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**Jesus Loves Bikers, Too**

“Addicted to drugs and alcohol, about to lose my marriage and my job, that’s how I came to Jesus,” states Chaplain Russ Cockrum. “An Assemblies of God pastor made me a cup of coffee and explained how things could be different. I had never heard of the Assemblies of God and knew nothing of Pentecost or the Holy Spirit. But, somehow, maybe just purely out of desperation, I sensed everything was about to change.” A few days later Russ and his wife, Judy, accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Soon they were filled with His Holy Spirit and called to ministry. After 20 years as pastor at two Assemblies of God churches, Russ felt compelled to return to the harvest field as a missionary to America’s bikers. Chaplain Russ remembers, “That Sunday night after I prayed to receive Jesus into my life, I also asked God to never let me forget from where I had come.” I never have.

It was time to go back and bring as many out as I could, because, “Jesus loves bikers, too.” Chaplains Russ and Judy Cockrum will be guest speaking at \_\_\_\_ (name of church) \_\_\_\_ on (day, date,time) \_\_\_\_, according to Reverend \_\_\_\_ (pastor of church) \_\_\_\_, pastor. For the last 12 years, as nationally appointed Chaplains to bikers and motorcyclists with Chaplaincy and US Missions, Assemblies of God, Russ and Judy have traveled on two motorcycles throughout the United States to bike rallies, shows, motorcycle shops, rides, races; anywhere bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts hang out. In 2003 they started offering a free bike wash in Daytona Beach, during Bike Week (March) and Biketoberfest (October). They are members of motorcycle riders organizations such as ABATE, BMW Owners Association, American Motorcycle Association (AMA). Russ also serves as Chaplain for the Blue Knights, Indiana Chapter 7, a law enforcement motorcycle club, and is the National Chaplain for the 2004 Run for the Wall, a POW/MIA memorial motorcycle run from Los Angeles to Washington D.C. They have participated in this ride for the last 9 years every May, and Judy just completed 2 terms on the Board of Directors. In order to more effectively reach America's more than 9,000,000 motorcycle riders, Russ and Judy founded HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry in 2000. Men and women with a burden for motorcycle evangelism have started the Motorcycle Ministry in several states.

Chaplain Russ, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, and received Biblical and pastoral training at Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. Experience as a hospital and police chaplain, and 20 years as Pastor at Assemblies of God churches helped prepare Russ for motorcycle chaplaincy. Chaplain Russ served several years as a Presbyterian with the Indiana District of the Assemblies of God.

The public is invited to hear Chaplains Russ and Judy share their vision for America's bikers on \_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_. For more information, contact the church at \_\_\_\_\_ (area code/phone number) \_\_\_\_\_.

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Chaplains Russ & Judy Cockrum

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