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LABOR DAY

As Labor Day nears, I decided this month's subject would be "labor" (also known as "work"). My hope and prayers are that this article encourages you in all of your labor.

A pseudo definition of labor is "the extension of effort, mental or physical, for a desired result." We can labor in many ways and for many reasons. We may perform labor to produce an income, to serve others, or to make our homes look better. I suggest the sweetest and most rewarding labor is serving God.

The Bible has many verses regarding labor. Some of the verses are about the benefit of Labor¹. Other verses are in reference to the spiritual aspect of labor². The ones I like the most are the ones about serving God.

Some of the benefits of labor are happiness and rewards. According to **Psalms 128:2** "When you eat the fruit of the labor of your hands, you will be happy and it will go well for you.", you will be "fed" by your labor which will result in happiness. When we labor for God, we receive rewards as evidenced in **John 6:27** "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." and in **Isaiah 49:4** "But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice due to me is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

Godliness, one of the spiritual aspects of labor, is referenced in two verses from 1 Timothy 4. In **1 Timothy 4:10** "For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers." "This" in 1 Timothy 4:10 is defined as "godliness" in the earlier verse **1 Timothy 4:8** "...godliness is beneficial for all things...". Another spiritual aspect of labor is prayer. When we pray for others, we are performing labor as shown in **Colossians 4:12** "Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God."

As I mentioned, I believe the sweetest and most rewarding labor is when we serve God. The following verses are meant to encourage us to continue such labor.

Matthew 9:37-38 ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

1 Corinthians 3:9 “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

1 Thessalonians 1:3 “constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,”.

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

It’s All About Jesus

¹Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/The-Benefits-Of-Labor>

²Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Labor,-Spiritual-Aspects-Of>

It’s All About Jesus

Bill Smith

Chapter President

30 Sayings of the WISE
(taken from Proverbs Chapter 22 – 24)

If I could tell you 30 things:

1. Be teachable – others are wise and have experiences, too – not just you.
2. Have compassion and care for the poor & needy (you may be in their shoes someday).
3. Stay away from angry people – their perspective is infectious and narrow.
4. Never, ever agree to anything (especially debt) you aren't able to do or repay RIGHT NOW.
5. Appreciate and honor your heritage; know where you've come from & what that represents.
6. People with talent & skill are valued...develop your talent into a skill (expertise matters).
7. Don't envy the rich; their stuff won't satisfy you in the long run.
8. Don't waste your energy & life trying to be rich...it rarely ends well for them.
9. Don't hang with those who always want something in return – their favors aren't worth it.
10. Don't hang around with fools...they will never care about you and they will drag you down.
11. Even if given the chance, don't take advantage of anyone – your character is worth much more.
12. Learn who God is and His character – you have no idea how much He wants the best for you.
13. Discipline your kids. Likewise, tell people who are doing wrong. We all deserve that truth.
14. Right words come from right hearts. Align your heart with God and good-hearted people.
15. Don't be jealous of sinners – you don't see the consequences they will face later.
16. Learn & practice self-control – bad habits quickly become addictions you'll wish you avoided.
17. Honor & appreciate your parents – they are not perfect, but they care the greatest for you.
18. Absolutely no adultery – run – she or he will not be there for you after you've ruined everything.
19. Nothing drags you down, away from everything you love in life, more than addictions – don't start. It's easy to get into and very welcoming and near impossible to get out of – it will take your life.
20. Stay away from clever & deceiving people – seems fun until you become & look at life like them.
21. Perfect treasure is found in your relationships, built on good character, respect and shared values.
22. Don't make a decision without getting wise advice (hint: wise aren't people who just agree).
23. Fools don't learn and listen to God or consider Godly advice – fools listen and do what they want.
24. If you plot & do to just satisfy you, you won't have many valuable yous around you later
25. Get involved and don't let people make silly mistakes that you know will hurt them later.
Saying "it's none of my business" is saying "I don't care about you."
26. Continue to seek and know God & righteousness – it's a never-ending journey – don't stop growing.
27. Don't laugh at righteous people who stumble or fail – they will get back up – support them.
28. Don't laugh at your enemies when they fail either – care leads people back where they belong.
29. Those who hurt and do evil may seem like they are getting away – revisit them in 20 years and see.
30. Don't be a rebel against good things or people – your rebellion may seem fun & fresh – but it will come back and haunt you sooner than later. Loyalty & faithfulness are two sweet characteristics.

Praying for wisdom for us all,
Yvonne Smith
Highway Disciples VP

Evil and Suffering

When we try to persuade people about something there's two types of arguments we can make. We can make emotional arguments, or we can make logical arguments. Typically, emotional arguments are actually a little more powerful.

For example, what is the most persuasive argument against the existence of God?

Answer:

Why is there evil in the world?

Why is there suffering?

Why is there difficulty, right?

It's important to point out while this is a very strong emotional argument. It's actually a pretty weak logical argument and to demonstrate that, let's just set up the syllogism for the problem of evil.

It goes like this:

A God who is all powerful would be able to prevent evil in the world.

A God who is all good would want to prevent evil in the world.

Yet evil exists in the world,

Therefore,

An all powerful all good God cannot exist.

The conclusion of this premise or of this argument, this logical argument depends on the validity of the premises. That's how logical arguments work.

If you can destroy a premise, you destroy the argument. Let's take a look at each of these premises one at a time.

The first is this:

Evil exists in the world. Is that a true statement? Anyone want to argue that? Like no, we are all in universal agreement on this one. Evil exists in the world.

What about this:

One a God who is all powerful would be able to prevent evil in the world. What do you think about that?

I'm like well that's that feels pretty good. I'm pretty sure that God could have created a world without evil. Well that leaves this one. What do you think about this:

A God who is all good would want to prevent evil in the world.

What do you think about that?

The way to show that this premise is false is by pointing out that it can be true that God wants to prevent evil in the world but not at the cost of all other things! If it could be demonstrated that there is something more important than the elimination of suffering and God still be good, well, then this whole argument falls apart!

The way to illustrate that, let's use the same logic in a different realm of life and see if you can spot the fallacy here.

A parent who has money would be able to give his kids candy.

A parent who is good would want to give his children candy.

The child does not have candy - therefore parents do not exist.

I have yet to hear that out of the mouth of a child! You can see here that while it's true that good parents are able to give candy, often they want to give candy, it's just not the highest thing. It's not at the expense of all other things that candy is given because that's not good for the kids, right?

We understand that. Here's really the problem of evil in a single sentence:

Because I can't think of any good reasons for suffering, therefore there can't be any good reasons.

That's actually a terrible logical argument but that's essentially how our emotions fail logic class.

God's highest goal is not to give us nonstop uninterrupted happiness and freedom from suffering. There are other greater goals. But what do we do about the emotional part, because it's very real. Suffering is absolutely horrible. Suffering is horrible. How can we accept emotionally that horrible suffering is allowed because of some higher good? How can we accept that? Well, the narrative of the following passage helps us to see one of the main reasons.

Read Mark, chapter 5:21-43.

The story begins with this urgent demand. Jarius, one of the rulers of the synagogue, urgently sought out Jesus to heal his desperately ill daughter. Jarius would have most probably participated along with the other rulers of the synagogue, to kill Jesus. Jarius was a natural enemy of Jesus. The widow had been to many doctors but still bled continuously for 12 years. Each person in this story had an urgent and immediate need. It's often the case and you can probably testify to this in your own experience that when trials come, all of the sudden your attention gets turned to God. That's almost always the case. Without the suffering, people have less interest, little interest maybe even no interest, but all of a sudden suffering has a way of kind of drawing us up short. Making us aware of our limitations. Making us aware of our inability to help ourselves and we cry out to God and we say Jesus please help me! I am so needy! That's what suffering does. Maybe that's how you feel and just maybe God will use your suffering to bring you closer to Christ! You will be blessed to listen to Jason's full message from 8/25/2024 on YouTube from Cypress Bible Church.

Paraphrased from a sermon of Pastor Jason Wolin, 8/27/2024, Lead Pastor, Cypress Bible Church, Houston, Texas

Blessings,
Jack (JT) Clark
Chaplin, Highway Disciples

Lessons from Football

Since it is the start of football season at all levels, I thought the following from the writings of Billy Graham was appropriate.

Georgia Tech played the University of California in the 1929 Rose Bowl. A player who recovered a fumble became confused and ran the wrong way. A teammate tackled him just before he would have scored a touchdown against his own team. At halftime the players retreated to the locker room bewildered, wondering what the coach would say. This young man sat by himself, put a towel over his head, and cried.

When the team was ready to return to the field for the second half, the coach stunned the team, announcing that the same players who had started the first half would start the second. All of the players left the dressing room except this young man. He would not budge. The coach looked back as he called him again, and saw that his cheeks were wet with tears. The player said, "Coach, I can't do it. I've ruined you. I've disgraced the University of California. I can't face that crowd in the stadium again." Then the coach put his hand on the player's shoulder and said, "Get up and go back in. The game is only half over."

This is what God says to us when we fail or want to give up. As long as we live this life, we are in the game. We should not let our own failures – or the failures of others – take us out. God intends for us to persevere, Revelation 2:3 "and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary."

In Christ,

Dirk "Rocketman" Smith

RECIPE BOX

ICE CREAM IN A BAG!

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon sugar
½ cup milk or half & half
¼ teaspoon vanilla
6 tablespoons rock salt
1 Pint size Ziplock bag
1 Gallon size Ziplock bag
Ice Cubes

1. Fill the large bag half full of ice and add the rock salt. Seal the bag.
2. Put milk, vanilla and sugar into the small bag and seal it.
3. Place the small bag inside the large one and seal it again carefully.
4. Shake until moisture is ice cream, about 5 minutes.
5. Wipe off top of small bag, open carefully **ENJOY!**

EASY BERRY DESSERT

INGREDIENTS:

16 OZ FROEN BLUEBERRIES
16-20 OZ FROZEN STRAWBERRIES
10 OZ FROZEN CHERRIES
(1) PKG KRUSTEZ SNICKERDOODLE COOKIE MIX
(1) CAN SPRITE

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

In a 9x 13 casserole dish layer the following:

- Frozen blueberries
- Frozen strawberries
- Frozen cherries

Sprinkle one package Krusteaz Snickerdoodle Cookie Mix on top of fruit

Sprinkle the snickerdoodle topping evenly

Pour (1) can sprite evenly over the casserole dish

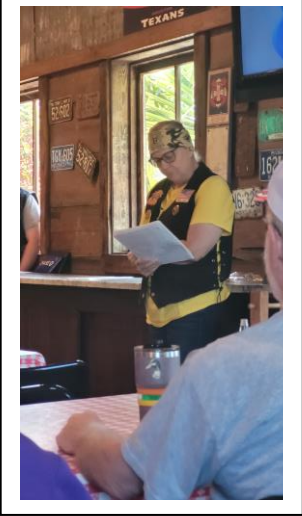
Bake on middle rack for 45 minutes

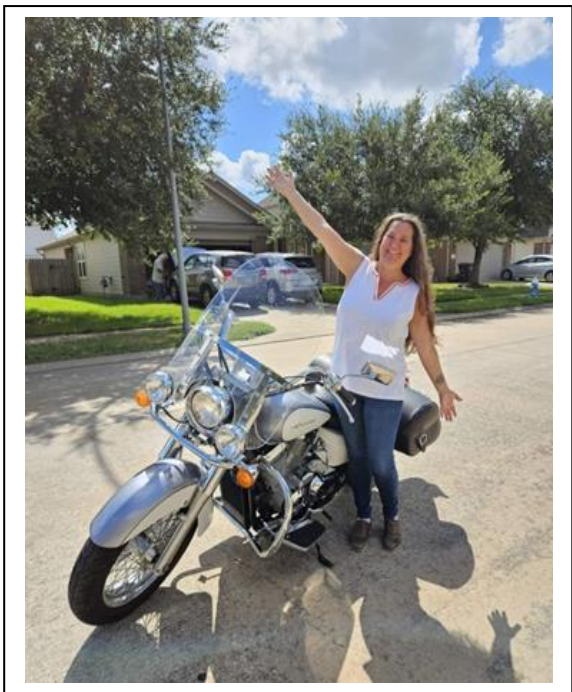
ENJOY!!

Guess Who?

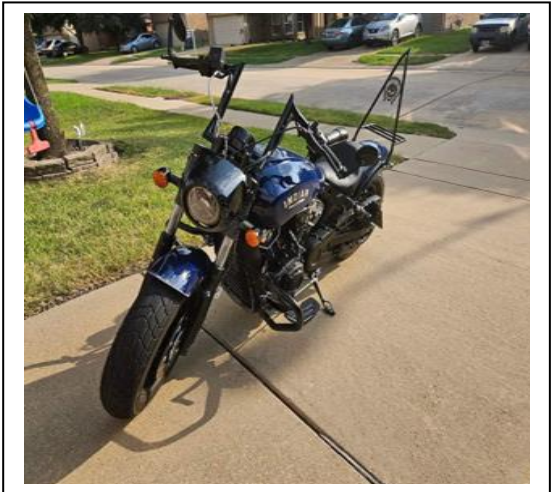


Chapter Memories





WHEN YOU SHOP FOR A NEW RIDE AND FALL IN LOVE WITH TWO!



Special Thanks to Pat Steel for helping make a dream come true for Igor during his visit!







CMA PATCH

Triangle Shape Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Praying Hands The way God would have CMA grow

Cross The message and statement of faith (1 Corinthians 2:2)

Bible God's direction for CMA

Blue Color The way of the cross leads home (to heaven)

Yellow Color The crowns and rewards that will be
for the faithful Christians

Red Color The blood that makes everything
It encloses effective

The basic purpose of a CMA Chapter is to support the National CMA effort of sharing and showing the love of Jesus Christ to motorcyclists, and supporting the overall ministry of CMA.

In this, there is a three-fold purpose:

- ▶ *Provide and encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.*
- ▶ *Provide a Christian fellowship ridegroup.*

Ministry of CMA

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

We will accomplish our vision through:

- Evangelistic outreach primarily, but not exclusively, to the Motorcycling community.
- Run for the Son, where we will partner with ministries with world Reaching potential.
- Equipping our members in ministry training that aligns itself with Biblical truths.
- A servant's attitude to the world and to our members (i.e. Here if you need us).
- Quality products that aid in evangelistic outreach.
- An effective Work Center support team.

CMA Ministry Partners:

CMA partners with three other ministries to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Jesus Film
Missionary Ventures
Open Doors

Mission:

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

Doctrinal Statement:

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. We believe in:

- The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- One God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The virgin birth and deity of Christ, His explicit atoning death, Bodily resurrection and ascension.
- Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who enables a believer to Live holy.
- The second coming of Jesus Christ.

Katy CMA – Highway Disciples – Chapter August 2024 Meeting notes

Date: 8-3-24, time: 9:00 to 10:55 AM CT

- I. Welcome Bill Smith
- II. Opening Prayer JT Clark
- III. Pledges to American and Christian Flag Gary Teal
- IV. VP Yvonne Smith
 - a. Visitors – Gary and Paula Teal
 - b. Igor – missionary from France who is JT Clark’s friend discuss their missionary efforts in France.
- V. Chaplin Message JT Clark
 - a. Review pastor message “Knowing Jesus versus Knowing about Jesus”. Relational knowledge of change in head-heart—hand to grow in service to Jesus.
- VI. Secretary Alvin Keen
 - a. Sign-in sheet reminder.
 - b. Yvonne Smith reviewed discussion on the nominations-elections upcoming in October.
 - c. Gary Teal questioned the changes to calendar for month of Oct and Nov.
- VII. Road Captain Report Dirk Smith
 - a. Odometer – 1st Chris Nightingale trip to Colorado.
 - b. Last month ride cancelled due to rain in July.
 - c. Chapter ride is 10th Aug at 0745 am KSU at Buc-ee’s for breakfast ride to Newsom’s
 - d. Saturday rides are due to heat of summer.
 - e. Optional ride on 24th Aug to Galveston for breakfast. Likely to leave at 0630-0700 AM KSU at Buccee’s.
- VIII. RFS Rosemary / Jack
 - a. Reflection question to consider ask – why participate in RFS?
 - b. Suggestion to have an individual goal and chapter goal. Discussed of individual goal of \$100 for RFS and Chapter goal Based on individual goals.
 - c. More discussion on this topic suggestion for separate RFS meeting. Rosemary will look into these aspects.
 - d. Suggestion is for chapter to establish a firework stand next July 2025 or Christmas 2024.
 - e. JT Clark reviewed email from David about doing an indoor gun range activity. Costs is estimated at \$100 and need at least 15 team members to participate.
- IX. Treasurer Report Jeremiah
- X. State Area Rep Gary & Paula Teal
 - a. Lone Star Rally – Oct 31-3 Nov. signup is now open for different team needed.
 - b. Both Gary and Paula discussed each of these teams in details as to focus and expectations.
 - i. Rally Support
 - ii. Ministry Team
 - iii. Hospital ministry –signup end 10-18-24 deadline.
 - c. Each chapter is having a prayer week for Lone Star rally. Highway Disciples is Sep 2-8.
- XI. President’s report Bill Smith
 - a. Trailer repairs – voted and authorized \$540 with “no’ nays for tires, bearings packed and repair of trailer door.
 - b. Delay the purchase of the spare tire.
 - c. Lone Star Rally Prayer Week Sept 2-8. JT Clark will arrange location and inform everyone.
 - d. Reviewed calendar of activities.
 - e. Discussion on new locations for monthly Bike night instead of Taco Cabana; send ideas/suggestions to Bill Smith.
- XII. Testimonies / prayer request
 - a. Dirk Smith thanked everyone for prayers during the time for his brother-in-law Mark’s illness and passing.
 - b. Others expressed prayer requests.
- XIII. Closing prayer. Meeting concluded.

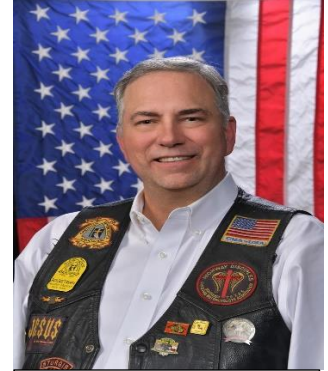
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Bill Smith
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Yvonne Smith
Vice President



Dirk Smith
Road Captain



Jack Clark
Chaplain



Alvin Keen
Secretary



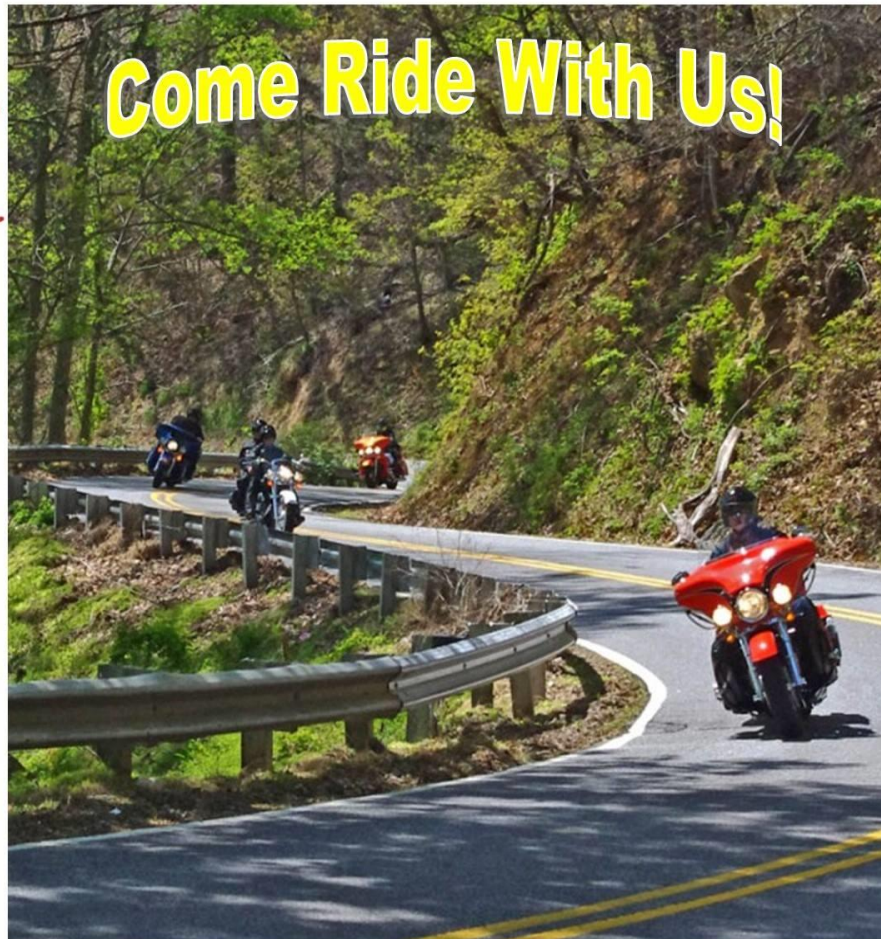
Jeremiah Mutzbauer
Treasurer



The CMA
Highway Disciples
meets at
Rudy's BBQ
in Katy, TX
21799 Katy Freeway
Katy, TX 77450

We meet on the first
Saturday monthly

Breakfast 8:30am
Meeting starts
@ 9:00am



For more info about
our chapter go to:
<http://cmascr4.org/>
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“For the [remarkable, undeserved] grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to reject ungodliness and worldly (immoral) desires, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives [lives with a purpose that reflect spiritual maturity] in this present age,” -Titus 2:11-12

Calendar of Events

Sep 1	Lone Star Rally Prayer Week Kick-Off – 1:30PM at Rudy’s.	
Sep 2-8	Lone Star Rally Prayer Week – JT will schedule a time and place to meet to pray together but we should be praying constantly that week and	ALL
Sep 7	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy’s BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting No Fellowship Ride	Bill
Sep 10	Cycle Gear Bike Night – 24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494 Set-up 4:30, Event from 5:00-7:30ish	ALL
Sep 14	Chapter Fellowship Ride @ Buc-ee’s 27700 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494 KSU 7:45am	Dirk
Sep 21	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Taco Cabana (24611 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 7 pm	ALL
Sep 22	Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation – Ride for Kids. Lone Star Community Center, 2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery, TX 77356. Registration 8:00-10:15am. KSU 10:30am	Chris
Sep	Spirit Night – Date and time TBD	
Oct 5	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy’s BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting Officer Nominations – Fellowship Ride	Bill
Oct 15	Tentative – Cycle Gear Bike Night – 24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494 Set-up 4:30, Event from 5:00-7:30ish	ALL
Oct 7-12	Tentative – Work Week at Iron Mountain	
Oct 16-20	Changing of the Colors National Rally, CMA Iron Mountain, Hatfield, AR	
Oct 19	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Taco Cabana (24611 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 7 pm	ALL
Oct 26	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy’s BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting Officer Elections – Fellowship Ride	Bill
Oct 31- Nov 3	Lone Star Rally – All Hands On Deck to volunteer	
Nov 16	Highway Disciples Bike Night at Taco Cabana (24611 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 7 pm	ALL
Dec 7	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy’s BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting – Fellowship Ride	
Dec 21	Highway Disciples Christmas Party – need host home	

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 Monday of Every Month (held via Teams Video)
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. Usually ends up on Blue Water Highway and if the timing is right, you can watch the full (or nearly full) moon rise over the gulf. A restaurant is normally found along the way.

Jan-27, Feb-2024, Mar-23, Apr-20, May-25, Jun-22, Jul-20, Aug-17, Sep-14, Oct-19, Nov-16, Dec-14

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

For more events that you may be interested in attending you can go to:

https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle_events/TEXAS

CMA Guardian Riders
Meets at Rudy's BBQ in Richmond -- Third Saturday Monthly / 8:30am
Rudy's is located at
20500 Southwest Fwy.
Richmond, TX 77469

CMA Highway Servants
Meets at Schobels Restaurant in Columbus--Third Saturday Monthly / 8:30am
Schobels is located at
2020 Milam St.
Columbus, TX 78934