



And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. [Luke 14:22-24](#)

SPYDERS WEB

"...I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY ,JOY,JOY DOWN IN MY HEART..."

Ring any bells with anyone? As I begin to put this together for the newsletter the word Joy kept coming to mind. I went to Webster's dictionary and there "joy" is defined as a feeling of great delight or happiness. I also went to the Bible and boy, are there a lot of references to joy in the Word. There must be something said for this thing called joy! The first thing I thought of to describe joy was the euphoric feeling we get when something good happens. You know, such as purchasing a motorcycle. Then I thought about joy in God's word. The origin of our joy should be in Christ. He is our salvation and that is our greatest joy. There should be joy in discovering our Lord in every circumstance where we wish to find Him. God wants us to discover Him even in difficult situations. He will restore our joy when we rely on Him. Joy results in discovering the power, purpose and presence of God in everything we do. God is the giver of true joy!

We may lose our joy when:
 our output exceeds our intake....are you serving more than you are seeking
 our talk exceeds our walk..... have your mouth and heart parted company
 we become exhausted...our defenses are down
 we feel alone...do you feel you are the only spiritual person you know

When was the last time your heart was so full of joy that it felt like it was going to explode out of your chest and words would not come but tears did? If you have lost your joy get back into the presence of God,... He is still there. Right Where You Left Him! You give me great joy just knowing and fellowshiping with you!

In His service,
 Spyder



INDEPENDENCE AND DEPENDENCE

This month we celebrated our nation's independence from Great Britain. America was settled by people looking for greater freedom and opportunities. They did not want to be dependant on other countries and sought their independence. Thereby setting in motion the creation of this great nation.

I think most bikers have a similar mentality. We by nature, seem to want to buck the system. To not be dependent upon someone else. It does take a certain personality to enjoy straddling an engine that is doing everything it can to explode under you while you are traveling down the road with absolutely no protection between you and all the other vehicles on the road. Hair in the wind, bugs in the teeth, all that stuff.

The truth is we actually are more dependant than we may like to think. I can't imagine not being able to count on my family, church, chapter and God in my life. You may not like to think of it as being dependant but in a sense it is exactly that. Sure there are times when people let you down, or the church doesn't vote the way you want or even your chapter events might not happen the way you want them to. You might feel that you have been let down.

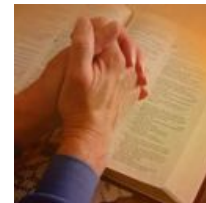
But try to imagine what it would be like to be so fiercely independent that you isolate yourself from everything. That would be a degree of loneliness that would be nearly unbearable.

There are so many people that I am dependent upon. My family, friends, my chapter, my church and most importantly my God. I don't consider this to be a weakness. I consider each and every one of them as a blessing.

So take a moment and look at your life and the things you are dependant upon and celebrate them. Thank God for the strength of fellowship that brings the closeness that you can enjoy and be dependant on.

I hope and pray that I can be the type of brother, friend, leader and Christian that others can be dependent on.

Richard Durham
 VP



Prayer Requests

- Sandra Baily.**
- Lisha Barke.**
- Ethan, Brandon, Jacob.**
- Kimmy Brown.**
- Ben Wilhoite.**
- Donna Smith family.**
- Mitch Collings mother.**
- Micah Watkins.**

Dan and Mitch at Little Sturgis.
All of our CMA brothers and sisters at Little Sturgis.

The family of Ryan Shipp who died in a bike accident.

Our local, state and national leaders in CMA.
Those considering joining in the ministry of CMA.

Upcoming events:

- Little Sturgis July 17-20**
- July 26 Wings of Pink Benefit**
- July 27 Church visit to Saloma Baptist**
- Aug 2 VR camping at Green River Lake**
- Aug 3 9:00 a.m. VR services at Lake**
- August 10 Fellowship Ride to Lure Lodge**
- August 14 Chapter Meeting**

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Vision Riders



Who Is Coming to Jesus Because of Me?

The following is a paraphrase of our Sunday School lesson last week. It struck a chord with me and I wanted to share it with you.

Have you ever been stuck in an elevator or locked in a room or just been someplace you could not get out of? If you have then you know it can be at least frustrating if not out and out frightening.

In John 11:44 after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the grave he told the people to set him free by getting the grave clothes off him.

In the same sense that is what Jesus does for us today. The sad thing is that too many of us have received eternal life but are living as if we don't know that Jesus has freed us. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we are given eternal life and our future in heaven is sealed. Eternal life-freedom- begins the moment we say yes to Christ. Knowing we are free gives us the power to make a difference in the world (changing the world one heart at a time).

I have said that to ask a question that each of us that are Christians must ask. *Who is coming to Jesus because of me?* Once we know Jesus as our Savior and Lord we are alive in Him, freed from the powers of sin to testify for Him. God cares when we are stuck or trapped. He cared enough to send Jesus to free us from the darkness both now and forever. When we are freed we need to live so that others will see us attached to Jesus. When that happens others will want our freedom.

Again we need to ask Who is coming to Jesus because of me?

Dan Hayes
President

Chapter Notes:

It has been a busy season so far. Our chapter has continued to grow and we are proud to welcome Jamie, Keith and Joe as our newest members. We also thank God for the interest that others have expressed about joining the ministry work of CMA. Our chapter has been a presence at many events so far this season. We had our first RFS this year. We have been interviewed on the local university channel about our work in the community, had two radio interviews. Every weekend has presented opportunities for the Vision Riders to be active in or provide assistance with bike rides. We assisted in providing the bike blessing service for Campbellsville Baptist Church for the second year. We look forward to working with this church for many years ahead. Our weekly bike nights on Tuesday at the Broadway Subway in Campbellsville and the Subway in Greensburg continue to grow and we get to meet new people every week. Our monthly meetings are growing with our new members as well as our visitors. Our monthly fellowship ride on the Sunday before our monthly meeting also continues to be a great way to fellowship and meet new people. We also had a wonderful time at Dan and Linda's house where we enjoyed great fellowship, great food and the chance to watch the Jesus film outdoors. We also had the chance to assist the Vette City Disciples this year at the Harley Drags by setting up a new hospitality area.

Nearly every event we sponsor continues to attract new people and friends. None of this would have been possible without the team effort of each and every member of our chapter. We also want to thank our fellow chapters in Etown and Bowling Green for their support. But most of all we want to thank God for his guidance and blessings.

Each and every one of these events has been a blessing and has enriched my own spiritual life. If you haven't had the chance to be a part of these events you are missing one of the greatest rewards in your Christian walk.

So attend and support as many activities of the chapter as you can and you will be blessed.

Richard Durham

New Newsletter Articles:

Next month we will be starting two new monthly articles. We will begin discussing sections of the CMA handbook. We will also have a section discussing our individual witnessing opportunities.

In the HEAT of the ride!!

Here it is, the sweltering heat and humidity of the summer. And for the next ten to twelve weeks it is only getting worse. But we can deal with it. We do every year. But we need to take a few precautions while we enjoy the pleasure the Lord has given us all.

One is to maintain proper hydration by drinking plenty of fluids. Some fluids are more beneficial than others and we need to keep this mind while we are out riding. Soft drinks are always a big hit while they are less beneficial than other options. The caffeine, sweeteners and artificial flavoring in soft drinks seem to leave us somewhat thirsty or make us get thirsty quicker than other drinks available. Not the best choice. Fortified drinks such as Gatorade or Powerade are a good option in the respect that they replenish nutrients that we lose when we sweat. But be careful when choosing and don't confuse a fortified drink with an energy drink such as Full Throttle. These energy drinks can almost be dangerous. They are loaded with caffeine and give you an elevated state of alertness for a while and then let your body crash, making you feel extremely weak. Luckily we are geographically located so that we always seem to have a source of sweet iced tea or lemonade. These liquid refreshments seem to always be good choice as well as a glass or bottle of cold water.

So keep yourself hydrated and keep an eye on those you are riding with. If you don't know the signs of heat stress or a heat stroke, learn them. Your local health department should have some literature and they might even be able to hook you up with a class for identifying and treating heat related crisis. Another option is looking online at websites such as webmd.com.

So ride safe, have fun and thank the Lord for every opportunity he gives you to ride and share his love.

Darrell Smith
Road Captain

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