



Women's Voices

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Ladies Intentionally Going, Helping, Touching

THE FACE IN THE AD

(Selection from Beautiful Feet: A Mission Trip Devotional,
author Ann Flood)



MATTHEW 10:37-39

"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

One afternoon, I was thumbing through a "Missions" magazine. I was not expecting to have a "God moment," but as I turned a page, I saw an ad for a Bible distribution program. The little girl in the ad had huge eyes and a Muslim head scarf. Her eyes seemed to look right at me. The caption read, "She has never heard". My eyes filled with tears. I wanted to jump on the plane right then, find her and tell her that Jesus loves her. That picture stuck with me as I went about my Saturday chore

She is a visual representation of the billions who have never had the opportunity to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. I began to pray for her and others like her, "O Lord save her. Oh Lord, help me to be bolder in my witness. Give me the zeal, the drive to be totally sold out for you. Do not let me miss an opportunity to give words of life to someone who is dying in need of you." I felt overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. There are so many souls on the way to hell without any opportunity to make a different choice.

Then I heard God's voice in my heart. He reminded me of a prayer I prayed several years ago. I asked God to give me a heart for the lost. I asked him to help me to hunger to see people come to know him. I had no idea how God would answer that prayer, but I sensed it was from His heart to mine.

Today, I can say that this prayer has been answered in an amazing way. My life has been transformed. My heart has become focused on seeing people come to know him. I hunger to see souls saved. I can truthfully say that it is no longer just a prayer, it is an obsession.

This obsession now has feet. It has led to involvement in mission work both at home and all over the world. I have discovered that everywhere I go I find that He is already there. He is continually preparing hearts to receive Him. My task is simply to be sensitive to those times when words are needed. I have learned that the task of leading people to Him is not my task, but His. We are just the messengers.

REFLECTION:

When have you felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to share your faith

From www.onceuponachef.com



PUMPKIN CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 45 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour

INGREDIENTS FOR THE CAKE:

- ♥ 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off
- ♥ 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ♥ ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ♥ ½ teaspoon salt
- ♥ 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- ♥ 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ♥ 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ♥ ¾ cup unsalted butter (1½ sticks), melted
- ♥ 1½ cups granulated sugar
- ♥ 4 large eggs
- ♥ 1 15-oz (425-g) can 100% pure pumpkin

INGREDIENTS FOR THE FROSTING:

- ♥ 10 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- ♥ 4 oz cream cheese at room temperature
- ♥ ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ♥ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ♥ ¾ cups confectioners sugar

DIRECTIONS FOR THE CAKE:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C) and set the oven rack in the middle position. Grease a 9x13-inch (22x33-cm) baking dish with butter or nonstick cooking spray.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg; set aside.
3. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, beat the melted butter and sugar on medium speed until just combined.
4. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the pumpkin. Add the dry ingredients and mix on low speed until well combined.
5. Turn the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean.
6. Set the cake on a wire rack to cool completely.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE FROSTING:

1. In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat the butter and cream cheese together on high speed until smooth and creamy, about 1 minute.
2. Beat in the salt and vanilla.
3. Add the confectioners sugar and beat on low speed for 30 seconds, then switch to high speed and beat until light and creamy, about 2 minutes.
4. Spread the frosting on the cooled cake.
5. Cut into squares and serve.

Cover any leftover cake tightly with aluminum foil and store in the fridge for up to 4 days (bring to room temperature before serving) or at room temperature for up to 2 days.

Harvest
BLESSINGS

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Article by Patty Lim and Isabel Patton

Last Chance!!!



2024 Annual Women's Weekend Retreat at Camp Cazadero

will be on October 18th – 20th. The price is \$150 which includes 2 nights in a cabin, retreat supplies, crafts, and all of your meals. We arrive late Friday afternoon and leave on Sunday with a trip to the beach on Saturday for those interested.

Our theme is:

"Where New Friends Gather"



Our speaker, **ANN WONG**, is a retired OB/GYN physician and a minister. She has served for almost 15 years on the board of Strategic Renewal International

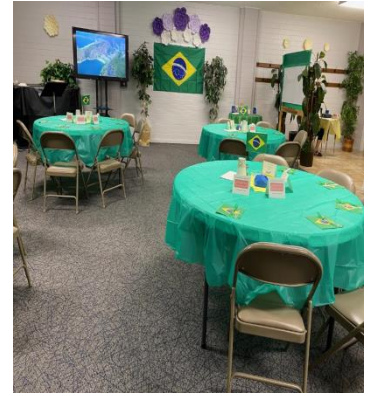
which strives to equip and encourage praying pastors and praying churches in our nation and around the world to seek spiritual awakening.

SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR'S RETREAT BY

Contacting Patty Lim at 925-323-4296 for more info.

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH PASSPORT TO BRAZIL SEPTEMBER 14



Matthew 28:19 commissions us to:

"GO THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

SHOE BOX TIME!!

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.



Please pick up your box(es) in the Lobby and **bring them back so they can be mailed out by November 17th!!** We will cover the cost of shipping.

You may include: dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), tooth-

brushes, wash cloths, combs, hairbrushes, socks, sunglasses, jewelry and watches, flashlight (with extra batteries), and school supplies.

As an additional resource, Operation Christmas Child also has an [Amazon storefront](#) with additional lists of items that are recommended for shoeboxes. As you shop, don't forget to ask God to lead you to what will particularly delight a child!



Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items (such as snow globes or glass containers); aerosol cans

TRUNK OR TREAT



We are touching our community for Christ through an activity that is fun and safe for children. Last year we passed out candy and church information to almost 200 cars. Come and be a part of sharing the love of Jesus with everyone that comes through. Don't have decorations for your vehicles, just let us know and we will be more than happy to decorate. As it states in this week's bulletin:



"We need **YOU** to help make our trunk or treat a **huge** success!!"

THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 31ST

6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

We have so much fun doing it with some even in costumes!!!





OOPS!!!

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY IN
OCTOBER?

We did not have the info. Please let the office know (925-798-7470) your birthday (month and date) for next year's listing. Have a great birthday celebration!



NEW LOOK FOR OUR
VESTIBULE

Article by Patty Lim

You may have noticed we have painted, moved one of the bulletin boards, and re-done the vestibule (entryway) to our sanctuary. We also have a new credenza to the right of the sanctuary doors. On the credenza are some information stands. The Women's Ministry stand is to the right where we have displayed our newsletter, current Bible study, and upcoming event information. Please feel free to stop by and browse the area.



M.A.R.K. YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THIS MONTH'S FUN
ACTIVITIES:



2024 Annual
Women's
Weekend Retreat
at Camp Cazadero

October 18th thru 20th
See information on page 3



Bunco Night

October 24th, 6:00 p.m.



Drive Thru, October 31st
6:30–7:30 p.m.
See information on page 3

SNEAK PREVIEW



CRAFTERS NEEDED
for our Second Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, November 2nd, 10-2 pm. If you know anyone who would like to be added to our lineup, please have them call Beckie in the office at 925-798-7470 and she can get them signed up. Cost is \$45 for an 8 foot table! Tell your friends, and then come out and see all the wonderful crafts! Our own Janet Coble and Beckie Madiaga will have a table!!

See you there!

www.Ready.gov



Start A Conversation

It's important to get yourself and the people you love ready for disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and so much more.

You may not know when a disaster will happen, but you can begin to take easy but impactful steps now to keep your family safe. Follow these five steps to help you start a conversation and begin your journey to get ready:

1. Think About the Intention

Talking about what you and your family should do to prepare for a disaster isn't an easy task, but it's necessary to save lives. Even though it's a tough topic and there isn't a perfect time to discuss, it is easier to talk about it before you're in the middle of an emergency. Honest and direct conversations can save your life and the people you love.



2. Be Aware of Disasters that Can Happen in Your Area

Knowing what can happen where you live will help you understand what you need to stay safe. Disasters such as floods and fires can happen anywhere, but others such as hurricanes and earthquakes are more common in certain areas. If you're new to an area, talk to people in your community to find out what disasters have happened and may happen in the future.



3. Consider Who Should Join the Conversation

Preparedness can look a little different for everyone depending on personal circumstances. Before you have a conversation, think about the key people you want to include. This can consist of any family members living in your household, older relatives, community members, neighbors, and friends. They can let you know how preparedness impacts them.

4. Have the Conversation

Discussing hard topics can provide peace of mind for you, your family, and friends. Keep the conversation as positive as possible by highlighting your concern for their safety. Highlight the facts about disasters that could happen in your area. Ask your neighbors if they can share tips that you and your family can put into practice. If they haven't started their preparedness journey, share information with them so they can begin.



5. Take Action Together

Consider taking at least one step to get ready for disasters. Examples include:

- Signing up for emergency alerts in your area to receive life-saving information from your state and local municipality.
- Storing important phone numbers somewhere besides just your phone.
- Visiting Ready.gov/start for more actions to prepare.



Harvest festival

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

ANNUAL
APPLES
AUTUMN
CELEBRATION
CONTESTS
CORN
CORNUCOPIA
CROPS
FARMER
FEASTING
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
GAMES
HARVEST



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HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
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OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Cost of Discipleship

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.

		1 Genesis 19: 24-26	2 Job 1: 21-22	3 Daniel 1: 8-9	4 Daniel 3: 16-18	5 Matthew 6: 24	
		6 Matthew 8: 19-20	7 Matthew 10: 24-25	8 Matthew 10: 37-39	9 Matthew 16: 24-25	10 Luke 9: 61-62	11 Luke 14: 25-26
13 John 15: 18-19	14 Romans 6: 1-2 Columbus Day	15 Romans 6: 3-4	16 Romans 6: 5-6	17 Romans 6: 12-13	18 Romans 6: 22-23		19 Romans 8: 13-14
20 Romans 12: 1-2	21 2 Corinthians 5: 17	22 2 Corinthians 5: 20-21	23 Galatians 4: 8-9	24 Galatians 5: 24-25	25 2 Timothy 2: 3-4		26 Titus 2: 11-13
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27 Hebrews 11: 24-26	28 James 4: 4	29 1 Peter 1: 14-16	30 1 Peter 4: 12-13	31 1 John 4: 20-21 			

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