

# Reflections

Holiday Greeting to all my sisters in Christ,

My we have a *very busy, full season* ahead of us. Here are some of the happenings with Ladies Ministry:

Nov 11,12,13 **ONU Homecoming**. Always an exciting time on the campus and here at First Church for those alumni that return.

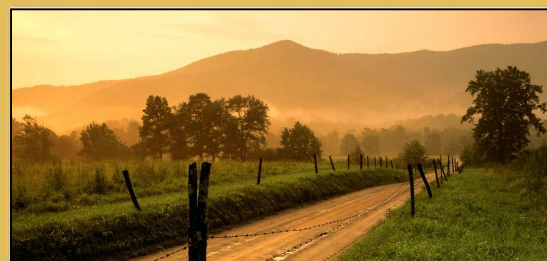
Nov 15 **Book Club** at the home of Carol Morse 377 N. Belmont, BBB @ 7:00 pm— the book "UNBROKEN"

Nov 17 **DRESSBARN**. Diva's will once again car-pool to Orland. Leave the church Parking lot @ 6:00 pm. We have the store from 6:30 - 8:30 pm then stop for dessert (probably at Mimi's Cafe again). A couple of our Diva's asked if we could return this season, but better yet, Alice Cruz, the Dressbarn Manager asked ME, if the "church ladies" could be invited back. She said her staff had such a wonderful time with us and are still talking about our visit there. There is absolutely NO OBLIGATION to purchase anything. It is an opportunity to try on new styles, spend time with each other, get your "sisters" to be honest if you look good in a particular outfit. It was a wonderful time of laughter and sharing.

Nov 20 **Hanging of the Greens**. This is an awesome time to bring your entire family and have fun. You know when everyone in your home joins you in cleaning, how quick it goes. Well we're all going to come together to decorate the church. No one is exempt. Last year I met a 90+yr old gentleman who made bows. We'll decorate from 4:00-7:00 pm. There's music, laughter, and of course FOOD. Watch the bulletin for details. It really is a fun time to visit, get acquainted, and catch up with each other.

Dec 1 **WINTER WONDERLAND Tea**. This is the first time we have done a holiday tea. For \$5.00 women are going to be escorted to a uniquely decorated table to enjoy food, fellowship, music, laughter, a harpist and just a well rounded evening to get us in the Christmas Spirit. At the North Commons table, you will be able to purchase a ticket. We are looking for more

*The Lord's love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning; Lord, your loyalty is great. I say to myself, "The Lord is mine, so I hope in him." The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who seek him.—Lamentations 3:22-25*



women to be a host of a table. A host will meet, greet, decorate her own table however she desires, provide you with a little table favor and serve you HER dessert selection. Handsome men will serve your food. We would encourage you to purchase a ticket for the meal and invite someone to come with you. The evening will not be "churchy" but rather a time for women to be able to be pampered, enjoy 2 hours of rest and fellowship and dine on a wonderful menu. The last ticket will be sold Sunday evening Nov 27.

Dec 9,10,11 you won't want to miss the all church musical "**Rejoice: Let the Celebration Begin**" There are various times available.

Jan 6,7,8 **OUTDOORS** Ministry will be hosted in the FLC again this year. Several men were won to the Lord last year during this event. This ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. Maybe as a woman it might not be to your liking, but please send the men and boys in your life to this.

## 4 Ingredient Recipe

### Baked Chicken Parmesan

3 lbs chicken pieces  
3/4 cup Miracle Whip dressing  
1 cup crushed corn flakes  
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Brushed chicken with dressing.  
Combine corn flakes and parmesan cheese.  
Roll chicken in cheese mixture.

*...For truly I tell you,  
if you have faith the size of  
a mustard seed, you will say to  
this mountain,  
"Move from here to there,"  
and it will move;  
and nothing will be  
Impossible for you.*

*Matthew 17:20*

## Helpful Tips

To sauté meat or vegetables, use fruit juice or Worcestershire sauce, instead of oils.

A pocket shoe bag hung over the back of the front seat of your car can hold small toys, crayons, water bottles, etc.... Great for trip taking.

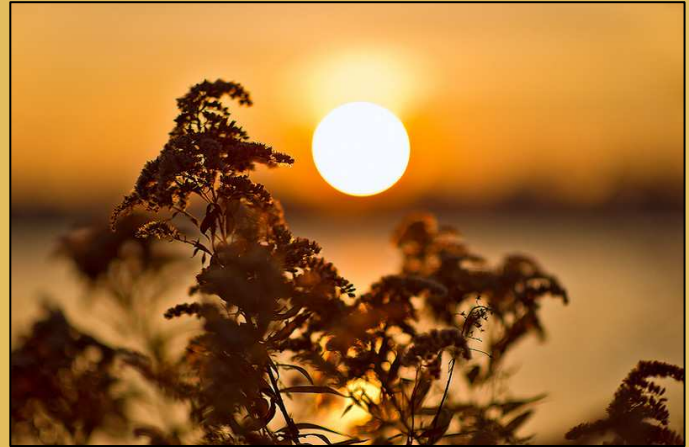
*Don't forget, Our recipes are designed specifically to fit into a typical 3 x 5 inch recipe box. Simply print on card stock and cut out.*

A Time to Reflect on God's Word

This week's lesson from our "100 Ways to Simplify your life" deals with what other people think...

***"A man's reputation is what others think of him; His character is what he really is." John Milton***

OH MY!! When I first read this lesson, it brought back so many memories. I (Chardell) used to be a worrier of what others thought. My hair, clothes, where I ate, who I associated with etc, etc, until a very wise woman once pointed out that I had a real problem with IMAGE and how it can literally destroy a person. Thankfully, I've gotten a handle on it but this lesson is so true. Let's see what Joyce has to say. "Being excessively concerned about what other people think is an open door to torment." We all enjoy being well thought of, but it's not possible to be liked by everyone. Someone is going to think something negative about you and there is nothing you can do about it. Sometimes we worry about what people think, and they're not thinking about us at all. The Bible says we should cast all our cares upon God for He cares for



us and that includes the care of what others think. I can only live my life to please God and if people are not satisfied, then they'll have to take it up with God, not me. If I try to please God and people, life gets too complicated and I get confused and frustrated. In God's economy, we usually have to be willing to lose something we have in order to gain what we really want, why hang on to something that is never going to satisfy you anyway? Don't live under the tyranny of what people think. Stop trying to convince them of your good intentions and let them think what they want to think. God is your defender. What can someone else's thoughts do to you anyway? Why live our life being afraid of a thought? God has not given us His Holy Spirit so we can be in bondage to fear. Make the choice to care about what God thinks more than anyone else and it will simplify much in your life.

*Have a great week,  
Chardell*

***"Whatever is true, worthy of reverence, is honorable, just, pure, lovely, lovable, kind, winsome, gracious, virtuous, excellent, or worthy of praise, fix your mind on these." Philippians 4:8***