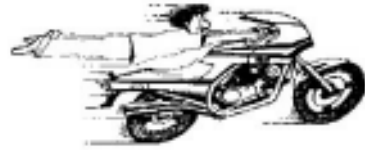


## **WHAT'S ON?**

**August 10-12:** Tinny Rally at Tingoorra 22Klm's north of Kingaroy \$10 at gate even gets you a badge, shaded camping, catered from Sat Arvo Gymkhana.



**August 26th:** Z Owners Club Ride, Meeting Yatala B.P. service centre 9.30am leaving at 10.00am riding to Mooball Valley

**8/9 September:** Midnight to Dawn Navigational Ride put on by BMW Owners club app 300 Klm trip depart Morgan & Wacker at midnight \$15 Motorcycle \$10 pillion come with hot breakfast at 7am.

**October 5,6,7:** Blues Rally Cooyar Hotel \$17 gives you entry, badge, camping and band. Band playing are the "Wolverines" I have heard they are pretty good too! Hosted by the Mount Lindsay Ulysses.

**October 13th:** Escort Christian Girl to her formal dance, **Bikes needed!!!** Stafford to Sth Bank, ring Roscoe for more details.

**October 14:** Sunday Mater QLD Blood Cord run, \$10 per person Leaving from ?????? going to Logan Village Annual Bike Show, 2000 bikes + expected.

## **Shirts & Caps**

Very few shirts left now, prices will be returning to normal with our next order, actually they will be a bit dearer than before as they charge us more. If you would like anything remaining be quick Ring Roscoe on **3388 3980** or drop in and see me.

### ***Jumpers***

Sold Out

### ***Long Sleeve Shirt***

**Child size 10 = 6 shirts to give away!**

Do you know a small child who may like one, someone around the age of 7 or 8 maybe?

**XL - 1 Only left**

**Bikers 4 Christ Logo Caps  
\$20 only 6 Left.**

**\$20**

### ***T'Shirts***

Size 8 = 1  
Size 16 = 1  
Medium = 1  
XL = 1  
2XL = 2  
3XL = 2  
4XL = 3

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## **GOODNEWS LETTER**

*Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8*

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## ***Do You Believe? What do you Believe?***

Had a friend drop over the other day I hadn't seen for a while, we had other visitors and soon enough a discussion about the power of God had begun. Now, I know not to go certain places and topics with my friend, he has very firm beliefs and a dam good argument, but as for our visitor, I could not deter the conversation. But it got me thinking again like my friend always does, he gets me thinking, so I immediately started this part of the newsletter. Do you believe the word of God is true? Do you believe that God can heal the sick? Do you believe in Heaven and Hell? Do you believe that God loves everyone? Stop reading for a while right here, stop and have a think of what do you really believe! Take at least 5 minutes time out to think about what you believe, talk to God about it if you have to, but stop and think about it please.

Did you stop and think about it? I hope so, someone sent me this email during the month as well and it goes right along with this topic. A Christian mountain climber began to slip as he climbed a dangerous section of the mountain. In a flash he had fallen over the edge of a cliff and began to plunge downward when he thrust out his hand and grabbed a small tree that had grown out from between two rocks. As he hung there fearing the worst, but trying to figure out what to do, he decided to pray for help. "Oh God!" He cried out, "Please save your fallen servant!"

He suddenly heard a voice calling him from above, "Just trust Me, let go of the branch, and I will save you." Pausing a moment while he glanced down, the climber called out, "Hey, is there anyone else up there?" Sometimes we are just like that man that fell from the cliff, we want God to use us, we want to see the miracles and people come to Jesus, but when it reall comes down to the crunch and God opens a way for us, we chicken out! Well, maybe you don't, but I know I do sometimes. There have been so many questions lately of how come we don't see the power of God in the church, how come we don't see miracles, how come people get healed and raised from the dead over seas but we never see it here?

Now let me put something really plain to you that God said to me many years ago. I was meditating for a few days on 2 particular verses, when I heard this voice say to me, "Ross, can you swim", I knew it was the Lord because it was so clear it was almost audible, I said "yes Lord", he asked me the same thing 3 times, and asked "do you swim when you jump in"? Then he asked me once "Do you believe my word", I said "Yes Lord of course I do", He then said very abruptly but with Love "Then why don't you do it?"

## What's Been Happening?

Well, that gave me a kick up the butt to say the least, from that day till now I have never passed up an opportunity to talk to someone about Jesus or to pray with someone where there has been made a way, others have asked me to pray for someone because they were talking to them, but I just look at them and say no, then I encourage the person who was talking to them to pray with them. Most times it is my wife who wants me to pray for someone, I don't get it? I am no better than the next person, I am not holier than thou, we are all equal in God's eyes, we are all able to pray for someone, or talk to them about Jesus, just because I **was** "a Pastor" or I am "a Chaplain" **does not qualify me** more than anyone else.

So what does qualify a person you may ask, simple, what do you believe! Smith Wigglesworth was an early 1900's preacher who saw many miracles in his life, what qualified him, like he told everyone back then "If you would only believe". Do you really believe what you read in the word of God, or do you just believe what the preacher tells you? Do you believe what I tell you? If I told you to jump off a thousand foot cliff and you would live would you believe me? No I don't think so! So why believe me when I say something about God? Just because I say it or a famous preacher says it, does not qualify you to believe anything! You and I need to get into the word of God ourself, open that dusty bible and read it, study it, get it deep down inside, because preachers can tell tall stories, Jesus is the only one who can hold claim to the fact that he said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". **John 14v6**.

There is no man on this earth that can teach you to a point of belief, because his interpretation may be wrong, I know mine has been at times. I have seen people get sucked in by preachers many times over, then they blame God when things go wrong! Hang on, it isn't God's fault, they believed the preacher not God! See, we need God to speak to us through his Spirit, it is the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth **John 16v13**, not man. Think about it again now, what do you believe, who do you believe? If you can honestly say you believe the word of God is true, then go and do it and it will happen for you, if you are honest enough to say, I have been misled by man, I don't know what I believe, then go and open your Bible and start reading because God has got a whole new experience for you, because you are honest.

So how do we know who and what we believe? Easy, God showed me something recently, I was talking to another friend, all this friend could say was, this preacher says, and that preacher says, and yet he was getting the scriptures totally twisted and out of context, he was parroting preachers, just like a lot of preachers do, they copy each others sermons. Yes we can learn things from them, my Pastor is an excellent teacher of the word, but he gives me things to go home and study myself, he never really gives me the full content of what he is saying, he couldn't, but he also encourages us to go home and read it for ourselves. He tells us almost weekly, we should be writing these verses down and reading them when we get home.

See, Christianity is supposed to be a two way relationship, where we talk with God and he talks with us, he shows us things, he leads us, directs us, tells us to pray for this one or that one, but sometimes we may be too busy to hear it. We maybe don't read his word enough to hear it as well. Because the word of God tells us things, many people talk about "The Great Commission" that Jesus gave us, what is it? No it wasn't go into all the world and preach the gospel, go read it again many times over, let God show you what he wants you to do, you will find it in **Matthew 28v18-20**. You will be surprised to see what he told us to do. If you have different versions of the Bible, read a few different versions, get it down deep in your heart so that you believe it, know what you believe, maybe you need to look at some other things you "think" you believe, I do.

A couple of us went to the Southern Cross meeting, eat, sleep and ride weekend, but we didn't go on the ride as I had a wedding the next day. Then Steve from the Gold Coast came up with another mate and a few of us went into the Laverda concourse bike show after church. Seems like everyone is on the move, with about 4 riders from around Logan all moving out into other cities and the such, Barry and Vivienne are off to Maryborough to keep Tina Company.

Tina came down and spent a week with us and had some time out, it was great to catch up again, keep her in your prayers as she is having some health issue from going too hard, she has had to back off on a few things but we have managed to get her web site up for her Prionsn support ministry, she is also ready to let fly with her business kicking off at Bike Week. Both of us have been helping a person out in Toowoomba as well, sorry can't give details but please keep "Mick" (an assumed name) in your prayers as he is going through some pretty heavy stuff in Toowoomba

A few of us have had problems with bad fuel in our bikes, mine included, it put me off the road for a bit over a week, and Dave Honan's bike is still off the road for the third time be careful where you fuel up, I got my bad batch from a country town servo on a Southern Cross ride, the bloke who cleaned my carbies said he has had nothing but carbies to clean out for almost 4 weeks, all being the same problem, bad fuel. Last month I mentioned a welcome to Elisa down in Sydney, I said he was from hawaii, well I got it wrong, he is actually from Fiji, they are not that far apart I suppose. **Also a welcome to Rob from Gateway baptist and a couple of guys from the Gold Coast soon will be part of it all as well as some more from Beaudesert.**

Haven't heard from the guys up north for a while, I believe Wayne flew through here at some stage on his way south to visit his brother, I blinked and missed him! Jungle down in Sydney is soldiering on, keep him in your prayers with family issues. John in Victoria is going great guns, I talk a lot to him on the internet, he has met up with a few solo Christian riders down that way through the Disciples (Web Riders for Christ) forum board, if you are into that stuff and want to hook up, the link is on our web page.

Marc over in Colorado USA has been in contact and is going ok over there, I think he has 3 riders in his church and about 2 other groups of guys around USA making enquiries. Due to legal stuff over there Marc is limited to expanding at the moment until he has become incorporated, we all know the stories from America about law suits and stuff, so he wants to get it right first time round! As for everything else, it is nice and quiet, I have backed off from a lot of things and enjoying a quiet year with no schedule, just spare of the moment rides which are great!

Ron, Down in Mullumbimby NSW has sold up and also moved, closer to the coast and out of the mountains, if ya headed down Ocean Shores way at any time, let me know and you may be able to hook up with Ron for a ride. He was telling me that the new highway has opened up through that region, looks like we will have to go for a blat down and say hi soon. We have had a couple spare of the moment rides down that way, but each time Ron was not able to meet up with us.

## Tech Tips Revisited (November 2002):

### Ten commandments of being a Christian Biker!

1. Ride for Jesus, and don't throw the angels off the back with high speeds and silly manoeuvres.
2. Look after your bike - and it will look after you.
3. Look after other bikers, see a bike broken down on the side of the road stop and offer a hand, (except maybe an outlaw, you might get abused at the least.)
4. Out riding around notice a bike coming the other way, give a nod or a small wave of the hand to be friendly.
5. Don't be afraid to say Hi to another Biker at a popular stopping point, you just may plant some word of the gospel in a persons life.
6. Don't Bible Bash Bikers, be creative in conversation but without bragging or exaggerating.
7. Get to know different bikes, if you don't know about other people's bike, ask them.
8. Even though this is a tech tip, do not use technical "Christian Jargon" when talking with other riders (like hallalujah, praise the Lord, Praise God. It turns non Christians off, ever think of that?)
9. Make friends with non Christian Riders or even backslidden ones, do not stay in a comfortable "churchy" cocoon.
10. At the same time as all of the above - **DO NOT** be dragged away from Jesus by other riders or bikes, they should **not** influence you; **You should influence them!**



### Bikers 4 Christ Bank Account

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### Bikers 4 Christ Finances

#### Incoming

Offerings \$295

Starting Balance: \$263.08

#### Outgoing

Postage \$ 56.00

Assist Bro with Medical Exp \$50

Assist a Biker with Car fuel \$20

Final Balance: \$ 432.08

## Australian Weather Report!

1. HIH Insurance has come out of liquidation.
2. If the England cricket team wasn't touring we'd never see ducks.
3. The Red Cross has launched a wet blanket appeal.
4. We're actually encouraged by our health authorities to drink the new Vanilla Coke.
5. You're only permitted to eat watermelon between 8pm and 8am.
6. The Government has introduced a water pistol buyback scheme.
7. Thieves are siphoning off car radiators instead of petrol tanks.
8. I'm encouraging the kids to pee in the pool.
9. Jesus has turned the wine into water.
10. We are having to hand feed the rocking horse.
11. Philip Ruddock says that the so called children overboard story was so they could walk to Australia.
12. Everyone is now an expert - because you can't find anyone who is wet behind the ears.
13. All the bottom of the harbour tax schemes are re-surfacing.
14. I saw two trees fighting over a dog.
15. All the Baptists have become Anglicans.
16. When my daughter fainted it took three buckets of sand to bring her around.
17. I've sent my indoor plants out on agistment.
18. All the dogs are marking their territory with chalk.
19. 4WDs in Toorak have actually got dust on them!
20. Teenagers recieve counselling after a recent light shower of rain

## He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.

### *Thank You*

A big thank you to a Bikers 4 Christ rider who has given us \$200 towards a new Printer, the quality sure was getting poorly. I recently purchased a new laser printer for my chaplaincy and celebrancy as I have legal documents that need to be right. If I can not find a better printer for the right price, I will use this donation to buy toner for the printer I purchased personally, I am not sure if I get the same economy as our old printer or not. I am using the new printer for this issue so lets see how it all goes! The bloke who donated the finances is quite happy with this arrangement thanks again.

# Another Nursery Rhyme!

Mother Pig sends her three little piglets out into the pond to make the strongest house for the family but they get into a fight so they all make three different houses. The first little pig builds a house of straw, but a wolf blows it down and eats the pig. The encounter between wolf and pig features ringing proverbial phrases:

*One day the big bad wolf came and knocked on the first little pig's door and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in." And the little pig answered, "No, no, I won't let you come in, not by the hair on my chinny chin chin." "Well," said the wolf, "then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in." So he huffed and he puffed and he blew the house down and ate the first pig.*

The second pig builds a house of sticks, has the same conversation with the wolf, and the wolf eats the second pig. The third pig builds a house of brick. The wolf cannot huff and puff hard enough to blow the house down. He attempts to trick the third little pig out of his house, but the pig outsmarts him at every turn. Finally, the wolf threatens to come down the chimney, whereupon the third little pig boils a pot of water into which the wolf plunges, and the third pig eats the wolf.

Jesus came and died for us and told us to go and share the Kingdom of God with others, he also gave us authority as well, but like the first two little pigs we sometimes think we know better and we build either our own kingdom or build without having sound knowledge of the word of God. Jesus said in **Matthew 16v18** that Jesus (not us) would build his church upon a rock, what was that rock? No it was not the word of God as you may think, there are two words in the greek Language for this word, "Word". One is Logos which is the written word, and the other is Rhema which is the spoken work by God. Did the disciples have the written word of God at the time that Peter replied you are the Christ? No, they didn't, they had the koran, but Peter heard from God directly, he had a revelation that Jesus was the Christ which is the Rhema word.

Go and read the entirety of **Matthew 16** and see for yourself. Too many people today are copying other ministers or churches or whatever and not hearing from God for themselves. They wonder why the struggle and strive it is because they are like the first 2 little pigs they built upon stuff that was not what God was telling them, the devil comes just like the wolf full of hot air and empty threats, but unfortunately the first 2 little pigs like some Christians they are deceived and the devil gets the upper hand on them.

The third little pig built his house of brick, this is like us building the kingdom of God within us upon Rock, what God tells us to do, the devil comes like the wolf, full of idle threats again, but what do you suppose the little pig was doing inside? Apparently the rhyme finishes with the wolf jumping down the chimney to get him and he has him for breakfast in a pot of hot water. Are you like that 3rd pig, do you have rock solid foundations in your life, where you can just sit back and relax when the devil comes with his threats upon you? We need to know the word of God inside out, it helps us to pray for people with boldness and power, it helps us withstand the storms of life because we know what the word says about our specific problem, as dumb as this nursery rhyme seems, the Bible even tells us that the devil wanders around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour **1Peter 5v8**. Are you a bit tough to chew on, I hope so. The first 2 little pigs ran to the third one for help in some versions, that too is like some Christians, they run to the Pastor for help, when they should be running to Jesus and learning of him.

# The Great Commission

**Mat 28:18 (message Version)** *Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: v19 Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. v20 Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."*

I don't know why we put so much emphasis on "the great commission". Did Jesus actually stand there and say, I give you a great commission blah blah blah.... No I don't see it anywhere. Why do I say this? Because God told Joshua, Moses, David, Ezekial, Elijah and Elisha and all the old testament prophets the same thing, **psalms 119 v 1** says it all pretty well, and all the way through Psalms as well we see the same thing, we walk in victory when we remember his word, when we meditate on his word, when we teach others his word they too will walk in victory. If we just go to church and listen to the word, it will not do us much good, it is far more better to read it for yourself, then when you get a hold of it and realise the power that is available to the believer you will want to tell others all about it too, this is what Jesus told us in Matthew, go and train or teach people my commandments, instruct them and practice in them, he finishes off with "*lo I will be with you till the end of the days,*" but that is only after he has told us to make disciples or teach others, that is when he will be with us, think about it.

Recently I went and done my yearly training for my Marriage Celebrant licence, the course that I chose was "Interfaith Marriages" because I thought it would be interesting, it was rather boring except for one comment the lecturer made and it shocked me, according to last years bureau of statistics, the fastest growing religion in Australia is Wiccan! Followed closely by Buddhism, then Muslim. What shocked me even more was that Christianity is said to be heavily declining or not growing much at all compared to the last statistics where it was out in front. You know something, I sometimes wonder if God will not be judging us along the lines of the ten commandments but along the lines of the one commandment Jesus gave us in the above verses. If he does, we are in big trouble.

You say yes Roscoe, but we are not saved by works but by faith alone, I know that! James tells us that faith without works is dead too did you know that! How selfish have we become, that God has given us the greatest gift of all time, salvation through belief in his son Jesus, and yet we won't share it with anyone! You may say I am not called to be a missionary or evangelist.... Sharing your faith has nothing to do with that! Sharing your faith is obeying the above last and final command of Jesus before he ascended into heaven.

Whatever happened to the hellfire and brimstone preachers? It has become a bless me club now, I am at fault here too ya know, but I realise now, that my unsaved neighbours are going to hell, and so are yours, and their blood will be on our hands if we do not share Jesus with them! Go, into **ALL** the world and make disciples one version says, not win converts, make disciples, think about it! Are you making disciples? Am I making disciples, I think we need to change our thinking and start talking to others about Jesus!

## ALL ABOARD!!

