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# THE BIKER'S BLESSING

Hello Fellow Bikers!

We are now officially in the time of year where I WANT TO RIDE SO BAD I CAN'T STAND IT!!! I walk past my bike every day longing for the weather to break! HANG IN THERE! RIDING SEASON IS COMING! At the writing of this letter, it seems as though the church folks are getting healthier and they are starting to come back to church! I truly pray that each and every one of you are staying healthy! Sadly, on January 6th, the founding Pastor of Bethel Baptist Bikers went home to be with the Lord. Pastor Richard E. Skiver has been battling illness for quite some time and the Lord saw fit to take him home. Pastor Skiver was my hero in the faith and a hero to many others! If you would like to view the services, you can go to the church facebook page! It was a great and terrible day all at the same time! We will continue to miss him dearly, and will continue on with the wonderful bike ministry here at the church! The Scripture says in II Corinthians 5:6-8 "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and be present with the Lord." I am so glad for the blessed promises that the Scripture gives us when it comes to Heaven!! Pastor Skiver is walking (or maybe even RIDING) on the streets of GOLD!! He is there because he put his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour!! I truly hope and pray that you have done the same thing!! Jesus Christ loves you today and He came to this earth to die for you and to rise again the third day for you!! Please trust Him today!!

God bless you!  
Pastor Ballert

## Slow Cooker Bacon Cheeseburger Soup

1 - 32 oz. Bag frozen shredded hash browns  
1 lb hamburger, cooked  
½ lb. Bacon, cooked and chopped  
2 lbs. Velveeta cheese  
4-5 cups of chicken broth  
1 tsp. Pepper  
2 Tbsp dried minced onion flakes  
1 tsp garlic powder  
2 tsp worcestershire sauce

Combine all ingredients in a 6-quart slow cooker. Cook on low for 8-10 hours. Serve with cheddar cheese and bacon, if desired. (Note: Can substitute turkey bacon for pork bacon. Substitute ½ cup of precooked bacon for fresh. Substitute ground turkey for ground beef.) Servings: 8. Enjoy!

Hello folks!

Hope you are doing well and keeping warm during these cold spells! Just hang in there for a bit longer and before you know it we will be rumbling down the road on our bikes...sun shining on our faces...wind blowing through our hair (or lack thereof!), Pipes echoing under the underpasses and riding with no destination in mind! Keep in touch and hope to see you all real soon!

'Til next time,  
Shawn



## Prayer Requests

If you have any specific prayer requests or upcoming procedures/surgeries that you would like prayer for, Pastor Ballert would love to hear from you. Please email request to davidballert11@yahoo.com. If you know anyone who would enjoy receiving these newsletters, please have them email their name and address to nbrowning10@gmail.com. We would be happy to send them one!