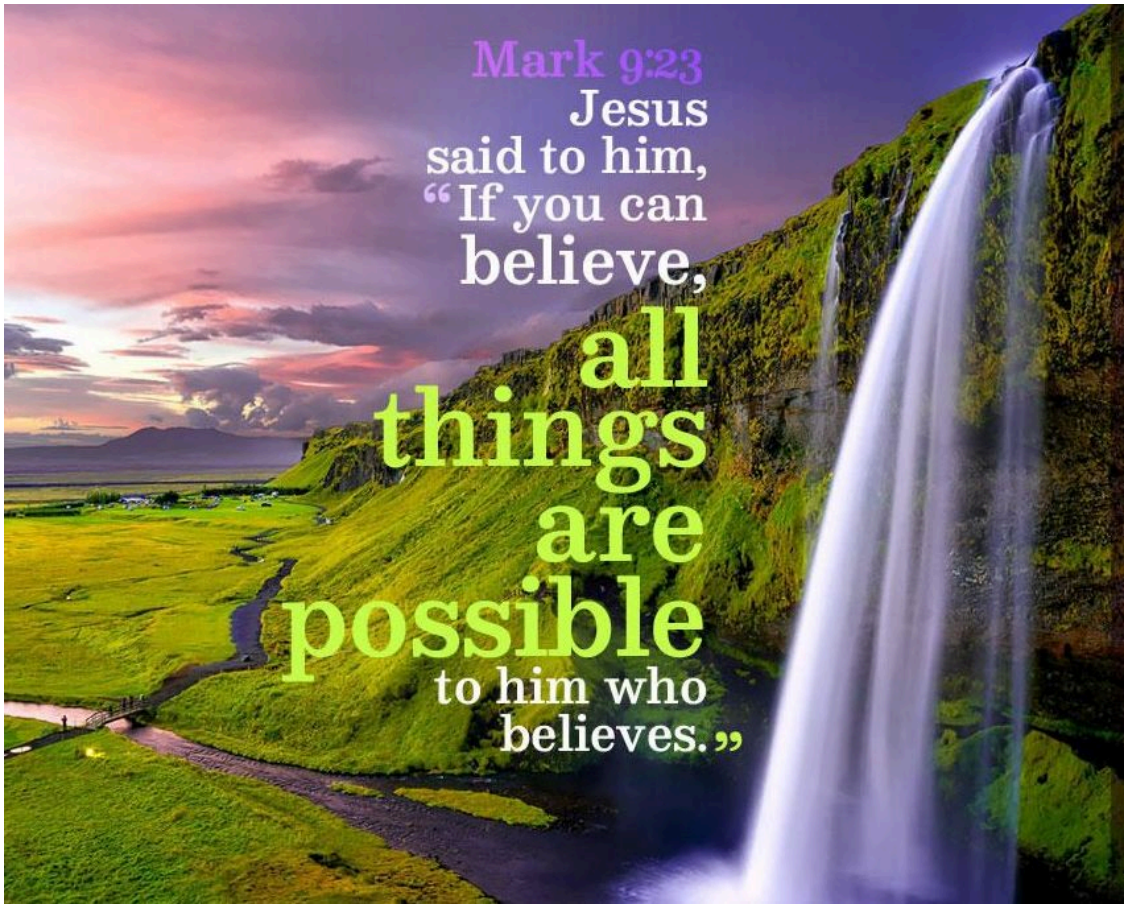
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# GETTING TO KNOW YOU






## Devotional by Elder Janet Petruzziello

“Let There Be Light “Genesis 1:2-3/The earth was formless and void and darkness (confusion & chaos) was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said,”Let there be light “and there was light.

We begin to understand in this journey of life we start dark and chaotic, but God is about to shine His light and make something meaningful and beautiful of our life. God’s presence has always been hovering over us. Once God begins to bring some understanding (light) into our chaotic lives, it seems order begins and a certain peace comes along with it without us doing anything at all. That’s beautiful!

God entered my chaos with excessive force through a person; I’m sure the same for you. We learned we don’t flee from darkness and confusion we enter into it like

someone else did for us.

The image of God in humanity is the spark that reverses the flow of chaos into purposeful order. Pastor Michael said, ”that the character of God will be seen in and through us “. Just like God in Genesis when a person brings peace to a chaotic situation they are literally “ lighting up “ the room. We are changing the way we think constantly. Now, we look at darkness not to suppress it, but rather find the “light” the potential hidden within the depths. We become a habitation for something higher. A new way of being, order flowing from the depths within outward towards others. When we see light when they can only see their darkness- we act as the “Spirit “hovering over their chaos until their own light breaks through. We call that a divine spark!

“Let There Be Light “

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## **Hello from Helen**,

Hello Family,

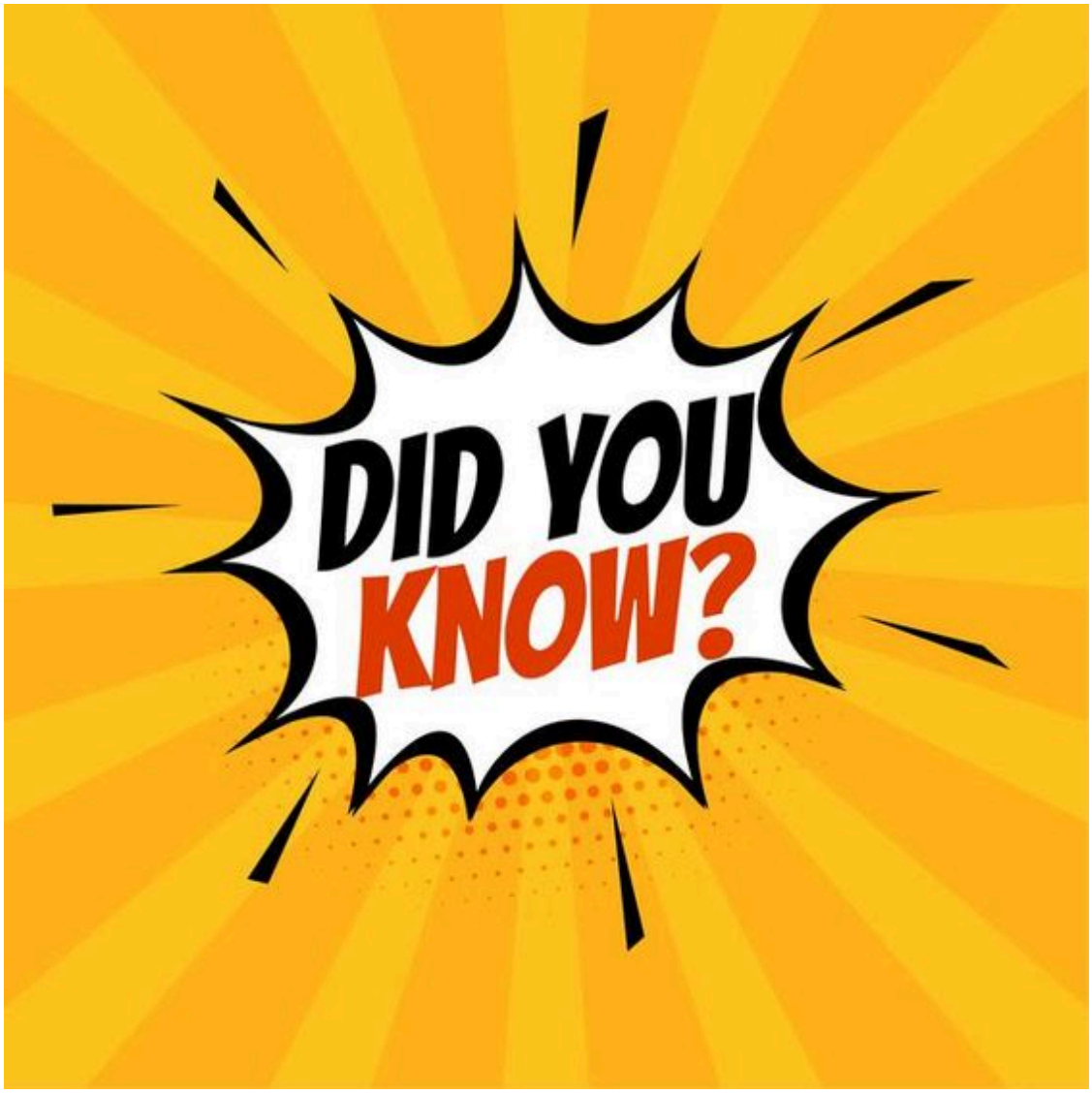
New Image Ministries is officially 38 years in the business of blessings and still going strong! I have to say that it is such an honor to be a part of this ministry and to be a part of a church family that is so special.

We had a big anniversary party on Sunday February 22nd. First of all we had such a wonderful church service. It is always special but somehow, this Sunday was even more special than usual. Next we went into the Fellowship Hall and had a tasty dinner of Chicken Parmesan, Ziti noodles and all the trimmings and of course, with a beautiful anniversary cake.
After dinner, we went into the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. That was wonderful and in formative and that's where we heard the good news about our mortgage. Pastor Phil and Pastor Michael had a very special announcement to make; ***OUR CHURCH MORTGAGE IS PAID IN FUL!!!*** Wow, the pastors had a dream and a whole lot of faith and it paid off! God is Good; All the time! I am telling you, miracles happen here in this church; I have seen many. We all went outside and the Pastors burned the note to the mortgage. It was so exciting!
It was truly a God blessed day!

Things are always happening around here and I hope and pray that you all just "Keep Coming Back" because you never know what is going to happen next. "Operation Freedom" was a bug success and now we are onto ***"Project Shine".*** All donations toward Project Shine will go toward the beautification of our church. Flowers, plants and whatever our wonderful men and women of our church think of doing. If you are interested in donating just write "Project Shine" on your envelope or in the Treasure Chest which is located right outside of the sanctuary.

I stand by what I always say "***This is the greatest place on earth!***"

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


DID YOU
KNOW?




# How to Clean Your Microwave Naturally

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**Use vinegar to eliminate scents from the microwave**

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## WHERE DID THE PHRASE

## *"CHEW THE FAT?*




THIS IDIOM LIKELY COMES FROM THE PRACTICE OF SAILORS CHEWING ON TOUGH SALTED MEAT (FAT) DURING LONG VOYAGES, WHICH LED TO LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS.

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**WHO AM i?**

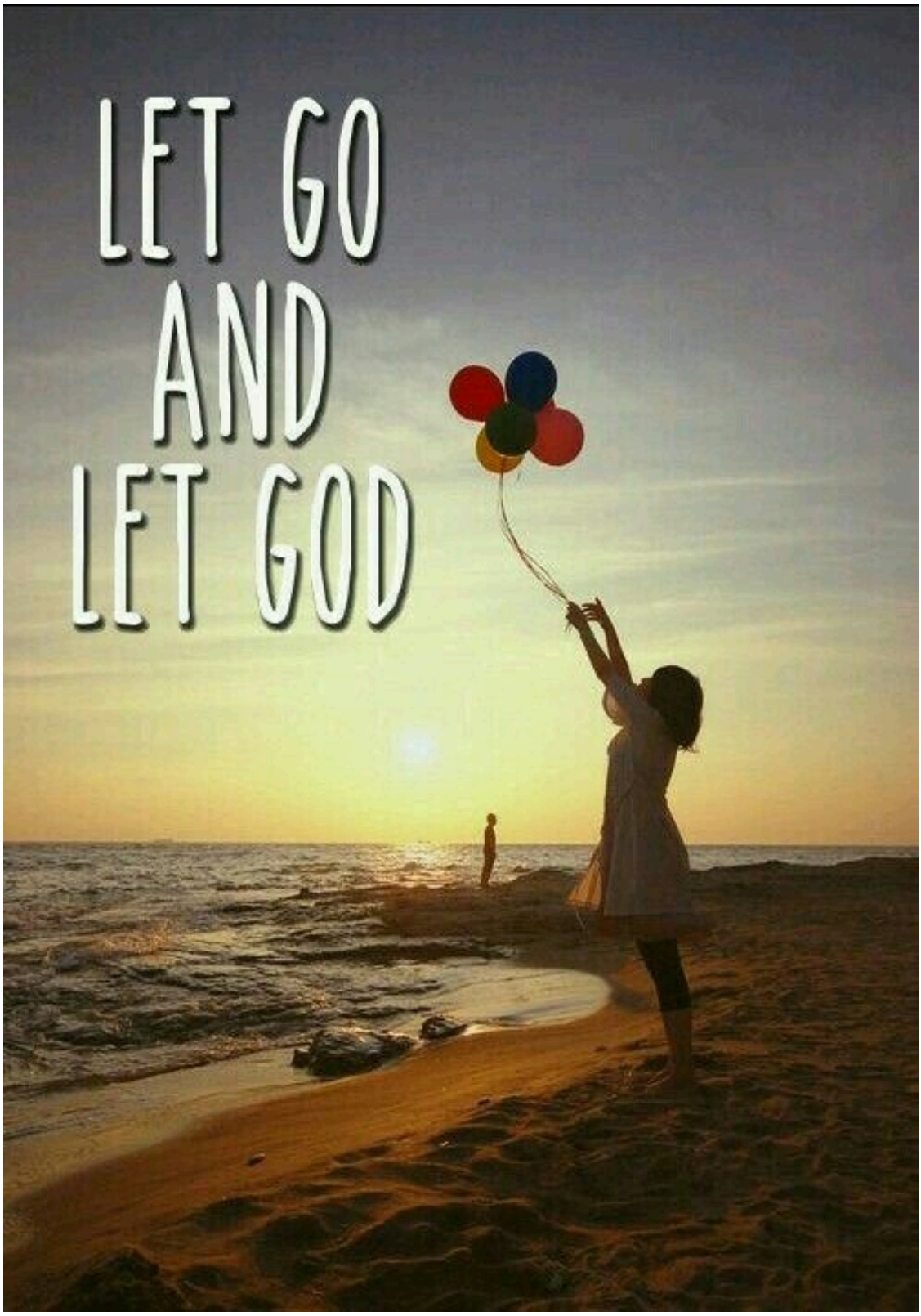
I was born in Sierra Vista AZ
My favorite color is “Red”
My favorite activity is “Driving”
My typical day consists of “Working and hanging out with my cat”
The craziest thing I have ever done “An impromptu car trip from Colorado to Ohio”
My most treasured memory is “My kids being born”
I have worked as a “Auto Mechanic”
I would rather cook and “Eat at home” instead of going out
Favorite food is “Mac and Cheese”
I listen to “E.L.M.-Electric Dance Music.
My favorite singer is “Adel”
My favorite author is “Coleen Hoover”
My favorite movie is “Tammy”
My favorite actor is “Johnny Depp”
My favorite T.V. show Grey’s Anatomy
“Family” makes me truly happy
“Music” makes me feel peaceful
I have traveled to “NYC, Canada and many more places”
My favorite holiday is “Thanksgiving”
I love the smell of “Rain”
My autobiography would be titled “Long Hard Road”
The best gift I have ever received is “Life”
The best part of waking up is “My Kitten”
If I could have one superpower I would choose “Teleportation”
One thing I dream about doing one day is going on “America’s Got Talent”
The one thing I am most proud of is “Being in Recovery”
My philosophy about life is “You don’t have to have money to be rich”
The thing that makes me laugh the most is “Funny People”
I collect “Rocks”
The most important law I would enforce if I were ruler is “Health Care for everyone”
My warning label would say “Caution you might think I’m awesome”





# MEET JOSEPHINE ARMATA

I was born in Rivera, Massachusetts
My favorite activity is “being at the beach”
I once went to a “Chicago” concert by myself
My most treasured memory is all the times is visiting Italy (4 times)
I have worked as “Account” and 5 years in a “non-profit organization”
Favorite food is “Eggplant Parmesan”
My favorite author is “Danielle Steel”
My favorite movie is “Grease”
My favorite actress is “Olivia Newton-John”
My favorite T.V. show “The Partridge Family”
“My children” make me truly happy
I have traveled to “Italy, Canada Aruba, Jamaica and Disney”
My favorite holiday is “the 4th of July”
I love the smell of “Lavender”
My autobiography would be titled “Say what you mean and mean what you say”
The best gift I have ever received is “My engagement ring”
The best part of waking up is “being hopeful”
If I could have one superpower “I would choose take pain away from people”
One thing I dream about doing one day is “getting married”
The one thing I am most proud of is “my daughters”
My philosophy is to be “open minded and humble”
The thing that makes me laugh the most is “a good comedy”
I collect “Christmas tree ornaments and I love the nostalgic ones”
The most important law I would enforce if I were ruler is “Free health care to all senior citizens”
My warning label would say “Give me coffee as soon as I wake up or I won’t be nice”




*As children bring their broken toys with tears for us to mend.*

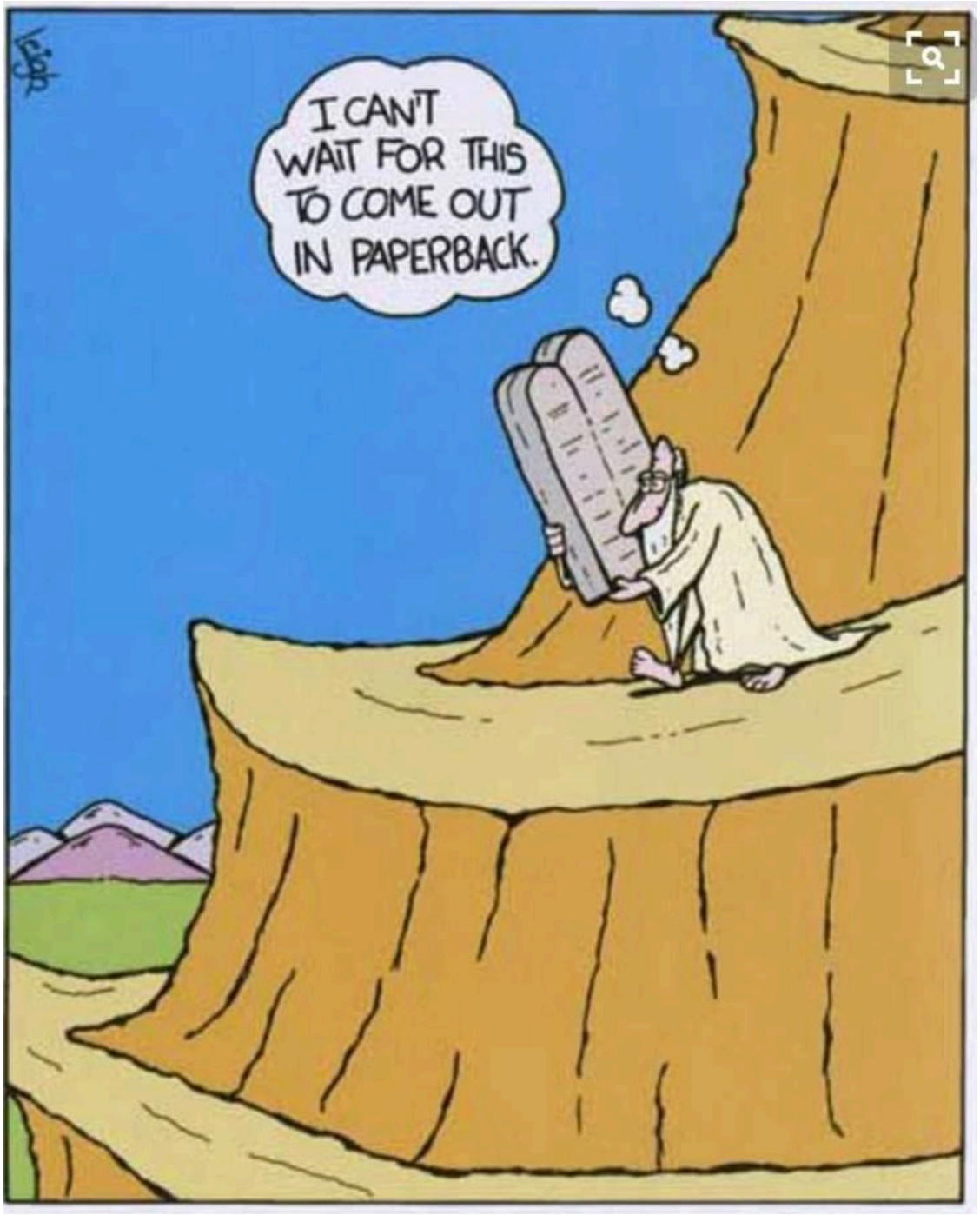
*I brought my broken dreams to God because He was my friend.*

*But then instead of leaving Him in peace to work alone*
*I hung around and tried to help with ways that were my own.*

*At last I stached them back and cried*

*“How can You be so slow?“My child” He said*
*“What could I do?’*

*You never did let go.”*


I CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS TO COME OUT IN PAPERBACK.




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## CHICKEN CASSEROLE WITH BROCOLI AND CHEESE

Ingredients:
¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
½ cup onion (diced)
2 ½ cups whole milk
3 ½ cups cheddar cheese *shredded and divided
2 ounces cream cheese (cut into small cubes)
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
2 cups broccoli florets (lightly steamed or blanched)
3 cups Rice (cooked)
3 cups chicken (cooked, diced or shredded)
1 cup buttery crackers (such as Ritz, coarsely crushed)
2 tablespoons parsley (Chopped)

Directions

Coat a baking dish with cooking spray and preheat the oven. Melt butter in a pot, then add the onion and cook until tender. Next, stir in the flour to thicken the sauce. Whisk in the milk, then add cream cheese, cheddar cheese, spices and seasonings. Place the broccoli, chicken and rice in a large bowl and stir to combine. Add the creamy sauce to the chicken mixture and toss gently to combine. Pour the chicken and rice mix into a casserole dish and add cheddar cheese and crackers on top. Bake until the casserole is golden brown and bubbly. Sprinkle with parsley, serve.



# CHERRY CHIFFON DESSERT

## Ingredients

1 ½ cups boiling water (Divided)
2 cups cold water (Divided)
15 ounces Dark Sweet Cherries (pitted and drained)
2 cups Whipped topping

## Directions

In a large bowl, dissolve 1 package of gelatin in ¾ cups of boiling water. Add 1 cup of cold water, stir and refrigerate until partially set, about 1 hour. Stir in cherries. Pour into a 7 cup mold coated with cooking sptry. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm.
In a small bowl, dissolve remaining gelatin in remaining boiling water. Stir in remaining cold water. Refrigerate until partially set, about 1 hour. Fold in whipped topping. Carefully spread over top. Refrigerate for 4 hours or until firm. Unmold onto a serving platter.







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**Not all storms come to disrupt your life; some come to clear the way**




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