

# Koinonia Riders Newsletter Chapter#476



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## Calendar of Events

May, 2020

All indoor  
activities  
are  
cancelled  
at this  
time.

All  
activities  
are  
subject to  
change  
based on  
COVID-19  
updates.

## Ride Dates

RFS May 2,  
to Thurber,  
TX. KSU  
10:00am  
Albertson.

Run for the Son update: We have met \$7577.75 of our \$15,000 goal this year.

Bring your 2020 ideas to the next Chapter Meeting. Let's meet our goal of \$15,000 in 2020.

### Time to turn in your Run for the Son packets:

James will be at the Weatherford Albertson at 9:30 Saturday morning to collect packets.

We need \$7422.25 to meet our goal. Lets go above and beyond in Jesus name.

We will be riding to Thurber and dining at Smokestack Café or New York Hill- KSU is 10:00.

## A message from our Area Rep !!!

Howdy all,

Things have been crazy due to this virus lockdown. Here are some updates.

As you know the W TX CMA State Rally has had its date moved. It's possible (not sure yet) that it could be cancelled.

The S TX CMA State Rally has been cancelled.

That being said, we are combining with S TX for a state rally.

To accommodate that many people we have had to move the rally site. Doing that also created some date conflicts. So, the new dates for our CMA State Rally is Sept 3-6. Yes, we realize that is Labor Day weekend but that is the only date available. Chandler is now out and we are moving to Highland Lakes Camp & Conference Center. That is just west of Austin off TX 71 near Briarcliff. I realize that many have plans for Labor Day weekend and many were making plans for Chandler. I just wanted you to have as much notice as possible of the changes.

This is "breaking news" and there will be more updates. We should know a little more in 3 weeks. Also, this year our State Rally registration will be available online. Yay! Please share this information with your members. Lots of great riding in the area. We will be right on Lake Travis. It's going to be great!

Living & riding with a knee down Robert  
John 10:9

**Calendar of  
Events**

**May, 2020**

5<sup>th</sup>- Bible  
Study/  
Officer  
Meeting via  
Zoom

16<sup>th</sup>- Chapter  
Ride to  
Munster, TX

17<sup>th</sup>- Church  
Ride to  
Brazos Trail  
Cowboy  
Church

19<sup>th</sup>-  
Chapter  
Meeting,  
Mesquite Pit

26<sup>th</sup>- Dinner  
Run, Ginger  
Brown, Lake  
Worth, TX.

## Chaplin Eric Smith

What an interesting time we are living in. Whoever thought that we would see such government control over our lives in the USA? I think I have heard almost every argument there is for and against. And as a true American I don't like the control. Like most of you, I like my freedoms. But at the same time, is it okay for us believers to go against our government and do what we want? Should we break the law of man just to satisfy our human desire to be free (and at the same time try to justify this desire with scripture)? I saw where a pastor recently opened his church despite the shutdown. His argument was that Jesus stood against and broke the law, so it was ok for him to do it also. Is that true? I would challenge anyone to find me one place in scripture where Christ broke the Roman civil law. In fact Herod actually said that he could find no fault in Christ. (To me this says that Christ obeyed the Roman law.) Christ did disobey and even challenged religious laws that were wrong...but there is a big difference. I hear people say, "well we have the right to go to church." Let me let everyone in on a little secret, we can have church wherever we are. We don't have to go to a building and meet with others. Is fellowship fun – YES it is! I was reminded of the following verses recently in regards to everything I am writing about, Romans 13:1-2 "Be a good citizen. All governments are under God. Insofar as there is peace and order, it's God's order. So live responsibly as a citizen. If you're irresponsible to the state, then you're irresponsible with God, and God will hold you responsible." We may not like what our government is doing, but it is God's government (like it or not).

One day soon, all this will be over and we will all talk and laugh and even joke about the Great TP Scare of 2020. But until then, let's be good witnesses to those around us by obeying the rules set forth by those in charge of us. (And yes, I am talking to myself also...)

Love ya'll - Eric

**Please forward pictures, events and announcements you want to share with the rest of the KR group. Chrisy @ 682.554.6663 or camarochrisy2@gmail.com**

**Calendar of  
Events**

**Birthdays**  
**May, 2020**  
Valarie –  
May 14th

**Anniversaries**  
No  
Anniversaries  
to share

Foreign Ministry Opportunity  
from the comfort of home.

The Texas Port Ministry is located in Freeport Texas. Their moto is: Shipping the Good News Around the World. The Baptist Association started this ministry in 1974. The Texas Port Ministry has 3 different ministries: Ministering to Seafarers, truck drivers and port workers.

They do foreign missions here in the United States. Ships come to the port from all over the world. When ships come in, they ask the Captain if they can come on board the ship to minister to the crew. There are times when they are denied access. When this occurs, they put the name of the ship and the crew on the prayer list.

They have a facility center that has comforts and allows people to have free WiFi, showers and many other amenities.

I got involved with this mission because when I was young, I was a member of the Girls in Action group at our church. One of our mission trips was to the seafarer's mission in New Orleans. We helped stock their shelves in the food pantry and we helped clean up. I felt that doing foreign missions here in the United States was a special mission. These missionaries were able to reach people from all over the world while being at home. Now that I am here in Texas, I was better able to reach back out to this ministry.

There are ways to "volunteer" without being physically there. I make crosses that they hand out to the visitors to the center. I also crochet hats. The seafarers need winter type clothes because it does get cold at sea. I'm on the email distribution list so I get the list of current needs, prayer requests and special events. With the virus restrictions they aren't able to minister to the ship crews and asked that people send cards to the Port Mission and they in turn hand those out to the crews. The cards let the crews know that they are being prayed for.

Want to get involved? Contact Sandra Daras  
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# Birth Announcement

Eric and I have welcomed our first grandchild. Willow Grace was born April 14<sup>th</sup>. She weighed in at 7# and was 19 1/2" long. We had to wait about a week to meet her.



Nana and Pops love you sweet girl.



Praying you have a day full of joyful and loving memories.

*A heartfelt thank you*

TO ALL THE PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
EVERY DAY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



AND MANY MORE...

Please join in this daily prayer for those fighting on the front line and the individuals making decisions that affect our future.

— 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (NKJV) —

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