



Bloom

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AHBC Women's Ministry Newsletter

bloom; verb

(1): to mature into achievement of one's potential

(2): to flourish in youthful beauty, freshness, or excellence.



SUNDAY SERVICE	10:30 AM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	9:30 AM
CHRISTMAS TAMALES DINNER	6:00 PM
LINDSEY ANDRESS BABY SHOWER	11TH 12:00 PM
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER	16TH 6:00 PM
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EVE SMITH

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comaraderie or guidance, please contact us!

CAROLINE HUTTON

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Women's Fellowship Dinner

Gift Exchange Party

Please bring drinks to share and a \$20.00 gift to exchange!



White Chocolate Peppermint Patties

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INGREDIENTS

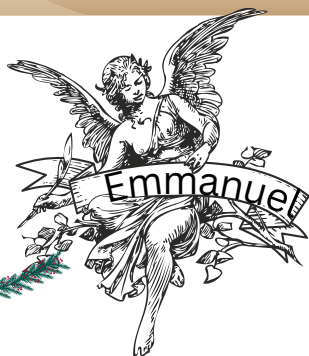
- 4 c. confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 c. (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/4 c. heavy cream
- 1 1/2 tsp. pure peppermint extract
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- Cooking spray
- 12 oz. white chocolate, chopped
- 2 tbsp. solid coconut oil
- Crushed peppermints, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Beat confectioners' sugar, butter, cream, peppermint extract, vanilla extract, and salt with an electric mixer on low speed until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Roll into 30 balls. Place on prepared baking sheets and flatten into 1/4-inch-thick disks using a greased piece of wax paper. Cover and freeze 30 minutes.
2. Microwave chocolate and coconut oil in a bowl 30 seconds; stir. Continue to microwave and stir in 10-second intervals until melted.
3. Place 1 chilled peppermint disk on tines of a fork and dip into melted chocolate, tapping off excess; return to baking sheet. Repeat with remaining peppermint disks. Sprinkle tops with crushed peppermints. Chill until set, 15 to 20 minutes. Store, refrigerated, in an airtight container up to 1 week.



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used or
new
childrens
clothing
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"SUDDENLY, THE ANGEL WAS JOINED BY A VAST HOST OF OTHERS—THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN—PRAISING GOD AND SAYING, 'GLORY TO GOD IN HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND PEACE ON EARTH TO THOSE WITH WHOM GOD IS PLEASED.'" LUKE 2:13-14 (NLT)

ANGELS SERVE AS ROLE MODELS OF WORSHIP. THEY BOW DOWN BEFORE JESUS. THEY SHOUT WITH INCREDIBLE JOY AS THEY SING SONGS OF PRAISE. THROUGH WORSHIP, ANGELS SPREAD THE NEWS OF GOD'S GLORY AND EXHIBIT HOLY REVERENCE. ANGELS INTENTIONALLY AND DELIBERATELY SPEND TIME PRAISING GOD.

KEEPING **CHRIST** IN CHRISTMAS IS MORE THAN JUST A CLICHÉ. IT IS AN INTENTIONAL ACT OF WORSHIP. IT REQUIRES A HEART OF ADORATION, MUCH LIKE THE ANGELS HAD. WHEN JESUS IS THE FOCUS OF OUR HOLIDAY, WE'RE CENTERED ON HIS LOVE, PEACE, AND JOY.

THIS PROMPTS US TO BE HIS HANDS AND FEET TO OTHERS IN NEED. WHEN WORSHIP FILLS OUR HEARTS, IT LEAVES LITTLE ROOM FOR AGGRAVATION IN LONG LINES AT THE STORE. WE FOCUS ON WHAT CHRISTMAS IS TRULY ABOUT—THE AMAZING GIFT OF A SAVIOR—RATHER THAN STRESSING OUT OVER BUYING THE PERFECT PRESENTS. WE EXHIBIT GRACE TO SOMEONE WHEN WE'D RATHER DO OTHERWISE. WORSHIP TURNS OUR ATTENTION TO GIVING THANKS TO JESUS FOR ALL HE HAS DONE, RATHER THAN LETTING STRESS STRIP HIS JOY FROM OUR HEARTS. AND IT MIGHT EVEN MEAN JOINING IN WITH THE HEAVENLY CHORUS TO SING PRAISES TO HIM, EVEN IF WE CAN'T CARRY A TUNE!

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF CHOICES TO BE MADE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: WHERE TO SERVE, WHAT GIFTS TO BUY, AND HOW MANY EVENTS TO ATTEND. THE MOST IMPORTANT CHOICE WE CAN MAKE IS TO WORSHIP AND SING PRAISES TO OUR LORD. FOR HIS GIFT. FOR HIS LOVE. FOR HIS PEACE. AND WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE AT PEACE, OUR HOLIDAYS CAN BE TOO.

LORD, I CHOOSE TO INTENTIONALLY WORSHIP AND PRAISE YOU DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. HELP ME STAY FOCUSED ON YOU AND YOUR GOODNESS. AMEN.

PROVERBS 31 TRACIE MILES