

WHAT'S ON?

BIKERS 4 CHRIST BRISBANE/LOGAN



Outreach night Every Second Friday Night: Next ones (A change of previous newsletter dates) being **Sept 10th & 24th.** and **October 8th and the 22nd.** We are meeting at Roscoe's at 6.30pm and headed out into the streets to other motorcycle 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.**

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 Brisby via Diagonal, Peachester Landsborough. Approx 300Klm's.

October 30th Saturday Night Ride: Check out the sites at night, from Mt Gravatt Lookout to the Port of brisbane and the oil refinery, then back to a coffe shop for fellowship and a feed.



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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Ephesians 4:1-6 One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

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GOODNEWS LETTER

Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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From Minimum to Miraculous

Some times we wonder why we don't see much of the miraculous and healing, signs and wonders the bible talks about, well maybe you don't wonder, but I do! The Gospel of Mark says in chapter **16:15- 20** Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized **shall** be saved; but he that believeth not **shall** be damned. **17** And these signs **shall** follow them that believe; In my name **shall** they cast out devils; they **shall** speak with new tongues; **18** They **shall** take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it **shall** not hurt them; they **shall** lay hands on the sick, and they **shall** recover. **19** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **20** And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.** Amen.

I have been thinking recently about this very topic for quite a few weeks when I went and visited a church where Stuart Gramenz was talking. He used this verse and my eyes were opened, Jesus said to the disciples **1. Go. 2. Preach the Gospel. 3. Cast out devils. 4. Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.** So they did what Jesus said to do and then point number **5.** Is that the Lord **worked with them confirming the word with signs following.** I have stated previously that we don't see miracles in our lives because we don't "do" but have not really fully understood what I was saying. The word "Shall" used above in all cases is talking in a future tense, in other words it will happen sooner or later.

I think the main point that I have missed here is point number **1, 2 & 3.** I have failed to go and preach, and to take authority over devils, therefore, basically I do not see the healing of the sick! Including myself I would have to say also. The Bible also tells us in Proverbs that the fear of man brings a snare. What is a snare? The dictionary tells me that it is a trap or a noose, so what does a noose do? It hangs people if I remember correctly, so basically what happens is that instead of us preaching the gospel or the good news to people that we meet we get a fear that rises up within us and it brings a noose around our neck and we tend to get off the track, caught up in other conversation or arguments and fallacy or old wives tales and we don't get to share the Good News as we should like it is.



The result being that we don't see the miraculous! If we were to first keep our focus on the minimum that is required by us as sons and daughters of the most high God, we would slowly but surely work our way into the miraculous. So what is the Minimum, you ask me! Don't know? Have a look at point number **1**, then point number **2** in the scripture first quoted here. All that is required of us is the great commission and the new commandment given to us by Jesus, these are the minimums, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself, then GO!

So what holds us back other than the fear of man? We recently had Don Fenby come and do a set of questions that showed us our gifts and talents in God or the body of Christ, I was not surprised to see that most of us there at our home church were high in the exhorting area but I was surprised to see that also quite a few were very low in the area of knowledge. Don said to us that the chart was for us to find our weaknesses and work on them and to utilise our strengths. If you were, or are one of those who has a lack of knowledge or are low in this area, this may be why you don't see the miraculous as well. We need the minimum here too, knowledge of the word of God.

We need to know who we are in God, what God has done for us and what we can do in the power of the Holy Spirit before we can see the miraculous. I have attached once before this sheet but I attach it again for your use, a list of scriptures that show us who, what and where we are as Christians. If you were to quote these scriptures out loud every morning before you knew it, It would become a part of you. You will find yourself in a situation one day and need to know what the Bible says and out it will come and surprise you. The Bible says that my people perish due to lack of Knowledge in **Hosea 4:6**. The Prophet Hosea is not talking about general knowledge in what you know either, he is talking about **revealed knowledge** the same as Peter received when he replied to Jesus "you are the Christ, the son of God", Jesus' reply was "flesh and blood has not revealed this to you Peter but my Father in heaven". **This is what we need**, Revelation knowledge from the Father through the Holy Spirit.

I also heard Stuart Gramenz say that Jesus spent about 3 hours in prayer every day and it only took him probably 3 seconds to heal someone, he also said that the disciples only asked **one** thing of Jesus, not how do you perform these miraculous signs and wonders, but they asked "Lord teach us to Pray". Knowledge of the word (Jesus) and a relationship with the Father one on one, not just corporate worship in church on a Sunday but fellowship everyday with the Father will bring us to the miracles that we desire to see, we need to hear from Heaven! Stop and think about it for a while!

It may seem hard, but I think that it is time that we woke up to ourselves and have a reality check on our Christian walk, me especially. We need to spend more time with the Bible, studying, prayer and fellowship with the holy Spirit, fellowship with one another to encourage one another. The Bible actually tells us to "encourage one another daily" in **Hebrews 3:13**, all of Hebrews chapter 3 is worth the read and thought. If we want revival we first have to do the minimum, then God will bring us into the Miraculous.

Find out what God has for you through intimate prayer, his thoughts toward us are of love, peace and prosperity, healing is a sign and a wonder for the unsaved, so lets **Go, Preach, Cast out Devils and heal**, not in "*Jesus name amen*" but **with the name of Jesus**, the **authority** he has given us by the power of his name.

Bless ya. 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 Keith Sirret** a B4C rider who recently had a heart attack that God will restore him to complete wholeness.

* **Anthony Renari**, a 16 yr old B4C Associate with a collapsed lung, pray for complete restoration and health.

* **Vinnie Renari**, 12 yr old B4C Associate pray for favour at school with other students, that God will protect him and give him boldness, joy and peace of God that passes all understanding.

Thankyou

A Big thankyou goes to Mrs Vera Renari for donating to us a box of Bibles. We had down just got down to our last 4 bibles when we realised we had an upcoming rally and needed more. A quick email and a great morning tea fellowship with Mrs Renari at a Coffee shop, 2 hrs later I was on my way with Bibles, jars of coffee, and a box of sticky finger food for my wife. In less than 12 months we have given out 44 Bibles, over 600 tracts and sown a lot of the seed of God's word into people's lives.

We are blessed to be a blessing!

Bikers 4 Christ ~ The Latest!

Well for the Past few months a few of us have been visiting other churches, supporting the God Squad, Going on our various night rides and monthly rides. We are averaging between 6 and 10 bikes on each ride and each ride has been a great time of fellowship. Home church is going well with an average of between 8 and 14 people coming along, various people have shared at the home church and we have all learned from each other and it has been a blessing to say the least!

My health is picking up a lot, my spiritual walk is going well, and hopefully I will be officially recognised as a "Chaplain" soon, pray for favour for me with my chaplaincy application. We have a strong core group within Bikers 4 Christ that are very supportive toward me and are a blessing to me, and my Pastor is keeping an eye on me. "Marina" our Intercessor has a prayer list longer than your arm and she is loving it, a big **thankyou** to her for her praying for us all.

All our regalia sold very quickly with some small profits yet enough for us to obtain a "regalia cash tin" that will now be self funded. We have a few hundred dollars in the bank now and we are headed toward my goal of \$1000 minimum to help the needy. We can only help with small amounts at the moment but believe with us that God will equip us for every good work. I want Bikers 4 Christ to be blessed so that we can be a blessing to others!

"Combat Veterans" Poker Run

Well some people will never live some things down including me! Middle of August we went to the north Coast and Joined the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club for their annual Poker run, charity went to the "Make a Wish Foundation". We headed off in the freezing Cold at 7am in the morning because some wanted to rest before the run after we had ridden all the way to the Ettamogah Pub. We paid for our Poker hands and Lunch and joined with about 120 bikes and a TV crew in tow and filming. It was an excellent ride, my first card was a Jack, my 2nd Card was a 10, my third card was a 9, wow I was headed for a straight, my fourth card being an 8. All I could think of was the first prize - four days and three nights in the Sandy Straight on a houseboat worth \$3,000. Yeeehaaa!

One card to go! Could it be possible? All I needed was a 7 or a **Queen** and I had my straight which in Poker is hard to beat. No Way! Never in a million years could it happen. We were headed for the last pub and card stop when all of a sudden, Bazza hit a traffic Island in front of us, all I could think of was there is no way he will hold that up, we were all sprayed with dirt and gravel as everyone around Bazza hit the Breaks real hard to avoid an incident, but praise God Bazza held it up, or should I say the Angels held him up, it was humanly impossible not to lose control and he was right in front of me, I was going to lose that Holiday, but he stayed upright.

We arrived at the last stop and went to get our fifth card, I was walking with Dave Woolf (who happens to ride a Harley) (an Orange and White one). We were headed to the card table, my heart beating at a thousand beats per second, could it be possible? We both arrived at the table together and the guys looked at us and said "Who is first" **Dave politely offered** for me to go first, **I politely offered for him to go first" He politely offered for me to go first again, and I said no you go.** The guys at the card table were holding a card up for us and saying "who wants it"?

I looked at the card it was face up, and forgot what I needed, I raced through my bag to look at what I needed just in time to see Dave take the card and give his hand number, it was sealed, signed and delivered! **He took a 7 of clubs, I needed a 7**, I looked at Dave and said "I don't believe it", no it can't be possible, my houseboat holiday, Dave just took my card, I stepped forward and was handed a 6. If I had any brains I should have walked away and come back later and maybe got a Queen. ***I was devastated to say the least!***

Dave did not live it down for the rest of the day and that night, he even shouted me out to dinner (*probably trying to get rid of the guilt haha*), he took me back to his place for coffee, but I could not let it go, I had to tell the world what happened. **I lost the \$3000 holiday because he took the 7 I needed.** Dave eventually said "here mate have the 7" and he handed me the card, **six hours** after I needed it, of all the rotten things to do! He reckons I need closure on it! How can you get closure on that? A \$3000 Houseboat holiday! Closure, yeah OK, I have forgiven him, even though I take this last opportunity to have a dig at him, (all in good humour), he reckons he feels no guilt whatsoever, well **I** would if it were me, "**I**" would go and buy the other person a new bike or something to say sorry, or maybe buy them a holiday, a houseboat holiday (*hehehehe*).

No really, it was an excellent day, God opened doors for us, we were accepted really well and hope to have more involvement with more Bike clubs (**not outlaws**) and be able to offer assistance. I hold no grudge against Dave (I don't think, "rub, rub it in") and we praise God that bazza stayed upright, **Actually** Mike (A B4C Rider) from Beerwah did win the last prize of the day, a heap of things that he probably won't use and didn't need, he couldn't even give the stuff away, 5 Bikers 4 Christ went and it was excellent, thanks guys for the support! **Roscoe.**

Welcome To:

More riders have become part of Bikers 4 Christ and we welcome you and pray that God blesses you and keeps you upright not only on your bike but also in Jesus!

Keith Sirret: From Forestdale near Logan City, Keith has been fellowshiping with us on and off and coming on rides and opening his house to us for about 6 mths now, sadly he rides a Harley but we will forgive him!

Keith Buchanan: From Edmonton in far Nth QLD (near the Tablelands I think) I met Keith at the Bowen ride and he offered to help us back to brissy and is a really nice guy that rides a CX 500, bless you both Guys, ride for Jesus! AND Stay Upright!

Life From Jesus (2nd August 2004: Jessica 18 Mths Old)

Today we saw God's healing power at work again . Pastor Dave went to do some work for Ps. Terry Walker from 8am, to 11-45am, on arriving home he put the kettle on to have a cuppa , when we heard our new neighbour, a mother who has a child of one & half years old and the baby's grandmother screaming in panic for Dave . He quickly went out the back door and said loudly what's wrong and they were screaming that the baby's not breathing , C.P.R, C.P.R we need C.P.R

Dave said I'm coming and went back through the house and met them at our front door. The mother was holding the limp child and crying. Dave immediately sat down and she passed the little girl into his arms . Dave ignored they were still crying out for C.P.R , C.P.R . He laid his hand on her forehead and said "JESUS!" Lord There Is Power In Your Name and as he said "JESUS" she took a breath , he continued to pray over her and I also laid my hands on her cheeks and we came into a prayer of agreement and bound the spirit of death and sickness over her life . She was very white and almost greyish to look at before her breath of life, Praise God for the name of JESUS. After a while Dave gave the baby back to her mother who was crying frantically witnessing the power of God.

Dave told them to use wisdom and take the child to a doctor to get her checked out, but he told them they will find nothing wrong with her as JESUS had healed her, after about 1 hour, the child's mother came back to thank Dave, he said that "it was not me that was JESUS ! He just gave you a miracle", then Dave said to her "you can know this same JESUS that I know all you have to do is say this pray with me". She broke down crying saying yes I won't to know him as you do, and Dave led her in the sinners pray. What an awesome day in the life of God.

Latter we found out that they had been trying C.P.R for about 4 minutes before they started screaming so we estimated conservatively that the child may have not been breathing for about 7 minutes . Out of this powerful move of God remember that There is Power in The Name Of JESUS!

As Dave had said to the mother that the doctors would find nothing wrong with her , he was right , the next day her Grandmother , Mother and the child came to Pastor Dave's Healing meeting totally healed. Again we give all the glory to our LORD AND KING JESUS!

Blessings From Sue Hoad

TESTIMONY ~ CRAIG MEREDITH.

I was brought in up in a typical lower middle class family where dad worked and mum cooked. I had only one sister to fight with, which was often. I never felt that I was measuring up in my dad's eyes, and was always trying to win his approval in some way or another. Until one day something just snapped and then I didn't give a damn. I started out with cigarettes, then moved on quickly to alcohol of any type, I was only eleven at the time! I stayed with that for a year or two and then I was introduced to dope and I was pretty well hooked from that time on. I experimented with mushies, quick, acid and any gear that was laced with anything. Some gungja had horse tranq. In it, or battery acid and sometimes who knows what! Man, I was wasted as much as I could be, and as often as I could be.

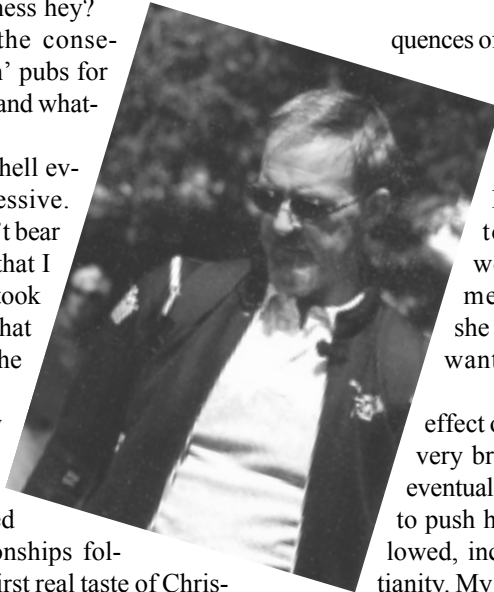
I just didn't give a stuff what happened and who it happened to, as long as it wasn't me of course. Typical addict selfishness hey? I never really thought about the consequences of my actions, like stealing cars for joy rides, burgin' pubs for grog, breaking into shopping centres for smokes and what ever else was handy.

My relationships went to hell every time. I was unbelievably jealous and possessive. My self worth to lose a girl-would crush the me to a church she really believed, wanted to do, so I was almost non existent. I couldn't bear friend, and I gripped on so tight that I life out of them. My first fiancée took meeting a couple of times, not that but it was just something that she went along....

I don't know if it had any effect on me, but I suppose a seed was sown. I was still very brain fogged then so not much was sinking in. She eventually two timed me, it wasn't hard to figure who helped to push her in that direction!!! More stuffed up relationships followed, including my first marriage. This is when I got my first real taste of Christianity. My to be wife was a Christian, so were her folks and her brother. Her brother was into the same crap as me though, and still is. I met her through him and we soon fell in love, but there was a stumbling block to all this... I was a heathen, with a vengeance too!

It's not that I didn't believe in God, I didn't believe in anything at all!!! Her oldies wouldn't have a bar of me marrying her unless I gave my life to the Lord. That was a sore point to say the least, and was the centre of many a heated exchange between me and her mum in particular. Don't get me wrong, I loved her mum but she made it tough for me.... To cut a long story short, one night when her mum and herself were away, I was bored and found myself tagging along with her dad, brother and a friend to a revival meeting no less.

I listened to all that went on with a little skepticism, but when the time came for the altar call that I was dreading, I found myself "floating" down the front as if I was being carried. When the evangelist ask me what I wanted, I found myself saying that I wanted to give my life to the Lord!!!! I wasn't even surprised to hear my own voice saying it! He prayed over me for healing and an in filling of the Holy Spirit, and that was the last I remembered.



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I woke up next morning in my own bed, I had driven home through at least twenty sets of traffic lights, and didn't remember a thing! Not too long after that we got married, but I had not repented of the sins that I was committing against my own body by smoking, drinking and drug abuse. My wife prayed persistently for my healing, and begged me to repent, but the more she did the worse it got. Until one day when she gave me up to the Lord and took her hands off the situation, then the Lord moved. In one night he completely washed me clean of any desire to have drugs – I was healed.

Unfortunately it came too late for my marriage, which ended six months later, despite counseling and a lot of desperate soul searching on my part. It was meant to be though, the Lord used the feeling of absolute desolation that I had, to force me to seek Him and His people out of sheer desperation to live and not die by my own hand. For three long years I lived by myself, desperate for any touch of the Lord I could get and gleaned as much information as I could to make myself ready for the wife I was praying for... I had so many opportunities to minister to people in this time, and received ministry from many as well.

When my new wife came along, it wasn't what I was expecting, not at all. She was beautiful, of course, she was of the Lord! So that was to be expected, but she had a lot of baggage and three great kids. The Lord sets the lonely in families, and this was a real challenge! This was the greatest blessing the Lord could bring me. I am constantly being changed from glory to glory, the drinking went by the wayside long ago, and cigarettes went the same way soon after, I am slimmer, fitter and faster, even between the ears. We have a new child whom has taught me more about parenting than I thought possible.

Never doubt it that the Lord loves you, no matter how bad you think you are. I know that there are people out there that have had a harder life than me maybe, but our God is an awesome God, and that which we see as impossible, is possible because of God.

Are you unforgivable? Guess what. You are forgiven! Jesus died an excruciating death for YOU. He sweated, wept, bled and was broken for the redemption of your sins. That means he bore, carried and felt the weight of all our sins, the sins of all those before him, and all those that were to come after him, including us!!

So, brothers and sisters, rejoice for the Lord is with you! You have eternal life, if only you surrender your pain and your life to God. Trust the Lord, and rejoice in him and be glad, and he will satisfy the desires of your heart...

**Yours in God,
Craig.**

FREEDOM

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