



In Touch - May 2013

Karnataka Congregation, Kuwait

Recipe for Love

Ingredients

- 2 Hearts Full of Love
- 2 Heaping Cups of Kindness
- 2 Armfuls of Gentleness
- 2 Cups of Friendship
- 2 Cups of Joy
- 2 Big Hearts Full of Forgiveness
- 1 Lifetime of Togetherness
- 2 Minds Full of Tenderness

Method

Stir daily with Happiness, Humor and Patience.
Serve with Warmth and Compassion, Respect and Loyalty.

~ Author Unknown ~

Recipe for Faith

Direction

- Slice into little pieces 1 cup of forgiveness
 - Add 1 cup of patience
 - Then add 5 cups of perseverance
 - Sprinkle in love
 - Salt to taste
 - Add 3 teaspoons of Bible verses
 - Let simmer on back burner
 - Add a pinch of giving
 - Stir vigorously and serve over slices of unbelief...
- ...It may feed thousands.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...
2 Corinthians 5:17a

GOD'S RECIPE FOR YOU by Pastor

For most of us, we need a recipe to be successful in the kitchen when preparing a delicate or difficult dish. How many of you own a cookbook? There are sure lots of recipe books! Recipes are important in cooking because they tell you what the ingredients are and give you instructions on what to do with those ingredients. The Shake It Up Café where kids carry out God's recipe. Let's turn to that recipe book to share those same secret ingredients and the Bible bites that back them up and drive them home.

Secret ingredient #1: Be READY for God. Be ready for God. Here is a group of slaves in Egypt. They had been in bondage for 400 years. God has heard their cries of oppression under Pharaoh and is coming to deliver them. They have to pack and prepare to depart quickly. There is no time to cook. They prepare and eat unleavened bread to be ready to leave on time. This event is known as Passover as the angel of death passes over the homes of the Hebrews. Moses gives them specific instructions, a recipe for celebrating annually this festival called Passover.

The principle here is preparation – being prepared, ready to meet God, receive God, welcome God, and follow God when God comes. God may not come on our terms or our timetable, but God comes. The verse from God's recipe book for this ingredient in our faith journey is Psalm 27:14, *"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord."*

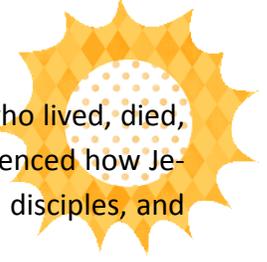
Watching and waiting for an encounter with God is not idle by standing, but courageous living. It is an openness to God's presence in unexpected times and places to comfort us, surprise us, sustain us, and, indeed, save us, from the oppressive and excessive ways of the world.

Secret ingredient #2: Give HAPPILY to God. Leviticus 23...speaks about the sacred calendar of festivals, including the offering of first fruits to be made at the festival of weeks. God's people are commanded to bring their first and best grain, animal, oil, and drink offerings to the priests of God. The offering instructions conclude with this command to the Hebrew people and their descendants, "It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your settlements." (23:14).

We give happily, for as Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians, *"God loves a cheerful giver."* The good news is God loves and accepts gifts from grouchy givers, too! A vital part of our God's recipe for us is this ingredient, *"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have, for God is pleased with these sacrifices."* Hebrews, 13:16. It speaks to us today, *"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have, for God is pleased with these sacrifices."*

Secret ingredient #3: Believe FULLY in Jesus. Jesus attended the Jewish festival of booths in Jerusalem. We learned in verse John 7: 37 that on the last day of the festival, Jesus offered this gracious invitation "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." The gospel of John is filled with metaphorical images of Jesus: living water, bread of life, good shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life, the door, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the life. , the supreme revelation of God, and the unique relationship with God. The verse our children focuses on makes this connection,. Jesus says in John 14:1, "Believe in God, believe also in me."

Secret ingredient #4: Remember Jesus OFTEN. How can we ever forget the one who lived, died, and lives again to save us? On Thursday this week our children studied and experienced how Jesus celebrated Passover – how he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take and eat. Do this to remember me."



In that sacramental meal, we shared the holy presence and power of Jesus. We recalled his love for us, we tasted the bread of life and drank from the cup of salvation. We remember Jesus whenever we pray, sing, share the scripture, or to receive Holy Communion. Jesus is "the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation." Remember Jesus often – at the beginning of the day – in the middle of the day – and always, always at the end of the day.

The fifth and final secret ingredient of the Shake It Up Café where kids carry out God's recipe is: **Celebrate God FOREVER.** I don't know about you, but I love the word "*celebrate*." If you look up the verse for this ingredient, Psalm 45:17, you will discover it contains the word celebrate! The word is rarely found in God's Recipe Book, but here it is! Here the promise of the Psalmist, "*I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the people will praise you forever and ever.*" To celebrate is to proclaim publicly with praise. It is to revel and rejoice in a righteous and not a raucous way. Every Sunday we celebrate God with a mighty hymn of praise. Today we celebrated God as Creator, "*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.*"

Our theology leads to doxology. We proclaim and worship a God who creates, redeems, and sustains this world, and all there is – a God who enters this world as one of us – we cannot help but respond with genuine and generous praise and thanksgiving – even when we suffer and experience sorrow. The Psalmist proclaims, "*...the people will praise you forever and ever.*" That phrase has two meanings. It means, of course, that God will be praised by our descendants – the generations to come – great-great grandchildren will join in celebrating the grace of God!

But there is another way to understand that sentence. It means that when death ends our earthly existence, death does not diminish our capacity to worship the Eternal One. We cannot think of a better recipe for life than one from the giver of life than this:

1. Be ready for God
2. Give happily to God
3. Believe fully in Jesus
4. Remember Jesus often
5. Celebrate God forever

That kind of recipe can lead us to give God's cookbook a new name, A Taste of Heaven.



The Bible is our recipe for a good & happy life! By Sis. Laveena

When I was in my teens, I loved to cook. I remember spending lots of time in the kitchen just watching my mother, trying to learn how to prepare some of my favorite foods. When I was old enough I tried making on my own, I quickly learned that the first thing I needed to do before I began was to find a good recipe.

Sometimes wonder why it is so important when you're cooking to begin it with a recipe? That's right! You have to know not only what ingredients to use, but also how much of each ingredient to use. It's important to follow a recipe exactly, if you want what you're cooking to come out right each time. For example, if you put too much salt in your cake, they would taste bad. Likewise, if you forgot to put the sugar in your cake, you wouldn't have tasty cake!! Following the recipe is VERY important!

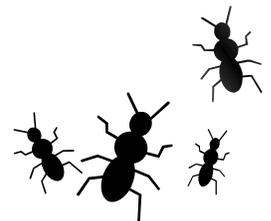
Do you think the cake would taste better if we followed the recipe? Yeah, me too. That is why the baking cake has directions, so it would taste the very best & so we would be able to enjoy it.

Did you know that how my Mom gave me a great recipe for my favorite food; God has also given us a recipe for how to live our lives? That recipe is found right there in the Holy Bible. The Bible contains all the ingredients that we need to live a life full of blessings. Who wrote the recipe? GOD! Just like a baker decides which ingredients to combine for the per-

fect tasty cakes or cookies, God has determined what we need in our lives to make our lives better. God gave us directions too. He gave us HIS Word, The Bible.

The Bible is our recipe for life. GOD didn't just make up a bunch of rules & directions to keep us from having fun. He ordered us to follow all of His commands so we could have the very best life possible. If we obey GOD'S commands then we will be lot happier, more successful, & enjoy our life a lot more than if we disobey Him and just do whatever we want. GOD wants our life to be full of good things that is why He gave us instructions to obey. If we don't obey GOD'S Word then our life will not be very enjoyable.

It's important to know that God didn't write the recipe so that our lives would be boring or hard to live. Instead, God wrote His "recipe for life" to help us to know how to live happier, healthier lives. Sometimes we think that God's rules are hard to follow-maybe there are too many ingredients and we get confused about how much of each ingredient to use--but the truth is that if we follow God and follow his recipe EXACTLY, we will be GREATLY blessed. And we are so Blessed because God gave us more than just the Bible to help us understand how to live a Godly life. He also gave us a perfect living example in His Son, Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus to Earth to show us how to live and how to abide by God's rules.



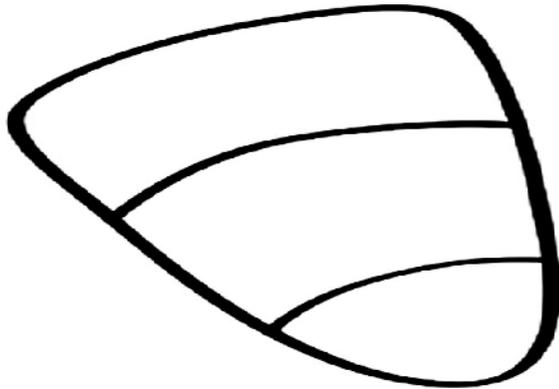
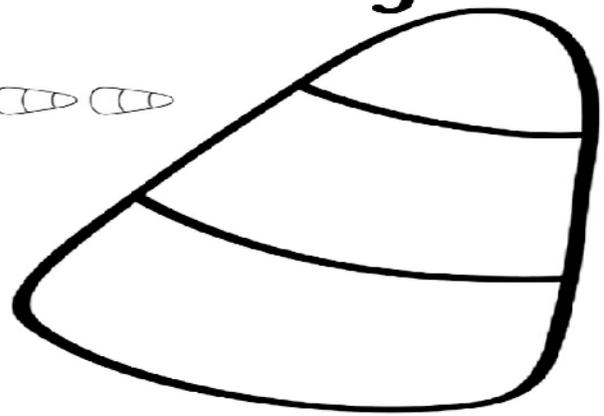
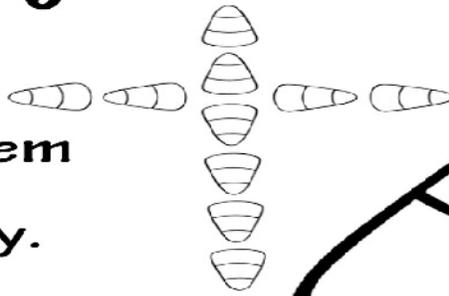
Count your Blessings

And

Name them

Day by day.

You'll be reminded



Ghrist Jesus' love

Overflows to you,

Right now, in

Nearly every way.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRITIES



the Daniel fast

19th to 25th May 2013

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1. Mr. Prakash and Mrs. Margaret 1st May
2. Mr. Jeevan and Mrs. Roshini 3rd May
3. Mr. Roland and Mishal 11th May
4. Mrs. and Mr. Dinakar Soans 11th May
5. Dr. Daniel & Sis. Sophia 11th May

6. Mr. Richard and Mrs. Anita 13th May
7. Ps. Shalom and Mrs. Laveena 13th May
8. Mr. Godwin and Mrs. Jayamani 14th May
9. Mr. Matthew and Mrs. Asha 21st May
10. Mr. Satish and Mrs. Jaya 31st May

Men' Meeting

GOD OR MONEY?

31st May 13 @ 8:30 am

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The Nehemiah Kannada Bible Study

Date: 18th May 2013 @ 6:30pm

Place: Bro. Godwin (Faheheel)

