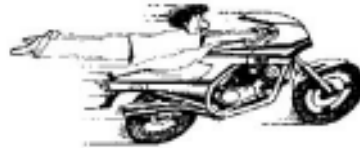


WHAT'S ON?

BIKERS 4 CHRIST BRISBANE/LOGAN



Outreach night Every Second Friday Night: Next ones being **August 6th, 20th Sept 4th & 18th**. We are meeting at a Roscoe's at 6.30pm and headed out into the streets with the gospel to other riders throughout Brisbane where-ever they hang out, to build friendships and share Jesus. **For more info ring Roscoe on 0412 490 115**

Every 2nd Sunday: 10am church in the Park at "Alexander Clarke" Park at Loganholme with God's Squad CMC. Arrive early and BYO food for BBQ breakfast prior to the service. A couple of people from Bikers 4 Christ attend, come along and be a witness in Public! Ring Roscoe for dates **0412 490 115**.

August Sunday 15th Combat Veterans Sunshine Coast Poker Run: 4th Annual run \$20 per hand includes a T-Shirt depart Ettamogah Hotel 10.30 am. For more Info ring Picko on 0418 714 445. ALL Proceeds got to Make a Wish Foundation Major prize: 4 Days 3 Nights on a luxury Houseboat in the Sandy Strait. (**I am going! who is coming?**)

Rally August 27,28: Back to the Future Rally: with the Virago Owners club at Lowood, this is a Bikers 4 Christ annual attendance Rally and is a great rally for bringing the kids. Usual gate prize they give away a brand new motorcycle.

September 25th Saturday Ride: Leave Roscoe's at 9am travelling the a Western Regional Ride from Ipswich through the Lockyer Valley to Esk for counter lunch then back to Brissy via Mt Glorious and Nebo. Approx 300Klm's.

Check out our web site for heaps of Biker events that can no longer fit in here, just click on the "Events" link on our website.

NOTICE:

Anyone paying for regalia or sending a donation please ensure that they are made out to Bikers 4 Christ whether it be by cheque or Money order. Please **do not** send cash in the mail as it may go missing. I recently had some cash sent to us and I could see through the envelope that it was money! If you wish, it is possible to make electronic transfers via your bank account to ours, just contact your bank for details and then contact Roscoe on 0412 490 115 for our bank account details.



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GOODNEWS LETTER

Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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Where the Spirit Leads?

I am currently reading a book called "One Holy Fire" by Nicky Cruz and it is a hard book to put down. He talks about Pastors and people in ministry that burn out. He shows reasons why and there are too many to mention here, but one thing he did state that caught my attention is that even in the work-force or life in general people burn out for the same reason. This reason being their lives are too organised with time schedules, work loads, helping others do what others should be doing, and so on. He said this; Imagine if Jesus had of given hi 12 disciples the title of his board of directors, they would have had him in a spin with this meeting here and that one there, the life of Jesus would have been totally turned upside down and most likely he would never have even gone to the cross as his disciples would have forbidden him to go to Jerusalem, actually Peter did rebuke him about going didn't he?

So have a think about that for 5 minutes before reading on! Now, let's look at what really happened; how and why Jesus did what he did, taking into account that we need to be more like Jesus, He was TOTALLY led of the spirit! **Luk 4:1-4** tells us "*Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

Who is to say that the Holy Spirit may or may not lead us to the other side of Australia or another country to minister to just one person! He done it for Peter and the centurion, Paul and the Macadonian, and when we think of it Jesus said that he only does what he sees his father in heaven doing (**John 8:28,29; John 14:31; John 5:20**). I think too many of us are too quick to assume that God has told us to do this or that or go here or there and off we go and then when it all goes wrong we say oh God wants me to do this now, he changed his mind? Sometimes he does but then again when it all goes wrong sometimes we have a tendency to blame the Devil too saying I am being persecuted because I am doing the will of God. Are we?



I have been persecuted before but not because I was doing the will of God but because I got out of the will of God, it was the only way he could get my attention. If we actually get scripture correct and in its context it actually says in **John 15v20** that we are persecuted for the “words sake” not our own stupidity or loud mouth, it also says in **Mat 5:10** that we can be persecuted for “**Righteousness sake**” or if you translate that it means doing things “**Gods way**”. So how do we know we are doing things God’s way? **Mat 12:50** tells us For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

So, I have heard many say that the Bible is the will of God, yes this is true, but what God wants me to do and you to do may two totally different things out of the Bible, if this is not so and we are all to take the word of God “literally” and do his will, I think it is about time we all get off our backside and go into the hospitals, ripping people up of their beds telling them to walk they are healed go home! What would be the result? Catastrophe I reckon!

The Bible says we are **all** called and God has a plan and a purpose for our life, the thing is we need to find out what that plan is and how do we do this? Simple, Jesus said I will send you another comforter the Holy Spirit **John 14v16 & 26, John 15v26, John 16v7**. And again in **Act 1:8** Jesus tells us “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. So basically we need to be led by the Holy Spirit, he will lead us teach us and direct us just like he did with peter and the sheet that came down from heaven, then the vision to join along side the chariot with the eunuch in it, then Paul is even told that he will be bound in chains and led off to Rome, he still went too!

Today how many of us wait on the Holy Spirit to see what **HE** would have us do? What **HE** would have us say? Where **HE** would have us go? Ok, so most of us do these things some of the time, how about daily? I have seen Pastors open a draw full of pre-written sermons and go eany meany miny moe - that one will do. Or they stop and think I don’t have enough money coming into the church at the moment so I will preach on giving of finances or tithing, they preach according to areas of problems around them. I have done the same myself! Nicky Cruz in his book I mentioned earlier became entangled in a web of seminars, mass meetings, and visiting churches because it drew the people into the Pastors church, in the end he repented because God had not called him to that and people basically took advantage of him.

Why do you go to the church you do today? Because the preacher is good, it is a big church, maybe they talk about prosperity or healing a lot and you want that in your life?? I know someone who was once called to the Malaysian countries and live by faith literally trusting God for his next meal and his health. **Jeremiah 33v1-11** tells us that if we turn to **GOD** he will show us mighty and wondrous things, and it goes on to say that **HE** shall prosper us not man, but we have to turn to God, hear from God, do **HIS** will for our lives. The only way we can accomplish this is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in all areas of our life, listen to him today, ask him to show you what to do or say or where to go, and don’t be impatient and expect an answer immediately, it may take time for you to learn to listen to Him, then you have to obey!

I have an old saying - “Where the Spirit leads me I will follow! What he feeds me I will swallow”. I have done hard yards in my life, 7 years full time as an assistant Pastor with no pay, but now God is blessing me 3 years later. I have made mistakes and I probably will again, but at least I am open to hear from God’s Spirit, I hate doing some things but HE keeps telling me to carry on with it, so I do. **Bless ya’s, Roscoe.**

Prayer Needs / Praise Points

If you have a prayer request send them to us via email, sms, or telephone call. All details are on the front page header of this newsletter.

* Pray for Mr Lynch, an elderly relative of a Bikers 4 Christ rider who has fluid on the lungs and is in hospital, he is saved but has an issue with worrying a lot as well which affects his health.

JUST FOR A GIGGLE

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Top 7 Signs to tell when Your Pastor Needs a Vacation

- #7. His first words to the congregation on Sunday morning are “All right, listen up you heathens...”
 - #6. He falls asleep during his own sermon.
 - #5. He shows up for Sunday service wearing Thongs, Surf Shorts and a Tank Top.
 - #4. Every time his pager goes off, he shouts, “Why can’t they just leave me alone?!”
 - #3. He Announces the baptismal services will be at local rock quarry.
 - #2. You go to his office for counseling and pour your heart out to him and he says, “Sounds like a personal problem to me and walks off.”
- Finally** the number one sign your pastor needs a vacation is!
- #1. For the past two months he has preached the same sermon every Sunday.

TECH TIPS:

Formation Riding

I recently went riding with a group of guys and I had not ridden with them before, usually I would stay at the back of the pack or ride near someone I knew but I found myself being very comfortable amongst them due to the fact that they rode in a tight formation. Now when I say tight, I don’t mean bunched up, we would have had a good 3 to 5 second gap to the bike in front, but the formation of one bike in the left wheel track and the next in the right-hand wheel track and the next in the left again and so on, made me feel at ease.

When we go for rides, I would like for us all to try and stay in a formation riding position and you will notice the difference, as for the next bike in front of you, off to your left or right, you must be able to see his head in his mirror to know that you are in a safe position, if you can see him, he can see you! But then again maybe I haven’t noticed because I have mostly been up the front, but anyway here is how each bike should be positioned on the road, work it out for yourselves. (For the Blondes just turn the page sideways and you will have your line of bikes.



FOCUS POINT

By now I think I have mentioned enough about the focus point of Bikers 4 Christ being a Fellowship, so I won't go there again. But my Pastor mentioned something at church recently and I have to get the tape, he was talking about "Unity" when he mentioned that regardless of us being Christians, the thing that we focus on the most in our day to day walk with Jesus is where we will end up. He was saying that we can focus on a problem or he was also talking about focusing on gossip etc. which causes division, or we can choose to not listen to that by politely saying to the speaker what you are saying is offensive to me and I will have nothing to do with it, then walk away. He said what we focus on the most is where our walk with the Lord will end up!

We can focus on the fact that we have three or four bills on the fridge and no money to pay them and that we are going broke or we can focus on the fact that "my God shall supply all of my need"! Depending what we decide to focus on will also decide which way our life will turn, for the better or for the worse. I have noticed this recently in my walk with the Lord, some people had come to me earlier this year and said to me "it seems like I am going through a dry period in my walk with God". I began to focus upon that and before I knew it, I was also going through a dry period, until one Sunday last month I went to church and as I walked in the doors I said out loud "God I want to meet with you tonight!"

Guess what? It was the best praise and worship I had experienced at my church since going there, most of the congregation were out the front in adoration and worship for God in their own little way, others were kneeling in the aisles, while others were prostrate on the floor in the presence of God. I closed my eyes for the first time during praise and worship for a long time and God answered my request, but it was only because I had got my focus off of things and onto the one that could change all those things in my life. I had started reading proverbs again, starting reading books again, started reading and studying my bible, and listening to Christian music during the day, I had started listening to teaching tapes again, now my whole life is changing for the better!

What is your focus point during the day? Does your mind wander aimlessly from one thing to another, or are you thinking about how can Jesus fix this problem for me or that person I know? I have not suffered "massive" migraines for quite some time now, but once my focus got back on my walk being right before God, the first Bikers 4 Christ ride we go on, I suffer a massive attack (obviously of the Devil as I was getting my walk right) and I was not sure if I was capable of riding home again. I took copious amounts of medication, above what I should have and just sat there not enjoying the day or the fellowship. Prior to leaving everyone had noticed my condition and Rod said get over here and let's pray for you! Everyone gathered around me, I had just heard the sermon from my pastor on Unity that morning, but I was focused on the massive pain in my head. Rod and all the guys and girls got around me, Rod had no idea what to pray for except for Jesus heal him basically, then he said someone give me a healing scripture, someone called one out, then he called for another one and it came, and another and so on. We had been joking around all day about a subject and I stood up and with a silly voice said "I feel all fuzzy and warm inside", everyone laughed including me. My focus point had been changed from pain to healing power of God and by the time we got home I was almost completely well with very little side effect from the medication whereas I should have slept for days literally. Make sure your focus is on Jesus!

Bless ya - Roscoe

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We Have Email....

G'day Roscoe

Thanks for the offer of accommodation for when we come up for bike week. I have to talk to the blokes who are coming with me about it. I think its amazing that no matter where you go there is always brothers and sisters in Christ that are willing to put themselves out for another. Your web site is very good and I like the way you don't beat around the bush, just tell it like it is well done.

I like yourself was a "Associate pastor" of two different church's here in Sydney over a period of seven years and like yourself became burnt out. That's when I started riding around with a club called "Ambassadors" but refused to join up as they only focussed on "Outlaws" and missed the big picture that there are more social riders than 1%ers, also they got caught up with the patch thing.

So their then "President" and I got talking and praying together and as a result he left the club handing in his patch and we started "Righteous cmc" without any backpatch. We have been going now for 9yrs and are a family based ministry that caters for everyone no matter what they ride, we had a member riding a two stroke 250cc scooter. That created heaps of laughs as we would go to bike shows and put it on dyno's against the Harleys. The amount of doors that bike opened was amazing with the outlaws coming over and talking and laughing with us about it.

Anyway sounds like our clubs are built around the same things. We have 20 members now with our own club house where we have weekly bible studies and fire up the BBQ and feed everyone. Lately we have been getting heaps of none Christians coming to the meetings. Gods doing something and its amazing to see people giving there lifes to him.

I am looking forward to meeting up with you and the members.

Mario

Some Snail Mail

Dear Roscoe, Thankyou for sending me the latest B4C Newsletter, I look forward to reading my copy each time. Your article on "Why God" certainly prompted some deep discussion with my daughter, she's been having some hassles with a few people in church and your timely newsletter certainly helped to bring some answers. I would like to join B4C, I understand at this stage as a non rider I can be an associate member, please find enclosed \$10 to keep the newsletter coming Roll on next year when I can buy a bike!!!! Thanks for the newsletters keep in touch and if your passing through call in. God Bless. **Andrew H. Dubbo.**

FREEDOM

Everyone who receives this newsletter are a part of Bikers 4 Christ! If you feel God has laid something on your heart to share, or maybe you have been blessed! Share it with others by letting me know and placing it in the newsletter. Your words can touch a life and God may just use you in this area, so send in your item either via snail mail, email or on a floppy disk in Word format.

My Name is Wayne Blackburn

I was a hit and run victim at Ilbilbie on hwy 1 near Mackay by a four wheel drive that left me to die! I went to overtake a car that had pulled over and it decided to do a U turn on the highway at just passed the servo and I ended up in a paddock a bit busted up. I called for help but there was on one around, a bit later someone came long and saw my bike on the road and began looking for me, they found me and called the police and ambulance. All I can remember is pulling my leg out from around behind my back and making it straight again and then I realized that my left shoulder was broken as well and I could barely move. The Hospital basically put me back together over a period of four weeks of surgery with pins and plates.

I spent seven weeks in hospital and eighteen months of rehabilitation. I had some bad damage to my left foot and I thought that they might take it off but they left it alone for a while and it healed, but upon healing it began turning in to a "club foot", they decided to have a go at straightening it up and they succeeded. I also had a bowed leg and they straightened that as well but it took some 12 to 18 months later and a lot of hard work by the physio's, myself and heaps of trusting the lord to make it all right again. One thing that did help on the road to recovery was a sense of humor, A big thankyou goes to Sharon at the same time as all this was happening for all her help and support.

I had known the lord for a long time, I would ask the lord why did this happen to me? I have learned that Satan comes to rob kill and destroy and that's what he tried to make happen here. He didn't just stop there either, I was having trouble with my marriage and I looked over the fence just long enough for the Devil to get a grip on me and I just about got destroyed by that also. But God is full of grace and mercy!

I went to my church family that I had, they lovingly helped me to put my life back together and I was invited to go to a church called the River of Life. Pastor Barry and Karren were great to me, not only them but also Lex and Ronda also, they were my house church pastors and they said that I could go to their house church, I loved it there. I love riding for the boss! He is the best, his name is Jesus and we ride together with the wind in our face and the sun on our back. I might be a bit bent buckled still, but I am in one piece and whole. I serve the Lord Jesus Christ with all I got and all I am. I wear a badge that says "forgiven sinners" because that is what I am, a forgiven Sinner and by his grace I am saved, I never forget where I have come from, what God has done for me and I always look ahead to where I am going. **I am Heaven bound!**

