



# Conroe Messengers #362

Celebrating 50 years of changing the world, one heart at a time.



## Are You Ready? by Larry Watrous, President

Seasons of Refreshing this past February in Victoria, Texas was a time for refreshing. Attendees from the valley, and even Canada CMA joined the 150 attendees from around Southeast Texas.

Friday afternoon was set aside for officer training and new member seminars. All training is open to every member! Friday evening was set-aside for Run for the Son awards and the commissioning of Presidents. Conroe Messengers was awarded as the top contributor in SETX region to Run for the Son! Matter of fact, only 4 chapters raised over 15k. After the presentations, Steve Brackeen, our regional evangelist, led us in praise and worship, followed by fellowship social with coffee and cake.

Saturday morning kicked off with donuts and coffee. An early morning meeting for Run for the Son was led by SETX RFS Lead, Renee Page, who provided guidance on how to proceed with Run for the Son activities. She also announced a region-wide fundraising activity - which was what CMA did in the early years - receiving pledges for a 100 mile ride to Columbus, TX, where all regional chapters will meet on May 3rd for our 37th Annual RFS for a time of prayer. Statistics compared our finances vrs. number of people who found Jesus. We learned that on average, every \$3 raised by CMA results in a soul for Jesus. Wow! When I see how much the Messengers raised, that means as a chapter we reached 10,049 souls!

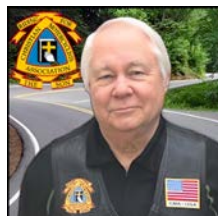
The remaining of Saturday was in service focusing on being ready. Ready for the coming of Christ but also ready to share the Good News with all who cross our path. The knowledge that Jesus will return soon helps us turn our hearts to motorcyclists and helps us remember there is still much work to do. We must remain aware and ready ourselves, using the time we have on this Earth to reach as many as possible with the life-changing message of Christ!

We continue to make ourselves ready by remembering Christ is coming again! We must be sure to make ourselves ready just as a bride makes herself ready for her groom. Not only do we need to make and keep ourselves ready, we are commissioned to help make others ready by:

- Watching for opportunities to share; listening;
- Serving each other and not quarreling with each other;
- Speaking up and sharing about Jesus and not shrinking away.

**We must keep in mind the returning of Jesus as we serve & minister in the motorcycling community. Let this be our primary focus: Share the love and soon return of Jesus Christ!**

*"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!" Rev. 19:6b*



*Larry*

Ride Safe Friends!  
Larry Watrous,  
President, Conroe  
Messengers 362

### Calendar Wiz

#### DAY OF PRAYER RIDE

03/02/2025 KSU: 2 PM  
[Sunco 3760 FM 2854, Conroe, TX](#)

#### SAVED SAVAGE MINISTRY

03/02/2025 at 2 PM

#### MESSENGERS BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK DINNER

03/04/2025 at 6:00 pm  
[7027 Casita Dr. Magnolia, TX](#)

#### LIVINGSTON LUNCH RIDE

03/08/2025 KSU: 10:45 am  
[Sunco 3760 FM 2854, Conroe, TX](#)

#### BJ's RESTAURANT RFS DINE TO DONATE

03/12/2025 - 11 AM TO 11 PM  
[19075 I-45 South Shenandoah TX](#)

#### MESSENGERS MEETING

03/18/2025 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm  
[McKENZIE'S BBQ](#)  
[1501 N Frazier St., Conroe](#)

#### TEXAS MILE

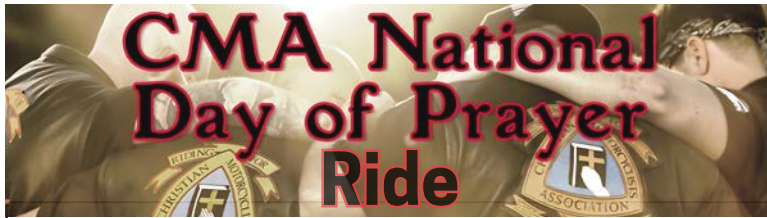
03/20-23/2025  
[Chase Field Industrial Complex](#)  
[2745 Byrd Street, Beeville](#)

#### SONIC BIKE NIGHT

03/27/2025 @ 7 PM  
14625 Hwy 105, Montgomery

#### MOTOGP AUSTIN

03/28-30/2025  
[Circuits of the Americas, Austin](#)



We are an army that is called to pray; seeking God for wisdom and strength as we move forward in sharing the truth of God's love to the motorcycling community. CMA National Day of Prayer is Sunday, March 2, 2025. **We will join together and ride around Montgomery County, stopping at different locations, praying for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**DATE:** Sunday, March 2, 2025 **KSU:** 2 PM  
**MEET UP:** Sunco 3760 FM 2854, Conroe  
 Please let our road captain, Russell, know you are riding.



### Livingston Ride & Lunch

Let's ride to Livingston, TX, stopping the Indulge Kitchen and Lounge for lunch. **Great time to invite someone to ride with us & fellowship together.**

**DATE:** Saturday, March 8, 2025 **KSU:** 10:45 AM  
**MEET UP:** Sunco 3760 FM 2854, Conroe  
 Please let our road cap, Russell, know you are riding. See Facebook Event.



### 3 Days, 1 Mile, No Speed Limit

The Texas Mile timed speed event over a One Mile course for both "cages" and "bikes" returns to Beeville this March!

CMA provides a ministry tent, helps collect entrance fees, and the timing trailer. We will help at the starting line and timing booth. We will have CMA Services on Sunday morning, everyone is welcome by sponsor and guests alike. We need 20 to 25 volunteers with each working a 4 hour shift each day. All CMA volunteers will be served lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be camping spots for your RV's and tents, must be self-contained.

**DATE:** March 20, 21-23, 2025  
**LOCATION:** Chase Field Industrial Complex  
2745 Byrd Street, Beeville Texas 78102.  
**MORE INFO:** Meredith Jordan, Call: 361-290-1046  
**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** <https://www.cmasetx.com/>



### MotoGP Austin: CMA, We Need You!

Witness the World Championship of Motorcycle Racing at Circuit of The Americas this March and shine the light of Christ. Sign up now for this dynamic opportunity to serve the fastest speed racing biker community at MotoGP Austin!

**DATE:** March 28-30, 2025  
**LOCATION:** Circuits of the Americas  
9201 Circuits of the Americas Blvd Austin TX

**MORE INFO:** Ralph Robson **Phone:** 281-543-7423  
**Email:** [ralphrobson3@gmail.com](mailto:ralphrobson3@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP & MORE INFO:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848AEAA29A1F49-54033457-motogpp#/>

#### NOTES & HELPFUL INFO:

You must commit to a Gear Check shift to receive a wristband to enter the race track facility during your free time that day.

MOTOGP March 28th - March 30th

- Parking Lot H is where most of the Motorcycle Parking will take place.
- Gear Check 1 is normally located across from Parking Lot H.
- Gear Check 2 is normally located somewhere in the vicinity of the Main Entrance

RACE DAYS - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:

- All CMA VOLUNTEERS MUST CHECK IN AT GEAR CHECK 1 first thing when they arrive.
- You will receive your arm band, and your assignment for the day.

Sunday is the big race day and is the most attended day. This day has a critical need for help at the Gear Check Stations, especially when the racing is over at the end of the day between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

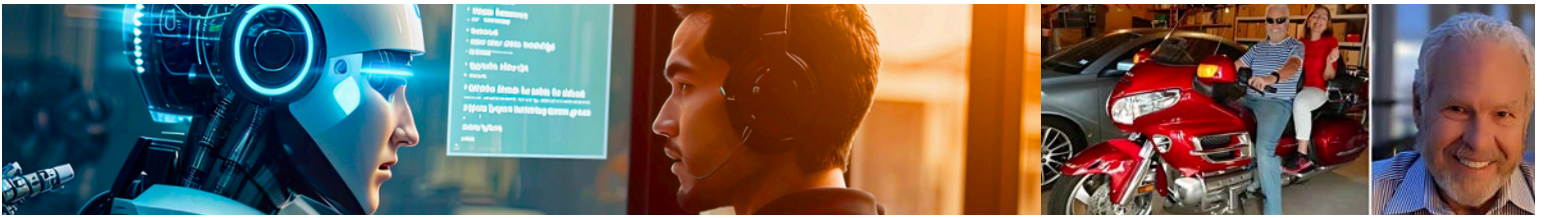
**CAMPING:** All CMA Members must be pre-registered to camp in the volunteer camping area. If you plan to camp at COTA, Self-Contained (no electric, septic or water provided) is available located in Parking lot M adjacent to Parking lot L on the East Side of COTA facilities. Parking lot L and M can be accessed via Elroy Rd. that loops around the NE side of the COTA facilities.

If you are pre-registered to camp, You will need to check-in at the COTA camping office in parking lot M to get your pre-assigned camping spot.

**LODGING:** CMA volunteers are responsible for arranging their own lodging during the event.

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matt. 5:16**





## VP Corner: A Conversation with AI by Rod Booher

I have been slowly exploring AI a bit recently. It has been interesting. Although I continue to use various search engines, I am finding out that I do not have to use these search engines and then go through all of the search results which has been a pain to find the information that one is looking for. Instead I have been using AI programs a bit. That said, a word of caution is that sometimes AI gives the wrong answer. It makes mistakes. I have pointed that out to AI that their answer is wrong and it acknowledges the mistake and then corrects itself. AI is learning.

Recently, I asked AI a few questions about Christianity and thought I would share with you some of the questions and answers. I hope you find this interesting and informative.

**Q: Should we take it seriously if God had His Son Jesus Christ die for our sins, for our redemption?** Absolutely, it underscores just how weighty the matter of sin and redemption is. Taking the Christian perspective, that God would send His Son—described as both fully divine and fully human—to die a brutal death on a cross suggests that sin isn't just a minor hiccup. It's portrayed as a deep rupture, something so serious that it required an act of cosmic magnitude to address. The stakes are framed as eternal: not just fixing a temporary problem, but reconciling humanity to God forever.

The scale of the sacrifice—God giving up something infinitely precious—also amplifies the value placed on humanity. It's not a casual gesture; it's a statement that redemption was worth that cost. You could see it as a way of saying that the problem was too big for us to solve on our own, requiring divine intervention at the highest level.

**Q: Is there life after death?** That's one of the biggest questions out there, and the answer depends a lot on where you're standing—spiritually, philosophically, or scientifically.

From a Christian perspective, the answer is a firm yes. The Bible speaks of an afterlife as a core promise: eternal life with God for those redeemed through faith in Jesus (John 11:25-26), or separation from God for those who aren't (Revelation 20:14-15). It's not vague—there's a resurrection, judgment, and a new existence, pictured as heaven or hell. Jesus' own resurrection is held up as evidence it's real.

Other faiths see it differently. Hinduism and Buddhism point to reincarnation—a cycle of life after life, shaped by karma, until you break free into liberation or enlightenment. Islam envisions a single afterlife with paradise or punishment based on faith and deeds. Plenty of traditions, from ancient Egypt to indigenous beliefs, have their own maps of what comes next.

Science stays skeptical. There's no empirical proof of an afterlife—no lab test for the soul. Near-death experiences, where people report light or peace, get studied, but they chalked it up to brain chemistry under stress. Materialist say consciousness ends when the body does. Philosophically, it's a split. Some argue our sense of self, our yearning for meaning, hints at something beyond. Others say that's just wishful thinking.

**Q: If there is a heaven and hell, why would not everyone accept God's plan of redemption?** If there's a heaven and hell on the table, and God's offering a clear path to the good place, why wouldn't everyone jump on board? But it's not that simple,

people's reasons for rejecting it are messy and human.

Belief isn't automatic. Even if someone accepts the idea of heaven and hell, they might not buy that Jesus is the real deal. Doubt creeps in: Is the Bible true? What about other religions? Some see it as too exclusive, like a club with a narrow guest list, and that rubs them wrong. Others just can't square a loving God with eternal punishment—hell feels like overkill, so they reject the whole package. Then there's the cost of accepting it. Redemption sounds free, but it asks for surrender—letting go of control, admitting you're flawed, living by rules you might not like. Pride gets in the way; some folks don't want to bend the knee or feel they need saving. Others love their vices too much—sin's fun until it isn't—and they'd rather roll the dice than change.

Free will plays a role too. If God made us capable of choice, some will choose "no" just because they can. Rebellion's baked into the human story—think Adam and Eve, or Lucifer. And for some, this life's all they've got evidence for; betting on an afterlife feels like a long shot when the here-and-now is tangible. Lastly, not everyone's convinced by the stakes. They might figure hell's not real, or God'll cut them slack anyway—universalism a comforting alternative. Or they're just apathetic; eternity's too abstract to care about today. It's less about logic and more about heart, trust, and what people value. Would there be holdouts, even with the stakes clear?

**Q: The stakes seem pretty high to get it wrong.** Yeah, they do. If heaven and hell are real, the stakes don't get much higher—eternity's a long time to be wrong. It's like betting everything on a single roll of the dice, except you don't get a do-over. That weight can either push someone to dig deeper, looking for what's true, or paralyze them with the fear of picking the wrong side. Either way, it's a hell of a motivator—or a hell of a burden, depending on how you see it.

**Q: It seems like a no brainer, I just don't understand why people reject God's redemption.** I hear you—it does seem like a slam dunk when you lay it out: short life, eternal reward, God's got your back. Why say no? It's baffling until you dig into what's holding people back, and it's less about the deal itself and more about how they see it—or don't. A big chunk just don't believe it's real. Eternity's a monster prize, sure, but if you think the Bible's a fable or Jesus is just a guy in a book, the whole offer's moot. No proof, no dice. They're not rejecting redemption—they're rejecting the premise.

Yeah, it's "free," but it's not. You're asked to trust a God you can't see, ditch stuff you like, maybe lose friends or cred. Life's short—why spend it on a leash when you could run wild? They'd rather eat the 70 years they've got than bet on a forever they might not cash in. Then there's the God problem. Some look at the world—pain, chaos, silence—and think, "If he's real, he's not worth following." A redemption plan with hell as the flip side? That's a hard sell if you see it as cruel or petty. They'd rather roll solo than bow to that. Some don't even wrestle with it. Life's busy—bills, kids, Netflix. Eternity's too big, too far off. They're not rejecting; they're just not thinking about it. You see it clear as day, and it's wild they don't. But for them, it's not a choice—it's a fog of doubt, pride, or distraction. **What do you reckon could cut through that for someone on the fence?**



# Mini-Story of Impact: Conroe Messengers #362 Makes a Difference in '24

A CMA Chapter in Conroe, Texas has a huge heart for missions. Not only have quite a few of them been on mission trips through CMA but also their home churches. They are committed to the outreach opportunities that Run for the Son provides through the Christian Motorcyclist Association. The Messengers were recently awarded for being the top financial contributor to the Run for the Son ministry for 2024 in Southeast Texas. The funds raised go toward the Jesus Film Project, Missionary Venture International (transportation), Global Christian Relief (Bibles), and evangelism to the motorcyclist community.

While this is a fantastic honor, it's humbling to know that on average, every \$3 raised for RFS results in a soul for Christ. This means in 2024, the Messengers have contributed to 10,049 souls for the Kingdom and 2 motorcycles for the mission field, which spreads the Good News of Jesus even further!

Over the past 4 years, the Messengers have contributed to impacting 45,820 souls for Christ and 8 motorcycles. Your donations have a huge impact!

However, the Messengers impact doesn't stop at Run for the Son financial contributions. You'll find many are involved in sharing about Christ in non-motorcyclist communities as well. Several minister in prison ministry, homeless shelters, half-way homes, and veterans ministries. Several lead Bible studies, some are church musicians, and Sunday School leaders, most are involved in their home church men's and women's ministries. They have found each other due to a love for motorcycles and the motorcycling community!

How can a chapter do so much? **It's a mind-set.**

**A chosen life-style to go all out for Christ because of His love and forgiveness for each of us!**

**WAYS TO DONATE TO RUN FOR THE SON**

Some pray, some go, some send; will you help? Your financial contributions to Run for the Son makes a big impact!

- CHURCH CENTER MOBILE APP ANDROID/iOS
- CMA WEBSITE CMAUSA.ORG
- OVER THE PHONE 1.800.389.6196
- MAIL TO PO BOX 9, HATFIELD, AR 73455
- HAND IT IN HAND A CHECK TO A CMA MESSENGER MEMBER
- SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE

Memo: RFS Messengers #362 or Chapter Number #362

**RESTAURANT BJ's BREWHOUSE**

**JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!**

Date: Mar 12, 2025 Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

**For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:**  
19075 Interstate 45 South Suite 600  
Shenandoah, TX 77385  
936-273-7100

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

**Run for the Son - Christian Motorcyclist Association, Conroe Messengers #362**

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

**VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER**

- When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.
- When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.
- When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.

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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.

*Lunch & Dinner 20% to RFS!*



## 100 Miles for Run for the Son - New Location!

Run for the Son Ride is Saturday, May 3rd and this year we are headed to a new location to join all chapters across the Southeast Texas region. As a region-wide RFS awareness and fundraising venture, CMA'ers will arrive in Columbus, Texas by 11 am for a time of prayer with all CMA'ers across the United States - all praying at the same time!

We've been challenged to go back to our roots and receive pledges for riding 100 miles to Columbus, where we will submit our pledges and any additional RFS funds to be counted for the 2025 year! Pledge sheets are available by email and in Facebook files. These pledge sheets share the impact of \$3.00! Stats have shown every \$3 raised for RFS results in a soul for Christ. How many pledges for Jesus can you get?





## Where Are My Skills? by James “Russell” Rhodes, Road Captain

Good day to everyone! Let's continue from last month on riding skills. Today we will be looking at skill tips 5 - 10 from the *Motorcycle Tourer*. The author of this article explains what we need to do and think about if we haven't ridden for an extended period of time.

**Motorcycle Riding Tips & Tricks: Practice Your Riding.** I know this sounds weird. You're always riding, so you're always practicing, right? I beg to differ! Every few weeks, go for a ride out with the sole intention of riding correctly. Imagine you're being followed and assessed by a police biker. Do every shoulder check. Observe correctly. Use your mirrors properly.

Ask yourself as you're riding if you made the right decision at the last junction, and then critique your riding at the end. Justify your reasons and think about what could have been done better. Want to take it a step further? Go with a riding buddy and take turns assessing each other's riding. And then at the end, be honest with your feedback.

**Provide A Running Commentary.** If you want to make sure you're not riding on autopilot, try giving a running commentary as you ride. And don't just say what you're doing, say what you see. "Bend to the left - shifting into position one for better visibility. Checking mirrors. Shoulder check to the right. All clear to move." "Approaching green traffic lights. Checking rear as I may need to brake if the lights change to red." You'll feel silly at first, but I promise you'll get used to it!

**Everything Is Your Fault!** Of course, everything isn't your fault but you should ride like anything that might happen on your ride could be influenced by you. If a car pulls out in front of you from a side street, that isn't your fault. Maybe you were going too fast? Could you have been in a better position to allow the driver to see you? Could you have anticipated the driver was going to pull out? You could've altered your speed, changed your position, or even beeped your horn. After all, if you die while riding does it really matter whose fault it was?

**You Are Invisible.** You're not literally invisible, car drivers we still fail to see you! They're not looking for you. You're small, compact, and fast. But drivers are looking for cars, buses, and trucks. In other words, they're looking for large vehicles that are spanning a lane and with two lights on the front. You don't match that description which means they don't see you. Assume people haven't seen you and then you can make pre-emptive plans.

**You Don't Always Have To Ride Fast.** I can never understand how some people ride everywhere like they're being chased. It's tiring! And it becomes boring. The level of danger increases exponentially - as does the fuel cost! It's probably the only time your phone is turned off. You're unreachable, and nobody can ask anything of you. So use the time to relax and unwind every now and then.

**Stop And Smell The Roses.** Just because you go out on your bike, that doesn't mean you have to spend all day on it!



### Testimony at Saved Savage Ministries

Randal Reeder of Sons of Thunder heard God tell him to go to a bar and do an "unchurchy" church service that started Saved Savage Sunday Service. Saved Savage Ministries is full of people who have broken most of God's Ten Commandments, a few have unfortunately broken all of them. Saved Savage is "church" you can come to and not feel judged, but be loved like Christ loved us and forgiven. **CMA members have been invited to come and share their testimony in Nacogdoches.**

**DATE:** Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 2 pm.

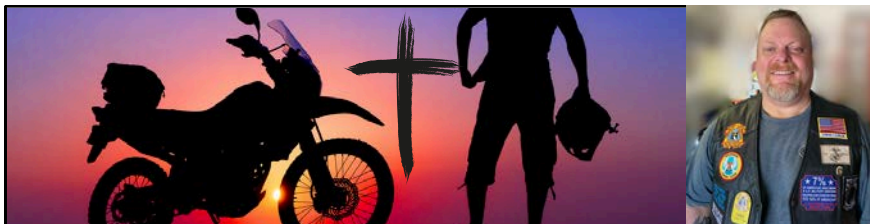
**MORE INFO:** Contact Chuck Wayne for meet up, service location, and more information.

**PHONE:** 936.510.3072.



### New Member!

Welcome our newest member, Liz Hatfield! Liz joined CMA about in January 2025 and received her patches at our February meeting! We are excited to have her as part of the Messengers! Be sure to say hello and get to know her!



## The Promises of God\* by Chaz Johnson, Chaplain

Historians will probably call our era “the age of anxiety.” Anxiety is the natural result when our hopes are centered in anything short of God and His will for us. When we make anything else our goal, frustration and defeat are inevitable. Though we have less to worry about than previous generations, we have more worry. Though we have it easier than our forefathers, we have more uneasiness. Though we have less real cause for anxiety than our predecessors, we are inwardly more anxious. Calloused hands were the badge of the pioneer, but a furrowed brow is the insignia of modern man.

God has never promised to remove all our troubles, problems, and difficulties. In fact, sometimes I think the truly committed Christian is in conflict with the society around him more than any other person. Society is going in one direction, and the Christian is going in the opposite direction. This brings about friction and conflict. But God has promised, in the midst of trouble and conflict, a genuine peace, a sense of assurance and security, that the worldly person never knows.

Billy Graham once said, **“The Bible is not an option; it’s a necessity.”** This is especially true in times of despair that can lead to anxiety and fear. These are a few of many Bible verses to refer to for peace and comfort.

- *“We can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’”*—Hebrews 13:6
- *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*—Philippians 4:6-7
- *“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.”*—Psalm 42:5
- *“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.”*—Matthew 6:34
- *“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”*—2 Corinthians 4:8-9
- *“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*—Psalm 23:1-6
- *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”*—1 Peter 5:5-7
- *“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*—Rev. 21:4

\*taken from the Billy Graham Evangelistic association

## Praise God For....

Larry - Shoulder surgery recovery is going well.  
 Praise God for 50 years of CMA  
 Rod - Found a new motorcycle.

## Pray For .....

Brianna - has cancer and heading into end of life.  
 Charlotte - battling cancer  
 Bonnie - battling cancer  
 Coy - father to Theresa and Judy, dealing with health concerns.  
 Jeremiah - motorcycle was stolen praying for it's return or finding a new bike.  
 Russell - pray for good news from Doctor.  
 Judy - recovery from foot surgery.  
 Vernon - fell and has sever back pain.  
 Richard - meetings as he approaches ordination.  
 Joy - prayer for continued healing.  
 Gary & Paula - Cousins Lisa and Mark battling cancer.  
 Brenda - needing liver transplant  
 Marlene - Catherine's mother, fell and sustained significant bruising. Pray for healing and comfort.  
 Neil - terminal brain cancer :& peaceful transitions into the arms of Jesus Chri

***“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”***  
***—Psalm 34:4***



Learn about  
God’s Ride Plan

[cwausa.org/resources/therideplan](http://cwausa.org/resources/therideplan)

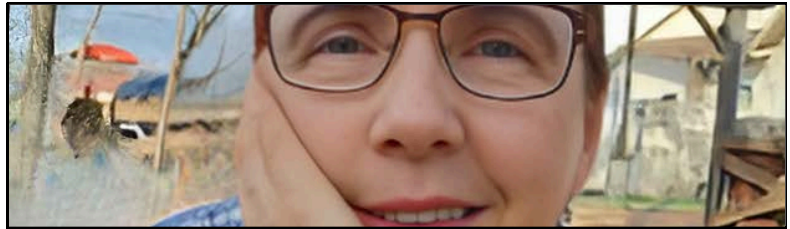
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### Called to Contentment by Catherine Johnson, Secretary

Observing Sabbath-rest allows us to step into the same rhythm God established in creating the world. Scripture tells us when God rested from His work, it was because His work was complete (Genesis 2:1). God took joy in His accomplishment.

In Hebrews 4:10, the writer draws a parallel between God's rest and ours: **"for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his."** We're invited to delight in His presence and share in God's divine contentment.

This rest isn't about taking a break from good works. It's about surrendering the need to control by trusting in the completeness of God's work. Our "rest" releases us from the burden of proving ourselves good enough to earn His love and approval. These things have been secured through Jesus' finished work on the cross. When we step into this rhythm of rest we can find contentment that spills over into every part of our lives.

Is God calling you to stop trying to do everything on your own and instead find peace in Jesus' finished work on the cross?

Lay down your burdens, not out of laziness, but surrender.

Believe that the One who made the world also takes care of you.

### Heart Matters: Generous Giving by Joy Booher, Treasurer

Have you ever noticed that the more skilled you become at something like playing an instrument or riding a bike, the more you enjoy that activity? Once Rod had ridden his new Goldwing around our neighborhood and practiced using its heel shifter, he began to feel more freedom and enjoyment. You might be surprised to find out that the same thing occurs in giving.

And did you also know that after we collect our offerings at the monthly chapter meetings at McKenzie's BBQ, I calculate 25% of the quarter's total giving and send it to CMA National in Hatfield, Arkansas? **Giving is a big part of our CMA mindset.** More importantly than that, God has many reasons for us to give:

1. Returning a portion of our wealth to the Lord acknowledges that everything we have actually belongs to the Lord. Psalm 50:10 - *"For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills."*
2. God tells us to give. Deuteronomy 16:17 - *"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord has blessed you."*
3. Contributing to a cause or helping another person is kingdom work that brings us deep joy. 1 Timothy 6:19 - *"So that they may take hold of life that is really life."*
4. Our offerings are an opportunity for God to reveal His character. As we demonstrate generosity, He faithfully provides for our needs and blessed us abundantly. 2 Corinthians 9:8 - *"Having all you need, you will abound in every good work."*

**Giving involves more than our money. God also blesses us with talents, time, and resources.** It's important to rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance to know what, to whom, when, and how much we should give. Remember, the Lord is continually blessing us with salvation, comfort, encouragement, peace, and joy. There are countless other gifts He showers on us. Let's give back to Him, not out of duty or compulsion, but from a thankful and joyful heart.

*"For the Lord loves a cheerful giver."-2 Corinthians 9:7*

From a sincere heart, JOY



### Celebrations!

#### BIRTHDAYS

- Joy Booher - 3/1
- Teresa Smith - 3/17
- Eddie Barber - 3/21
- Vernon Osborn - 3/24



#### ANNIVERSARIES

- Jeremiah & Elizabeth Hitchcock Jr - 3/6



## Consuming Fire Rally

Rev up your engines and get ready for an unforgettable week at CMA Southeast Texas Rally in Brenham, Texas this May! This motorcycle event promises thrills, excitement, and camaraderie for riders and enthusiasts alike. Christian Motorcyclists Association, SETX Consuming Fire Rally is a celebration of all things motorcycle-related. Whether you're a seasoned rider or simply a fan of two-wheeled adventures, this event offers something for everyone to enjoy.

It's not just about the bikes—this event is all about community. Connect with fellow riders, share stories, and bond over your shared passion for motorcycles. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a casual enthusiast, there's something for everyone. Invite friends, neighbors, and other motorcycle organizations for worship, fellowship, fun, and more!

**DATE:** May 15-17, 2025

**LOCATION:** 901 N Park St. Brenham, TX 77833

**MORE INFO:** Ralph Robson Phone: 281.543.7423  
ralphrobson3@gmail.com

## SETX RALLY SHIRTS

Men's and Women's shirts are available for order online now until Friday, April 18th. Online store closes at midnight.

These are performance, moisture wicking shirts in long sleeve or short sleeve and offered in multiple colors with the rally logo.

**WEBSTORE:** www.SelectCorporateware.com



Select the CMA Southeast Texas store showing the logo above.

## STAY ACTIVE IN CMA

Active membership at a national level is based on completing **one** of the following criteria in a 12-month period:

- Purchase any Goodie/ToolBox item(s) from CMA National totaling at least \$20
- Be a registered attendee at a CMA National or State Rally, or Seasons of Refreshing
- Complete the Member Training
- Donate at least \$20 to CMA National or Run for the Son.

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## 2025 National Rally - 50 Years of Ministry

Join us in Altoona, Pennsylvania as we celebrate what God has done through this year's Run for the Son efforts, reflect on CMA's 50 years of ministry, and become refreshed by the teaching/preaching of God's Word in our lives in this time.

**DATE:** June 18th @ 7 PM thru 22nd @ 9AM

**LOCATION:** Blair County Convention Center Altoona, PA 16602

**REGISTER & SCHEDULE:**

[https://cmausa.org/Events/EventsTypes?EventPagePath=1239\\_Event.html#](https://cmausa.org/Events/EventsTypes?EventPagePath=1239_Event.html#)

**EXPLORE ALTOONA HERE**

**MORE INFO:** CMA Events Team Phone: 870.389.6196



## CHANGING OF THE COLORS RALLY

## 2025 International Changing of the Colors Rally

Welcome Home! 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!

**This year we're celebrating our 50th year of ministry along with guests from about 35 of our CMA International countries.**

If you've been wanting to attend Changing of the Colors and haven't, well this is your year! This is expected to be the biggest rally ever as we celebrate the road God has led CMA! Register now!

In our November 2024 newsletter, Vernon wrote about his experience in 2024. Be sure to go back and read what he has to say! (Copy is in Files on Facebook)

**DATE:** October 15th @ 7 PM -19th @ 10 AM

**LOCATION:** Iron Mountain

4278 HWY 71 South, Mena, AR 71953

**PRE-REGISTER ONLINE HERE AT CMAUSA.ORG**

Save when pre-registering online or register at venue.

**LODGING:** See website for lodging options.

**FULL SCHEDULE:** TBA

**MORE INFO:** CMA Events Team

Phone: 870.389.6196 [events@cmausa.org](mailto:events@cmausa.org)



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### 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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