

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

# New Image Ministries

Come & Be **CHANGED**

*May we all be changed into His Image by His Spirit that lives within us.*

2 Cor. 3:18

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**Devotional by  
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2 Cor 3:18- But we are  
with unveiled face  
beholding as in a  
mirror at the glory of



### HELLO FROM HELEN

Hello family,

It's beginning to look a lot like  
Christmas, and everyplace I go,  
I see lights and Christmas  
colors and our beautifully  
decorated church.

the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We heard a couple weeks ago that God was removing the veil. We were reminded that the sign outside was an outward picture of the inward work God is doing in our lives. The veil God is removing is the flesh and we were given the understanding that the flesh was not our bodies (skin). It was our natural thinking (carnal).

God is transforming us from the inside out by the renewing of our minds. God said in the beginning we were created in his likeness and in his image. God wants us to see we are more than we think

The church is officially decorated for Christmas and we had so much fun decorating it. There are two trees, one in the lobby and one in the Gathering Place. There are poinsettias on the beginning of each row of the Sanctuary. The church is absolutely beautiful. It's going to be a great Christmas season.

We had Thanksgiving dinner together on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, it was fantastic. I heard a couple of family members say that the turkey was perfect and so juicy. We all brought a dish. The thing that I can't get out of my mind is that there were desserts as far as the eye can see. I don't think anyone left any stones unturned when it came to desserts. Everything was beautiful, plentiful and delicious! After dinner, we were all given an opportunity to share some gratitude. Elder Keith Freeman went around with the microphone and we all got to hear blessing after blessing. What a wonderful way to spend Thanksgiving Dinner. We are so blessed to be a part of this church family.

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is our Tree Lighting Ceremony. That is always a lot of fun. We meet right in front of the church at 7:00 p.m. and our own Praise Team will be playing music as we all sing along. There will be cookies and drinks. The flag pole has already been decorated with lights in the form of a Christmas Tree. Then when it's

we are; more than meets the eye. The outer shell is not who we are the truth is inside of us. Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life.

Our prayer is this that the invisible realm becomes more real to us than what we see feel and touch and the word of God shines brighter and brighter in this new day.

dark enough, we light the tree. It is very exciting.

We are going to The Holy Land Experience in Orlando Florida on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. We will meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. and we already have the bus booked and the tickets bought. I can't wait.

We will be having a Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will last for 1 hour so be there if you can and you'll still have plenty of time to be home on Christmas Eve.

On New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00 p.m. we will celebrate New Year's Eve together. First we will have a wonderful Service at 9:00 p.m. and then we will all go into the Fellowship Hall and bring in the New Year in together. Here we come 2020!

Until next month,  
Love and blessings,  
Helen J. Caliendo



## Who Am I?

- \*I was born in Patterson NJ
- \*I have 3 dogs
- \*I once went to Argentina for work
- \*My favorite food is Eggplant Parmesan
- \*My favorite author is Sidney Sheldon
- \*My favorite singer is Carole King
- \*My favorite actor is Benicio Del Toro
- \*I love the TV show Mom
- \*I love Christmas
- \*I spend a lot of time relaxing
- \*The best part of waking up is that I made it one more day
- \*I would love to go to some live plays
- \*I have a collection of mini Cologne bottles
- \*My warning label would say "Beware of Potty Mouth"
- \*The song that sums me up is "I'm so excited"
- \*My autobiography would be titled "Tell You That You Really See Me"
- \*My favorite cologne is Opium
- \*I want people to know that I need a lot of encouragement!

*If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the*

## Meet Marie Hall

- \*I was born in Pennsylvania
- \*I have also lived in New York and Bedford, Indiana
- \*My favorite color is black
- \*I am very creative
- \*Once I jumped out of a high tree into the water
- \*I loved riding horses as a child
- \*I love going to the beach
- \*I have two children
- \*I have worked as at reading blue prints for windows and doors
- \*I love Elvis Presley
- \*I love funny movies
- \*My favorite actor is Eddie Murphy
- \*I have been to the Bahamas
- \*I love Christmas
- \*I love the sound of the ocean
- \*I love the smell of a rose
- \*I love to be outdoors
- \*My auto biography would be named "Compassion"
- \*The best part of waking up is looking up at the sky and knowing Jesus made it all
- \*Going to Hawaii and Italy are my bucket list
- \*If I ruled my own country, the first law you would introduce would be that everyone needs to be nice to each other.

church office with your guess. All correct guesses will be published in next months issue of 'Getting to Know You'.

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### THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

Long Ago there were two villages in a far off land. One was in a valley, and one was on a mountain top. The people in the mountain village wanted to give each person in the valley a Christmas gift.

So the mountain townspeople formed a committee to think of something special. Money was limited, and each gift had to be of equal value to each person. After much time and discussion a decision was finally reached. The town's candy maker, an elderly



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*2 Peter 3:18*

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

*I am getting to know Him better each and every day.*

*Eddie McIntosh*

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*Psalm 83:18*

*Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord, that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.*

*God has ALL power!*

gentleman who had loved Jesus for many years, came up with an idea – the candy cane.

1. The candy cane is in the shape of a shepherd's staff. Jesus is our Shepherd, and we are His flock. A sheep follows his own shepherd, knows his voice, trusts him and knows that he is totally safe with him. The sheep will follow no other shepherd than their own. In the same way, if we belong to Jesus, we are to follow only Him. (John 10:11; Psalm 23:1; Isaiah 40:11)

2. Turned over, the candy cane is a "J", the first letter of Jesus' name. (Luke 1:31). It is made of hard candy to remind us that Christ is the "rock" of our salvation.

3. The wide red stripes on the candy

**Eddie McIntosh**

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**Psalm 23:3**

**He refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along  
the right path for his  
name's sake.**

**It reminds me of my  
son who passed away.  
Nikki Gray**

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**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the  
world that He gave His  
only begotten son that  
whosoever believeth  
in him shall not perish  
but have everlasting  
life.**

**I'm constantly  
reminded in the  
strength in the love of  
Christ.**

**Eric Armas**

## **MY FIRST CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS**

Submitted by Kathy Mologousis

I see the countless  
Christmas trees around the  
world below,  
With tiny lights like heaven's  
stars, reflecting on the  
snow,

cane represent the blood Jesus shed on the cross for each one of us so that we can have eternal life through Him. He restores us and cleans us with His shed blood – the only thing that can wash away our sin. (Luke 22:20).

4. The white stripes on the candy cane represent Jesus' virgin birth and His pure, sinless life. He is the only human being ever who never committed a single sin, even though He was tempted just as we are. (1 Peter 2:22)

5. The narrow red stripes on candy canes symbolize Jesus' stripes, or scars, which He got when He was arrested and whipped. The Bible says we are healed (of sin) because He took those wounds. (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24)

The sight is so spectacular;  
please wipe away that tear,  
For I am spending  
Christmas with Jesus Christ  
this year!

I hear the many Christmas  
songs that people hold so  
dear,  
But the sounds of music  
can't compare with  
heaven's choir up here,  
I have no words to tell you  
the joy their voices bring,  
For it is far beyond just to  
hear the angels sing!

I know how much you miss  
me; I see the pain inside  
your heart,  
But I'm not so far away;  
we're really not apart.  
So be happy for me, dear  
ones, you know I hold you  
dear,  
And be glad I'm spending  
Christmas with Jesus Christ  
this year!

I send you each a special  
gift from my heavenly home  
above.

I send you each a memory  
of my undying love!  
After all more precious than  
pure gold.

It was always most  
important in the stories  
Jesus told.

Please love and keep each  
other as my Father said to  
do,

For I can't count the  
blessings or the love He  
has for you!  
So have a Merry Christmas  
and wipe away that tear,

6. The flavoring in the candy cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop and is of the mint family and was used in Old Testament times for purification and sacrifice. (John 19:29; Psalm 51:7)

7. When we break our candy cane, it reminds us that Jesus' body was broken for us. When we have communion, it is a reminder of what He did for us. (1 Corinthians 11:24)

8. And, if we share our candy cane and give some to someone else because we love that person, we are sharing the love of Jesus. (1 John 4:7,8)

God gave Himself to us when He sent Jesus to earth to save us. He loves us so much that He wants us to spend eternity with Him. We are assured of that when we accept Jesus into

Remember...I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

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12-19-1997  
I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN

**Question: What did Adam say to Eve on the day before Christmas?**

**Answer: It's Christmas, Eve!**





our hearts as our Savior. (John 1:12; John 3:3, 16)

Some people believe this story of the candy cane is only a legend. Others believe it really happened this way. We do not know for sure exactly how the candy cane was invented, but one thing is certain...it is an excellent picture of Christ and His love for you.



## CHRISTMAS CRINKLE COOKIES

### **Ingredients**

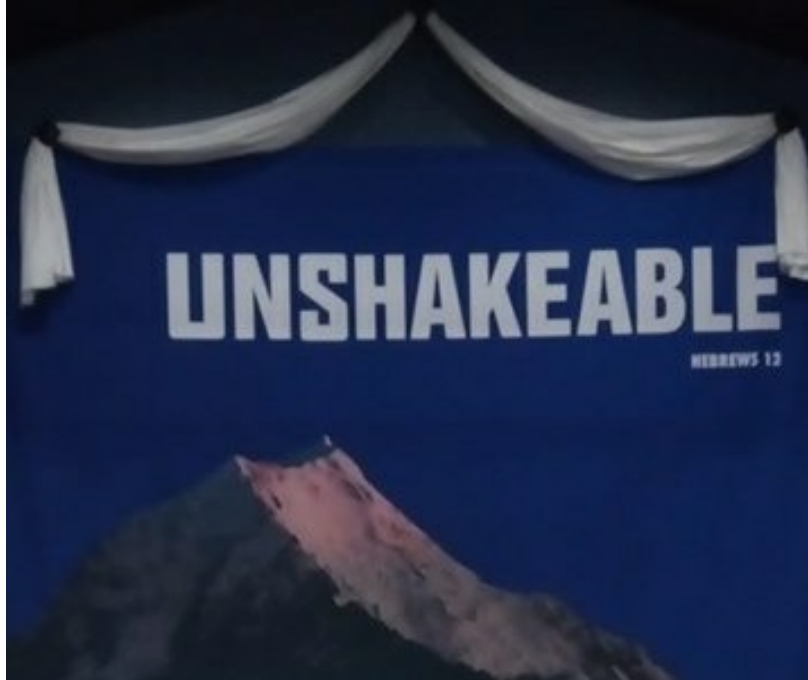
· Pillsbury Purely Simple

## White Cake Mix

- 2 Eggs
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- Red and green food coloring

## Instructions

1. Mix eggs, oil and cake mix in a large bowl.
2. Separate dough into two equal amounts.
3. In small bowls dye one part red and the other part green. The dough has play dough-like consistency, so I found it easiest to mix the colors by hand.
4. Refrigerate dough for at least 30 minutes to create fluffier cookies.
5. Roll tablespoon size balls of dough in powdered sugar and place on a Silpat or parchment lined cookie sheet.
6. Bake for 9-11 minutes at 375 degrees.



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