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A Word from your chairperson:

Love, humility, truth and service toward others

In January we often say, I'm going to improve in that area; or I'm going to do better with that habit I have.

Well, how we make a lasting change depends on who we pattern our lives after. Only when we identify with Jesus Christ can we renovate the faults we see in ourselves. Jesus set the example when he lived as a man. He showed us qualities like love, humility, truth and service toward others. Qualities we all need more.

We need to role play these qualities until they become our very own. Spending time with Jesus in Bible reading, prayer, and listening is how to make his qualities our own. We can also spend time with Christian friends who have love, humility, truth and service qualities. You've heard the saying, 'You're like the company you keep.' It's a true saying!

How can others see Jesus in us if we don't have these qualities in our lives? Resolve now to be more Christ-like day by day.

Joan Philpott

Announcement !

Your Board of Directors is happy to announce that our ministry has a new website. We also own the domain name "go2mjm". You will note in the minutes of the November 5, 2011 Board meeting that the ministry wanted to acquire/purchase the website from whoever the private party was that claimed ownership. We did not want to introduce a new website to the membership should the possibility exist that we, as an organization, could own and maintain our current one. Unfortunately all the files were deleted before they could be copied for review and possible use. If you would like a copy of the minutes from the November 5th board meeting, contact Esther Medina at:

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THE GOOD LIFE

Written By: Larry Jones

Many people go through life in utter frustration in pursuit of peace and joy, but find little if any satisfaction. They are searching for this mysterious thing we'll call "The Good Life". Now, I will admit it is a bit of a mystery and it does require some searching because it is hidden.

Colossians 3: 2 & 3 "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died and your life is hidden in Christ in God." NKJV

That is right, it is hidden in Christ in God, and we won't find what is hidden if we look in the wrong place. I once saw a sign on a church which read, "If you are in the wrong place, then the right place is empty". It is in the ministry that we do for God that we find "The Good Life".

We hear a lot about self-satisfaction in this modern era, but that is actually the main thing that causes someone to look in the wrong place. Things like money, good health, higher education, material possessions and dynamic jobs or careers may or may not help us enjoy "The Good Life", but they certainly do not provide it. Many have not even attained to any of the above and still found "The Good Life".

We will never find what is hidden until we search in the right place. Every Christian has a calling in ministry and we will never find "The good Life", until we pursue and begin to walk in that calling. It has been said, "The proof of desire is in the pursuit". We need to take a sober look at what we are really pursuing in life.

We need to be striving to please God rather than man. If our heart's desire is ministering to others, in whatever capacity God has given us, it won't really matter if we live in a mansion or a tent, if we drive a Mercedes or a moped, if we are healthy or disabled, if we have a master's degree or a 6th grade education, if we run the corporation or just sweep the floors. What matters is that we become an active member of the

Body of Christ, not just a spectator who is still searching for a life that is not centered in God.

James 1:22

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." NKJV

"The life that counts is linked with God
And hopes in His unfailing love;
It walks with joy where Jesus trod---
The life that counts is from above."

Anonymous.

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM GOD LATELY?....

Submitted by Bob Williams, Written by Bill Johnson

There is no doubt that God hears from many of us when we pray or cry out in time of need, but are we hearing from Him? God has promised that He will speak to us to give direction, guidance and wisdom that we may know and do what is right and best for us. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to guide us into all truth and to teach us all things. This may happen as we meditate on Scripture, as we wait on the Lord in prayer or when He uses people or circumstances to support Biblical Principles. The danger today is that we listen to other voices, make our decision and ask God to bless it. Look at Elijah, he heard from God many times and He warned Ahab of the drought to come, he went and lived by the brook with the Raven Catering Service, he went and was miraculously cared for by a destitute widow, he challenged Ahab and the prophets of Baal so that the people proclaimed The Lord, He is God. Then Elijah heard the threats of Jezebel, ran for his life and when he did hear from God it was in these words, "What are you doing here?" A good friend was given little hope because of a Cancer which had spread to different parts of her body. The latest scans showed everything looking good, but the doctor said to her, "You know this kind of Cancer is never cured." In her heart, she responded, "That's what the doctor says, what does God say?" It is easy to listen to and follow the sources of this world's wisdom before making an appointment with our Chief Consultant, which brings the question, **HAVE YOU HEARD FROM GOD LATELY?**

A blurb from Bob....

Dear Friends,

It has been great receiving so many positive emails and phone calls regarding our new MJM website www.go2mjm.com Of course, it is still a work in progress with more photos and information to be added.

By now you should have received the letter from our Chairperson, Joan Philpott, containing the blue ballot and the new MJM brochure. Please remember to prayerfully cast your ballots and return them to our Membership Secretaries, Fred and Anna Shafer, by February 18.

February is always an exciting month for bikers with numerous motorcycle trade shows to attend. The sure way to chase the winter doldrums is to get out and fellowship with like-minded people and to see the latest in "must-have, can't live without" motorcycles and accessories. I always look forward to these events, particularly in Chicago, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis.

Please keep our MJM members who will be attending and setting up booths at the shows and swap meets in prayer. The Believers' TEAM, Dayton, Ohio, has already had space at a swap meet and has several more scheduled. They will also be putting up an MJM booth at the Easyriders show in Columbus.

Witnessing and getting Scriptures into the hands of people at these shows is of paramount concern. The Board of Directors has made a decision regarding the Bibles that MJM distributes at these events. Knowing that, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV), this decision was not entered into lightly.

The Board decided to make Gospels of John available for use in booths. This decision was not purely economic, although there is a considerable difference in cost between the Gospels and the New Testaments. By distributing the Gospels of John, we will be making the Word readily available to a larger number of people.

We will still have New Testaments available for personal witnessing. When we tell someone about the Lord and feel there is a definite interest, by all means, give them a New Testament. Fill in the page with their names, the date and your name as the one who is giving them the scripture.

The Gospel of John is so simple, little children and "Babes in Christ" of any age can understand it. Yet it is so profound that Biblical scholars can study it for decades and not completely plumb its depths. One of the first verses new Christians are encouraged to memorize is John 3:16 reciting their own names in place of the 'world and whosoever' "For God so loved (Mary, Tom, Betty, etc) that he gave His only begotten Son, that (Mary, Tom, Betty, etc) who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."(KJV)

In John, we see the Incarnation, God breaking into human history, declaring His glory! "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14 NIV)

And most importantly, by handing someone the Gospel of John, you are calling for a *response* - a *decision*, either to believe or not, to accept or reject Jesus Christ as their Savior. *It is a life and death choice.* "He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become the children of God." (John 1:12 NIV)

Take these Gospels of John with you wherever you go. They are easy to carry in pocket, purse or saddlebag. Lovingly share God's Word with all whom you meet.

God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."(Isaiah 55:11 KJV)

**2012 MJM Spring Kick Off June 8, 9, & 10
Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center
3820 Logan Creek Lane, West Harrison, IN 47060**

One Night Stay – Three meals (Friday Dinner, Breakfast & Lunch)

4 people in a room = \$62.00 per person

2 people in a room = \$72.00

3 people in a room = 67.00 per person

1 person in a room = 93.00

Two Night Stay – Five or Six Meals (2 Breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner) Friday dinner substituted for Sunday lunch is an extra \$2.00. Six (6) meal package is 2 Breakfast, 2 lunches & 2 Dinners

4 people in a room and 5 meals = \$99.50 each

* 6 meals = 109.50 each

3 people in a room and 5 meals = \$102.50 each

* 6 meals = 112.50 each

2 people in a room and 5 meals = \$117.50 each

* 6 meals = 127.50 each

1 person in a room and 5 meals = \$169.00 each

* 6 meals = 179.50 each

*Children under 16 in rooms with Adults=No Charge

*Meals for children under 7 are available at ½ price (1/2 portions)

2012 MJM Kick Off T -Shirts \$10

Mark sizes/quantity desired

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

X-L _____ XX-L _____ XXX-L _____

Total _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

Circle the package you desire and add \$8.00 per person for Registration.

***NOTE Late Registration after May 15 is \$12.00**

Example: 2 people with 6 meals @ \$127.50 + \$16.00 = \$271.00

Name (s) _____ Room, Meals & Registration \$ _____

Address _____

T-Shirts \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Written and submitted by George Partridge

Prayer: “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5: 16 -18)

As I ponder on those words from the New Testament, I reflect on how they may speak to me in my present circumstances. As I see the word “joyful” it is a reminder to feel positive, regardless of the circumstances in our lives – we are not alone, we have the presence of Jesus in our lives to share the journey with. The next set of words are “pray continually” and I ask myself, how can I pray continually as I go about my daily work and activities facing all the demands and challenges of life? But then, how do I define prayer? Can my prayer life be integrated into all that I do in life? To do that, I must redefine how I see prayer. Is prayer experiencing the continuous presence of Jesus in life’s journey? And then I come to the words “for this is God’s will for you...” and that really challenges me. Facing health concerns, issues facing love ones, challenging economic times are part of life, but is this God’s will for us? I do not feel that all the challenges of life are God’s will, but it is His will that we respond by trusting that we are not alone and that the journey is a shared one. It is through our prayer life that Jesus shares the journey with us and that is going to be the topic of a series of articles for the newsletter that I plan to share on prayer.

The Christian faith community is rich with various approaches to prayer and the beauty of being part of an interfaith Christian ministry is that we can share and learn from each other. One body, many members; many areas of ministry that focus on specific passages of scripture, many ways Christians have lived out and experienced their faith and Jesus in their lives.

I am always reading books; it is a passion that I have and in this series of articles, I will share the writings of one author who I have enjoyed following over the years. The author is Richard J. Foster who is known for such books as *Celebration of Discipline, Freedom of Simplicity, Prayer and Streams of Living Water*. My vocation in life has been the environmental field. Being an environmental engineer and Christian, I continually ask myself: how shall I live? How we live should include several dimensions: our inward life (experiencing Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit) and the outward life (where our inward journey manifests itself) that includes our relationships with our family, friends, strangers, community, and creation itself (our lifestyles affect the well-being of the Earth itself and all Creation). Starting with the topic of prayer, I look forward to sharing what I have read and experienced along the way in life with you that we might learn from each other.

Prayer takes us in three directions: prayer takes us “inward” as we seek transformation in our lives; “upward” as we seek the intimacy with Jesus we desire; and “outward” as we minister to the needs of others. I plan to follow the outline in the book by Richard Foster, including my own thoughts and experiences along the way. Moving Inward: Simple Prayer, Prayer of the Forsaken, the Prayer of Examen, the Prayer of Tears, and the Prayer of Relinquishment. Moving Upward: the Prayer of Adoration, the Prayer of Rest, Sacramental Prayer, Unceasing Prayer, the Prayer of the Heart, Meditative Prayer, and Contemplative Prayer. Moving Outward: Praying the Ordinary, Petitionary Prayer, Intercessory Prayer, Healing Prayer, the Prayer of Suffering, Authoritative Prayer, and Radical Prayer.

Prayer ushers us into the Holy of Holies and we experience “God with us”. It is through prayer that the experience the presence of God in our lives and that he is truly among us. Prayer is Trinitarian in nature: we pray to God, the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit. The key is prayer, the door is Jesus Christ. As we experience the various ways prayer can be integrated into our lives, it leads us to fully comprehend what the Lordship of Christ is in the life of the believer. Prayer is the starting point – the Christian life is the journey - an abundant eternal life is the destination.

MJM February Birthdays:

Russell Hurst	2-4
Jack Senior	2-4
Griffith Glover	2-5
Jim Towle	2-5
Stanley "Rusty" Stauffer	2-7
Jean Gregory	2-10
Maggie Strous	2-10
John Maki	2-12
Robert Chaney	2-13
Curtis Bier	2-16
Jim Frank	2-16
Daniel Barker	2-17
Billy Rose	2-18
Gladys Zadoyko	2-18
Kevin Stamper	2-19
Dana Robbins	2-20
Bernadette Tinker	2-21
Mark Tronerud	2-21
Terry "TJ" Mannell	2-22
Dori DePaul	2-23
Michael Pearce	2-24
Karl Wardlaw	2-24
Terri Jones	2-24
Gail Towle	2-27
Jim Carter	2-28

MJM February Anniversaries:

Marty & Marilyn Sweazea	2-1
Steven & Fiona Wehmeyer Modricker	2-14
Daniel and Patsy Stoltz	2-19
Ken and Shirley Lemaster	2-21

Years of Service

William Parlee	1
Holly Gilbert	2
Rufus & Elizabeth Caldwell	3
Tom & Sharon Yost	5
David & Peggy Plant	9
Gary & Kathleen Cobb	11
Guy & Marilyn Gilberts	13
Betty Jo Weaver	15
Eric & Holly Gilbert	18
Ron & Shirley Elliott	22
Jean Gregory	22
Joan Philpott	22
Don & Mae Marshall	22

*If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the TEAM Voice,
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*Daytona Beach Bike Week takes
place March 9-18, 2012.
Don't miss any opportunity to
make an impact on the world.
May you be blessed as you work
and witness for Him.*

MJM Membership Application & Renewal Form

<p>Please print form and mail to:</p> <p>Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries</p> <p>c/o Fred Shafer Sr. 27 Bonneau Heights Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 H/P 717-398-2456 C/P 717-398-1027</p>	<p>Annual Dues: \$15.00 [US] Single \$25.00 [US] Couple \$35.00 [US] outside the United States for single and \$45.00 [US] per couple per year Lifetime Membership: \$200.00 [US] Single \$300.00 [US] Couple</p>
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Name _____

Check here if you're a born again Christian [] Church Affiliation _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Signature _____

Spouse _____

(Constitutes one Woman legally Married to one Man)

Check here if you're a born again Christian [] Church Affiliation _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Anniversary _____

Signature _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Motorcycle Club Affiliation [s] _____

The main purpose of Motorcyclists for Jesus is to lead and guide motorcyclists in the personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We endeavored to give positive direction and counsel on living under the authority of power of God in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Our members are encouraged to join and participate in their local churches and become missionaries through this motorcycle ministry. Members are urged to join any motorcycle group that they desire and let their Christian light shine.