

From the Pastor's Desk...

I have never been a part of a liturgical church, ie a church where Lent would be a recognized time of year, and therefore I wonder what I might be missing as March and April are the months coming up next on my calendar. Now I know many of you who grew up in that type of congregation might say I haven't missed much. "It was all ritual, routine and religiosity, all stuff to make people good on the outside, but with no real meaning or change on the inside." Now I agree that there is no point to having symbol without substance, rules without relationship or works without faith. Too much of the church is caught up in looking good to others with little or no thought to what God really wants. Oh, that we would not be that way at Living Hope.

But does all that mean that there is nothing for us in joining our brothers and sisters in recognizing this time of year as something special? I find a few aspects of Lent that are certainly valuable parts of our Christian lives:

- First, there is intentional remembrance. Think of the stones and altars the people of Israel were encouraged to build as they wandered the desert and occupied Palestine. All were things to trigger something within, to remind the people of God's power, care and faithfulness and lead them to believe and follow again. Is there a greater work that God has accomplished than the death and resurrection of His Son? What's wrong with taking 40 or so days to make sure we remember?
- Second, there is sacrifice. That's the biggest part that I think of as I interacted with friends growing up who "celebrated" Lent. "What are you giving up for Lent?" was the mantra of the day. Now a sacrifice made out of obligation is not only not good, but is counterproductive. But a sacrifice made out of love and appreciation has great value. In fact, it can be the practical expression and confirmation that shows the love really exists in the first place. It is fitting to reflect on the sacrifice made by Christ and then decide what am I willing to sacrifice in return.
- Third, there is unity. Just imagine how many believers around the world are recognizing this time frame as special, and then beyond that how many throughout history? Even when it comes to those who are doing it as a religious exercise and are outside a relationship with Christ. Might there be a point of connection with them to show you are doing similar things differently because you are in Christ?

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All this to say, what might you do this Lenten season to practice these principles? Might I suggest using the Seek God for the City prayer books to sanctify a time each day to pray along with others for needs in our families, town, states and country? I got 30 for us but can get more. Or how about this, I heard one church had an unplugged weekend, giving up TV, cell phones, ipods, etc. (you get the idea) and use the time to then connect

with family and friends. Whatever it is you do as an individual or we endeavor to do as a church, let's be glad that we don't do it in order to be accepted by Jesus. Rather, we do it because we are accepted by Him. He ultimately is worthy of anything we can offer, especially at a time when He offered so much for us!



Pastor Peter Atkin

“The Practice of the Presence of God”

Submitted by Suzanne Lussier

In early January, 2012, Barry and I were staying in the RV park in Morro Bay, California. We had both caught colds on the flight out. We were doing our best to shake them quickly so that we could drive up to Walnut Creek to care for Barry's brother, Arne, who was ailing from bone cancer.

On January 10, we were looking around a bookstore when I was drawn to a little second-hand book entitled The Practice of the Presence of God, writings by a seventeenth-century French monk, Brother Lawrence. Since I've always longed to be in the presence of God, and because the book was only \$2.99, I bought it.

The very next day was the day that would change my life. In the early morning hours, I found a lump in a place where it shouldn't have been. We immediately contacted Barry's sister and she got me an appointment to see her doctor that same day. I took the book with me, but the next few days were filled with all sorts of tests and biopsies, and I lost track of the little book. I did so want to see what advice Brother Lawrence could give me because I really needed to feel God's presence during that incredibly stressful time.

By January 16th, we had a diagnosis of cancer and knew that we had to fly home immediately for treatment to start as soon as possible. By then, my Bible-study group and church family were all praying for me and I felt so comforted and uplifted; like the comfort I knew as a young child sleeping with my Grandmother in her big warm feather bed. Your prayers continue to bring me the “peace that passeth understanding.” I am ever grateful to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for your prayers and well wishes.

But I was still looking for that little book by Brother Lawrence. I just felt that God had sent me a message in it and I couldn't find it. The day before we left, I looked one more time and found that it had slipped under the seat of the truck. I pulled it out and decided to just open it randomly to see what God's message might be. And I read: “God knoweth best what is needful for us, and all that He does is for our good. If we knew how much He loves us, we should always be ready to receive equally and with indifference from His hand the sweet and the bitter. All would please that came from Him. That

sorest afflictions never appear intolerable, except when we see them in the wrong light. ... Let all our employment be to *know* God; the more one knows Him, the more one desires to know Him. And as knowledge is commonly the measure of love, the deeper and more extensive our knowledge shall be, the greater will be our love; and if our love of God were great, we should love Him equally in pains and pleasures.” Well, I guess I got the message! Praise God for communicating to me so clearly why we are sometimes afflicted with disease or other trials.

Being human though, I began to ask myself, “was that really God's Word?” After all, it was Brother Lawrence speaking, not God. I arrived home on January 18, and joined my dear Bible-Study sisters on Thursday morning for the study of the Book of James. Within days, God verified His message through Brother Lawrence. James 1:2-3 says: “Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” God was not only telling me that He was giving me a blessing, but what it would be, if I would only accept that it was from Him. I feel like God is gently taking me by the hand and leading me along the path He has prepared just for me. I feel truly blessed. Praise God!

From the Heart ***Walking Home***

By Beth Birkenfeld

*"Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; every one of them appears before God in Zion." Psalm 84:5-7*

So here we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year. Unlike many other years, years that I have jumped into January with a boisterous "**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**" to everyone I see, it's been different... In fact, except for one or two times when that phrase just came out due to "conversation obligation," I haven't said those words at all since the morning of Jan. 2nd--the day that Kyle and I lost a good friend, leaving his kids, effectively, orphaned, and me wondering what purpose or sense of justice could possibly be seen in this situation.

About a month or so before this, at the end of last year, one of my closest childhood friends lost her 28-year old son to a drug overdose. She and I had given birth to our firstborn sons within a year of each other, when we were 17 and 18 years old. My son is here, and hers is now gone. She commented recently that it seems as if 'he was never here at all, but was only a feeling...that slipped through (her) fingers like sand, and left (her)...forever yearning to have that feeling back again.'

And within the last few weeks, another dear friend, who has just learned she has breast cancer...by the time of this printing, she will have had a mastectomy, and her life will be forever different. It was something that she spoke of that prompted me to write these thoughts today. As she keeps her friends updated via e-mail, she shared that it is an honor and a joy to be walking Home together, whenever that time is for any of us. Wow...walking Home...although I often hear of this life referred to as a 'journey,' or being on a 'pilgrimage' as the verse above refers to, reading her thoughts gave me a fresh picture of this walk that we call 'life,' shared with those whom God surrounded us with to walk alongside. And even as all of us who know the Lord are walking to the same destination, we'll each enter Heaven at our own predestined time along the path.

But what about those who are walking with us who do not know Jesus as their Savior? As of this moment, these dear ones who we love and share

our lives with are walking to a different destination....

As this new year began, in my daily conversation with the Lord, the one "resolution" that became important to me was that I might make a difference, each day, to one person. As the days turn into weeks, I cannot say that I wake up each morning remembering that thought, that 'commitment' I made to God. But as my sister-in-Jesus reminded me through her words how fragile this life is, and how intentional God is in putting specific people in our lives, I feel a renewal of my intent to make a difference...to 'let my Light shine'...that at least one time over the course of each day, someone who I'm walking this road with might see Jesus in me, might even come to know Him through a kind word or action on my part.

May the Lord help us to bring joy at times, comfort when necessary, and the Light of His Love continually to each other and to others this year, as we continue our walk toward Home.

Dear Living Hope,

Steve and I want to express our deep excitement for the opportunity God has given us to be the new leaders of the missions team here at Living Hope. It was through a missions trip to Haiti that God brought us together and since then God has so clearly given us a passion for missions. We are thrilled and feel so blessed to be serving the body here at the church but also reaching out to others as well. We look forward to seeing how God is going to move and work through us.

There have not been any major changes, as we are still getting a feel for how things have been organized and run. We do want to make you all aware of some things that are coming up. In March, we will be sending out letters to the North Kingstown community, informing them about Living Hope and inviting them to visit for the Easter Service. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for more details as we will need volunteers to help stuff envelopes.

We are also hoping to collaborate with the Missions Board of Perryville Bible Church this year. They have a strong and passionate heart for the country of Haiti and have been leading missions trips there for many years now. They currently go about twice a year and we would love to get involved and coordinate a trip with them.

Our ultimate goal right now is to simply bring glory and honor to Christ in everything he leads us to accomplish through the missions board. Thank you so much for your support and prayers!

*Sincerely,
In Christ,
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The Battle

by Renee Olsen

Sometimes I want to run
 Run and hide from my God
 I can't seem to get it right
 I can't step up to His height
 I can just about stand
 And I often fall
 From the pit
 I yell, I bellow, I cry
 I just can't do it
 I just can't stand
 Oh, why can't I learn?
 I turn on Him, I accuse, I blame
 He expects too much
 Where has he been?
 If only he would help
 If only he would hear
 My prayers, my plea
 The spirit awakes
 It grabs my tongue
 Before more can be said
 Regret fills my heart
 For entertaining thoughts
 Lies from the enemy
 His word filters through
 The battle is on
 Deceit invades my mind

And lies war with truth
 Lies give strength to my flesh
 Proof for my resolve,
 Yet, grief to the spirit
 Yea, the spirit will not flee
 It moves, it prompts, it shoots
 Fiery darts of truth
 Promises from his word
 Words from his heart
 The heart of him
 Who loves
 Loves to death
 The death that gave
 Life to me
 I just have to believe
 I just have to trust
 He will never leave
 But, the lies interject
 Continually they beckon
 Another attempt
 To win me over
 A false power
 Truth or lie
 One must go
 There's power in his word
 The word gives light
 With light I can see

A glimmer of hope
 I just can't deny
 His word
 His truth
 'That I can stand, because
 My God hems me in,
 From before and behind
 He never leaves
 Nor forsakes
 He counsels, He cajoles, He strengthens,
 He surrounds, He holds and He loves
 Me





Spotlight on:
Mark Rosen

Beth: Mark, can you share a bit about your background, where you are from, where you work, and what you like to do?

Mark: I was born in Providence, grew up in Johnston and attended CCRI. I worked in electronics for a few years, but found the work very tedious and had to get out. I have been in sales ever since. I work for the Meredith Corporation, publishers of Better Homes and Gardens magazine. I represent their newsstand sales to major retailers and wholesalers on the east coast and eastern Canada.

I like playing poker, hiking, biking, and dining out. I also enjoy two Christian discussion groups I participate in via Facebook. They have inspired me to dig deeper into God's word on a wide variety of topics.

Beth: How long have you been fellowshiping here with us at Living Hope? Who- - or what - - brought you here?

Mark: I have been attending Living Hope for two years, but I don't really hang out and talk. Mostly, because my family doesn't attend and I sense that I

should get home. My wife actually got me to attend L.H. the first few weeks, but then she stopped going and I continued. It started because of an on-line disagreement between an existing member of L.H. and my wife's sister. My wife sided with the member of L.H. and decided she wanted to meet him and give L.H. a try. That could have been a result of some sibling rivalry, but in the end it worked out for good, because I have felt closer to God being with His people even if it is for a short time on Sunday.

Beth: How about sharing your testimony with us? How long have you been a Christian, and when did you first come to have a relationship with the Lord?

Mark: When I was 16, my mother put a Good News Bible in the magazine rack, which was in the bathroom. It seemed to stare at me. I decided I would read it just in case. I figured if it was true, then at least I could say I read it and when I ended up at the pearly gates it might score me some points with the Big Guy. From ages 16 to 19, I read it through three times, but it was still nothing more than a book to me. When I was 19, my best friend died of bone cancer, within 6 months of being diagnosed. Six months after that, I was witnessed to and invited to a church. Sometime after that I was hooked. I was baptized a year later in the Atlantic. I met my wife shortly after that and was married by the age of 22. I am 43 now, but from ages 23

to 41, I was disillusioned by Christians and stayed away from the assembly. I guess I ran into one too many hypocrites and wasn't strong enough to overcome that until returning to God in earnest approximately two years ago. I feel a great deal of regret for that lost time, but very happy to be back in my Father's house.

Beth: Finally, do you have a special "heart's desire" for serving the Lord or giftedness that you would like to share with this body?

Mark: I do want to serve the Lord in some capacity, however, I am pretty clueless as to any gift I may or may not have. I know I enjoy researching and discussing God's word. Right now, I do that in my spare time and most discussion is done on a few Christian internet groups I am in. I do feel the need to connect with people and recently verses about "remembering the poor" have made an impact on me. I have had a difficult time in integrating with the local church, partly because I feel the need to be with my family and they are not interested in "church" at this time. I may need a bit of a push because I can't seem to get out of my own way.

One thing for certain, as I sit quietly during the hour and a half service each Sunday morning, is that I feel like I am right where I want to be, in the midst of God's people. I would like to feel that more often and I am thankful to God for bringing me back to Him and leading me to L.H.

Women of Hope Winter Getaway 2012

Our theme for this year's Winter Getaway was, "Oh How He Loves Us." As the snow fell that morning, turning into a major snowstorm, I was questioning that theme choice. However, God gently reminded me that I had pictured this rustic locale in my mind's eye with a wintry back drop. He was lovingly fulfilling my desire.

Our day at Camp Hoffman turned out to be wonderful despite the impressive snowscape. Once we all arrived safely (albeit a couple of "adventures"), there was a roaring fire in the stone fireplace to warm up with, lots of yummy goodies, delightful fellowship, moving worship, convicting teaching and creative crafting spread throughout the day. And yes, beautiful snowy scenery to gaze out at as you wondered about the drive home.



Our theme was broken down into several topics: God's Love for Us, taught concisely by Sylvia Curry, focused on God's character and how He reveals his love to us through His Word and actions. Loving Ourselves was tackled nicely by Kelly Holdridge. With her characteristic style of humor, honesty and personal examples, she made us aware that we have no problem loving ourselves. This is why God instructed us to love others the way we love ourselves; it is assumed that we do this very aptly. Karen Atkin had us passing the box of tissues as she shared so personally of her struggles to love God and others after the loss of her Mom. She gave us some great insight on discovering our own personal love language and how we can better love others using this tool. Wendy Hornick, everyone's favorite voice (due to her lovely English accent) shared a personal testimony about how God showered his love and blessing on her at a

time in her life.

Many thanks to everyone who travelled out in the storm to take part in this event. Your support was vital to the success of the day. You blessed me tremendously and I know each one of us received something special from God.

Thanks to all of you who helped out with the various tasks of the day from tending the fire, bringing food, cleaning up to loading vehicles at the end. Your part made a difference. There are a few ladies that I have to mention; Stephanie for not only decorating a lodge so beautifully but for helping me in setting up the day before. Ruth, for getting many of our supplies. Janice and Cindy, you were my heroes! Not only did they make the soup and many other food items but they took care of all the food details. Becky, Donna and Charlene, for leading us in praise and worship, and lastly Debbie for her treat. Those body scrubs were a hit and a nice token of our time together.



Our mutual thanks to Robin Sampson, who gave many of us a wonderful surprise by cleaning off our cars. And we will not forget Dan Webster (not "our Dan") who braved the snow all day outdoors keeping the sidewalks and roadway cleared for us. Above all, I give all the glory to our faithful Lord Jesus!





On Sunday, March 4th, the congregation had a very moving service as people “went to the wall” to write names of those God had laid on their hearts to pray for salvation. We had prayed that God would make the time special, and he was faithful to answer. Many shared they were truly touched by all that went on, all to His glory. Remember what the wall represents for us:

- The risks we are willing to take for the sake of the gospel and people
- The focus we need ...to keep our evangelism “balloon” full
- The unity we have with other congregations that are doing the same (not only in RI, but around the world).

For those who were not here on the 4th, you will have the opportunity to “go to the wall,” either before or after the service, as well as times during worship or greeting time to do so. We would just ask that you make sure a deacon or elder is around with a sharpie or you can go seek them out. We also need to make sure this does not become a thing of pride or comparison, (i.e. I have more names up than you, look how many people I’ve saved). Those sentiments are of the flesh and are not pleasing to God. But done right, under His guidance and with His power, let’s wait together to see how He will work.

“WOMEN MENTORING WOMEN”

SEMINAR

Submitted by Bea Seavey

Living Hope Christian Church is having the privilege of hosting the Seminar: “Women Mentoring Women” the first four Saturdays in March starting at 9:45 a.m. to noon. Our speaker, Anne Noll, is known to many of us as a mentor, teacher and retreat speaker. Anne described mentoring as “walking along the road toward God that you already know and helping someone else walk that road with you.” God provides a church family so that no one need walk this journey alone. God’s purpose is that we all mature spiritually until we attain “*the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*” Eph. 4:13

In the first seminar meeting we looked to Jesus’ example as a mentor from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus’ purpose in training, teaching, loving, correcting, warning, rebuking was always to bring praise and glory to His Father.

In session #2 we will look at the “Qualities of a Mentor” as seen in scripture. The last two sessions we’ll cover the topics “How to Mentor” and “Getting Started”. Over fifty women from five area churches have joined us at Living Hope to become better equipped to minister to the women they care about.

Our prayer echoes Eph. 4:16 that “*speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ. From Him the whole body ...builds itself up in love as each part does its work.*”

Parenting Class Review

Submitted by Lisa Quinn

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—³ "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."⁴

Did you know that our children's foremost responsibility is obedience? In Eph. 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Paul points out that the commandment to honor parents is the first commandment with a promise. The Bible is filled with all kinds of commandments for leaders, husbands, wives, servants, and all kinds of people. Everybody from every walk of life gets instructions. But I can only find one commandment directed at children: Obey.

Obedience is not about parents being strong and domineering, making their kids do exactly what they say out of fear. The goal is for them to obey out of love, dependency, and trust. Genuine obedience is submitting to the word of another, whether it's God or parents.

If you were asked in a survey what your number one goal is for your children, what would you say? The average parent wouldn't even think to say, "For them to obey." Yet this is the only command for children God gives in His Word. As a young parent, I came very close to learning this lesson the hard way; just how important it is for our children to not only obey, but obey the first time I speak.

Our family had just left the beach and was walking through the parking lot. My daughter Brianna saw our car and started to run ahead. There was a car coming around the corner fast. She and the car were on a perfect collision course. As you can imagine, my heart almost jumped out of my chest. I yelled, "Brianna, stop!" I am so grateful she obeyed the first time and stopped. The car

zoomed by and narrowly missed her.

The reason this is so important (besides the fact that her safety depends on it) is that if a child can't learn to obey a parent who is visible, she'll never learn to obey a God who isn't. Whatever attitude your children have toward your voice, that's probably how they'll respond to God's when they're older.

What I've learned in my years of parenting is if we don't teach our children to obey, we're setting them up to miss out on God's blessings. We're denying them the training they will one day need to hear God's still, small voice and act on it. When God whispers to them, "This relationship is bad for you," or "Don't get in the car with those guys," they'll keep right on running, completely unaware of the dangers. They won't really believe that voice is serious.

In closing, look at what Jesus says about the relationship between love and obedience: "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him" (John 14:21).

Teach your children to obey the first time. It will take effort, practice, and patience, but it is well worth it.

Come join our team...

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Fountain of Youth Teen Ministry

The Fountain of Youth Teen Ministry is an exciting ministry to be involved in. It is open to teens and preteens ages 12-18. Since Sept. 2010, we've grown from a handful of LHCC teens to a regular attendance of 15-20 teens from all walks of life, the "churched" and the "unchurched," Christians and their friends.



In the past year, we've had nearly 40 teens come through our doors or attend events with us. All have heard the incredible news about Jesus Christ and what He has done for us and have experienced the love, grace and "just as you are" acceptance that we believe draws us all to Jesus in the first place.

We've had a faithful contingent of young adult leaders along the way, each with a special area of giftedness, unique talents, his or her own experiences to draw from and a deep and abiding love for God and for young people. All have had a great impact on the teens at FoY. Brianna Quinn is our only young adult leader right now, while Ryan Blanchette is taking a break. She has had an **especially powerful ministry** to the young women.

Every week we open the doors at 5:30pm for free time. Teens can order pizza on our Facebook Group for 75 cents a slice, payable at FoY. Some of the teens hang out in the sanctuary where a small group of talented musicians is practicing (Tyler Brock on guitar, Aidan Brock on piano, Jakob Horstman on drums, Tabby Zorra and Delaney Ryan on vocals.) Other teens bring their homework and study in one classroom. We have a classroom where we play board games, talk and eat. When teens need a quiet place to talk privately, they hang

out in the nursery.

At 7:00, FoY officially begins, while adults gather in the library for Bible Study with Pastor Peter. We're going through the book of Acts in its entirety, at least every other week between testimony weeks. We believe that reading, discussing and studying God's Word is vital to the Holy Spirit's work in us to convict us, encourage us, transform us and build us up in our faith.

One of the most powerful things God is doing and using in the lives of teens at FoY are the testimonies shared by teens and leaders. We share testimonies every other week at the most, giving God glory for how we came to faith in Christ or other ways He has worked or is working in our lives.



While Ryan Blanchette has been on hiatus, we've been inviting men in leadership at LHCC to join us on Wednesdays, giving the teens the opportunity to get to know them. Most of the men have returned for a second and third visit and have shared their testimonies. We'll be inviting women, too, believing it's important for young people to develop relationships with adults at LHCC who love and know Christ.

We have a mix of ministry and fellowship opportunities all year long, not only to build the relationships between the teens, but also to minister to people in our community and in RI. We take seriously the call to be salt and light in the world, and also to be of encouragement to one another.

Last year we did all of the

following:

- 30 Hour Famine weekend
- "Encounter 2011" (snow camp at Monadnock Bible Conference Center)
- "Soul Surfer" movie at Showcase Cinema
- Helped with LHCC's May Season of Service
- Trip to Fuse Festival (Christian Concerts)
- Pawsox game at McCoy Stadium
- Helped with LHCC Summer Celebration
- Helped NK High School put together educational materials (the day before Hurricane Irene was due to arrive on our shores)
- Picnic and cookout for older teens at the Brocks' home
- "To Save a Life" movie at LHCC
- Helped out at Summer Festival in S. Providence
- Trip to Six Flags New England
- Fallquest (Christian Concerts)
- Helped at NK5K
- See You at the Pole -prayer event at NKHS
- Fear Factor Party
- Word of Life Super Bowl
- Christmas Party for Crossroads

We have a private Facebook Group for LHCC teens and their parents. Teens outside LHCC gain entrance to the FB Group after attending FoY four times. (If you are a teen or a parent of a teen at LHCC and you're not in the private Facebook Group, contact me by private message at <http://facebook.com/michellequillin.com>.)

If you have questions about FoY, contact Michelle Quillin at 401-573-7532 or by e-mail at office@newenglandmultimedia.com.



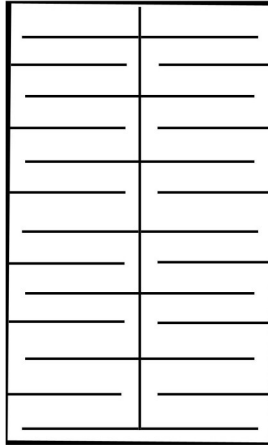
Family Corner...

Doing the Impossible

Materials you will need: a piece of paper
7" x 3 1/2"

Draw the diagram as shown below. Cut through the center line without cutting the paper entirely in two.

If I were to tell you that I could pass this piece of paper over my finger so they would stick through on the other side, you would most likely say "of course you can do that." What if I said I could push my head through this piece of paper? You would say, "That's impossible! The paper is much smaller than your head!"



While cutting along the rest of the lines, continue with the object lesson.

Did you ever try to do something that was hard to do-something that you felt couldn't be done? Something you said was impossible? Jesus said "to him that believeth, all things are possible." Mark 9:23

Paul said "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13

Spread the paper out and gently pull it apart. The paper will open into a circular ribbon and fit right over your head.

When we trust and obey God, read His word and apply it to our lives, and follow His plan for us, God can do the **impossible** through us. So be a part of His adventure. Listen for His voice and follow Him.

Additional verses: Jeremiah 29:11-13 and Proverbs 3:5-6

Luke 1:37 For, with God nothing will be impossible.

Submitted by Sylvia Curry- adapted from Christian Publications, Inc. Vol. 1

Grandma's Sugar Cookies

1 C. margarine	2 t. vanilla
1 C. Wesson oil	1 t. cream of tartar
1 C. powdered sugar	1 1/2 t. baking soda
1 C. white sugar	1 t. salt
2 eggs	5 C. flour

Cream margarine and oil. Add ingredients in order given. Form into small balls. Place on cookie sheet and flatten with bottom of glass dipped in sugar.

Bake at 350 10 - 15 min.

Upcoming Events

- Awana meets every Friday night from 7pm to 8:30pm. It is open to 3 year olds to grade 6.
- Fountain of Youth meets every Wednesday at 5:30-7pm Free time and dinner; 7pm-8:30pm for Bible Study and Games
- March 23-25 FoY -Deep Freeze (snow camp) at Camp Berea
- Fellowship Sunday
- Ladies' Bible Study-Tuesday evenings at 7pm-starts April 3rd- Amy Brock and Lisa Quinn will lead a study of the book of Timothy.
- April- Passover Seder
- April 23rd- Baseball Season starts
- April 27th -28th FoY 30 Hour Famine and Ministry Project
- May 6th -May Season of Service
- May 18th -20th -Women's Retreat at Cathedral Camp in E. Freetown, MA
- May 25th - Beavertail Lighthouse Fellowship
- June 24th Summer Celebration