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## Welcome

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. We predominately serve the biker community, but not exclusively. Our motto is "There if you needs us."

#### Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I count not myself, that I have attained to it, but one thing I do: I forget that which is behind, and endeavor myself unto that which is before, 14 I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above.

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Enjoy the pictures and memories...

#### 2024 in the "Rear View"

Wow what a year of growth in; membership, activities, Bible studies, outreach, and in our Run for the Son giving.

Membership went from 26 to 35.

Eighty "Activity Reports" filed electronically.

Monthly Chapter Bible Studies using the National CMA Spiritual Resource material.

Nine hundred sixty-three "Outreach" encounters.

At least one re-dedication and one salvation.

Six thousand two hundred eight dollars donated to 2024 Run For the Son.

...I forget that which is behind, and endeavor myself unto that which is before...

It is not that Paul disagrees with remembering the past, he is warning me not to rest on my accomplishments, but to "forget" about the past as if it did not happen and look forward to what I have yet to do. I should not be complacent, satisfied, or self-confident.

I should keep running the race because I have not yet reached the goal, or crossed the "Finish Line," to receive my reward. I am not to look back and think, "Wow, look at all I have done, I have been busy, I have accomplished, it has been so very much, and now I can take it easy."

I am not to look at myself as the "Winner" or the "Champion," my race is not finished, my goal is to reach the end and hear the referee, the Judge, say...

'Matthew 25:21

'Well done, my good and faithful servant....'

#### 2025 on "The Horizon"

I am so proud of the Border Eagles; I take pleasure in seeing the fruits of our labor and effort for the Lord, but this can be a source of discord. Proverbs 13:10a "Pride only leads to arguments..."

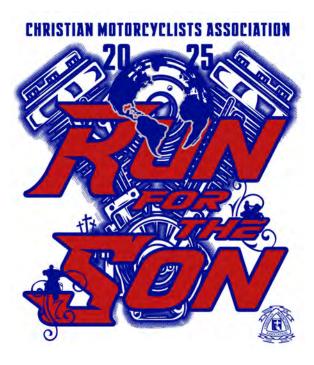
As the Chapter grows let us remember why we are in CMA, what the Chapter's purposes are, what we as members are "involved" in, and most importantly "Who" we serve and represent, Jesus and His coming Kingdom. The training manual says that each member should be involved in one or more of four areas; Fellowship, Discipleship, Prayer, and Evangelism. (What am I involved in?)

Let us have fun in how, when, and where se serve. Not everyone has the same goals, gifts, desires, and personality to serve in the same place, way, or frequency. Let us grow our chapter knowing that we are but a mere piece, a branch if you would, of the Lord's Kingdom, and that when we grow, the Kingdom grows.

Kingdom work is what matters. Coordination and numbers are important. When CMA does what CMA does best, King Jesus is best served. I need to remember this.

#### Let us;

"...endeavor *ourselves* unto that which is before (us)..."



#### 2025 Run For the Son

2024 RFS was a record year for the CMA. Over \$6 million dollars was collected for our one and only fund raiser. The CMA 804 collectively donated \$6,208.48.

This year we will attempt to raise \$7,000 for the 2025 RFS collection day which is the first Saturday in May.

To date the CMA 804 has set aside over \$2,939 for the 2025 RFS donation.

The RFS Ride day is Saturday, May the  $3^{\rm rd}$ . Please keep the first Saturday of May on your mind so you can plan on making the Run for The Son Ride with us. I'm sure our Road Captain, Hugo Martinez, will have an enjoyable route for us to enjoy.

CMA USA has put out a Jaunary progress report on RFS. You can find the progress at <a href="http://www.cmausa.org">http://www.cmausa.org</a> web site, then choose [Run For The Son] then [Tools].



### RFS Fund Raising Ideas...

- Yard or garage sale
- Bake sale
- Send letters (or emails or texts) requesting donations
- Email your church asking for a charitable donation
- Shoe shining at events
- Set up a CMA Tent at a local biker venue and include a donation jar
- Special talent? Sell your crafts etc....
- Give a presentation about RFS at your church
- Host a small RFS dinner or game night at your house
- Wash someone's car, mow their lawn or some chore
- Collect change in a coin jar
- Consider canceling a subscription you no longer need and donate the money

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#### NEW YEAR, NEW HOPE

by Carlos Mendez/Vice-President/Chaplain

When an idea to make a trip, like to the beach, fishing, or a short ride comes to mind. It starts with a plan of gathering things to accomplish that idea. But it is the first step that counts.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" - Lao Tzu  $\,$ 

We should look at bringing in the New Year with this same frame of mind, because God is already on the move. We just need to jump on board.

Faith, Obedience, Change, and Prayer are some first steps we can take.

The idea of "having faith" is something we often throw around. Our culture has deemed "just have faith" the answer to just about every problem that doesn't have a clear solution.

We can say, "I have faith," but if your hearts and souls are not ready to back up that statement, then what good is it?

Matthew 14:25–29 paints a beautiful picture of Peter's faith and his trust in Jesus. By practicing obedience, we create space in our lives for Jesus to do His work.

"Partial obedience is disobedience." We cannot go about our lives half-heartedly walking with God. We used to be blind and slaves of sin. But thanking God with all our heart we followed the example in the teachings we received. Do you think God wants us to obey man rather than Him? The Bible says:

Proverbs 3:5; Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding....

2 Corinthians 5:17; ....... The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Ephesians 4:22; .... throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

Where are you in your spiritual life? What is your purpose? What are your shortcomings? Being reminded that on this journey, some months of the year are difficult for many as you go through trials (1Peter 1:6) like dealing with financial burdens or feelings of hopelessness.

Some may have taken breaks from a church's small groups, which could lead to backsliding into your old worldly ways. Your faith could start to dwindle away causing you to become comfortable with it. We can become overwhelmed, burned out and even disconnected from the Lord. That is when we must renew our faith, by refilling our spiritual tank.

Our culture revolves around maintaining a baseline of comfort. That means change is usually the last thing you want to think about. You get so comfortable with where you are, that you ignore the opportunities where God will help get you to where you are heading.

We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense.

Prayer is not just about you talking to God. It is also about listening to what God has to say to you. Prayer is your opportunity to wholeheartedly release your life into the hands of the one who created it.

What About You? Are there areas where you have stubbornly refused to obey God?

Has God called you to some area of ministry, yet you have failed to prepare yourself? Is there some lifestyle issue with which you continue to struggle?



