



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Warmer weather is here, which is somewhat of an understatement with the 100-degree plus temperatures we have endured. With that kind of heat, some of us have taken off our vests to help keep cooler. The first one to come up with a way to air-condition a motorcycle has the potential to be a rich person.

The service our chapter conducted at Green River Lake went well. The tarps erected to keep the sun off helped quite a bit. The attendance from campers was more than we have had in the past. Look for pictures elsewhere in this issue.

The second chance poker run in Lebanon got cancelled due to rain. However, some of those that turned out for that event put their time to good use and showed up at the now sold home of Vann and Valarie Lantz. Since they just sold the home, they were loading their remaining possessions on a truck to haul to their new home in Alabama. With the help packing and loading, it eased the workload for the frazzled movers. The sale of the house takes a big load off of Vann and Valarie's minds and now they can proceed to develop their new home without that burden. Many prayers were answered on that sale. Although we all miss Vann and Valarie, their new chapter will benefit from what they have to offer. Vann has accepted the position as Chaplin there.

We had a pleasant surprise at a recent Bike Night at the Subway on Broadway. Mike Fenwick showed up and we were glad to see him. Mike's health has kept him from getting out and we haven't seen him in a while. Let's pray that he can get out even more.

The Summerville event came with nice weather and lots of bikes for the bike show and contest. Both Angie and Phillip won awards for their bikes. For those of you that didn't make it, you missed a nice Saturday morning and afternoon.

Chaplain's Chat



Is it hot enough for everyone? I know that the weather has slowed us down some. But there is always a brighter day.

I like the name "Vision Riders." It has great meaning. We must keep the vision, in sight, of telling other bikers about Christ, that need to hear the Word. Some may say: "I'm just a little person, how could I possibly make a difference?"

I'm reminded of a missionary that had a vision but he didn't think he really was the one to get the job done. After going to Africa many years ago, he was amazed how God used him. He later said: "I didn't know that God could take a little man like me and work such a miracle in Africa." He won countless numbers of people to Christ. He had a vision.

We as "Vision Riders" have a job to do, so say: "Here am I Lord, use me." You might be amazed to what the Lord can do with you if you give it your best. I'm proud of our chapter. I believe we have a lot of devoted people. "Let's keep up the good work."

Your Brother In Christ,
Herbie Goff (Phil 4:13)

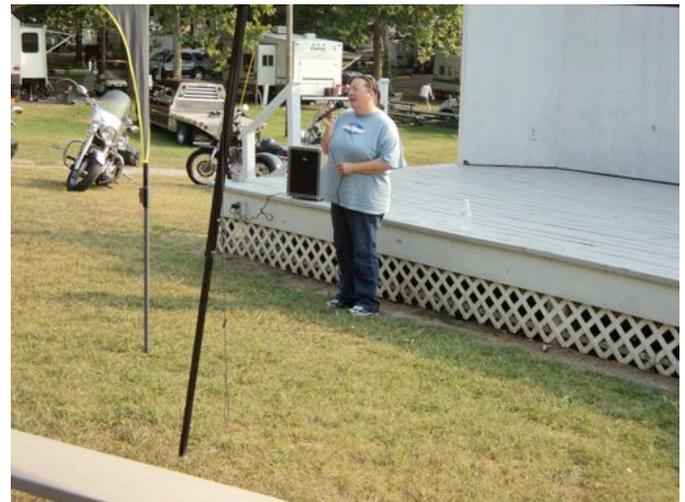
Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

Laura Thompson	7/5
June Humphrey	7/8
Barry Parker	7/15
Cory Watkins	7/24
Judy Fenwick	7/26
Mike Fenwick	7/30

August

Jodie Cooper	8/4
Gordon Judd	8/9
Joe Denny Roberts	8/13
Vann Lantz	8/24
Tommy Cundiff	8/30
Shane & Doris Moore	8/15



Angie praises the Lord in song at the Green River Lake service.

The President's Corner



Committed

Is this something you need to be or something that needs to be done to you?

Over the past few years I thought this was something I needed to be. As I studied my Bible, read books, and listened to sermons it seemed to me that this was what I was called to be. When Jesus chose his disciples he said: "come and follow me," this was a commitment. It meant to be willing to leave all that was comfortable in their lives and take up a new way of life. This new way of life was one of uncertainty, no regular pay, nor regular meals, no regular sleeping quarters, etc. This meant for the people that truly followed Jesus it was more than just lip service. It was a commitment.

Jesus even told them and us to "daily take up our cross and follow Him." He didn't say it would be a bed of roses, or that if we truly followed Him then our life would be calm and peaceful. Look at His life — how much pain did He have to endure for his beliefs? His disciples — have you ever thought about what happened to them? Most if not all of them died in horrible ways.

When talking about our daily cross, could it be that our cross is the CMA back patch we wear? If this is true then we should never put this on without willingness to live a life that glorifies God and puts His ways before our wants. This cross/back patch once put on should not be thought of as just a piece of clothing. It is something that once we are noticed for it, then it is what we are expected to be from then on.

Paul who was the most vocal & prolific of the apostles, led a life of being tortured, was put in prison, was beaten, stoned, and other uncomfortable things. He told the first century followers of Jesus in 2 Timothy 3:12 that "all who desire to live godly in Jesus Christ will be persecuted." He did not say some, he said all who want to live godly in Jesus will be persecuted.

Does that mean that if we are or have not been persecuted that we are not trying to live godly in Jesus? Each of us has to answer that in our own hearts. But what I do think may be the truth, is that if we are willing to commit our life to Jesus then we must be willing to be committed, (i.e. put away or persecuted).

In his love, Dan

Handbook Highlights

Biker's Sunday

Biker's Sunday: A church service where bikers are invited to attend.

Three common purposes of a Biker's Sunday are:

- Show support to the local church
- Provide a setting where biker friends can be invited to church
- Promote Run for the Son

Road Captain



Changes in Circumstances

Is it just me or does anyone else feel that we have been going thru a change in our chapter? As a chapter we have faced a lot of difficult circumstances in the past couple of years. We have lost some members due to career changes, deaths or loss of interest. Attendance has fallen in rides that were voted to be chapter support rides, chapter functions, chapter meetings, etc...

I am guilty of this as much as anyone else, so I am not finger pointing or blaming anyone for any of this. But due to circumstances beyond our control, as a chapter we have seen changes that many of us have noticed. What can we do about it? First we need to be praying. Pray about our individual circumstances and then about the membership of the chapter's circumstances. This may be the Lords way of telling us to look at what we are doing and why we are doing it. As one of the first members and officers of Vision Riders, I have seen, heard and said a lot about the changes we have experienced. But, I have also been thru this at the church where I serve as a deacon. The only constant we have on earth in change. We all go thru this with our families, churches, jobs, etc...

How we handle or react to the changes is what tells us where our priorities are. The things that we give the most time to are the things we have higher on our priority list. According to God's word, our priority list should be like this: God 1st, family 2nd, and then it becomes a little complicated. Does our church, job or personal needs come next? Where does CMA come into the picture? Where does Vision Riders come in? For each of us this could be quite different as it should because we all face different circumstances in life.

My prayer is that each member of Vision Riders is being obedient to God's will when it comes to chapter support. If the members are being obedient to God, then God will be faithful to blessing the chapter as He deems it worthy. It's not always about the rides, but it should always be about serving Him.

God Bless,
Darrell Smith,
Road Captain

Youth and Fast Lane



U-TURNS ARE ALLOWED

I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. (Luke 22:32 NIV)

Been there, done that. How quickly we use that modern cliché when someone tells us of an experience they've had. Perhaps the incident was an embarrassing action. Most of us relate to daily happenings in the lives of each other. We laugh together at our human weaknesses or offer a sympathetic smile or nod.

Are we as quick and positive in our response when a brother or sister has stumbled in their Christian walk? Certainly we are not to smile at wrongdoing and sin, but a negative attitude toward a person is not right either. How should we respond? Jesus gave us an example when He warned Peter of his upcoming denial: "When you have come through a time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start."

Just recall your times of stumbling and reach out. Make a visit or call. Write a note. Remember God allows U-turns!

What is Your Response?

Give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect (1Peter 3:15, NIV)

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These coverings helped keep the relentless sun off of those that showed up for worship at Green River Lake.

July Mileage Award

Tim Cooper was the winner with the most miles at 1672 miles.

