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Changing the world, one heart at a time.

Unity

As Christians we are to be united in one thing; our personal relationship with Jesus. That is where our salvation comes from, and salvation is the most important thing. We have received this gift from God to be His holy people, "chosen before the creation of the world," to spend eternity with Him. **(Eph. 1:4)**

The religious aspect of Christianity is practiced in many different ways because people are part of God's wonderful variety. Cheryl and I spent some time in Uganda on a mission trip to orphanages. The church we attended in the jungle worshipped in ways I would not have imagined. They glorified God in their own way. All praise, glory, and honor were to God alone. I can accept their religion even if it is not the way I am comfortable with, or the way I do it, because we are united in the main thing. We both have a personal relationship with Jesus. Here in the states, there are many distinctive styles of worship service. Some of which I am not completely comfortable with. I do not condemn any of them because it is between them and God. I believe CMA, being a world-wide organization, feels the same. If we always go back to what unites us, when a disputable matter comes up, we will remain united. How I interpret the end of times may vary from what you were taught. Jesus said, "about the day and the hour no one knows...but only the Father." **(Matt. 24:36)** That includes you and me. We can debate many things, but if no one knows, it seems pointless. Instead, why don't we focus on our individual relationships with Jesus and the things He told us to do. To go and tell others about Jesus and show them how our lives are different since we became His followers. Offer them what we have been graciously given. Jesus offers each of us a new way to bear the weight of humanity. He will share

our burdens (yoke) as we learn the lifestyle He teaches. **(Matt. 11:28-30)**

In Eph. 2, I see that Jesus created unity when He reconciled hostility through the cross. In Eph. 4, I see that we are to make every effort to keep the unity of the Holy Spirit through the bond of peace. Jesus is our bond of peace. Sometimes I get caught up in my choices and there is often confusion as to what those choices are. I cannot choose to have unity, I cannot create it, it was created by God and exists despite my will; all I can choose is whether to be a part of it. This principle seems to be true for all God creates. Take the marriage vow for example. It binds a man and a woman together by the will of God. Once it is made, I cannot choose whether it exists. All I can choose is whether to honor it. It is comforting to know that I cannot change anything God binds together. What I can do is allow God to change me so I can participate in what He is doing.



Bill Jones
President, GodSpeed Riders
CMA Chapter 1295

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Chaplain's Corner

An article that impacted me; Older Each Day but Closer to Brand New By Daryl Wingerd

I'm thankful to God that I am in fairly good health and still physically active at age 60, but even so, things just don't work like they used to. My eyesight, for example, as a 20-year-old, was 20/20, but by my mid-forties I needed prescription eyeglasses which have now become a regular fixture on my face. Physically, I simply can't do some of the things I was able to do in my younger years, and each day I am reminded that my body is slowing down and will one day fail completely. Whether sooner or later, whether suddenly or gradually, one day in the not-too-distant future will be this old body's last day.

Sound discouraging? Not at all! It brings me great joy to remember that the body I live in now is not designed to live forever. In fact, if the perpetual extension of my present existence were what I hoped in-if my experience of eternal life were to be found in *this* body living in *this* world-my "hope" would surely produce the most profound sort of discouragement.

Please don't misunderstand; I am not eager to die. I love my life in this body and in this world. But I can only love it enthusiastically and joyfully because of the comparison with what I truly hope in-being made brand new once what is growing older each day finally fails. And I can only have that hope because of Jesus Christ, who died for my sins and rose again to give me and all true believers the confident hope of our own bodily resurrection one day when He returns to take us to our everlasting home.

This is the Christian's true hope, the resurrection of the body to eternal life in "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet. 3:13). As Paul wrote to the Romans, "we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved" (Rom. 8: 23-24

Earlier in the same chapter Paul had written this: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18). To the local church in Corinth he wrote: "Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (2Cor.4:16-17).

Paul wrote this to the church in Corinth about the resurrection of the body: I tell you this, brothers; flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the imperishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Cor. 15:50-54)

Based on his confident hope of this glorious reality, and far from loving his present life in any ultimate sense, Paul described his own personal preference like this: "We

know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:6-8).

Christian, live your present life in light of the reality of your own mortality, the certainty that this life is not where your reward will be experienced, and the corresponding futility of pursuing ultimate satisfaction in things found only on this side of the grave. Consider three ways in which you should love this life while hoping in the next:

* Live your life faithfully for Christ, never allowing earthly pursuits to overshadow heavenly ones in terms of the use of your talents, the allocation of your time, and the distribution of your resources.

* Don't allow yourself to be overcome by the folly of storing up treasure here rather than in heaven. Like your mortal body, your earthly wealth will not follow you into God's eternal kingdom.

* Do your best to stay healthy and physically fit, but don't idolize health or fitness. Apart from the Lord's glorious return, you can only be made brand new after your present body fails.



**Love in Jesus
Mary Lou McAtee
Your Chaplain**

Run for the Son Ministries Make a Difference

Run for the Son ministries give us an opportunity to LOVE fellow Christians around the world, to support the persecuted church members in their darkest hour through action as we partner with Global Christian Relief.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Excerpt from Dr. David Curry, President & CEO of GCR:

I recently met with Christians in Nigeria who had lost everything at the hands of Boko Haram, Fulani extremists and other terrorists—everything, that is, but their unwavering faith in Jesus. David shares Suzanne's story. Suzanne steadfastly clings to Christ's promise of eternal life for her persecutors, even as she lost her father and very nearly her own life. **Despite losing her sight, she keeps her eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and His mercies, which are made new each day.**

When we ask whether she has been able to forgive her persecutors and her father's killers, a joyful smile lights up her face. She passionately shares: "In ignorance he committed his actions, Oh God, forgive them." This grace and forgiveness stem from Jesus's command to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Suzanne takes this call seriously. If confronted again by the Boko Haram terrorist who shot her and destroyed her sight, she insists she would "welcome him and give him a place to sit. I'll give him water to drink. We'll eat together and pray."

This radical, counterintuitive love mystifies many. But for Suzanne, it simply emulates Christ, "who was killed and died for our sins." Forgiveness amidst unspeakable suffering makes no earthly sense to nonbelievers. To them, it is utterly illogical—foolish even. Yet Suzanne holds tightly to this gospel paradox, defiantly proclaiming, "my faith is still unwavering."

I am humbled when I consider my brothers and sisters in Christ who live in hostile countries

being actively persecuted for their faith. They face daily challenges, meeting essential needs, as well as protection for their lives and the lives of their families.

GCR consistently shares amazing stories of faith and perseverance as Christians around the world hold on to Jesus. Any "problem" that I may have considered as I live in my comfortable home becomes insignificant in comparison. I am encouraged by their testimony and witness. The part we do to support them through RFS truly makes a difference.



Cheryl Jones
Run for the Son Lead

Run for the Son

Upcoming Events:

- *June 19th – 23rd: National Rally Silent Auction
- *July 23rd: Tuesday Night "BJ's Dine to Donate"
- *August 20th: Tuesday Night "Angelo's Pizza Dine to Donate"
- *Sept. 24th: Tuesday Community Night at Webster's Chicken N Pickle
- *October 1st Tamale Sale: Orders 1st – 22nd / Tamale P/U on 22nd
- *End of October / Early November: Bay Area Houston Food Lover's Card
- *November 23rd: Second Annual Turkey Run / Partnering with SJHD



Suzanne's Eyes Are on Jesus

A Warm Welcome To New Road Captain Robert Nona

Road Captain's Tip

This newsletter's tip is about tires. It's that time of year, the sun's out and bikes are out. One thing we should always check before our ride is tire pressure, especially after they have been sitting for a while. Sitting tires lose pressure which can be as little as two to three pounds up to twenty pounds or more. Routine tire pressure checks can prevent cupping, uneven tire wear, and blowouts in the worst-case scenario.

DOT TIRE DATES is one of the things not mentioned or talked about a lot. DOT dates are a four number stamp on the side of the tire that indicates the month and year the tire was manufactured. Some of you may or may not know the industry rule for good motorcycle tires is five years from the manufactured date, after that they should be replaced for safety reasons due to the rubber compounds hardening over time. Hard rubber compounds can cause a tire to split or blow out. Some people ride a lot and wear their tires out long before they hit the five-year mark. Others only ride a little and look at their tires and say,

"Tread still looks good; therefore, tires are good." Unfortunately, when tires are five, six, seven or more years old—in this heat, looks are deceiving. Aged tires can randomly blow out due to age deterioration. I encourage everyone to check their tire pressure regularly and be aware of the manufacturing date of their tires to change them as needed. Stay safe, keep the dirty side down, and the rubber on the ground.



Sincerely
Your Road Captain
Robert Nona

Musings from an Old Biker

My daily Bible reading is presently in the book of Revelation, which is the revelation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the churches on what is to happen in the future, from the time He

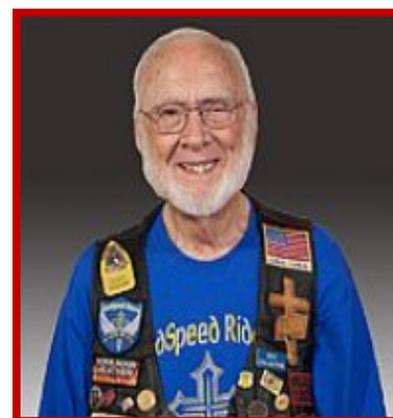
revealed it to His apostle John.

It is SO relevant today! In my short 87 years, I have been astounded at how fast the Lord is preparing the world for the last days that He revealed in the book of Revelation and in the Old Testament prophets Isaiah and Daniel.

Take a little time to read these, if the Lord guides you to do so. It's amazing how, when we look around today, we see how things in this country and around the world are being prepared for those last days times the Bible tells us about.

Our duty, in these times, is to show Jesus in our hearts and lives to those around us, in our families, our friends, and even to everyone we meet and deal with, each day that our Lord delays.

God bless you as you do so!!



Stacy Huggins
GSR Member

Moto GP A Little History

Dawn & Robert Nona Share Their Experience

MotoGP, short for **Grand Prix motorcycle racing**, is the premier class of motorcycle road racing events held on road circuits sanctioned by the **Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM)**. It represents the highest level of motorcycle racing and features purpose-built racing machines that are not available for purchase by the general public nor legal for road use. The MotoGP class was introduced in 2002, evolving from the original 500cc category that began in 1949. The championship is the oldest established motorsport world championship, and it includes multiple classes: MotoGP, Moto2, Moto3, and the electric motorcycle class MotoE.

The season typically spans from March to November, with around 19 races taking place across various countries. Riders compete for points in each race, with the top 15 finishers earning points towards the championship standings. The winner of a race receives 25 points, while the second and third place finishers get 20 and 16 points, respectively, down to the 15th finisher who earns one point. The rider and team with the most points at the end of the season are declared the World Champions.

MotoGP is known for its high speeds, advanced technology, and the skill required to navigate challenging tracks at competitive paces. It's a global platform where skilled riders showcase their abilities on high-performance motorcycles.

Southeast Texas CMA Blessed 786 Bikes in 3 Days
GodSpeed Riders, Christ Riders and Righteous Riders served at the Austin MOTO GP on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (April 12th – 14th)

Robert and Dawn Nona represented GodSpeed Riders. Dawn attended three days serving riders by checking their gear in and out. She gave riders confidence with a smile that all their belongings would be taken care of with no worries. Dawn really enjoyed meeting lots of new people at the event and fellowshiping with other CMA members. Robert was able to surprise Dawn by joining the event on Sunday. He also enjoyed meeting people from around the world (Spain, South America and Europe) and found them to be very cordial and friendly. Robert was able to bless 50 bikes that morning. He was proud to see that our CMA organization had everything organized so well that it ran smoothly and efficiently. Robert was amazed at how much fun he had by sharing God's love through working together. He was pumped to be able to participate. Robert and Dawn highly recommend that other CMA members attend a future MOTO GP. It's a time of service and blessing for all.



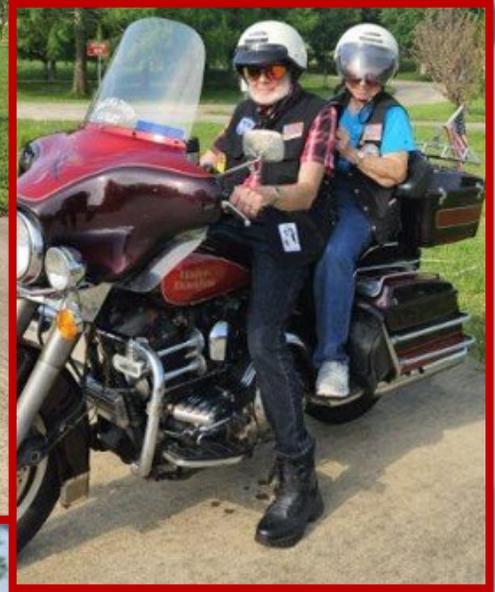
GodSpeed Riders: Women's Way Out Ride 4-27-24



The Way Out Women's Center in Houston, Texas provides a safe and caring environment for women seeking to detox from alcohol and drugs.



May 4th Run for the Son Celebration—The Ride



Run for the Son Celebration: The Meal & Fellowship



A Huge Thanks to the Taylor Family for reserving the Pavilion for us.

Run for the Son Celebration: The Meal & Fellowship



State Rally in Kerrville, Texas



Chapter Visit with Victoria's Gulf Coast Riders

Robert Nona led our ride to Victoria, Texas to attend Gulf Coast Rider's Chapter Meeting. Five GodSpeed Riders, five Christ Riders & two visitors attended.



Left: Ben Garza, Gulf Coast VP, shared “The Bug Run” an upcoming planned Run for the Son Fundraiser.

Below: David Reed, Gulf Coast Chaplain, shared a powerful testimony about God’s salvation in the midst of a prison hospice ward.



GodSpeed Riders' June Monthly Chapter Ride



Christian Owned and Operated. Serving the community of Victoria.



Praying for Jennifer, Water Well Café's Owner



GodSpeed Riders' Noah's Outreach



Many blessings were realized at Noah's on Sunday, 9-9-24

We prayed with several folks and blessed multiple bikes.

Two different Christian organizations were there also reaching out for Jesus; Savage for Christ & the Circuit Riders.

God is definitely moving!

Danny Taylor 6-16
 Forrest Page 7-7
 Bill Jones 7-10
 Cheryl Jones 7-17
 Ann Huggins & Gene Stevens 7-23
 Laura Stepp 8-10
 Danny Taylor JR 8-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Dawn Nona 6-15
 Aaron & Glenda Laney 6-21
 Bill & Cheryl Jones 8-4
 Gene & Sheryl Stevens 8-4
 Greg & Rhonda Emerson 8-5
 David & Lora Graziosi 8-22



Yay,! Nicole Graziosi, "Pistol", is learning to ride!



2024 NATIONAL RALLY
06/19/2024 - 06/23/2024

Iron Mountain
Mena, AR 71953

Come join us on Iron Mountain as we celebrate what God has done through this year's Run for the Son efforts, present donations to our Ministry Partners, and become refreshed by the teaching/preaching of God's Word for our lives in this time.

UPCOMING BIKER EVENTS
Monthly Event Sequence Listed Below

Monthly Chapter Meeting
(1st Tuesday of Every Month)
 Chicken N Pickle Restaurant
 6 PM to Eat, 7 – 8 PM to Meet

Monthly Chapter Ride
(Saturday Following Chapter Meeting)
 Ride Details TBD by Robert Nona

Noah's
(2nd Sunday of Every Month)
 12:30 – 3:30PM

San Jacinto Harley Davidson
(3rd Saturday of Every Month)
 10AM-2PM

GSR Monthly Devotional
(4th Sunday of Every Month)
 Taylor's Home 6—8 PM

Officer Meeting
(4th Thursday of Every Month)
 Rudy's "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q,
 6 PM to Eat, 7 – 8 PM to Meet

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THE MINISTRY OF CMA

THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION

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



Mission:

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

CMA Run for the Son:

CMA's Run for the Son started as an effort to provide one motorcycle to a pastor in Guatemala. From that simple beginning Run for the Son has now provided transportation to more than 13,900 pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers around the world.

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