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Changing the world, one heart at a time.

Making Decisions

The Holy Spirit within us wants to guide us in all that we do. We run into trouble when we bypass the Lord with our own desires and motivations. In the study Bible with comments by Max Lucado that I read daily, I found ten questions to consider when making a decision. If I do not have an affirmative response to any of these questions, then it is a bad idea to go forward because God is not in the process. we cannot be close to His will. I reminds us often of questions 3 If I am doing something that is permissible but would cause an obstacle for a weaker brother, o especially an unbeliever, it is no beneficial, and I should not do i reason CMA gives is that it can my witness ineffective. 1 Cor. 1 24. Number 5 and 6 are obvious relate to 3 and 4. Number 7 kee grounded in reality. Number 8 i

- 1. Have you prayed about it?
- 2. Is it consistent with the Word of God?
- 3. Can I do it and be a positive Christian witness?
- 4. Will the Lord be glorified?
- 5. Am I acting responsibly?
- 6. Is it reasonable?
- 7. Does a realistic opportunity exist?
- 8. Are unbiased, spiritually sensitive associates in agreement?
- 9. Do I have a sanctified desire?
- 10. Do I have a peace about it?

First is prayer. Prayer must be the first step in anything. Have you ever replied, or heard someone reply, "All I can do is pray?! You might as well say to a starving man,' All I can do is offer you food." (Billy Graham) (James 4:2) Prayer is not natural for us, it is supernatural, and God always answers prayer. Sometimes the answer is no, sometimes it is wait.

We have the Word of God to guide us as well. If we do not follow His Word, we cannot be close to His will. CMA reminds us often of questions 3 and 4. If I am doing something that is obstacle for a weaker brother, or especially an unbeliever, it is not beneficial, and I should not do it. The reason CMA gives is that it can render my witness ineffective. 1 Cor. 10:23-24. Number 5 and 6 are obvious and relate to 3 and 4. Number 7 keeps us grounded in reality. Number 8 is an important reason we keep fellowship with other believers. Number 9 is about our motivation. Is it in God's will and for His glory, or my own? Finally, do I have peace about it? I have talked to many who ask themselves (me included) numbers 1 and 10 and nothing in between. May I suggest that you consider 2 through 9 as well?



Bill Jones President, GodSpeed Riders CMA Chapter 1295

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Welcome 2024 GodSpeed Riders' Officers

Left to Right: Jonathan Taylor, Vice President; Rusty Oxford, Road Captain; Mary Lou McAtee, Chaplain; Dawn Nona, Secretary; Danny Taylor, Treasurer; and Bill Jones, President

GodSpeed Riders' Vision

Changing the world, one heart at a time:

"We will accomplish this through inviting motorcycle enthusiasts to join us in prayerful service, outreach, evangelism and Run for the Son fundraising, while building a bond of unity in loving one another."

Chaplain's Corner

Marriage, "A God Idea"

Moses, the biblical author of Genesis to Deuteronomy, contemplating God's creation of man and woman, wrote perhaps the single most important sentence about marriage found anywhere in the Bible: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24. When we understand that Genesis 2 is an expanded view of what happened in between Genesis 1:27 and 1:28, we learn that marriage was not "plan B" for mankind or something God devised later in response to man's sin. It was instituted pre-Fall, part of God's original and perfect creative design for the world. In fact, the marriage of a man and a woman was the crowning feature of what God reviewed in Genesis 1:31 when "He saw all that He made, and behold, it was very good."

According to the Apostle Paul, Genesis 2:24 informs us that marriage is a PICTURE. It is God's way of foreshadowing in creation something beyond human marriage. In Ephesians 5:25-31, after exhorting a husband to love his wife "as Christ loved the church" to love her as he loves his own body, nourishing and cherishing her "just as Christ does the church" Paul quotes Genesis 2:24. He then continues in verse 32, "This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."

According to Paul, through the institution of marriage as recorded by Moses in Genesis, God was communicating to us in advance about the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Marriage: is a Godinspired glimpse into the mystery of Christ redeeming and being joined to the church = His bride = in permanent union. It displays God's plan to save His people through His Son = His incarnation (leaving His Father in the glory of heaven), His death on the cross (the sacrificial demonstration of His love for His bride in order to redeem her from sin and win her love and faithfulness to Him), and His resurrection and ascension into heaven where He now rules over all things, making ready for the final wedding ceremony and the glorious reception dinner the Bible calls "the marriage supper of the Lamb" Rev. 19:9.

The next time you attend a wedding, the next time you contemplate the significance of your own marriage, I hope you will remember these beautiful truths: Marriage is primarily-God's original and perfect design for mankind. Marriage is God's way of proclaiming in advance His redemptive purposes for mankind through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Taken from an article by Daryl Wingerd



Love in Jesus Mary Lou McAtee Your Chaplain

Musings from an Old Biker

I really appreciate being a part of Godspeed Riders, every one of you. You are, as God's Word tells us to do, supportive of each other

in prayer and actions, and show God's love to each other and to others. This was shown, in a real way, in our recent Bar-B-Que fund raiser. Rusty, again, showed his great God-given talent in cooking up some fantastic food, and Bill and Cheryl and others put it all together and prepared it for everyone to pick up. Thank you all!!! Thanks, also, to all that tell others about our great fellowship in this chapter, and of our service to our Lord through CMA, so that we get visitors regularly at our meetings, and new members often, who quickly join us in our chapter activities. Thanks, also, for your donations to our chapter, so that we can do things like buying the meat and supplies from our chapter funds, donating it to Run for the Son for the Bar-B-Oue Run for the Son fund raiser, and others. That results in many more lives changed for the Lord around the world. And, each one of us, when we are needy, really appreciate the quick and sincere prayers for us from all of the chapter members.

God ALWAYS ANSWERS,

although not always in the manner we want. Sometimes He calls our loved ones home to Him sooner than we would like, but, remember, they are now with the Lord and loved and comforted by Him, and we will join them again someday, and also be with Him! Ann and I love you all,



Stacy Huggins GodSpeed Riders

Communicating Run for the Son to Family & Friends

Passion for Run for the Son is contagious. I hope each of you catch it!

The more I consider lost souls, both in our own backyard as well as around the world, the more compelled I am to try to help. Thank you for allowing me to be your lead again this year. We've had fun with our Dine to Donate events, The Turkey Run and BBQ plate fundraisers.. Lots of thanks to those of you who participated. Fundraiser events are great, but the biggest opportunity we have is to share the vision with family & friends. Donations make up the bulk of all the dollars raised for RFS. Through your invitation to others, many will join in this effort. God multiplies the dollars and uses it for His Kingdom. I have found that my family & friends are excited to hear and willing to contribute. Please join me in this effort. My letter is copied on this page and the next. If you would like an electronic copy to modify and send, please let me know.



Cheryl Jones Run for the Son Lead

1-31-24

Greetings,

Billy and I continue working with the Christian Motorcyclists' Association (CMA), GodSpeed Riders' Chapter of Clear Lake, TX. I am the lead for our "Run for the Son" fundraiser. I am asking for sponsorships again this year for the one-hundred-mile ride on May 4th, which is our Run for the Son Day. All the money we raise is used to spread the Gospel message throughout the world, through CMA domestically as well as through three partner ministries (See Ministry Pictures 2023):

 The JESUS Film Project (20% Of the Total): This video from Campus Crusade for Christ has been translated into more than 2,078 languages and has been shown throughout the world, in even the most remote villages, and in some countries, we may have never heard of, using portable generators. As a direct result of CMA's Run for the Son, more than 189 million people have viewed the film and 19 million people have indicated a decision to follow Christ afterwards.



 Global Christian Relief (GCR) (20% of the Total): Through GCR, CMA is providing Bibles, Christian training materials and direct aid to the persecuted Church in 60 of the most oppressive countries of the world. CMA has distributed 3.5 million Bibles through Run for the Son to date.



Transportation - Missionary Ventures International (MVI) (20% of the Total): Native pastors working in jungles, mountain villages, and distant areas around the world have been blessed with transportation. They have been given 8,841 motorcycles, 7,382 bicycles in addition to boats, motors, horses, buggies, snowmobiles, wheelchairs, and camels through Run for the Son. Billy and I are extremely excited to join Missionary Ventures on a mission trip this year. Scheduled mission trip is September the 8th through the 16th. I can't wait to see Pastors receive a gift of transportation to help in their ministry of reaching others for Jesus one heart at a time.



CMA (40% of the Total): Money is used for ministry to motorcyclists in the USA and other countries where CMA has a presence. Annually on average, CMA members touch over 748,898 lives with the Gospel Message. An example last year was our Lone Star Rally where our chapter and others ministered to motorcyclists from all over who attended the rally. Passing rag tracks out, praying with them and helping with any mechanical concerns they may have had while sharing Jesus. I am hoping that you will be willing to join us in supporting this effort. Enclosed please find an information brochure, which explains each supported ministry and includes a tax receipt.



Options:

- Make a check out to CMA and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- 2. Give online at cmausa.org/run-for-the-son/ and find the blue "Donate Now" button near the bottom of the page. Include Participant Name "Cheryl Jones" and # 158887

Thanks so much!

Dun for the	2024 Campaign Fundraising	Schedule
<u>Run for the</u> <u>Son</u> <u>Total:</u>	Seasons Silent Auction	February 23rd & 24th
	Praise Chapel Bake Sale	March 17th
	Tamale Sale	March 5th - 8th; Deliver 21st
<u>\$14,735.23</u>	Dine to Donate LaTorcia Brick Oven Pizza	April 18th
	RFS Celebration (Turn in Donation Packets & Coin Jars)	May 4th

GodSpeed Riders' "Flame On"





Mary Lou McAtee & Christian Taylor participated in "Flame On" in Mena, Arkansas from December 28th to January 1st. All were blessed! GSR enjoyed Christian's review of this event during our January Chapter Meeting.







The Blessing of the Bikes "What Da Hey" January 1st

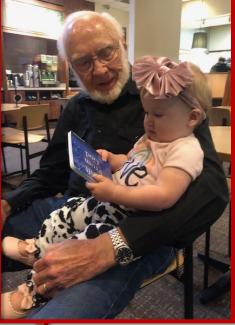
GodSpeed Riders: Out and About



The Blessing of the Bikes Cycle Gear January 2nd

GodSpeed Riders' Dine to Donate







Dine to Donate Raised \$42.60 For RFS

"Dine to Donate" events are a fun family time of fellowship. A meal out, happy conversations and an opportunity to meet each other's families.

The Taylor's above, Stacy & Ann Huggins & their family in the middle and Bill and Cheryl's daughter-in-law and two grandkids on the left.

GodSpeed Riders: Out and About



Escort for "Big Daddy Billy"; Supporting Rosa Faul with love and encouragement after her husband's passing.

February—April 2024

Dawn Nona	2-15
Trish Kehlmeier	2-17
Tommy Rubin	4-14
Rusty Oxford	4-17
David Graziosi	4-20
Lora Graziosi	4-29
Jennifer Taylor	4-29



Danny & Betty Taylor 3-17

SOUTHEAST TEXAS SEASONS OF REFRESHING 02/23/2024 - 02/24/2024



A huge thanks to Rusty Oxford for preparing all the meat for our BBQ Plate RFS Fundraiser.

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UPCOMING BIKER EVENTS

Monthly Event Sequence Listed Below Additional Events and All Details Identified in Band Calendar

Monthly Chapter Meeting

(1st Tuesday of Every Month) Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant 6 PM to Eat, 7 – 8 PM to Meet

Monthly Chapter Ride (1st Saturday of Every Month) Ride Details TBD by Rusty Oxford

Noah's (2nd Sunday of Every Month) 12:30 – 3:30PM San Jacinto Harley Davidson (3rd Saturday of Every Month) 10AM-2PM

GSR Monthly Devotional (4th Sunday of Every Month) Taylor's Home 6—8 PM

Officer Meeting (4th Thursday of Every Month) Rudy's "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q, 6 PM to Eat, 7 – 8 PM to Meet

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Vision: Changing the world, one heart at a time.



Mission:

To inspire our leaders and the members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God.

CMA Run for the Son:

CMA's Run for the Son started as an effort to provide one motorcycle to a pastor in Guatemala. From that simple beginning Run for the Son has now provided transportation to more than 13,900 pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers around the world.