



# Conroe Messengers #362

Changing the world, one heart at a time.



## Taming the Tongue by Larry Watrous, President/VP

When we were kids and we were upset because someone called us an ugly name, some adult would say to us "sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you". It is a true fact that overtime flesh and bones will heal, generally, sometimes, with the help of a doctor. However, there are often times when words spoken to us don't seem to heal. Even with professional help.

This is woefully apparent today in the lives of teenagers. We often read of teenagers, being bullied or berated through social media. These kids do not have broken bones or torn skin, but they are suffering from the words. Sometimes they suffer so much that they resort to killing themselves or getting weapons and killing others.

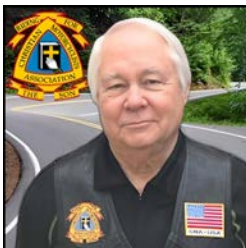
The words we use are powerful, and how we use them can significantly impact others. Sometimes we say things that mean something to us, but mean something else to someone else. The inflection we use when we use certain words also has an effect on others. Words and inflection can drive people to violence. Against us, or against others.

The Bible states the tongue is a powerful tool that can be used to either uplift or destroy. The tongue can wound another person deeply, and we must carry it with great care. Unkind words can pierce the heart like swords. Our words can reveal the sinful nature of our heart, and the way we speak reveals our character.

James 1:19 says *"everyone should be quick to listen slow to speak and slow to become angry..."*

When we are angry and speak, we often choose the wrong words, or say the wrong thing. James goes on to say that we should tame our tongues. While the tongue is a small part of our body, it has a significant effect on the whole body. He likens the tongue to the rutter on a ship. The rutter is small and steers the large ship. The tongue is small and often steers the whole body.

*James 1:26 - If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.*



Larry

Ride Safe Friends!  
Larry Watrous,  
CMA Conroe  
Messengers 362

## Calendar Wiz

**MESSENGERS BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK DINNER**  
10/1/2024 at 6:00 pm  
Johnson's Home  
[7027 Casita Dr. Magnolia, TX](https://www.conroemessengers.com)

**THE TEXAS MILE**  
10/10 - 13/2024  
Chase Field Industrial, Beeville  
[www.cmasetx.com](http://www.cmasetx.com)

**MESSENGERS MEETING**  
10/15/2024 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm  
[McKENZIE'S BBQ](https://www.conroemessengers.com)  
[1501 N Frazier St., Conroe](https://www.conroemessengers.com)

**CYCLE GEAR HALLOWEEN**  
10/27/2024 at 11 AM - 2 PM  
[19075 I-45, Ste 900, Shenandoah](https://www.conroemessengers.com)

**BURGER FRESH DINE TO DONATE**  
10/28/2025 at 4 PM to 9 PM  
[804 Gladstell Suite 110, Conroe](https://www.conroemessengers.com)

**SONIC BIKE NITE**  
10/31/2024 AT 7 PM  
[14625 Hwy 105, Montgomery](https://www.conroemessengers.com)

**LONE STAR RALLY**  
10/31 - 11/3/2024  
Galveston Island, Texas



### The Texas Mile - Need for Speed!

Get off the highway and come out to The Texas Mile - a ONE-MILE straight away for both “cages” and “bikes” to show off what can be done.

20 to 25 volunteers are needed Friday through Sunday, working a 4 hours shift each day. Areas of service include the CMA ministry tent, help at the entrance collecting entrance fees, the timing trailer, the starting line, and timing booth. We will have CMA Services on Sunday morning for everyone!

Be speedy and volunteer now!

**DATE:** October 10th - October 13th

**LOCATION:** [Chase Field Industrial Complex 2745 Byrd Street, Beeville Texas](#)

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** [www.cmasetx.com](http://www.cmasetx.com)



### Changing of the Colors Rally

The Changing of the Colors Rally is like the world's largest family reunion where thousands of CMA members and guests gather together with one heart and one purpose – to surrender to God's will, changing the world one heart at a time! Come and enjoy a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. For questions, call 870-389-6196 . Click for **VIDEO.**

**DATE:** October 16 - 20, 2024

**TIME:** First service Wednesday at 7 PM

**ADDRESS:** [CMA Iron Mountain Camp & Cabins 112 Iron Mountain Ln MENA, AR 71953](#)

**Pre-REGISTRATION until Oct 1:**

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7v24j9>

**REGISTRATION:** [www.cmausa/events](http://www.cmausa/events)

**FACEBOOK:** [@CMAUSA.ORG](https://www.facebook.com/CMAUSA.ORG)



### Nominations for Chapter Officers

It's that time again to nominate officers for the Messengers Chapter during the **October 15th** chapter meeting. It's important that you make plans to attend. Chapter elections are an important part of the function of a chapter.. Remember to pray for God's direction as we prepare for nominations.

Thank you to our current officers for the hard work, dedication, and servants hearts you have shared with us all!

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 15 at 7 pm

**LOCATION:** [McKENZIE'S BBQ - 1501 N Frazier St,](#)



### Cycle Gear Halloween Bike Meet

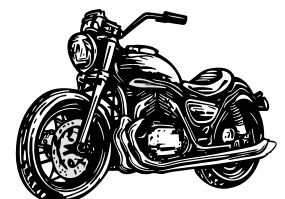
Special Day! Get ready for an unforgettable time with food, fun, friends, and giveaways! Bring your wicked wheels and show them off at our Halloween Bike Meet—where the thrills and chills are guaranteed!

**DATE:** Sunday, October 27, 2024

**TIME:** 11 AM - 2 PM

**ADDRESS:** [19075 I-45, Ste 900, Shenandoah](#)

Meet other bikers  
Games, Drawings  
Check out Gear  
Bike Blessings





## How to Choose a Motorcycle That's Right for You by Russell Rhodes, Road Captain

Choosing a motorcycle can be an exciting and potentially overwhelming experience whether you're a new rider or a seasoned veteran. There are many factors to consider when choosing a motorcycle, including your riding style, experience level, budget and physical comfort. Read on to learn our tips for how to choose a motorcycle that's right for you no matter your experience level.

**1. Decide on Your Intended Use** - The first step in learning how to pick a motorcycle that's best for you is to think about what kind of riding you want to do. Different types of motorcycles are designed for different purposes, and each has its own set of features and specifications. Do you plan to ride on the highway or stick to city streets? Are you more interested in off-road or trail riding? Knowing your riding style will help you determine what kind of motorcycle is best for you.

If you plan on taking long-distance rides, you may want to consider a cruiser or touring bike, which has a more relaxed riding position and is built for comfort. On the other hand, if you're interested in off-road or adventure riding, you may want to consider an adventure motorcycle, which has a higher ground clearance and off-road capabilities. If you're looking for high-performance, speed and a lightweight feel, then a motorcycle that's more performance-oriented may be the fit for you. You can learn more about the different types of riding styles and accompanying motorcycles [here](#).

**2. Consider Your Skill Level** - It's important to choose a motorcycle that is appropriate for your experience level. Many new riders make the mistake of choosing a motorcycle that is too powerful or too heavy for their current skill level, which can be intimidating to pick up. For beginners, a lightweight or standard is typically a good choice, as it provides good balance and maneuverability without sacrificing power or performance. If you haven't yet ridden a motorcycle, it's recommended to sign up for a motorcycle training [course](#) to learn the basic skills, too.

**3. Set Your Budget** - Motorcycles vary in price, so determine your budget, but also the overall value you're looking to get out of it, before you start shopping. Be sure to factor in the cost of motorcycle insurance, regular maintenance and motorcycle parts and accessories when setting your budget. If you're on a tight budget, then a used motorcycle may be an option. Look for Certified Pre-Owned motorcycles that can fit within a wide range of budgets.

**4. Research Different Models** - Once you know what kind of riding you want to do and what your budget is, start researching different motorcycles. Reading reviews and talking to experienced motorcycle riders can be a good way to get recommendations and learn what to look for in a motorcycle. Visit motorcycle forums or social media groups to get real feedback from other riders. It's also a great idea to visit a local motorcycle dealer so they can talk you through what may be some of the right models for you.

**5. Choose the Right Size and Comfort** - Select a motorcycle that fits your body well and is comfortable to ride as it will impact your comfort and enjoyment. Ensure it accommodates your height, weight, and allows for easy control operation. Pay attention to motorcycle ergonomics while on the bike - seat, handlebars, foot pegs, considering how they will your posture and comfort while riding.

**6. Check the Motorcycle's Specs** - It's important to consider technical specifications, performance capabilities, safety enhancements and more. Look at things like the size and power of the engine, the type of transmission and the suspension system. Again, consider your riding style and preferences when choosing a motorcycle, and look for one that has the performance capabilities and systems to meet your needs. Remember that more powerful motorcycles are not always better, especially for new riders who may not yet have developed their riding skills or who prefer a more relaxed ride.

**7. Test Ride the Motorcycle** - If you have your motorcycle license, test ride the bike to get the ultimate feel for it and see how it handles on the road.

**8. Consider Additional Accessories** - Finally, consider any additional motorcycle accessories you want to add to make it more comfortable or to enhance its performance. Saddlebags, windshields, and hand grips are just a few examples of accessories that can make your ride more comfortable and enjoyable. Items like motorcycle seats, storage, locks and covers are also accessories worth considering. Keep these additional costs in mind when setting your budget or negotiating with a dealership. It's often more cost-effective to purchase accessories and have them installed at the dealership when you first purchase the motorcycle.

Before choosing your new bike, make sure it's tailored to your riding style, skill level, budget, comfort, and performance needs!

*\*Published Oct. 25, 2023 on the Harley-Davidson website*



## God Won't Trick You!

It was Halloween night, 1985, and I was home alone. I was 16 and tasked with passing out candy to the trick-or-treaters while my parents went out for the evening. Around 10 o'clock, I climbed into bed and turned out the lights. Immediately I began to hear tapping on my window, which was strange since I was on the second floor. Every few minutes, I heard what sounded like pebbles hitting my window, but when I looked through my curtains, there was no one there. It was unsettling. The doorbell rang. I thought my parents must have forgotten their keys, so I headed downstairs and opened the front door. I was startled by two 4-foot-tall boys in frightening masks standing there. My heart started to pound. I asked them, "Isn't it a little late to be trick-or-treating?" Then someone started beating on my back door. This completely freaked me out and I let out a small scream. That's when one of the boys took off his mask, and I instantly recognized my friend's younger brother. When my friend appeared—laughing hysterically—from around the corner, I realized two things: I had been tricked and I really needed to find new friends!

It's fun to participate in harmless shenanigans at times. But sometimes tricks can cause real harm. Phishing, spoofing, ghosting, and catfishing—new terms are popping up left and right! The enemy is always coming up with schemes to wreak havoc on us. In fact, you can trace all lies and partial truths back to him: *"He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies"* - John 8:44 NLT

Thankfully, **there is One who will never prank you, deceive you, or have a big laugh at your expense.** God won't trick you because it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18)! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true (Romans 3:4).

In Matthew 7:9-10, Jesus presents a scenario that sounds a little bit like "trick-or-treating": *"You parents, if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!"*

Jesus is making the point that if we ask God for something good and necessary, He's not going to trick us and give us something terrible! We serve a kind and loving God who wants to give good gifts to those who ask Him. The Bible is packed with promises for healing, for provision, for protection, for peace, etc. And since God cannot lie, I know in God's time, they will all come to pass. What are you praying and believing God for today? Be assured that a good answer is on the way. **God won't trick you.**

## Prayer Requests & Praise

Kim Eustes - continued prayers for peace and comfort while mourning the loss of Don.

Rod & Joy Booher - healing and strength and traveling mercies as they attend doctors appointments.

Catherine Johnson- healing from sore back, hamstrings and sciatica pain, having trouble sleeping.

Bev & Jack Evans- prayer for healing.

Lisa Milner - Fighting cancer

Amy Hanna- pray for healing from cancer, comfort from dementia, and peace while mourning the loss of Grady.

Geri Padilla - prayer for a successful surgery to remove stint.

Jeannette Kentch - Praise that retina is 50% improved post-op, pray it continues to heal.

Steve & Amy Burk - Quick sale of their house.

Prayer for the souls at the upcoming Lone Star Rally and the volunteers serving.



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Learn about God's Ride Plan  
[cwausa.org/resources/therideplan](http://cwausa.org/resources/therideplan)

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 Message requests to Facebook  
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### Where Are You Serving at LSR?

The **Lone Star Rally** is the largest rally in Texas! Motorcyclist from around the country ride in just to spend the weekend on Galveston Island! This is a huge opportunity for us to serve the motorcyclist community. Volunteers must wear their CMA vests. CMA Servant Volunteers are needed for:

1. Lone Star Rally Support Team
2. Bike Blessing Tents & Teams
3. Prayer Teams
4. Street Ministry Teams
5. CMA Help Phone lines Team\*\*
6. Hospital Ministry Team (training required)\*\*
7. Seaside Baptist Church Support Team
8. Mechanical Ministry Team\*\*

### Volunteers Must Check-in at the start of their shift at the Registration Table & pick up materials:

Christ Chapel  
 402 18th street  
 Galveston, Tx 77550

**We need YOU:** We are always short handed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.

**We need YOU:** Sunday morning church services.

***What message do we send when we as a ministry family don't attend our own worship services?***

Sunday at 9:30 am @ 2 Locations for Worship:

1. Progressive Stage  
 2102 Seawall Blvd
2. Galveston Immigration @ Strand and 17th  
 1700 The Strand, Galveston, TX 77550

Sign up now to serve and allow God to shine through you!

**DATE:** October 31 - November 3, 2024

**TIME:** See Volunteer Sign Up link / Rally Schedule

**ADDRESS:** Galveston, TX

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** [www.cmasetx.com](http://www.cmasetx.com)

**HOSPITAL SIGN UP:**

[www.cmasetx.com/lonestarihospital.html](http://www.cmasetx.com/lonestarihospital.html)

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Ralph Robson,  
 SE Texas CMA State Coordinator at 281-543-7423



### Messenger Members Snapshot

**Meet:** Don Kentch

**Joined CMA:** He joined CMA in May 2023

**First Ride:** 1972 Honda CB750

**Current Ride:** 2015 BMW K1600 GT

**Favorite Road Trip:** A 1k mile Iron Butt run from Arizona to Nevada to California back to Phoenix in 24 hours. The 3 Flags ride from Canada to Mexico is right up there as a fav too!

**Favorite Bible Verse:** One of his favorite verses is Numbers 6:24-26 - "The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace."



### CMA Lone Star Rally Schedule

#### Thursday thru Saturday

- 7:30 am Coffee & Donuts @ Christ Chapel
- 8:00 am Opening Prayer & Devotional
- 8:45 am Registration / Scheduling Open
- 8:45 am Shuttle Service to Rally Support Locations Begins
- 9:30 am Street Ministries Prayer Meeting @ Christ Chapel
- 10 pm end of last shift

Lunch items provided daily @ Christ Chapel

**Saturday** Fellowship Breakfast 7 am - 9 am

Galveston Bible Church  
 424 18th St, Galveston 77550

**Sunday** Morning CMA Church 9:30 am. Select a location and be the Light!



## Run for the Son Mini-Story of Impact: Movies in the Yucatán Peninsula

*The Message for Mayans* is a ministry to help start new church plants in three neighboring villages. One Saturday night in Xtobil, the the *Story of Jesus for Children* (SJFC) was shown. Almost half the town's population came to watch the movie and hear it spoken in their native language, Mayan. *Magdalena* was shown on the following two evenings: Sunday evening in Spanish and Monday evening in Mayan.

Before showing the movie the second night, the church planter and his wife briefed all of us on their game plan. It turned out this man had received a motorcycle and resources in 2019 through our partner MVI! The couple had planted five churches, and starting number six! **By providing a motorcycle years ago, it has served as a great tool in spreading the word of God! It is wonderful to see the impact of one motorcycle and a heart for God!**

Over three evenings, 417 people saw one of the movies, and 181 indicated that they trusted Jesus as their Savior. Each number is a life that heard the Gospel in their heart language and responded.

Follow-up after a film showing is immediate and essential. Local pastors or missionaries will get the contact information so they can follow up with new believers and connect with those seeking to know more about Jesus.

**It's all about Jesus and each one of us working together in partnership to reach everyone, everywhere.** Whether in the United States or in the heart of Nepal, the Yucatan Peninsula, or throughout the world—we are **working together to give everyone, everywhere, the opportunity to hear the Gospel in their heart language and trust Jesus as their Savior.**

- Eli Perez

Every donation to Run for the Son has a powerful impact in spreading the Gospel. Planting the seeds and seeing them flourish is just a small part of the RFS ministry and you can be a part of it as well!



### Dine & Donate - RFS Fundraiser!

Bring your family, neighbors, friends, co-workers, and hungry people to Burger Fresh! There's a wide range of juicy burger options, and fan-favorite items like Philly Cheesesteaks, fish baskets, chicken dishes, and More!

Be sure to tell the cashier you're there for Run for the Son and a percentage will go to RFS!

**Date:** Monday, October 28th  
4 PM to 9 PM

**Location:** Burger Fresh Conroe  
804 Gladstell Suite 110, Conroe, TX

**Come Support Run for the Son!  
Changing the World One Heart At a Time!**

### **Some pray, some go, some send; will you help?**

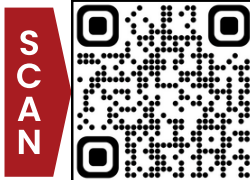
Your financial contributions to Run for the Son makes a big impact! Here's how you can donate:

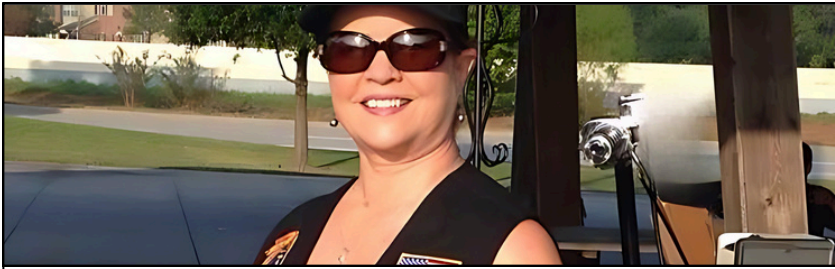
**MAIL:**  
CMA - Run for the Son  
PO BOX 9, HATFIELD, AR 71945

**ONLINE:**  
<https://cmausa.org/Donate/Donate>

**IN PERSON:**  
Hand a check to a CMA Messenger Member.

**Please include Memo: RFS Messengers #362**





### Inadequate? by Catherine Johnson, Secretary

*Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. -Matthew 9:37-38*

Have you ever felt inadequate or unqualified for a task? Jesus' selection of His twelve disciples shows that God's call is not based on human qualifications but on His divine purpose. On a Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and healed a man with a withered hand, despite the Pharisees' attempts to catch Him breaking Sabbath laws. This act of compassion and defiance highlights Jesus' commitment to doing good and showing God's love, regardless of societal constraints.

**What can we learn from Jesus' response to the Pharisees?** Jesus prioritized mercy and healing over rigid adherence to rules, teaching us the importance of compassion and doing good, even when it goes against societal norms.

**How can you apply Jesus' example of compassion in your daily life?** After this event, Jesus went to a mountain and chose twelve men from His followers to be His closest disciples. These twelve were a diverse group, including fishermen, a tax collector, and a zealot. They were not chosen for their abilities or status but for their willingness to follow Jesus and learn from Him.

**What does the selection of the twelve disciples teach us about God's calling?** The disciples' varied backgrounds remind us that God's call is inclusive and based on His purpose for our lives. Jesus saw their potential to be transformed and to carry His message to the world.

**How can you embrace God's call in your own life, despite feelings of inadequacy?** Reflect on the qualities that made the disciples effective: humility, willingness to learn, and faith in Jesus. As you follow Jesus, trust that He equips those He calls and that your unique background and experiences can be used for God's glory.

**Reflection:** Reflect on the times you have felt unqualified or inadequate for what God has called you to do. Are there areas where you need to trust more in God's ability to equip you?

This week, focus on developing a heart of humility and a willingness to learn from Jesus. **Embrace your unique experiences and background, trusting that God can use them for His purpose.**



### Rough Riding Motorcycle Preacher

The motorcycle being the ride, God's word being the preaching stride.

The ride leading believers into salvation, The spoken word being God's own revelation. Faith that Heaven can only create, Unbelief is nothing more than to hesitate.

Praying hands with indication, needing participation. Then it is the Holy Spirit that gets the world's attention, God doesn't need to ride to make His point, He wants us to listen.

To understand as God's word speaks, It's not a twitter with a tweak.

It's not a contest where one competes, It's pure salvation conquering struggles in defeat.

The steps of our footprints capturing our years from our walk, Echoes from Heaven hearing our every word in talk.

Understanding The Bible is the key to knowledge, already been spiritually kicked in, It becomes the continued walk until days end.



### Celebrations!



#### Birthdays

- 10/2 - Charlie Fields
- 10/10 - Jeremiah Hitchcock, Sr
- 10/17 - Judy Osborn
- 10/22 - Amy Burk
- 10/29 - Theresa Strack



## Dear CMA Brothers and Sisters by Joy Booher, Treasurer

All of you know that Rod and I had a motorcycle accident while riding on the morning of Saturday, July 6th, near Point Blank south of Lake Livingston. Many may know details and our dear brother Don Kentch was riding just behind us. He immediately called Don and Kim Eustes to ask for prayer for us. We were airlifted by chopper to the Trauma Center at Conroe Regional Hospital. Rod's injuries were assessed as broken ribs, a broken clavicle, a broken ankle, a deflated lung, and a broken thumb. He was kept in ICU and surgeries were done over the next 2 days. He was in the hospital for 4 weeks and PT followed. During his time in the hospital, Rod had visits and prayer from our CMA brothers & sisters.

I was assessed with broken ribs and a deflated lung and kept for a couple of nights. Our son, Quinton, flew in from Seattle and made preparations for me to be released. He took me into Houston to stay with friends, as our house had no power or AC due to the huge July storm. Once home, he arranged for daily care for me for the rest of the month. I appreciated having help with self care, light chores, and food prep. I had sisters from CMA bringing food, visiting me, and praying.

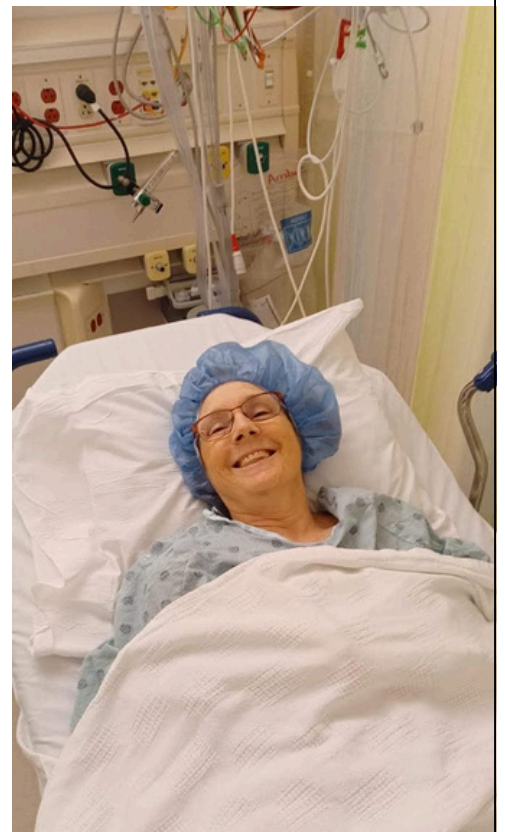
After Rod was released, he was very limited in mobility because of his injuries. His brother Ray came from Austin to assist us and he built a wooden ramp at our back door. Rod had his cast removed at the end of August, and was able to drive, so Ray was free to return home.

At that point on time Rod noticed that I wasn't thriving; he took me to his PCP and an X-ray revealed that my right lung was blocked by 2/3's with blood and fluid. I was referred to the pulmonologist and onward to a thoracic surgeon in Baylor in the Medical District. I had a CT scan done, which revealed that some of my ribs were healing offset, not side by side, and surgery was done to correct that and drain my lung.

Rod has been faithfully doing PT twice weekly and going to the gym recently to do light weights and cycle. I've had pain management issues and found out that it will be a year for my ribs to heal. I'm quite limited in my ability to lift and use my right arm.. Both of us had damage to our mouth or tongue, so I lacked appetite.

We both loved riding our Goldwing, and have a sense of loss now in terms of shared experience, ministry, and ability to travel. We will miss Lone Star Rally in Galveston; we loved sharing God's love with the drink gals, and will miss blessing bikes in the lot at MotoGP. Cycle Gear's Tuesdays were a favorite of ours. Our greatest loss is one shared with all of you in the passing of our dear president Don Eustes'. We thank God that we could be with Kim, Mr. Bill, and you at the memorial.

Please continue to pray that we would truly seek God's face and wisdom for our future. We had avoided making a decision and moving towards downsizing, but now it's evident that we can't keep up with our house and yard. Thank you for your continued prayer support!





Let's Ride!



CONROE MESSENGERS #362  
CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION

### **History of CMA**

*The original brainstorm for such an organization occurred in 1972 when Herb Shreve and his teenage son purchased their first motorcycles. It was not until 1974 when the need for a new organization began to be realized. Herb attended his first motorcycle rally and saw a massive crowd of motorcyclists who did not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In fact, many had never heard the Gospel message.*

*The realization of such a great need prompted Herb to share his vision with a couple of Christian friends. Together, they began to pray. Herb became more and more convinced that God wanted a Christian organization dedicated to reaching motorcyclists with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the spring of 1975, he put action to his prayers. An attorney was contacted, and a nonprofit charter was applied for and approved. The waiting was over. The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) was born.*



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**Want to be a CMA Member?**

**Want to learn more about  
Run for the Son?**

**Want us to come to your organization?  
Need someone to pray with you?  
Let's connect! Contact us or drop by  
one of our Chapter Meetings.**

