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Match 'um Bible Quiz

Score yourself 100pts for the first answer, 200 pts for the second answer, 300 pts for the third answer, and so on.

“Mother Lode – Part 2”

- Hagar
 - She was Abram’s first wife.
 - She and Sarai were half sisters.
 - She ran away from Sarai.
- Eve
 - She was created from Adam’s clavicle.
 - She wore clothes made from pomegranate leaves.
 - Her sin multiplied her sorrow.
- Sarah
 - She outlived Abraham by twenty years.
 - Isaac means “the first of many children”.
 - She gave Hagar to Abraham to be his wife.
- Mary, earthly mother of Jesus
 - She and Joseph offered a pair of goats when they presented Jesus at the temple courts.
 - She received a blessing from Simeon.
 - She received a blessing from the young prophetess Anna.
- Rebekah
 - Her first son was Esau.
 - Her first son was Jacob.
 - Jacob sold Esau his birthright.
- Hagar
 - She was told by an angel her son would live in peace.
 - She was told by an angel her descendants would be numerous.
 - She was told by an angel her son would be a wild hyena of a man.
- Eve
 - Her first son was Abel.
 - Her first son was Cain.
 - Her first son was Seth.
- Sarah
 - She married her half brother Abraham.
 - She gave birth to Isaac when she was seventy.
 - She first met Abraham under the great tree of Moreh.
- Mary, earthly mother of Jesus
 - She could not bear to watch Jesus on the cross.
 - She anointed Jesus’ head with expensive perfume.
 - She went to live with John after the crucifixion.
- Rebekah
 - She was given a nose ring by Abraham’s servant.
 - Isaac had to work seven years to marry her.
 - She wanted Esau to receive Isaac’s blessing.

Answers from last issue:

- 1.B.(Ex. 13:18;14:21-22); 2.C.(Mat. 3:13-17); 3.A.(Luke 24:33,50-51);4.A.(Ex. 34:29-32);5.C.(Mat. 17:1-2);6.B.(Luke 23:33,45);7.B.(Dan. 5:1,5);8.B.(2Kings 20:10-11);9.A.(Josh. 10:12-13);10.C.(Judg. 6:20-21)

I Will Say “Yes” To Jesus

*I will say "yes" to Jesus,
Of it was "no" before,
As He knocked at my heart's proud entrance
And I firmly barred the door.
But I've made a complete surrender
and given Him right of way,
And henceforth it is always "yes"
Whatever He may say.*

*I will say "yes" to Jesus
To all that He commands;
I will hasten to do His bidding
With willing heart and hands,
I will listen to hear His whispers
And learn His will each day,
And always gladly answer "yes"
Whatever He may say.
~A.B. Simpson*



*Earth has nothing more tender than a woman's
heart when it is the abode of piety.
~Martin Luther*

Scripture Artist

This game is played like Pictionary, in that you draw pictures of what your teammates must guess.

Separate into teams of 3-4 people. Separate teams out of earshot from each other. One person draws a slip of paper from a bag or bowl full of familiar Bible verses (prepared ahead of time) and reads it silently. She returns to her own team and begins drawing (no letters or numbers) to illustrate the saying. The artist may not speak or make gestures (such as rocking a baby, swimming, walking, etc.). The rest of each team tries to guess the verse. Each team continues until verse is guessed. Then another person from the team goes to select a verse. The process continues until all have drawn. The team to finish first wins!

Mom's Page

A vital Christian, radiating that hidden beauty of the heart, is more attractive to the right sort of Christian man (the only kind you want) than the raving beauty who is hollow within. A woman who is developing her domestic abilities, who is reasonably

attractive, and who is a vital Christian in her own right is an irresistible person.

~J.E. Adams

Thanksgiving Traditions

During

Thanksgiving meals, the Kirby family of Northbrook, Illinois, had always talked about what they were grateful for. But a few years back, mom Gerri began noticing a trend.

"Every year, I got the same responses: a roof over our heads, the food on the table, and our family," she recalls. While these were certainly worthy blessings, Gerri wanted to inspire her three sons -- then ages 10, 14, and 15 -- to be more thoughtful and not just go through the motions. So she asked each family member to bring to the table three things that represented what they were thankful for. "Cell phones and iPods were first," she recalls. "My eldest son brought a letter from a favorite high school teacher that meant a lot to him." No matter what the item, the discussion it prompted allowed them all to learn what really mattered most to each family member.

~Copied from familyfun.go.com

If you are like me, you enjoy dressing up your table with special things for Thanksgiving and here is a cute idea taken from "Crafts 'N Things" December issue. Melt a couple unwrapped caramels and use them for

"glue". Start with a pecan half and glue a crème drop on top. For the turkey's tail, add a frilly butter cookie and then top him off with a candy



corn break!

Fun Gift Exchanges

1. *Like-New sale items.* Something used, but useful.
2. *Favorite book.* Write in the front what it has meant to you.
3. *Cookies.* Bring ½ dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie and a recipe on a 3x5 card for each person attending.
4. *Ornaments.* Unique, maybe antique, and under \$5.00 each.
5. *Picture frames.* Same as ornaments, but make sure the size is correct for normal sized photos. (Check out "Crafts" page!)

Tree Boughs 'n' Tapers

Bring a bit of the outdoors inside for your home-style buffet by making this table topper featuring tree branch candle holders.

1. First, head outside and collect an assortment of tree branches.
2. Cut them into various lengths so they will stand on end.
3. On one end of each branch, drill a hole in the center to serve as a holder for each candle. (We used a 3/4-inch bit for standard-sized taper candles.)
4. To protect your table's surface, stand the branches on end on a large tray.
5. Place candles in the drilled holes.

Arrange Christmas greens, red berries, dogwood branches and pinecones



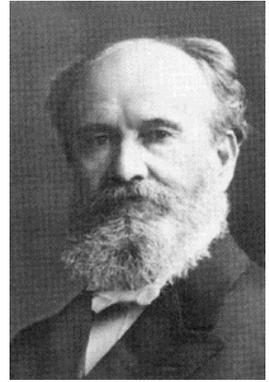
around candle holders as desired.

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

~Corrie ten Boom

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

Selfishness makes Christmas a burden, love makes
it a delight. *(both by Unknown)*



A.B. Simpson

Albert Benjamin Simpson was born on December 15, 1843. He was the third son and fourth child of James Simpson, Jr., and Janet Clark. He grew to be one of the most respected Christian figures in American evangelicalism. A much sought after speaker and pastor, Simpson founded a major evangelical denomination, published over 70 books, edited a weekly magazine for nearly 40 years, and wrote many gospel songs and poems.

However, the first few years of his life were spent in relative simplicity on Prince Edward Island, Canada, where his father, an elder in the Presbyterian church, worked as a shipbuilder and eventually became involved in the export/import industry. To avoid an approaching business depression, the family moved to Ontario where the younger Simpson accepted Christ as his Savior at age fifteen and was subsequently "called by God to preach" the Gospel of Christ.

A time came when "in the privacy of his own room," Simpson yielded himself to God in total surrender. "Not knowing," he said, "but it would be death in the most literal sense." He later referred to this time as a death to self—the old man and the self-asserting ego. From that point on, Simpson said he began to live "a consecrated, crucified, and Christ-devoted life." God's call to the unevangelized was now a full-blown part of his life. Simpson went on to pastor the New York 13th Street Presbyterian Church. However in 1881, he resigned and began to hold independent evangelistic meetings in New York City. A year later, the Gospel Tabernacle was built, and Simpson began to turn his vision toward establishing an organization for missions.

Simpson helped to form and head up two evangelization societies—The Christian Alliance and The Evangelical Missionary Alliance. As thousands joined these two groups, Simpson sensed a need for the two to become one. In 1897, they became The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Serving as pastor until 1918, Simpson continued to seek ways to reach the hurting and unsaved. Tozer writes: "For thirty years he continued to lead the society which he had formed, and never for the least division of a moment did he forget or permit the society to forget the purpose for which it was brought into being . . . It is to hold up Jesus in His fullness, the same yesterday, and today, and forever!"

On October 28, 1919, Simpson slipped into a coma from which he never recovered. Family members recall that his final words were spoken to God in prayer for all the missionaries he had helped to send throughout the world. To the end, Simpson remained devoted first to his beloved Savior and then to all who would dare to take the gospel message to a lost and dying world. A. B. Simpson—a man of vision and faith.

A few songs that you may be familiar with that were written by Simpson are: "Yesterday, Today, Forever"; "Himself"; "What Will You Do With Jesus"; and "I Will Say Yes To Jesus."

Keep Thyself Pure



Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins:
keep thyself pure. ~ 1 Timothy 5:22

For most of you, the first thing that you thought of when you read the title of this devotion was a beautiful bride dressed in purest white, standing before the marriage altar in sweetest chastity and purity. Nothing else is quite like the awe-inspiring devotion of one who has overcome manifold temptations to come at last to the desired goal unsullied by the influences of a dark and polluted world. The loose standards of conduct in our world today are affecting much more than just one area of a Christian's life, however. There are many other areas where, if left unguarded, can cause us to stain our lives in ways that will make our testimony for Christ of little effect.

There are many more ways that a lady can remain pure for the Lord and for the man that she marries than just in the physical aspect. If she clutters her mind with worldly philosophies of love and romance, she will not be prepared for the type of love that she may find in the man who becomes her husband. Too many girls become addicted to "Christian romance" books because the stories are good, there are no curse words or "bad" situations in them, and some even include good moral lessons. But they do not give you a look at the every day real life kind of love that you will encounter when the wedding and honeymoon are over. For some girls, when this reality comes, it is a rude awakening. All the romance that they have filled their head with is not the thing of which real life is made and they soon get the idea that "he does not really love me". This is a very dangerous state of mind for a young bride. Because of the way they have trained their mind before marriage, these young ladies are not prepared to give the long-term devotion they promised before God to the man they "loved".

Romance books are not the only tools that our enemy uses to distract us from our desired goal. I used that illustration because it is so often a problem, not only in young girls but also in older ladies as well. The desire to look pretty and more mature will make you look to other sources, such as magazines and web sites that display models that look so invitingly lovely that you begin to think that this is the way that you should try to look, also. In order to be as beautiful as the models in the magazines, you will begin to think about wearing more worldly, sensual clothing, cutting or styling your hair to match the clothing, and about wearing the kind of make up that will highlight your eyes and lips better, and the list goes on and on. Before you know what has happened, you look just like everyone else in the world around you and so everyone thinks that you *are* just like everyone else. The truth of the matter is if you want to look that way, you are. If this is what you are seeking you should beware, for if you are not seeking things that are pure, holy, true and good, you are following a different master who will lead you to certain destruction.

What we fill our minds with is what we are going to think about. Television is totally abominable and becoming more so with every passing year. But even in our Christian homes where the cable is unplugged, watching videos is something that is allowed by many. The danger that everyone needs to be aware of is that watching TV is habit forming and there is a strong influence built into everything you watch that makes you want to watch more. In seeking for "good" things to watch the standard invariably sinks lower and lower until you are watching things that are affecting the way you think about purity, holiness, and God himself. Television is nothing more than amusement. Did you ever think about what that word means? "A" is the prefix for "no" or "not". The word "muse" means to think. Get the idea? When you are being amused, you are in a state of "not thinking". You are only filling your mind with what you are hearing and seeing, what *they* want you to think about. And, most generally, the things that we are watching and seeing are detrimental to keeping ourselves pure in mind and heart. Even at best, the things that you watch so fill your mind that you have less time to think on good things, and that in itself is a violation of the Word of God. The apostle Paul encouraged us this way: "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*" (Philippians 4:8)

If we are sincere in wanting to live to please the Lord and be a testimony for him, we can find our help in the Word of God. There is none so lovely as the pure, chaste young lady that wants to please the Lord. "*Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*" (1 Peter 3:3-4) Makeup and such things are poor substitutes for the glow that you can have from being right with God. There are times, I suppose, when a little touch of cover-up can hide problems that we have. But when you begin to color your eyes and make them bold and unnatural, or put on so much makeup that you change the appearance of your countenance, then makeup becomes a seductive tool that should be avoided. The beauty that a young lady will have who keeps herself pure in thought, word, and deed is far more lovely than anything that outward adorning can do.

Another way that a young lady can keep herself pure is to watch the things that come out of her mouth. Slang words or suggestive language and "bathroom" talk are very unbecoming to anyone, but much more so in a woman. We all use some exclamatory slang, such as "Wow!" and "Cool!" or "Awesome!" Even these kinds of words should be used in moderation. But there is a language that is used by people who are ungodly, other than the curse words that they use, such as "radical, dude, peace, rock-on, totally, wicked, far out" that identifies them with a certain group of people. These words, since they identify with the drug and rock crowd, label you as one of them, whether you listen to rock music and take drugs or not. The Bible says, "*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*" (Psalm 19:14)

Another obnoxious habit is belching. I have been terribly shocked with the way that some girls will pride themselves on how loud and long they can belch. It definitely does not make them more attractive. Whenever I hear someone be so rude I can only think of the scripture in Psalm 59:6-7 that says, "*they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips.*" This is certainly not the trait of a pure young lady, and it is not a trait that any honorable man would be pleased with in the mother of his children!

Have you ever noticed how that even some of the world's prettiest girls can not be half as pretty as someone who knows the Lord and lives a pure life? Girls who live for themselves and their own pleasures do not have the peace that purity and holiness brings, and peace with God can give you a beauty like nothing else can. What you have on the inside will show on the outside. Too many are deceived into thinking that it really does not matter what is on the outside if the inside is good. But it is what is on the outside that everyone else sees and that is our testimony to other people. The "outside" tells the *truth* of what is on the "inside". If your goal is to be pure in before God then your purity will be known to all men, even though you are not aware of it.

Never let the devil try to tell you that it is too late for you, that you have thrown away all hopes of being pure and holy. Our loving Heavenly Father gives us hope when we find ourselves in this trouble, also: "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11) "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" (1 John 1:9) "*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*" (Proverbs 28:13) If you are willing to confess your sin (to the ones that you have wronged as well as to God) and give your life and love to Jesus, He will not only forgive you and cleanse you but will take away your condemnation, also. He has made a way for you. "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*" (Romans 8:1) Purity comes from the cleansing power of Jesus Christ. To have a life surrendered to him is the first step to living a holy, pure life.

Take care about who you have for a friend. Friends should help and encourage each other to do right and love the Lord. If you have a friend that would rather talk about impure things or is always trying to get you to do something that you know is wrong, then you need to look for another friend. The Bible gives examples of friends and how important they are to our soul. In 2 Samuel 13 there is a terrible account of a young man that gave his friend the worst counsel that he could have given. It not only cost the purity of his sister (which meant she could never marry and have a family; in other words, it ruined her life) but it gained him the hatred of his brother, Absalom, who eventually killed him. But David had a friend that helped him, encouraged and counseled him, and was honored by David even after his

death. If you have a friend with whom you can share your sorrows and joys, who will pray with you and help you walk closer to the Lord, you are more blessed than you can imagine. But if you have a friend that cannot talk without saying something bad, continually encourages you to join them in mischief, and is seemingly not too interested in listening to the things of God, flee from them! Do not think that your better influence will help them for it always turns out the other way and they will influence you to do wrong. (1 Corinthians 15:33) *It is better not to have a close friend at all than to have your purity ruined by the evil communications of another. "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."* (Rev.3:11)

There are many ways that this world tries to take your purity. We need to make ourselves aware of those things by reading God's Word and caring about holiness. If being holy does not seem important to you, then you make yourself vulnerable to the attacks of the devil on your life. He can convince you of anything so long as you think holy living is outdated or impossible. God would never tell us to do something that was impossible, and he said, *"Be ye holy; for I am holy."* (1 Peter 1:16) If you are a child of God and love the Lord Jesus Christ, then you will have a desire to be pure for him. It is not a boring, dull existence. The peace that comes from doing right gives you a freedom to enjoy *everything* so much more than you could even imagine. Living a holy, pure life gives you quietness and peace. *"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."* (Isaiah 32:17) But if you choose to live your life like the world, there is no peace. *"Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard."* (Proverbs 13:15) *"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."* (Isaiah 57:21)

We live in a very impure world. Everywhere we turn there is something to hear and see that makes it hard to keep ourselves pure. Without the blessed Holy Spirit and the cleansing that we find in the Lord Jesus Christ, it would be impossible. He said, *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."* (Hebrew 13:5) He made a way for us to keep ourselves pure. Remember the bride and all that her white gown and lovely veil stands for. It is a blessed life, rich with his peace and the joy of living!

*The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
~ Proverbs 10:22*

The woman who makes a sweet, beautiful home, filling it with love and prayer and purity, is doing something better than anything else her hands could find to do beneath the skies. A true mother is one of the holiest secrets of home happiness. God sends many beautiful things to this world, many noble gifts; but no blessing is richer than that which He bestows in a mother who has learned love's lessons well, and has realized something of the meaning of her sacred calling. ~J.R. Miller

Pen Pal Page

My name is Hailey Cockman. I am 13 years old. My favorite color is red and I hate orange. My hobbies are reading, sewing, scrapbooking, and knitting. If you would like to write me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232.



Hi, my name is Jessica Robinson. I am 14. I am homeschooled. I like to read, cook, and spend the night at my friends. My favorite colors are teal, gray, and purple. My address is HC 02 Box 23, McGee, MO 63763.



My name is Elisabeth A. Miller. I am 13 years old and am homeschooled. My favorite colors are blue and brown. I love to ride four-wheelers, bake cookies, and read. If you would like to write to me, my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



My name is Esther R. Miller. I am 15 years old. My favorite things to do are ride four-wheelers, scrapbooking and taking pictures. I also like to play piano. My favorite colors are blue, black and brown. My favorite hobby is photography. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



My name is Ashley Truett. I am 13 years old and I am in 7th grade homeschool. My favorite colors are bright colors. I love to read and have 2 brothers. My birthday is

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My name is Seth Cockman. I am in 5th grade and I am 10 years old. My favorite color is blue. My hobbies are collecting baseball cards and making wood crafts. When I grow up my mission is to join the Army. What I like to do is tell jokes. If you would like to write to me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232



WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Jesus is standing in Pilate's Hall,
Friendless, forsaken, betrayed by all,
Hearken! What meaneth the sudden call?
What will you do with Jesus?

Jesus is standing on trial still,
You can be false to Him if you will,
You can be faithful through good or ill:
What will you do with Jesus?

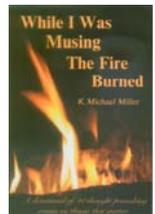
"Jesus, I give Thee my heart today!
Jesus, I'll follow Thee all the way,
Gladly obeying Thee!" will you say;
"This I will do with Jesus!"

What will you do with Jesus?
Neutral you cannot be;
Someday your heart will be asking,
"What will He do with me?"



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Crafts

(A few Gift Ideas)

“Day in the Life” Photo Folio

Using a 5”x7” distressed frame, remove glass and measure opening. Cut 4 pieces of black card stock 6 ½ inches along full length of paper (11”). Fold three of these strips at 4 ½ inch intervals, accordion folds. Glue together, overlapping the excess of each sheet to the back of the next one. For the last fold, cut 4½ inches from the fourth piece of card stock and glue to the end flap. Now, choose seven pictures for your frame and glue them on one side of your card stock accordion. Glue accordion to the



inside of the frame and fold album. Tie a pretty ribbon (which can be glued on the back, if desired) around frame to hold closed. (note: old, glassless frames can be found at flea markets and rummage sales.)

Christmas Silhouette Ornament

Work the diagram on the right on a 7”x7”, 14-count Aida cloth, using two strands of Garnet

Very Dark (DMC 902) embroidery floss. When design is finished, trim piece to 5 ½”x5 ½”. Using ¼” seam allowance and with right sides together, sew cross stitch to felt, leaving an opening at bottom for turning and stuffing. Clip corners.



Turn right side out and stuff lightly, sewing opening closed. Make a 2” loop at center of 1 yard

Antique Gold braid. Tack to top center of ornament at seam line.

Continue tacking braid around ornament, meeting at bottom center. Overlap ends, tacking together. Knot ends 2” below ornament. Trim to 1” from knot.



Lapbooking (A Different Way to Scrapbook!)

I have been doing a little research on new projects to feature here in

“Jewels” and also for my family to enjoy. This is one of the newer ideas that I have come up with; Lapbooking. Lapbooks start with a file folder, either manila or in various colors, and are a great source of learning for younger children. Little flip folders and pop-up surprises can be added where you like, as well as pockets with picture cards or even color pages. You can put more than one folder together to make a larger book if you need more space. The ideas are endless! These would make great gifts for older grade-school children. The themes can be either educational (math, history, biology, botany, science, etc.) or can follow the occasion or holiday for which they are given. They can be



made acceptable for boys or girls. The following link will take you directly to a site full of printable templates to use, but please ask parents permission first:

http://www.homeschoolshare.com/lapbooking_resources.php#Simple_Fold__



Cooking Counter

(Recipes good with turkey or ham!)

Swiss-Almond Floret Bake

3 cups water
2 cups fresh cauliflowerrets
2 cups chopped fresh broccoli
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 ¼ cups milk
½ cup shredded Swiss cheese

1 tablespoon apricot jam
¼ teaspoon curry powder
1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper

Topping:

½ cup dry bread crumbs
¼ cup sliced almonds, toasted
2 tablespoons butter, melted

In a large saucepan, bring the water to a boil. Add the cauliflower and broccoli; return to a boil. Cover and cook for 3 minutes. Drain and pat dry. In another large skillet, melt butter. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat; stir in cheese, jam, curry, salt and pepper. Cook and stir over low heat until cheese is melted. Remove from heat. Place cauliflower and broccoli in a greased 1½ quart baking dish. Top with cheese sauce. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over the sauce. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Creamed Corn with Bacon

1 small onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon butter
4 cups fresh or frozen corn, thawed
1 cup heavy whipping cream

¼ cup chicken broth
4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

In a large skillet, sauté onion in butter for 3 minutes. Add corn; sauté 1-2 minutes longer or until onion and corn are tender. Stir in the heavy whipping cream, chicken broth, bacon and pepper. Cook and stir for 5-7 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in Parmesan cheese and parsley.



Walnut Horn Cookies

1 cup plus 1 teaspoon butter, softened, divided
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
3 cups all-purpose flour

4 cups ground walnuts
1 ¼ cups sugar, divided
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt

In a large mixing bowl, cream 1 cup butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy.

Gradually add the flour, beating until a ball forms. Divide the dough into four portions. Roll each portion into a 12" circle. Melt the remaining butter. In a large bowl, combine the walnuts, ¾ cup sugar, milk, vanilla, salt and melted butter. Spread over each circle. Cut each into 12 wedges. Roll up wedges, starting from the wide ends. Place on greased baking sheets. Curve ends to form crescents. Bake at 325° for 35-40 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks. Place the remaining sugar in a large resealable plastic bag. Add the warm cookies, a few at a time, and gently shake to coat.



Elegant Eggnog Dessert

1 can (13 ½ ounces) Pirouette cookies
½ cup graham cracker crumbs
¼ cup butter, melted

2 packages (3.4 ounces each) instant vanilla pudding mix

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
2 cups cold eggnog
2 cups cold milk

½ teaspoon rum extract
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup heavy whipping cream

Cut each cookie into two 2½ inch sections; set aside. Crush remaining 1-inch pieces. In a small bowl, combine the cookie crumbs, cracker crumbs and butter; press onto the bottom of a greased 9-in.

springform pan. In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Beat in eggnog, milk, pudding mixes, extract and nutmeg until smooth. Whip cream until stiff peaks form.

Fold whipped cream into pudding mixture. Spoon over crust. Cover; refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight. Just before serving, remove the side of pan. Arrange reserved cookies around dessert and press gently into sides. Refrigerate leftovers. (Reduced-fat eggnog is not recommended for this recipe.)



Merry Christmas!



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