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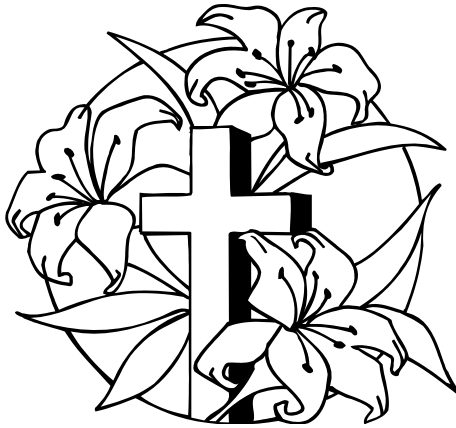


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TAKE A STAND FOR JESUS

In a few days we will be celebrating Easter, what does Easter mean to most people? For most it's chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs, a new Easter outfit. But for Christians it is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus who came to earth not to judge but to give us a gift with no strings attached.



What a wonderful gift that God has given to us! He sent His only Son because we fall so short of living a sinless life and we needed a Savior. Jesus came to earth to take on an earthly body and live as one of us for 33 years, but without sinning against God. Then He gladly died in our place, so that we may be washed white as snow by His precious blood. He paid the price for our sin and now we can stand before the Father free of sin. When we were saved it was as though we were given a no-limit credit card, paid in full. Just say yes to Him and accept Him into your heart and live for Him.

When our gifts of love are taken into the hospitals, we are taking Christ with us bringing comfort and hope to those families at a time when they are so badly in need of Christ. We will never know the impact that these gifts of love will have on other people's lives; only Christ knows that. So with these gifts we are acting as the feet of Christ. **"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."** 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV) If we

don't act as the hand and feet of Christ through these gifts, who will take the place of Christ? In taking the place of Christ as servants for Him, we are being obedient to His will. Look down at your feet and remember He has washed our feet as the lowest of servants, when He washed the disciple's feet. Just as Christ served His disciples as a servant we, too must be servants for Christ. ***"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*** Mark 10:45 (NIV)

As I was getting dressed one Sunday morning I heard the news media talking about the different views of who will be saved. So many churches now are teaching that Christ is not the only way to heaven. That same morning our pastor said as Christians we must draw a line in the sand, grow a back bone and stand up for Jesus. Put that knowledge and talents to work that God gave you. If we don't, who will? You don't have to stand on the corner and hand out tracks, be all that you can be by showing the love of Christ in your actions, you may be the only bible that some people will ever see. Share the love of Jesus with those around you. One thing that we can do is start with our little children and grandchildren. The following recipe is a good way to teach the real meaning of Easter to the little ones and show them how much Jesus loves them.

EASTER STORY COOKIES

To be made the evening before Easter

You need:

1cup whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
pinch salt
1cup sugar
zipper baggie
wooden spoon
tape
Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important-don't wait till you're half done with the recipe!)

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff

peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9

People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the darkness sits in; their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light with

Going To Mark

For the last several years Threads of Love was the guest of Martha Pullen in Arlington for the Martha Pullen sewing market. She has invited us back this year we are making plans now to have a Threads of Love booth Arlington, Texas, June 23-25, so we can share our ministry with the ladies attending the show. If you have the opportunity to attend one of Martha Sewing Market's, by all means do so; they are a lot of fun and you will learn much from the seminars. Bring money for it's a sewer's paradise. If any of you come to Arlington, please stop by our Threads of Love booth and say hello. I would love to be able to meet and visit with some of you at the sewing market. If you wish more information on the

sewing market go to <http://www.marthapullen.com> or call 1 800-547-4176 for information. . The cost is \$17.00 a day. That amount gets you into the shopping mall and you can attend five seminars daily. Hours are 10 AM to 6 PM Thursday and Friday, 10 AM to 4PM on Saturday. The cost is \$17.00 a day. That amount gets you into the shopping mall and you can attend five seminars daily. Hours are 10 AM to 6 PM Thursday and Friday, 10 AM to 4PM on Saturday.



April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks "Go". Christopher

WELCOME

To

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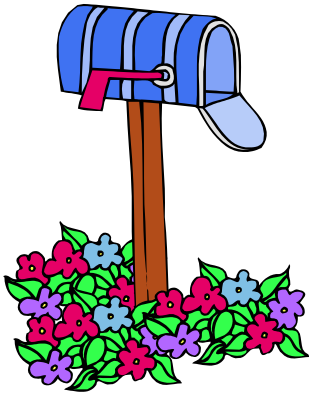
Happy 10th Birthday

March

Sybil McCullers
of Stockbridge, GA

June

Brenda Roberts
of Moore, SC



Families are blessed by the prayers and the stitches of love that is put into each little garment that is sent to the hospital. With our gifts of love we are sharing the love of Christ and being obedient to Christ. The following letters state what it means to families when faced with the loss of an infant and how our being obedient works for the good of the Lord.

My dear Wonderful Ladies,

Today my husband had a doctor's appt. for his one-year check up on his hip replacement.

When he went into the doctor's office, (this doctor has been a personal friend) broke down when my husband asked how he was doing. His daughter had just given birth to a baby girl whom they named Mercy Joan. Unfortunately, the medical term was a mile long, but she had fluid in her spine and also in her brain and was basically born brain dead, but still breathing. Today, they were going to take her off life support and the Doctor was going this afternoon to the funeral home to make arrangements for her burial. And my wonderful husband told him about our Threads of Love Ministry and rushed home to get a gown kit for her, and I wanted all of you to be a part of this, so I sent along a prayer shawl, a tiny quilt and a memory envelope for a lock of her hair and footprints. And I can't tell you how appreciative this doctor who has made many trips to Haiti to care for the people there, broke down and cried when he saw your gifts of love.

So thank you all for sharing your gifts of time, talent and treasure that you so lovingly give back to God! I'm so proud of all of you and thank you for being a part of God's plan for me and for those like the doctor friend!

Lovingly, Donna

Dear Threads of Love,

We recently gave birth and then one hour and eleven minutes we lost our precious little girl Madelyn. We received your gift packet and we wanted to express our thanks to our. Everything is beautiful and the saying "This child is in the hands of God, the safest place to be" helps me feel at rest.

Thank you again for what you do!

Love the Sheilad Family

Jesus was older than His Mother and the same age as His Daddy!



Mark your calendars

for the up coming Threads of Love Conference that we be held in Louisiana, just outside of Baton Rouge on April 25—28, 2012. The conference will be done southern style. We have lots of different things lined up, it will be like no other conference that you have attended in the past.

We would like to hear from you as to the kinds of things you would like to do at the conference and what classes you would like to have taught. Remember it's your conference so let me hear from you.



Ten Things You Never Hear in Church

1. "Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!"
2. I was so enthralled, I never even noticed your sermon went 25 minutes overtime."
3. "Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf."
4. "I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I've been sending to TV Evangelists."
5. "I'll volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class."
6. "Forget the denominational minimum salary. Let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do!"
7. "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before."
8. "Since we're all here, let's start the service early!"
9. "Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas."
10. "Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment to the Lord like our annual stewardship campaign."



EASTER AT CHURCH

You can tell which people only go to church on Easter:

- * They read the program a lot.
- * They really study the stained glass windows.
- * If someone speaks to them, they may jump a little.
- * They may not find the proper hymn until the 2nd verse.
- * They put bills in the offering plate.

But when it's over they always seem to be happy they came -- and I have a feeling that God is, too.

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Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of tiny premature infants. The ministry is about healing and binding hearts together - the hearts of parents at a time of uncertainty about their baby's health or when they lose an infant. Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donation, His work can and will continue. Pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

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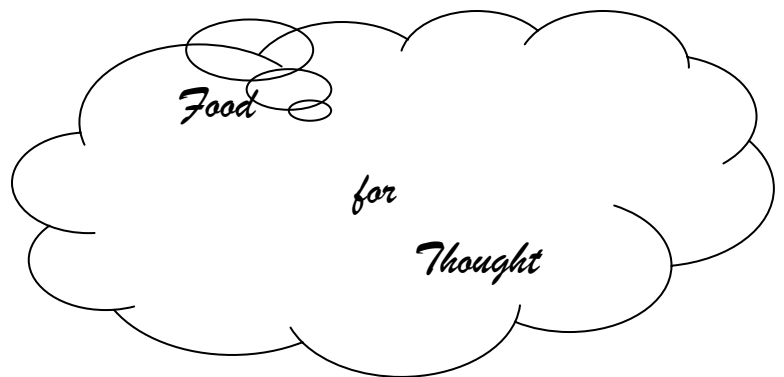
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"A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

C.S. Lewis