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GETTING TO KNOW YOU









Devotional by: Elder Nicole Freeman

Isaiah 51:17- Awake. awake!

Rise up. O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the lord the cup of wrath, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes men stagger.

We heard a powerful message on Sunday about the hand of God in our life. Which caused me to stop and contemplate how amazing God is and meditate on his goodness, and the love he has for his creation.

I like the analogy of a parent and a child. The parent, telling the child to come to dinner and the child showing its displeasure with either what we are having or why they're not coming to the table. Unlike us parents God is not moved by our mind (intellect I know better) our will (what I want when I want it) and our emotions (All over the place depending on the circumstance).

Praise the Lord for the mighty hand of God in our life that sees the bigger picture and knows what we need when we don't. But then we act like a child when we don't know what God is doing and kick, scream, and cry and complain. Until we have a revelation that God is the storm of our life and it has purpose. Each time a circumstance comes we should now think God is doing something in our life he removes what is not him and transforms us into the image we were created to be. We must experience the cup of wrath to become the profitable servant on the earth. Without the cup we would continue to live selfish lives about me and mine and not consider others.

Because of God's great love for us he allows us to partake in his suffering so we will see what the cross did for us. God said to us at this time that our sorrow is over, he will take the cup. There is nothing for us to do God is able to be God all by himself in each of our lives. The cup will produce a word in each of us where we will say we are rich and full no matter what the circumstances are. Christ is more than enough and we will continue to add him to everything until all we see is him everywhere. So what are we waiting for Christ to take his place on the throne which is our heart. Where we are no longer live according to our mind, will and emotions but live according to our heart flowing with the goodness of God. So

let us make man in his image and likeness as we are being changed by the very Spirit of God from within. This holiday season let us be more loving and kind towards each other until Christ is fully formed in us all.
Amen



Hello From Helen

Ho-Ho- Ho Merry Christmas month,
Our church is decorated and ready to celebrate the holidays.

I sadly have to acknowledge that we lost a family member; God took her home to be with Him. Dorothy

Jones, we know that you are at peace now but we will surely miss you; thanks for all the years of loving us as you will always be in our hearts.

We had a wedding; Felicia Petruzziello and Chris Sauerwine were married on Saturday, November 21st. What a beautiful bride and handsome groom!!! Felicia and Chris, we wish you both the best of everything that marriage has to offer. May God bless your lives as husband and wife. We all love you.
Congratulations Mrs. and Mr. Chris Sauerwine!

We Have A Prayer Gazebo!!! Oh what a beautiful gazebo it is. If you haven't seen it yet, please feel free to take a walk through our Victory Garden and see for yourself just how beautiful and wonderful this is. We all gathered as Pastor Phil Porzio Sr. said a pray of dedication. He said that God is there with us inside the Gazebo and that thought just warms my heart. Thank you to everyone who either worked on it, contributed to it, prayed for it and supported this project

Thanksgiving here at church was fun and tasty. Thank you to our chefs Jack and Linda Cooper and Peg Lynch. Thanks to our decorators, Vanessa Stephenson, Elder Nicole Freeman and Elder Janet Petruzziello for making everything so beautiful. We thank everyone who showed up and those who brought a dish to share. We spent a special time appreciating our wonderful Pastors, Pastor Michael, Pastor Phil and Pastor Phil Sr. I don't believe there are words suitable enough to express our love for these men. New Image Ministries is a place like no other. There is unconditional love, acceptance and unity . Of course this love starts with our pastors and works its way down the line. I love what Pastor Michael said that his dream is to have a church where everybody knows your name; we are certainly that and much, much more. We are blessed. Thanks to all or you, Thanksgiving dinner was truly something to be thankful for.

Until next month,
With God's blessings,
Deacon Helen J. Caliendo



PRAYER GAZEBO



MY GOOD NEWS IS....

I am grateful for my new glasses and that I can finally see well. It's the difference between day and night. I am so happy.

Andrea Hodgins-Malberg

I am grateful that The Lord keeps nourishing us. He plants a seed and He waters a seed.

Pastor Phil Porzio Sr.

I was in a lot of pain and all of a sudden I woke us in the morning and I am in better shape. I feel great.

Donna Cipriano

My health, a roof over my head and food in my stomach.

Jeffrey Doldorf

I am grateful to New Image Ministries, and our church

family. I am grateful for Pastor Michael, Pastor Phil and Pastor Phil Sr.

Toni Hidalgo

“THE GOOD NEWS ONLY ZONE-MY GOOD NEWS IS…”
If you are grateful for a particular moment or incident or, if you spot a moment where God is intervening in your day, write it down, call me and we will share it in our newsletter. We all need a little or a lot of good news. Let’s share God and His Good New with each other.
Deacon Helen Jill Caliendo



Who Am I?

I was born in Alton, Illinois
I have lived in Michigan, Illinois, Texas & Florida
My favorite color is blue
I love to walk on the beach and bike riding
I love poodles but I don’t have any pets right now
Some of my favorite memories as a kid are of going

to church with my family
My favorite memory is when I got married
I have 4 children
I drove cars and trucks across the state for a living
I enjoy the rain
I don't like to cook
I like Country and western music
My favorite singer is Conway Twitty
I love a good Love Story
I watch soap operas
When I was young I watched a children's show called Hip Hop
Oh Yea, I love to shop
I love to travel and I have been to The Bahamas
I love to take walks
Christmas is my favorite holiday
I love the small of Barbeque ribs
I spend my free time laying in the sun and reading the Bible
Once my husband bought me 25 real roses dipped in 24 karat gold
I would love to go sky diving one day
I wish for happiness and peace
I am a good hearted person
My proudest accomplishment is raising my children
I collect Angels
If I came with a warning label it would say "Danger"
The song that sums me up is "Sunshine"
My favorite quote is "Live and Let Live"

If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the church office with your guess. All correct guesses will be published in next months issue of 'Getting to Know You'.



WHO AM I?
Meet Felicia Sauerwine

I was born in Queens, NY
I have lived in Florida and New York
My favorite color is purple
I love doing Cross Fit
I do like animals, especially dogs but I don’t have any pet
My favorite zoo animals are Lions and Tigers
I have found memories of playing in the snow

The best memory I have is giving birth to my daughter
I have worked as a waitress, a meat wrapper and a medical office manager
I do enjoy cooking
When I was a child I loved eating spaghetti
I would rather cook and eat at home than to eat out
I like Country, Hip Hop and Rock music
My favorite singers are Alicia Keys and Adele
I like action movies the best
My favorite actor is Denzel Washington
My favorite actress is Julia Roberts
I don't watch a lot of T.V. but my favorite show is Law and Order
When I was younger I loved Roper Room
I do like to shop
I have not traveled a lot but I would like to
A chore I hate is putting away my clothes
My favorite exercise is Strength Training
I prefer mornings to evenings
My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving
I love my Peace and quiet
I love the smell of the outdoors, a woodsy smell
I love spending time with my other half
My autobiography would be titled "One Day at a Time"
My daughter was the best gift I've ever received
My superpower would be to be invisible
I wish for health and happiness
My better half is what makes me laugh the most
If I could only eat one meal for the rest of my life I would eat vegetables
If I could do anything I wanted to do for the rest of my life I would volunteer, workout and go to the beach
I own a lot of shoes
If I were ruler of your own country I would make 4 day work weeks
My warning label would read "Woah"
The bible character I admire is Samson
One thing that most people don't know about me is that I have a photographic memory
My favorite quote is "Take the Gun and leave the Cannoli"
1 Correct guess from Pastor Michael Porzio

ONE OF MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPES



Cranberry Nut Bread
Submitted by Donna Cipriano

Ingredients:
2 cup flour
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter or margarine
1 egg
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
¾ cup orange juice
1 ½ cup golden raisins
1 ½ cup chopped cranberries
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
Prepare
Step 1
Sift together, flour, sugar baking powder, baking

soda and salt into large bowl
Cut in butter or margarine until mixture is crumbly
Step 2
Stir eggs with orange rind and orange juice blend this mixture into flour mixture
Stir until flour is moistened
Fold in raisins, cranberries and nuts
Spoon in to 9 ½ x 5 ¼ loaf pan
Bake 350 degrees 60 to 75 minutes or until tester inserted in center comes out clean
Cool in pan 5 minutes. Invert onto wire rack. Turn right side up. Wrap and store for 24 hours before slicing.



Candy cane cookies
Submitted by Donna Cipriano

Makes 4 to 5 dozen
1 ¼ cups butter or margarine
1 cup powdered sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ teaspoon almond extract
3 ½ cup all purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
Red food coloring
1 egg white slightly beaten
Red decorating sugar (optional)

Prepare
Cream together butter and powdered sugar
Beat egg and flavorings
Combine flour and salt
Stir into 1st mixture

Set aside ½ of the dough

Tint remaining half light red with a few dots of food coloring
Keep dough chilled for easy handling
With hands, roll 1 tsp full of white dough and 1 tsp of red dough into strips about 4” long
Put strips side by side and twist together lightly
Repeat with remaining dough
Arrange ungreased baking sheet
Curve one end down to form a candy cane shape
Brush cookies with egg white
Sprinkle with red sugar if desired

Bake at 350 for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly brown
Cool on wire rack and store air tight



Submitted by Peg Lynch

Cranberry relish
1 bag cranberries
½ cup water
1 cup sugar
1 large orange
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ginger
Pinch salt
½ cup toasted walnuts (Optional)

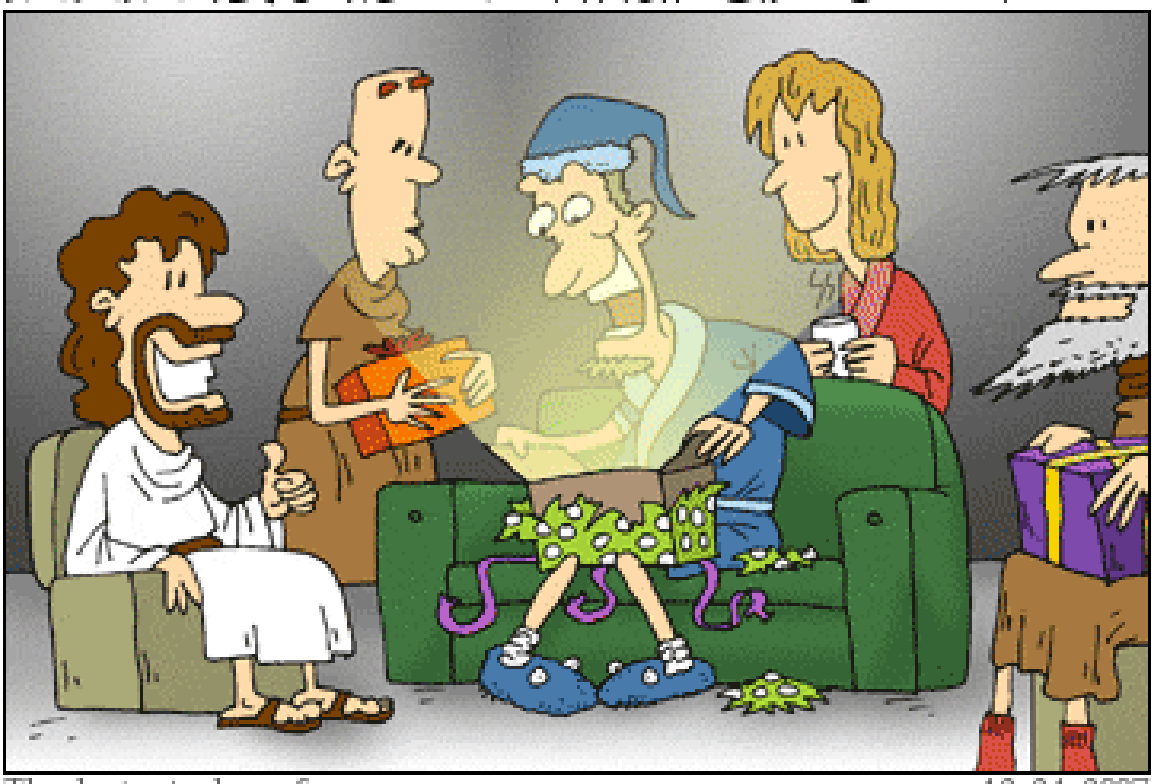
Directions:
Rinse and drain cranberries
Zest and juice the orange
Place water and sugar into pot; simmer over medium heat until sugar is dissolved
Then add all other items (expect walnuts if using)
Bring to boil
Start to stir when cranberries begin pop
Continue to cook until cranberries are finished popping, remove from heat and add walnuts
Let cool for 4 hours, relish will thicken



YOU LOOK FOR ME AT CHRISTMAS

You look for Me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations;
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.
Love,
Jesus

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ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS JESUS!



"Wouldn't it have been easier to cut off the top of the tree?"



ONE OF MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES

Songs of Solomon 5:1 I have come to my garden and **Isaiah 61:11** For the earth brings forth its bud. *We are His garden, He is our gardener. He cares for us and nurtures us. He causes us to spring forth. Pastor Phil Porzio Sr.

Proverbs 3:21 My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion. **Proverbs 3:22** they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.
*As long as I put my trust in God's hands, I have the peace of mind to know that no matter what life brings, I will never be alone and the Lord is always with me. Deacon Helen J. Caliendo

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Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

*A dedication to this country. We should take this to heart.

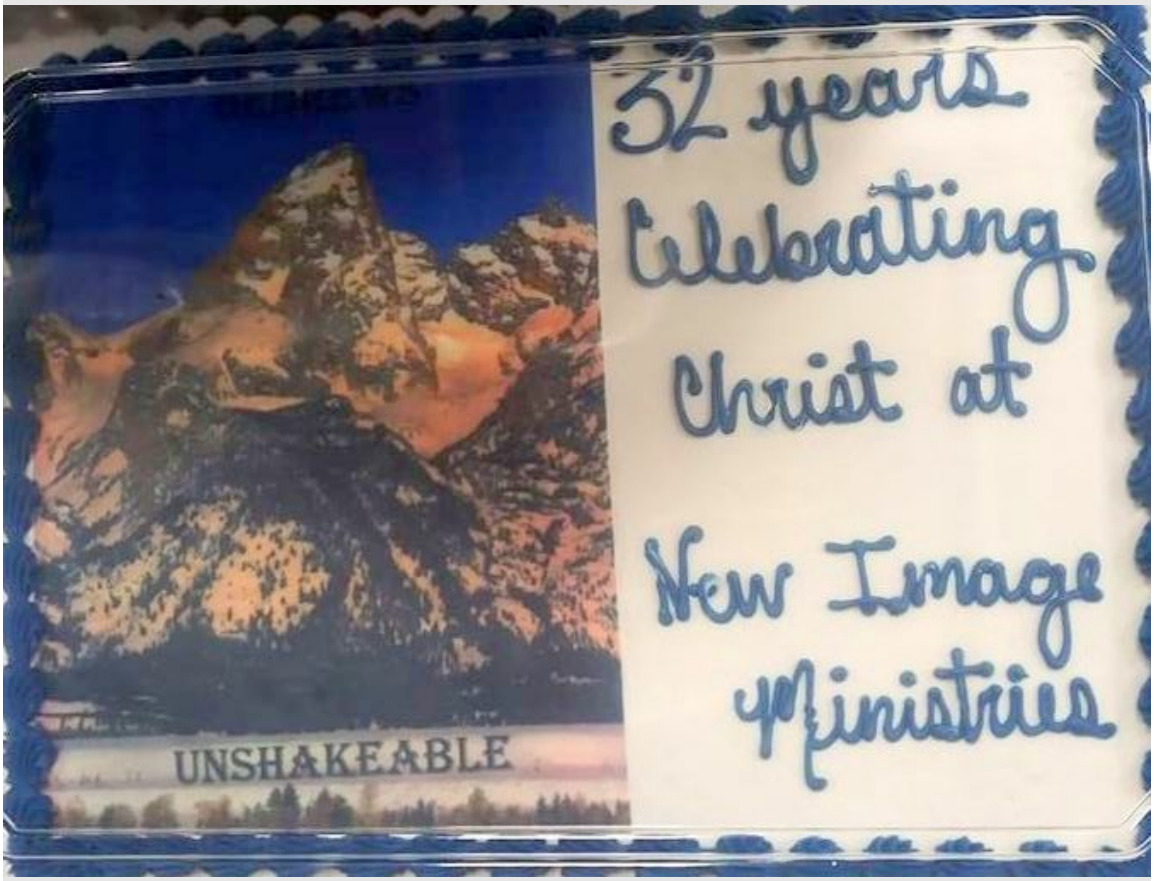
Geraldine Patterson

Psalm 126:6 - Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Man says…Show me and I'll trust you. God says… Trust me and I'll show you
Toni Hidalgo

Proverbs 30:5 – Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge I Him.

God keeps every promise He makes. He is like a shield for all who seek His protection.
Toni Hidalgo



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