
May 25	Texas Full Moon Ride – meet at First National Bank parking Lot, Alvin, TX 77511 at 6pm KSU 6:30pm (see description and future dates below).	
June 1	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting Fellowship Ride	Bill Dirk
June 11	Cycle Gear Bike Night – 24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494 Set-up 4:30, Event from 5:00-7:00ish	All
June 15	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Taco Cabana (24611 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 7 pm	ALL
Jun 19-23	CMA National Rally, Iron Mountain, Hatfield, AR	TBD
June 22	Texas Full Moon Ride – meet at First National Bank parking Lot, Alvin, TX 77511 at 6pm KSU 6:30pm (see description and future dates below).	
Jun 29	5th Saturday Church Ride – Church TBD	TBD
July 4	Fellowship Opportunity – CMA Highway Servants – meet in Bellville then ride to Anderson County Courthouse for a photo then to “Kenny Restaurant”. Time TBD	???
July 6	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting Fellowship Ride	Bill Dirk
July 9	Cycle Gear Bike Night – 24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494 Set-up 4:30, Event from 5:00-7:00ish	All
July 20	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Taco Cabana (24611 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 7 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
Any member can attend.
Please contact an officer if there is something you want added to the agenda.

Other Ministry Opportunities:

Montrose Street Reach
1110 Lovett Blvd., Houston, TX 77006
<http://www.montrosetreatch.org/> – Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm
contact: Joe Williams, Martin & Kim Dale
281.682.4379
713.252.1744

Texas Full Moon Ride – meet for a leisurely ride down the backroads of Brazoria County. Usually ends up on Blue Water Highway and if the timing is right, you can watch the full (or nearly full) moon rise over the gulf. A restaurant is normally found along the way.

Jan-27, Feb-2024, Mar-23, Apr-20, May-25, Jun-22, Jul-20, Aug-17, Sep-14, Oct-19, Nov-16, Dec-14

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

For more events that you may be interested in attending you can go to:

https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle_events/TEXAS

CMA Guardian Riders
Meets at Rudy's BBQ in Richmond -- Third Saturday Monthly / 8:30am
Rudy's is located at
20500 Southwest Fwy.
Richmond, TX 77469

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

