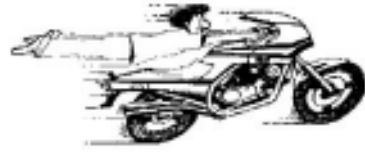


WHAT'S ON?

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: Supplying two bikers escort bride and Brides Maid into wedding Ceremony Gold Coast, anyone interested contact Roscoe, all welcome:

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

October 26/27 Gatton Bikes Only Swap Meet - 26 to 27 October 2007
Gatton Showgrounds, Gatton. Open Friday 7am to 11pm and Saturday 5am to 12pm. For info phone Heather on 07 5462 1090 or Keith Shepherd on 07 4630 1742.

November 17: Buaca "Inferno Poker Run" Starting at the Withcott pub on the Warrego Hwy at 10:30 sharp \$20 Hand plenty of prizes, camp over at Maidenwell pub at finish.

November 17-18: Imbil Rally up near Gympie, usual stuff and great rally too!!!

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.

Deep Thoughts

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks! Have you noticed now that everyone has a camcorder, hardly anyone ever talks about seeing UFOs! Whenever I feel blue . . . I start breathing again! Why does a slight tax increase cost us two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves us thirty cents? In the 60's people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it seem normal! Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first profession!

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire; but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

AND THE #1 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

We read about Terrorists. Most of them came to the United States legally, but they've remained here on expired visas, some for as long as 10-15 years. Compare that to Blockbuster! If you're just 2 days late with a video, those people are all over you. Let's put Blockbuster in charge of immigration services

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GOODNEWS LETTER

Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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2008 Subscription Due Soon!

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, I give you 3 months notice so I don't interfere with your Christmas shopping, pay now and get it out of the way. Once you have paid your subscription next month onwards you will see a "PAID" stamp over this section of your newsletter. 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.

Grace, Mercy, Righteousness, Holiness, Love thy Neighbour

Have a read of **Matthew 12v7; Matthew 23v23**. Recently we had a real good discussion of tithing on the internet Forum, then I got to thinking and got myself a headache! Many people say or ask today, "How come we don't see miracles like overseas" well I think the above scriptures pretty well cover it. I have been a Christian for 25 years, a Pastor for 6, a Chaplain for about 4, and so on, one thing I have noticed that is different today from when I first got saved is that people lack, mercy, Righteousness, Holiness and so on, it is very rarely even preached about in churches. If it is, it is mostly watered down.

God is a Righteous and Holy God, and even the Old Testament says be Holy for I am Holy, I think maybe sometimes we go to church on Sunday and think we have committed out Christian "duty". Our Christian walk needs to be in line with what God wants for us 7 days a week, I love the beatitudes found in **Matthew 5, 6, 7**, they are great, if we could read them and line our life up with them we would be doing pretty good I reckon, but who even knows what is in those chapters? Have a read of them, I learn something new every time I read them. I have seen some "God Billboards" on the net the same as some billboards you might see outside a church somewhere that has some sort of statement on them, aren't they great! I have some quotes from some of them, so I will throw them on the next page, enjoy!!

Whatever your lot in life, build something on it. - God
 Alone you can't. Together we can. - God
 They're commandments, not suggestions. - God
 I'm listening. - God
 I'm the only one who really knows what time it is. - God
 Let's Talk. - God
 C'mon over and bring the kids. - God
 My way is the highway. - God
 Have you read my #1 best-seller? (There will be a test.)- God
 That 'Love Thy Neighbor' thing... I meant that.- God
 What part of 'Thou Shalt Not...' didn't you understand?-God
 Loved the wedding! Invite me to the marriage.- God
 Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer.- God

What is Righteousness, Holiness, Grace, Mercy, Love thy Neighbour? simply putting it, it is the Christian walk. We have plenty of slogans around which have become financial cliché's like **"WWJD"** What would Jesus Do? **"FROG"** Fully rely on God, and many others, ya see kids or teens wearing them, they are the latest "Church fad" or in thing, I have had a real struggle within myself over the last couple of months, I know I am not living right as God would have me to, and yet I know I have also grown in areas that God would want me too as well. I done a wedding just a week ago, it was one that I was dreading for the passed couple of months with an hour long ceremony and I just didn't know what to expect.

So the day comes and I head off to the wedding rather early to help out, on the way there, I basically cry out "God help me with this wedding". The ceremony was excellent to say the least, everything the whole afternoon was just great, now I don't normally stay at weddings as I feel like a fish out of water as I know nobody, but I was waiting for my final payment of fee for the wedding and got talking to some people, I got paid, and then decided to stay anyway, I had a ball! It turned out there were a few bikers there that knew me, and everyone just wanted to be my friend as I had conducted the wedding so well, I got 2 more weddings and 2 Child naming ceremonies throughout the night, why, because I asked God to help me out!.

I sat there watching the pig on the spit spinning round, next thing this bloke is spilling his whole life to me, he started with hey you are a Christian aren't you, I said yes of course and chatted with him for maybe an hour, soon another had come to me, then some ladies, I had totally lost count how many people I ministered to that night, I know they had 250 guests, so yeah..... I had not told anyone I was a Christian or anything, I was wearing a suit, they knew me as a marriage celebrant only, and yet they kept coming throughout the night.

This was a real struggle for me, I could not figure out why because I knew I had issues to deal with, by the end of the night I was totally knackered, worn out, drained and tired and I headed home about midnight. What did they see in me? I don't think they saw anything in me, all I did was gave a friendly smile, a hello and I think they somehow saw God's light in me, his righteousness, his mercy, grace, why? Because I took the time to listen, to accept them regardless of them being stoned or drunk, I gave them the time of day and the love of God, I didn't intend it, God made it happen, but it showed me, that we must be like this daily, willing to give someone the Love of God, not pull them down, just love them!

As you read this think about what you would do! Submitted by Paul

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago . They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush through the terminal, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. ALL BUT ONE !!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay? She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister. ..." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul:

"Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

WELCOME

Welcome to Christine Crawford from Toowoomba, a lovely young lady up there who has a like-minded heart to my life with a bad habit of taking in kids!! She does it legally though through Fostering.

Tech Tips Revisited (April 2003):

I just got myself a new tyre the other week and I was talking to the tyre place and they explained to me how brands and models of tyres today all compliment each other and to mix and match them is not a good idea! We need to stick with the correct recommendations for our bikes to gain maximum possible grip and handling in both wet and dry conditions. Retaining the manufacturers recommendation for profile is a good idea too, I went to a lower and wider profile on my yamaha and lost fuel economy, the revs are higher at 100 km/h and does not handle as well as it did before, so now I put up with it until I need another rear tyre and then I will go back to the original profile. Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks, I learnt something new.

Ensure you check your tyre pressures on a regular basis as well as this will give you maximum usage out of your tyre, most bikes 650cc and over take 34 - 36 on the rear and 32 - 34 on the front, if you are going two up on a long ride and extra 2 psi can come in handy to keep the ride comfortable. Check a few garages as now you can get them with a computerised air line that just clips onto the valve and there is no more long steel handles to try and fit around your rim, most newer servos have them, and they are great.



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Heritage Building Society BSB: 638080 – Account: 00 9012338
Name of - Bikers 4 Christ

Bikers 4 Christ Finances

Incoming

Offerings \$ 145

Starting Balance: \$230.28

Outgoing

Mailing \$50.30
Pay another 2 riders lunch \$ 40
Paper / Stationery \$ 97.50

Final Balance: \$ 151.48

The Necessity of the Desert

by Os Hillman, September 6, 2007

...”I have become an alien in a foreign land.” - **Exodus 2:22**

God’s preparation of a leader involves training, extended times of waiting, pain, rejection, and isolation. Are you ready to sign up?

Moses was brought up in Pharaoh’s court. He had the very best of everything-education, clothing, food, and personal care. But there came a time when the man God would use to free an entire people from slavery was going to have to learn to be the leader God wanted. At age 40, when most of us want to be thinking about winding down instead of beginning a new career, Moses was forced to flee to the desert.

Like Joseph and Abraham, Moses had to endure some difficult years of preparation that first involved removal from his current situation. He went from notoriety to obscurity, from limitless resources to no resources, from activity and action to inactivity and solitude. And, most importantly, waiting. And waiting. And waiting. He probably thought he would die in the land of Midian.

Then one day, a full 40 years from the day he arrived, God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. Everything changed. God said, “It is time.” The years had seasoned the vessel to prepare him to accomplish the work.

God is preparing many workplace believers today. The circumstances may be different. The time frames may not be quite as long. But the characteristics of the training are still the same. Do not try to shortcut the desert time of God. It only leads to cul-de-sacs, which force you to revisit the lessons you are meant to learn. Embrace them, so that He can use your life for something extraordinary.



God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should we?

JT's Testimony

I grew up in a Catholic home and was a Catholic most of my life. I went to CCD classes, made my first communion, made my confirmation ect. But I still didn't know much about the Lord. I also had a real tough childhood. I won't get into that except to say that it really had a bad effect on my life. From the time I discovered alcohol when I was 15 until I became a Christian I tried to drink most of my troubles and childhood away. Needless to say, this doesn't work. But at the time I was drinking it was the only way to deal with the pain of my past, or at least the only way I knew how.

Anyway ,I married at a young age to a woman who was very selfish, crule and abusive. I quit drinking when I married her and never drank the whole time I was married to her. We had 2 children together but after a while I couldn't take the abuse from this woman. I ended up divorcing her under the grounds of Crude and Abusive treatment. (It's amazing when your abused as a kid who your attracted to abusive people).

After my divorce I climbed back into a bottle and stayed there for a long time. I dated a few woman, but they didn't turn out to be any better than my ex-wife. Then one day a friend of mine introduced me to a woman he knew. This woman was pretty, nice, kind and reminded me a lot of my grandmother who was the sweetest person I had ever known. I knew right away that this was the woman for me and we married. But still I drank a lot. My wife never said a thing about it though. One day I woke up and went to work with a huge hangover. When I left the house I could see the pain in my wife's eyes and knew she was worried about me drinking. I couldn't take that look in her eyes and I was sick to my stomach from drinking all the time.

While I was at work I broke into tears and went into the bathroom. While in the bathroom I was still in tears and I asked the Lord for help. I didn't want to drink anymore and I didn't want to feel sick anymore and I didn't want to see that look in my wife's eye anymore. I asked the Lord to please help me stop drinking. Well, He did just that. I didn't go to treatment, I didn't go to AA, I didn't go to detox, I just stopped drinking.....Period. I haven't had a drop in over 7 1/2 years now and the Lord is the reason why, he answered my Prayer. I mean your talking about a guy who was drinking a case (24+) of beers a day or a 1/5 of whiskey a day and I just stopped. That's the power of the Lord.

But still I wasn't happy. Then one night at work we (me and the guy I worked with) were watching TV and they had a commercial for Christian Music. The commercial showed people singing Christian songs and having a good time. The guy I worked with seen the commercial and started to laugh. I said Jeff, what are you laughing at and he said they looked stupid.



I said no, they look happy. I said, Jeff, look at the 2 of us, here we are sitting here and both of us are miserable, but them people on TV are happy.

It was at that point that something clicked. Them Chirstians are Happy and I'm not!! They must know something I don't? So I began looking for a Christian church and found one. Then my wife and I took a 15 week course on the Lord Jesus Christ. I finally learned why these people were happy. They had the love of the Lord in their hearts and minds and when you have that, you can deal with just about anything.

After that I prayed to the Lord and asked Jesus to be my personal saviour, asked Him to forgive my sins and was Baptised in His name. Since then my life has taken a 180 degree turn. Before I became interested in the Lord I had nothing. I drank a lot of my money away, I lived in a trailer home and I really didn't have much to show for all the years I had worked hard. Now we have our own home, we have a fairly new truck, a nice motorcycle and a lot of other nice things, and it's all because of the Lord. He gave us those things and I am grateful for Him.

Well, that's about the long and short of it. That's why & how I became a Christian. In the few years that I have been a Christian (about 7 years now) I have learned more about the Lord Jesus Christ than I did in all those years as a Catholic. Thank you Jesus for bringing me back into Your Life. Amen.

JT

Assurance of Answered Prayer John 16:24 "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name: Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full"

JT, Is an American Christian Biker whom I talk to on the internet Forum quite often and a really nice guy, he and his wife go hunting in the mountains and they are also members of the PGR - Patriot Guard Riders and regualrly go and honour the military men and women of USA.

