

May 2013 TEAM VOICE

Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries, Inc.

*In all of life there is nothing more wonderful than
discovering peace with GOD.*

“...We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

Is there any good reason why you cannot receive Jesus Christ right now? Through prayer, invite Jesus to come in and control your life. Receive Him as Lord and Savior. You say it has been a long time since you have prayed. Here is a prayer to help.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that you died for my sins. I now invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust you as Savior and follow you as Lord. Amen

If you want further help with the decision you have made, write to us at the return address on this newsletter or go to our website WWW.GO2MJM.COM and click on prayer request.

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25th Anniversary, MJM National Spring Kick-Off Oklahoma City, OK. 2014

Sonny Ticer and The Samaritan Riders want all of us join them in celebrating MJM's 25th Anniversary.
More information will be available soon.

A word from Paul

Spring and Unity

Spring time is here again. It's the time of the year we all get our homes, yards and motorcycles ready for the warm season. We develop large lists and sometime we never complete them.

I think this year we need to complete one thing on our lists. Relationship rebuilding. It's come time in OUR ministry to rebuild those broken relationships. We need to reach out to those who we've hurt and extend OUR hand and ask for forgiveness. I know this is not easy. I feel we all need to so we can rebuild the Ministry. If we continue to let this go, we as MJM will continue to fall apart. So with that being said, lets Unite together to become a stronger Ministry.

This year's theme is Unity. If we stand United, we can accomplish great things for the Lord by ministering His word to those who are lost. As in the past the Israelites wandered the desert looking for the Promised Land. When they stood strong with God, they were able to accomplish great things. But when they strayed and developed false gods, they struggled. I know we have not created a false god, but we are struggling. So let's fix the problem. Let's be Christians.

I'm hoping for a great years as your Chairman. I feel I've got some great ideas to try to pull all of us back together. Hopefully we can make strides to improve the Ministry to pull it back together.

I will keep all of you informed of our progress. If you would like to call and talk to me, feel free to do so. 937-367-3891

God Bless!

Paul Brennen

MJM Chairman

Greetings from your Goodies Administrator:

I am sitting here writing this knowing that in a few days I will be with many of my brothers and sisters in Christ at the spring Kick-off in Indianapolis. I know that the New Life Riders TEAM has done many things to make it affordable for the membership to attend.

With this in mind, in these economic times donations to MJM are slim; for instance, you will remember in December you received the new updated MJM Handbook. I asked you to help out with the cost of printing, envelopes,

and postage. It took \$5.50 to cover the cost of sending it to each home. Many hours and much prayer were put into the updating of this Handbook and I think you found it to be enlightening and informative reading. The appendices that were at the end of the previous Handbook have been incorporated into the body and resulted in fewer pages. All the scripture references have remained the same. This was the first updating since the year 2000. A contribution of \$5.50 was requested to cover the cost. To date about a dozen have donated generously to help with the cost to MJM. Along that line, when Goodie items are mailed to you, the postage must be included in your check to cover the cost. The Postman likes to eat, too.

The Gospel of John, God's Promises, New Testaments and tracts are listed on the Goodies Page of this newsletter. Prices listed are the prices MJM must pay—the printer insists. He likes to eat and pay his bills. He gives us good prices and often cuts and folds for free.

How often do you see someone wearing a T-shirt with something printed on it and you naturally read what it says. Everyone reads T-shirt messages for some reason, I guess because it's there. I say all that to point out that when we wear our Jesus messages people read them too. People often take time to give you a thumbs up or smile or just talk with you.

To me it is encouraging to know there are like minded folks around me. The newer MJM T-shirt in bright colors may be worn by MJM members and Non-members. You can see the "Bright Colors" of these shirts by checking out this month's copy of the TEAM Voice at www.go2MJM.com. These shirts are of good quality and reasonably priced. I have always kept the prices as low as possible because they are witnessing tools. They open conversations in grocery stores, gas stations or restaurants. People will always comment on them and that makes it easy to hand them a tract to take and read later on. Remember, when you wear Jesus T-shirts to walk the walk and talk the talk---people are watching.

Please be in prayer about how you can help MJM and how you can witness more for Jesus.

Joan Philpott,



Back in the '70s, with less traffic on the road, wearing all black was cool. Today high visibility colors are the new black. These T- Shirts may be worn by non-MJM members, as well as members. *Only the Safety Green shirts have a pocket on the front. Sizes for all three come in Small to 3X large. These shirts can be obtained for only \$10 each.

Written and Submitted by: George Partridge

Emergence: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"

Often we experience the "transcendent" or the presence of God in lives. We may speak of a "miracle" that has occurred in the course of life's events or the feeling that God placed us in a special place at a given point in time. On other occasions we cross paths with another person and the experience takes on special meaning. In all of this we seek understanding and meaning as we seek to grasp the significance of "why has

this occurred in my life.” Those of faith seek understanding within the context of their religious community and how they perceive the relationship between their lives and the transcendent or God.

The framework that we build our understanding around is based on the attributes we attached to God. In the course of life; as we move through the various stages from childhood to adolescence, young adulthood, middle age and then to our senior years, our perspective of how God relates and influences our lives changes with time. That is one of the reasons “community” is so important so that we might learn from each other.

Where do we see God today? My understanding of God is continually changing with time as a very small finite mind seeks to better understand the infinite. It is like a scientist devoting his entire life to understanding (at the microscopic and atomic level) the contents of one water drop from the ocean, which only represents a miniscule amount of all there is to know. How many of us have heard the phrase that seeks to be all inclusive of the characteristics of God by saying He is “all powerful” (omnipotent) all knowing” (omniscient) and “present everywhere” (omnipresence). Within the context of the above we say that “God has a will and plan for our lives,” that “God knows our every need and is always present in our lives.” The danger in that approach is we lose sight of the moment and what it holds for us in the complexity of life and the relationship God’s desires to have with us.

For 15 (2002 -2003) months while I was on sabbatical from Penn State as a faculty member in environmental engineering I pursued CPE – Clinical Pastoral Education at Penn State’s Hershey Medical Center and completed a Summer Internship and a year-long Residency in the chaplaincy. That was one of the most meaningful and educational experiences in my life to date. When patients and their families experience serious illnesses or death, it results in a very intimate journey that questions our very being. As a chaplain, the journey we share with others challenges the very fabric of our mortal experience.

While a chaplain I experienced the worst traffic accident tragedy in Dauphin County as well as miracles, rebirths (second chances in life), and loss. I was not on duty when a couple died in an automobile accident on the PA Turnpike and the chaplain had to meet their teenage daughter at the hospital after Life Lion (helicopter) brought her parents to the hospital that died before arrival. My fellow chaplain sought for words to say, but affirmed what we all learn in the chaplaincy to be – a caring presence in the life of another. Those moments are the crucible in life where we ask faith’s most challenging questions that goes to the very core of our being. “If God is all knowing, he knew what was going to happen. If God is all powerful, why didn’t God intervene? If God is all present, then why did God let her parents die in his presence? If it was God’s will and we learn from life’s experiences, he must be a cruel teacher.” Is the only answer is that we are not alone in life’s journey? He is present with us and all we can be is a loving caring presence in the lives of others. So often we do not know the answer, do not know what the future holds, and cannot change the situation – we can only be present.

It is in the present that we experience the miracles of life. If we think of the past and seek understanding of past events in our lives or worry or plan too much for the future we are not fully present. How often something we read, a person we meet, something we hear, an activity we attend; has a profound impact on the future of lives – these moments of awaking in life’s experiences.

Life changing experiences go beyond the moment – but we have to be in the moment and be fully present to experience them in their fullest. In systems theory (which I am passionate about), emergence is the way complex systems and patterns arise out a multiplicity of relatively simpler interactions. The “system” involves more than the physical laws of nature, it involves the creator and all of life in his creation. It means looking beyond the moment to the whole of life and it riches and complexity. Out of the complexity arises the miracle, the something new and wonderful that wasn’t present in the universe the moment before the sharing happened. Life is a shared experience, with those around us, and with our Creator who created the earth and has chosen to be present in his creation.

Systems theory that incorporates the concept of emergence is captured in the book of Romans. All things are not good even though so many are. In all things, good or challenging or involving suffering and loss – God works for the good of those who love him. He is present with us in all of life. If we can learn to truly be present in the moment where God is to be found, we experience God in the fullest. If we bring no expectation in the relationship of what God will do or change, but only fully experience this moment in life with Jesus’s caring presence for the journey – we will truly experience the peace that passes all understanding.



At the ABATE District Meeting at the beginning of April the New Life Riders were pleasantly surprised to receive ABATE's Freedom Award for the second year in a row. This award was presented to the New Life Riders TEAM for their charity work, dedication and service to Indiana motorcyclists.

Hello my Christian Friends,

Well another month has rolled around and no recipes have come in. I know we have some good cooks all over so please share your favorite recipes with MJM. We are always looking for something good to cook. Hey, men I know some of you cook also so send yours in.

This month I decided to send a recipe for the kids to make. Tell them it is from their Aunt JoAnn.

Hi, Kids! This is a Wise recipe for you! You know, believing in Jesus and the message of the Bible makes you wise. This treat is a good reminder to be wise in God's ways. Have fun making this owl face snack.

What you need:

- A slice of whole wheat bread
- A circle cookie cutter (or jar lid)
- Butter knife
- Peanut butter
- Toasted oat cereal
- 2 banana slices
- 1 cashew
- 2 chocolate chips

What you do:

- * Cut a circle from the bread to be the wise owl's head. Then cut out a small semi-circle on top
- * With a knife, spread the nut butter on the bread.
- * Place cereal along the top of head, from ear to ear.
- * Place banana slices for eyes.
- * Dip chocolate chips in nut butter and place them in the middle of the banana slices.
- * Place cashew for nose between the bananas.

Enjoy the treat – and be wise to God's message! Remember to tell all your friends about Jesus. "The fruit of the righteous is the tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise" Proverbs 11:30 (KJV)

Here are the lists for May
Fred Shafer

MJM May Birthdays:

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| Joyce Arndt | 5/01 |
| Brenda Nelson | 5/02 |
| Shawn McGavock | 5/06 |
| Fred Shafer Sr | 5/08 |
| Peggy Zeger Weishaar | 5/10 |
| Don Marshall | 5/10 |
| Charles Modricker | 5/12 |
| Angel Knight | 5/12 |
| George Kadash | 5/15 |
| Peter Wong | 5/16 |
| James Jones | 5/17 |
| Eugene Krebs Jr | 5/18 |
| C. Wesley Miller | 5/18 |
| Ernest Collins | 5/24 |
| Nola Burkhead | 5/25 |
| Curtis Jones | 5/26 |
| Sandra Smith | 5/26 |

MJM May Anniversaries:

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|---------------------------|------|
| Greg Walde | 5/06 |
| Paul & Esther Brennen | 5/09 |
| Don & Mae Marshall | 5/16 |
| Robert & Elaine Williams | 5/17 |
| Richard Shafer Sr | 5/19 |
| Eric & Holly Gilbert | 5/20 |
| Douglas & Tonya McDonald | 5/23 |
| Steve & Rosalie Parr | 5/24 |
| John & Marcy Maki | 5/26 |
| Ryan & Nicole Krail Brown | 5/27 |

Years of Service

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|---------------------------|----|
| Jim & Gail Towle | 24 |
| Ron & Rena King | 12 |
| Maggie Strous | 12 |
| Douglas McDonald | 10 |
| Ernest & Brenda Collins | 9 |
| Kenneth & Carol Cooter | 8 |
| Greg Walde | 6 |
| Alvin & Theresa Bankert | 5 |
| Paul & Esther Brennen | 5 |
| Tonya McDonald | 5 |
| Moses & Doris Peace | 5 |
| Rusty Stauffer | 5 |
| Roderick & Shawn McGavock | 4 |
| Wayne & Carrie Slothour | 4 |
| Susan Catron | 3 |
| Dori DePaul | 2 |
| Michael Hannah | 2 |
| Robert & Donna Williams | 2 |
| Peggy Zeger Weishaar | 1 |

*If your birthday or anniversary
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NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS :

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Membership applications must be submitted to the Membership Secretary. The name and address of each applicant shall be published in the next issue of the TEAM VOICE. Applicants will become members 30 days after mailing of the newsletter in which their names and addresses were published unless an objection is received in writing by the Membership Secretary.

***Names and addresses will not be published on the MJM website. See page 10 of the MJM Membership Handbook**

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Written and Submitted by: Ken Hedden Sr.
MJM National Road Rep. Administrator

Hello Fellow Warriors of our Lord and Savior,

It has been a while since I stopped in to say hello, and felt it was time to say hello from beautiful North Hudson, NY. I jest when I say beautiful (at this time at least). I have still not been able to get Pearl out of winter storage in a friend's garage. Right now we are in the middle of a serious Ice, sleet and snow storm. Very dangerous road conditions with accidents happening every few minutes. My scanner just continues to report one after the other, the police agencies and tow companies are unable to keep up with them. This Photo was taken at 2:00pm

Such is life in Up-State NY. We have one of the shortest riding seasons in the US so we have to pack in all we can as the Lord allows us. This is the reason Geri and I wear our MJM shirts and vest ALL year round. Our vests are one of the best door openers we can use in our Ministry. You should think about this every time you walk out of your door.



We know there are many scriptures that tell us about Opening Doors. One I look to a lot is: Revelation 3:8 (KJV), "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name".

Just think about this for a minute, we are the Warriors for Jesus! God does NOT expect to do all the work. That is our job Brothers and Sisters! Our T-shirts, vests, etc. are some of the tools God has given us that are door openers. If they are not on our backs they are nothing at all. We do not have to be on our motorcycles to proclaim we are Warriors of God. What a sad thing that would be, leave tools like these unused hanging or folded in the dark.

One of my very favourite tools is our I Support (MJM centred) Jesus T-shirts. I have a couple of these so there is always one out of the wash. This tells the world just what you do: **Support Jesus!** There are many of us in all walks of life and many choices of hair and beard length, style of dress, etc. For those of us that choose to look like the "your typical biker" whatever that is, and folks see that bright I Love Jesus on your chest their eyes see it, stare at it, then look and stare at you. Praise the Lord; don't judge that book by the cover! Would you like to talk to me about Jesus, I would love to talk to you about Him!

Another wonderful tool God has provided MJM (and other ministries, I am sure) is our Take a Tip track. What a great tool for us to use. Put a few in your vest pocket, wallet, money clip, pocket book, etc. and keep that supply replenished as they are you use them. I keep a stack at arm's length on my desk so it is easy to keep my carrying place replenished simply. When you go out to dinner, even if it is McDonalds, put the tip/money inside the track. You just planted a seed for our Lord, for someone else to water if it isn't you. They are a perfect size to carry and can be used in so many situations other than just eating. If God puts it in your Spirit to hand one to someone you will have it with you it, it doesn't have to do with any money transition. I know we have many other tracts for our use but this is one of our favourites this one can be used in so many situations.

I realize that we are now being charged for tracts, which is the first time in the history of our Ministry that I can find. It should be one of our new BOD's challenges to look into finding a way to get them to members at no cost again. This may be a challenge for them and have to be put on the not yet pile but I hope someday to see them free to the membership again. Will we ever see them free again, maybe not during these economic times? I have faith in our new BOD to look into it and if it is possible get it done. They are so important to any ministry to get the Word of God out to the Lost.

To those riding most of the year, you got an extra dose of Blessings. To those riding part of the year and already riding, you also got an extra dose of Blessings. To those of us still not riding yet this year, we also got an extra dose of Blessings. You see our Loving Father Bless' us all in our own way. Thank you Father.

In His Loving Arms,
Ken Hedden Sr.

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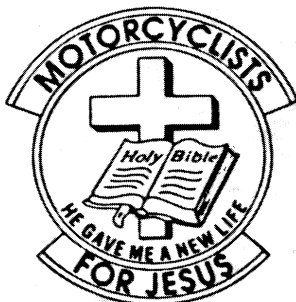
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