

Abba's Advocate

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**A Prison Ministry, A Jail Ministry,
A Motorcycle Ministry, A People Ministry.**



First and foremost we want to **thank you** all who support us with your prayers, finances and encouragement. As we move into 2025 our goal is to continue on His path and show His love to as many as we can. Our monthly church service is growing and our jail and prison visits are continuing to thrive. None of this would be possible without your support. We are so grateful for YOU! I know we don't say it enough but we truly are. May you all have a healthy happy God filled 2025. Hope to see all of you soon Love, Al and Sharon

Bike week 2024 at the Old School Bike Show I made a bike trophy with the owner, Willie, on it. This show is always special to Sharon and I and we love volunteering every year to help. Sharon always sells the souvenir tee shirts and this year I was running security on the front gate. This was a great spot to be because I got to welcome everyone that came in and saw their awesome vintage bikes they brought to the show. The weather was perfect and the crowd was abundant. Willie asked me to Bless the crowd and then we saluted the flag for the pledge of allegiance. Willie puts this show on twice a year. All of the proceeds goes to helping Veterans with their daily struggles. There was over 150 bikes registered this time and Willie always has a bunch of trophies to give away to the bikes in the show.



We have been going to Daytona Bike Week since the late 70's. It sure has changed. Especially on Main St. I heard more loud speakers than loud pipes. Back in the 70's our facetime was facing someone and talking to them. We did not have the distraction of cell phones, lap tops or media posts.

Just good old fellowship. One on one interactions. Times have changed but I am glad Jesus hasn't.



2024 Biker Easter Service

This year, when we were coordinating our Easter service, we thought we had a lot of time to spend getting the details ready. But sometimes well made plans can change. The person we had to give their testimony backed out. The band also backed out and the next band could not join us this year. We all know how God comes



through in the nick of time but sometimes He really tests our faith. Our friends John and Betsy volunteered to lead the worship songs and it was great. I asked my good friend, who is a member of the Sons of God M/C, Roller,



to give his testimony and he agreed to be a part of our service. So far so good. Then the Dunkin Donuts, that we use every year to get the 12 dozen donuts, was not finished with their remodeling. But out of the blue our friend was at her friends donut shop, King Donuts, and we decided to use them and saved the day. They make killer custom donuts! Our friends, Jerry and Tony and the Nam Knights M/C blessed us with the ham and mashed potatoes as they always do.

Over 200 people showed up, on motorcycles, cars, trucks and hot rods to join us. After the music and Rollers testimony I preached about the thieves on the cross next to Jesus. One was humble and the other was cocky. One received salvation and the other did not. I challenged everyone that if they accept the free gift of salvation from God they can receive the keys to the Kingdom and if they did not they would suffer the heat. We served communion and then they put their flowers on the cross. We then served lunch for almost 200 people. We consider ourselves as being blessed to be hosting this celebration every year and we will continue this Easter service till the trumpets blow.





Kansas City, Mo. NCOM 39

In June we took a 3,000 mile trip to Kansas City, Mo. This was the 39th NCOM and we have not missed one in 25 years. I counted 47 different motorcycle clubs that attended this year at the hotel. Richard Lester, that hosts the event always have very informative, up-dated information about our rights as someone that wears a (logo) patch on their vest. I attended 9 classes on Friday and Saturday. I brought a lot of new information back to Florida for our local NFLCOC. Many people look at a biker going down the road and think they really have total freedom but the truth is we have to continue to fight for our freedom to be able to ride our motorcycles and express who we represent. If you have ever brought up the subject of Jesus you know what I mean. Try expressing your faith and you will see how we have to fight for our freedom as Christians. We consider our selves as 'Freedom Fighters.' I want my freedom as a biker and I want my freedom as a believer in Jesus Christ. But if we don't stand up for what we believe in we will find our freedom taken from us.

The blessing for us is to be able to have the time to travel the backroads all the way up there. We saw that the USA still has a lot of simple and relaxing roads to travel on. I'm sharing some of the sights we see on the back roads. We really enjoy the relics that have been left for us to experience even though they are crumbling down.



St. Jude

On Oct. 5th we held another benefit for the St. Jude Children Research Hospital. It's impressive how many bikers show up at the Am Vets to sign up to be a part of the police escorted run that ends up at Gators Harley Davidson Dealership. The parking lot was packed and the people there were eager to ride for this worth while benefit. And yes I actually got to ride my bike in the pack this year. It was a very enjoyable ride being escorted by the team of Lake County Sheriffs blocking traffic for us to make it to our destination safely. Every year we raise more money than the year before. I always come up with a scrap metal art project to donate that can be auctioned off. This year I made a table and someone really wanted it so I was blessed to be able to contribute a good chunk of the proceeds. It is a blessing to see how many bikers still care to help those less fortunate than us. Come join us next year.



Death Row Ministry

I was not sure if I was going to share this event with you guys but I felt that you really need to know how to pray for us. As you may well know I have been volunteering at Union Prison for over 20 years. My main focus is P Dorm which is Death Row. I have been asked to bring the chapel cart, which has the reading materials from the chapel, to the men on the row. This has been a very special calling for me to drive out to Stark every month and I get to walk down the row and talk to every man there. Sometimes it takes many years to gain the trust of these men. I met Loren 18 years ago and he would not interact with me for the first 5 years. After he opened up to me and we earned each others respect. He saw I was dedicated to show up every month and he could trust I would be there for him. I always say God does not expect us to be perfect just consistent.

Fast forward to 2024. After 34 years on death row Loren was served his death warrant papers in August. I know this because I received a call from the Warden of the Florida State Prison asking me if I could meet him in his office. When I showed up he explained that Loren was scheduled to be executed on August 29th and he asked if I would be his Spiritual Advisor. All those years of being faithful to God's calling to this very important ministry was boiling down to this. I explained that I had 5 prisons in Pa. to speak in so I could not be there to guide him to his execution. So the warden ask me if I could call Loren while I was on the road every day for 15 minutes at a time. I replied that I could do this and he walked me down to where Loren was behind a glass and we spoke for 2 hours that day. I explained to him the situation and he agreed this would be ok. So every day we were on the road, prior to the 29th, I would pull over and explain where we were and the sight we were looking at. You have to understand he has not stepped on a blade of grass in over 34 years or seen anything other than a 6X9 cell. So Sharon and I took him on the road and every time our call ended I prayed for him. Loren was a believer in Jesus Christ and you could tell the confidence he had in going to see his creator in a few days. As the time got closer our conversations got more personal. On the day he was scheduled to be executed at 6:15 pm I talked to him one last time. I will admit I have never been in a situation as this but God gave me the strength to be a vessel to guide him to Heaven. Just before we said our last good byes I asked him if he was going to have any last words to say. He told me to tell everyone:

The measure of a man is not in the words he speaks but rather in his actions which solidifies the words spoken. I prayed my last prayer with Loren and 3 hours later he was in Heaven. This is why we really appreciate your support and prayers to be available to be used by God for a time as this.

In between all of this we had to keep our game face on for our **Pa. Prison Tour**. On the 25-28 we had a prison every night to attend. We knew we could not get into one of the prisons we normally minister in so we added a new one, **Rockview**. It was a well received crowd and a lot more inmates than we anticipated. The next night we went back to the **Quehanna Boot Camp** and this is always a good attendance there. It is a blessing for me to stand in front of a crowd, speaking the word of God and watching God melt their hearts. Then on Tuesday we went to **Smithfield** and this is a small chapel but we were amazed how many guys filled that room. Then the next night we went to that old 1800's prison, **Huntington**, and climbed up 3 flights of stairs to get to the chapel. After that we had a few days off until we went to **Benner Township** on a Sunday morning and there were over 350 men in the auditorium.

Pa. has always been a blessing to be able to travel through the beautiful country and speak to people we meet along the way. It is a blessing but it is also a challenge for us to endure 3 weeks traveling. Sharon and I's goal is to stay as healthy as we can to serve God as long as we can. All glory goes to God.



You Don't Know Til You Go

That has got to be the theme for our ministry. God directs our steps and we just show up. The local church in Umatilla has joined up with Meridzo Ministry in Kentucky to help a local town in Lynch. This ministry was established in 1999 by a couple that had a big paying job in Texas but felt called to move to Kentucky to do God's work. Since they answered God's calling and became active in Lynch these ministries have formed.

Ministries include:

Solomon's Porch Retreat Center

Lamp House Coffee Shop

Meridzo Agribusiness Center

The Stables at Creekside Glen

Shekinah Village

Calvary Campus in Blackey

Maytown Center in Langley

Heaven's Door Chapel at Lake Cumberland Resort

What started as a vision became a reality.

Sharon and I traveled 1,700 miles to help this ministry anyway we could. The first year we showed up to help this ministry repair the homes for the people to live in they realized, real quick, that I was **not** a carpenter. After they found out that I spent 30 years in a shop repairing cars and trucks, as a technician, the lights came on as to how I could be useful. All of the volunteers that help make this ministry possible drove cars and they all needed an oil change. So they lined up 18 cars and trucks and I spent the 4 days changing oil and Sharon helped coordinate the process. Just the oil and oil filters for 18 cars cost over \$900. So we must have saved them a whole lot of dough. I was using the gift God gave me.

God had planned many years ago that I would be using my mechanics skills to help out this ministry. And he used George and Roxanne Walker to befriend us when we moved to Umatilla. George was a member of the Skulls Car Club in Lake County. When we got our 1955 Chevy pickup truck we joined this car club and this is when we met George and Roxanne. After a few times of hanging out with George I realized we had a lot in common. Besides being grease monkeys we had a love for Jesus. He is a true man of God. This bonded us a lot closer than I could imagine. Whenever I need car advice or a helping hand George is always ready to come over and help me out. A few years back they asked us if we would consider going to Ky. to help out this ministry? The rest is history. They are also members of the Umatilla Baptist Church which sponsors the team going to Ky. But once a month they skip their church and attend our church on the second Sunday.

That is George and Roxanne in the middle.

George has been and encouraging brother to me and I really appreciate his advice emotionally, spiritually and physically.



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