



# Vision Riders

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*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. (Acts 2:17, NIV)*

## Local Chapter Happenings

As the new year begins, we start out with some new officers. The membership chose to keep some of the old ones but we have a new Chaplin and Road Captain. Mitch Collings will be our new Chaplin and Tommy Cundiff will leads us on our rides. Please give them your support. The officers can't do their job without it.

Our first official ride of the year was the Polar Bear Run. Looking at the snow and cold we had on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. it is a sharp contrast to what we had on New Years Day. The ride went quite well with the nice sunny weather. It was a bit cool in the 40's but it could have been worse. We had a great turnout with 16 of our members and a total of 50 persons registered. That shows that we had a lot of outside participation, which is encouraging. Not all registered came on a bike but many did and it was quite a sight with all those bikes heading out on the ride. Many thanks go to all that helped out behind the scenes, including the ladies that cooked all the good food. It was obvious that everyone was enjoying it after the ride. As for the reason for the ride, over \$750 was donated in cash and food.



Turnout for Polar Bear Run  
(Photos by Mary Ann Ohsol)

The donations went to three different food banks: the Community Food Pantry in Lebanon, the Light Seeker Ministry Food Bank and the Taylor County Ministry Association food bank.

Our fund raising activities, which is working at Amazon wrapping gifts for shipment went well. For those of you that are new, this is the only way we raise funds for our treasury. We work for it! A total of 12 different people showed up to help raise our funds; some of them were not even members. Since Amazon was a little short on people, they asked us to work some extra nights. Because of that, we managed to work nine different shifts. The most we had for a shift was nine and the least was one. If you have never done this, think about it for next year. Just ask any of those that did it to know what is required. We did get an extra \$25 for two different shifts because they were not able to supply enough work for us to wrap steadily. Our grand total raised is over two thousand dollars, which we will get in a month or two.

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# President's Corner



Welcome to 2014. I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I believe God has a lot in store for us this year. I hope that we all stay focused on the work God sends our way. I know this chapter is capable of doing it, but it does take some work. We all have special things that we can do that others might not be able to or they are uncomfortable doing. I would like to see more participation from all of our member this year. There is more to do than just ride. Please be in prayer about the things you can do. Please be in prayer for the officers and our chapter as well. We need all we can get.

God Bless,  
Keith

# Vice President's Note



By Dan Hayes

As we begin a new year and as I get back in the saddle as a chapter officer, some questions came to me: Why am I here doing this? What am I supposed to do? How am I supposed to do it? Let me share with you what was revealed to me through prayer, scripture and sermons.

Why am I doing this? I have had to decide am I a server or a servant. The difference is not what is done, but in the motivation. A server is a person who will work at an event, or do a task for an organization if it is convenient for them to do

so. A servant on the other hand does the Master's will because this is the lifestyle they choose to live. It is simply the difference in saying I **got** to do this, or in saying I **get** to do this, to do something for my God.

What am I supposed to do? In Acts 1 we are told our purpose is to be a witness (telling) of the good news of Jesus. To fulfill our purpose we must first understand what it is. It is that of repentance and then following Jesus. To be able to share also means I must be available to let God use me. If he is going to use me, then the world better be able to see Jesus in me. If to the world I look (act or talk) no different than they do, what good am I? If I am no different than the world then I am in the wrong and scripture says I would be better off dead than to cause others to stray. That means I have to be accountable for my actions, words and even my thoughts. If I am not right with God I can't do what I am supposed to do for Him.

How am I supposed to do this? My eyes were opened last Sunday to the answer to this in our sermon. It is do simply to do four things: 1) Go where Jesus went 2) See what Jesus saw 3) Feel what Jesus felt 4) Say what Jesus said. To **go** where Jesus went means to go to those that need a Saviour, to love the unlovable up close, to let them know that not only does God love them but so do we. To **see** what Jesus saw means to see the hurt that is in lives, the need to look past the sin and see the beautiful soul that God made and loves. To see past the walls that are put up to not let us know they are hurting, to develop relationships that tear down those walls. To **feel** what Jesus felt is to have compassion (check out the definition) on people. Compassion is what moved Jesus to heal both the physical and spiritual needs of people. We need to see deep and care even deeper. To **say** what Jesus said – I LOVE YOU. There is no greater message that we can say than God loves you and so do I, and we need to say it not only with our mouths but with our actions as well. There is an old song that says that Jesus loves me and that I could know it. May God bless each of us as we start a new year as a Vision Rider.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>January:</b>	Mitch Collings	Jan. 1
	Theresa Collings	Jan. 5
	Randall (Bear) Shofner	Jan. 30
	Gordon & Sue Judd	Jan. 15
	Robin Gearhardt	Jan. 18
<b>February:</b>	Linda Hayes	Feb. 24
	Barry & Jennifer Parker	Feb. 19

## Road Captain's Stop



We had our first ride of the New Year, our Polar Bear Ride on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather was very cooperative, so we rode a pretty good distance. We had a very nice turnout, had some great fellowship, blessed several bikes, and ate some good soups and chili. There is a Prayer Ride planned tentatively for April, and I've got several longer rides planned for the coming year, along with our regular local rides and I'm looking forward to what the New Year holds.

In the meantime, with the season's weather being so unpredictable (it seems anyone can be a weatherson) there may be some spur-of-the-moment rides. Friend me on Facebook. I may just say, "Today's a good day for ridin'; get your ridin' britches on and let's meet at Carols at 1:00 and ride!" If you want me to text you, send me a text with your name so I can put you in my contact list. Let's get those bikes out of the garages and barns this summer and ride. We have a mission: *Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.* – Luke 14:23 NIV Let's ride!

Tommy C.

### New Member



Here is our latest addition to our chapter; new member Chris Benford got his patch from President Keith at our Christmas party. (Photo by Jamie)

## December Mileage Award



The December mileage award went to our rescue truck driver, Gordon Judd. Since Gordon can't ride, he still keeps the biker in him alive by helping out on our rides. For his dedication and service, we award the December mileage award to him.

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**Don't forget: meeting on 23 Jan. at the  
bowling alley.**