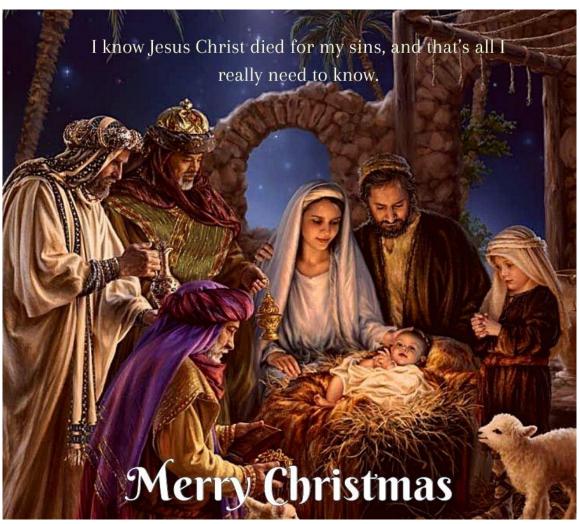
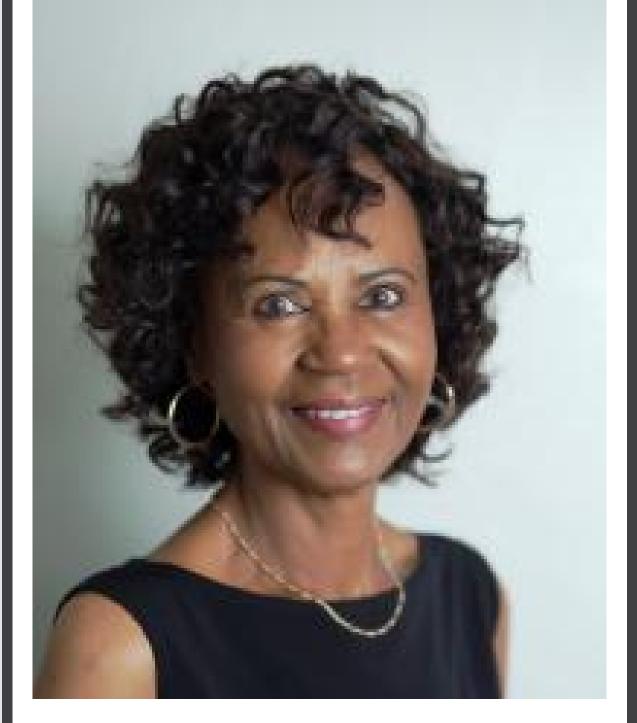
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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU







**Devotional by Elder Sandra Roman** 

#### **A Life Changing Word**

When we hear that God is doing a new thing inside of us as we heard through the Sunday message, our response to this spoken word makes the difference.

Let's gleam from the message we heard Sunday: God wants to do something new in our lives and we are entering into a new season, it is essential to have an understanding of the meaning of redemption as we

enter into the new season, we are to live in a place where we walk in forgiven and we are to let go of things that torment us so we no longer talk to about them.

The Parable of the Sower begins by telling us about a great crowd gathering, Luke 8:4. Our Church House has a large crowd gathering in-house, Facebook, and YouTube because the messages are repeatedly viewed and listened to.

Luke 8: 5, "A farmer went out to sow his seed (Paraphrase: The Pastor preached the word of God). In Luke 8:6-8, We read about the different types of soils (hearts). The first heart was hard, the second heart was stony, the third heart was thorny, and the fourth heart (us) is the one who hears the word, accepts it and produces fruit. This is our new season; this is kingdom living.

When we hear truth, I pray our hearts will be like Mary when the angel Gabriel came to her and told her she would be the mother of Jesus. "Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word", Luke 1:38.

Bottom line. Because of technology, our recorded Sunday messages are accessible on Facebook, YouTube, and our website. We can listen to them repeatedly, obtain a greater understanding, and grow in faith, Romans 10:17, .Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Philippians 4:8, Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Take time to meditate on Sunday's message, reflect on it, ponder it, and believe it. Remember "God wants to do something new in our lives as we enter a new season in Him."



**Hello From Helen** 

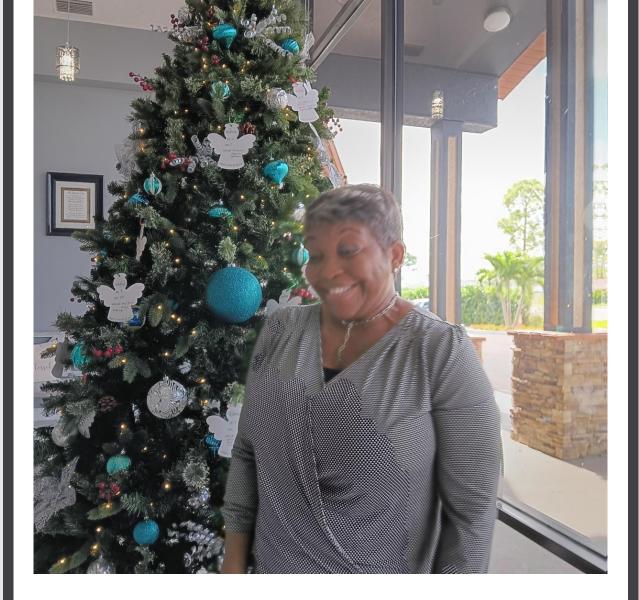
#### Hello Family,

Wow, it's the Christmas Season!
We went through so much as a church this year and here we are; still standing!
Almost time to start a brand New Year.
Just to let you know; we will be having a Christmas Eve Service on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.
And we will be having our annual "New Year's Eve Service and Celebration". We start with an amazing service at 9:00 P.M. on December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's

Eve); our pastors never fail to give us hope and everything we need to look forward to in the coming year. It's always wonderful. Next.....we go into the Fellowship Hall for food, fun, fellowship and we bring in the New Year together as a family. You really have to be there if you are able because it is a great way to begin a new year, in this case "2025".

The one thing I've learned about since I've been a member of New Image Ministries is that we do everything together as a family. You never have to do anything alone. Through good and not so good our church family is always there for each other ant it is a blessing beyond my wildest dreams. Forever grateful!

Forever with love and gratitude Deacon Helen Jill Caliendo



## Featured New Image Ministries Member's Business

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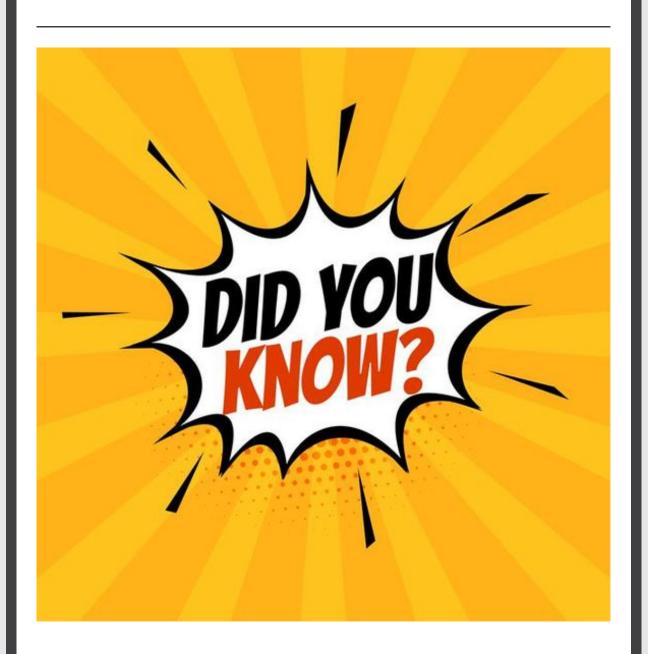
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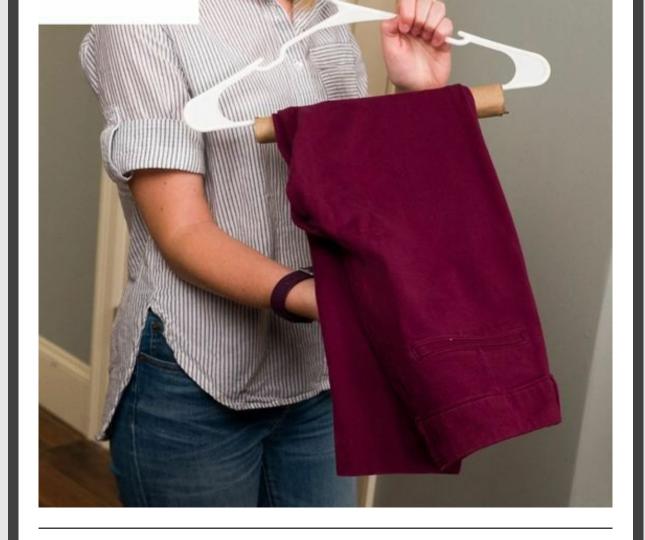
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### Paper Towel Roll Hanger Hack

Make a hanger for storing your dress pants crease-free. Use scissors to cut open an empty paper towel roll. Slip the tube over the horizontal bar of the hanger and tape the opening closed. That's it—no need to purchase expensive padded hangers!

# Where Did This Phrase Come From? The Phrase "DON'T LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH"



Meaning: Find fault with something that has been received as a gift or favor.

Origin: While buying a horse, people would determine the horse's age and condition based on its teeth, and then decide whether they want to buy it or not. This is the reason why people use this idiom to say it is rude to look for flaws in a thing that was given to you as a gift.



#### WHO AM I?

I was born in Adrian Michigan
My friend Etta Mae and her daughter Pam told me about
New Image Ministries and one day I decided it was time
to go

My favorite activity is walking
My typical day consists of taking care of my plants,
crocheting, card stitching and reading
The craziest thing you've ever done is that I had a home
birth

My most treasured memory is the time I've spent with my mother

I am a Nurse

I would rather eat at home than to dine out
Favorite food is seafood
I listen to Christian music
My favorite singer is Lauren Daigle
My favorite author is Danielle Steel
My favorite movie is The Thorn Birds
My favorite actor is Samuel L. Jackson
My favorite actress is Sissy Spacek
My favorite T.V. show Homestead Rescue
Being with people makes me truly happy
Reading the bible is what makes me feel peaceful

I have traveled all across the United States
My favorite vacation was the Tetons, Wyoming
My favorite holiday was my children birthdays
I love the smell of lavender

My autobiography would be titled "Living Life Gracefully"
The best gift I have ever received is my mother's love
The best part of waking up is "Seizing the Day"
If I could have one superpower I would choose to be
"Invisible"

One thing I dream about doing one day is going to Hawaii
I am most proud of is my children
My philosophy is "It is what it is"
The thing that makes me laugh the most is my grandchildren

I collect plants

The most important law I would enforce if I were ruler is "Forgive Others"

My warning label would say "Beware of Sensitive Feelings"

I would like to add I love being around people and socializing but I also like my time to myself at times.

**MEET: PASTOR JENNIFER WILLIAMS** 



I was born in "Kingston, Jamaica"
My favorite color is "red"
My favorite activity is praying
My typical day consists of "5:00 am prayer time, taking
my grandchildren to school, then I go about my flexible
day"

The craziest thing you've ever done was "while having

dinner with clergy and I accidently I said a bad word; I
thought I would die"
My most treasured memory is "my encounter with the
Lord when I was around 9 or 10 years old"
I have worked as "Nurse and other things"
I would rather eat "at home than to eat out"
Favorite food is "Italian"
What is your favorite music "old gospel"
My favorite movie is "anything about Moses"
My favorite T.V. shows are Miami Vice and
Fantasy Island
What truly makes me happy is to "see the gathering of
God's people"
What makes me feel peaceful is "when I'm in the
presence of the Lord"
I have traveled to "Alaska, Greece and Israel"
My favorite vacation was "Israel"
I love the smell of "Roses"
My autobiography would be titled "The Glory of the Lord
Has Been Revealed"
The best gift I have ever received is "the Holy Spirit"
The best part of waking up is "waking up to life"
If I could have one superpower I would choose to be able
to "Go back and forth to heaven"
One thing I dream about doing one day is "going to
Egypt"
The one thing I am most proud of is "my children"
My philosophy is "I will serve the Lord for the rest of my
life"
The thing that makes me laugh the most is "my Great
Grand-children"
The most important law I would enforce if I were ruler is
"Respect one another"



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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



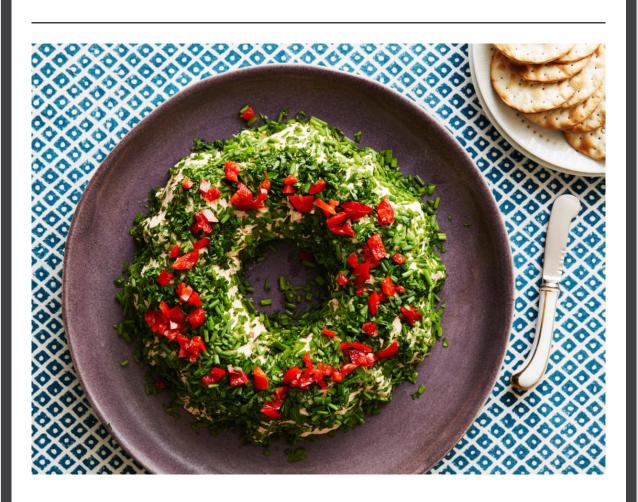


#### YOU LOOK FOR ME AT CHRISTMAS

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



#### **Christmas Cheese Wreath**

Ingredients
1 pound Cream Cheese, at room temperature
2 cups shredded firm cheese, such as Cheddar, Pepper
Jack or Colby

2 teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ pickled Piquante Peppers, or Roasted Red Peppers,
finely chopped

½ cup fresh parsley leaves, finely chopped 1/3 cup finely chopped fresh chives

Crackers, sliced bread or crudités for serving

#### **Special equipment:**

A small (6-cup) Bundt pan

- Line the inside of a 6-cup Bundt pan with plastic wrap. Process the cream cheese, shredded cheese, Worcestershire sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt and few grinds of pepper in a food processor until smooth. Empty the mixture into a medium bowl, and fold in all but 2 tablespoons of the chopped peppers.
- 2. Spoon the cheese mixture into the prepared Bundt pan; pack it in, spread into an even layer and cover (or simply form the cheese mixture into a ball and wrap tightly with plastic wrap). Refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour up to 2 days.
- 3. Uncover and invert the cheese mold (or unwrap and transfer the ball) onto a serving platter. Sprinkle with the chives and parsley to completely coat the wreath, and garnish with the reserved 2 tablespoons peppers. Serve with crackers, sliced bread or crudites.



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



## 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)

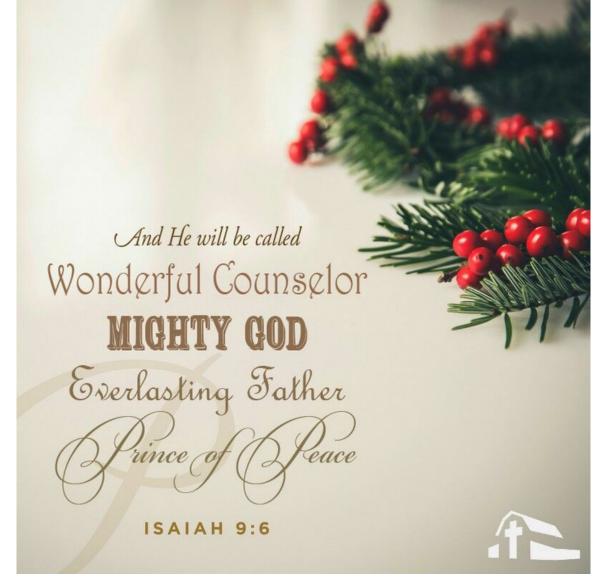
Prepare
Cream together butter and powdered sugar
Beat egg and flavorings
Combine flour and salt

#### Stir into 1st mixture

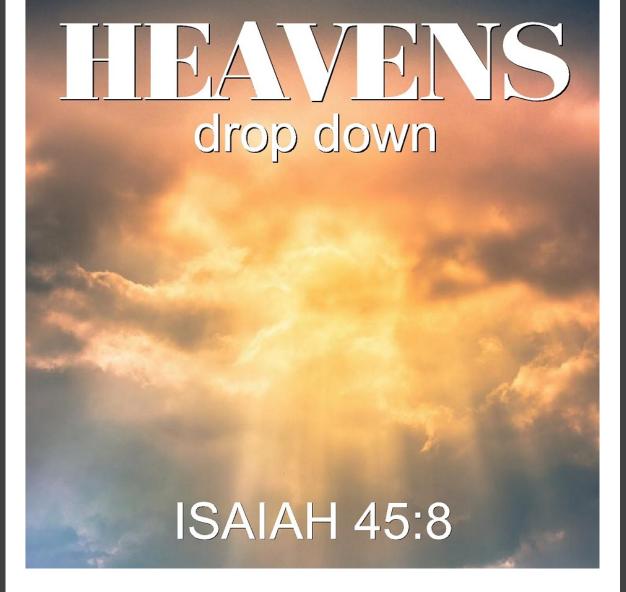
Set aside ½ of the dough

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







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