



Vision Riders

Chapter Newsletter

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The Rest of The Story:

We had just gotten our campsite settled in, done some greeting work outside and were just getting ready to go inside for the evening services. Then we find out that Friday night is when each chapter is asked to provide and participate in the services in some way. This being our first State Rally, we had no idea of what was expected. It was suggested that someone give a testimony since we can't sing or act and had a very short time to react. Dan and I pretty much instantly declined thinking we would receive a "bye" and not have to do anything. After all, this was our first State Rally.

Linda and Barb weren't satisfied with that, and Linda said she would give a testimony and Barb helped by arranging for us to go last in the night's presentation.

All through the service I felt kinda guilty because I had not volunteered to give my testimony. As a child of God, I should be ready for that and especially since I am a deacon in our church. But I think the thing that bothered me the most is that I did not know exactly how Linda's testimony would go. I am the type that likes to know what's going to happen and when it's supposed to happen. I spent the service wondering if I should ask Linda if she wanted me to take her place. In the end I decided not to.

Thank God for that!!! Linda gave her testimony about her early problems as a single mother, her love and thanks to Dan, her battle with breast cancer and about how she promised to not turn down or deny an opportunity to speak out for the God who had done so much for her. You could feel the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, not only in Linda's life, but also there in the services that Friday night.

As I looked around I could clearly see the effect her testimony had on those who listened.. Many like myself had to wipe the tears from our eyes as we realized what God has done for Linda in her life.

Linda's testimony was so much better than anything I could have done. God showed me that night that even if I let Him down, He will put the right people in the right place at the right time. That it is not my concern to worry about the "performance". He expects us to answer the call to witness, and for the right reason. We are to witness for the glory of his kingdom and not to make us look good.

Richard Durham

Run for the Son

The first Saturday in May, 2008 will be here before you know it. We all have been busy with the various activities and work needed to get our chapter started. But we need to begin work now on the annual Run For The Son fundraising to support the international and local CMA mission efforts. The RFTS material has been ordered and should be arriving shortly for our chapter. Now is the time to be working on a list of friends, companies and churches that might be interested in supporting the mission efforts of RFTS. We will be focusing on the RFTS in our chapter meetings as well as planning and scheduling special meetings for RFTS. We need ideas for implementing RFTS fundraising not only between now and May, but also as a year round focus. We need to use every opportunity to help support the Jesus Film Project, Mission Ventures, Open Doors and the domestic mission efforts of the CMA. Please pray for RFTS and attend your chapter meetings to help make RFTS a success.



Bike Field Day

Vision Riders took advantage of another opportunity to witness to the community on Oct 20, 2007 in Greensburg, KY.. We assisted in the first Biker Field day event in this area. Around 30 bikes and over 50 people attended. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Events included several bike games, a bike show, a cornhole tournament and a bike blessing. Event sponsor Bill Wright, owner of several Subway stores has already asked our chapter if we would be interested in repeating this event next year in both Greensburg and Campbellville. Thanks to everyone for helping and pray for us as we continue to look for ways to minister in our community.

Prayer Requests:

Linda Cable who is suffering from liver cancer.

Rod, Lonnie and everyone at Vette City Disciples as they expand their ministry into the CMA Fast Lane program.

Vision Riders and our Run For The Son as we prepare for our first RFTS fundraiser.

Jeff Williams, webmaster at Vette City Disciples who lost his grandfather.

All new CMA chapter leaders as elections are completed for next year.

Pray for God to touch the hearts of dedicated and ministry driven people to become a part of the CMA ministry.



Working for Jesus

In order to work for Jesus we must strive to be the best Christian that we can be. We will never obtain the perfection of Christ but it should be our goal. This means our actions and attitudes in life reflect Jesus' way. We must obey his commandments and try to follow in his footsteps. In the Book of Matthew, Jesus tells us of the 2 great commandments (1) TO LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART MIND AND SOUL and (2) TO LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.

As CMA members, we are Christian bikers enjoying the same love of Christ and for the Christian fellowship, a sort of Brotherhood of kindred spirit and mind. This is good, in the early Christian days after the resurrection of Christ, Christians were persecuted. They formed "underground" groups to keep the teachings of Christ alive. These groups were able to give the early Christians moral and spiritual support, strength, and fortitude to keep going even in the most desperate times. But their work didn't stop there, they continued to spread His word. Today our work is still the same--- to spread God's word and His love to the lost bikers and others in our neighborhood.

Christian fellowship is wonderful and very supporting and we should work to allow the lost to enjoy the same joys of God's love, This may mean we reach out beyond our comfort zone. In Matthew 9:10-13, Jesus is seen eating with sinners and is questioned about this, He responds "I will have mercy not sacrifice for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Thus we might have to go beyond our Christian boundaries and reach out to the secular world for there is enough fellowship, love, and especially Jesus, for everyone.

And what is our reward? In Matthew 10:32, Jesus says "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven."

**Mitch Collings
Chaplain**

Upcoming Events:

Nov 17 Bake Sale @ Wal Mart in Campbellsville.

Nov 18 Toys for Tots Run in E-town at Kmart Parking lot. Ride leaves at 2:00 p.m.

Nov 22 Thanksgiving

December 13, Regular Vision Riders Chapter Meeting

December 15, Vision Riders Christmas Fellowship

May 3, 2008 Run For The Son

June 17-21 National Rally at Iron Mountain

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