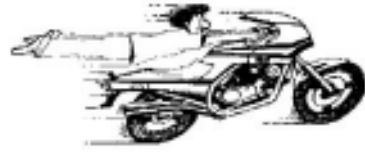


WHAT'S ON?

On the 3rd Saturday of every month: a group of Christian riders meet at Gateway Baptist church Just off the Gateway at Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd at around 7.30am for a fellowship rid, for more information ring **Rob on 0421 012 123**



December 2nd: MRAQ Toy Run Brisbane, Leaving Nudgee College Sandgate Road to Wynnum at 10am sharp.

Sunday 9th December: The Toy Run is scheduled to depart Brassall Shopping Center at 10:30am.

9 December 2007: 12 Gage Kustoms Bike Show - Registrations from 10am to 12noon. Judging from 12.30pm. Trophies for Best Bike of Show, Best Kustom, Best Harley, Best Shovel, Best Sporty, Best British, Best European, Best Jap, Best Metric Cruiser, Best Mini Chopper, Worst Rat Bike, Best Old Skool, Best Bike Tattoo, Best Airbrush, Best Paint, Best Helmet, Best Street Bike and Best Chopper. For more info phone 07 3299 2202.

30 December—1 January: Pickled Galah New Year Rally (Qld); It's all happening at Maidenwell. Live music both nights, rally awards, raffles, Maidenwell Pub Olympics. Camping on site, showers! \$20 inc badge & rally bag. For more info go to www.sunstateriders.com.au or call Su: 0418-982-192.

Plenty of Spare of the moment rides will be happening **during January** if anyone is interested in just going for a ride mid week or weekend, give us a bell, some places we will be going is North NSW to visit Ron near Mullumbimby and go for a ride with him, also Toowoomba with the guys and girls up there, I am ready to go most times.

Bikers 4 Christ's New Slogan.

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Let's Ride!
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GOODNEWS LETTER

Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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2008 Subscription Due!

I would like to thank everyone for your support throughout 2007, it has been a quiet year but a good year. If you would like to keep receiving the newsletter next year you need to pay your subscription by the end of December or it will automatically stop coming to you in January. Subscription is \$15 a year and can be paid any time from now, If you have email, you can receive this newsletter for free via email, just email us and let us know your details at chaplin@bikers4christ.org the newsletter comes in Adobe Acrobat format which most computers do have, or it can be down loaded off the web for free as well. Our Bank details are inside, **if you direct deposit be sure to let me know please.**

Stinkin Thinkin

Joyce Meyers has a book out called "The Battlefield of the Mind" I have got it but I have yet to read it. I have seen the dvd though, Joyce had a lot of problems with her thinkin, and she freely admits sometimes she still does. How about you? I know I do at times, you know the times where things just get you down for no reason, people get you down and you feel like just giving up..... ever been there? **Romans 12v12** talks about what we should really be thinking about, but I reckon sometimes we just plain dumb forget and allow things to get on top of us! In **Matthew 22v37** Jesus tells us what we should allow our mind to think on, he quotes this same verse through out the Gospels many times, it is also found in the old Testament. The devil does not have control over our spirit, but he can have control over our minds if we are not careful what we allow ourselves to think on.

Some people look at me as weird because I make a joke out of many things, but what I am actually doing is not allowing a problem or an issue get me down and making light of it, I have found this to be the best way for me anyhow. Everything the devil attacks us with is always starting in our mind, we look at our circumstances and we start to think wrong thoughts, maybe stuff like "it is all too hard" or "I can't handle much more of this" and most times we don't even go to God with it in a quick prayer, we try and deal with it ourselves.

The Bible talks a lot about the mind, the human intellect and various things pertaining to our thought patterns, especially in **Proverbs**. I went and visited a friend the other day, and told them about how there is 31 chapters of **Proverbs** and most months have 31 days, so whatever the date is we read that chapter of Proverbs and it will speak to us every time. I have done this myself for years, and when issues, thoughts, or attacks come my way, thankfully most times a Proverb I have read over the years pops into my mind to help me through.

Romans 1v28 gives us a warning about how we should treat our minds. Most people that are career criminals seem to dwell upon their actions and thoughts of crime and work out how they are going to do things etc, the mind is a very powerful area both for the negative and the positive. Have a look back over your own life, have a look at areas where things have gone drastically wrong, or maybe an area that has gone extremely successful, think about what you were allowing into your mind at the time. Was it stinkin thinkin or good thinkin? Take a look at people who are millionaires, how did they get there? Was it by thinking that it was all too hard I can't do this or was it by thinking I can do this, I will succeed some how??

I don't know about you but I find night time seems to be the heaviest time of stinkin thinkin for me, so now when I start to get down for whatever reason, I usually go for a long ride and an enjoyable one and clear my mind, by the time I have ridden for maybe an hour or two, I have got it under control and start thinkin right again, if I can't get a grip on it, I will usually go and visit someone hoping to either offload or get encouraged, it is not good to try and do it alone! If we could just grab total control of our thought life, and keep it positive, life would be that much easier, we would still have trials and tribulations, Jesus promised us that in **John 16v33** but he also says be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.

See the world's way of thinking is carnal, our thinking should be spiritual. When we start thinking wrong, we lose our peace, when we lose our peace we start doing dumb things or saying dumb things, well I do anyway, maybe you don't! See even though we are in this world, Jesus says that we are not to be part of it, take a look at some years ago in the 80's when the stock market crashed, people started committing suicide because they lost their money, but life is not all about money is it? I have seen Pastors that preach Prosperity and trust in the mighty dollar instead of God lose it big time! Yes Pastors, I saw one man quite frequently swear and curse his congregation because the tithes and offerings were down and he had bills to pay, but sure enough he would find the money somewhere, I look at people who always lose their cool and flip out so to speak and wonder to myself, what is the use, it accomplishes nothing and you only feel worse?

I prefer to just quietly slip away and go somewhere and sort it out with God, tell him what I am thinking, even though he already knows, but I offload my issues on him. So am I saying I am perfect? By far no way! I am far from it, I get my times where I end up with a real dirty attitude, I carry on like a two bob watch sometimes and blame God and everyone else around me, but eventually God pulls me up. I am amazed at just how God pulls me up too, usually it is someone will ring or visit or I will bump into someone and they are going through a rough time too, I end up ministering to them and getting their thinking right, then at the end of it all, I look at myself and how I just helped someone else whose problems may have been worse and say to myself, "Roscoe, pull ya head it you nut!" There is always someone worse off than you, if you don't think so, think of the little kids in Africa dying of aids, or stolen for the gorilla warfare, or got no food and almost dead, now tell me there is no one worse off!

Hi to all From Townsville,

On the weekend of 3 / 4 Nov I attended a men's conference in Mackay. It was run by the Christian City Church (3C) and is held each year. These conferences are called Realmen and have a different theme each year. This year it was titled Heroes and was focused on fathers and sons.

Mark and Josh Kelsey were guest speakers from 3C Oxford Falls in Sydney. Mark gave the perspective of the fathers as being the heroes we need today. Josh at 25 years old gave the sons point of view and was a very powerful speaker. Between the two of them they stressed the importance of being physically fit to do God's work as well as mentally fit. To be the heroes that God wants us to be to the whole community. Between the two of them they delivered a powerful message of the role men can play in today's world.

Mark and his family spent time planting a church in New York and recounted some of the huge difficulties they ran up against. It was an amazing story of faith and trust in the Lord. To not give up when you know that God has put a task before you that, at times, seems impossible to complete.

I was pleasantly surprised when Josh preached with a true passion and direction. It was clear to me that with young people like him coming up, God is alive and well with the youth of today. There was a Christian comedian named Mark Gladman who also spoke. How refreshing to hear a comedian who doesn't need to use foul language or degrading humor to make us laugh. If you get the opportunity to hear him, do so. God works in some of the most unusual ways at times. He has a big heart and a heap of passion.

Pastor John Gilbank spoke and his passion and conviction to God was just awesome. He is an outstanding man of God with extraordinary leadership qualities. It was a fantastic weekend for men. We took 20 men and young men down from Townsville and had a true God driven experience. Time spent with our youth in a Godly way is worth it at any price.

Parked in the foyer of the church were 2 1950's Ariel bikes and a brand new Triumph rocket 3. So big boy's toys were everywhere. I rode my bike down with one other from my church. Next year we intend to have more bikes do the run down and also take a bus for the non bikers.

Realmen is an amazing time for men to spend time together. Each year it gets bigger, and next year will be huge. The founder of Realmen will be the guest speaker and I for one will not miss out on that one.

So don't forget, keep up the God work.

**Rob W
Townsville.**

Tech Tips Revisited (October 2003):

Recently as some of you know I have left winding roads at around 100Klm's/Hr. I spoke with an experienced rider of about 35 years recently and found my problem. Maybe I can help others from the insight I received.

I was always taught to brake into a corner to the apex, be in the correct gear and power out of it! Apparently when you power out of a corner especially from the apex your bike will want to stand up straight. That is why I left the road a few times, as well as wrong speed and gear.

What we have to do is break before the corner even comes up using our gears to slow down, pick your speed and gear for the corner, ensure that your gearing is in high revs near the power band and "ride" your throttle through the corner; once you are upright and on the straight you can then hit the throttle and power away from the power band. Again you have to be in the right gear, that is why you use your gears for slowing you down as well as your brakes.

If you do it correctly you will find your gearing will help you go wider by throttling on a little, or closer to the corner by backing off, only a fraction though, back off or throttle on to much and you will find your bike will want to lay down or stand up - **Stay Upright - Roscoe (I did).**



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Bikers 4 Christ Finances

Incoming

Offerings \$
2008 Subscriptions \$60

Starting Balance: \$251.13

Outgoing

Stationary \$ 10.35
Postage \$ 50

Final Balance: \$ 250.78

Accomplishments of 2007

Many don't see what happens all around, so let me share with you what Bikers 4 Christ have accomplished in 2007, this is not me, this is you, the things that I have seen and heard about throughout the year, it is of no glory to me, but has totally brought glory to God.

The beginning of the year saw some bad blood and accusations and a split of Bikers 4 Christ but those involved overcome and walked on with God regardless. So it was a bumpy start to 2007 and it really didn't get much smoother, the rides stopped, the visits stopped, people moved away or sold or bought bikes etc, and the core of Bikers 4 Christ here in Brisbane region basically dissolved. I was not a happy camper at first, but then realised that hey, now I can just ride and not have to be so hands on with stuff and I became a very happy camper!

We had many hook up as Bikers 4 Christ Australia wide, mostly remote areas and most of them were lone riders seeking people with similar lifestyle, some great friendships were built and before I knew it, I was travelling to meet some and also ride with guys who I had next to no dealing with over previous years, strong friendships were formed, and everything seemed to settle down.

Financially we had some good income and were able to help people to the tune of **\$1,112.34** helping out with food, fuel, bike repairs, trailer hire, bills, and many other things. Actually I was pretty shocked at that figure I did not expect it to be that high and that was income from those who freely give offerings throughout the year. I know there were many other opportunities to help people financially but we just didn't have the finances sadly. Thank you to all who gave throughout they year, on top of this amount there was roughly **\$500** or so in mailing and stationary and stuff like that as well as **\$200** was donated for the purchase of 2 printer cartridges which was great! Pretty good for only a very small group of people who give, if I were to try and calculate it on a scale of how other groups help, we would be way out in front, I suppose you could say it is like the widow with the two mites.

We have seen some Bikers 4 Christ leave and start their own ministry, some also stayed and started their own ministry as well, we had a few invitations to events at churches etc some we attended and some we declined the offer. Overall, I think we mostly just rode, most of the rides were spare of the moment rides and they were great times of fellowship and riding, we attended maybe 2 or 3 rallies, but mostly we visited clubs we had made friends with and built on relationships that were made over the last few years, just enjoying each others company and helping out where we could. Thanks especially to Paul, Ron, Dave, Steve and a couple of others who helped throughout the year visiting where I could not, it was great to see you guys get out there and enjoy yaself too.

The majority of the shirts are sold now, all we have left are some 3XL and 4 XL T shirts and we still have a heap of sew ons and some more on order, I am hoping to order some more shirts early in 2008, I am still trying to negotiate a price as I previous printer wants a high price, I am not sure what to do there as the shirts were great quality, mine have lasted me over 3 years and that was wearing them most days too! It has been a good year, a quiet year, hopefully next year will see similar quietness as I am enjoying the level we are at now just taking it easy and enjoying riding and fellowship. I am not sure about home church or meetings, I am not Particularly bothered at moment, so we will just wait and see what God has in store.

Have a great Christmas all, take care on the roads, and remember, Jesus is the reason for the season! God Bless, - Roscoe!

2008 is up and coming real fast - What next?

Well 2007 is all but gone now, we have seen a change in Government federally, we have seen some aussie icons die, some have sold their bikes and others have moved away. As for me, well I have had a very different year with only one thing on my mind, survival! Thank God I have finally been able to get some medication that stops the migraines and has no side effects and they are not narcotic for a change, I have the all clear on blood tests which were an issue over the last 2 years, and God blessed me with a new bike, a VStar 1100 Yamaha in real nice condition. The last 2 months have been a nice rest, just doing as I pleased as there are very few Bikers 4 Christ left around Brisbane. Some have moved, some sold their bikes, others just up and never came back to say Hi for whatever reason, the last month or so I have been wondering what to do with next year.

At first, I was just going to stop the newsletter and close the web site, sit back and do nothing. Well, the newsletter will remain as there is still plenty of interest from people wanting it, the numbers have dropped from 50 to about 22, but that is normal, many usually ring up at end of January asking for it again as they forgot to pay their subscription. At one stage I was going to start a community church meeting on a Sunday arvo, that is still in the pipeline but won't be for a long time as I need to deal with some wrong attitudes I have. One thing that I have thought about a lot this year and spoken to many people about it is the beatitudes found in **Matthew 4,5,6,7**. I love that sermon on the mount!!

Recently I have stopped and listened to a lot of different preaching, been to many different churches this year and noticed something they all have in common, they are all preaching from the epistles of Paul, very rarely, well actually I think I could almost say never have I heard many people preach or talk about what Jesus said, done or anything much from the gospels. Basically I really miss it! So for 2008 I am hoping to mainly focus on the 4 books of the Gospels, the things that Jesus said and done, because basically we are supposed to be like him are we not? If we don't know what Jesus was like, we won't know what to do ourselves and I think this is a major problem with the body of Christ today.

The world look at Christians and what do they see? Hypocrites? Thieves? Liars? Fruitloops? Bible bashers? These things and many more I think, not that we should worry and I don't worry about what the world thinks of us, I am more concerned of what God thinks of me! I remember when I first got saved, I met these people from a great little church, and I wanted to be just like them! They were happy, they had fun, they enjoyed each others company, they enjoyed church, they helped people left right and centre! The life they lived is what drew me closer to God, does that happen today? If you are honest I think the majority of the time we could probably say no to that. So what is wrong?? Maybe you see things different from me, but I reckon we have gotten away from the basics of the message that Jesus preached, the kingdom and look out for your neighbour basically.

We have heard for many years now the terminology of "What Would Jesus Do" and so much so that it has become a cliché and a money making industry, there are plenty more that followed along too like F.R.O.G which stands for fully rely on God, there are heaps out there. I think and wonder sometimes why doesn't God just pour out his spirit like he says he will and change peoples hearts because I know I need to change too and at times I just get plain dumb slack! Personally I think the church in general has become very materialistic, some have gotten away from their original calling in God, I think we have become "Self Obsessed".

Time has become a commodity! Has anyone seen that new insurance add on TV where people are bidding thousands of dollars for 6 minutes time at an auction? Rediculous to say the least, I get pretty frustrated and spun out sometimes myself when I don't seem to have enough time, but I tend to notice it pretty quickly now and when I do I just sit back and take a breath, say No to everything up until the point where I end up getting bored, and then I know I have caught up with myself.

I recently had the New Caledonians stay with me again for a few days, they are returning later this month as well as some more coming over, they are a great bunch of guys and girls. We were trying to get the cheapest transport for a couple to Tasmania and everything was roughly the same price, Hire cars were rediculous prices, I asked Maurice, what do you want to do, he looked at all the prices peices of paper and quotes and quite frankly he said simple, "trust God" and he prayed just like that! He sat there in quietness for a few minutes and then told me to ring the first car hire people back, I hung up after booking the car totally confused, the hire had gone from 400 to 300 all the way down to \$178, all I could say was wow, that was strange, Maurice laughed and looked at me and said "no, that was God"!

I thank God for these people coming to my home, they teach me great things and simple things of Kingdom principals that I had either forgotten or didn't undersand in the first place, like Maurice basically taught me through his actions, to quite simply "**Trust God**"! Just Trust God, like Smith Wigglesworth once said "if people would only believe". Every day things, every minute, moment, thought action, idea, intention, word, must have God on the front of it, like, I don't mean talk about God and be a nut, I mean think, even now when I think about going somewhere or doing soemthing I think and wisper God is this right? That is all, I seek him now, I have a ball too, I find things are easier, more enjoyable, and one thing for sure is more conviction of the Holy Spirit is in my life too, I don't like that so much!!

I think I have said it many times, but people are not drawn by what God can do for you or what Christianity can do for you, we should actually be drawn by what can we give or do for God, people are drawn by the Holy Spirit, actually the is a verse about that too, check out **Ephesians 3v5 and 1John3v24**. There is another verse somewhere that says something like no one comes to the Father unless he is drawn by the spirit or something like that, I can't seem to find it. So, next year is coming around quickly, everyone will be making their new years resolutions that they most likely won't keep, people will get their first credit card bill and freak out at how much they spent, all the public holidays will start again and life will go on in general! Will next year be "Just another year" to you? I hope not, I hope not for me as well, I want more of God in my life and the Devil is fighting me all the way with it too.

Decide that next year is going to be a year of trusting God more in your life, write up a big sign and stick it on a wall somewhere that says, in 2008 I am going to trust God more, do it up nicely so ya don't rip it down after a week, put it where you will see it regularly and make an effort to live by it, it takes absolutley nothing, no effort, no money, no time at all to simply say a quick prayer, have a quick thought, or just simply look heavenward and ask God, what would you have me do Father?

God Bless evryone, have a great Christams and New Year, take it easy on the roads, don't forget "Double Demerit Points" System is in place as of the 1st December, watch out for all those revellers, treat other road users as if they are out to get you and saty upright and safe. God Bless, keep smilin it keeps the devil wondering what you are up to! Roscoe.