

Weekly email to keep you informed and [hopefully] uplifted

Prayers & Praises



Romans 12:18 says, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Matthew 5:9 says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

1 Peter 3:11 says, "Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it."

Hebrews 12:14 says, "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

I could go on and on but judging by the verses I just wrote, God commands us to be peaceful; He wants us to love others.

I read a story about peace with others, during the Civil War. "On December 30, 1862, the US Civil War raged. Union and Confederate troops camped seven hundred yards apart on opposing sides of Tennessee's Stones River. As they warmed themselves around campfires, Union soldiers picked up their fiddles and harmonicas and began playing "Yankee Doodle." In reply, the Confederate soldiers offered "Dixie". Remarkably, both sides joined for a finale, playing "Home Sweet Home" in unison. Sworn enemies shared music in the dark night, glimmers of an unimagined peace. The melodic truce was short-lived, however. The next morning, they put down their fiddles and picked up their rifles, and 24,645 soldiers died."

This is us. How many times do we do just that? Having a nice family meal only to be screaming at each other hours later. I think of all the riots that happen more and more it seems. Black versus white. Christian versus non-Christian. Democrat versus Republican. Man versus woman. You name it. Our valiant efforts to create peace don't seem to add up do they?

Bright spots jump up every so often that do encourage us. I heard about an accident that took place in St. Paul the other day and looked it up. If you want to watch the video, go to YouTube and search *Minnesota burning car rescue on I-94*. It is quite heroic. I literally got tears. Some guy's car was burning but he was kind of caught on the other side of the guardrail and so he couldn't get out of the car. People were stopping right and left and they were all working together to rescue this guy. Fox9 was interviewing one of the rescuers and he said, it was like what we've all seen on TV. They literally rescued this dude right before fire engulfed the whole car. Everyone was safe. It was beautiful though—there were literally men, women, black, white, young, old. They were all working to rescue this guy! No one cared about their differences, they just wanted to help their fellow human!

Dear Lord, we pray for peace. Psalm 34:14 says, "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." Help us pursue peace. Help us look at the other person's point of view. Lord, we know that so many misunderstandings would stop in their tracks if we could just look at the other person's point of view and talk things through. Help us remember this and do this. Help us so we don't rush forward with that phone call or with that text, but stop and talk with You first.

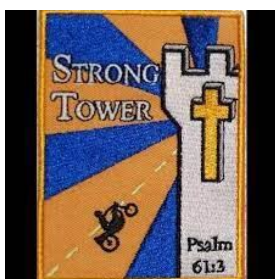
Lord, as we are coming closer to elections all over our country and the presidential election in our country, we want to start praying. Lord, we pray that Godly men and women would step up. We pray for a revival in this country. We don't know if our country, our world is any different from any other time but sometimes it sure seems scary. We pray people would turn to You. We pray for our schools, places of work, doctor's offices, fire departments, all over. We pray You are asked to be our leader again.

Lord, we want to continue to pray for Gordon, John, Bob, Kevin, Luke, Brody, Derrek, Alethea, Arlin, Thomas, Adam, Cullin, Sam, Jason, Jesse, Bruce, Hannah, Jacob, and Marie and her family. We also want to pray for Stan, Sharon, Darlene, Jeanette, Traci, Andrew, Bernie, Abby, Irene, Daryll, Dianne, Colleen, Tammy, Libby, Dale, Gene, Vladimir and Dwight. Each of these people needs a special prayer and You know what it is. Please comfort them in their own special way Lord and give them peace. We thank you so very much for Jesus! In His name, Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

CMA

Christian Motorcycle Assn.

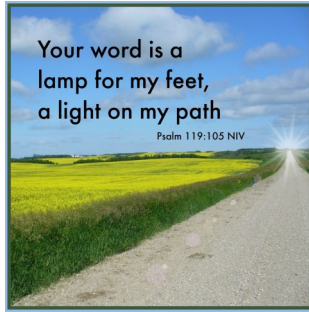


The CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) was founded in 1975 with the vision of taking the Gospel to bikers, and God has been faithfully fulfilling that vision ever since. CMA's Run for the Son started as an effort to provide just one motorcycle to a pastor in Guatemala. Today, the CMA has been able to reach out to millions of people around the world through the Run for the Son. With funds collected from the Run for the Son, over \$18 million dollars and 3.2 million bibles have been distributed in 60 countries. The Jesus Film has been viewed in over 225 countries with over 17 MILLION people being saved and over \$16 million dollars in donations. Missionary Ventures Int'l is a charity that provides transportation to those in need all over the world. From proceeds from the Run for the Son, motorcycles, bicycles, horses, boats, camels, horse & buggies, wheelchairs and even snowmobiles are donated to those in need and over \$18 million dollars has been collected.

With a vision for changing the world, one heart at a time, the CMA reaches out to the motorcycling community, with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. From the largest biker rallies to local bike rides, the Run for the Son has distributed 1.3 million bibles & tracts to people in the motorcycle scene.



Verse of the Week:



This week in Kids' Church will be game night! Bring your friends and get ready for a fun night!



Psalm 66:19—but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

Join Us! Weekly Prayer Time at ROL—Sunday mornings 8:30-11:00 am Everyone is welcome. Come join us as we pray and just commune with our Heavenly Father. Feel free to just sit and listen to worship music as we grow closer to the one who gave us life! Feel free to contact Monica at 952-201-8321 (If you feel led to play worship music, please contact Monica as well)

Tithes and Offerings

We received \$1504.00 and last week in offerings.



2 Corinthians 9:7—So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



- ✦ Romans bible study, every Thursday, 10-11:30 at River of Life church.
- ✦ Wednesday bible study every Wednesday from 6:30-8 pm. Video series, That the World May Know with Ray VanderLaan. Please contact Reggie at 612-201-9216.
- ✦ Young Adult Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 6:30-8:30. Our last meeting before summer break will take place on May 8. Please contact Mark Cherry with any questions—952-212-4538
- ✦ Into His Light—May 4th from 10-11:30 am. Women's Ministry that gathers for an inspirational speaker, brunch and an opportunity for women to gather for support & fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at 952-412-4934 or Terri at 612-590-7371.
- ✦ Congregate Meal—at ROL, from 11:30 am—1 pm weekdays, there is a meal for those 60 years and older. Everyone is welcome! For more info, please contact Cindy—612-518-2870.
- ✦ **New** Bible study beginning in May! Heaven by Randy Alcorn. May 20-August 12. Mondays at 7, you can meet via Zoom or Wednesdays at 6:30 at River of Life. An interactive study where iron sharpens iron—Proverbs 27:17, Contact Gail—612-518-2000

Have a blessed week and remember, if you need anything or have any questions, feel free to reply to this email or call or text any of us! See you on Saturday for Fellowship meal at 4:30, church at 5:00

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Leaders' Meeting: 1st Thursday of the month 6:00 pm—all are welcome
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**DEPART FROM EVIL, AND DO GOOD;
SEEK PEACE, AND PURSUE IT.**

Psalm 34:14

