

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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And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy the Son of God.

LUKE 1:35



**It is a Glorious Calling!
By Elder Sandra Roman**

During our New Year's Eve service, we heard the word God gave us for 2025, "Unlocking the Kingdom", we were given the key of David and heard we were going to build the kingdom of heaven. On January 12th, Pastor Michael reminded us of a prophecy God gave us as far back as 1995 that the Lord said He had called us to

build him a city in Lehigh Acres and God is moving our hearts to do it again.

Pastor Michael asked, "How do you build the house of God?" Honestly, I didn't have an answer. But I knew that if the Pastor was asking the question, God had given him the answer and we would build the house of God according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (Eph.1:11)

How are we to build this house of God on the earth? We were given four tools: (1) Name change/New identity (2) Fathers and Mothers who would care, love, provide for those in the house and in the community (3) Forgiveness because we see other as the righteousness of God (4) Love.

May we go back and listen to this message and to every message preached this year and learn to see everything whole and not in fragments. Our Father, the Master Builder, calls those things that are not as those though they are (Romans 4:17).

God has a purpose for His Church! He is interested in bringing the Church forth into all His glory, filling it with Himself, so that He can minister through you and me to touch Lehigh Acres and the nations. It is a glorious calling!

I believe we are beginning to see what God is doing, how He is bringing the Church to the place where He dwells in our midst. We become His City, His dwelling-place physically and spiritually. Isaiah 2:3: And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the House of the God; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Building the house of God is a glorious calling.



Hello From Helen

Ho, Ho, Ho and Merry Christmas Family,

We've had so much activity and so much love shown here at New Image Ministries,

I just love being a part of the New Image Ministries family.

We had Thanksgiving Dinner with an amazing turkey dinner and all the

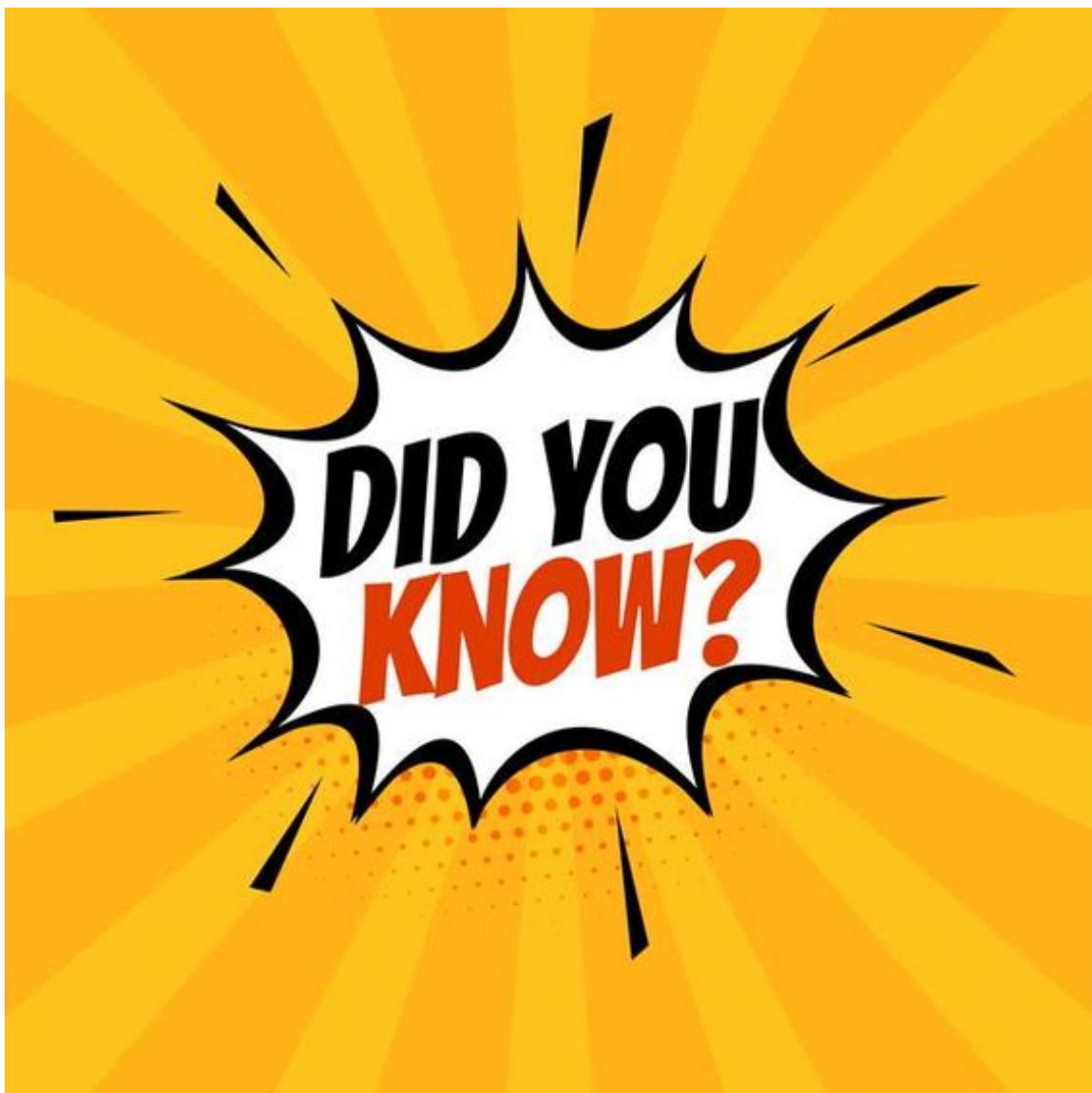
trimmings and desserts. My favorite part is always the fellowship. We are such a wonderful family. We also had a chance to give our gratitude back to our amazing Pastors who do so much for us. We have something here that you don't find in a lot of places and I for one, treasure our Pastors and all of you more than words could explain.

We had our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony with a sing a long led by our very own Praise It is always fun. There were all kinds of Christmas cookies and hot chocolate and lots of goodies. The elves gave away bags of goodies for us to talk home and our wonderful youth received gifts from the Angel Tree. What an amazing night.

We will be playing Mini Golf on December 13th at 4:00 p.m. We are certainly having more activities together as a family and it is such a blessing.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for more great things to come.

Until next month and always with love and blessings,
Deacon Helen J. Caliendo





How Christmas Wreaths Became a Tradition

The Old Norse would build large wreaths, set them on fire, and roll them down a hill. These wreaths represented a sun wheel, which they hoped would coax the sun out of its slumber and back to the world.

WHERE DID THE PHRASE

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" comes from?



“A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You” was the verse that was shown on the first commercially available Christmas card in 1843. Christmas has been merry long before that though. The use of ‘Merry Christmas’ as a seasonal salutation dates back to at least 1534, when, on 22nd December, John Fisher wished the season’s greetings in a letter to Thomas Cromwell, recorded in *Strype Ecclesiastical memorials*, 1816):
And this; our Lord God send you a Merry Christmas, and a comfortable, to your heart’s desire.



WHO AM I?

I was born in Panguitch, Utah
My favorite color is Blue
My favorite activity is "Playing Guitar"
My typical day consists of Coffee, reading and relaxing and work
I took a four day Greyhound bus to come to Florida
My most treasured memory is sitting around campfire with dad and listening to
Rock Lobster
I have worked in a Restaurant, and in the "Tesla Robot Industry"
I would rather eat out more than eating in
Favorite food is Pizza
I listen to "Midwest Emo" music
My favorite musical group is "The Front Bottoms"
My favorite author is "Peirce Brown"
My favorite movie is "Scott Pilgrim Verses the World"
My favorite actor "Edward Norton"
My favorite actress is "Emma Watson"
My favorite T.V. show "BoJack Horseman"
My family and the connections I have with people make me happy.
"Quiet" makes me feel at peace
I have traveled to all of the west
My favorite vacation was "Impromptu "Driving to the Golden Gate Bridge,
sleeping in my car and going home in the morning"
My favorite holiday is Christmas
I love the smell of "Baked Goods"
My autobiography would be titled "Becoming Grateful"
The best gift I have ever received was a "Skateboard"
The best part of waking up is Coffee in the morning
If I could have one superpower I would choose to be "Invisable"
One thing I dream about doing one day is "Working in the "Recovery Field"
The one thing I am most proud of is "Being Sober"
My philosophy is "The Serenity Prayer"
The thing that makes me laugh the most is "My Dad"
I collect "Coins"
The law I would enforce if I were ruler is "Be Kind"
My warning label would say "Very Loud"



MEET EMMA LABLANC

I was born in Canada
My favorite color is Pink
My favorite activity is Zumba
My typical day consists of Cleaning
My most treasured memory is getting married
I have worked as seamstress
I would rather eat at home than eating out
Favorite food is Lobster
I listen to Country music
My favorite singer is Celine Dion
My favorite actor is Dean Martin
My favorite actress is Whitney Houston
My favorite T.V. show The Price is Right
Visiting my children is what truly makes me happy

Reading "Nora Roberts" books makes me feel peaceful

My favorite vacation was going to Italy

My favorite holiday is Christmas

I love the smell of Roses

My autobiography would be titled "My Family"

The best gift I have ever received is my diamond bracelet

The best part of waking up is thanking God every
morning that I'm alive

If I could have one superpower I would choose to cure
the sick

One thing I dream about doing one day is winning the
Lotto

The one thing I am most proud of is my better half

My desire is to live forever

The thing that makes me laugh the most is anything
comedy

I collect elephants with the nose up

My warning label would say "Don't Step on My Toes"

I would like to learn more about the bible and the best
way to study it



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**





Santa has a senior moment



CHRISTMAS GINGER GLAZED SALMON

- ¼ CUP Olive oil – plus more for the skillet
- 3 tablespoons Soy Sauce
- 2 Tablespoons Sesame Oil
- 1 tablespoon Ginger – minced
- 1 tablespoon Maple Syrup

1 tablespoon Chinese mustard
1 tablespoon Sriracha
2 Cloves Garlic – minced
4, Skin on, Salmon Fillets
1 bunch Scallions – chopped for the topping

Combine the olive oil, soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger, maple syrup, Chinese mustard, Sriracha and garlic in a large bowl. Pour one third into a small bowl and reserve. Add the salmon fillets to the large bowl. Marinate, covered, in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium to high heat. Add a drizzle of olive oil to coat the skillet. Add the Salmon skin-side down and cook until crispy, about 5 minutes. Baste the flesh side with the reserved marinade. Flip and cook until the salmon is cooked through and the flesh side is golden brown, an additional 3 to 4 minutes. Top with the scallions.



Christmas Magic Bars

Graham cracker crumbs
Melted butter
Chocolate chips
Peanut butter chips
Shredded coconut
Sweetened condensed milk
M&M's

See, almost all the same ingredients as the original. I swapped butterscotch for peanut butter and the nuts for M&M's. So they will be very reminiscent of what you know and love, but with a fun twist!

Directions:

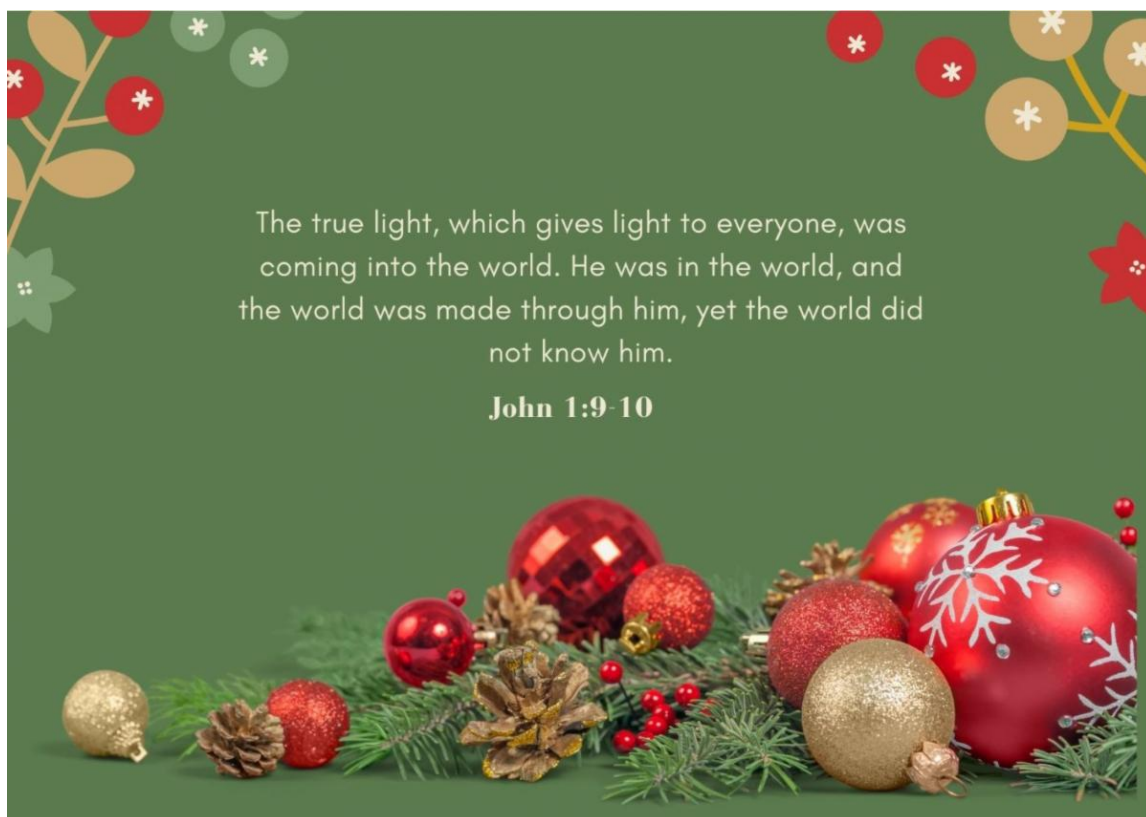
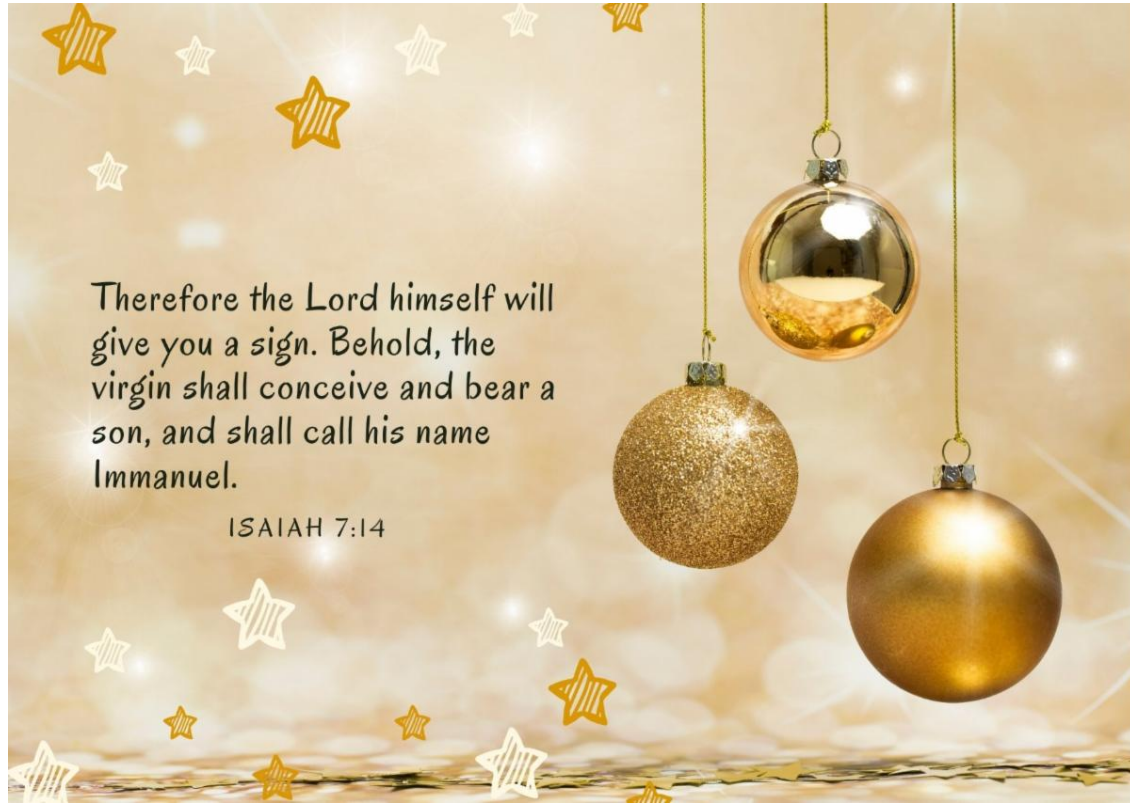
In the base of a 13×9 inch baking dish mix together the melted butter and graham cracker crumbs. Press into the base of the pan. It will be a very thin layer, that is perfectly fine. Then just start layering. Sprinkle over the coconut, chocolate

chips, peanut butter chips, and M&M's.

To finish evenly pour the can of sweetened condensed milk over the bars.

Bake for about 30 minutes until they are set and then let them cool completely before serving.

Break apart and love it



I may not be perfect but Jesus thinks I'm to die for



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