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Chaplain's Corner



Chaplains Corner #32

The Biblical Shepherd

In reviewing our Chaplain's Training Manual to comply with our name change, I came across an article that I felt was fitting for us to remember. It is about being a biblical shepherd.

We do not find in the scriptures a specific definition or a job description for chaplains (let alone BIKER chaplains). Jesus is, of course, our greatest example of love and caring. What we do have, is a Biblical understanding and expectation of a shepherd (caregiver) of the church; described in the pastoral epistles (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus) as overseers, elders and deacons. The three letters from the Apostle Paul have served as a Biblical syllabus for pastors for decades. Look into the following scriptures (from 1st. Timothy alone) for clues as to what might make for a good biker chaplain.

- "command certain people not to teach false doctrines" (1:3)
- "petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people" (2:1)
- "wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (2:4)
- "above reproach, faithful to his [spouse], temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to

- drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders (3:2-7)
- "worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain.... keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must be...tested...worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. (3:8-11)
- "train yourself to be godly." (4:7)
- "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift" (4:13-14)
- "Watch your life and doctrine closely" (4:16)
- "Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need" (5:3)
- "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith." (5:11-12)

While these traits are written for the local pastor, they should be traits of any Christian; certainly Christian LEADERS and, most certainly, Christian motorcycle chaplains. Let's use this as a temperature check to see how we're doing in our service and a blueprint for growing in ministry this year. Hopefully, you can look at this list and thank the Father that He has you fulfilling these instructions. God Bless!

Tom Sanchez
International Chaplain - BSMMFC



The Importance of a Good Reputation

By Laz

My pastor recently began a verse-by-verse study of the book of Colossians. In this prison epistle, Paul, in Chapter 1, commends the church in Colossae for their faith and love, which had become widely known:

“...because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people...” — Colossians 1:4

The Colossians’ faith in Christ and love for others served as a powerful testimony. In other words, they had a good reputation. This verse reminded me of the importance of a good reputation in ministry and prompted me to reflect on my own. What do my wife, family, friends, and others truly think about me? What about my coworkers and neighbors? Or those I’m called to minister to?

You might be thinking, “It doesn’t matter what people think of me,” or, “I don’t care about others’ opinions.” But let’s pause and consider what the Bible says about reputation:

- Proverbs 10:7 — “The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.”
- Proverbs 22:1 — “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches...”
- Ecclesiastes 7:1 — “A good name is better than precious ointment...”
- Philippians 4:5 — “Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.”
- 1 Timothy 3:7 — “Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders...”

Clearly, reputation matters. A good reputation is essential for living a Christ-centered life and is crucial for effective ministry. A reputation grounded in faith and love glorifies God and influences others far beyond what we can imagine.

To illustrate this, let me share something that recently happened. A few of our BSMMFC members attended a Regional HOG Officer Training (HOT). During the training, someone raised a concern or grievance about their local Black Sheep chapter, intending to address it during the open forum. However, something remarkable occurred. The training hosts—and a few others—spoke privately with this individual, sharing their positive experiences with Black Sheep. They described our ministry as one that is loved, well-respected, and full of people with high character.

Ultimately, the issue turned out to be a misunderstanding and was resolved entirely without our members in attendance having to say or do anything. How cool is that? Praise the Lord!

On a personal note, I want to thank our members who have represented our ministry so well in this region. Great job!

My desire in writing this article is to encourage self-reflection on our own reputations, our chapter’s reputation, and the importance of maintaining a good reputation. A good reputation opens doors for ministry and strengthens relationships, enabling us to share the gospel effectively.

Let’s continue building a good reputation by rooting ourselves in God’s Word, living authentically, and showing love generously. Let’s strive to reflect Christ in all we do, ensuring that our lives glorify God and point others to Him.

All for His Glory!
Love you all! - Laz



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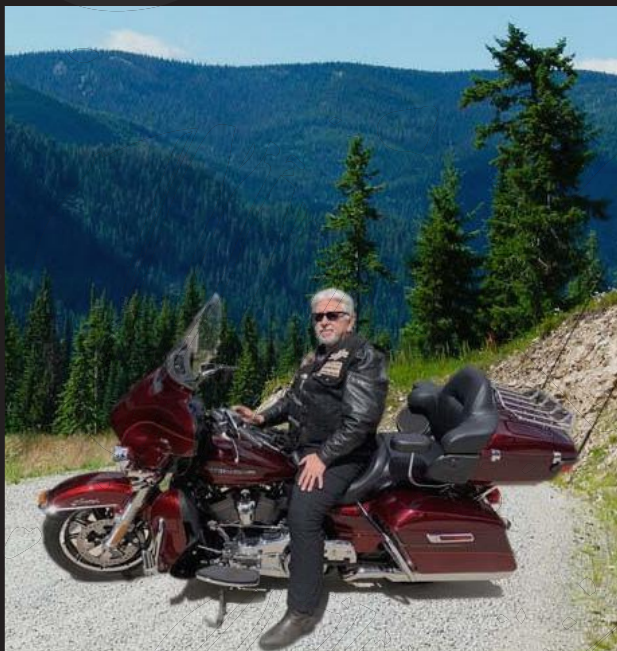
GARY KNICK

“COOKIE MAN”

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I was raised in a good home, with church on Sundays, camping, scouting, even becoming an Eagle Scout at age 15. I learned to ride my first motorcycle, a Sears 106, at age 8. I couldn't reach the ground, so my dad would get me started; then, I'd ride circles around the front yard until he came back outside to catch me.

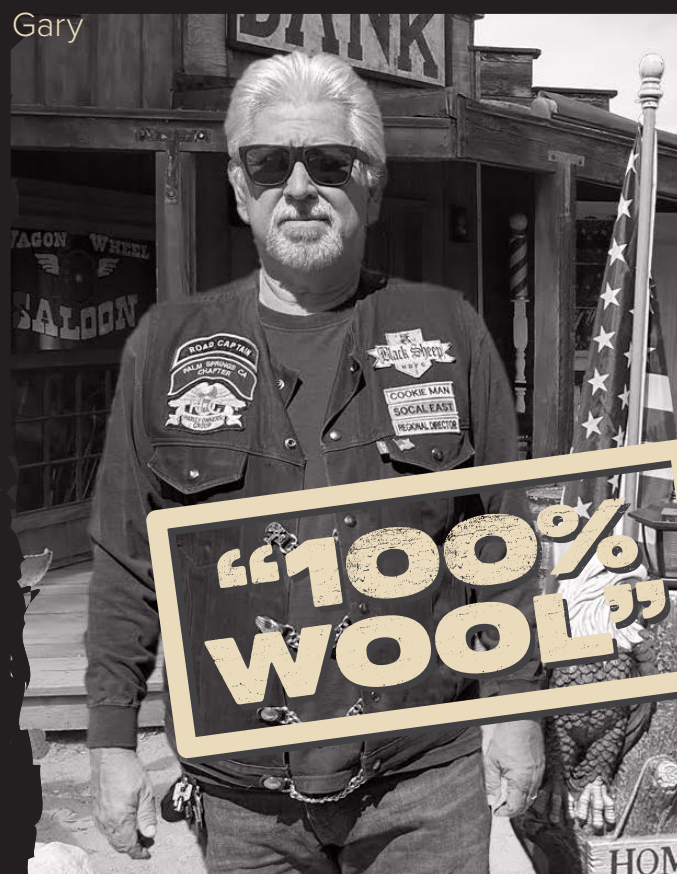
I married at age 22, instantly becoming a dad to two boys, and always strived to live responsibly and be a good role model. But when my marriage failed, I discovered something I hadn't realized before—Eagle Scouts need Jesus too! My ex-wife, Elaine, and I became believers within six months of each other, and we remarried 5½ years after our divorce as new creations in Christ, keeping Him as our foundation for over 31 years now.



When I turned 40, my wife said that because I was "born 40," I really needed to have a midlife crisis. I hadn't ridden in many years, but I went out and bought a brand new 2002 Harley Super Glide. A few years later, I was introduced to Black Sheep by Bear Smith and started riding with Desert Edge. I felt compelled to join the ministry and build relationships with HOG members. I can relate to those who didn't have a terrible childhood or suffer from past addictions; so, I try to show them by example that even if you've always been a "good person," you still need a relationship with Jesus Christ.

I was patched in December of 2010, served as President from 2013 to 2019, and was honored to be selected as Regional Director for SoCal East in 2023.

God bless!



1936 INDIAN FOUR MODEL 439 MOTORCYCLE



Based in Springfield, Massachusetts, the Indian Motorcycle Company was the only motorcycle manufacturer able to compete on equal terms with the might of Harley-Davidson for the first half of the 20th Century. With its origins as a producer of bicycles, the partnership of George Hendee and Oscar Hedstrom followed the familiar practice of building a powered version in 1901, using a proprietary Thor single horsepower engine, and from the emergence of the first V-twin in 1907, Indian quickly established itself as a maker of quality motorcycles.

The growth in sales, combined with success on the racetrack, prompted an expanded model range, with a smaller 221cc two-stroke, then a flat twin, helping Indian secure the number one position ahead of archrival Harley Davidson. The Indian Four, based originally on the Ace motorcycle design that Indian bought as part of the assets of the Ace Motor Corporation in 1927, was built from 1928 to 1942.

Its 1928 Indian 401, a mildly modified development of the Ace, featured changes like trailing-link forks and quarter-elliptic leaf spring. By 1929, the Indian 402 would have a stronger twin-downtube frame based on that of the 101 Scout and a sturdier five-bearing crankshaft than the Ace, which had a three-bearing crankshaft. For 1940, the Four frame was modified to include plunger rear suspension and in



the same year, all Indian models were restyled with large, decorative fenders. A year later the 18-inch wheels of previous models were replaced with 16-inch wheels with balloon tires. The Indian Four was discontinued in 1942.

For more information about Indian Motorcycle got to www.IndianMotorcycle.com

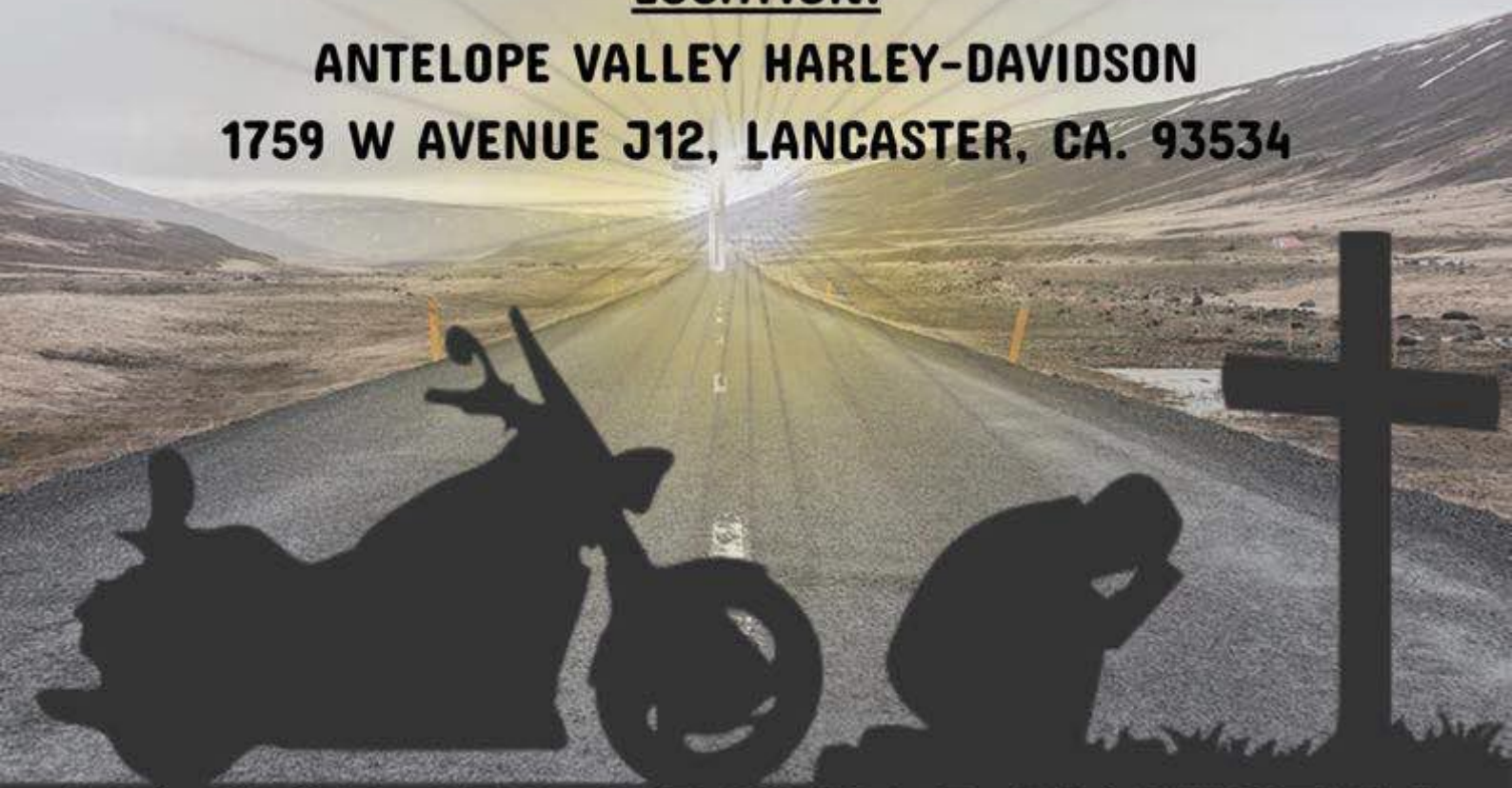
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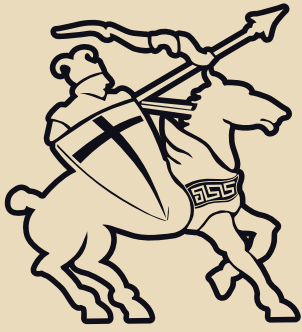
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A big round of applause to Maria Vargo, affectionately known as “Ninja.” Her bike took home the top prize in the Sportster category at the Motorcycle and Coffee event hosted by Bartels Harley-Davidson in Marina Del Rey, CA.

Ninja, a member of our Orange County, CA chapter, has shown incredible passion and dedication. As part of her victory, she has been invited to the final event in Las Vegas later this year. We’re excited for this amazing opportunity and couldn’t be prouder of her accomplishments. Way to go, Ninja!



Black Sheep MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY FOR CHRIST

GOLGOTHA CHAPTER

VICTORVILLE, CA.



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Here at the Golgotha chapter of Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry for Christ, we've grown to be 9 members strong. Our journey began when we reestablished our presence in the high deserts as the Death Valley chapter in 2019. Fast forward to 2024, and we've transformed into *Golgotha* - a name that opens new doors to share the Gospel in our community.





This year, our ministry has taken on an exciting new dimension. We've been nurturing our relationship with Harley Owners Group (HOG) and the local dealership, which has led to some fantastic opportunities. Starting Saturday, April 5th, we'll have our shoe shine booth set up at the dealership, where we'll serve through the rest of the year. This isn't just about polishing boots; it's about polishing hearts and minds with the message of Christ. We're also planning monthly Black Sheep rides with HOG, blending our love for riding with our mission to spread the word of Jesus.

We often say, "we love to ride to eat and eat to ride,.". But more importantly, we're here to share the love of Jesus, pray for fellow riders, and help out wherever we can. Fellowship is at the heart of what we do, creating bonds that go beyond the road.

Reflecting on our journey, it's been a path filled with ups and downs. Starting with just one member in 2019, by 2020, we were four, and now we stand as a chapter of nine. We've seen members come and go, but each has left their mark on our ministry, and God has blessed us with a dedicated group. I want to express my gratitude to each member for their sacrifice, spending time away from family to make our chapter what it is today.

Looking ahead to 2025, I'm filled with anticipation for what God has in store for us. The Golgotha chapter isn't just about motorcycles; it's about moving forward in faith, love, and community. Here's to more rides, more fellowship, and more lives touched by the grace of our Lord.

Andy Sanchez
Black Sheep MMFC
Golgotha Chapter President



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of the gospel,
for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone
who believes,
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and also to the Greek.**

Romans 1:16



Patching In

REPORT



On a beautiful day at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial Park in La Jolla, California, the San Diego Chapter of Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry For Christ, celebrated the patching in of two new members, Jessica and Brandon. This iconic location, overlooking the breathtaking coastline and honoring the service of our nation's veterans, provided a fitting backdrop for this very special occasion.



The event drew over 50 attendees, including Black Sheep members, family and friends of Jessica and Brandon, and members of the San Diego Harley Owners Group (HOG). The large

The large gathering made the day even more meaningful, showcasing the support for Jessica and Brandon as they start their journey within our ministry.



Welcome to the flock, Jessica and Brandon! May your journey with Black Sheep be filled with opportunities to bring those far from God near to Him.

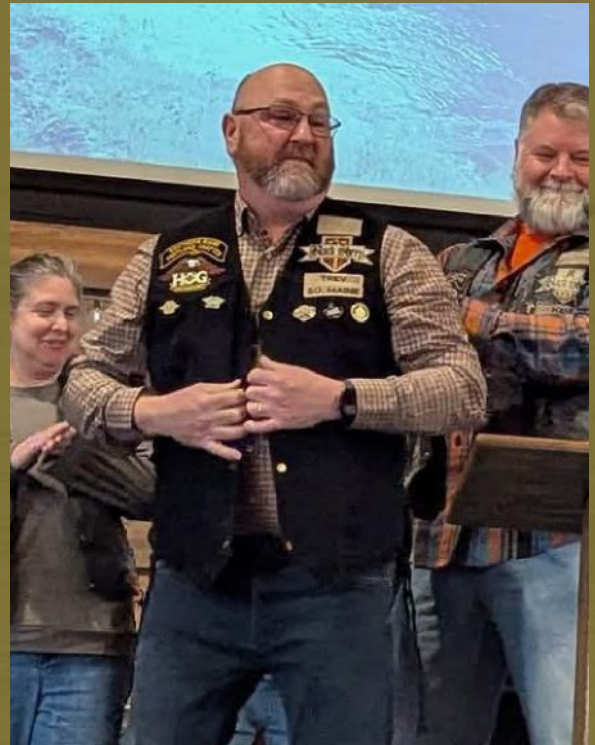




Meanwhile...

It is a Joyous Day for the Southern Maine Black Sheep Chapter!

What a blessed moment for the Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry for Christ, Southern Maine Chapter, as they officially patched in a new member, Trevor Emery, at Hollis Center Church.



Trevor's journey to this day has been one of dedication, perseverance, and prayer. Through countless hours on the road, faithful mentorship, and a heart open to God's call, Trevor has demonstrated his commitment to this ministry and its mission of sharing Christ's love to the world of motorcycle riders.

Congratulations and welcome to the flock, Trevor! We're thrilled to ride, serve, and glorify the Lord alongside you in this ministry.



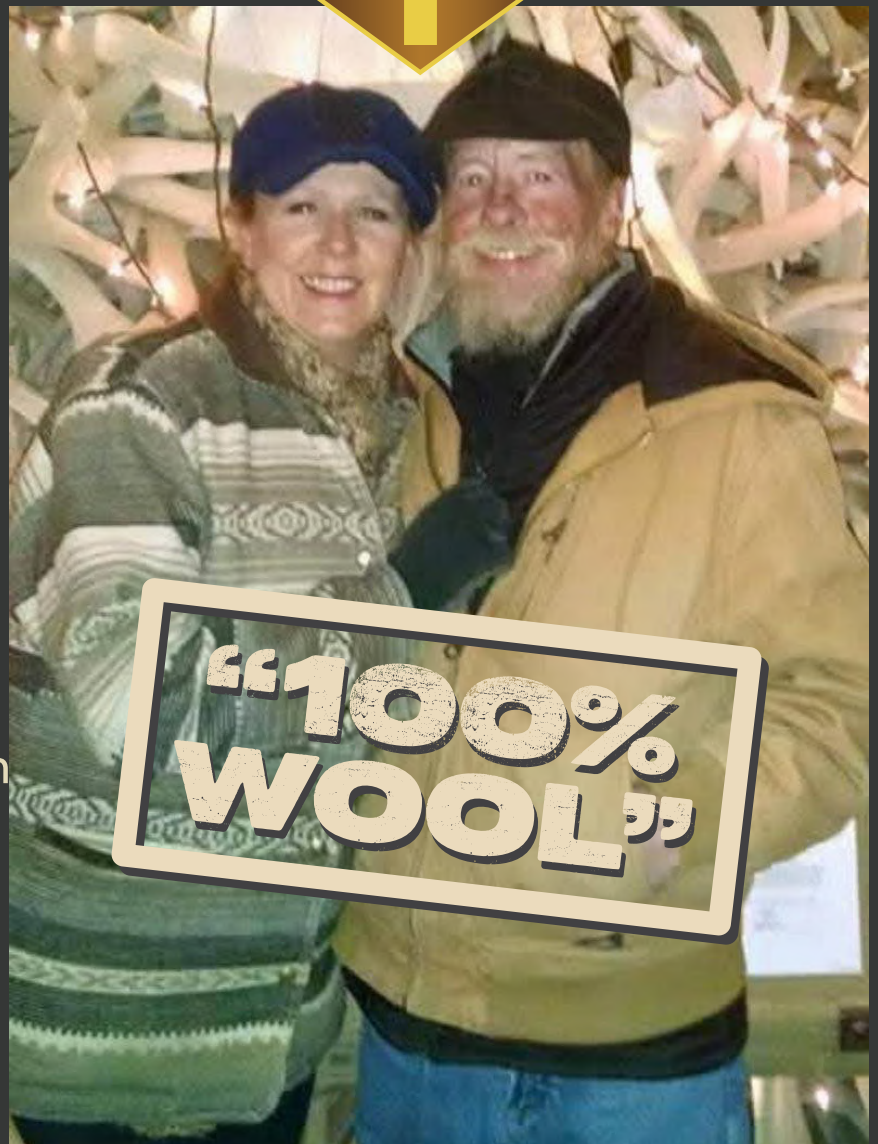
Celebrating Marc and Ilene Schmeiser's Journey into Black Sheep

We are overjoyed to officially welcome Marc and Ilene Schmeiser to the Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry for Christ!

During a special Zoom meeting, Marc and Ilene officially became members, completing a year of mentorship.

We are eager to see how God will use you both to share His love and light in Cody, WY. Your faithfulness and commitment are a testimony to His work in and through you.

May God bless you both as you step into this exciting new season of ministry! Welcome to the family!



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Ventura, Ca.

Our Ventura chapter enjoyed a day filled with **fellowship** and **divine appointments**. We began with a bible study, where Donna Dunn shared a powerful devotion on waiting on **God**.

Afterward, we took a coastal ride, connecting with first responders and sharing God's love.



Our prayers are with the fire victims, their families, and our first responders. We're grateful for the opportunity to serve and shine



Erik Roberts

President - Ventura Chapter
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San Jose Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry Joins Local Outreach at Columbus Park

Our San Jose chapter of Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry for Christ had the privilege of partnering with Meet the Challenge and the Church on the Corner for a heartfelt outreach event at Columbus Park.



Our ministry was blessed with the opportunity to serve those in need, offering compassion and practical support to individuals facing challenging circumstances. Beyond meeting physical needs, we were able to bring the Word of God to those who might not otherwise seek it, sharing hope and love through the message of Christ.

It was a powerful day of fellowship, service, and spreading God's love to the community.

To God be the glory!

DEAR BLACK SHEEP FAMILY,

We are entering an exciting new chapter as Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry For Christ, trusting in God's guidance and perfect timing. While this change is necessary to comply with trademark requirements, it also opens new doors for growth and opportunities.

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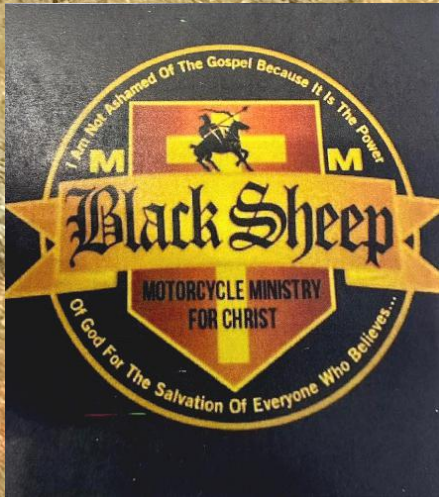


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