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It never ceases to amaze me how something as simple as the smell of cookies

Sweet Smell of Cookies Baking

and gingerbread baking can evoke such vivid childhood memories. The aroma of warm gingerbread fills the air like spicy holiday potpourri.

When I was a young girl I loved to watch my mother mix the dough to make biscuits, gingerbread, and pie crusts in her wooden dough bowl that she inherited from her mother.

Every Christmas, she made a variety of pies, jam cakes, fruit cakes, gingerbread, and sugar cookies. She always made biscuits everyday with a pinch of this and a handful of that; like most cooks in those days.

She would roll and shape the dough quickly and easily to form the dough for each.

Mom let me help mix the ingredients for the sugar cookies and gingerbread and cut them out for baking. When they were baking and cooled I put sprinkles and icing on them and decorated them for Christmas.

As the years went by, and when my mom passed I inherited the dough bowl that I cherished so much. Every Christmas I use that bowl and remember those days when I watched mom prepare for all her baking. My dough never seems to act like hers; I still don't get the dough thin like she could.

I loved that old dough bowl; it has many memories. It was and is a symbol to me of pleasant sights, tastes, and togetherness. In my mind, I can see my mom at the kitchen cabinet, mixing ingredients for baking.

I get more pleasure from using the dough bowl and I hope my daughter will someday make biscuits, cookies and gingerbread men for her children. She doesn't have little girls; only one boy.

He comes to my house and makes sugar cookies with me every Christmas. Maybe he will pass it on to his little girl if he has one.

GINGERBREAD

- ½ c. butter
- ½ c. raisins
- 1 c. molasses
- ½ c. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 c. boiling water
- ½ tsp. cloves
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Cream butter and sugar together. Mix molasses and water together and add to the butter mixture. Sift dry ingredients to butter mixture a little at a time, stirring well after each addition. Add eggs and blend. Stir in raisins. Pour into greased pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.

I was unable to find my mom's recipe. *This recipe is from the Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society Cookbook. Submitted in memory of Willie Jo Wilson Broadus.

Illiteracy, or an Unwillingness to Learn

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher
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Hardly does a year pass that we do not hear of someone in a religious meeting who is bitten by a poisonous snake of some kind. Now I grant you that this, normally, takes place in one of our counties that are noted as a place where many are lacking a formal education of some kind. Sadly, some do die from the handling and being bitten by these serpents, still they do it anyway. Some have even attempted to drink chemicals of different types, saying that this is a test of their faith. Some have even been seen pouring lighter fluid in their hands and igniting it, again claiming that this is a demonstration if one has the faith or not.

Many use the Bible passage found in **Mark 6** to provide information for their actions. But under the examination of this passage, take note whom the Lord is speaking unto? Notice **verses 14 and 15** very clearly mention the eleven apostles. Matthias, who would be chosen later was not in the group at this time, but was included by the Lord later on. After giving these apostles the commission to God unto all the world and preach the gospel, baptize the believers. Then he said of the apostles, here are some signs that will demonstrate that you have been sent by me. They would cast out demons (**Luke 10:7**), speaking with new tongues (**Acts 2:4-6**), they shall take up serpents (**Acts 25:3-6**). This did not indicate that they were to search the rocks and hills to find deadly vipers and to bring them into their worship.

The hills of Judea possessed many kinds of vipers and so great care was to be taken to avoid them, but if an unintentional bite had taken place it would not bother them. Water was scarce and to drink from just any thing was dangerous. Many pools were filled with deadly larvae and other stupefying things that might kill the careless drinker, but if this accidentally happened to one or more of the apostles it was not to bother them. They had the power to lay hands upon the sick and could recover their health (**Acts 3**). All these were signs given by our Lord to his apostles only! If handling a big diamond back rattler was a test of my faith then I would not have any at all! Because my Lord tests my faith by what he has told me in His word. If I am willing to obey it (**John 15:9-10, Luke 11:28**). Now if someone were to teach this to a person who was uneducated, who believed that to take up serpents was a command from our Lord, what could we say to convince him otherwise?

First, I would ask him if he considered himself to be an apostle. If so, who gave you this appointment? Can you heal a blind man? Can you raise the dead? Of course the answer is no! Now, illiteracy is to be to blame for a lot of this confusion, but when one is plainly taught better, what should he do? Lay aside the traditions of others and plainly obey wholly our Lord and what common sense teaches us. That to drink poison or grab hold of a venomous snake can kill you. Do not tempt our Lord!

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

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Wednesday, Dec. 16

Pine Hill's Annual Christmas Play

Pine Hill Baptist Church will be having its annual Christmas play on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, starting at 6 p.m. The theme is "How to Know Jesus." There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday & Thursday, Dec. 20 & 24

Mt. Carmel Christmas Events

All are welcome to attend the following Christmas events at Mt. Carmel Christian Church: * "A Mt. Carmel School Christmas" This is a Christmas play on Sunday, December 20, at 6 p.m. * Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on Thursday, December 24, at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 20th, 11am, 5pm

Christmas Schedule At Wisemantown

- The Wisemantown United Methodist Church's morning worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2015, will include special music. There will be several specials including the choir and solos by Sheila Niece and Tom Bonny.
- The Christmas pageant will be Sunday, December 20 at 5 pm. A light meal will be served after the pageant.
- A Christmas Eve service will be Thursday, December 24 at 6 p.m. at the church. All are invited and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, December 20th @ 6pm

Christmas Program At Epperson

Epperson First Church of God on KY-89 (Irvine Road) in Clark County is inviting you to our children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone attending will receive a fruit bag. Enjoy the Christmas season with us.

Sunday, December 20th @ 7pm

Easter Valley Christmas Program

The Easter Valley Baptist Church will be having its annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 20, 2015, starting at 7:00 p.m. The program is called "The Journey." Everyone is welcome!

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seeds of Hope

"You are not prepared to live," said the professor to his philosophy class, "until you are ready to die." Few, if any, live with that thought in mind. When he was twenty years old, David was diagnosed with cancer. After a careful examination the attending physician said to him, "I'm sorry, but you have only a short time to live. At the most, two years." David took the news without flinching. He had accepted Christ as his Savior six months before he was given the news. As the disease progressed and his health deteriorated his faith continued to grow. And as his faith grew so did his willingness to witness and he gained a boldness about sharing God's grace. On one occasion he said, "Cancer brought me to my knees and I realized I had no control over my life." During a visit with one of his physicians he was asked, "Do you want to live a short time for God or a long time for nothing?" He responded by saying, "Whether I live a short time or a long time it will be for God. My life is in His hands." Shortly before his death his mother would walk into his room and ask, "David, are you still here?" Each time he would answer, "Yes, Mother. I'm still here." On the last day of his life she went into his room and asked, "David are you still here?" His reply that day was, "Yes, Mother, but not for much longer. I'm going home." He looked around the room and said, "Mother, faith is a lighted room." Where does a faith like David's come from? "God will redeem my life from the grave," said the Psalmist, "he will surely take me to Himself." It comes from faith in Christ. David lived his life knowing he was ready to die.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who was Herod's information source as to where the Christ Child was to be born? Joseph, Reuben, Micah, Matthew
3. Which Old Testament prophet (book) said the most about the birth of Christ? Nehemiah, Isaiah, Daniel, Obadiah
4. What group received the angels' announcement of the birth of Jesus? Carpenters, Shepherds, Tentmakers, Masons
5. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? Manger, Under the stars, House, Temple
6. From Matthew 2, to what country did Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus flee? Jordan, Syria, Oman, Egypt

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False Teachers Will Be Judged ...
2 Peter 1:12-15
Remember These Things
¹²Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. ¹³Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; ¹⁴Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. ¹⁵Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

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