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Maybe January 1st has loomed as nothing more than the continuation of the difficulties from the previous year. Maybe it's simply hard to believe that anything could ever be any different from the inevitable "way things are." Maybe you're used to letting circumstances shape your attitude. But what if this year were different? What if it were the best year ever?

No matter what's going on, no matter what your past experience has been, this new year is packed with potential. In fact, this could be your best year ever, and the best year ever for our chapter. Feel the optimism, drink in the anticipation, and embrace the moment. It's a blank slate, a fresh beginning. There is every reason to feel good about the new year. Don't let cynicism about abandoned resolutions, broken promises, and "it's never worked in the past" get in the way of what promises to be the starting point of something amazing. This coming new year absolutely could be something special. And here are 5 good reasons just to get started.

1. You are in the driver's seat.

You're not a passive victim in this life. Launch this year proactively. The one who can make this a great year is you. Figure out five things you want to focus on this year. Write them down and put the list in a place where you can see it. Make sure you are working on those five every day. One of my 5 is act on the opportunities and divine appointments God provides.

2. Last year is something to build on.

No matter what you have been through, there is always something to be learned, [improvements to be made, and positives to build upon](#). We can always move forward. [Seasons of Refreshing](#) is in 4 weeks. It is a great place to learn something new to apply in the new year both personally and as a member of the Highway Disciples.

3. Belief is a huge factor.

Conventional wisdom declares that "seeing is believing." But the power of new eyes and a fresh start works on the principle that "believing is seeing!" We can step into this new year buoyed by not only determination but belief. You exist in this world with unique talent, viewpoint, and voice. It's time to believe in yourself and God's purpose for you in 2025.

4. You're older and wiser.

We know stuff we didn't know 12 months ago. We have much more experience to draw on. Every day, we learn more. Use that knowledge and continue to have a thirst for learning more.

5. You have a clean slate.

Don't underestimate the psychological value of every new year. It's like taking off on a new road trip. [There are so many great roads out there to ride and enjoy.](#) The year, my friends, is ours for the taking.

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In Christ,

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Welcome back Trump

It is hard to sit down and think about anything else going on in the world right now except our new president of the United States. He has come in like a political tsunami. Despite your world views, political views, or interpretation of current events it is hard to deny the overwhelming since of a change for the better. You kind of have to wonder how this happened, right?

The first thing that came to mind for me was Ephesians 4:11-14

11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14that we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

This passage tells us that we need leaders in our spiritual lives. As we grow and become more mature in our relationship with God we are not easily deceived by false doctrine and teachings. I think this can apply in all areas of our lives. We need to grow in truth and understanding and become strong in our beliefs so that we are not swayed by those who mean to do harm. And so, we can lead those who need guidance.

What makes a good leader?

Leadership begins and ends with trust. Followers must be able to trust their leaders, and leaders must be able to trust their followers. One without the other is a lopsided relationship. Booker T. Washington said, "Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him."

Many people trusted the Apostle Paul as one of the prominent leaders of the early church. But his leadership was successful because he had people he could also trust. One of his most trusted companions was someone most people in the first century would not expect: a woman named Phoebe.

In that culture, women had very little say or role in leadership. Not only was there no seat at the table for women, but society knew women as little more than servants. But Paul viewed women as children of God who could and should be trusted to bring Christianity to the next generations. In Romans 16, Paul mentions Phoebe who had been a tremendous help to the apostle. Because of her, the letter to the Romans safely arrived in their hands. The length of this letter alone would have been costly to produce, let alone for it to be delivered. Paul viewed Phoebe as the right person for the job. He couldn't have predicted it at the time, but she delivered one of the most important letters in the history of humanity.

Paul wrote that the Romans were to welcome her with open arms and in an honorable manner (v. 2a). Knowing she was a noblewoman who could be trusted, he told them to give her whatever she needed (v. 2b). She was a true gift to Paul, the Romans, and us. Like all Christian relationships, their bond was built on trust in Christ and trust in one another.

>> As we conclude our study on unlikely leaders, consider how and where God might be calling you to lead! What leadership lesson has been challenging to you? How do you think God might be stretching you to grow as a godly leader?

Go Deeper

What have you learned about being a godly leader?

Pray with Us

Father, use the Scriptures we have studied and the prayers we have prayed this month to penetrate our hearts and minds with the truths You want us to know. May Your Word transform us to reflect and glorify You.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15](#)

Written by: Chris Rappazini

As we go out into the world as lights to Christ be careful to stay true to God's will and not your own. We are always an example with every encounter that we have, every conversation, every interaction.

Ephesians 4:29 say, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Let's change the world one heart at a time. I love you all.

Amy D Machado
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Always Dancing and Motorcycling 😊

Bill Gates and the Newspaper Boy: A Story of True Riches

Bill Gates was once asked if there was anyone richer than he was. In response, he shared a touching story about an encounter he had years earlier with a black boy selling newspapers at a New York airport he frequently visited. Once, Bill picked up a newspaper but realized he didn't have any change. The newspaper boy noticed and said, "Take this newspaper; it's for you!" Bill hesitated and replied, "But I don't have any money." The boy smiled and said, "I am giving it to you as a gift."

Three months later, a similar situation occurred. Again, Bill didn't have any money, and the same boy offered him a newspaper, saying, "Take this, it is yours." This time, Bill asked, "My friend, some time ago, you also gifted me a newspaper. Do you do this for everyone?" The boy replied, "Yes. When I give something, I give it with all my heart. It gives me joy and satisfaction."

Bill shared how the boy's face and his words stayed with him over the years. He often wondered about the spirit and feeling behind the boy's selfless generosity.

Nineteen years later, after becoming the richest man in the world, Bill Gates decided to find the boy and thank him. He sent a team to search for him, and they eventually found the man working as a watchman in a theater. Bill invited him to his office. When the man arrived, Bill asked, "Do you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yes, of course. You're Bill Gates. Everyone in the world knows you." Bill then reminded him, "Many years ago, when you were selling newspapers, you gave me two newspapers for free because I didn't have money. Why did you do that?" The man responded, "There was no particular reason. When I give something to someone without any expectation, I feel happy and satisfied. That is enough for me."

Bill smiled and said, "I want to thank you. Ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you." The man was surprised and asked, "Really?" Bill replied, "Yes, anything." The man laughed and said, "I don't need anything, sir. You say I should ask for something because you want to repay me for my kindness. Mr. Gates, you have the power to give me anything, but you cannot repay me." Confused, Bill asked, "What do you mean? How can I not repay you?" The man explained, "The difference is that I gave to you when I was poor and in need. But now you want to give to me when you have so much. That is why you cannot repay me. True generosity is giving when you yourself have little."

Bill Gates reflected on the man's words and said, "His words made me realize that he is richer than I am. The best act of giving is what you do when you are in need, and that is what he did for me. In spirit, he is richer than I will ever be."

This story, involving Bill Gates and the poor Black newspaper boy, symbolizes the profound truth that acts of selfless giving carry a deep, intrinsic value that no wealth or material possession can fully repay. Let us delve into the themes of this story and explore their connection to our debt to Jesus and the joy found in serving Him.

The Story in Context

1. **The Debt That Cannot Be Repaid:** Bill Gates, one of the richest individuals in the world, finds himself in awe of the selflessness of a poor newspaper boy who, despite his limited

means, offers him all he has. Gates acknowledges that his immense wealth cannot repay this pure and uncalculating act of kindness. This reflects a humbling truth: there are gifts, like love, grace, and sacrifice, that transcend the value of material wealth.

2. **The Joy of Giving All:** The boy's joy comes not from what he receives but from the act of giving, a joy rooted in selflessness and compassion. He gives without expectation, embodying a principle that aligns deeply with the Christian ethos: it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

The Spiritual Parallels

1. **The Debt We Owe Jesus:** Jesus, through His sacrifice, offered humanity the greatest gift—eternal life, love, and reconciliation with God. Like the newspaper boy's act, Jesus gave all He had, even His life, without any expectation of repayment. Our debt to Him is infinite, as it stems from a gift of grace that we could never earn or deserve.
 - Romans 6:23 reminds us that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - Just as Bill Gates cannot repay the boy, we cannot repay Jesus for the priceless gift of salvation.
2. **The Joy of Serving Jesus:** The boy's joy mirrors the joy Christians find in serving Jesus. It is not a burden but a privilege to live in gratitude and reflect His love through acts of kindness and service. The joy comes from knowing that our service, no matter how small, pleases God and aligns us with His purpose.
 - Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), highlighting the joy that comes from giving of oneself.
 - Our joy in serving Jesus arises from our relationship with Him, a relationship rooted in love, grace, and gratitude.

Lessons for Us

1. **Grace Over Material Wealth:** The story challenges us to value acts of kindness and selflessness over material wealth. True riches are found in the heart that gives freely and joyfully, just as Jesus gave Himself for us.
2. **Gratitude for Grace:** The debt we owe Jesus is a reminder of the depth of His love. While we cannot repay Him, we are called to live in gratitude, reflecting His love to others through our actions.
3. **Finding Joy in Service:** Like the newspaper boy, Christians are called to give all, whether it be time, resources, or love, and to find joy in serving others. This joy is a foretaste of the eternal joy we will experience with Christ.

Conclusion

The story of Bill Gates and the newspaper boy is a poignant illustration of the beauty of selfless giving and the profound nature of grace. It reminds us that the greatest gifts cannot be repaid but must be received with humility and gratitude. In the same way, our debt to Jesus is infinite, but it inspires us to live lives of joyful service, reflecting the love and grace we have received. The boy's joy in giving mirrors the Christian joy found in serving Christ, knowing that we are part of His eternal plan of love and redemption.

Jack Clark
Chaplin, Highway Disciples



From Your Road Captain Group Riding – Part One

NOW that we have got our winter out of the way last week (haha), I'm sure all of us are looking forward to some good spring weather and the great riding days that come with it. Along those lines, I wanted to give everyone a few reminders (and maybe some new tips for some) on riding with a group.

Before the ride, consider the length of the ride, the weather you could possibly encounter, and any time constraints you might have. Always show up with a full tank of gas, and if you need gas more often than others (smaller gas tank, or poorer gas mileage perhaps), make sure you tell the ride leader so he/she can make adjustments, if necessary. If there is any chance for rain (and in south Texas, there usually is), make sure you have a good rainsuit and clear or amber glasses if needed. Except in the hot summer months, you should also carry additional clothing (sweatshirt, jacket etc.), in case the temperatures drop. I always carry an extra pair of gloves that will cover the next stage of "coldness" if needed. Finally, if you have time constraints that will interfere with finishing the ride, be sure to let the leader know, so your exit can be planned with little disruption to the group.

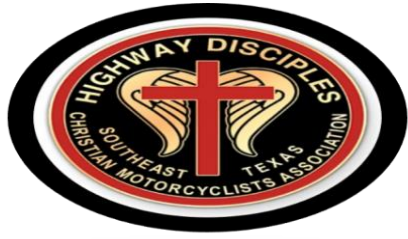
Also before the ride, check your tires for proper air pressure and adequate tread. Because your tires are the only thing between you and the pavement, you must be sure the tread is going to hold on the curves, especially if the roads become wet, and that your tire pressure will not adversely affect their performance. I carry a portable tire inflator (AirMoto) which can easily top off your pressure if needed, or even re-inflate a tire if it has to be plugged due to an emergency flat. It also saves you money and time at gas stations.

On the ride, we always ride in staggered formation, unless otherwise signaled. This means 2-3 seconds between you and the next rider, one on the left half of the lane, and the next on the right half of the lane. This gives each rider greater stopping distance, if needed, and allows each rider enough room to maneuver if there's an obstacle or a bad spot on the road. Each rider must

keep in formation, especially when in traffic with multiple lanes, to keep cars and trucks from merging in the group and separating the riders. Of course, in some cases a car may need to exit or enter and be running out of room, and it's ok to be courteous and allow them space to make their maneuver. Simply re-engage with the group as soon as you can, so you or riders behind you do not miss an upcoming turn or exit.

I have some additional things to cover on group riding, but will pick them up next month. Looking forward to this spring!

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Come Join Us! HD Bike Night



**Fuzzy's Pizza
613 S. Mason**

(South of I-10, on Mason)

3rd FRIDAY NIGHT MONTHLY 6:00PM

BIKE BLESSINGS BY CMA HIGHWAY DISCIPLES

Calendar of Events

Feb 01	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting – Fellowship Ride	ALL
Feb 15	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Fuzzy's Pizza (613 S. Mason Rd., Katy, TX 77450) 6 pm	ALL
Feb 21-22	Seasons of Refreshing, Parkway Church, 4802 Stockbauer, Victoria, TX 77904 Pre-registration deadline is February 14	ALL
Feb 22	Mancuso Harley-Davidson Crossroads 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off , Noon to 4 pm (12710 Crossroads Park Dr., Houston, TX)	
March 1	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting – Fellowship Ride to The Woodlands Harley-Davidson for Blessing of the Bikes	ALL
March 14-15	Mancuso HD Crossroads Rally Days Demo rides, stunt show, music at 12710 Crossroads Park Dr., Houston, TX 77065	
March 15	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Fuzzy's Pizza (613 S. Mason Rd., Katy, TX 77450) 6 pm	ALL
March 20-23	Texas Mile at Chase Field Industrial Complex (2745 Byrd Street, Beeville, TX 78102). Need 20 to 25 volunteers each day working 4 hour shifts. Sign up here .	
March 28-30	MotoGP at Circuits of the Americas (9201 Circuits of the Americas Blvd., Austin, TX 78617). Sign up here .	
April 5	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting – Fellowship Ride	ALL
April 12	Full Moon Ride, First National Bank (1600 E Highway 6, Alvin, TX 77511) Meet at 6:00 pm, KSU at 6:30 pm	
April 19	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Fuzzy's Pizza (613 S. Mason Rd., Katy, TX 77450) 6 pm	ALL
April 26	9th Annual Bike Run benefitting the Way Out Women's Center Walter Hall Park, 807 Hwy 3 North, League City, TX. Registration starts at 7 am, KSU at 9 am. \$45 includes t-shirt and lunch. Can pre-register at www.wowcbikerun.com .	
May 3	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting – Fellowship Ride to The Woodlands Harley-Davidson for Blessing of the Bikes	ALL
May 10	Full Moon Ride, First National Bank (1600 E Highway 6, Alvin, TX 77511) Meet at 6:00 pm, KSU at 6:30 pm	
May 15 – 17	SE State Rally "Consuming Fire" 901 North Park St., Brenham, TX 77833	
May 17	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Fuzzy's Pizza (613 S. Mason Rd., Katy, TX 77450) 6 pm	ALL

June 18-22 [CMA National Rally](#) at Blair County Convention Center (1 Convention Center Dr., Altoona, PA 16602)

Events in “BOLD” are chapter focused events w/officer or member contact to the side

Be sure to check your e-mail on a regular basis for new events that may not appear on the calendar and for any changes to the events listed.

Please go here to sign-up/register for CMA SE Texas events <https://www.cmasetx.com>

Officers’ Meetings –3rd Tuesday of Every Month 6:00 pm at Rudy’s

Any member can attend.

Please contact an officer if there is something you want added to the agenda.

Other Ministry Opportunities:

Montrose Street Reach

1110 Lovett Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

<http://www.montrosestreetreach.org/> – Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm

contact: Joe Williams, Martin & Kim Dale

281.682.4379

713.252.1744

Texas Full Moon Ride – meet for a leisurely ride down the backroads of Brazoria County. A restaurant is at the end of the ride.

Please let us know if you have a ministry event or opportunity that needs to be added

CMA Highway Servants

Meets at Schobels Restaurant in Columbus – Third Saturday Monthly / 8:30am

Schobels is located at

2020 Milam St.

Columbus, TX 78934

CMA New Testament Riders

Meets at Waller County Line BBQ – Third Saturday Monthly / 9:00 am

Waller County Line BBQ is located at

20727 FM 362

Waller, TX 77484