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### Family

As member of the CMA, we like to consider ourselves as a family, where we can gather together in harmony and happiness, sharing our thoughts and concerns along with our problems. In all actuality it is no different than our own families. We constantly worry about our health, our finances, our children, spouses and parents, and oh OK, our brothers and sisters also. And let's not forget the grandchildren. We are always concerned about our children, we worry about their health, their education, their social lives, their relationship with God and just about everything in their lives. We will try to do our best to help them along, offering them guidance due to our experiences in life even to the point that we will sacrifice almost anything to help them.

The CMA family should not be any different. Our concerns must not stop with just the members of the CMA family but must extend beyond the safety net. Yes, our concerns should be for our family, we must share in their joys and praises along with their aches and pains of life. We must extend this help to all people, for as the saying goes "the more the merrier", and also wouldn't you feel better if a lot of people were praying for you instead of only a few? If you think about it we are concerned for ourselves and the lost in the secular world. We want them to feel the joy and power that the love of Jesus Christ can offer.

We worry about our immediate families, our CMA brothers and sisters, those in the secular world and if at a rally, several thousands of others. Now if you think about it, that may seem to be a lot, but if we are the children of God, are we not part of the bigger family? Can you imagine the concerns and joy that God has to deal with every single day? millions, no billions of people. He listens to our prayers, our pleas, our troubles, and he is constantly watching and guiding us along the way. God so much wants everyone to be in his family that he made the ultimate sacrifice, sending His only son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins. Not just for the sins of Christians but for all people. Isn't it wonderful to have a Father's that loves us so much to consider us his children?

In Romans 8:17 it says, "and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. It so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." What more gift of inheritance can you ask for and you know what? There is enough for everyone. So lets spread the wealth of Jesus Christ.

Mitch Collings  
Chaplain

### In Memory



We mourn the passing of Leisha "Biskit" Barke. Leisha and John are members of the local Grim Reapers MC. Over the last few years we have come to know Leisha and John as they have battled her cancer. Several of our members have become especially close and have shared her pain and struggles. Her strength and resilience have become a model for all of us when faced with difficult times and situations.

While we grieve for Leisha we can find assurance and hope in the fact that Leisha had come to terms with her illness and was at peace with the Lord. May each one of us have that assurance of eternal life with our God. Please keep John, Leisha's family and each member of their Grim Reapers family in your prayers.

### "Spyders Web"

As I set down to write this month I realized that I will be participating in the 3-DAY cancer walk and will miss our Aug. meeting. I feel I must share with you why I continue to do this crazy thing. Walking 60 miles in 3 days!

In preparing for this lunacy I get to share what God has done for me and during the actual event I get to share God with a number of people that I more than likely will never see again this side of Heaven, sowing seeds...sometimes I actually get to water a seed that has already been sown ...we cry a lot while we walk, watering the soil of God's garden...sharing our stories or just listening to others. I have yet to harvest a "seed", God will know when I'm ready. I pray He will bring me there in His time.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer I had no idea God would use it as a way of witnessing to other women. I have never been much on sharing personal things, but as I started answering peoples questions about what happened I realized God had a plan. Imagine that! He was going to use ME. He has slowly but surely ushered me to a place where He has become the center of the conversation and it's not about me. Somewhere along the way I have began to realize what it was all about. It's the sharing of His grace.

When I talk about what happened to me with someone there always seems to be another person waiting in the wings that wants to talk about this or that person who has or has had cancer. This occurred today as we were getting ready to start our monthly fellowship ride. I went over to introduce myself and welcome a new face to the ride and we started talking about the "Pink" thing (you all know I'm a pink freak) and sharing about the "Big C" and how it had affected our lives. At the first stop of the day this same lady brought another lady over, introduced her and said she's had cancer too. We were off and running. Her telling me her story and me telling her mine. I pray that God will use those words as seed. How God uses those "seed" conversations I may never know, all I can do is thank Him and praise Him daily for the opportunities to sow and ask that those seed fall on fertile ground so that maybe one of you can water them for the God's glory. Now I love sharing how He has placed His blessed healing on me.

In His service  
Spyder

### Prayer Requests:

Jimmy Kimbler family, Jimmy worked at Cox Interior and passed away.

Dana Bowles, Randy and Sarah Davis.

Linda Hayes as she walks 60 miles for breast cancer research.

"Little John" Barke and his children and extended family as they deal with the loss of "Biskit".

"Pinhead" and Rhonda from Bridge to Faith MC as they recover from a motorcycle accident.

Lisa Graham who is comatose in U of L Hospital.

Bobby and Mary Clark as they recover from a motorcycle accident.

The family of Chris and Debbie Wallace, Area Reps in western KY, their granddaughter passed away in FL.

All of our local, state and national CMA brothers and sisters.

Our chapter as we continue to try to reach out to the community around us.

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### What makes your home different from your neighbors?

Sometimes people become dismayed when our daily walk doesn't show that the God we serve causes us to be different. We must choose a lifestyle that sets us apart from the world and tells them we have a relationship with our God. We are to actively pursue living holy lives. We are set apart by God for His purposes and everything we do reflects on Him. On a daily basis we need to let go of the things that distract us from the Lord.

Our lost brethren in the biker world often speak of freedom. To some of them this simply means the right to rebel against God. We need to show them a freedom that leads to peace from God. Show them that a life yielded to God results in the joy of having peace that can be found nowhere else. We can do this through the great power from God that shows we are alive in Jesus.

I suppose that most of us would like to "take shortcuts" when it comes to living a set apart life. Sometime we might ask, "how can I just get by as a Christian"? Joshua 24 calls for the people to choose whom they will serve. There is a patch that says "As for me and my bike we will serve the Lord". Let's all be active in being in the world but not of the world. God asks us all to live differently from the world, how we respond is up to each of us. Let's choose to live so that anyone can answer the opening question with responses that says God lives in them.

PS Just so you don't get the idea I am a great thinker, this article came from our Sunday School lesson this week. I must give credit where it is due but it touched my heart and I just felt the need to share these thoughts. I hope and pray someone besides me needed this.

Dan Hayes  
President

### Upcoming Events:

August 23-24 Biker Weekend at Shelby Christian Church.

August 24 10:00 a.m. Chapter visitation to New Life Church.

September 6 Benefit Ride in Greensburg.

September 7 1:30 p.m. Chapter fellowship ride leaving from Carol's Minit Mart.

**September 11 7:00 p.m. Chapter Meeting.**

September 12-14 CMA Kentucky State Rally at Camp Loucon.

September 14-17 Rick Gauge Crusade at Taylor County High.

September 26-28 Harley Drags in Bowling Green, KY

October 11, Car and Motorcycle Show for Relay for Life at Cox Interior, Inc.

October 18, Bike Field Day at park in Greensburg, KY.

### Chapter Notes:

It has been said that you would not know of the good times, unless you also had some bad times to go through.

I am reminded of that when looking at the events of the past month. We lost a friend and example this month with the passing of "Biskit". We have had friends and acquaintances like "Pinhead", Rhonda, Bobby and Mary get injured in accidents. Some of our associates have had personal and professional problems. But through it all, we have been able to rely and count on each other and God to help us with the bad times.

As a chapter we really have had a good month. This month we have seen Joe, Keith and Jamie earn their back patches. Joe completed the Prayer ministry, Keith took the Mechanical ministry course and Jamie got her patch in the Hospitality ministry. Lisa, Jon and Tommie are our newest members who have joined CMA and are working on completing their ministry team material. Tommie and Jon are bringing new areas of ministry to our chapter as Jon is taking the Music ministry material and Tommie is taking the Youth ministry. Lisa brings her skills as a registered nurse to our chapter with the First Aid ministry.

We have seen good growth in our chapter. And the growth is not just the numbers. Each and every one of these people has a definite heart for service and concern for the kingdom of God and the work of CMA.

We have had a great month with our activities also. This month we recorded 17 different activities we were involved in. Our bike nights continue to attract new friends each week. Our chapter received its third award for the largest group on a ride. We had a wonderful turnout for our fellowship ride to Lure Lodge with about 26 bikes and 40 or so people riding together on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We assisted with the Green River Lake worship services on August 3 as we turned out on our bikes and shared the Lord in testimony, song and devotion. We started our church visitation program by turning out at Saloma Baptist Church. Our August meeting had 5 visitors and we hope they have a desire to return. We also have spoken with two people interested in visiting our chapter after viewing the CMA website.

We continue pray for other's that are considering joining our chapter and CMA and ask God to show them the calling he has for them.

### Witnessing....

Our witness to the world is how we show the kind of people we are. We are to be an example to those around us of the love that Jesus has for everyone. We should always be aware of witnessing opportunities that are around us every day. Here is a story as I understand it.

Recently a storm moved through our area and took down a couple of trees. Obviously these trees needed to be worked up and gotten rid of. Members Darrell Smith, Keith Morris and Tommie Watkins got together to take care of the problem. You need to remember that this was in July on one of the hottest days we had experienced so far. These guys got together along with Justin Smith, Darrell's son and Micah Watkins, Tommie's son, and worked together to get rid of the downfall.

Not only did they get the trees taken care of, they split and delivered the wood to a less fortunate neighbor that burns wood in the winter for heat.

The lady was very appreciative of their efforts and made a very heartfelt attempt to compensate them for the wood they delivered. These guys would have none of that, despite her persistence.

These men had no intention of doing this work for rewards for themselves or for the chapter. They did this work with the sole purpose of helping someone else.

**That is the heart of witnessing.**

Richard Durham

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