



We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ Romans 1:16



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

We made it through another racing season. At the outset, we knew we would be going to new places. We knew God had great opportunities for us. We traveled to more places and met more people this year than ever before. Your prayers and support made it all possible. Thank you for your continued commitment to providing a way for those in the racing community to find a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

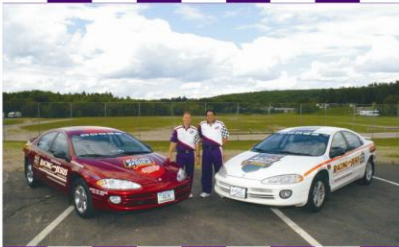
This year also had challenges of a different kind. In August, we lost a good friend in Modified driver John Blewett III. John lost his life in a racing accident at Thompson Speedway. Times like these challenge our understanding and test our faith. Not only our faith but the faith of the entire racing community. John was a third generation driver and the vacancy he leaves can never be filled. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family as they continue to deal with the loss of John.

In life, we search for security and comfort. We want to believe that somehow we can control things. When something like this happens, we realize how little control we have. We do however have a God who loves us and cares for us. So much so that Jesus died so we could live. We need to realize that it is in Jesus that we have security and comfort. It can be found nowhere else. John's Gospel helps us understand that;

John 3:16-18, NIV, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

We find comfort in the arms of a loving God. One who has promised to care for us and provide for all our needs.

During this holiday season we prepare many things; we prepare lists of things to do, things to buy, things to send, things to decorate and things to eat. We anticipate the parties, the friends and families, the giving and receiving. Do we make time for waiting; waiting to hear God speak to us, waiting to have Christ re-born in our heart, waiting to experience the Holy Spirit? I encourage you to spend some quiet time this holiday season preparing, anticipating, and waiting for the birth of Christ, the Messiah, our Savior.





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As we welcome the Christ child into the world, planning is already taking place for next season. God has placed on our hearts the need to devote more time to His ministry. That means we will have to stop doing other things. Those decisions require faith. Please lift that up to God in prayer. Pray that He would show us how we need to move forward, how we need to adjust our schedules to accomplish the work He has prepared for us to do.

Throughout this season a passage of Scripture has been on my heart. It tells of the plans that God has for us. The verses comes from Jeremiah 29:11-13, NIV,

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

We will step out on faith in 2008. We will begin to make the necessary adjustments that will allow us to further the work of God in the racing community. We will seek the Lord with all our heart and we ask that you would also.

One thing this season showed us is that there is a tremendous amount of racing around this country. We met with various ministry groups and individuals throughout the US and we are excited to see the work being done in His name in the racing community. We have received several requests from those interested in serving at their local tracks and ministering in Christ's name. We stand at the door and knock, Christ will open that door.

You are a vital part of that process. We are confident God will provide what we need. We are confident that you will come alongside and partner with us to continue to reach the racing community. Again, thank you for your continued support, both in prayer and financially. It is your willingness to give that makes this all possible.

We are in the process of updating a few things during the off-season. We have a new brochure that can be handed out to those who want to know a little more about us. We are working on a short video to help tell the story of Racing with Jesus Ministries and what we do. We are updating the website to allow us to post the most current updates. We are also available to come and speak about the ministry, just let us know how we can serve you.

We hope your Christmas Season is full of blessings. Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement. Remember to keep us informed of what is going on in your lives.

Thank You and God Bless,
Rev. Don Rivers
Racing with Jesus Ministries

