



Happy Holidays

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Redemption Fellowship Women's Ministry

Mission - committed to helping women of all ages and stages of life to understand and proclaim God's Word, pursue Christ and His holiness, and have a passion for God's people, while developing intimate, life-transforming relationships with our Father and other women.

The Reason for the Season



Don't you just feel like singing?

There were hundreds of people in the food court of the mall. Some were buying lunches, others regrouping using the food court as the place

the family set their timers to separate and buy then return with the treasures they found.

A young lady gets up from the table, sands on her chair and starts singing the "Hallelujah chorus". The custodians stop cleaning their tables and join in. An older couple rise and sing and others come singing from around different parts of the mall.

I saw this on one of the morning news shows and it made me smile. I know that it was staged, but if I were there I would have joined in with the singers. All the carols I've learned through the years and all the beautiful memories of Christmas make me feel like singing. But what really puts the song in my heart is the reason for the season.

I hope that when you hear the Christmas carols and other songs of the season that you remember what Christmas is all about and that you will just feel like singing.

Remember: Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

~ *First Lady, Renee Higgins*

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the King
of angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, Glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.
Christ, the Lord...*



Upcoming Events:

- Dinner and a Movie - Wednesday, December 8th at 6 p.m.
- Children's Christmas Program - "Christmas In Egypt" - Sunday, December 19th at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service, Friday, December 24th at 6 p.m. This will be a joint service with Pastor E.J. Childs and the congregation of his church, Gillem Community Church
- New Year's Eve Service - Friday, December 31st at 10:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry 2011 Event Schedule

As we approach the end of another year, the Women's Ministry of Redemption is looking forward to 2011. We plan to continue our fellowships, our Annual Mother's Day Tea, our Women's Summit, as well as incorporating additional outings like going to a play, visiting a museum, or going bowling. We also plan to possibly start a book club and a scrapbooking club. All of the events are designed to allow us to grow in faith and get to know each other better. We are encouraging all ladies to come out and share your ideas, connect with other women, and be inspired during these times of encouragement, fellowship, and fun. Please mark your calendars for the following events of 2011:

2011 Event Schedule

- January 2nd: Women's Fellowship - Farewell to Mrs. Renee
- March 2011: Women's Summit/Workshop
- April 16th: Women's Fellowship
- May 7th: Mother's Day Tea
- June 19th: Father's Day Presentation
- August 13th: Women's Fellowship (New Year Kickoff)
- October 8th: Women's Fellowship
- December 3rd: Church decorating event
- December 3rd: Annual Christmas Fellowship

The Women's Ministry of Redemption Fellowship would like to wish you and yours a ...



Featured Recipe - Red Velvet Brownies (taken from SouthernLiving.com)

Red Velvet Brownies

1 (4-oz.) bittersweet chocolate baking bar, chopped
 3/4 cup butter
 2 cups sugar
 4 large eggs
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 (1-oz.) bottle red liquid food coloring
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/8 teaspoon salt



to 2 minutes or until melted and smooth, stirring at 30-second intervals. Whisk in sugar. Add eggs, 1 at a time, whisking just until blended after each addition. Gently stir in flour and next 4 ingredients. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake at 350° for 44 to 48 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs. Cool completely on a wire rack (about 2 hours). Lift brownies from pan, using foil sides as handles; gently remove foil. Spread Small-Batch Cream Cheese Frosting on top of brownies, and cut into 16 squares. Garnish, if desired.

Small-Batch Cream Cheese Frosting

1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
 3 tablespoons butter, softened
 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Small-Batch Cream Cheese Frosting
 Garnish: white chocolate curls

Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottom and sides of a 9-inch square pan with aluminum foil, allowing 2 to 3 inches to extend over sides; lightly grease foil. Microwave chocolate and butter in a large microwave-safe bowl at HIGH 1 1/2

Beat cream cheese and butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add powdered sugar and salt, beating until blended. Stir in vanilla.



The Reason For The Season

As we near the time of Christmas, we see the decorations going up, the people madly shopping for gifts, the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Now is the time to stop and reflect just why we really celebrate this time. As Christians, we are the only ones who know the real meaning of Christmas and why it is a time of celebration and what that celebration means to all who will believe. If there were no Jesus, there would be no Christmas.

As you see the many slogans being pandered around you, take time every day to explain the real meaning of what is being said.... "Peace on earth, good will to men"... "Joy to the world"... "Hark, the herald Angels sing"... "round yon virgin, mother and Child". Think about what each of these things means to you as a born again believer, then share them with others - especially with others who don't know Jesus or understand his incredible, eternal, unconditional love for us all. As you prepare your gift list, be sure to make the first gift for everyone on your list the free gift of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As you ponder on the One who is the Reason for the Season, make sure that you know who He is - that He is God (not "A" god or "one of the" gods). Just as He identified Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14 as "I AM", He identified Himself to the Jews in John 8:58 again as "I AM". Why is it important to know who He is? Jesus said, "If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." (John 8:24b NIV). Over the next few weeks, remember WHO Jesus is, and remind everyone you see of the Reason for the Season.



"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NIV

~ By Bonnie Ricks (taken from The ChristianPost.com)

Thank You Father

"Heavenly Father, Thank you for sending Your Son Jesus to earth. We not only celebrate His birth in the manger, but also the reason for His coming -- His death on the cross. We thank You for providing eternal life for each person who will accept His free gift of salvation."

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Reminders:

- Picture Day - December 12th
- HOT DONUTS will resume in January 2011
- Kwanzaa: December 26th through January 1st