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To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist;
To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms;
To motivate bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during and after the legislative session; and
To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regard to upcoming legislation.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello friends,

We had a real good turnout at the last meeting & some Christmas Run issues pending from past months were resolved. Membership approved incentives for new & existing Members at the Registration table the day of the event that will benefit the Veterans, don't miss out & bring a friend...look for the Christmas Veterans Run flyer in the following pages, we have something special planned for this year's Departure Ceremony that will be a real treat. Next, V.P Big Bob, has had some medical issues that will keep him recuperating at home for a while, so please keep him in your prayers. Next, since the State Delegates Meeting was cancelled due to the Hurricane, there was nothing to report from State, the next State Meeting is in December. There wasn't too much in Legislative this month either but, there's a few things at the State level & in Washington you'll need to be aware of...it's further on, in this issue. Last, a lunch ride to Clewiston was planned & most all rode out together after the meeting...It was a great day for the ride & we will do more 'after the meeting rides' I'm sure. Well, this is the last newsletter before the General Election & why I wanted you to have this newsletter early... also, watch your Emails for more incoming information.



Brothers & sisters, in this next Election you'll be hearing a lot about the 'Popular Vote' versus the Electoral College??? You'll also hear the term: 'Our Democracy' spewing out of every talking head on the national news...let me explain. The Electoral College is not a 'School'... it's described in the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Paragraphs of Article II, of the U.S. Constitution. The 'Electorate' process is there because the framers did not want 'Direct Democracy'...they knew that direct democracy is nothing more than 'Mob Rule, they didn't want that for our country. Our President & V.P. are elected by 'Electors', appointed by State Representatives, in the number of that State's Congressional Districts in the U.S. House...plus 2 for their U.S. Senators. This process usually represents the Popular vote, but not always. It depends on the number of 'Electors' each candidate receives from the several States. This Constitutional process is the most fair to all States because, 'Electors' chosen by the State Representatives from each State, most likely '**represent**' the demographics of their individual Districts...not forgetting their political viewpoints. It guarantees that all States regardless of size, have a 'say' in how the President & V.P. are elected. It limits the possibilities of Fraud & just as important, ensures that a hostile, majority mob (Unions, Associations, Big Businesses & the like), could never take over control of our Country. You're also going to hear this quite a bit: 'The Transition Integrity Project'...sounds like a good thing doesn't it? & they've 'labeled it' with a really nice name. Here are the facts about this; it's a group of 'Government Insiders' who planned what actions they are going to take, in an effort to disrupt our Election Process, the results of the election & create mistrust in the voting process...all this regardless of the outcome. (Not a very Constitutional Process, I assure you). This is why you're seeing such 'one sided' polls by the media, the negativity ads about the President...not forgetting the lawlessness of their so called 'Peaceful Protest'. They know, they're on the ropes & regardless of what you hear, they don't want the Constitutional process followed. Brothers & sisters I'll ask of you, trust in yourselves, think 'critically', you know something just isn't right. Americans, given the choice between right & wrong, **always** choose 'what is right'. Truth does matter. Remember our Founders, they left these for us:

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests." **Patrick Henry**

"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first." **Thomas Jefferson**

"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual-or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God & his country" **Samuel Adams**

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"Vote... like your Life & Liberty depend on it..."

Robb

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

A friendly reminder to those members who expire in November: Steve McPhillips and Brenda Rode. An e-mail will be sent with a renewal application soon or you can complete the Application for new members/renewing members on page 19. And a big welcome again to Shayne Hanley for renewing his membership this month.

Thank you, Isa

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC./SOUTHWEST CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

At SunSports Cycle & Watercraft on October 17, 2020

Meeting called to Order at 9:10 am

Sgt of Arms: Mike- Silence phones, and Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence.

President's Report- Robb informed us that Moe contacted Spivey in regard to VA donation and status, If the ride would still take place at the facility as a ride or drive by, this will depend on the rise of covid, further information will be coming. Nice to see more faces at the meeting. Welcome.

Vice President's Report- Bob excused absence. He is recovering from a stroke, lets wish him a speedy recovery.

Secretary's Report- Isa, any questions or corrections for the last meeting minutes? Heidi motion and Ron second.

Treasurers Report- Richard, two outstanding checks from States cleared, small expenses for pins and Other misc.

Membership Report- Isa, due to inactivity of events difficult in signing up new members.

Delegates report- No information previous meeting in Pensacola cancelled. Next meeting in December Hosted by Forest Chapter- details to be coming.

Newsletter- Heidi, please send any pictures you wish to share with the chapter, items for sale with pictures and prices

PR/ Communications- Abate video's on you tube check them out very interesting.

Legislative Report: Robb- Teddy Bear (excused absence) details will be in the newsletter on issues.

Safety Directors Report- Robb, follow up on completed patch for Isa's certification on MSAP, and classes for completion for Gwynne and Richard. Ed Lufkin will also re-certify in MSAP

Products- Shayne has patches for the 20th anniversary helmet patches, face masks and 8 coins left on the anniversary coin. Please contact Shayne or our chapter for products. Robb and Mike to do inventory on our chapter products.

Old business- Robb and Richard to look into Adopt a Road which would require members to participate In cleaning up a street the county will provide, further information to be coming. Christmas Run Registration and Security.

New Business- Robb Christmas Run Departure and Ceremonies.

Anything Further- Voting please be aware of issues. Moe will be handling anyone interested in patches For Carl Nelson (RIP) approx. cost is \$5.00

Call for Motion to Adjourn- Robb, Heidi and Lynn to motion. Adjourned at 10:10

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

BIDEN CAMPAIGN TOUTS VOTING BY MAIL: Democrat Joe Biden's presidential campaign will hold news conferences in Fort Myers and Gainesville to encourage voters to cast ballots early by mail. The Gainesville news conference is expected to include Kayser Enneking, who is running in state House District 21, and former state Rep. Cynthia Chestnut. (Fort Myers news conference at 11:45 a.m.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

MINIMUM WAGE MEASURE OPPOSED: Incoming House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and state Republican Chairman Joe Gruters, a senator from Sarasota, will take part in an online news conference to oppose a proposed constitutional amendment that would gradually raise Florida's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. The proposal, known as Amendment 2, will be on the Nov. 3 ballot. Also taking part in the news conference will be Carol Dover, president and CEO of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association.

POLK STATE TRUSTEES MEET: The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 4 p.m., Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland. Call-in number: 1-877-691-8587. Code: 2975319)

UF CAMPUS PROJECTS DISCUSSED: The Subcommittee on Capital Investment Strategy of the University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet to discuss issues such as campus infrastructure projects and the fixed capital outlay budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The discussion will come before a full Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday. (Monday, 4:30 p.m. Call-in number: 1-301-715-8592. ID: 93399839081)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

DEFENSE ALLIANCE MEETS: The Florida Defense Alliance meets.

UF TRUSTEES MEET: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet and receive a campus update from President Kent Fuchs. (Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Call-in number: 1-301-715-8592. ID: 95930073987)

INVASIVE SPECIES AT ISSUE: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will begin a series of online workshops about rules regarding the importation, breeding and possession of invasive reptiles such as pythons, tegus and iguanas.

BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD MEETS: The Broward College Board of Trustees will hold an online meeting.

INDIAN RIVER COLLEGE TRUSTEES MEET: The Indian River State College Board of Trustees will meet after holding a workshop and committee meetings. (Tuesday, workshop at 1 p.m., followed by committee meetings, with board meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Indian River State College, Mueller Campus, Richardson Center Auditorium, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach. FL.

SUNCOAST PARKWAY EXTENSION ON AGENDA: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an open house about a plan to extend the Suncoast Parkway from Citrus County to Jefferson County. The plan is one of three toll-road projects approved last year by the Legislature.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TOLL ROAD EYED: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an open house about plans for a new multi-use corridor, including a toll road, that would link Collier County and Polk County. The plan is one of three toll-road projects approved last year by the Legislature.

MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD MEETS: The Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Call-in number: 1-863-333-5783. Code: 453518460)

TRUMP, BIDEN DEBATE: The first debate in the race between President Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Joe Biden will be held at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

PAROLE CASES ON AGENDA: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet in a conference call and take up dozens of cases from across the state. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)

UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 772093952)

INSURANCE PANEL MEETS: The Florida Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association will meet. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Michelle Robleto at 850-523-1870)

PORTS AT ISSUE: The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council will hold an online meeting.

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I-95 INTERCHANGE AT ISSUE: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing about a study looking at improvement alternatives for the Interstate 95 at Pioneer Trail interchange in Volusia County.

INVASIVE SPECIES EYED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of online workshops about rules regarding the importation, breeding and possession of invasive reptiles such as pythons, tegus and iguanas.

ARONBERG SPEAKS TO LEE DEMOCRATS: Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg, a former state senator, will speak during an online meeting of the Lee County Democratic Party.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

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SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)

OPTOMETRY BOARD MEETS: The Florida Board of Optometry will meet in a conference call. (Thursday, 11:30 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 136103141)

SUICIDE PREVENTION SOUGHT: The state Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will hold an online meeting.

PEOPLES GAS RATES AT ISSUE: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online customer-service hearing about a proposal by Peoples Gas System to raise rates.

INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD ON AGENDA: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing about improvements on International Speedway Boulevard, from the Halifax River Bridge to State Road A1A, in Volusia County.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

PRISON VISITATION RESUMES: The Florida Department of Corrections is expected Friday to resume allowing visitors at state prisons, after visitation was halted in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Corrections Secretary Mark Inch recently announced the move in a video. “Starting Oct. 2, we will be resuming visitation at institutions where it is safe and appropriate to do so,” Inch said. “Visitation will look much different than before. Numerous safety measures will be in place, and interactions with your loved ones will be modified. We understand how important in-person visitation is for maintaining family bonds but also want to minimize the risk to our incarcerated population. I am confident we can move forward safely with a careful approach.”

BOARD OF MEDICINE MEETS: The Florida Board of Medicine will meet after holding committee meetings Thursday. (Friday, 8 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 432162565)

FINE HOSTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION: State Rep. Randy Fine, R-Palm Bay, will hold a free food-distribution event in partnership with Farm Share. (Friday, 9 a.m., Fine district office, 2539 Palm Bay Road N.E., Palm Bay.)

DEFENSE TASK FORCE MEETS: The Florida Defense Support Task Force, which works to expand and protect military installations in the state, will hold an online meeting.

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JUDICIAL APPLICANTS INTERVIEWED: The 7th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will hold online interviews of applicants to become a Volusia County judge. The applicants are Tonya Danley Cromartie, Jessica Damoth, Suzanne Victoria Delaney, James Russell Disinger, Steven Neale Gosney, Spencer Stratton Hathaway, Wesley Harold Heidt, Alan T. Holt, Bryan Lambert, Shavonne JoAnne McCants, G. Kipling Miller, Rachel Diane Myers, Kevin C. Allen Nash, Thomas R. Pycraft Jr., Glenn Alan Reid, David M. Russell and Michele Swanberg Simonsen.

COMMITTEES FACE DEADLINE: State political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports detailing finance activity through Sept. 25.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

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WEEKLY ROUNDUP: PLAYING TO THE BASE

September 25, 2020 Dara Kam, Recap and analysis of the week in state government and politics

TALLAHASSEE --- As Floridians start to receive ballots in the mail for the Nov. 3 election, Gov. Ron DeSantis spent the week unleashing a string of policies that could bolster the campaign of his close ally, President Donald Trump. The Republican governor kicked off the week with an appeal to law-and-order voters by releasing a legislative plan aimed at crushing “disorderly” protests. The proposal infuriated Black lawmakers, Democrats and civil-rights advocates. On Tuesday, DeSantis offered an olive branch to business owners by saying he supports placing limits on coronavirus-related litigation. Not missing a beat, the governor on Wednesday put former Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg in his crosshairs, asking Attorney General Ashley Moody to open an investigation into the New York billionaire’s big-money contribution to an organization trying to get convicted felons registered to vote in November.

On Thursday, DeSantis held a health care roundtable with a troika of scientists who support his and the president’s approaches to handling the coronavirus pandemic, such as eschewing face masks and condemning the shuttering of businesses and schools. The governor also scolded university officials for threatening to suspend students who defy social-distancing measures. DeSantis said he’s willing to consider a college students’ “bill of rights” that would preclude state universities from taking actions against students who are enjoying themselves. Later Thursday, DeSantis took the stage with his White House chum at Trump’s Jacksonville rally. And DeSantis capped off the week Friday by declaring that the state is in “Phase 3” of its reopening plans, meaning restaurants and bars can operate at full capacity, even as COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to climb. “The governor is trying to get the attention of the Republican base,” state Rep. Shevrin Jones, D-West Park, said of DeSantis’ week of action.

NECESSARY TOOLS? OR BLATANT OVERREACH?

A day after releasing the controversial plan, DeSantis suggested Tuesday that the Republican-dominated Legislature could consider a proposal aimed at cracking down on disorderly protests when lawmakers return to Tallahassee in November for an organization session. But Democrats declared war on what they decried as a racially motivated election-year ploy. DeSantis’ law-and-order package, backed by incoming GOP legislative leaders, would create new felony crimes when property is damaged or when people are injured as a result of protests involving seven or more individuals. The measure would also make it a crime to obstruct traffic during unpermitted protests or demonstrations and do away with bail or bond for people involved in violent protests. The proposal comes as Republicans double down on efforts to deliver a second presidential victory to Trump in Florida, a battleground state with 29 electoral votes. “It’s going to have broad support, certainly from the Republican caucuses, in both chambers. It may be something that you need to act,” DeSantis told reporters following a state Cabinet meeting Tuesday. “Florida has handled it better, but at the same time, you constantly hear these reports of unrest. You hear threats of more unrest. That is not something that we want to deal with, without having all the tools at our disposal.” But Democrats blasted DeSantis’ plan, calling it an unconstitutional attack on First Amendment rights and an undisguised attempt to galvanize support for the Republican president in a state with a history of narrow elections. “Let’s be extremely clear about something: This is a blatant overreach from the governor and Republicans who are actively undermining the Constitution,” Jones, who is running for the state Senate, told reporters during a video conference Tuesday afternoon. Jones said the country was “built and shaped as a result of peaceful demonstrations and protests.” DeSantis’ proposal “is a desperate violation of our constitutional rights just ahead of a critical election in which every single vote counts,” Jones added.

SECOND CHANCES

Desmond Meade graduated from law school, made it onto Time magazine’s list of the 100 most influential people and was at the forefront of a successful crusade to restore voting rights to convicted felons in Florida. Meade, executive director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, led efforts to pass a 2018 constitutional amendment that restored voting rights to felons “upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.” Nearly two-thirds of Florida voters approved the amendment. But the former drug dealer who was tossed out of the Army three decades ago hasn’t redeemed himself enough to be pardoned for his crimes by DeSantis and Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis. As he requested a pardon Wednesday, Meade told DeSantis, Patronis and the other members of the state Board of Executive Clemency, Attorney General Ashley Moody and Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, that he has “emerged from a very dark place” to become “a beacon of hope and inspiration to so many people.” “Not only in this great state of Florida, but across the country, just showing that we can overcome obstacles, that we can overcome the mistakes that we’ve made and do something great and become an asset to our community, to our state,



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to our country, to the world,” he said. But the stain still lingers from his years-long cocaine addiction, which led to crime, domestic violence against his late brother and a three-decade-old court martial that landed him in the brig and resulted in a dishonorable discharge from the military. DeSantis and Patronis blocked Meade’s request for a pardon, with DeSantis saying the panel should take the issue “under advisement” until it can gather more information. Fried supported granting the pardon, while Moody recused herself. Meade, who graduated from Florida International University law school, said he wants a pardon so he can practice law. “If a person with my record would have to wait, what does that say for everyone else?” Meade, who has been able to register to vote thanks to the constitutional amendment, told reporters later. “So my resolve is strengthened.”

COME ONE, COME ALL

DeSantis lifted state COVID-19 business restrictions Friday, including limits on the numbers of people who can dine in restaurants, while also prohibiting local governments from closing restaurants and collecting fines from people who don’t wear face masks in public. DeSantis said the move into the third phase of his economic-recovery efforts is designed to ensure “business certainty.” He said it shouldn’t be that much of a change outside of restaurants, bars and craft breweries, which have been limited to 50 percent indoor occupancy statewide, and Southeast Florida, which has lagged behind the rest of the state in reopening because of its large number of COVID-19

cases. The governor’s move allows local government officials to impose health regulations, but they can’t shut down businesses such as restaurants or impose fines on people who don’t wear face masks. Businesses, however, can still require customers to wear face coverings. “All these fines we’re going to hold in abeyance and hope that we can move forward in a way that’s more collaborative,” DeSantis said. **STORY OF THE WEEK:** Gov. Ron DeSantis spent the week shoring up support for President Donald Trump, rolling out a policy designed to crack down on protests, threatening to prohibit universities from punishing students who don’t comply with social-distancing requirements and reopening businesses and restaurants at full capacity throughout the state.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We’ve seen disorder and tumult in many cities across the country. ... I think that this has been a really, really sad chapter in American history.” --- Gov. Ron DeSantis, releasing a proposal on Monday aimed at cracking down on disruptive protests.

Meeting of the Minds MRO’s in Washington

- **Profiling:** Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.
- **Helmet Laws:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards.
- **Black Box:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021.

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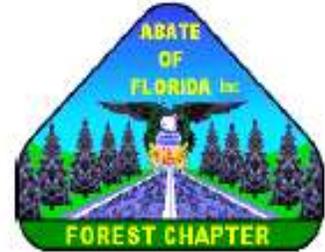


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Saturday, December 12, 2020

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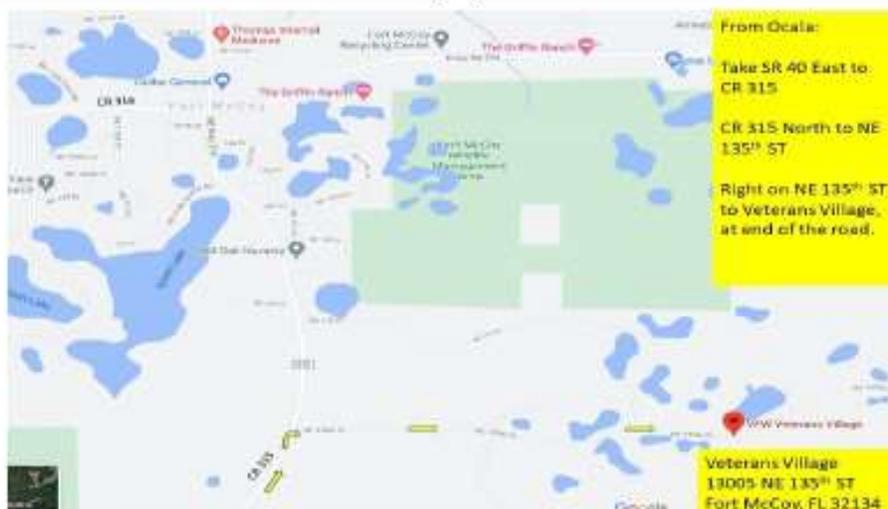
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Father Tom's Message:

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Still, A Lot of Hurt...
and
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Many months have passed since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Many have lost jobs. Many have lost their financial freedom. Many are depressed from having to limit family and social contacts once enjoyed and taken for granted. What about the strains all this is having on relationships?

Right now, we are sure that many of us can relate to the Psalmist who wrote this from his praying to God, about 3,000 years ago. David was being hunted down and persecuted by King Saul. He said, ***“O Lord, have mercy on me in my anguish. My eyes are red from weeping; my health is broken from sorrow. I am pining away with grief; my years are shortened, drained away because of sadness. My sins have sapped my strength; I stoop with sorrow and with shame. I am scorned by all my enemies and even more by my neighbors and friends. They dread meeting me and look the other way when I go by. I am forgotten like a dead man, like a broken and discarded pot. I heard the lies about me, the slanders of my enemies. Everywhere I looked I was afraid, for they were plotting against my life.”***

This life and what we are going through right now, can be turned over to God, as we allow Him to take the burden, as much as we can humanly allow.

David went on to say, ***“But I am trusting you, O Lord. I said, “You alone are my God; my times are in your hands. Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly. Let your favor shine again upon your servant; save me just because you are so kind!”***” (Psalm 31:9-16 Living Bible)

Jesus answers us when He said, ***“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”***

And, you can answer by turning it all over to Him and praying, ***“Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my Heavenly Father, the God of Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance and I wish to be free in you. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. Let your Holy Spirit come in and guide me through this stressful time. I ask, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.”***

Wouldn’t you rather go through this life with Him, than without Him? Our God has not abandoned us. He is still on the throne and still in control.

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