Overview of the Ministry of CMA

Vision: *Changing the world, one heart at a time.*

We will accomplish our vision through:
- Evangelistic outreach primarily, but not exclusively, to the motorcycling community.
- Run for the Son, where we will partner with ministries with world-reaching potential.
- Equipping our members in ministry training that aligns itself with Biblical truths.
- A servant’s attitude to the world and to our members (i.e. Here if you need us).
- Quality products that aid in evangelistic outreach.
- An effective International Support Center team.

**Mission:** To inspire our leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God.

**Doctrinal Statement:** The Christian Motorcyclists Association is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. We believe in:
- The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- One God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The virgin birth and deity of Christ, His explicit atoning death, bodily resurrection, and ascension.
- Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who enables a believer to live holy.
- The second coming of Jesus Christ.
CMA Ministry Partners:
Through CMA’s Run for the Son, CMA partners with three other ministries (The JESUS Film Project®, Missionary Ventures, and Open Doors) to spread the Gospel around the world.
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Welcome to CMA

Welcome to the Christian Motorcyclists Association. You are starting on a journey that will truly change your life. CMA is an international, interdenominational, evangelistic motorcycle ministry whose vision is changing the world, one heart at a time. We labor to see this vision accomplished through:

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In every opportunity in the ministry of CMA our mission is to inspire our leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God.

As we continue to watch God develop the ministry of CMA International around the world, it is easy to see CMA is a ministry truly led by the Spirit of God.

- CMA International is represented in over 30 countries around the globe taking the Gospel to bikers.
- Each year nearly 200,000 people are directly ministered to by CMA members.
- Each year 16,000+ first time salvations are reported.
by CMA members and chapters in the United States alone.

- Through Run for the Son, we know more than 14 million people have received Christ as their Savior.

CMA’s Run for the Son is a main component of CMA’s impact around the world. Through Run for the Son, the ministry of CMA partners with three ministries with world reaching potential: The Jesus Film Project, Missionary Ventures and Open Doors. Through these partner ministries we are involved in advancing the Gospel around the world. As of 2012, CMA has raised over 45 million dollars to help spread the Good News.

The CMA logo appears on our members at all sorts of motorcycling events and on highways all around the world. Our CMA back patch represents all the ministry is about and unifies us under one common focus. The Christian Motorcyclists Association enjoys the rewards of nearly 40 years of faithful ministry to the motorcycling community and the reputation of CMA and the Kingdom of God goes with everyone who wears the CMA back patch. Each of our members affect CMA’s level of integrity and influence in the motorcycling culture by their attitudes, decisions and actions while wearing the CMA logo.

The CMA logo, our colors, have been visually revised over the years but the basic elements have remained the same. The cross of Jesus Christ, the beginning place for every Christian is the center piece of our logo. The Bible, God’s inspired Word, is the basis from which all ministry in the Christian Motorcyclists Association proceeds. Our family slogan, “Riding for the Son” leaves no doubt who we are and why we are present at biker events. The CMA back patch sets our members apart and identifies them not only
with the ministry of CMA, but also with Christ and the worldwide Kingdom of God.

This CMA Member Training you are now viewing, upon completion will enable you to wear the CMA back patch, but it is much more than simply completing a course in order to have a certain badge or piece of clothing. Wearing the CMA logo is a commitment to represent the person of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association with integrity and passion. When you wear the CMA back patch you move in the motorcycling community speaking for Christ, as the Apostle Paul shared in 2 Corinthians:

“...And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. 20 We are Christ’s ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, 'Be reconciled to God!’” (2 Corinthians 5:18b-20, NLT).

When you wear the CMA back patch you identify yourself as “Christ’s ambassador” to the motorcycling world. This is an incredible privilege and a grave responsibility.

The CMA logo is a registered trademark and is only worn by CMA members who have completed the CMA Member Training (formerly CMA Ministry Team training program). People who have not completed the CMA Member Training, or non-CMA members, may not purchase (excluding the small CMA decal) or wear the official CMA logo 3 1/2” and larger. Young people and children may get involved in CMA through ministry training. At the age of 18, CMA members are required to complete the CMA Member Train-
ing in order to wear the CMA logo.

Since the logo is a registered trademark, all copyrights are reserved. Purchase of any item with the CMA logo on it includes a license to use the copyrighted product for the member that purchased the product. Any item with the CMA logo may not be sold without written consent from CMA National. Members must obtain written permission from their State Coordinators, and State Coordinators must obtain written permission from their National Evangelists before reproducing the CMA logo.

Here are some simple guidelines for CMA logo usage:

- Do not place any CMA logos on clothing or items to be worn by animals.
- Do not place the CMA logo on personal or chapter checks.
- Do not use words like reverend, pastor, evangelist, denomination, church affiliation, etc. on any items containing the CMA logo (i.e. rockers, nametags, business cards, etc.).

The CMA standard for vests states members should keep the back of their vest uncluttered and easily distinguishable as representing CMA. The small CMA logo should be worn on the upper left portion of the vest and the country flag on the upper right, an exception to this is where your country may have specific requirements for your flag. An example of this is the United States, where the stars must always point to your heart. Nothing should be worn above the CMA logo or country flag. We ask you commit only to the CMA back patch while serving as a member of CMA. When someone looks at the back of member’s vest, it should be easily distinguishable that the person is a CMA member. Do not include anything on your vest that would
take you out of a neutral ministry position to motorcyclists. Consult your country’s guidelines for specific vest requirements in addition to the international agreement.

Anyone who practices by word or deed anything that would discredit the testimony of Jesus Christ or the ministry of CMA will be asked and expected to remove his or her CMA back patch. If a member is asked to remove or return their back patch, no reimbursement should be expected, nor given by CMA or its affiliates.

CMA is a worldwide ministry dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through the avenue of motorcycling. CMA is not merely a Christian club or a riding group designed to separate Christians from the influences of the world, but rather a ministry designed to thrust you into the adventure of spreading the light of Jesus into the sometimes dark world of bikers. We are a unified, purposeful family of like-minded followers of Jesus who enjoy riding motorcycles, ministering to each other and ministering to the lost world, especially those in the motorcycling culture. We, involved in CMA, strive to be obedient followers of the Holy Spirit as He guides our evangelistic efforts around the world.

We welcome you as a part of this family and encourage you to get involved in a local chapter so you can experience all the Christian Motorcyclists Association has to offer. It is our hope, this CMA Member Training will further prepare you to represent Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association as you go into the biking world.

If you are required to register as a sex offender for a crime against a minor, please contact Membership at 870-389-6196 for more information on CMA’s Membership Policies.
Prayer for CMA Member Training Participants

May God, the source of hope, fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13, NLT)

May your love overflow more, and more, as you keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. May you understand what truly matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. (Philippians 1:9,10, NLT)

May you be filled with the fruit of your salvation – the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ, for this will bring much glory and praise to God. (Philippians 1:11, NLT)

May you come to understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. (Philemon 1:6b, NLT)

May you be sent forward into the harvest of souls in the motorcycling world as maturing, disciplined laborers for the Kingdom of God and faithful members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. (John 4:35,36, NLT)
Introduction

The CMA Member Training is designed to focus your attention on preparing yourself for becoming an active, functioning member of a local CMA chapter. The training is a DVD based instruction with an accompanying workbook. It is divided into 12 video sessions each with suggested discussion questions following. Simply follow along in your workbook as you view the sessions. After you have finished viewing a session, work through the discussion questions, writing your responses in your workbook.

When you have completed all the sessions, complete the questionnaire found at the end of this workbook. Your completed questionnaire can be mailed to CMA International Support Center for processing and you will be promptly notified of your completion.

The content of this training will cover a variety of topics but will be focused on two major areas of training: personal spiritual growth and training for motorcycle ministry. In this way, CMA’s Member Training is a unique tool designed to address the specific needs of those interested in becoming involved in evangelism in the biking world.

CMA’s heartbeat is evangelism and Matthew 28:18-20 are our marching orders:

“Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age’” (NLT).
CMA’s primary focus is reaching out into the motorcycling community. As we endeavor to obey Jesus’ command to “go,” we share His story with motorcyclists. Through the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God, bikers give their hearts to Christ, new lives are begun and radical change takes place. What happens next is critically important. There is more to the Great Commission than simply “going.” We have been tasked by Jesus Christ to make disciples of those who will believe on Him. It’s our responsibility to teach and walk side by side as fellow followers of Christ.

It is our intention to provide through the local CMA chapter a nurturing family where spiritual growth can readily take place. This is why spiritual growth training is so important. Within the supportive community of the local chapter, young believers in Christ can be nurtured, trained and helped along the path of spiritual growth. CMA’s Member Training is first and foremost a tool for spiritual growth. It is comprised of sessions covering the basics of the faith. Using a simple, verse by verse approach, this training will help members “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18, NLT). Stressing the essentials of the faith is important training for the new life in Christ as well as those who have walked with God for many years. It is a constant reminder the Christian walk is one of continued discipleship and growth.

The follower of Christ and any member of CMA should strive to put Jesus first in all things (Mark 8:34-38). Our focus should be Christ and pleasing Him in every area of our lives. We should live to obey His teachings, producing the fruit He desires from our dedicated and connected lives. As we grow in grace in these ways, God’s love begins to pour out of us, both in love for other disciples and love for those
who haven’t yet come to experience the life change Jesus has brought into our life.

This is where this Member Training is unique. CMA realizes the importance of equipping the follower of Christ, no matter their present maturity level in the Christian life, with the tools and motivation to get involved in Jesus’ great call to evangelize the world. We are to share our faith, telling those who have not yet heard about the wonderful change God has made in our lives. Too often, people believe they have not been a Christian long enough to make a difference or that they are unqualified as new believers to share what has happened in their lives. CMA through its local chapters, works with a “go as you grow” approach. Spiritual growth in the life of every follower of Christ is important, but it’s also necessary to begin to share your faith with others when your experiences are fresh and the enthusiasm of a new life in Christ is bubbling over. CMA chapters give new believers a place to grow in the faith and go into the motorcycling world for the express purpose of sharing Jesus with other motorcyclists.

In this way, the CMA Member Training completes the circle and is an important tool in the lives of our members and indispensable for our local chapters. As our chapters go into the motorcycling community, bikers come to Christ. These fresh Christians need a place to belong, a family
to nurture them and a purposeful plan toward growing in Christ. The Member Training is used to facilitate spiritual growth and, at the same time, gives practical and inspirational training for evangelism to bikers. This means more believers growing in their faith, more CMA members going to the lost world of motorcyclists, and more new Christians ready to be received into the local chapter to be loved and trained to repeat the ever expanding circle.

While this Member Training can be completed individually, it is best when experienced in a group setting. Group interaction will deepen the learning, add a sense of family and provide a broader base of knowledge as you work through the sessions. This training is also not designed to be experienced in one single sitting. Take your time working through the training, pausing to discuss, pray and ponder along the way.

As you begin this Member Training, consider it a tool to aid you in your personal walk with Jesus. It has value in your life for the spiritual growth it will inspire. It will also give you scriptural basis and practical advice for evangelism in the motorcycling community, equipping you and inspiring you to “grow as you go” in the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Throughout this workbook there is special information along the way, especially important for each CMA member. Here is what to look for:

- Key Thoughts
- Get to Work
- Heartbeat of CMA
- Start Talking
- Scripture Reference
- Hit the Road
Your New Life in Christ

Salvation

When a person comes to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior something incredible happens, several things in fact. It’s important to go with God’s Word and believe we have received salvation and all it means in our lives. Throughout history and the Bible, God has had an incredible plan for mankind. He has given everyone the opportunity to come into His salvation plan. Consider these Scriptures:

“For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people” (Titus 2:11, NLT).

“For God says, ’At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.’ Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2, NLT).

We can see, every single day, every moment of each day is an opportunity for men and women to receive the salvation God has provided. It is for all people and it is for right now.

“This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 5 For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:3-5, NLT).

God the Father’s desire is for everyone to be saved and to understand the simple truth that there is one God and one person who can bridge the gap between humanity and God, our Savior Jesus Christ.

A baby in its mother’s womb is dependent on the umbilical
cord for sustenance. If the umbilical cord is severed, the baby will die. In like manner, sin has cut us off from the life-giving force of God in our lives. Jesus Christ, completely God and at the same time completely human, became the mediator between God and man.

Even though God has made the path of salvation available to all, many will reject His plan. Look at John 3 where the religious leader Nicodemus came to Jesus.

“There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said, ‘we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.’ Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God’” (John 3:1-3, NLT).

There is something that needs to take place in the life of a person to be a part of the Kingdom of God. Jesus describes this as being “born again” a descriptive way to talk about the process of salvation. So what does it mean to be born again? Being born again describes the rebirth of the spiritual person, a fresh start on a new path.

A common mistake is to believe you somehow absorb Christianity by being near Christians. But Christianity does not “run in the family,” no more than sleeping in the garage will make you a motorcycle. Simply going to church or being around Christians will not make you a follower of Christ. You need to have the experience of being reborn of God. When Jesus speaks of being born again, he teaches us we are all born first to natural parents, but there comes a time when we need to give our heart to Jesus and receive the salvation He has provided for us. It is at this moment and through God’s grace we are born again. John 1:12 ex-
plains, “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God” (NLT). Being born again is as simple as being able to say these three statements:

- I believe in Jesus Christ.
- I receive Jesus Christ as my Savior
- I become a child of God.

How can you know you have become a child of God? There is one word that defines whether or not a person has been born again: change. If there is no change, there is no connection with Jesus. When we come to Christ, receiving Him as our Savior, something transformational happens. We become new people.

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT).

The new life is the proof Jesus has entered into our story. We become His followers and everything inside us and around us starts to change. Here are a few Scriptures describing what happens when a person experiences salvation.

“When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned” (Romans 5:12, NLT).

Every person born in the world is born into this sinful condition. We sin and our sins cost us greatly.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23, NLT).

Notice the contradiction here. Sin pays us with death. It is the natural progression of a life of sin. Yet God’s gift of
eternal life is free and it comes through Jesus.

“For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son” (Colossians 1:13, NLT).

When we receive Christ our souls are rescued, literally snatched from the kingdom of darkness into Jesus’ Kingdom.

“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)” (Ephesians 2:1-5, NLT).

This was our condition: hopelessly following the desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. Because of this nature, we were the focus of God’s wrath. But because of God’s grace through the person of Jesus Christ, we have been given life.

The Bible goes on to tell us there is only one way to find salvation - through Jesus Christ. Jesus said it himself in John 14:6 “Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me” (NLT). His presence in our lives changes our citizenship, who we belong to and whose name we bear.
“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family” (Ephesians 2:19, NLT).

Through Jesus we are new creatures, new citizens and newly adopted members into God’s family. Now our challenge to live as completely new people begins. The task before us is to “grow in grace” and “follow in the footsteps” of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:21). More of Jesus needs to come forth in the character of our lives in the way we live and communicate. There needs to be a difference between our “unsaved” life and our new “saved life.” Although we still care about the lost world and want to see them experience the life-change we have, we have no reason to remain connected with the kingdom of darkness. A new kind of life must emerge. The follower of Jesus must live differently.

The fact is we will always have two natures: a natural sinful nature and a new spiritual nature. Will you sin after you have received salvation? Probably so, you will wrestle with your selfish sinful nature as long as you live and breathe. That is why it is so important to always be willing to seek the forgiveness of Christ when you fall short. “People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy” (Proverbs 28:13, NLT). Notice the two verbs here in this encouragement from Scripture: confess and turn. As a new creation in Christ, while struggling against your selfish nature you may stumble, make poor decisions and commit sins against God. When you do, confess these sins and turn away from them to receive the mercy of God. Always remember 1 John 1:6-10.
“So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts” (NLT).

Those who have experienced salvation should decide to walk in the light, having fellowship with other believers, trusting Jesus to cleanse us from all sin. God is faithful to always forgive those who confess their sins. And when He forgives us, He wipes our account clean and doesn’t remember our sins any longer.

The greatest and most important decision you have ever made in your life was the day you decided to make Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior. You will never be the same.
First Steps for New Believers

Here are some very important first steps for a new believer in Christ:

- **Get the foundation right.**

  The beginning and the end is Jesus Christ. It’s all about Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). Many people come to God when they are in trouble, not because they really want to change. Many people want their circumstances to change, but they do not want to change. But Jesus Christ is more than a temporal help in times of trouble, He is the permanent solution. He is the answer to humanities ills and your personal situation. “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have--Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11, NLT). A new life in Christ is totally dependent on Jesus; “…the goodness of God leads you to repentance” (Romans 2:4b, NKJV). Ephesians 2 also speaks of Jesus’ grace as the cause of salvation:

  “God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it” (Ephesians 2:8-9, NLT).

  Making Jesus the foundation of all you do is the only thing that will bring consistency to your life. If you base your life on circumstances, your life will always be in a state of turmoil. What a difference it makes to have your life anchored to the person of Jesus Christ, who never changes (Hebrews 13:8).
Get up.

A little boy got very dirty while playing. His father brought him in and put him in the bath. Like a good dad, he washed the young boy very, very clean. When the boy was clean, they pulled the plug to the bath and all the dirty water ran out, leaving a dirty ring on the walls of the bathtub. His dad dressed the young boy up and said, “Let’s go for an ice-cream.” Imagine if the boy were to say to his father, “Dad, I don’t want to go for an ice cream, I want to stay here by the bath for a while and look at how dirty I was.” Wouldn’t the father say, “You are clean and dressed now, let me take you away from how dirty you were and do something we can enjoy together. This is a silly story but it illustrates how many people react when their lives come in contact with the life changing power of Jesus. They want to stay who they were, instead of moving on to what God wants them to become.

Repentance is having a change of mind that will change your everyday life. There is a difference between remorse and repentance. Remorse says, “I am sorry I got caught.” Repentance says, “I am so sorry for the way I have lived, that I desire to change; I turn my back and walk away from my sin.”

If salvation is the first step in your new life in Christ, repentance is the next step. Many struggle to make this next step, desiring to be forgiven from their sins, but remaining unwilling to move away from those sins and make a life change. Some want to be delivered from temptation, but they still want to stay in touch from time to time.

Getting up is making a conscious decision to move away from your sin. It’s time to move on with God.
• Grow up.
When we receive Christ we start a grand journey, first we lay the foundation of our whole lives on Christ and His grace, next comes our responsibility to grow and walk with Him. To grow up in the faith means making the effort to ensure your faith in Christ is always moving forward. God desires for us to grow and not stagnate. Either we are going to hear the Word of God, do it, live and grow or we are going to stagnate. We have already read, we are saved by God’s grace and have nothing we can brag about, but we have to cooperate in order to grow up in God. We are saved by God’s favor, but out of reverence and respect, we do what God requires. Philippians says it this way, “Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him” (Philippians 2:12b-13, NLT).

Growth is a process, but it demands action from you. You don’t grow by watching other people do things. You grow by making decisions that push you toward God and His Word. When you decide to grow you will never be the same again. It’s important to begin to live like a believer. Jesus is not an add-on in your life. He wants to be in charge of your life.

• Go on – follow Jesus!
Walking with Jesus always gets you to the right destination. It’s time to turn your back on deception and follow Jesus. It’s time to begin daily following the Lord and obeying His commands. When you decide to accept Jesus, your spirit man comes alive. Your physical body and your mind have not been born again. The
challenge is to renew your mind and get your body into submission to the will of God. A follower of Jesus can submit their body and renew their mind through the eternal Word of God and its activity in their soul.

You are either ruled by your desires or by Jesus. You can actually renew your mind by replacing what is in it. This renewing of the mind comes from filling your mind with God’s Word. God wants all of us, our bodies and our minds.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:1-2, NLT).

Your thoughts determine the actions of your body. God wants both to be in obedience to His will and plans. A.W. Tozer reflected on our thoughts, “Our thoughts not only reveal what we are; but they predict what we will become. We will soon be the sum total of our thoughts.” Begin to think God’s thoughts by putting God’s Word in your heart. This is the renewing of the mind, and it is absolutely necessary to becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

But what about guilt and shame from the past? Many new believers in Christ struggle with the guilt of the past coming back to hassle their efforts to follow Christ.
Remember guilt will pick fights we can never win. When guilt comes, that’s the time to go back to the Word of God. Guilt will remind you of everything you have done wrong and can’t change. It only brings condemnation and hopelessness. But Romans 8:1 says, “So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus” (NLT). The strangle hold of guilt and hopelessness is broken by the Word of God. Colossians gives this advice: “Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him” (Colossians 3:10, NLT).

You are a new person. Part of following Christ is deciding not to get involved in the activities you used to, especially those which would tempt you to behave like the person you used to be. Associate with people who will bring out the best in you – people whose words and actions correspond to God’s Word (Ephesians 5:6-10). God says your past is forgiven, God says your sins are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. Be encouraged in that He will give you the strength to follow Him, free from sin, a new creation because of His grace.

**For Further Study:**

**What can I do to overcome sin?**

- Accept responsibility for it. Our sin is our own fault. Each follower of Jesus should accept responsibility for it (Proverbs 28:13).

- Take care in what you allow yourself to think about. Thoughts eventually become actions (2 Corinthians 10:5).

- Wrap yourselves in all that Jesus is, and leave no opportunity for our “old lives” to take control of us again (Romans 13:14). In Christ, we are “dead” to sin. Dead
Obedience

The handbook for Christian living is God’s Word. It isn’t a book of rules or out of touch boundaries; it really is a book of life. Our attitude in all things should be just as Mary suggested in John “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5b, NLT).

Before Christ we came from a life of self rule. Then, as we receive Jesus as our Savior, we come under His Lordship. Many want Jesus to forgive them, they want Him as their Savior, but fewer are interested in Him as their Lord. The only way to put Jesus in charge of your life is to take His Word, apply it to your life and obey it.

Obedience is one of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. I cannot continue to live a life of disobedience to the Word of God and call myself a Christian. Our opinions do not really matter. Our opinions may change with the sea-

- Confess all sin to God (1 John 1:9-10).
- Fill yourself with God’s Word.
- In every temptation, God has made a way to escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- Focusing on what is good, leaves no time for what is not (Psalm 119:11).
- Jesus overcame temptation by quoting Scripture (Matthew 4:4-10).
- Trust God’s promises (2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 4:14-16).
- Live in the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16,17; Romans 8:1-5).
son, but God’s Word, and His standards do not change. If we want the success and the joy of the abundant life Jesus offers, we can’t pick and choose which of His Words to obey. Obedience means saying “yes” to all of Jesus’ commands. Following Jesus is not like having a buffet breakfast, where you have a bit of this and a bit of that, and leave something out all together. It is “all or nothing” when it comes to obedience. The follower of Christ cannot have selective hearing.

Victory is within the grasp of the obedient. When we faithfully follow Christ we can uncomplicate our lives by simply being willing to do what He wants us to do in all things. True obedience isn’t an “I must” thing, it is an “I want to” thing. True obedience to Christ comes from the heart. In truth, we all end up submitting to somebody or something. The sooner we understand Christ’s call on our life for total obedience, the quicker we can move forward in a growing life giving relationship with God. Remember this Scripture, “Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6, NLT). Christianity isn’t a democracy. Jesus is the King. You either submit to Him or you don’t. Whatever God says in the Bible isn’t something to vote about, it is something to do and live. The King decree, I hear and put it into practice. Disobedience is simply cooperating with everything that is against God rather than partnering with Christ.

Convenience and comfort should never be our decision maker.

“Whether we like it or not, we will obey the LORD our God to whom we are sending you with our plea. For if we obey him, everything will turn out well for us” (Jeremiah 42:6, NLT).
When we choose to obey, we choose to cooperate with Christ. Our actions will show publicly your obedience to Jesus. When we obey, we are surrendering to His Lordship and we are truly beginning to grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord. Choosing to grow in your relationship with Jesus is, at the heart, choosing to surrender your life to Jesus.

Surrender means to place our life in the hands of Jesus and say, “Lord, you know better. All that I am and all that I have is Yours.” Once you place your life completely in Jesus’ control, you are in for an incredible ride. It is easy to get caught up in the swirl of things around us. When we get our focus on what we have and what we control our hearts are in the wrong place. When we completely place our lives under the Lordship of Christ, we truly begin to say, as Christ said in the garden, “I want your will to be done, not mine” (Luke 22:42b, NLT). This is the true position of surrender, and the best place for the new believer in Christ to be.

For Further Study:

A successful man is a man who finds out what God wants Him to accomplish with his life and then fulfills it. That is a profound statement. The true measure of a person’s success is simply in doing what God wants us to do.

God has a specific plan for each of our lives. Only God can give us the details regarding this, because it is His plan for us and just not any man’s. God’s plan for us is found in His Word. Check out these Scriptures regarding God’s will for every person.

- Romans 8:28,29
- John 17:20-23
- Ephesians 4:13-15
God is definitely more interested in our being who He wants us to be, rather than us doing “mighty works” for Him through our own strength and design. In being who He wants us to be, in being surrendered to His Lordship in our lives, He will reveal in us His purpose and His power.

For Further Study:

Observing the Lord’s Supper

“And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” (Luke 22:17-20, KJV).

The Lord’s Supper is a memorial for the follower of Christ. It is the remembrance of our deliverance from sin. It combines the elements of fellowship with each other (breaking bread) and solemn remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice for us. It reminds us of what God has brought us from, the high cost of our salvation, and that through Jesus we are part of a larger body.

The Lord’s Supper reminds us of the new promise of God, that through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus we can have our sins forgiven, never to be remembered again (1 Corinthians 11:25). In 1 Corinthians 11:26 we also learn, each time we observe the Lord’s Supper we are looking forward to His return. Growing followers of Jesus should seek to make observing the Lord’s Supper a consistent practice in their lives. This is a step of obedience and our journey toward Christ will be greatly enriched.
Water Baptism

Another step of obedience to Christ, is taking the step to become baptized. Water Baptism is a rich declaration of the new life that Christ brings. It solidifies the commitment to move forward into the new existence God has brought.

Water Baptism is symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, it also says publicly that our lives have been hidden behind Christ, our old ways put to death and we have been raised from that old life into a new way of living (Romans 6:3,4).

Here are some additional Scripture references describing the importance of Water Baptism in the early church:

- Acts 2:38-41
- Acts 8:12, 36
- Acts 9:18

Obedience always brings God’s blessing. Following the Lord in Water Baptism is an act of obedience that will become another marker along your journey of faith pointing to the love and mercy of God. It is especially meaningful and powerful for those struggling with old habits and entrenched lifestyles. The putting to death of the old way and rising to the new life in Christ can become more than a sign, but an occasion of victory in the life of the new believer.
The Purpose of a CMA Chapter

As you begin to grow in your new life with Christ, The Christian Motorcyclists Association has a great place to belong. Each CMA member is encouraged to become involved in a local chapter. Our local chapters are families that provide care, fellowship opportunities, and a team approach to outreach ministry. Obviously, CMA exists to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost, primarily in the motorcycling community, but much more goes on in the day to day life of a CMA chapter than you might think. Let’s take a few moments to answer some basic questions about CMA chapters.

What purpose does a CMA chapter serve?

A CMA chapter has a threefold purpose that equips its members to fulfill the very essence of what CMA is all about. These purposes are to:

• Encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.
• Provide an evangelistic association for motorcycling.
• Provide a Christian fellowship riding group.

Every chapter member should be involved in one or more of these four areas:

• Fellowship: Visiting and serving.
• Discipleship: Mentoring and growing people.
• Prayer: Sincerely seeking and lifting up.
• Evangelism: Going out.
Why is being involved in a local chapter important?

We believe each member has a place of service in a local chapter and each member can add value to that chapter by being involved. CMA members are encouraged to become involved in a local chapter for many reasons. The involvement of every CMA member in a local chapter will increase the effectiveness of this ministry by having a better and more organized membership. The integrity of CMA in the motorcycling community will expand and strengthen at a considerably higher level when we work as members of a team in the local chapter. The working structure of CMA is set up to allow individual members to minister in the areas they are called to; the local chapter provides a great support structure that will help strengthen and provide avenues of opportunity to do this. We believe each member has a vital part in helping grow our chapters to be the best God has intended for them to become. Without your involvement in a local chapter, this ministry is missing out on what you have to offer.

I’m new to CMA; will I fit in with the local chapter?

Everyone started CMA as a new member. Chapter members come from all walks of life, ride all types of motorcycles, and even worship at different churches. A CMA chapter is the perfect place to join with other Christian riders, who not only minister to the secular motorcycling community but also to the CMA members themselves. The support you receive from the local chapter will prove beneficial in many ways as you become involved and grow within the ministry through CMA. You can rest assured you will find a place to fit within the local chapter.
Are there any requirements you must meet to be considered an active chapter member?

In addition to being an active CMA National member, to be considered an active chapter member you must also meet the following requirements.

- Attend at least three chapter meetings in the previous six months.
- Wear only the CMA back patch or logo for a period of six months prior to an election. Anyone wearing any back patch (Christian or secular) other than the official CMA back patch is considered to be a guest of the local chapter.
- Meet the minimum of 18, for nominating, voting, or holding a chapter office.

What is the benefit of being an active chapter member?

In addition to working and growing with other like-minded Christians, an active chapter member is eligible to vote on issues in the chapter as well as be nominated or elected to an officer position. If you are not an active chapter member, you are considered a guest of the chapter and you are not allowed to vote or hold an officer position in the chapter.

How do CMA chapters operate?

In order for our CMA chapters to remain consistent with the vision and structure of CMA, a Chapter Constitution has been developed by the Board of Directors. CMA chapters are to operate according to this Chapter Constitution. Chapters must also work in cooperation with CMA leadership. We’ll review part of the Chapter Constitution as found in the CMA Handbook.
• Article 1. The chapter shall be known as “_____” of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

• Article 2. All members of the chapter must be members of CMA and agree to follow the CMA Chapter Purpose.

• Article 3. The chapter is an interdenominational organization open to all religious beliefs provided they comply with the teaching of Jesus Christ as set forth in the Bible.

• Article 4. Chapter membership is open to all Christians regardless of national origin.

• Article 5. There will be no dues/fees required for chapter membership. Chapters are to be self-supporting through donations and approved fund-raising projects. (Tax-deductible gifts can only be received through CMA National.)

• Article 6. Elected chapter officers will consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary*, Treasurer*, Road Captain, and Chaplain. (*The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined if needed.)

Keeping our chapters consistent is an important factor in maintaining the integrity of CMA.

How/Where can I find a local chapter?

You can visit the CMA National website at cmausa.org to search for chapter information in your local area. You can also contact your State Coordinator and he will put you in touch with a local chapter. You can find the State Coordinator’s contact information on the website or in the HeartBeat.
What if there is no chapter nearby?

There is the possibility that there may not be a chapter in your town. We encourage you to contact your State Coordinator if this is the case. Your State Coordinator will help you find the nearest chapter and help get you involved there or with other active CMA members in your area. Your State Coordinator will also be able to provide information regarding starting a forming chapter in your area if there is not one within a reasonable distance or proximity to you.

Do I belong in a local chapter?

You may be asking yourself the question, “What is my part in this ministry called CMA?” God is certainly at work in the world today. His Spirit is leading and His Kingdom is advancing, moving, and pushing back the darkness each day. Yet many of us wait on the sidelines asking ourselves the question, “Should I be involved somehow in what God is doing in the world?” We wonder, “Do I have a role in the work of God?” and more specifically, “Should I have a part in the ministry work of my local CMA chapter?” We hold back sometimes, wrongly thinking God’s work, even the ministry of CMA, is only for a select few. Perhaps we question, “Does my local CMA chapter or even the Body of Christ really need me?” We see many other believers involved in the work of God and think, “With so many other Christians around, of what importance could my life possibly be, and do I have anything I can offer?”

The answer to all of these questions is a resounding “Yes!” You do have a part in the work of God. You do have a place in the body of Christ. You do have an important role in the ministry of CMA at your local chapter.
After we have truly experienced God’s love and grace in our lives through salvation, we begin to attempt to walk in the “newness of life” (Romans 6:4, KJV). God places in our lives a desire to serve Him and a drive to follow after His will. Our love and appreciation for all God has done for us starts to translate into a willingness to serve Him, willingly and whole heartedly, (2 Corinthians 5:14). God wants to use you, a unique and special part in His body, to perform the specific function He has designed you for.

Each part has a special function.

There are thousands of parts in your motorcycle. Each part on our motorcycles has a name, a part number, and a function. The individual parts on our bikes are designed and crafted according to their function. In order for the motorcycle to be exactly as the designer intended it to be, all the parts need to be in place and functioning.

The body of Christ can be compared to a motorcycle. Similar to a motorcycle the body of Christ is made up of many different parts, yet they all fit and function together. Think of this metaphor as you read Romans 12:1-5.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice -- the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is. 3 As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring
your value by how much faith God has given you. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.” (NLT).

Beginning in verse 1, we are asked to give our bodies to Christ. This giving is of our complete lives, everything we are and everything we possess. We are to think of this giving of ourselves to God as a living sacrifice. And after all Christ has done for us, it seems the only right thing to do. When we realize Jesus gave everything to rescue us, our only fitting response is to give ourselves to Him. When we totally surrender our lives to Christ, to His will and His plans, we begin to become a functioning part of His body.

When *we surrender ourselves*, *we begin to play our part in the work of God*. If there is not willingness on our part, we will never become a functioning part of the body of Christ.

In verse 2, we are instructed not to try to copy the customs and behaviors of those around us, but in turn, to let God shape us into the part He wants us to become. God’s transformation process in your life is making you into the part of the body for which you were originally designed. As God is forging and molding us, it is very important to be patient and let our Maker change us, even our thought processes. If we take over the shaping process and follow a design we might see around us in the world, we will end up not fitting in exactly where we are supposed to. By allowing God to transform you into the part He designed, you start to see what He wants you to do and how wonderful His plan for your life is.
As you surrender your life to Christ, and begin to allow God to transform you into what He is making you to be, it is important to keep the right concept of yourself (Romans 12:3). We are to be a part of the body and not out on our own. We are encouraged to be honest in our estimation of our own importance. Each of us are very important in the body of Christ, yet none of us are more important to the work of God than any others. There is no room for pride or arrogance in the functioning Body of Christ. We are each vital members and have important roles, none greater in the eyes of God than the others.

**One body - Many parts.**

In Romans, the Scripture gives us this comparison, “Just as our bodies have many parts, and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body” (Romans 12:4, NLT). The picture is a vivid one. Just as our human bodies have hundreds of parts of all different shapes, sizes, colors, tissue make-up, and functions, the body of Christ is composed of many people, their lives unique and diverse. Just as each part in our physical body was designed and placed by God for a specific task, each member of the body of Christ has a special function.

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago” (Ephesians 2:10, NLT).

It is also the same with your motorcycle. Your bike has many, many parts. And each part has been carefully designed by engineers and manufacturers to perform a specific function. If all of the parts to your motorcycle were disassembled, not one thing connected to another and spread out on the ground before you, you wouldn’t be rid-
ing anywhere. But if those many parts are joined together the way they were intended and they each begin to perform their own special function, you can begin to hear the engine roar and you are on your way down the highway.

This metaphor comparing the people involved in the work of God as with a human body is found throughout the New Testament. Of course, we know the body of Christ is made up of people, not organizations, buildings, or programs. Those who have responded to God’s invitation in Christ are called out from among all humanity to fulfill God’s will in a new community. Each of us responds to that invitation individually, but once we respond, we become part of a greater company. We are suddenly members of a new community, linked intimately to other men and women who have joined their lives to Jesus. All believers are “members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise of Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 3:6b, NIV). Each of us is linked to Christ and one another. **We function together in our CMA chapters as the body of Christ, each member an important part.**

**God’s design - One body.**

The fact is each of us are a part of the body of Christ, and each of us have a special function as designed by God Himself. Our part in the body of Christ began when God chose us in Christ to be adopted into His family (Ephesians 1:4,5). We can’t push or buy our way into God’s family. We are a part of His body, because He chose us and planned it this way. As the Scripture stated, it all begins in Christ and through Him all things are made.

Our part in the work of God begins with knowing Christ and having a relationship with Him. As we grow in that relationship with Christ, we receive nourishment and
strength and become the healthy member of the body we are designed by God to become.

Look again at Romans 12:5. This verse presents us with four distinct ideas regarding our part in Christ’s body.

“So it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.” (NLT).

We are all parts of one body.

With as many parts as there are, it is important to remember we are all parts of one body. There is only one body of Christ in the world; you are either a part of it or you are not. We are tempted at times to pull away from others who are involved in the work of God. We cite our differences and disagreements. We wrongly believe at times we are separate bodies both somehow serving the will of God. What we fail to realize at times, is God has designed for all of His children, all of the members of His body, to function together as one body.

“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, NLT).

We are called to serve the purpose of Christ, His will and His Kingdom, in unity and peace with the rest of His body. When we deviate from that design, even in the slightest, we seek to form our own bodies, separate from
the design and purpose of the Creator. This type of division cripples the cause of Christ. When the unsaved notice our denominations, ministries, churches, and even chapters cannot get along, our message is concealed. To put it another way, we cannot honestly share the life changing grace of God to others when we are not unified and functioning as parts of the body of Christ. There is one body of Christ and all of its members were designed to function together.

**We all have different work to do.**

In the midst of our unity, there is great diversity. The body of Christ is the most varied group of people there is. We come from all walks of life, all ethnicities, and all economic backgrounds. We have various languages, different pasts, and many points of views. Our skill sets and talents are widely varied. Some of us are good with words while others are good with their hands. Some can perform while others prefer to stay in the background. Some are dreamers while others are organizers.

When you step back and look at the diversity in the body of Christ, it makes you wonder how we could ever function together. But that’s just the way God planned it. He designed us so vastly different so each of us could be used in the specific role He has just for us. With this in mind, we need to understand all tasks in the work of God are equally important. Serving and sacrificing are just as important as high profile functions. Each of us has a different job to do, and we should remember this when faced with the temptation to become envious of someone else’s ministry or function. We are specifically designed for the function God has for us, not necessarily for another’s.
We belong to each other.

Interconnectedness between the members of the body is a very interesting concept. The scriptures indicate when you are a part of the body of Christ, you voluntarily give up some of your personal rights. When the Scriptures say, “...You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19b; 6:20; also 7:23, NLT), it is clear our personal will and freedoms must take a backseat to the will and purpose of Christ.

How the other parts of the body are doing and functioning should be very important to me. In fact, since we are many parts of one body, when one of us suffers, we all do. When one triumphs we all do (1 Corinthians 12:26,27, NLT). When one isn’t fully functioning in the special purpose God designed, the whole ceases to function correctly.

The over-arching theme in the body of Christ should be love. A climate of love is absolutely basic to any part of the body of Jesus Christ. Without such caring and reaching out to touch one another’s lives, any chapter will fall tragically short of God’s intended experience of His “good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2, NLT). Belonging to one another means you have to be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults, all because of our love for each other. The key to a healthy body where each part does its special work is the love of Christ that connects us to each other. When we work to be united with the Holy Spirit and we work to be at peace with each other, we begin to function as Jesus intended.

We need each other.

Just as the circulatory system needs the respiratory sys-
tem and the digestive system in the body, likewise, we are
dependent on each other in the body of Christ. On your
motorcycle the engine can never do its job without fuel
delivery lines and electrical systems to provide the spark.
Not only do members of the body of Christ love each other,
we are dependent on each other. We need one another
for companionship, for encouragement, for correction at
times. We are dependent on each other not only for times
when we are in need, but our very function at times de-
pends on how well we bond together. In God’s design, you
cannot function as intended all by yourself. We need each
other and what the other chapter members can contribute
to our lives and the work of God around us. The ministry
of Jesus was never meant to be carried on individually.
It is a team effort... a body effort. In order for us to get
the job done, we need all parts of the whole, involved and
active, functioning as they were created. As a member of
CMA, we need you as an active vital part of a chapter.
Four functions of a healthy chapter.

While there are a wide variety of functions and abilities in each CMA chapter there are certain functions of critical importance. These areas of ministry are so important; each one must be present in a CMA chapter.

As this training continues in the next four sessions, we will begin to discuss the four key functions of a healthy chapter. Fellowship, discipleship, prayer and evangelism are important functions critical in the body of Christ and key in the development of a healthy CMA chapter. In order for us to function in the way God has designed us, we each must determine into which of these four key functions we fit. As we learn about these functions their biblical basis and practical applications, please be in prayer and allow God to speak to you about where you fit best.

**Fellowship**

Fellowship with other followers of Christ, with whom you have common beliefs and purpose, is essential for growing in your faith and in getting involved in ministry. Realizing the importance of relationships and accountability on a personal level only deepens your ability to walk closer with Jesus. At the same time, fellowship plays the most important role in a chapter many times because it is the single reason most people join the ministry of CMA. Let’s examine the role of fellowship in our personal walk with Christ.

As a disciple of Jesus, you need other people. The experience of being a Christian was not meant to be undertaken alone, it was meant to be experienced in group settings with other believers in what the Scripture terms “the body
of Christ.” The types of relationships you possess and focus on will have a tremendous impact on your personal progress toward God.

We are called to be committed to people, not ideal people, but real people. This is where true fellowship with other believers begins. We need to remember God will use other people to assist in our personal growth. We need others. Our relationships with others will have ups and downs, but it’s important to keep in focus that we need each other. Communication, trust, love, and respect must be present in positive relationships with others. Invest into relationships what you would like to receive out of those relationships.

Relationships can be challenging. You will have to forgive others. The way we treat people will be an avenue of growth for our personal lives. True fellowship with other believers happens in our lives when we open ourselves to the challenges and the rewards of relationships with others. Sometimes others will bring encouragement and a helping hand along the way, other times God will use people as “sand-paper” to smooth out the rough edges of your life. God will always use people and circumstances to bring out the best in you. Consider the words of Ecclesiastes:

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, NLT).
When it comes to fellowship, alone we may be good, but together we are better, and together with God, we are unstoppable.

For Further Study:

What are my responsibilities to other Christians?

- We are to pray for one another. Almost every one of Paul’s letters opens with a prayer for those he is writing to (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Timothy 1:3).
- We are to minister to one another both physically and spiritually (Galatians 6:10; Romans 12:13; Galatians 6:1,2; Romans 15:1,2; Hebrews 13:3).
- We are to encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- We are to serve one another (Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 20:25-28).

What should our attitude be towards other Christians?

- The primary attitude should be to love them (1 John 3:14-15; 1 Peter 4:8).
- Be patient with them (Romans 15:5-7).
- Be sensitive to their needs (1 John 3:17-18; James 2:15-16).
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13).

Although doctrinal beliefs are vitally important, true biblical fellowship is not based on exact doctrinal agreement, but in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must learn to have fellowship with Him personally before our fellowship with other believers will be proper (1 John 1:3-7).

The role of fellowship in the local CMA chapter

Fellowship is an important aspect of ministry in any chapter. Its activities are as varied as having a cup of coffee together to traveling to a foreign mission field together. But the key element in all fellowship activities is they are
done together. In the United States, we have fallen victim to the idea to be strong we must be alone. We tend to live our lives in our own personal fortress of solitude, thinking if we don’t need anyone else we prove ourselves self-sufficient and stronger than the rest. Yet this isolation is not helping us or building the body of Christ.

Fellowship is more than just shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries. It’s more than a moment in a service where we greet and hug one another. These forced moments of fellowship can become superficial. There should never be a time limit on relationships, and we shouldn’t settle for anything less than real honest interaction.

Fellowship is defined as a sharing of common interests, goals, and experiences. That definition describes the local CMA chapter very well. Because of our common interests (i.e. serving Christ, motorcycles), common goals (Changing the world, one heart at a time), and common experiences (rides, rallies, and outreaches), chapters are the perfect place for true fellowship to happen. Fellowship within the chapter is an essential tool for effective outreach and evangelism. It is also an important tool for discipleship in the lives of new believers. Fellowship together confirms our partnership together with each other in the work of Christ. Through fellowship with each other we become of “one heart and one soul” (Acts 4:32, NKJV).

**Biblical Basis for Fellowship**

The basic concept of fellowship could be described with one word: sharing. In the Scriptures, fellowship describes our sharing in relationship with God. We are in “fellowship” with God and His mercy through salvation in Jesus Christ.
“God will surely do this for you, for he always does just what he says, and he is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9, NLT).

“We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3, NLT).

This Biblical view of fellowship means we share our lives with Jesus; He is our friend, our brother with whom we can share our feelings and requests at any time of day or night. We share the very moments of our lives with Christ, but there is even more. Fellowship with Christ means we share in His life. We share in His suffering (Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 4:13), His resurrection (Ephesians 2:5,6), His reign (2 Timothy 2:12), and in His future glory (2 Thessalonians 2:14).

There is another aspect to fellowship that involves sharing with other believers. The fellowship we share with Christ is also shared between others and Christ giving us an in-escapable commonality. When you have fellowship with God of all grace, Who is what fellowship is all about, you cannot help for that “sharing” to spill over to others who share in the relationship.

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church -- about three thousand in all. 42 They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer” (Acts 2:41,42, NLT). From the very beginning of the church, believers have naturally devoted themselves to fellowship. So fellowship in the Bible means sharing both with God and with fellow Christians.
Still yet another angle to fellowship listed in the Scriptures is the sharing of each other’s situations. As we have discussed earlier, 1 Corinthians 12:26 shows our interdependence in the body of Christ. Fellowship also means sharing each other’s joys and sorrows. Just as a family would rejoice when one member succeeds or grieve when one member fails, so it should be in Christ’s body. We need everyone else and they need us.

Fellowship means sharing in each other’s needs as well. In the very earliest days of Christianity, believers shared all they had (Acts 4:34-35). The sharing of fellowship also means sharing in the suffering and in the consolation God brings. Suffering is a part of being human, but when you share with a brother or sister in suffering, you will also be a recipient of the peace that comes from God (2 Corinthians 1:5,7; 1 Peter 5:1).

To share fellowship means to deeply love and care for your brothers and sisters. Consider this:

“So make every effort to apply the benefits of these promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better. 6 Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance, and patient endurance leads to godliness. 7 Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone. 8 The more you grow like this, the more you will become productive and useful in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-8, NLT).

Biblical fellowship is at the top of the list of virtues added to your life as you grow in faith. Hebrews 13:1 encourages us to “Let brotherly love continue” (Hebrews 13:1, KJV).
Fellowship in the Bible also carries with it the idea of being partners together in the work of God. It seems Paul’s closest friends were those who shared in the work with him (2 Corinthians 8:23; Philippians 1:5). There is a deep bond between those who serve together. This type of fellowship is forged and bonded, not by discussing or studying it, but by being in the trenches together.

In summary, fellowship among believers is a very important function in the body of Christ. It means sharing in the life of God. It means sharing with other believers. It means experiencing a wide range of situations with other Christians. It means sharing in God’s work.

**Why should a chapter have fellowship?**

Fellowship in the local chapter is absolutely essential to chapter health. Just as prayer is foundational to all we do, fellowship is the truest expression of our partnership in the work of God. Many times in the chapter, God chooses to use the development of Christian friendships in the process of bringing some to salvation. A large portion of CMA members became involved in a CMA chapter for the fellowship, long before they were committed to the cause of Christ. A chapter that holds its arms open and maintains a loving environment becomes a fertile place for new converts to come to faith. As we have seen from the Scriptures, the sharing of fellowship is a very active part in the growth of a young Christian life.

From time to time you might hear comments like, “Our chapter doesn’t have time for ice cream runs and pointless get-togethers, we are too busy doing the work of the Lord.” What that comment fails to recognize is true effective ministry takes place in purely social settings. God uses the bond of friendship to touch the heart of people and
move them toward faith in Christ. Fellowship can change new hearts for the Kingdom, be a useful tool in discipling young converts, and can provide the strength and support through community all believers look for and need. Sharing with each other is an important and indispensable aspect of chapter life that should never be overlooked.

Take a lesson from the bees. One bee always seems ready to feed another bee, sometimes even one of a different colony. Mutual feeding among bees, which are very social insects, is the order of their existence. The workers feed the helpless queen who cannot feed herself. They feed the drones during their period of usefulness in the hive. And of course they feed the young. Bees cluster together for warmth in cold weather and fan their wings to cool the hive in hot weather, thus working for one another’s comfort. Among all the work of fellowship, they seem to enjoy the sharing. May our chapters become bee-hives of fellowship.

Practical suggestions for fellowship in the local chapter.

A very simple way to encourage fellowship in the local chapter is to purposely greet each other face to face at each chapter event. This greeting ensures each member feels welcome and important. Follow up with chapter visitors and members by phone or email. Communication is an important aspect of making sure fellowship is developing properly in your chapter.

Try to think of creative ways to make all members feel valuable. Be appreciative to members who have sacrificed time and resources to do something for the chapter and continue to make new opportunities for involvement available. When new members find an area of involvement that makes them feel like they are contributing to the chapter,
you have created a bond of fellowship not easily broken.

Nothing builds friendships faster than doing ministry together. The camaraderie that comes from working side by side in the work of God is the stuff lifelong friendships are built on. However, in the midst of the ministry that goes on in a local CMA chapter, don’t forget to plan special social and fun activities. These times are valuable in getting to know one another and will foster fellowship in the future.

**Accountability**

One final benefit of fellowship in the local chapter that is often overlooked is accountability. While it is true, we will all give a personal account of ourselves before God (Romans 14:12), it certainly helps to have Christian brothers and sisters who will not be afraid to get involved and help us along the way.

Accountability means transparency. As individuals, we need to measure our lives against the Word of God. We don’t compare ourselves to others. Our focus should be on Jesus and His righteousness. This requires honesty and somber self evaluation. Being accountable for our own actions and thoughts is necessary if we are going to honestly interact with other members of our chapters and the Body of Christ. This kind of openness and honesty takes effort, but it can reap huge rewards in our lives.

1 Peter 2:12 instructs us on the importance of being transparent before others. They should “see our good works” and in turn praise God. Matthew chapter 5 is plain as well, “In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father” (Matthew 5:16, NLT). It is clear Jesus wants our actions to
be on display for others, but we all know it’s really easy to put up a good front around others, keeping up the appearance of godliness without the substance.

Who have you given the right to ask you the hard questions about your marriage, family, finances, friends, or activities? We need brothers and sisters in our local chapters to help us be accountable for the way we live. Being an involved member of a chapter is a choice. When you choose to be involved in the fellowship life of your chapter you have chosen to trust others to assist you in keeping on track in your walk with God. You don’t have to do it alone! When you make yourself accountable to others you have a partner in the journey. Here are two signs of an accountable believer:

- **Integrity** - My word is my bond. We are God’s children and have taken on His nature. It isn’t God’s nature to lie, so it should not be mine. (Numbers 23:19a; 2 Peter 1:4).

- **Humility/teachability** – How quick are you to repent when you do something wrong? Do you make excuses or do you apologize quickly, righting the wrong? Proud people never think they are wrong.

Hebrews offers this advice on keeping one another accountable, “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24, NLT). Jesus wants us to consider how we can use the concept of fellowship in the local chapter to help our fellow believers remain accountable to God.
Financial Accountability/Giving

God wants us to be givers. We should never give under compulsion or because someone says to. We give because God asks us to, being good stewards of the resources He has placed in our hands. In this measure, open handed giving is a marker of financial accountability before God.

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ’For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8, NLT).

Generous giving is proof of who we are and where our faith is placed. Those who trust in God and are growing their faith are learning to lean on the provision of God in everything and see their resources as flowing through their lives to be used for God’s purposes.

Misconceptions about giving

- God will like you more or do certain things for you if you give. We can’t buy favor with God. Giving is motivated by love, not by guilt, and is not done to be seen. (Matthew 6:3,4)

- God will bless all people so there isn’t a need to give. God’s rain falls on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45), but the Scripture is also clear, harvest follows the planting. There will be no reaping unless we sow (Hosea 10:12)

- Those who have more are closer to God. Spirituality is not measured by either the abundance or lack of material goods. Nowhere in the Bible does God specifically condemn anyone for having money. Instead, God deals with our attitude.
Never let the issue of money, financial accountability and generosity interfere with your relationship with God. Guard yourself from trusting in money rather than God (Mark 10:23-27; Proverbs 11:4, 28). Let your passion be for heavenly treasure rather than earthly possessions (Matthew 6:19-21; Colossians 3:1-4). The goal of life isn’t to earn as much money as possible (Proverbs 23:4). Only God can provide for all your needs. Look to Him as your source and keep money in the proper perspective (Philippians 4:19; Deuteronomy 8:10-18). Most of all live freely and openly with the resources God has put in your life (Matthew 25:14-30; Psalm 112:9, Proverbs 11:24; Matthew 10:8).
**Discipleship**

To be a disciple of Jesus is an exciting venture. Discipleship is learning a lifestyle that will bring wholeness and fulfillment. Becoming a disciple is maximizing our potential in Christ, fulfilling our destinies, and discovering our true selves. As we understand discipleship in the Body of Christ, it is defined as the process of training and instructing one to become a follower of Christ. Discipleship in the life of a believer takes them from the initial starting place of the new birth in Christ and attempts to instruct and develop them into a mature, functioning part of Christ’s body.

Discipleship deals with decisions and disciplines that must be developed in our lives in order to follow Jesus closely. It takes time to cultivate a life of discipleship. We need to develop regular patterns of prayer and Bible study. A follower of Christ learns the art of openness to God. The follower of Jesus must be willing to leave his possessions, ambitions, and own will behind in order to keep pace with Christ. A disciple of Christ begins to learn what it means to consider their job, not just as a means of earning a living, but as the area in which to minister as disciples of Jesus. In all this, there must be a conscious decision to want to become the follower of Jesus. This intentionality, the willingness to take time to grow and to be planted in a community with others on the same path, is the way to live as a disciple of Jesus.

**Personal Devotion Time**

Discipleship begins with each one of us working on our own lives to grow toward the purposes and plans of God. We each need to constantly work on your relationship with Christ. One of the keys to a personal relationship with God
is taking the time to invest in communicating with God. Luke 18:1b says, “that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” Personal prayer keeps the communication lines open between you and God. When in personal prayer, remember communication is more than speaking, it also involves listening. We need to listen with more than just our ears. Our hearts and spirits need to be tuned in to what Jesus is saying.

In addition to spending moments in prayer, it’s important to have a regular Bible reading program. The only way to be in a place of obedience to God’s Word is to spend time reading it and applying it. Whatever reading plan you use doesn’t matter, the important thing is that you spend time daily digesting God’s message to us.

The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years by 40 different authors in different countries – without any contradictions – God being the main Author behind the scenes. Here is what the Bible has to say about itself and its importance in our lives.

“Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, 21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:20-21, NLT).

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16,17, NLT).

“Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and
encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled” (Romans 15:4, NLT).

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires” (Hebrews 4:12, NLT).

“But the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:25a, NLT).

“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you” (Psalm 119:11, NLT).

The Scriptures were given to equip us for life here and ultimately for eternal life. It is God’s road map for every day of our life. You wouldn’t imagine heading out on a ride without a map, gps, or ride plan. We need the Word of God in our life daily, giving us direction, moving us to the place God wants us to be.

Remember personal devotion times aren’t a race or a chore. It is a moment of pause to receive the necessary instructions and inspiration you need for the day. The primary way God speaks to us is through His Word, so it’s important to approach His Word with reverence and regularity. Here is a very common practice to utilize when approaching your personal devotion time with Jesus: just remember S O A P, a very simple acronym to remember when having your personal time with Him.

**Scripture**

Read the Word. Approach God’s Word with the intention to hear directly from Him as you read.

**Observation**

What is God’s Word saying to me. What is its context?
What do the words mean? Are they familiar or unfamiliar to me? What is the first thing that jumps out to me?

Application
What is God saying specifically to me? How can I take what I am hearing here in God’s Word and apply it to my day to day life? Many times, applying the Word of God will lead us to tend to the basics of our walk with Christ.

Pray
Spend some moments praying about what you have just read. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s help in understanding. Ask the Lord for changes to take place in your life. Make sure your prayer engages what you have just read. As you pray, let the Word of God you have just read be the final say on the circumstances in your life.

It’s important to guard your daily time with God. What else could be more important? You might want to keep a notebook or journal to write down what you are hearing and learning from the Scripture. Look for a time when you are least likely to be interrupted. And always remember you spend time with God not out of obligation, but because you love Him and want to get to know Him better.

Biblical Basis for Discipleship
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instructing one to become a follower of Christ. As stated earlier, Discipleship in the life of a believer takes them from the initial starting place of the new birth in Christ and attempts to instruct and develop them into a mature, functioning part of Christ’s body. This type of discipleship is needed in CMA and should be a key function of each chapter.

In the New Testament, there is abundant discussion of what it means to be a disciple. This is not surprising since discipleship was a common phenomenon in the first-century world. Greek philosophers had disciples, as did the Pharisees (Matthew 22:15-16), not to mention John the Baptist (Mark 2:18; John 1:35). In these relationships, disciples were understood to be individuals committed to a particular person so as to learn that person’s teaching or way of life and then to follow a particular pattern of life. It is clear the original relationship between Jesus and His followers was understood to be that of master and disciples. The word disciple occurs some 269 times in the New Testament with almost all the references found in the Gospels and Acts. For the original disciples, following Jesus meant to do what Jesus did (copy His ministry; Mark 6:7-13, 30; Luke 10:1-20) and to believe what Jesus taught (obey His word; for example, John 8:31-32; John 17:6). This is demonstrated in this passage:

“And he called his twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two, with authority to cast out evil spirits. 8 He told them to take nothing with them except a walking stick -- no food, no traveler’s bag, no money. 9 He told them to wear sandals but not to take even an extra coat. 10 ‘When you enter each village, be a guest in only one home,’ he said. 11 ‘And if a village won’t welcome you or listen to you, shake off its dust from your feet as you leave. It is a sign
that you have abandoned that village to its fate.'

12 So the disciples went out, telling all they met to turn from their sins. 13 And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.” (Mark 6:7-13, NLT).

When Jesus gave the first disciples their marching orders in the form of “go and make disciples,” it must have been abundantly clear what Jesus expected of them (Matthew 28:19,20, NLT). He intended for them to reproduce the type of relationship and ministry He had demonstrated before them in the next group of followers. This remains the biblical basis for discipleship: to train and equip other followers of Christ.

It is of special concern in the New Testament that care be given to those who are weaker or those that have only begun to follow Christ. The Apostle Paul on more than one occasion refers to followers of Christ who still have some maturing to do as spiritual babies. As members of the Body of Christ, it is our business to assist and care for newly born spiritual infants.

**Why should a chapter be involved in discipleship?**

As chapters in CMA, there is no question that for the most part we understand the first part of the Great Commission. But there is more to it. We are commanded by Jesus to make disciples. In an evangelistic organization such as CMA, it is easy at times to be more concerned with making converts than making disciples. We must guard against tallying numbers of people who have prayed the sinner’s prayer only to forget their names and totally abandon them. If we do this, we are only following one-half of the Lord’s command.
Just as a mother or father would not leave a newborn infant to live on its own, as a CMA chapter we cannot abandon those we lead to Christ. We must take responsibility for their discipleship and become spiritual fathers and mothers. We must attach ourselves to those persons who will follow our Lord until they in turn can make disciples themselves (2 Timothy 2:2). We have to become willing to let the new believer in on all we know. We must let them walk and talk with us and see us live. New believers should see us praying, teaching, serving, ministering, even eating and relaxing. As they absorb our lives day by day, they will be able to see and emulate Christ in you.

CMA has resources for you to use in your local chapter to assist with discipling new believers. But the decision is whether or not your chapter will see the new believers in your sphere of influence as your responsibility and your spiritual children. C. S. Lewis said it this way, “The Body of Christ exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, and sermons are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose” (Mere Christianity, © 1952).

Practical suggestions for discipleship in the local chapter.

Discipleship in the life of the new convert does not happen overnight. We need to be willing to invest in a person over time. Discipleship is many times a long term endeavor. Look for someone in your chapter you can “take under your wing.” Each new convert needs spiritual mothers and fathers. As you mentor this “babe” in Christ, feel free to make purposeful suggestions into their life. You feel a personal responsibility for their spiritual growth, so it is important you take the liberty to give honest and loving
words of instruction at just the right time. As you watch over a growing Christian life, there may be times you need to guard.
Prayer

One of the four major areas of service in CMA is prayer. Prayer directly affects CMA’s ability to function in the other major areas of: evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship. Only when the work of prayer is functioning properly will these other areas begin to move forward in the way God intended, in our lives and in the lives of our local chapters. Prayer serves a function in your life and in CMA nothing else can replace.

Many people think prayer is mysterious and hard to understand, but prayer is simply talking with God. According to Psalm 73:28 (KJV), when we pray, we “draw near to God.” It’s not just a time when we think about spiritual things. It’s an opportunity to speak with God personally and directly. Prayer is a conversation between the soul of man and the heart of Almighty God. Although prayer connects us with the Sovereign Creator of the Universe, our prayers do not have to be in perfect order to be heard by Him. The Holy Spirit works with us when we pray: “In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit, Himself, intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26, NASB).

In the “Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6:9-13), Jesus shows us a wonderful pattern for prayer but He doesn’t give us an exact formula to guide us in all prayers. The Bible mentions kneeling, standing, bowing, falling prostrate, and praying with outstretched hands. Prayer can be offered aloud or merely thought. It can be occasional and constant, casual or formal. Prayers are personal and private, but they are also public and corporate. In the Old Testament, God told Israel to gather in Jerusalem to pray together as a nation, but He also teaches us to go into our secret closet to pray alone (Matthew 6:6).
One condition of prayer is it must be offered in faith:

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6, NKJV). Also, prayer must be generously mingled with thanksgiving as well. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6, NKJV). As we have discussed earlier, personal prayer is a necessary part of the life of every Christian. A CMA chapter also needs prayer on a continuing basis:

- Prayers of thanksgiving for all the Lord has done.
- Prayers for protection and divine guidance for the chapter and its members.
- Prayer for every chapter function and outreach opportunity.

Faith-filled intercession by a chapter for needs of the chapter members moves the hand of God and brings incredible results. Prayers for the lost, for the hurting, and for those bound in sin are necessary parts of the function of a local chapter. In fact, every part of chapter life should be constantly, fervently covered in prayer. A CMA chapter cannot function properly without prayer.

Corrie Ten Boom once spoke to the heart of the matter of prayer. She said, “Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?” William Carey, known as the father of modern missions, was once reproached for spending so much time in prayer, saying that he was neglecting his business. Carey said, “Prayer is the real business!”

Some might feel prayer is a waste of the chapter’s valuable time. They might feel there are so many opportunities for ministry we hardly have time to attend to the business of
prayer. But prayer is THE business. Prayer is the foundation and strength of all real lasting ministry.

**Biblical basis for prayer.**

In the Bible we see God considers prayer to be an essential part of our lives. The Scriptures regarding prayer are too numerous to list them all; but let’s look at a few. In Matthew, during Jesus’ teaching about prayer He said, “Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7, NLT). Acts 2:42 (NLT) tells us about the first Christians, “They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer.” When the apostles faced a serious problem in Acts 6, they saw their priorities.

“Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, It is not desirable that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to PRAYER and to the ministry of the Word” (Acts 6:2-4, NKJV).

In 1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV), the Apostle Paul taught the early church to pray like this: “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.” The Bible not only encourages us to pray, but assures us that God hears our prayers and He moves to answer them.

“Call to Me and I will answer you. I’ll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own” (Jeremiah 33:3, MSG).
“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16b, NKJV).

Why should a chapter pray together?

God takes special delight in seeing His people join together in agreement. God loves unity and agreement; on the other hand, satan loves division and confusion. Corporate prayer is a powerful way to unite our hearts before God, practicing unity and mutual concern for one another. “Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1, NKJV). In Matthew 18:20, Jesus promised that when two or more of us are gathered together in His name, He will be right there in our midst. When James was martyred and Peter was imprisoned, the early church gathered together for group prayer and “prayed very earnestly for him” (Acts 12:5, NLT). God heard and answered that kind of prayer, and Peter miraculously walked out of prison into their group prayer meeting. When Christians pray together we help each other pray better. Often the voice of someone else helps us give expression to our own longing or heartache. In the same way, your chapter can become a spiritual symphony bringing praise and gratitude to God as you pray together.

Finally, praying together is a powerful way to minister to one another. We can’t always solve one another’s problems with our own resources but we are always able to pray to God on behalf of one another. Praying for members lets them know we really care about what they are going through. These moments of prayer can often touch lives in a way that is hard to explain.

Practical suggestions for prayer in the local chapter.

A monthly chapter prayer gathering is an excellent way
to grow in prayer. It can also be an opportunity to get to know each other more closely as you open up with personal needs and pray for one another. The chaplain or a designated prayer leader might read a brief Scripture then open up the time of prayer and intercession.

The regular chapter meeting is also an excellent opportunity to emphasize prayer. Set aside time in the meeting to pray for members of the chapter. Pray for healing, guidance, restoration of broken relationships, and other blessings in the lives of each CMA member. Prayers should be made for the unity of the chapter, for the spiritual and numerical growth of the chapter, and also for ministry opportunities. Pray for God to set up “divine appointments.” Pray each member will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leading. We can easily become too busy with our business to pray.

A great suggestion for prayer in the local chapter is to organize and conduct a special prayer walk before or possibly during special ministry events. Have chapter members walk the grounds of an event beforehand and pray specifically for the souls that will be in attendance. Prayer walks can be a powerful tool for advancing the Kingdom of God.

Between meetings, chapters need a system to communicate and to pray for the needs of chapter members throughout the month. Constant prayer support for the chapter is the goal and this support is of infinite value. Often, even though we know something needs to be done, it never happens because no one takes the lead. Take time to identify those in the chapter whom God has gifted in this area. Encourage them in their personal ministry of prayer and allow them opportunities to help the chapter grow in prayer too. They are a gift of God to the chapter. Honor them just as you honor those who are gifted in the other
areas. Corrie Ten Boom said, “When a Christian shuns fellow-ship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.”

### For Further Study:

**Fasting**

Fasting was a lifestyle for the early church and should be a part of our lives today (2 Corinthians 11:27). As you fast, you deny your own appetites for the specific purpose of tuning into God’s voice and leading in your life. Fasting allows us to hear and discern, with increased intensity and great clarity, what God is saying to us.

Fasting is not a badge of honor or an end to itself. In fact, The Scriptures speak about the hypocrisy of keeping a religious fast while treating others unjustly (Isaiah 58:6-7). There is also instructions on the proper attitude to maintain during fasting (Matthew 6:16-18).

Without a doubt, fasting leads to a deeper connection with Jesus, and affirms His Lordship over our lives, our desires and our own wills. Each of us struggles with pride and “thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought.” Fasting is one of the most effective ways of humbling ourselves before God. When we have ourselves in the right place, we can truly begin to receive from God. For more study on the benefits of fasting, dig into these Scriptures:

- Matthew 17:19-21
- Exodus 34:28
- 2 Samuel 12:16-17
- Nehemiah 1:4
- Ezra 8:21-23
- Daniel 9:3
- Matthew 4:2
- Acts 13:3; 14:23
The purpose of prayer is not to move God for us or change His mind. It is for us to be conformed to His will. Prayer in the life of a believer will result in downloading the “mind of Christ” into our thinking and acting. It will also result in peace of heart and mind.

Through consistent prayer we are drawn closer to God and we begin to get a feel for His concern in every area of our lives. In this way, we begin to prove Him sufficient for every need we might have. Matthew 6:8 tells us God knows exactly what we have need of, and He often uses our needs to draw us to a place of dependence on Him (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

An essential to prayer is thanksgiving. Even in difficult times, even in our most trying struggles, we should give thanks to the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This keeps the proper perspective when approaching God in prayer. Everything good comes from God, and it’s good to remember that.

Here are a few more admonitions from the Bible regarding prayer:

- Pray always – develop a lifestyle of prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1).
- Don’t repeat the same words over and over (Matthew 6:7).
- Talk to the Lord as a friend (John 15:13-14; Exodus 33:11; Proverbs 18:24).
- Realize that we have direct access to God personally. We do not need to go through any man to talk to God (1 Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 2:18).
- Pray to the Father in Jesus’ name (John 16:23).
- God wants to answer our prayers (John 15:16; 16:23; Mark 11:24; 1 John 5:14).
- The Holy Spirit assists us in prayer (Romans 8:26).
Evangelism

Evangelism is the heartbeat of God. It is the reason CMA exists. Our vision, *changing the world, one heart at a time*, is reflective of Jesus’ mission “to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10, KJV). The English word evangelism simply means sharing the Good News. Read Jesus’ words when He visited the synagogue in His home town of Nazareth.

“‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors, 19 and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.’ 20 He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. Everyone in the synagogue stared at him intently.

21 Then he said, “This Scripture has come true today before your very eyes’” (Luke 4:18-21, NLT).

To share the Good News was Jesus’ appointed task, as it is ours. Commonly we refer to evangelism as efforts meant to awaken or reawaken personal faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said it this way in Mark 1:17, “Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’” (NLT). As followers of Jesus, He is asking us to live a lifestyle of Evangelism that constantly touches those around us with the truth of His Gospel.

Evangelism is at the very heart of the Christian faith and should be at the heart of each local part of the Body of Christ. By its basic definition, to be a Christian is to share the Good News with others. Some might think evangelism is a special activity to be delegated to experts who have special training. But sharing faith is a natural outflow of a changed life. There are as many different expressions
of evangelism as there are members in the family of God: some like to distribute Gospel tracts, some preach on busy street corners, and some prefer conversing one-on-one. Each are valuable and appropriate methods for fulfilling Jesus’ command to us to be His “witnesses” (Acts 1:8, KJV). Evangelism is not about us doing something for God He can’t do or doesn’t want to have a part in. God is actually the first and primary evangelist and any authentic evangelism starts with the belief God is at work in the world. Christians are called to recognize what God is doing and to get alongside it. To invite God to come alongside our efforts is to get things out of order. Jesus provided a model for this idea when He said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21b, NLT).

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is an evangelistic organization. Reaching the lost and hurting is why we exist. In ministry to motorcyclists, we employ a wide variety of methods. One of the most common, employed by many CMA members, is “servant evangelism.” We believe as Christians live their lives, they share their faith naturally and unconsciously. As they volunteer their time and energies to serve others, God uses them through their willingness to invite others to follow Jesus. Whether we realize it or not, everything we do is communicating something about our faith to those who are not yet Christians.

As we share the Good News of Jesus, it is important to remember a few thoughts. First, all of our efforts to evangelize must be genuine and honest. As we share with others, our lifestyle should back up what our words say. Those who are yet to know Christ have seen plenty of hypocritical do-gooders who say one thing but do another.

Second, we must always realize to share the Gospel with others we are going to have to take our message into other
people’s territories. Jesus did not invite people to come to places where He felt safe and they felt threatened. He went to the beach, to the market, to the city streets; and He did not set up evangelistic events when He got there. He was simply there, sharing in the life of whatever was happening and listening. Effective evangelism has two components: speaking and listening. Many times the work in evangelism is slowly taking down the walls and creating a space for God to work in people’s lives.

Third, the invitation to come to Jesus is simple. Jesus gave the simplest altar calls: “Follow me.” The only requirement was a willingness to be open to the Good News and to respond to its challenge whenever and wherever that might come. Our challenge is not to overcomplicate what it means to come to Jesus for salvation.

Lastly, we must never depend on our own abilities in “winning” people to Christ. Jesus’ own ministry style exemplified weakness in action. At the heart of the Gospel story is the fact that in Jesus, God became a child. It is significant that God did not become a full-grown adult. Adults like to be in control of things, and they dislike being vulnerable. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin and moves hearts to respond in repentance and to believe on Jesus as Savior.

**Biblical Basis for Evangelism**

Following the life of Jesus and examining closely His last commands to His disciples gives us the basis for our involvement in evangelism. Commonly called the “Great Commission” in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus explicitly instructs us to go out and make disciples of people in all the world. This idea of spreading the Good News and taking the message of Jesus to the world around us is found throughout the New Testament.
“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20, NLT).

“And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” (2 Corinthians 5:18-20, NLT).

“When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22, NLT).

“you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins” (James 5:20, NLT).

“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it” (1 Peter 3:15, NLT).

“Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives” (Jude 1:23, NLT).

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 reminds us we are making the appeal on Jesus’ behalf for men to come to salvation. We are His emissaries of life. We are the ambassadors of the new
life. The Bible encourages us to “bring others to Christ,” “save sinners from death,” “explain our hope,” and “rescue others by snatching them from the flames” – all accurate descriptions of the work of evangelism (1 Corinthians 9:22; James 5:20; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 1:23). The scriptures emphatically tell us that “going” and “making disciples” is the work of the Body of Christ in the world today.

**Why should a chapter be involved in evangelism?**

Chapters exist to share the Good News with others, specifically those in the motorcycling community. We occupy a unique place in our communities. The sphere of influence and acquaintances we have as bikers is different than that of most local churches. We have access to motorcyclists like no one else does. What will we do with this opportunity? Who will share the truth about the love and forgiveness of Christ with this culture group if we don’t?

Our chapters should be involved in evangelism because it is the order of Jesus Christ, the Head of our body. Specifically, evangelism in the motorcycling world is our special function, the reason we were designed. We should share our faith out of our great love for God and for those around us. Also, we should be involved in spreading the Gospel because of the great rescue we have experienced in our own lives. We have something to share with others, not because we are so very different from them, but because we are no different. Our concerns and struggles are the same as everyone else’s; the difference is that in the midst of our struggles Jesus is always present. Understanding this and taking it as a model for evangelism, is really sharing the Good News to people who have not yet believed in Jesus.
Practical suggestions for evangelism in the local chapter.

CMA was established on the idea of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the motorcycling world by going to secular motorcycling events. It is important we never forsake presence and service at motorcycling events. We must not only be in attendance, but must be present with a willing heart to serve and love people.

Although it takes much resource, it is important to invest time and effort into building positive relationships in the motorcycling culture in your community. Riding clubs around your chapter should know you and know they are loved and valued by your chapter. A good reputation with local motorcyclists will strengthen your witness and will open up many doors for ministry.

Most important, we must always keep in mind we should be totally dependent on the Holy Spirit in all of our evangelistic efforts. We need to work on our sensitivity to His leading and guidance. As we listen closely to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we begin to see what God has truly designed us for, simply just a tool to be used in His hand.

For Further Study:

Here are some additional thoughts from the Scriptures on Evangelism

- Stay close to God, keeping yourself ready to share with others (1 Peter 3:15).
- Be Real. Our Christianity must make people hungry and thirsty for reality. Live in such a way that our faith would be desirable for non-believers (1 Corinthians 9:22).
- Discernment and wisdom are needed for evangelism (Matthew 10:16). Enthusiasm without wisdom can be reckless.
• Love and serve, don’t judge. 1 Peter 3:15 speaks about the hope that we have, not the rules we obey (Proverbs 10:12; 15:1).

• Be bold, not arrogant (Acts 1:8, Acts 4:13,14; Romans 1:16a).

The end goal of evangelism in the ministry of CMA is to win motorcyclists, their families, and friends to Christ. Relationships will open the door to motorcyclists. Many times, people will be open to the messenger, but not be ready for the message at first. Don’t rush, take time to get to know the person.

In purposing to reach out to motorcyclists, CMA has strategically targeted an area of spiritual darkness. Christ’s intent was for the people and organizations that bear His name to be primarily known not for their teachings or programs, but for their love. Love needs to be a driving force that compels us to move with God. When we move with love, our light shines brightly.
The Holy Spirit’s Power

The Holy Spirit of God plays an important role in the life of a believer who desires to be an effective, powerful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. More than a force or feeling, the Holy Spirit is God and is present, effective and powerful in the life of the believer. The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity comprised of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7). We see the Holy Spirit present all throughout the Old Testament at creation (Genesis 1:1,2; 2:7) and moving upon mighty heroes and prophets (Judges 6:34; 15:14; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28,29). He is described in the Bible as being a Counselor, an Advocate and a Comforter (John 14:26).

In our day to day lives, the Holy Spirit serves several functions. The Spirit of God inside us, testifies of Jesus (John 15:26). He draws us over and over again to the person of Christ and draws a deeper love for Christ from inside our hearts. The Spirit of God moving inside our lives proves we are a part of God’s family (John 3:5; Romans 8:14-15). Also the Holy Spirit helps us to understand God more fully (Ephesians 1:17-18), and helps us be more unified with the whole body of Christ (Ephesians 4:3-6). He gifts us with special abilities to perform His will (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Acts 1:8). This empowerment for serving God’s purposes can be termed the “anointing of the Holy Spirit.” This special power of the Holy Spirit enables us to move in boldness, strength and power as we work for God’s designs and not our own.

What is the Anointing of the Holy Spirit?

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is a term that is often
talked about but seldom understood. Some members of Christ’s body use the term to describe a feeling or an atmosphere in a certain place. Some use the term to describe certain people, sermons or songs. Still others shy away from it altogether figuring it might be something so deep only the super spiritual could understand.

In fact, it isn’t as complicated as all that. Very simply the anointing of the Holy Spirit is the power of God released through a person to accomplish God’s will. The imagery comes from the Old Testament tradition of anointing the heads of priests and kings, those set aside for specific service to the Lord. Exodus 30 and Leviticus 8 describe these procedures for the Hebrew priests and I Samuel 10:1 and 16:13 for kings. The imagery of pouring oil onto the heads of a person was meant to show their dedication to a specific task. The oil marked them, purified them and proclaimed them set aside for a particular job.

The term the Anointing of the Holy Spirit simply explains God’s powerful presence flowing over a life that is dedicated to God’s particular task for them. The Holy Spirit is God’s presence in our lives. He fills us with wisdom strength and boldness. When we submit to God’s will, when we give our lives to His service and not our own we can know the anointing of God. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is for the called of God to accomplish the will of God.

When you line up your life with the purposes and plans of God, you experience the anointing of the Holy Spirit: the power of God to accomplish what He wants done. In this way, the anointing of the Holy Spirit is not something you receive one time and wear like a patch or pin on your vest. God is always moving in the earth, connecting to His will and not your own is a daily requirement. In this way, the anointing of the Lord is not something that is earned, or
can be magically purchased by saying the right prayer. It comes from seeking God and complete obedience to what He says.

Jesus Christ operated in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

“And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him” (Acts 10:38, NLT).

This relates how Jesus ministered with power through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It was essential to the calling that the Father had on the life of Christ that He be dependent on the empowering anointing of the Holy Spirit. He spoke the words the Father told Him to say and He did the actions the Father told Him to do (John 8:28; 12:49-50).

Individually the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the empowerment to carry out what He has called us to do, comes when we pray the prayer of Jesus “Not my will, but Yours” (Luke 22:42). It is when we give up our own agendas and concerns and move into what God wants accomplished that we truly begin to operate in God’s power.

As local chapters in the Christian Motorcyclists Association, the anointing of the Holy Spirit rests on those groups who can unify under God’s purpose for their chapter. The true power of God can be seen when CMA members can come together, surrender their own selfishness and pride and serve each other as they serve the motorcycling community.

In this way, the anointing of the Holy Spirit cannot be owned or controlled. It isn’t something you attain or claim. It rests on the obedient servant of God. The Spirit of God, with all His power and benefits moves in our lives.
when we move in His purposes. Men and women who disappear behind the will of God experience and move in the Spirit’s power. Chapters who unite for the express purpose of accomplishing what the Spirit calls them to do locally will move forward with courage and see the miraculous in their ministry efforts.

**Man-Forced or Spirit-Led?**

If the anointing of the Holy Spirit rests on those individuals and chapters who truly serve the will of God, then shouldn’t we evaluate everything we do with this in mind? Are my daily activities, where I go, how I spend my time and money following the leading of the Holy Spirit? Or do I serve my own interests every minute of every day. It may be possible to participate in religious activities such as going to church, participating in CMA rides and functions, even serving in the motorcycling community and be working for your own interests rather than the will of God. The way you choose to invest your life, be it in your employment or in your ministry involvement can be for selfish or selfless reasons.

The problem occurs when we involve ourselves in the activities of ministry for the wrong reasons and with the wrong motivations. When you decide to participate in an outreach event your chapter is sponsoring because you want to make sure all the other members see you there and know how close to the Lord you are, you are probably not listening to the Holy Spirit. This kind of activity is man-forced. It’s generated from human desires and schemes. The desire of the follower of Christ should be to be led by the Holy Spirit. If we desire to be anointed by the Holy Spirit for God’s work, we must decide to be led in everything we do by the Spirit.
Throughout this training we will be covering many practical ways to reach bikers, but all of these activities, all good and positive things to do, can be either man-forced or Spirit-led. Chapter functions and fellowships can be man-forced or Spirit-led. Outreach at motorcycle rallies can be man-forced or Spirit-led. Even bible studies and prayer times can be man-forced or Spirit-led. It is even possible for activities to begin Spirit-led and somehow get off track and become man-forced. To remain connected to the Power of the Holy Spirit we must make sure all areas of our lives and ministry are Spirit-led.

Look at Romans 8 where the Apostle Paul deals with this struggle between the sinful nature which lives inside of us and being led by the Holy Spirit.

“Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God” (Romans 8:5-8, NLT).

This is where the decision is made to be led by the Spirit or not. The battle begins in the mind. When Romans 8:6 says, “letting your sinful nature control your mind” (NLT) it indicates a decision. We decide to allow our own sinful desires to control how we think and operate or we let the Holy Spirit control our minds. When we do this our lives will be overwhelmed by “life and peace.” Romans 8 goes on to encourage those who have received Christ to live their lives controlled by the Spirit.
“But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God” (Romans 8:9-14, NLT).

The Spirit of God lives in each of us who have been redeemed by Christ. Because of the Holy Spirit living inside of us, we don’t have to be controlled by what our old sinful nature wants to do. Again the decision is presented in Romans 8:13, “if you live by its dictates (the sinful nature) you will die” (NLT). On the other hand, if you kill those acts of your old sinful nature, “you will live.” When we decide to live our lives by the Spirit, we throw off the actions and motivations of the sinful nature and live completely obedient to the Holy Spirit.

So what does it look like to be led by the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit lead the people of God? The Scriptures indicate the Holy Spirit leads us both externally through His written Word and internally by speaking directly to our heart. Here are a few observations from Scripture on how
the Holy Spirit leads.

- The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. (John 16:7-11)
- The Holy Spirit leads us into the truth. (John 16:12-13; Acts 20:27; 2 Peter 1:3)
- The Holy Spirit strengthens us from the inside out. (Ephesians 3:16)
- The Holy Spirit reveals what we are to say to others. (1 Corinthians 2:9-13)

Our Bible is the greatest tool we have when we decide to be led by the Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy describes the role of the Bible in our lives like this:

“You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work” (2 Timothy 3:15-17, NLT).

This means the Bible we have in our hands is alive and used by the Holy Spirit to lead us in every situation. If you want to be led by the Holy Spirit, you will immerse yourself in the Word of God. Also, those who experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives are students of the Bible. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to train us, equip us and guide us. No wonder The Word of God is the weapon of choice when the full armor of God is listed in Ephesians 6. “Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17, NLT).

We need to be Spirit-led. It isn’t enough to be theologically sound or be seen as successful in someone’s eyes. It isn’t
sufficient just to be busy. More than anything we need to be anointed by the Holy Spirit carefully following His leading. The power to conduct successful ministry doesn’t come from our own thoughts and our own muscle. It flows through us when we consciously make the decision to take ourselves out of it and be led by the Spirit. When we strive each day to be led by the Holy Spirit our lives and our chapters begin to be used powerfully in the ministry God has called us to.

Quick facts about the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- The Holy Spirit points out sin in our lives (John 16:8-9).
  - In an unbeliever’s life, He brings realization of sin and brings them to a place where they can accept salvation.
  - In a believer’s life, He draws our attentions to any sin in us, making it possible to live in a manner that is pleasing to God.
- The Holy Spirit is our guarantee that God keeps His promises (Ephesians 1:14).
- The Holy Spirit teaches us about Jesus and the Bible (John 14:26).
- The Holy Spirit comforts us in time of need (2 Timothy 1:7; John 14:15-18).
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve God (Ephesians 3:16).
- The Holy Spirit gives us power to live out what God has called us to (Mark 16:20).
- The Holy Spirit enables us to develop Godly character (Galatians 5:22-23).

Remember, disciples of Jesus Christ should desire to be connected to the Holy Spirit. When we are filled with God’s presence and anointed with His power, we will experience a
How to Lead Someone to Christ

One of the most effective ways to share Jesus with others is to be able to share your testimony with them. Your testimony is simply the story of what Jesus has done in your life, how He has changed you. Each and every Christian has a personal testimony. It doesn’t matter if you’ve been a Christian most of your life or you have been the worst of sinners before becoming a Christian. If you have asked Jesus to come into your heart, you have all you need to share Jesus with others. You may have shared your testimony with many people or quite possibly you have never shared your testimony with anyone. The question is, would you be able to share your testimony with someone or would you be reluctant or even unable to share? You should be ready and able to share your testimony at any time without having to think about it. How can you do this? By preparing and practicing your testimony.

Two-minute testimony.

We’ll discuss a simple outline or formula you can use that will allow you to prepare your testimony and give it to someone in two minutes or less. This two minute time frame is relevant because many times you will only have a few minutes to talk or share with someone. It is important you take advantage of the time you have so you can present Jesus to whomever you may be talking to.

The most important thing to remember is this is your testimony. You will be sharing about your life and how Jesus changed you. Your two-minute testimony should consist of three main parts.

- **What you were like before Christ.** Spend approximately 30 seconds sharing this. People sometimes
look at Christians and figure we have it all together. They may also assume we have always had it together. We need to share with others what we were like before we came to know Jesus as our personal Savior. It is easy for someone to identify with us if they understand at one time we were just as far from Jesus as they may be.

- **How you came to Christ.** Spend approximately 45 seconds on this area. How, when, and where did you come to know about Christ. How did you hear about Jesus, did someone share with you? When did this happen in your life, what were you going through at the time? What type of experience or encounter caused you to come to know and turn to Jesus?

- **What your life is like now with Jesus.** Spend approximately 45 seconds on this area. How have you changed? How is life better? How did Christ change your bad habits into good habits? Share how Christ took away the anger, bitterness, sadness, etc and changed it into joy and blessings.

Please keep these thoughts in mind when sharing your testimony.

- **Don’t dwell on where you were before Christ.** People know about that and they can easily identify with that time, because they are there. The main point is not about what you were before, but what you are now with Jesus in your life.

- **You should dwell on how you came to know Christ.** Most people understand or even know it is a good thing when you get to Christ, but they may not understand just how to get to Christ. How you came to know Christ and how you met Him are the key ingredients to others finding Christ.
This is a very simple and effective way to develop and present your testimony in less than two minutes. It is important to practice giving your testimony to other Christians in your church, your CMA chapter, or in your home. Practicing giving your testimony to other Christians will help you become comfortable sharing with others when the opportunities come. God will use you and your testimony in a powerful way to touch lives for Him.

**Personal evangelism.**

As mentioned earlier in this training, there are many means to evangelize others. Because CMA is an evangelistic ministry based on building personal relationships with others, we utilize tracts and other tools as means of making a one-on-one connection rather than mass street corner preaching. We believe the most effective way to share the Gospel is on a one-on-one basis. With this emphasis in mind, we will share how you can lead someone to Jesus Christ on a personal basis.

There are many techniques on evangelism that have been developed, taught, and used over the years. The most important thing to realize is you may have all the knowledge to share the most effective techniques in soul winning and still not reach others. The key to effective soul winning or personal evangelism is the involvement of the Holy Spirit, not the technique. If you do not evangelize in the power of the Holy Spirit, your soul winning efforts will be ineffective. Another key element in effective soul winning is the fact you must really care about the lost and have a deep desire to reach and evangelize them.
The Holy Spirit and the soul winner.

There are three important ways to live in connection with the Holy Spirit in order to be an effective soul winner.

- **Walk in the Spirit.** “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16, KJV). You must walk toward God and not away from Him. You must make the effort to step in His direction.

- **Be led by the Spirit.** “But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law” (Galatians 5:18, KJV). You must be sensitive and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you where He wants you to go.

- **Display the fruit of the Spirit.** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23, KJV). Notice the verb “is” points out that all of these fruits must be evident in the life of the believer. This means every aspect of the fruit of the Spirit must be evident in your life, not one, not some, but all of these. Non-Christians know how a Christian is supposed to live their lives. You can be assured non-Christians will take notice of your actions and based on those actions determine if you are real or not. As Christians, we should be careful we don’t trip over our own team members. We can’t use the “Christians aren’t perfect, just forgiven” type of thinking to justify our actions. Other people will see if you have the fruit of the Spirit in your life or not. Live the fruit of the Spirit everywhere you go.

Just as we see others for who they are by their walk, we must walk so others see Christ in us. We must be living out the Gospel message. As Christians we should stand out as
different, but not in a foolish way. You and I should stand in such a way that our integrity, wisdom, and compassion for others is evident in all we do. People should be drawn to you because you live and radiate the love and joy of God. We must have a solid relationship with God before we can go out. We cannot skip over this important aspect. Our relationship with God is more important than anything else.

The Holy Spirit and the unbeliever.

As you go out to witness there are three things you must trust the Holy Spirit to do in the life of the unbeliever.

- **Illuminate the mind of the unbeliever.** “But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, KJV).

- **Stir the heart of the unbeliever.** “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37, KJV).

- **Move the will of the unbeliever.** “And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee” (Luke 15:17-18, KJV). It will be God and the Holy Spirit that will draw people to Him. It is only through His working that others can be reached or effectively evangelized to.
Personal interaction.

To be able to share your faith with another person you will have to engage in a conversation with that person. Okay, that makes sense, but just how can you begin or become involved in a conversation with someone? An excellent way to help you engage others in a conversation is to use what we call the F O R M method. This basic idea of conversing with others is designed to get them to talk about the things of their heart or the things they love. Using each letter in the word F O R M, you can remember four distinct areas that will almost always allow you to bring others into a conversation with you. As you employ this method and become engaged in a conversation with another person, it is extremely important you listen. By communicating you will be listening and hear any concerns or issues they have. Remember the end result of your conversation is so you can bring them to the answer for their concerns.

F O R M

Let’s talk about F O R M and the four areas that will help you draw others into conversation with you.

F - Family. People generally enjoy sharing about their families. They may share pictures or memories. They could even share about little Johnny with the broken arm, the cousin with cancer, or the divorce they have recently gone through. If someone doesn’t want to talk about their family, you can move along to the next letter.

O - Occupation. Since most people have a job or work, it is usually easy to get folks to share about what they do for a living. They may share how the boss is not treating them or others right or maybe how their co-workers don’t care about them. They might even share that they
just got laid off from their job, certainly an item of concern for them. If occupation doesn’t bring out any concerns, proceed to the next letter.

**R - Recreation.** Everyone enjoys having fun or some type of recreation. It could be anything from watching sports to hunting or fishing. They may share about the game last night or the race last weekend. Most people love to share about the things they enjoy doing. If recreation doesn’t do it, then move right along.

**M - Motorcycling.** The chances are very good you are speaking to a motorcyclist. Ask to see their bike and show an interest in it. Maybe they have some issue with the bike or some problem. You could discuss places they’ve been or are planning to travel to. It should go without saying, but you should never cut down their ride or the brand of bike they ride.

**Praying for others.**

Remember, while you were communicating with this person, you were listening for needs or concerns they brought up. Now is the time to offer to pray for the needs of the people you speak with. Most people will allow you to pray for them because your prayer will be for a need or concern they expressed to you. Remember their concerns or needs and pray specifically by name for their requests. Praying specifically and by name will show you care about them, because you were listening and you heard their concerns. This is a great way and the perfect time to build relationships with people. You should also be aware you could hear so many problems you may want to just leave and get away. If you leave you will miss out on one of the greatest opportunities the Holy Spirit has led you to, praying for someone over their concerns. Remember, you should
show concern and love toward them as a person God cares about.

**Share your personal testimony.**

The simple overflow of your life and the concern you have for them is what leads others to Christ. The most powerful thing you can share with others is the testimony of your life. People will argue about the Bible, but they can’t argue with what Jesus has done for you. As you share your testimony, they can see with their eyes as they are hearing with their ears and they are feeling in their heart what Jesus did for you. If the spirit is drawing these people, it’s important to gain their respect and their attention. You want to be salting your conversation with truth, so they will want more. You want them to be captivated by what Jesus is saying through your words. You will want to share the words of the Bible and of your conversion. You need to have the knowledge of the words of the Bible and know how to use it to speak to them in a language they understand. You must speak to others on their level, not at a spiritual level they do not understand.

**Who can be saved and how?**

You need to remember and the person you are speaking with needs to know, the prerequisite for being saved is being a sinner and knowing it. In other words, being bad and knowing you are bad. When the Bible speaks of those who will be saved, it specifically says “whosoever.” It is important we understand every person is a “whosoever.” You can offer a person the assurance Jesus will come into their life and change them, but the decision is theirs to make. He wants to come in, but He can’t do it if He isn’t invited.
Here are some scriptures from the book of Romans you can share regarding coming to salvation.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23, NKJV).

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23, KJV).

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13, KJV).

“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9, NKJV).

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The decision time.

Before the conversation ends you should bring that person to the point of a decision, get an answer: yes, no, or not yet. You need to lead that person in a prayer before your conversation ends. The prayer can be about the needs they have, if they want to respond to the Gospel, or if they choose not to respond. If they choose not to respond, you may reiterate the fact of what happens when you reject the Gospel. You can also let them know that no decision is a decision against Jesus and Heaven. It is extremely important you respect their decision and leave the door open for others to be able to share at a later time. You cannot see people as having the last chance with you and you shouldn’t push them to the point you cut them off from future opportunities to accept the Gospel. Someone else must be able to pick up where you left off.
Be real.

Bikers and teenagers are two groups that can spot a phony. You must be yourself, you can’t be someone else. Realize you always make an impression on people and people will remember the Jesus you stand for. You need to have people focused on the Jesus you serve, not the organization or the bike. Soul winning is not a gift, an art, or a technique. Soul winning is the way you live your life, it is the overflow of your living experience as you share yourself with other people.

Remember God has called you. God wants to use you in the area of evangelism and soul winning, no matter who you are. You received your salvation so you can share with someone else. You were not saved merely to go to Heaven, but to pass along your faith on the way to Heaven. If you were in fact saved only to be saved from this world, then you would have been taken up into Heaven when that happened. God has you here to reach others, to spill over, and share what Jesus has done for you. Jesus loved you and He loves other people. Love has to be the bottom line for why you share with others. If you are truly thankful for what Jesus did for you, you will want to share your faith with others.
What is ministry? Simply put, ministry is when you “minister” to others. According to Webster, the definition of minister is “to give aid or service.” CMA’s main purpose is to share the love of Christ with the lost and hurting world. As you go out in this ministry, remember you are there to “give aid or service to others” and in doing so you will earn the trust and right to share the Gospel with others.

Representing CMA with integrity.

For any ministry to be effective, it must be full of integrity. It must be real and not fake. We must be a ministry that says what it means and means what it says and lives in a way that shows it. We must not be a ministry that says one thing and does another.

CMA is not a club. We need people to know this is an association, associated with Christ. We can easily damage our Christian witness based on our actions while attending or working an event. We must always watch our conduct in the public eye.

Here are several guidelines developed to provide a foundation of integrity for our members in this ministry. These procedures have been put in place to protect the integrity of our members and CMA. If you have any questions, please contact your State Coordinator.

- Commit to one back patch.
- Walk the Christian walk at all times, even when you are not wearing the CMA logo.
- Women minister to women and men minister to men or couples minister together.
• Have modesty in apparel.
• Use of tobacco or alcohol by a CMA member at any CMA meeting or designated ministry area is not permitted.
• Keep tracts available for one-on-one witnessing (not to pass out to everyone).
• Involve only CMA members in services (including prayer) at secular events (if possible).
• Do not place the CMA logo on secular event fliers as a sponsor or promoter. The logo may only be used to announce CMA will host a worship service or bike blessing.
• Do not share booth space with another motorcycle ministry.
• Do not use CMA to build recognition or support for another ministry.
• Do not use questionable door prizes (i.e. tattoo, body piercing, bar certificates, etc.).

Prayer must be a part of ministry.

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It is important to prepare for ministry by spending time in prayer. Ministry will not be effective without prayer. In addition to individual prayer, it would be wise to have prayer partners in your chapter actively praying for you when you go out to minister. Prayer is the most important part of outreach ministry. Here are some specific areas that need to be addressed in prayer:

• Safety and protection as you travel to and from the rally as well as during the event.
• Guidance and godly wisdom from the Holy Spirit as you meet and fellowship with the people at the
rally. Ask the Holy Spirit to anoint every word you speak when talking to others and even during casual conversation.

- Divine appointments to share your faith. Ask and expect the Holy Spirit to set opportunities for you to share the Good News.
- Stir hearts to receive. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in hearts and remove scales from the eyes of those He allows you to meet.

**Secular versus Christian.**

It is important you understand there is a difference between a secular rally and a CMA rally. A secular rally is by definition worldly, secular and not belonging to any religious order. Basically, it is a rally that is non-Christian in nature. Secular rallies are different from CMA Rallies or other Christian events. Most secular rallies will be put on by an organization such as GWRRA, BMW, HOG, ABATE, and there are many others. You also need to be aware not all secular rallies are identical in purpose and practice. With this in mind, realize some people may fit in at one rally and not another.

Here are some important areas you should consider when deciding what rally to attend.

- **Pray first.** You should not attend a rally without first praying about it. You need to know when and where to go, so let God direct you. Is this a rally you should attend? How will you fit in there? Should you be somewhere else? Be discerning and receptive to what you are hearing from the Holy Spirit.
- **Consider finances.** You should expect to pay to attend a rally. If you cannot afford to pay your way
into a rally you shouldn’t go. You should not attend a rally and expect to get in free to minister, if you do, don’t go. There may be times when you are given free passes into a rally. If so, feel free to use them and be sure to thank those who gave the free pass.

• **Consider travel.** How far and how long will you need to travel to and from a rally? Will you be able to minister effectively if you arrive tired or frustrated?

• **Consider activities.** When attending secular rallies, there will be activities you may not approve of. Will you be able to attend this rally without condemning those who are there and participate in these events? This is about ministry to the lost and hurting, not one of condemnation. If you cannot go with a heart of love for the lost person even though you hate the sin, then you should not attend the rally.

• **Consider other CMA ministry involvement.** CMA chapters and members are present at many rallies or events and work closely with the rally or event promoters. If there is a CMA presence at the rally and you decide to attend, offer to help in any needed area of service. This will get you plugged in and help the ministry run smoother and more efficiently.

**Practical “on the job” application.**

**Things to have.**

If at all possible, camp during the rally. This will give you more time at the rally for ministry and just as important, you will not give the impression you are too good to camp with others attending the rally. Here are some items we recommend you take to the rally.
• **Earplugs.** Some rallies will be noisy and may have loud music. A good set of earplugs will allow you to sleep if it is too loud at night.

• **Toilet paper.** Not all rallies are worried about our conveniences. You may find there are no toilets or minimally stocked temporary facilities.

• **A small flashlight.** There may be poor lighting or no lighting at night.

• **Baby powder/wipe cloths.** There may be no shower facilities. Using baby or talcum powder can help you sleep on those hot and humid nights. Using powder will help keep you from being sweaty all night and you can wake up somewhat fresh. Wiping cloths can be used to help you stay clean and fresh when there are no facilities for bathing.

• **Chairs.** You should carry more chairs than you can use. People that are passing through may stop and visit with you if you have somewhere for them to stop and sit. This is an excellent way to meet folks and build relationships. Make your area inviting for others to visit with you.

**Things to do.**

Let’s talk about things you should do at a rally.

• **Be yourself.** Upon arriving at a rally, be yourself. Be mindful other people there may be running from the church and Christians. You can’t minister if you scare people off by being too “churchy.” Your purpose in attending the rally is not to make the impression you are a “Super Christian.” You shouldn’t arrive with Christian music blaring or jump off your bike and try to show how spiritual or religious you are using Christian words or phrases. Remember you
will make an impression on others. Will it be a good impression that draws others to Christ or pushes them away from anything to do with Christianity or the church?

- **Register and pay.** When attending an event, you should register and pay. Do not bypass the registration area to go hang out with the CMA crowd without paying. If you don’t pay to attend, you are cheating the promoters out of their money. This applies even if you only show up for a few hours. Do not use the excuse that you are not participating in the rally (ie, dance, events, games, etc.) to justify not paying. You are not at the rally just to fellowship; pay your way.

- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Be mindful of locations and areas you camp and stay in. We suggest CMA members camp in different areas of the rally and not all in one spot or location. There will be some rallies with areas you should not stay in for various reasons, so it may be best to camp together away from these areas. You need to be aware of the type of rally and what may be happening. You need to plan ahead so you are not caught off guard or surprised.

- **Have realistic expectations.** You should expect a secular rally to be operated much differently than a CMA rally. If you have never attended a secular rally, please understand before you go, you will need to accept the rally and the people present.

- **Be a friend.** Be a friend to others. You should be full of joy and love. You will not be able to minister to anyone if you are judgmental of others or unhappy. You should allow your walk and testimony to be
used by God to attract, convict, and impact others.

- **Have fun.** Have fun and be a part of the rally. Participate in the bike games, the bike show, and other events that do not compromise your witness or the ministry of CMA.

- **Alcohol.** You should never consider consuming any alcohol, even non-alcoholic beer. Some folks mistakenly think this will make them “fit in” better with others. This is a sure way to destroy your witness as a Christian regardless of your religious views on alcohol. Be aware of any appearance of consuming alcohol; drink your soda from the original container so it is plain to others what it is you are drinking. It is against CMA policy to wear the CMA logo and consume alcohol. When offered a drink, just say, “No thank you.” You should not use the phrase “I can’t because I’m a Christian,” or spout off a Bible verse about drinking. Be polite and thankful, remember people will watch your walk and will appreciate you.

- **Poker runs.** Participating in poker runs will be a decision you will have to make for yourself. If you decide to participate in poker runs, you should be aware of where the stops may be located. Don’t get offended and don’t compromise your witness.

- **Dances.** Be careful and understand many secular dances can quickly change into other activities; this is especially true later into the night. Don’t compromise your Christian witness by hanging around when you should quietly remove yourself from the area.

- **Be positive.** Be positive concerning the rally. You should never complain or grumble about the rally or the way it is ran or handled. You should not make
negative remarks about the rally or the people there. You need to be careful of the words you use and see the overall picture of how your words sound to others. Using words like “you people” or “people like you” can cause irreparable damage to your witness and this ministry. Remember to see things from their perspective and not your own.

• **Accept door prizes.** When the door prizes are given and you step forward as a winner you should accept the door prize. Do not turn down prizes using the excuse “I can’t take that because I’m a Christian.” If you are paying attention, most of the time you can see what prize is being given before the winner is called. If this happens and you see the prize is one you don’t want to accept, you can merely stay silent and not acknowledge you are the winner. If you end up with a door prize you do not want, you can thank the promoter for the gift and if appropriate ask if it is okay to donate it back to them to use again.

• **Wear your CMA back patch.** Always wear your CMA back patch or logo. CMA has t-shirts, patches, and all manner of ways to display or show your CMA colors. Wearing your back patch makes a positive impression of you and the organization to which you belong. The CMA logo has respect in the motorcycling community and wearing it will open doors of opportunity to minister. Do not wear Christian apparel that may be offensive to others. For example, shirts that say “If you don’t believe in Jesus, you can go to hell,” will negatively impact your witness to others.

• **Be aware.** Be careful of signals you give non-Christians, especially members of the opposite sex.
Remember women minister to women and men to men, if this is not possible, have two CMA members present in the situation. You should make it a practice to never witness or involve yourself in ministry to the opposite sex alone.

- **Attend Sunday morning services.** As a CMA member, you should always attend the Sunday service regardless of whom or what ministry may be handling the services. If someone else is presenting services, go to the services. The secular world should not see Christians as divided. You should never just show up for the Sunday service if you haven’t attended the rally. This will indicate to the rally promoter you do not care about them or their rally. It implies the service is good enough to come to, but the rally is not.

- **Keep your area clean.** Keep a clean campsite during the rally and leave a clean campsite when you pack up and head home. When you leave the rally, your campsite should be cleaner than you found it. Pick up and dispose of your trash and all litter.

- **Take time to say good-bye and thank you.** You should always take time to say good-bye as well as thank the rally promoters and/or sponsors for putting on the event. Let them know you appreciate their hard work and you enjoyed the rally.

**Other areas of motorcycle ministry.**

There are other opportunities for ministry in the motorcycling community. CMA members are encouraged to be involved in the motorcycling community in their areas, here are a few examples.

- Joining secular organizations or groups. You can be
a member of CMA and be a member of secular organizations. CMA members are encouraged to become involved in the secular motorcycling organizations or groups in their areas. This is an excellent way to open the doors for ministry into these other groups. It is important you wear your CMA logo when visiting or attending other meetings so others will know you belong to CMA. You should never be offensive to others. You should always be full of the love of Jesus and let it show. Offer to help at the meetings and/or group events. Get to know the leaders and members in these groups. Build relationships and make friends. Let others see that God cares for them because you care for them.

- Rides, runs, and events. There are other secular events that offer great opportunities for ministry in your community. Most secular motorcycle groups and many charitable organizations or communities put on activities geared toward motorcyclists, some examples of these would be: MDA, Ronald McDonald Run, Ride for Kids, toy runs, food runs, benefit rides, etc. Most of these events are put on to raise money, so be prepared to pay your way. By participating in these events you will open doors of opportunity for building relationships with the sponsors as well as other riders. Helping the sponsors with their event is a perfect way to minister and gain more exposure for ministry. Helping at these events can open doors that may allow you to begin the rides or events with prayer or possibly even biker blessings.

- Non-traditional forms of motorcycling. The world of motorcycling is much broader than strictly cruiser riders. Consider becoming involved in sport bike, dual sport, motocross, ATV and many other forms
of riding. There is a great need for CMA members to get involved in fields of motorcycling differing from the field they presently ride in. The rewards for moving away from your comfort zone into a new area of mission can be amazing.

The main thing.

Remember to keep the main thing, the main thing. It is only what God does through us and not what we do. God is the vine, we are the branches. We will bear fruit if Christ is in us. Apart from Christ we can do nothing (John 15:5, NKJV).
“Here if you need us.”

Matthew 20:28 says, “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28, NKJV). Very simply put, Jesus came to serve. How can we as his followers do any less? The ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association believes being a servant is a door God uses to bring the Gospel to the motorcycling culture. Our slogan, “Here if you need us” captures all of our desires to serve bikers.

To serve simply means to meet a need and meeting someone’s needs is ministry. In fact, in some translations of Matthew 20:28 the word ‘serve’ is actually rendered ‘minister.’ Serving is the most basic form of ministry. In our culture to be someone’s servant may have a demeaning connotation. It is in all of our natures to prefer to be served rather than to serve. In the Gospels, even the Disciples were motivated by pride and a desire to be ‘great,’ instead of giving themselves to become servants. We who call ourselves Christians must understand that as we strive to be more like Christ we must continuously look for ways to minister to, or serve others. Perhaps all of us would claim to serve Christ, but is it possible to serve Christ and not be willing to serve others? Serving someone other than yourself if done with the right attitude is the same as offering an act of service to Christ Himself. It’s like you are washing the feet of the Savior when you minister to someone else.

The great thing about service is that anybody can be a servant. To be a servant is to do what needs to be done, right then and to not worry about whether or not it will be noticed as a good deed. Whether it is as simple as emptying the trash, helping someone across the street or even filling up ice trays, serving someone else is ministry unto the
Lord and touches people’s lives like nothing else. Serving should come as naturally to a Christian as breathing. Since our example is Jesus Christ, all we have to do is look at how he related to the people around him to know what to do in any situation. No matter where Jesus went, or how busy he was, he never neglected to see the needs of those around him and meet those needs. How can we do less? We are his ambassadors of love.

Obviously there are many ways to serve outside of CMA but this Member Training is designed and intended to help you, as a CMA member, learn how to use your gift of service and your desire to serve others as a tool to open the doors of opportunity that will allow you and others to tell someone about Jesus. CMA is a servant based ministry. It’s who we are and it’s how we operate. Not only have we been telling people since 1975 that ‘we’re here if you need us,’ many CMA members before you have worked hard to fulfill that statement and earn the respect we enjoy today. Within the ministry of CMA we refer to this method of ministry as ‘earning the right to speak.’ We serve, asking nothing in return but looking for the opportunity to tell someone about Jesus.

Let’s look at a few areas in which we ‘serve’ the local motorcycle community.

- **Hospitality Booth.** At many rallies and events we set up hospitality tents (booths) and give free water and coffee. Sometimes we also have Kool-Aid or Gatorade and maybe even some cookies or mints. We place a variety of tracts and Bibles out (all free) and simply talk as people come by for the cool drink or a free cup of coffee. You’ll find this is a great way to serve people and create wonderful opportunities to
pray for people and build the relationships that could lead to the opportunity to be there when needed.

Some chapters also set up an additional booth or tent and put out some chairs. This is a great place for tired rally goers to sit and relax. It’s important to remember that we are there to serve and create opportunities. Please don’t smoke in or around a CMA booth and make sure there aren’t a lot of CMA members hanging out in the booths either. Rally goers won’t come in and sit if there are a bunch of people who already know each other around. Keep your eyes open, if someone does come in, go over, introduce yourself and ask them if you can get them anything. Chances are you’ll be able to strike up a conversation. From there relax and see where God takes it. Don’t fret and don’t try too hard. Just let God do all the work. Not every person that walks in will end up getting saved. But every person is an opportunity and if you keep at it, God will bring you the divine appointment and who knows, you may end up leading someone to Christ.

• **Event Volunteers.** CMA members serve as volunteers at many events around the country. This is a great place to serve. It gives you the opportunity to meet and interact with people and it gives great exposure to our ministry. When people see you serving, they can’t help but wonder why and become curious. We all know that Jesus is our motivation for all that we do, but rest assured people will be watching you. Make sure what you’re showing them is a true reflection of Jesus Christ. Each event has various needs but here are just a few that are often great places to serve:
- Traffic control
- Parking
- Registration
- Set-up
- Clean-up
- Trash pick-up
- Event games
- Information booths
- Working stops at poker runs, etc...

Hopefully experienced CMA members have already met with and arranged our areas of service with the event promoters. All you’ll need to do is volunteer through your chapter and serve under the direction of the CMA leadership on site. However it is possible that you may find yourself at an event where there isn’t a CMA presence. Even these events offer opportunities for you to serve. Just look around and see what you can do to help out. Perhaps as you walk around someone may need a hand starting a motorcycle or setting up a tent. As you look for opportunities you’ll be amazed at the things God will do.

If you are attending a rally but you’re not a part of a local chapter, you can still volunteer and help out. Just find some CMA folks and ask them where you might be able to volunteer. They’ll be happy to direct you to the local CMA leadership and the leadership will appreciate your help and help you find a place to serve.

Please keep in mind that as CMA members, we don’t work in areas that serve alcohol. We don’t get involved in bikini contests or wet t-shirt contests. We don’t sell 50/50 or raffle tickets and we don’t put ourselves in
confrontational situations. We also don’t expect our members to participate or serve in an area that creates any concern for them. For example, if you’re not comfortable working a poker run stop, please don’t. There are many other places where you can serve.

- **Club Activities.** CMA members have found that one of the most effective places to serve is with the local clubs and organizations in our communities. HOG, ABATE, GWRRA and numerous other organizations are great places to get involved and build relationships. You are encouraged to find and join as many local groups as you are comfortable with. Join up, become an active participant of the group, get involved and look for places to serve. When the opportunity arises, ask about CMA providing a prayer, a devotional or a service at the groups meetings or events.

Many CMA members share stories of serving in a local motorcycling club. Most report even though they weren’t accepted by everyone there in the beginning, their willingness to serve soon won them over. Some of the areas of service that members perform for motorcycling clubs are setting up rope barriers on parking lots, pitching tents for vendors, working with children, registering participants, picking up trash, serving meals, cleaning bottle and can strewn bleachers, and scrubbing bathrooms, just to name a few. We are willing to serve in these capacities because we know Jesus would do the same.

Obviously there are a few groups we ask our members not to join but your state and chapter leadership can help you with that. We have a few guidelines for our conduct within other groups and we ask
our members not to switch back patches (Colors) or hold any office other than Chaplain in other groups. Being a chaplain in a local motorcycling organization can be a tremendous open door for ministry. Many times as chaplains, CMA members are able to visit motorcyclists in the hospitals, pray with them before surgeries, visit them in their homes, and really get to know them. CMA members have served by conducting funerals for members and their family members. By serving them in small ways, we can earn their respect and trust and, eventually their love as well.

You don’t have to wear another group’s patch to join or participate in that group. If you have any questions regarding this please contact your state leadership. We also recognize not everyone fits every group. Please don’t feel that you have to join or participate in every group out there. But there are groups and there are places where you will fit. Places where you can serve. Join up and participate, but don’t come in like a preacher looking to save them all from hell. Jesus didn’t do that. Don’t condemn them – Jesus didn’t do that either. Just get involved and be who you are – a Christian biker. Don’t compromise your standards in an effort to fit in and remember not to judge. As you get to know them and they get to know you, you’ll find people seeking you out when they are facing a difficult time or some particular struggle. They’ll need someone to talk to and they won’t go to someone who might condemn them. They also won’t go to someone who isn’t any different from them. They’ll be looking for someone they have seen something in; they’ll be looking for you.
You will find that joining the groups and being faithful to the events will open some incredible doors of service and ministry. By participating in the other groups and maintaining your CMA identity, you’ll not only build relationships, you’ll be the person the members of that group will seek out when they need someone to talk to. In short, they’ll come to associate you with the phrase ‘Here if you need us.’

- **Bike Blessings.** Bike Blessings are a very effective area of service. At events, in the many secular clubs and groups, even at gas stations and restaurants, motorcyclists are eager to have their bikes blessed. Blessing someone’s bike is a great opportunity to pray over them and talk about the desire God has to bless them as they ride. But it’s also a great lead in to talking about the biggest blessing of all – the blessing of eternity with God in heaven and the way there through Jesus Christ. Get some CMA Bike Blessing stickers and keep them with you. God will give you the opportunities.

- **CMA Events.** CMA events are another great place to serve Christ. Going early allows you the opportunity to help set up chairs, booths, stages, or clean whatever needs to be prepared, including anything from restrooms to auditoriums. It is a great opportunity for service to assist the event coordinators. They have plenty of needs and are always in need of people to get their hands dirty. These areas of service at a CMA event are often varied, but all you have to do is make yourself available and then cheerfully do whatever task you are asked to do.

Doing these kinds of small tasks is very important to the ministry of CMA. Garbage needs to be picked
up and bathrooms need to be cleaned. Take time to talk with the State Coordinator or Area Reps, or the National Staff at a National event to see how you might fit into a servant’s role. Often times, CMA Goodie Reps need servants to assist them in loading and unloading their trailers. Many hands make the tasks much easier.

**Serving like Jesus.**

Webster defines servant as a person ardently devoted to another, or a cause, or a creed. Jesus says in Matthew 20:26 (NIV), "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant;" and in Matthew 24:45 (NIV), He asks, "Who then is the faithful and wise servant?" In Matthew 25:21 (NIV), there is the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Jesus is saying that, if we are willing to humble ourselves to serve others, we will gain our rewards in Heaven and not on earth. But, then, isn’t that what a servant does? He quietly goes about an event doing things that others consider lowly tasks? Things like picking up garbage, cleaning bathrooms, and such.

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8, NLT).

Everywhere you go, every event, every group meeting and on every ride there are opportunities to serve. It starts by getting involved. Join the different groups and become an active participant and earn the right to speak. If you’re
willing and patient, God will open the doors and you’ll be amazed at the opportunities that will come your way.

Being a servant is not the most influential ministry, not the most glamorous, nor the most prosperous one, but... when Jesus came to live as a man, what did He do? He came to serve. You don’t need influence, money or showstopping talent. All that is necessary is a willing heart and love to share with others. Just open your eyes and let God open the doors. Remember to serve means to meet a need. Everywhere you go people have needs. As you help meet those earthly needs you’ll find that God, through your service, will open the door for someone, maybe you, maybe someone else, to meet the greatest need of any man or woman. And that is the need for Jesus. After all, isn’t that what it’s all about?
Frequently Asked Questions

As you complete your Member Training, you may have questions regarding the structure or practices of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. In addition to cmausa.org, the CMA Handbook and the resource of CMA local and state leadership, we have compiled a list of frequently asked questions with answers to assist you.

**What is the Christian Motorcyclists Association?**

CMA is a worldwide ministry dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through the avenue of motorcycling. CMA is not merely a Christian club or riding group designed to segregate Christians from the influences of the world, but rather it is a ministry designed to thrust you into the adventure of spreading the light of Jesus into dark places! CMA is a family of like-minded Christians who enjoy riding motorcycles, ministering to each other, and ministering to the lost world. We welcome you as a part of this family and encourage you to get involved in a local chapter so you can experience all the Christian Motorcyclists Association has to offer.

**Does CMA have a doctrinal statement?**

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. We believe:

- The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- One God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The virgin birth and deity of Christ, His explicit atoning death, bodily resurrection, and ascension.
- Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.
• The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who enables a believer to live holy.
• The second coming of Jesus Christ.

**Does CMA have a vision or a mission statement?**

Our Vision: *Changing the world, one heart at a time.*

We will accomplish our vision through:

• Evangelistic outreach primarily, but not exclusively, to the motorcycling community.
• Run for the Son, where we will partner with ministries with world-reaching potential.
• Equipping our members in ministry training that aligns itself with Biblical truths.
• A servant’s attitude to the world and our members (ie. "Here if you need us.").
• Quality products that aid in evangelistic outreach.
• An efficient International Support Center team.

Our Mission: To inspire our leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God.

**What is the leadership structure of CMA?**

CMA is overseen by the Board of Directors who make decisions regarding the direction of CMA as well as any financial decisions regarding the ministry. The position of Director is an appointed and non-paid position.

• The Chairman of the Board of Directors (or CEO) oversees the day-to-day operations of the ministry and directs the personnel of CMA. The Chairman of
the Board is responsible to the Board of Directors. The CEO position is a paid staff position.

- National Evangelists oversee the ministry of CMA. National Evangelists oversee the different regions through-out the United States as well as the CMA Youth Movement, Fast Lane ministry, and special project development. There are different regions throughout the United States and each one is assigned to a National Evangelist. The National Evangelists report directly to the CEO and the Board of Directors. The National Evangelist is a paid staff position.

- State Coordinators oversee and coordinate CMA activity at the state level in their respective states. State Coordinators report to the National Evangelist. The State Coordinator position is a volunteer appointed non-paid position.

- Area Representatives oversee specific areas of ministry in their states and report to the State Coordinator. The Area Rep position is a volunteer appointed non-paid position.

- Chapter presidents oversee the local chapters. The chapter president works closely with the other elected chapter officers as they lead the local CMA chapter. The chapter president reports to the State Coordinator (and Area Representative). The chapter officers are responsible to the chapter president.

- Chapter members work within the local chapters and report to the chapter president.

- Approved Speakers are persons who have met certain requirements and have been granted the privilege to conduct worship services at secular events representing CMA. Approved speakers are
considered regular chapter members and have no more authority than a chapter member. Before accepting a speaking opportunity approved speakers are required to contact the State Coordinator in the areas where they have been invited to speak.

The structure and a diagram of the CMA chain of command can be found in more detail in the CMA Handbook.

**Where is the CMA home office/headquarters and what functions happen there?**

The CMA International Support Center Campus is located just outside of Hatfield, Arkansas. The day-to-day operations and all the administrative functions of CMA are handled at this location. This includes membership services, accounting, National/International event coordination, HeartBeat editing, media, design, silk screen/banner, printing, procurement, production, inventory control, Goodies/ToolBox sales, shipping/receiving, Iron Mountain rental, IT support, director’s meetings, and more.

CMA’s Multi-Purpose Building features spacious areas for our members to visit, refuel, and be inspired. The lobby/receiving area features a welcoming lounge atmosphere for motorcyclists to take time to relax and be refreshed while on a ride. The new chapel and outdoor prayer garden is a place of prayer and worship, open to members and guests to seek God in a distinctly motorcycle influenced surrounding. The CMA Multi-Purpose Building was built with our membership in mind, all members are encouraged to visit and experience firsthand what God is doing through the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

The Multi-Purpose Building features several conference rooms and meeting spaces each equipped with the ap-
appropriate technology to creatively develop ideas for evangelism as the Holy Spirit guides. A special feature of the new Multi-Purpose Building is the Ministry Development Center designed to be a “think tank” for guidance and future growth in the ministry of CMA. This area has been designed to operate at the highest technological level available and features the ability to visually communicate with National and International leaders in real time. All of these areas are interconnected with CMA’s Multimedia Studio and capable for live-streaming, filming for future CMA training resources, and teleconferencing. In addition, there are plenty of connected workspaces for visiting CMA leaders and volunteers.

A new Goodies Store is in the planning phases for completion in 2014 to enhance our members shopping experience. New motorcycle and vehicle parking give a uniquely CMA feel for a functioning working environment that is the nerve center for a ministry that is changing the world, one heart at a time.

Is CMA active in other countries?

CMA International is represented in over 30 countries around the globe. John Ogden Sr. (CEO of CMA USA) coordinates CMA efforts in the Americas while René Changuion (President of CMA South Africa) coordinates CMA efforts in Europe and Africa. Jointly, they are working in other parts of the world to aid in the establishment of newly forming CMA countries.

The mission of CMA International is to raise up and equip a team of Christian motorcyclists worldwide that will be highly visible and credible as they reach out on the highways and byways in compassion without compromise. We will accomplish this vision by:
• Evangelistic outreach primarily to the motorcycling community.

• Uniting the ministry of CMA under one patch.

• Working in unity to help develop CMA in new and existing countries to reach their full potential.

• Resolving any issues in a loving Biblical manner.

• Training and equipping our leaders and members to understand and apply Biblical truths in their lives and in their travels.

• Holding annual International Leadership meetings.
  ◦ Each leader has the discretion to bring additional team members.
  ◦ Decisions will be made by the top leadership of each country and will be by consensus. When a decision is made, we will agree to support the decision in and out of the conference.
  ◦ When possible, hold the International Leadership meetings in conjunction with a team-building mission project.

• Sending quarterly communications to the CMA International Coordinator for publishing on the CMA International Website, which will have links to each CMA International Country.

CMA International holds these core values:

• Members of CMA International we will not do anything that will hurt or compromise the ministry of CMA in other countries.

• Members of CMA International agree to commit to and pray (on a regular basis) for God to change and strengthen us in our resolve to live up to the following scripture:
“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Galatians 5:16-26, NKJV).

Can you explain where CMA financial support comes from?

CMA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. CMA is also certified by the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). As a ministry, we do not send out monthly mailings seeking support. Most of our support comes through three main channels:

- Sale of our CMA Goodie products.
- Contributions from our membership.
- Contributions through Run for the Son.
CMA does not require nor have any membership dues. Each member is encouraged to support this ministry through consistent financial support. If you picture a wheel in your mind, CMA National would represent the hub and the chapters and members would represent the spokes. With member donations, CMA National is able to better equip and train our members to reach the lost and encourage the hurting. Without a hub, the wheel loses strength and the spokes have nothing to connect to and lose their effectiveness. Without the spokes, the wheel cannot spin. God has tremendously blessed the ministry of CMA through the generous donations of our members.

What are CMA Goodies and ToolBox items?

CMA Goodies are items CMA has available for members to purchase. Some examples are CMA logo items, apparel (t-shirts, etc), riding gear (gloves, jackets, suits, etc), accessories, seminar DVDs, etc. The profits from the Goodies sales are used to help fund the ministry of CMA. All items are available only to CMA members and certain items for those who have completed the Member Training.

CMA also offers ToolBox items for sale to our members so they can more effectively minister using these tools. ToolBox items would include tracts, cups, etc. These items are sold to our members at the lowest possible cost to enable members to be better equipped to minister.

Is there a place to get more information on CMA, CMA Goodies, and CMA events?

CMA’s website is the best tool for finding anything you need to know about the ministry of CMA. Simply go to cmausa.org to find information on CMA, locate a local chapter, purchase CMA Goodies and ToolBox items, even
download Bible Study materials. Cmausa.org has information available on every CMA chapter and nation involved in the ministry worldwide. And it also has a great mobile version for your Smartphone so you can access the information wherever and whenever you need to.

**What is the CMA HeartBeat and how can I receive it?**

CMA has a monthly publication entitled *HeartBeat*. The *HeartBeat* magazine is sent to all active CMA members at no charge. Subscriptions are also available to anyone for $20 per year. The *HeartBeat* consists of articles from CMA members, CMA National Evangelists, and others. You can find listings of upcoming events and opportunities, as well as a listing of Goodies and ToolBox items for sale. The contact information for CMA National and state leadership is also included in the *HeartBeat*.

*I’ve seen the CMA logo at different biking events and in other places: Can you tell us more about the CMA logo?*

The CMA logo is a registered trademark and CMA members who have completed the Member Training program are allowed to wear items with the CMA logo. CMA’s level of integrity and the witness of Jesus Christ will be affected by your actions while wearing this logo.

Since the logo is a registered trademark, all copyrights are reserved and items with the CMA logo may not be sold without written consent from CMA National/International Support Center. Members must obtain written permission from their National Evangelist before reproducing the CMA logo.

• Here are some simple guidelines for CMA logo usage.
• Do not place any CMA logos on clothing or items to
be worn by animals.

- Do not place the CMA logo on personal (or chapter) checks.
- Do not use words like reverend, pastor, evangelist, denomination, church affiliation, etc, on any items containing the CMA logo.

When putting the CMA back patch on a vest or jacket, in the interest of safety and integrity to those we minister to, we ask you do not have any territorial rockers (city, state, chapter, etc.). When someone looks at the back of a member’s vest, it should be easily distinguishable that the person is a CMA member. We ask you commit to one back patch while serving as a member of CMA.

Patches or pins that take you out of a neutral ministering position may not be worn on a vest with the CMA back patch or logo. When displaying an American flag on your vest, we ask it be placed on the left side of the vest with the star field closest to your heart, with no other patches or pins above it.

Anyone who practices by word or deed anything that would discredit the testimony of Jesus Christ or the ministry of CMA will be asked to remove their CMA back patch. If a member is asked to remove or return their back patch, no reimbursement should be expected, nor given by CMA or its affiliates.

What expectations does CMA have of its members and what requirements must be met to be considered an active member of CMA?

Reaching the world with the Gospel is what CMA is all about. We would not be very effective without our members enabling this work. So, it is extremely important our
members understand and become involved in this ministry. CMA is a ministry with high standards that has gained respect and favor from the secular community and we expect our members to:

- Model a Christ-like attitude and behavior.
- Follow Biblical standards and Christian integrity in their walk and actions.
- Complete the Member Training. (This is a requirement to purchase or wear the official CMA logo 3 1/2” and larger, excluding the small CMA decal.)
- Be part of a local chapter. (Contact information for a local chapter can be obtained through your State Coordinator. His phone number is listed in the HeartBeat and on our website at cmausa.org.)
- Support CMA prayerfully and financially at both a local and national level.

Active membership in CMA at the National level is based on meeting one of the following criteria during a 12 month period:

- Purchased any Goodie/ToolBox item(s) from CMA National totaling at least $20.
- Attended a CMA National Rally or State Rally or a Seasons of Refreshing.
- Completed a Member Training program.
- Donated at least $20 to CMA National or Run for the Son.

Does CMA have any guidelines available to help the members understand how CMA chapters, members, and leaders should operate?

Yes, CMA has a handbook designed to provide information
and insight into CMA to help you take your membership and chapters to the next level. The CMA Handbook is a reference guide for our members. CMA provides freedom to its members but with accountability. The Handbook is designed to help maintain the integrity of CMA as an organization. If an issue should arise that is not covered in the CMA Handbook, you are encouraged to contact your state leadership for clarification.

What is CMA’s Run for the Son?

Run for the Son is CMA’s only fundraiser and is held on the first Saturday of May each year. 60% of the funds raised are given to three world-reaching ministries, Missionary Ventures, Open Doors, and The JESUS Film Project®. The other 40% of the funds are used around the world to reach the motorcycling community. None of the funds are used to cover administrative or day-to-day operations of CMA (these are covered by member donations and Goodie sales). The Bible admonishes Christians to go out into the world and preach the Gospel. Since 1988, Run for the Son has made a significant contribution to world evangelism, literally touching millions of lives. For more information on CMA’s Run for the Son, please visit cmausa.org.

Can you tell us a little about the CMA Seasons of Refreshing, State Rallies, and National Rallies?

The Seasons of Refreshing is a CMA hosted conference designed to equip, enable, and encourage the membership of CMA for ministry in the upcoming year. Held yearly in each state, the Seasons of Refreshing conference sets the stage for ministry in the upcoming year. It provides great opportunities for you and your chapter to meet with your National Evangelist, connect with other CMA’ers, and be challenged and refreshed in ministry.
CMA State Rallies are held to equip and minister to the membership of CMA. Held yearly in each state, the State Rally is a time of encouragement, fun, and fellowship. It also provides great opportunities for you and your chapter to meet with the National Evangelist from your region and with other CMA members and chapters in your state.

CMA National Rallies and the Changing of the Colors Rally are CMA hosted rallies held annually. The National Rallies are major events for CMA, many are held at Iron Mountain, with others in various locations around the United States. You will have the opportunity to meet thousands of CMA members from all around the country as well as international members from around the world. The National Rallies have helpful seminars and activities as well as messages from the CMA National Evangelists. There is fellowship, fun, and equipping on a much larger scale at a National Rally.

Dates for the upcoming conferences and rallies are posted beginning in the January HeartBeat. Information can also be found on the CMA website with detailed information listed on each state site. (Most events feature activities for the whole family and pre-registration is available.)

What is CMA’s Iron Mountain?

Iron Mountain is the property of CMA and the location where CMA National Rallies and special activities are held. Our main structure is a 200’ x 200’ enclosed pavilion (36,000 square feet), with a 30’ x 70’ stage fully equipped with lighting and sound. There is also camping available with electricity, 120 full service RV sites, 360 electrical hook-ups, two deluxe cabins, two camping cabins, two shower houses, Children’s Chapel, playground, and Youth facility. All of this is nestled in the wooded Ouachita Moun-
tains between Hatfield and Mena, Arkansas. Iron Mountain is easily accessible with highway frontage. The Iron Mountain facility also includes: prayer room, concession stand and kitchen, Goodies store, handicap bathrooms, resident caretaker, lots of shade, picnic tables, and multiple parking lots. Iron Mountain is a lovely facility that allows CMA members to receive a blessing while staying there.
Member Training Questionnaire

Congratulations on your progress in completing this Member Training material. The information presented to you is designed to help you grow in your relationship with Christ and help you become familiar with and understand the ministry of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. The information that has been presented will also help you become an effective member of your local chapter. All that is left now is to complete this questionnaire, answering some important questions on the major themes of this training course.

When completed please mail your completed questionnaire to the International Support Center in Hatfield, Arkansas (mailing instructions provided below). After we receive your completed and correct questionnaire, you will be eligible to purchase and wear the CMA back patch and any other items bearing the CMA logo.

We want to thank you for investing your valuable time to complete this Member Training course. We hope this material has been informative and helpful to you. We are excited to have you as a member of CMA and we look forward to having you become a vital and active part of this ministry.

Please answer and sign below.

Yes  No

☐ ☐ I am a Christian, having personally accepted salvation through Jesus Christ.

☐ ☐ I understand and agree with the doctrinal statement of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

☐ ☐ I have completed the CMA Member Training.

☐ ☐ I am required to register as a sex offender for a crime against a minor.

Signature  ___________________________________________

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Enclosed is my tax deductible gift to CMA $___________

Please complete the Member Training Questionnaire and MAIL TO:

CMA
PO Box 9
Hatfield, AR  71945
Member Training Questionnaire
(Circle the best answer)

1. What is the vision of the Christian Motorcyclists Association?
   a. Riding for the Son
   b. Winning bikers to Christ
   c. *Changing the world, one heart at a time*
   d. Coots on Scoots

2. How many people are directly ministered to by CMA members each year?
   a. 10,000
   b. 50,000
   c. 100,000
   d. 200,000

3. CMA’s Heartbeat is evangelism, where are our marching orders located in the Bible?
   a. John 11:35
   b. 1 Corinthians 5:22-28
   c. Matthew 28:18-20
   d. 1 John 4:1-10

4. Which are desired outcomes for taking the CMA - Members Training (circle all that apply)
   a. Practical and Inspirational evangelism training
   b. Believers growing in their faith
   c. More CMA members going to the lost world of motorcyclist
   d. More new Christians joining local CMA chapters.
5. Which is not necessary to be born again?
   a. Believing in Jesus Christ
   b. Confessing your sins
   c. Receiving Christ as your Savior
   d. Giving a generous donation to a ministry

6. Through Jesus, we are new creatures, new citizens and newly adopted members into God’s family. Now our challenge is to
   a. Grow in grace
   b. Be perfect
   c. Go on a foreign mission trip
   d. Raise funds for Run for the Son

7. Which is not one of the first steps for a new believer Christ?
   a. Purchase a bible
   b. Get the right foundation
   c. Grow Up
   d. Go On – follow Jesus

8. One cannot continue to live a life of disobedience to the Word of God and call themselves:
   a. A CMA member
   b. A motorcyclist
   c. A Christian
   d. A good citizen

9. What is within the grasp of the obedient?
   a. Comfort
   b. Wealth
   c. Victory
   d. Influence
10. Circle all the areas of ministry appropriate for local CMA chapters.
   a. Fellowship
   b. Discipleship
   c. Prayer
   d. Evangelism

11. God wants to use you, a unique and special part in His body, to…
   a. Accomplish world changing exploits.
   b. Perform the specific function He has designed you for.
   c. Start a City-wide revival.
   d. Become an important leader.

12. Each member plays an important part in the local CMA chapter as…
   a. Players on an athletic team.
   b. Members in the Body of Christ.
   c. As a racer and their pit crew.
   d. Family members.

13. The ministry of Jesus was never meant to be carried on…
   a. Half-heartedly.
   b. Individually.
   c. By the educated.
   d. With great crowds of witnesses.

14. Many times, God chooses to use the development of Christian friendships in the process of
   a. Adding members to the local chapter.
   b. Bringing some to salvation.
   c. Helping struggling marriages.
   d. Promoting the growth of CMA.
15. Discipleship in the life of a believer takes them from the initial starting place of the new birth in Christ and attempts to...
   a. Instruct and develop them into a mature, functioning part of Christ’s body.
   b. Perfect them for every good work.
   c. Keep them connected to the ministry of CMA.
   d. Help them convert the rest of their family.

16. Discipleship begins with each one of us working on our own lives to grow toward the purposes and plans of God. We each need to constantly work on our...
   a. Motorcycle safety training
   b. Memorization of Scripture
   c. Personal communication skills
   d. Relationship with Christ.

17. What is a simple acronym to help you when having your personal time with God.
   a. P R A Y
   b. S O A P
   c. L I V E
   d. B U I L D

18. Evangelism, discipleship and fellowship will move forward in the way God intended when what is functioning properly?
   a. Rides
   b. Fundraising
   c. Prayer
   d. Orderly meetings
19. What is the foundation and strength of all real lasting ministry?
   a. Prayer
   b. Sacrifice
   c. Group participation
   d. Kindness

20. What is the heartbeat of God and the reason CMA exists?
   a. Fellowship
   b. Prayer
   c. Evangelism
   d. Discipleship

21. CMA chapters should be in evangelism because it is...
   a. The order of Jesus Christ.
   b. An enjoyable mission.
   c. The easiest way to serve the Lord.
   d. Dangerous and exciting.

22. On whom should all of our evangelistic efforts depend?
   a. The CMA State Coordinator
   b. The pastor of our local church
   c. The participation of the local chapter
   d. The Holy Spirit

23. What is not an activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
   a. Testifies of Jesus
   b. Helps us understand God more fully
   c. Keeps us from sinning
   d. Gives us boldness, strength and power
24. Who is the anointing of the Holy Spirit for?
   a. The called of God
   b. The hungry
   c. The young
   d. The educated

25. The true power of God can be seen when CMA members can...
   a. Come together, surrender their own selfishness and pride and serve each other
   b. Give generously to Run for the Son
   c. All join the same local church
   d. Ride the same brand of motorcycle

26. Which is not an element of the two-minute testimony?
   a. What you were like before Christ
   b. How you came to Christ
   c. What your life is like now with Jesus
   d. Why God picked you over other people

27. Which is not a way to live in connection with the Holy Spirit in order to be an effective soul winner?
   a. Walk in the Spirit
   b. Frequent use of the gifts of the Spirit
   c. Be led by the Spirit
   d. Display the fruit of the Spirit

28. In the FORM method of conversation what does the M stand for?
   a. Ministry
   b. Motivation
   c. Motorcycling
   d. Mileage
29. For any ministry to be effective, it must be...
   a. Well funded
   b. Full of integrity
   c. Fast paced
   d. Inclusive toward new members

30. Circle important areas to pray for when planning outreach ministries.
   a. Safety and protection
   b. Divine appointments
   c. Stir hearts to receive
   d. Guidance and Godly wisdom from the Holy Spirit

31. CMA members are encouraged to be involved in the motorcycling community in which areas?
   a. Joining secular organizations or groups
   b. Rides, runs, and events
   c. Infiltrating local church congregations
   d. Non-traditional forms of motorcycling

32. What is the same as offering an act of service to Christ himself?
   a. Serving someone other than yourself
   b. Being faithful to attend meetings
   c. Speaking publicly at motorcycling events
   d. Abiding by the speed limit