



Holiday Edition

The busy-ness of the holidays is upon us. Fall is falling, Turkeys and Christmas Decorations are in the stores, and parties are being planned. (I'm not

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sure my head is in the game yet!) I love the theme of our Women's Christmas Celebration this year, which is "Joyful and Triumphant." The title is taken from the Christmas carol, "O Come all ye Faithful" which I'm sure is familiar to all of us. It's a song that transports us to Bethlehem to join the angels and the shepherds as they worship Jesus. The song may be a little light in theology, but I love that it's a call for a response. It's a call to "COME." It's a call to come and worship the King of Kings. We can be joyful as we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into the world! Our Savior is born and will triumph over sin and death! Is there any better reason to celebrate? He brings JOY, He brings TRUTH, He is FAITHFUL to His Word...He is our Lord! Our response...COME and WORSHIP!

My mind is full of analogies for autumn, but my favorite is FALLING FOR JESUS! Have you heard the expression, "Same, same, but different"? Well, I think it applies to both themes. We FALL for Jesus because we are joyful and triumphant! (Or is it visa

versa?) Bottom line...we know a Savior who is worthy of all our worship and praise; who is worthy of all glory and honor; whose NAME is above all other names! As we ponder the reasons we have to be thankful in November, may our list start with Jesus! As we plan our festivities for Thanksgiving, may they center around WHO we are thankful for. When we celebrate the Christmas season, may we remember WHO we are celebrating! When we buy gifts, bake cookies, and hang lights, may we enjoy the fun because of what HE has done for us. Honestly, every theme we do, every verse we chose, every event we plan... the theme is the same. JESUS!

The word COME is an invitation to approach. We are told to "COME and reason together" regarding our salvation in Isaiah 1:18 and He has COME to save us (Matthew 18:11). We can COME to Him to find rest (Matthew 18:28) and COME to Him in prayer (Hebrews 4:16). We are told to COME when we're thirsty (John 7:37) and COME when we're hungry (John 6:35). Basically, we can COME to Him anytime for any reason. So when the songwriter says O COME All Ye Faithful, let's do just that. No matter the season or the day, may we always worship Him, FALL for Him, and Celebrate the One who holds the world in His hands!



Kelly



CHEF JOHN'S PUMPKIN PIE

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"After many years of experimentation, I've finally perfected what I think is the ideal formula for a rich pumpkin pie that's also much less likely to crack on top. Serve garnished with whipped cream and freshly grated nutmeg."

Ingredients:

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 large egg
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon Chinese 5-spice powder
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
- Whisk together pumpkin puree, egg yolks, and egg in a large bowl until smooth. Add sweetened condensed milk, cinnamon, ginger, salt, nutmeg, and Chinese 5-spice powder; whisk until thoroughly combined.
- Fit pie crust in a 9-inch pie plate and crimp edges.
- Pour filling into the pie shell and lightly tap on the work surface to release any air bubbles.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes.
- Reduce heat to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) and bake until just set in the middle, 30 to 40 more minutes. A paring knife inserted into the filling, 1 inch from the crust, should come out clean. Allow to cool completely before serving.

BOOK REVIEW

FROM *Barb Costley*



**In His Image...10 Ways
God Calls Us To Reflect His
Character** by Jen Wilkin

At times I find myself asking, "What is God's will for my life?" Instead, we should really be asking, "Who should I be?" The Bible has the answer ... be like Christ. By exploring ten characteristics of who God is, such as holy, loving, just, good, merciful, gracious, faithful, patient, truthful, and wise, this book will help us understand who God intends us to be. Jen

Wilkins has the gift of making big truths easily understandable.

This book is divided into ten chapters with each chapter dedicated to exploring one of the characteristics of God. God created us and stamped us with His mark to bear His image. We are to be His ambassadors in our work, in our play, and in our worship. Because of our fallen nature we are cracked vessels that have many leaks, but we still are precious in His sight. Every human life has value to Him.

At the end of each chapter, Jen gives us verses for meditation and questions for reflection. Her Biblical and practical explanations present God's attributes in a way that anyone can grasp, enjoy, and apply!

Suggested Christmas Outreaches and Projects

#1 VOLUNTEER this season with California Family Life Center (CFC) in 2 ways: Choose a child from the 'Giving Tree' and buy them a gift. Giving Tree will be set up at the church in December. Further details to come.

#2 DONATE gift cards to the various organizations we support, such as Safe Families, Big Bro/Big Sis, Project Touch, Rancho Damacitas, Riverside County Task Force, etc.

#3 BUY a gift for a human trafficking survivor.
(Contact Kelly Bell at kbell@calvarymurrieta.com)



joyful & triumphant

Luke 2:8-20

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2019



DECEMBER 7TH | 9 AM - 11 AM | FREE EVENT

FOLLOWED BY A CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Guest Speaker: Courtney Veasey

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. It's going to be a wonderful morning celebrating, praising and worshipping our Savior!



We are participating in a lip gloss drive in support of TREASURES. Treasures is a unique, faith-based outreach and support group for women in the sex industry and victims of sexual exploitation. If you'd like to help, please bring new/unused lip glosses to the event that morning. To learn more about Treasures, visit www.iamtreasures.com.

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Excess Baggage

If you could only have two 70 pound bags of stuff, what would you put in the bags? That was our real life scenario this week. For security and strategy, we packed up our home base of operations from Kunming, China to Hanoi, Vietnam. We stuffed our bags to the maximum, unzipping every possible expansion zipper. With suitcases bulging like our waistline on Thanksgiving Day, still we stuffed in more stuff! Fearful the zippers would burst, we resorted to using luggage straps tightened around the expanded girth trying to avoid a total blow out. At the airport, I was never happier to see those two behemoth bags rolling down the conveyor belt away from me!

Arriving in Vietnam, we were relieved to see our bags actually made it intact! So, what was all this stuff we thought was essential to have? Well, clothes and shoes, of course. Then there were other items: medicines, vitamins, and of course...a potato masher. What? How did that get in there? What was I thinking? When was the last time I even made mashed potatoes? I'm drawing a blank.

Isn't it funny the things we hang on to? The things we keep dragging around thinking we can't live without? There's this great verse in Hebrews that reads: "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" Hebrews 12:1

I know there's nothing sinful about a potato masher (unless you hit somebody over the head with it?). But like that potato masher, sometimes we let things creep into our lives that don't really belong, we wonder how we allowed it in, and it's weighing us down like excess baggage. Maybe it's time to take a closer look and get rid of some stuff so we can move forward and run our best race? Just something I'm thinking about this week.

For updated prayer requests and pictures visit: www.bamboopandas.wordpress.com



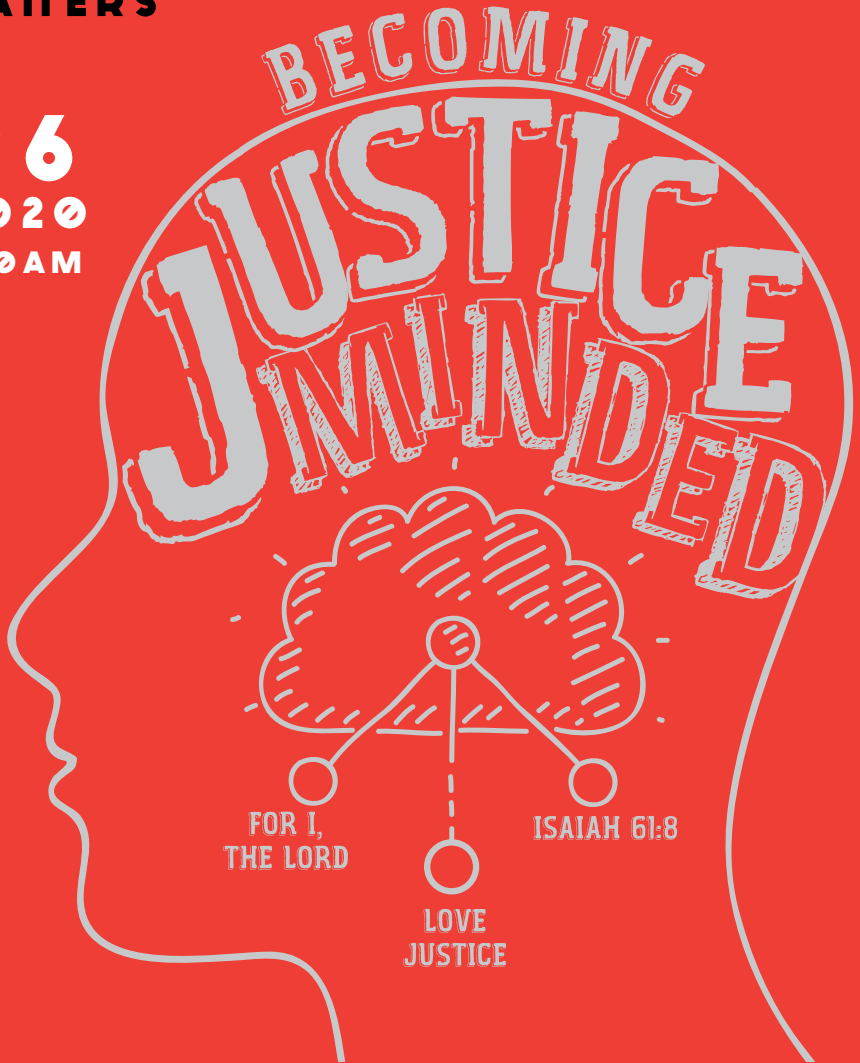
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GUEST SPEAKER
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A Propelled Woman

To Propel:

to drive or cause to move forward in a particular direction; move, push, or thrust.

Unapologetic: She is a woman who leads.

Unshakable: She is rooted and grounded in the love and grace of God.

Undaunted: By the challenges of life.

Unstoppable: As she follows the call of God.

Unmovable: She will not be manipulated.

Unselfish: She is generous with her words, thoughts, resources, and relationships.

Undefeatable: She knows no weapon formed against her will prosper.

Unbound: Her history will not define her destiny.

Unstuck: She moves gracefully from one season to the next.

Undone: By the love, grace, goodness, kindness, and mercy of God.

Uncommon: She is not chasing worldly success, fame or fortune.

Untamable: She is dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.

Unlimited: Her potential in Christ is limitless.

Unleashed: She is not held captive to old paradigms or stereotypes.

Unashamed: She does not minimize or hide who God has made her to be.

Unpretentious: She is real, down-to-earth and accessible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday Night Prayer - November 3rd at 6:30 pm

M.O.M.S. Meeting - November 7th & 21st at 9:15 am - 11:15 am

Thanksgiving Eve Family Service - November 27th at 6:30 pm

Widows Might Christmas Gathering - December 3rd at 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Women's Christmas Celebration & Boutique - December 7th at 9:00 am - 11:00 am

CFLC Wrapping Party - December 19th at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services - December 24th at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

Justice Matters 9 - January 26th, 2020

Women's Retreat - March 27th-29th, 2020

BIBLE STUDIES and GATHERINGS

M.O.M.'S (MOMS ON A MISSION)
1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month.
Call Jessica Cernetic at 619-871-5377.

"REASONS TO REJOICE" WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
On various days and homes.
Call Kelly Bell at 677-5667.

LADIES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB
2nd Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Call Debre': 764-0408
3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Call Susan: 290-9753

WIDOWS MIGHT MINISTRY
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Call Gail at 310-702-0972.

REAL TUESDAYS
February 18th, 2020.
Call Kelly at 951-677-5667.

SUNDAY NIGHT OF PRAYER
1st Sunday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
In the Agape Room.

Check Out

<https://www.facebook.com/freeandfunforkids/>

A FB page that helps moms be aware of various activities, resources, and FREE events for kids of all ages!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



The Sound and Powerpoint Ministry is in need of ladies to assist with services.
Please contact Richard at 813-6026.

Interested in being part of the Welcome Team on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings?
Call Donna Hansen at 551-6594.

Nursery helpers needed for all services and Wednesday nights on a rotating basis.
Call Tony Schaffner at 677-5667.

Meals Ministry needs volunteers to prepare meals for those in need.
Call Kristyn Suemnick 677-5667.

If you'd like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Kristyn Suemnick at 677-5667.

Article Submissions: If you would like to submit something to the Women's Newsletter; poems, recipes, devotions, ideas, tips, etc., please email submissions to kbell@calvarymurrieta.com

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