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GETTING TO KNOW YOU





DEVOTIONAL BY ELDER SANDRA ROMAN

IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

Pastor Phil said, "It's all about Relationships." What is a relationship? According to the dictionary, it is a connection, association, or involvement with others (Added, "and with God").

The angel, Gabriel spoke with Zechariah in temple about his son, John. Luke 1:16-17, "He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go

on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

People had left their first love, parents did not teach their children of God's faithfulness (Isa.38:19), and hearts were blinded to God's wisdom therefore they did not obey God's word. (Matt 13:15).

John's name means grace. God sent grace before the Jesus to restore relationships. Why? "To make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Our hearts become ready when we love God and others and only then are we prepared to live surrendered to His ways and will. We will forgive, speak well of others, and not live for self. This is the wisdom of the righteous.

Luke 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples you love one another."



Hello From Helen

Well hello again family,

Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas Season,

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas around here. The church is decorated and it looks and feels so

festive. We had so much fun decorating. There were all types of treats and we all had a ball. There is a piece of all of us inside of this church.

I want to mention the “Victory Garden” because sometimes I get here bright and early in the morning and Valerie Richards is already here or arrives shortly after I arrive and she is still here when I leave at 2:00 p.m. Valerie works so hard to make sure that we have a beautiful garden to walk through, to pray in and to just enjoy. Come and have a seat in the Gazebo if you want. Either way, the “Victory Garden”” is here for us all. Thank you Valerie for making everything so beautiful and so full of love.

Thanksgiving dinner at New Image Ministries was amazing. We had turkey and fried turkey and ham and all the trimmings. We also had delicious pies from Perkins as well as other desserts. We got to present our amazing pastors with Pastor Appreciation gifts because we do have the best pastors in the whole world and we truly thank them for being so faithful and loving to all of us. We had a chance to share our blessings at this dinner also. It was overwhelming to hear all the love. I’ve said it so many times and I’ll say it again, we are truly blessed to have each other here at New Image Ministries. I love my church family!!!

We had a wedding ceremony again this month. Rita Cardoso married Alexander Cano. It was beautiful and we wish them a long, happy life together. Thank you for sharing your special day with us.

Until next year,
With God’s
blessings,

Deacon Helen J. Caliendo



I am grateful that God has His hands firmly planted on my son-in-law Keith.

Peg Lynch



I was pleasantly surprised when I was awarded this ***"Certificate of Appreciation"*** for ***"Caregiver Day 2021"***
Geraldine Patterson



Who Am I?

I have lived in Texas, Virginia, Florida and Maryland
My favorite color is Yellow
Music
I have one pet
I love birds
Once I bought a house online
My favorite memory is singing with my mom
I have two grown children
I have always worked for a non-profit origination in Human Resources and as a Chief Financial Officer
My favorite food is Lobster
I like all genres of music
My favorite author is Patricia Cornwell
Eric Clapton is my favorite singer
I enjoy Love stories
I like to watch the singing completion shows
My favorite T.V. show as a child was Lassie
I like to travel and I have traveled mostly in the United States and Mexico
I would rather dine out that eat in
I love to dance as exercise

I am a night person
My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving
I love the small of flowers
I spend a lot of time listening to music
My autobiography would be titled: “An Interesting Life”
My children are my greatest gift
The best part of waking up is having another day
I want everyone to have peace and love
I want to go to Paris one day and see the Louvre Museum
One of my proudest accomplishments is being able to forgive
My grandchildren make me laugh more than anything
If I had to eat only one thing for the rest of my life it would be soft shell crabs
If I ruled my own country I would make it a law that you have to speak the truth
My warning label would say “Don’t Get Personal”
The song that sums me up is “Will the Circle be Unbroken”
People don’t realize that I am an introvert

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 PEG LYNCH

I love to read
I have 3 pets
I went Para Sailing
I love spending time with loved ones
I have been a factory worker and a teacher
I enjoy cooking
I love Chinese food
I love all music except opera
Janet Evanovich is my favorite author
I enjoy watching Comedies and Mysteries
I love Sam Elliot
I enjoy watching old movies and I love Disney
I like to travel and I have not traveled enough
I like eating out and cooking
I love to walk
I am a morning person
My favorite holiday is Easter
I love the smell of Lilacs
My autobiography would be titled “Fast and Furious”
I am grateful for my children

The best part or waking up is having a new day
If I had a superpower it would be to always wear a smile
I really like to play board games and card games
I would love to Skydive one day
I love deeply and completely
I am proud of the fact that I know my worth
Life makes me laugh
I would definitely sing Karaoke
If I had to only eat one thing for the rest of my life I would eat Pad Thai
I have a collection of Carnival glass
My warning label would say " Proceed with Caution"
My song would be "All Glory to God"
I once preformed the Artful Dodger in the play Oli

ONE OF MY FAVORITE RECIPES



Peppermint Bark

Ingredients

4 cups of Milk or Dark Chocolate Chips
3 cups of White Chocolate Chips
½ Teaspoon Peppermint Extract
25 small Candy Canes

Directions:

Place candy canes sin a plastic bag and crush
In a microwave safe bowl, melt the dark or milk chocolate chips in the microwave oven for approx 30 seconds or until melted
Stir in ½ teaspoon or peppermint extract to the melted chocolate
Spread on cookie sheet (does not have to be from end to end)
And freeze for 5 minutes
In a microwave save bowl melt the white chocolate chips for 30 seconds or until melted
Spread over the dark chocolate and sprinkle the crushed candy cane pieces over the top
Freeze for 1 hour
When hard, break in to pieces



PECAN CRUSTED SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees and butter a 2 quart casserole or baking dish

Ingredients:

3 cups of sweet potatoes, mashed
2 large eggs, slightly beaten

½ cup brown sugar (packed)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup butter
½ cup milk
Mix all ingredients and spoon in to baking dish
Topping:
Ingredients:
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup brown sugar (packed)
1/3 cup flour
¼ cup butter, melted
Mix all ingredients together and sprinkle onto of the casserole.
Bake for 35 to 45 minutes until it is warm in the center.
***You may mix mini marshmallows in with the topping if you wish

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CORNBREAD STUFFING

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Grease a 9x12 baking dish
Ingredients:

1 16oz bag of dry cornbread mix
2 tablespoons butter
½ cup chopped celery
1 small onion
2 eggs – beaten
2 cups of chicken stock
2 tablespoons dried sage

Salt and pepper to taste
In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter and sauté the celery and unions until they are soft
In a large bowl combing the celery, onions, 3 cups of chicken stock, sage
salt and pepper

Bake for 30 minutes or until crust is the way you like it.

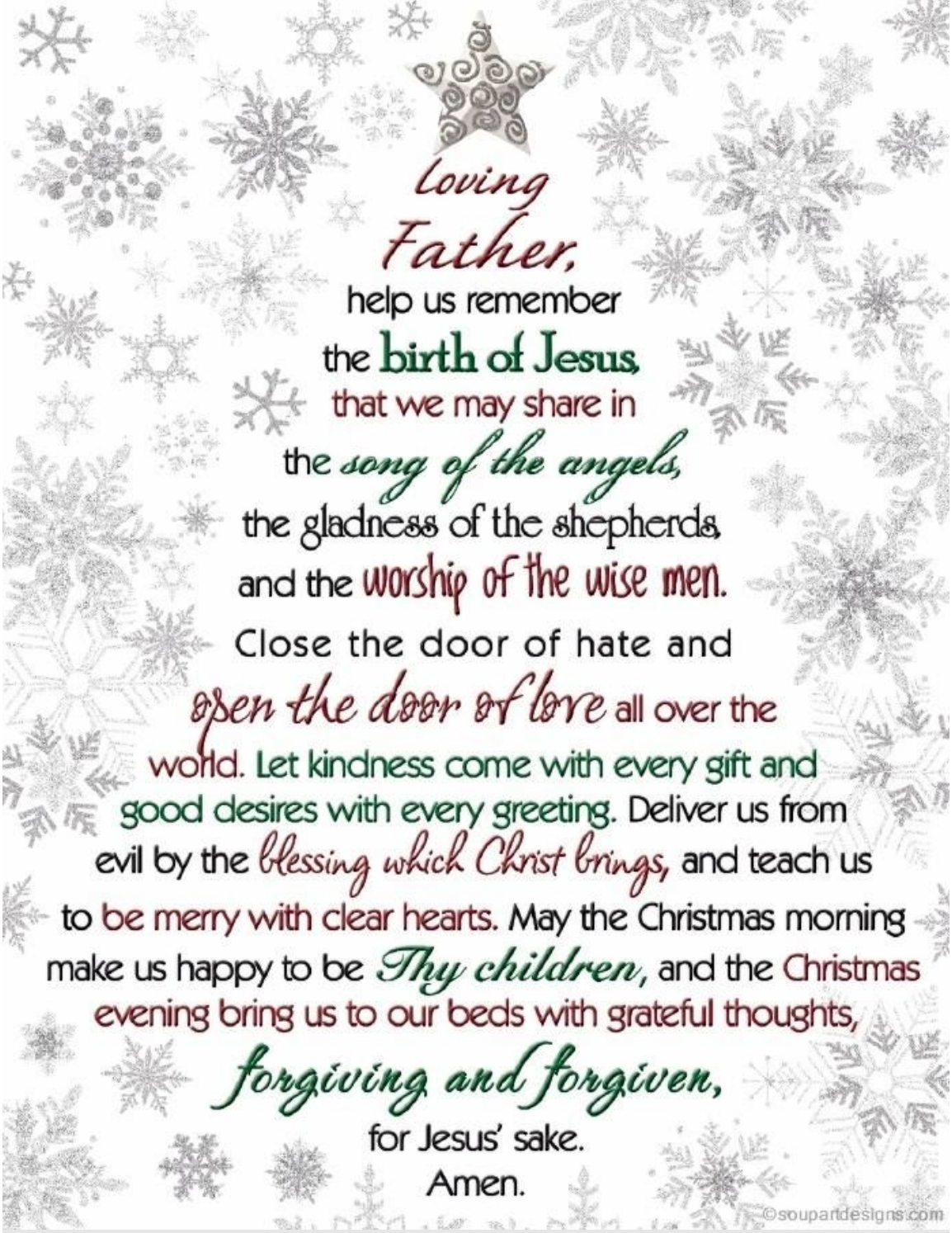


PEPPERMINT HOT CHOCOLATE

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 drops peppermint oil
1 ½ cups heavy cream
¼ cup sugar
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
Sweetened whipped cream, for garnish

In a saucepan, combine the cream, milk, sugar, and salt and heat over medium-low heat. When the cream mixture just begins to steam, add the chopped chocolate, and stir, until melted. Stir in the peppermint oil. Divide the hot chocolate among mugs and top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.



Jesus believes in you!


"Thank you for the laptop darling . . .
yes your father's using it
right now!"


Q. What do Snowmen like to do on the weekend?
A. Chill out.
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ONE OF MY FAVOIRTE BIBLE VERSES OF GRADITUDE FOR THANKSGIVING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Psalm 103:1-4
Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord my soul, and forget not all His benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Colossians 2:6-7
As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Isaiah 12:4-5
And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name. Make known His deeds

among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted.” Praise the Lord in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

James 1:17
Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.





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STAY CONNECTED

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"