Vessels of Mercy, Bartlesville, OK Chapter #200
Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
Tumbleweed’s Restaurant, Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK
Eat and Fellowship at 6 p.m., CMA Meeting at 7 p.m.

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From the President’s Desk
Most of you know I love history thought this was a very interesting story. In 1755, a 23 year old colonel was in the midst of running for a seat in the Virginia assembly when he made an insulting remark as part of a campaign speech. The remark was addressed to a hot tempered man named Payne, who responded by knocking the colonel down with a hickory stick. Soldiers rushed to the colonel’s assistance, and it appeared that a full-blown fight would ensue. But the would be politician got up, dusted himself off, called off the soldiers, and left the scene.

The next morning the colonel wrote Payne, requesting his presence at a local tavern. Payne obliged, but wondered what demands the colonel might make—perhaps an apology or even a duel. To Payne’s surprise, the colonel met him with an apology, asking forgiveness for his derogatory remarks and offering a handshake. The move may have been viewed by others as politically expedient, but Colonel George Washington considered it personally imperative if he was to enjoy inner peace as he continued with his campaign.

The moment we feel like demanding forgiveness from others may be the moment when we need to forgive. DO you need to forgive someone today? Remember the best way to get the last word is to apologize. Think about it

Going to all Nations sharing the Gospel!

Tom Dawson, President

Our Vice-President
Greetings from the Veep: Hello again! Well the Mall Show is over; it was a very memorable one! I’m sure many will give you more details.
As for me, I’m still unemployed, but doing good. I’m still working on the house, and I’ve had lots of help, from my nieces’ eldest sons, she has 11 kids, only 2 are girls. But all are very helpful, they are “all around good kids”, and we love them very much. We truly appreciate all the help! They are all very Christian oriented and are home schooled. So please pray for them and their future. “Thank you” to all who came out to the show at the mall!

Jess Hempel, Vice President

A Minute with the Secretary

We opened in prayer, and saluted the flags. March 21-22, 2015, was our 17th Annual Bike show. “Many special ‘thanks’ to everyone for your hard work!” We received new prospects who are interested in CMA. The 1st and 2nd place winners of the motorcycles enjoyed special honor!

Tom had an opportunity to speak to the National Evangelist for Bikers for Christ at the Mall Show. They have started a “Bikers for Christ” in Bartlesville and want to start participating with us on our dinner rides, bike blessings and other events. We are working together and supporting one another; he will be getting us more info and keep us updated about activities. We have a Vessels of Mercy website, in addition to our newsletter which tells about our rides and activities that we have going on. This will enable other chapters to participate. State Rally will be April 24-25 at Tishomingo, OK. We will be making Saturday Morning Breakfast to raise money for “Run For The Son”.

Mary Carroll, Secretary

The Chaplain’s Heart:

FLASH: We Are Called!!

Even in the Old Testament, it talks of the Christian calling: “to serve”.

In Numbers 1, it tells of the Levite calling. God called them “to serve His people”.

Korah, an early Levite, failed to see the importance of his position. He wanted to be a priest (or leader) like Moses. He looked at what he had, instead of his God-given gifts/talents.

He influenced and infected others with his discontent. He even challenged Moses & Aaron publicly. He lost it all. (Refer: Numbers 16)

Let’s concentrate on what God sets for each of us to do; not our own ambitions or rabbit trials.

David Carroll, Chaplain

Tips from the Road Captain

We are keeping Larry in our prayers for healing in every area of his life! As Rita recently said, “It’s that time of year again, folks. Lots of rides, lots of cagers who are not paying attention, lots of critters out there.” Good and “bad road conditions, etc. PLEASE, let’s be careful.” Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Mt. 5:16

Larry Lasiter, Road Captain
Happy Birthday Thoughts and Prayers to you!
Aletha Peterson April 9
Phyllis Sample April 14

Who is next? When is your birthday? Text Lucy at 918-381-1878, thanks!

From a fellow laborer

When a person stands before a judge, he or she is at the mercy of the court. If the person is innocent, the court should be your “refuge”. But if the person is guilty, we expect the court to give you punishment.

Many people know only one side of God's dealings with the human race, but not the other. They think that He is Holy and only wants to punish us, or that He is Merciful and only wants to show kindness. In Truth, He is Judge and Refuge.

The whole Truth about God is good news. He is Judge, but because of Jesus, we can go to Him as our Refuge.

Jesus “bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness.” 1 Peter 2:24

Words spoken by Glen, thank you!

Letter from the Editor

Seeds you store up – will not grow anything, UNLESS: you plant them. Sounds like a no-brainer, but not everyone wants to take the time to “plant seeds”.

What am I talking about? The truth about putting God’s Word in our hearts: will not happen by accident. His Word will not be IN our hearts in abundance, unless we are intentionally choosing to hear it, believe it, and think about His Word. Then something powerful happens inside us, when we SPEAK His Word about our lives and those we are praying for! That is a great way to put actions to what we believe!

Our words are like seeds, we are “sowing” – when we witness to someone about Jesus’ saving power we are “sowing good seed” into their heart. The Lord can use whatever we say to bring blessings into those who hear us.

“The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” (Luke 6:45 GNV)

We are becoming “FULL of” whatever we hear and say. If we desire to be full of God's Truth, we can meditate on His Word – it is alive and powerful – but it only grows and produces results in your life WHEN you plant it in your heart. Life and death is in the power of YOUR TONGUE. (Pro. 18:21)

Eating natural food can make you “feel full” but it is temporary … we are made to eat regularly to keep our strength. Eating spiritual food (God’s Word) brings fulfillment – but we “use that energy and NEED more Word inside us continually” – to be strong enough to deal with situations in this life. When His Word is a river inside us – “then” we have a constant source of strength!

“Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then will you prosper and succeed.” Joshua 1:8 (GW)

Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed. 1 Pe. 2:24
April Events
4th  St Mick’s Bike Blessings in Barnsdall
6th  CMA Bible Study, at David & Mary Carroll’s home – 6 pm
10th CMA Women’s conference in Farmington MO
13th CMA meeting at Tumbleweed’s – Eat at 6 pm – Meeting at 7
14th Monterey’s Dinner ride – 6:30 pm (please let us know if you are attending
So our tables will be ready when we arrive).
19th Bikers for Christ Bike Blessing – to be determined
20th Tulsa CMA Meeting – Western Sizzlin Steak House at 21st and Memorial, Tulsa
Eat at 6 pm – Meeting at 7 pm
24-25 Oklahoma CMA State Rally – Tishomingo, OK. We will be making Saturday
morning breakfast.
26th CMA Officer's Meeting – Tumbleweed's – Eat at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

May Events
6th  CMA Bible Study – place Mark Walker’s house – 7 pm
13th CMA meeting at Tumbleweed's – Eat at 6 pm – Meeting at 7
14th Monterey’s Dinner ride – 6:30 pm (please let us know if you are attending
So our tables will be ready when we arrive).
20th Tulsa CMA Meeting – Golden Corral, 21st and Memorial, Tulsa
Eat at 6 pm – Meeting at 7 pm
24-25 Oklahoma CMA State Rally – Tishomingo, OK. We will be making Saturday
morning breakfast.
27th CMA Officer's Meeting – Tumbleweed's – Eat at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm