



The Circle Connection

Southeast Region
Ladies Uplift
Circle

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Greetings from our President:

How do we stay strong in the Gospel keeping a fervent and passionate attitude about serving Christ? Most of us were on fire when we first rendered obedience and were baptized. We couldn't do enough to serve our God who redeemed our souls. However, sadly, that fire starts to flicker as life moves on and we realize that trials and tribulation still come our way. I look at sisters serving in the Gospel with all sincerity for 20, 30 even 50 years and I ask myself "How do they do it?"

Revelations 3:15 & 16 advise us "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." This verse of scripture tells us that God doesn't want someone serving Him if they are not going to give it all they have. In order to do that, though, God must become our first, uno, number one priority.

We must be able to experience God's love and forgiveness in our lives on a daily basis if we are going to stay in an acceptable state. Although this may sound cliché, it is so important to pray constantly throughout the day. We must converse with God and keep Him in the loop. The only way a friend can help you out is if you communicate to them what is going on in your life.

We also must read God's word. I taught a preschool MBA class one night and we talked about knowing what the rules are in order to stay safe and live happy healthy lives. They all said that they would feel sad and confused if they didn't know what the rules were. The scriptures are God's rules and instructions on how to live life. We can't play the game and win if we don't know the rules.

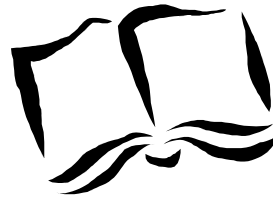
We also have to fellowship with the Saints. We need support in this life. Don't you always feel better when you are in the midst of friends that love you rather than all alone stuck in your own thoughts?

According to Titus 3:5 we can do "works of righteousness" but they do not earn us acceptance by God. Rather when we have experienced God's love and forgiveness our natural response should be to work for Him. When we pray, read and fellowship God naturally becomes a force in our lives and He affords us the love and forgiveness we need to face our trials while remaining strong and fervent.

UPCOMING EVENT:
March 15, 2008 – Southeast Region
Ladies Uplift Circle Conference
Cape Coral

Southeast Area Ladies Uplift Circle
Conference Call Highlights
September 23, 2007

- **Fellowship ideas** - don't forget to submit any ideas you may have for an area fellowship event. We discussed mentoring young ladies, a day of beauty, seminar classes, etc. If you have an idea or a desire to help plan the event, please contact Sis. Carole Griffin (cjagriffin@aol.com) or Sis. Ann Ciccati (ciccatia@irnb.com) who volunteered to coordinate the event.
- **Card shower program** - please take time to remember our Sister recipient of the card shower. The card shower program is intended to provide uplift and encouragement to a Sister who is experiencing illness or trials in her life. If you are unsure who the current recipient is, please contact Sis. Alicia Draskovich at: jimlisha13@yahoo.com or by phone at (813) 995-9358.
- **Fundraising ideas** - please submit any fundraising ideas you have to support the SE Area Ladies Circle to Sis. Alicia Draskovich. We'll plan to discuss ideas during the March business meeting.
- **General Ladies Circle Website** - check it out monthly and share the president's message with your locals, as well as the great ideas, book club and other activities featured on the site: <http://www.generalladiescircle.org>
- **Word Giver suggestions** - please discuss in your locals how you are using the word provided by the Word Giver each month and how you'd like to use it going forward. The by-laws state it is used as a means for roll call, but that is difficult for some locals with large groups due to timeliness. We'd like to hear your ideas by our next conference.
- **Mark your calendar!** - Our next meeting as an Area will take place on March 15, 2008 at the Cape Coral branch. More details to come.



Scripture Study Section

Who taught these young men not to doubt, that God will deliver them, in the Book of Mormon? What an example for us as women in the church, that we can be to our young people. (Alma 56:47)

Do you know the Ladies Uplift Circle Pledge?

We pledge ourselves to read and search the Scriptures and ask God to direct and bless our Ladies' Uplift Circle in every way. We will do our duty in visiting the sick; we will neither find fault nor offend in word or deed, but will be a help to each other and help others to the best of our ability.

Please send all news articles, recipes, ideas, to Sis. Lori Checchi, at lovereading@bellsouth.net. Next edition's news due by 1/1/2008.

RECIPE CORNER

As a young girl growing up in the church, I loved to visit other branches. A sister in the Hollywood Branch would make this every time I visited her daughter. Whenever I make it now, I think of her and all the good memories I have of growing up in the church. You never know, even your cooking may have an impression on a young person!

Submitted by Sis. Lori Checchi
Recipe from Sis. Bonnie Miller
Taravella School Cookbook

Peaches 'N Cream

¾ c. flour
1 t. baking powder
½ t. salt
1 small package instant vanilla pudding
3 T. butter or margarine
1 egg
½ c. milk

Combine above ingredients in blender or food processor for 20 seconds. Spoon into a 10" pie plate.

Drain a 15 oz. can peach slices, reserving 3 T. peach juice. Arrange peach slices over the first batter in the pie plate.

Wash and dry blender/food processor.

Process:

1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
½ c. sugar
3 T. peach juice

Spread over the peaches to within 1" of the edge of the pie plate. Sprinkle with 1 T. sugar and 1 t. cinnamon. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

Breakfast Lasagne

Submitted by Sis. Debbie Gonzalez

Ingredients:

2 dozen eggs
1 loaf white bread - crusts removed
1 cup milk
2 cups diced onions, green peppers, red peppers
1 tbsp minced garlic
1 roll breakfast sausage (Jimmy Dean or similar)
4 cups of shredded cheese
Salt, pepper and other seasonings to taste

1. Brown sausage, green & red peppers and onions in a skillet until sausage crumbles and is well cooked.
2. Mix eggs, milk, salt, pepper and garlic in a bowl and blend well.
3. Spray large, shallow baking pan with cooking spray.
4. Cover bottom of baking pan with de-crusted slices of bread.
5. Ladle egg mixture over bread slices until they are soaked thoroughly and are soggy.
6. Sprinkle some of the browned sausage mixture over the soaked bread slices.
7. Sprinkle some of the shredded cheese over the sausage mixture.
8. Repeat steps 4-7 until baking pan is full (usually 3 or 4 layers).
9. Refrigerate the breakfast lasagne for a minimum of 1 hour or overnight to allow it to set.
9. Bake at 350 in over for approximately 30-40 minutes. Check periodically, but don't open oven door as it will cause the lasagne to "deflate." When the lasagne is fluffy and not too moist in the middle, it is done.
10. Let cool for 5-10 minutes and serve.