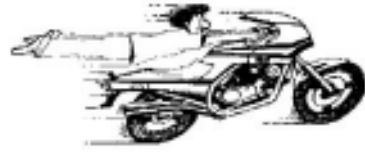


WHAT'S ON?

September 1st: God Squad Memorial Ride - Depart at 11am from JC Slaughter Falls, Mt Coot-tha. \$15 per bike, \$5 per pillion includes free BBQ lunch and free entry into Gold Coast Bike week. For more info call 0416 101 595.



September 7-9: Gateway rainforest rally Kyogle Showgrounds NSW. Licensed bar, live music Saturday night, fully catered for by Kyogle Rotary Club and assisted by Border Ranges Ulysses. Camping facilities, showers & toilets on site. All available from Friday night. Gymkhana Saturday arvo, with lots of rally awards. Large raffle draw. Come and have some fun. Admission - Pre-Paid - \$12.00.....At The Gate - \$15.00 (includes badge) For more info call Jack McIntosh 02 66323767 or valmae3@bigpond.com

Sat 8th Sep: Blue Ribbon Ride - Prostate Cancer Awareness Ride
Departing at 10.30 from Bunning's Mt Cotton Rd, Capalaba riding to Hungry Jacks Redland Bay Rd, Victoria Point. Every rider displaying a blue ribbon will receive a complimentary cup of coffee. For more info call TJ on 3822 9099 or 0408 885 940.

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

15,16th September: We have a display at Aussie Riders Extravaganza Parklands show ground on Smith Rd Southport, we have been given a free display, I need one other bike and 1 other member for Saturday or Sunday to man the display with me. 9am to 6pm. Discounted entry for other members going \$10

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, Cancelled!!!

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.

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

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Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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Sharing the Gospel - Practically

The last couple of newsletters have been an attempt to encourage you to share your faith with others. Some have asked me how do you do it? Many think because they don't know scripture that they can't share with anyone, some think that they would stuff it up if they tried as they don't know a lot of things themselves. Here are some Golden Rules for sharing your beliefs with someone:

1. DO NOT get into any argument of scripture, religion or beliefs, it will never end!
2. DO NOT assume something is right, if you don't know the answer tell them, and then see if you can find out the answer for yourself as well.
3. DO NOT quote preachers, or yours is the best church as it may not be the best thing for that person.
4. DO NOT even attempt to answer questions of "why does God do this in Africa to small children, or why are there so many rules or why this or why that".... The only thing the listener needs to know is that Jesus loves them, he died for their sin, he paid the price so that when they die they don't go to hell. Jesus paid the price for us, everything else is irrelevant!
5. DO NOT "bag" someone out in another church, or another person's belief, did you know that Jesus even died for the Muslims and they are worth saving!
6. A good way to share the gospel with someone is use a tract, most tracts have verses in them that you can refer to and point out to people.
7. You don't need to know a zillion verses, Romans road to salvation is quite sufficient, they go in this order of reading **Romans 3v23; Romans 6v23; Romans 5v8; Romans 3v10; Romans 10v9,10**. Will lead a person to know Jesus and accept what he has to offer, all you need to do is memorise **Romans 3v23**, then beside that one write the next verse, then go there and write the next verse and so on.
8. Use everyday language, not hallelujah, praise the Lord etc as sometimes this really turns people off. It is called "churchianity".
9. Ask them do they understand what you are saying, use things in your life to explain if necessary.
10. Ask them bluntly "Will you give Jesus your life today, are you willing to walk the best you can in God's ways. If you don't ask them, they won't know!"

What's Been Happening?

How else can we share the Gospel practically with people? Practise what you preach! Don't be a "Fake" as most people can see straight through fake Christians. Be honest, have integrity in what you say, if you are not concerned whether a person is going to heaven or hell, get concerned! You may be the only Christian they may ever know in their life or meet. God has given us a gift so precious, eternal life, victory and all those things you believe in, are you a stingy person and don't want to share it with others? God only gives us Jesus so that we can share him with others, not to keep him wrapped up in the comforts of our own home and material things. Jesus said, go and make disciples in **Matthew 28v18** and in **mark 16** he said go and preach the gospel, Jesus also said if you truly love me, you will obey my commandments. Do you truly love him?

Some people make up some pretty lame excuses, I am not an evangelist, I am shy, I am this or I am not that, sorry, Jesus did not give no exceptions!! It would be a little bit like, when we buy a new car or bike, or something nice, we tend to "happen" to drop around to everyone's place and show it off! We brag on things that God does for us or has given us to our Christian brothers and sisters, yet we clam up when it comes to those who are yet to be saved. The Bible tells us that the disciples preached the word and signs followed, and we ask why we don't see any signs, maybe it is because we don't preach to people.

The biggest buzz I get out of life is immediately after I have shared Jesus with someone, I mean I have some pretty good times with other Christians sharing the word, but I get a bigger buzz sharing it with someone who doesn't know Jesus! How else can we share the gospel practically? By being a Christian 24/7! Don't be one of those people who go to church on a Sunday and then throughout the rest of the week, all you ever do is fly off the handle at people, you swear, drink to excess, carry on like a two bob watch and all those things people would not "expect" a Christian to be or do. I drive a School bus at the moment with disabled kids, I have 2 carers on my bus, they are both unsaved, but many times they have commented, Roscoe is not like that he is one of them "Born Again" people, yet at the same time they love hearing me share about what God has done in and through my life.

Be honest with people, like I done a funeral the other day and the people asked me if I would come back to the pub with them, I did, they asked me if I wanted a beer, I declined explaining that I had to drive a school bus and my alcohol limit had to be Zero, they said do you drink though, I told them I did not mind a Bourbon every now and again, I told them I would have had a drink with them if I didn't have to drive that afternoon. They said but your a priest, I corrected them nicely explaining I was a Chaplain, and that the Bible tells us not to get drunk or drink to excess or continuously, that having a beer or a rum was fine but we need to know when to stop. This alone opened up a massive door for me to share Jesus with many that were there at the funeral. They saw that I didn't think I was "Better than them" and that I was a bloke who could sit in the pub with them and not have to have a drink, they were impressed.

Look for opportunities to bring Jesus into a conversation, or maybe not so much as Jesus as in witnessing but mention the Bible, or what God has done in your life. Always look for signs of "I don't want to hear this crap" in the person you're talking to as you may just be offending them too and turning them right off, you may have to back away a little. The Bible tells us that one person plants a seed and another person waters the seed while yet another may reap the harvest. Witnessing to someone does not necessarily mean you lead them in the sinners prayer, just plant Godly thoughts in their life!

Well the end of the year is upon us again! Rallies, rides and more than a motorcycle rider can poke a stick at is on every weekend now until Christmas time!!! It has been a great month with quite a few rides to northern NSW and Cunungra, in between riding I have also managed to do a wedding and a funeral as well, I have got bookings coming out my ears for weddings next year.

A couple of us went on an overnigher ride with the southern cross to Tin Can Bay and Tina came down from Hervey Bay for it, we had a great weekend but to my disgust I found I had a collapsed wheel bearing in my rear wheel and it has chewed the hub out, so a temporary fix by the shop and I am on the road for a little while again. We also saw Stevie Nelson from Gold Coast turn 60, a few of us got him out of the house while his wife picked up family from the airport etc and got the party ready, thanks Ron for your help in getting him out and thanks for the great coffee and ride to Mullumbimby for lunch, nice town that one!

A big welcome to Rob from the Gateway baptist church and thanks for the rides during the month mate, hope to find time in next months hectic schedule to fit in that ride for you over the northside of brissy???! Rob had some mates come along to NSW with us, as well as Steve had some guys from Gold Coast join in on the fun too!! Welcome also to Lex over the northside he has finally joined up and riding again, he is looking to do something over the northside soon and catch up with Doc over there. Doc has been blessed with an XJ 900 from down south, go Doc, but keep that sidecar well oiled too mate!

Glen has been visiting a couple of guys in hospital, he and myself have also visited a young bloke who is a pro racer and crashed and broke his neck, a Sports chaplaincy bloke gave me the details so we are going to pay him a visit as he has been in hospital now for a month or so, bedridden can be a nightmare, so we hope we put a smile on his face. Keep him in your prayers, his name is **Matty Kuhne**. He was paralysed from the chest down but is regaining a little movement in one foot. More on him next month.

I have been contacted again re having house church by people I don't know, so as it is near the end of the year, I am not going to start so late, but next year may see a weekly Sunday arvo fellowship and dinner BBQ thing happening, let me know if you are interested. It will be a different format from before, where either myself or others will talk for 30 mins maximum a little like church, maybe we can have some worship, prayer and take it as it comes I suppose. When there are weekends that there are rallies on, it will just be a fellowship time.

Had some good comments on the last newsletter and print quality, I didn't realise just how bad the old printer had gotten, so I have cartridges with our last months donation, I am hoping that I will get good economy out of this new printer! Spanna, Keith, Elisah and everyone interstate are all well, John down in Nhill is also joining BFC USA and has made some good contacts down his way. Anyone seen Wayne From Mackay? A Hard bloke to keep track of! Everyone out in Toowoomba are all going well too riding along and supporting CMA up there along with the guys from Dalby.

Bikers 4 Christ in USA are still sorting things out, but there has been a lot of interest from about 3 different states over there, I think it should be expanding soon.

Have a great month everyone and stay upright!

Tech Tips Revisited (April 2003):

Some times we can get caught on the roadside with a broken down bike in one way or another. Basic tools to have on your bike somewhere are: 10,12,14,17 mm Ring spanners; Blade & Star Screwdrivers; Small and large shifter; Electrical tape; a multi purpose pocket knife. Anything else requiring more than this is a job for doing at home anyway. Most bikes have storage space under the ducktail or a side cover. If you happen to get stuck beyond this have a mobile phone with you or hope there is a pay phone nearby and you can ring Garry's motorcycle towing to come and pick you up, he is very reasonably priced and his number is: **0412 738 473**

Indicators: Ever wonder why sometimes your indicators flash slowly or just plain stay on, when replacing the bulbs always ensure that you have the same wattage of bulbs in every indicator otherwise one indicator will draw more power than the other causing them to flash irregularly.

Headlights: Older bikes with a sealed beam headlight will not be brighter by running a higher wattage bulb, they only use maximum power as to the manufacturers recommendation.

Don't pay \$25 for a quartz halogen bulb from a bike shop, supercheap or the Auto Barn have the exact same connection bulbs for about \$6 to \$12, just take your old one with you and ensure you get the right one as there are different shapes and sizes for cars. Do not touch the bulb as this may cause it to blow when you turn it on, they are successible to sweaty fingers and don't like it.



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SATAN'S MEETING: (Read even if you're busy)

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their saviour. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, BUT steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do," said the devil:

"Distract them from gaining hold of their Saviour and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles."

"Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work! Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive." "Keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly." This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day."

"Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!"

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted." "Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead."

"Keep them busy, busy, busy! And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause." It will work! It will work!" It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everyw here to get busier and more rushed, going here and there. Having little time for their God or their families. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is: Has the devil been successful in his schemes?

You be the judge!!!! Does "BUSY" mean: **B**-eing **U**-nder **S**-atan's **Y**-oke?

Please pass this on, if you aren't too BUSY!

Praying for People

I am amazed sometimes that many people don't offer or are unsure of how to pray for someone, so they just plain dumb don't do it! To start with, this is a very wrong way to think, just because you maybe never have prayed for someone, or you feel you don't know how is a thing that will stop you forever from praying for someone! You need to start somewhere!! A lot of the times where I have encouraged someone to step out and just lay hands on a person and pray for them from their heart, I have seen amazing results. Most times when I listen to how the person prays I think to myself wow, hope God knows what they are trying to say, and yet every time I have seen God move with that prayer, it kinda made me jealous too!!

So how do you pray for someone? Easy, put your hand on them and pray!! As simple as that!!! Haha, sorry, it really is that easy, but let me give you some tips on what I do, you may not do the same, but at least it may help you a little bit. So you are talking to someone who you feel you want to pray for them, first thing is, be as blunt as a butter knife and ask, Can I pray for you, they will either say yes or no, they won't bite your head off, that includes non Christians too! I have found that Non Christians are more polite in declining than some Christians!! Ok, so someone says yes please..... From here it is simply up to God, not you..... You can place your hand upon there body (ask first if you can place your hand on them) if they are of the opposite sex, I usually place my hand upon the back of their neck, why I don't know, but do not place your hand upon the torso of someone of the opposite sex, use their shoulder maybe, or the top of their head, give no reason for the person to feel uncomfortable.

Pray what is on your heart or mind, usually a good start is to thank the Father for his healing power, or the opportunity to be able to pray for the person, I always begin with something like this. Then it is even simpler, you can say "Father you know what needs to be done in this persons life, you know what needs to be healed and I ask that you touch them with your power and heal them in Jesus name"! That's it!! Well that is how simple it can be, you can build on it from there. It is a good idea if you know a verse of scripture about healing to state that as well, you don't have to know where it is, just quote it or even paraphrase it.

Don't get into any hocus pokus about demons and devils and the likes unless God specifically shows you something. To many people blame the devil and cast out the spirit of this or that when all that happened was the person had an accident and broke something, it really turns people off when so called preachers or whoever try to cast out a devil, sometimes it may be needed, but make sure you are right first, because you will only do more damage to the person you are praying for, they will walk away disillusioned and broken again, and most times not healed.

You don't have to pray for half an hour, you don't have to pray real loud, nor do you have to tell God what he has to do, the Bible clearly states ask and you shall receive, simply ask God to touch the person. So where does all the yelling screaming and demanding come into it that you see or hear others do? I really got no idea whatsoever, everyone has their ways and reasons I suppose but not everyone is the same! Although in saying that, you need to understand that you do have authority in Jesus name!



The Bible tells us in the Gospels that we will cast out demons, heal the sick and raise the dead, and we need to realise sometimes we may have to "tell" a sickness to leave a person, maybe some preachers get their ideas from this, but like I said everyone is different. It helps to know some scripture about healing and authority so here is but a small list for you. **Healing - Mt 10v1-8; Mk 3v13-15; Lk 4v18 goes hand in hand with Isiah 61v1-3; Lk 9v1-6; Lk10v8,9; Authority - Mt20v25; Lk9v1;** Don't copy anyone, don't pray like some people do and make it all eloquent and sound right, pray believing God that he will move on your prayers, again you don't have to pray out loud so everyone can hear you and you make yourself look spiritual because God watches your heart not so much as what you say.

You need to take the first step though and ask a person if you can pray for them. Yeah sure you may not feel like it or maybe you may be all nervous, I have prayed for hundreds of people and I still get nervous at times. So maybe your next question is what if they don't get healed? So What! That is not your problem, let God deal with it, it may not be the right timing for some reason or another, the best thing is don't even think about "What if God don't" because that is not faith. Faith is trusting and relying upon God, that is all faith is, so just pray for the person and trust God, there is no super spiritual power or feelings or chills down the neck needed, just simple hey God touch this person!

I have prayed for people and they have gotten healed, I have prayed for people and they have dropped dead too! (At a later date of course). I have even prayed over a coffin and believed God to raise the person from the dead, they stayed dead too! Just as well, I don't think I would have been able to explain it real well to the family and friends who were at the funeral and I was the last to see the body during a viewing. That may have caused a stir!! Although it would have been nice! Jesus told us to go and pray for them, heal them, so you do that part and leave the rest up to God, just be obedient.

Do we heal the sick? No! It is maybe our prayer, but it is by the power of the Holy Spirit of God. Is it a lack of faith if they don't get healed? No! There can be numerous reasons why not, most people I have seen get healed have been healed over a period of time, but definitely healed by God as there was no explanation. Is it the persons fault or lack of faith they don't get healed? No, not necessarily have a read of **Jn ch 9**. These sort of questions should not even be asked when praying for someone, there is nothing wrong with asking but do it when ya not referring to the person in need, then when you ask it, go and study the Bible and find out why not? The Bible talks about us perishing due to lack of knowledge.... Go get some knowledge but with it get wisdom too, I love proverbs, I would have to say it would be my favourite book of the Old Testament.

The Bible tells us to study and show ourself approved, have a read of it in **2Tim 2v15**, and have a think about it for a while. Operating in the kingdom of God is supposed to be the easiest thing to do, man has made it difficult with rules and regulations and who can and who can't, just do it!

