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“...your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:3b



TMS Seminary Picnic Fun

Upcoming Events

August 29th
TMS Fall Picnic



September 16th
Testimony of Returning Seminary Wives



September 23rd
The Preeminence of Christ
Dr. John MacArthur



September 30th
Hope
Professor Nathan Busenitz

“The TMS picnic is a great time for seminary families to come out and have a time of great fun and get to know one another.”

Nelly Feldi, wife of Matt Feldi, ASB Vice President



Seminary Wives enjoying sweet fellowship.



Sand Castle Building Contest



Special thanks to Grace Community Church for donating theological books and to Lady Di's Cookies for providing yummy dessert!

Pictures courtesy of Tammy Gillespie, wife of Jason Gillespie

Hosting Helps

Suggestions from:
Lynda Letey
Sem Wives Speaker 2006



A large loaf of French bread makes a wonderful candle holder and centerpiece.

An ironing board covered with a table cloth works great as an extra buffet table.

Use your Scrabble game pieces for special name place settings.

Cookie cutters make great patterns for name placards. Use a variety according to the season.

Recipe Row

Summer Watermelon Cake

Submitted by: Judi Dunham, wife of Kyle Dunham
Pictured Hannah Dunham

Ingredients:

- 1 package white cake mix (18-1/4 oz)
- 1 pkg. watermelon Jello (3 oz.)
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/4 cups water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2-1/2 cups prepared vanilla or cream cheese frosting, *divided*
- Red & green food coloring
- Chocolate chips

Directions:

- In a mixing bowl, combine dry cake mix, gelatin, eggs, water and oil. Beat on low speed just until moistened. Beat on high for 2 minutes or until well blended. Pour into two greased and floured 9-in. round baking pans.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
- Set aside 2 tablespoons frosting for decorating. Place 1-1/4 cups frosting in bowl; tint red. Tint remaining frosting green. Place one cake layer on a serving plate; spread with 1/2 cup red frosting to within 1/4 in. of edges. Top with second cake. Frost top with remaining red frosting to within 3/4 in. of edges. Frost sides and top edge with green frosting. Place reserved white frosting in a small heavy-duty resealable plastic bag; cut a 1/4-in. hole in one corner. Pipe around top edge of cake where green and pink frosting meets. For seeds, insert chocolate chips upside down into cake top.



Perfect Provisions- God's grace gifts

Submitted by Christy Sherban, wife of Alan Sherban

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits!” Psalm.103:2

My heart is filled with thanksgiving to God for His gracious working in my family's life this past year! In January 2009, the beginning of our second semester here at TMS, my husband, Alan, was laid off from his full-time job, paving the way for an experience of amazing blessing as we watched God provide abundantly! From groceries and baby diapers to meals and anonymous gifts of money, blessings just kept pouring in. We even had money applied to Alan's school account by an anonymous donor, allowing Alan to finish out the semester! Three months later God provided Alan a full-time job.

About two weeks later, in the sovereign and wise plan of our Father, I fell and broke my foot--only days after our new health insurance had kicked in! Another three months followed, in which we had more opportunities to marvel at the providence of God and the love of His people! Toward the end of the summer, God added even more blessings to the mix, providing for Alan to attend seminary this fall as well as some additional work opportunities for him.

How wonderful it has been to watch God faithfully provide for our physical and financial needs! But how much more glorious it has been to see Him provide for us spiritually! During each trial, God graciously gave strength, joy, and peace. He refined us. He taught us. He changed us. He brought encouragement from His Word and His people. He left lasting Impressions of His power and wisdom. He grew our love for Him. He showed us that Christ is supremely valuable and to be treasured above all else!

May we “count it all joy” (James 1:2) this semester when our trustworthy God sees fit to *provide* trials for our good and His glory! May we passionately seek Him, and glory in His great grace.

“Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

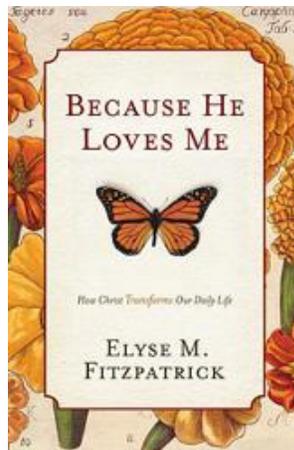
Matt. 6:25, 33



Because He Loves Me; How Christ Transforms our Daily Lives

By: Elyse Fitzpatrick

Reviewed by: Adrienne Hull, Wife of Dan Hull



“In our pursuit of godliness have we left Jesus behind?” This is the question Elyse Fitzpatrick asks believers to consider in her book *Because He Loves Me*. The book unveils the secret behind every believer’s struggle with sin and calls each of us to “gospelized obedience.”

The author writes “the Gospel is for every day.” She asks her reader to re-examine the relevance of Gospel truth—Christ’s incarnation, His earthly ministry, atoning death and resurrection—to the daily struggle to overcome sin and please God. She contends that a believer fails in personal holiness because she has forgotten the practical implications of God’s love as shown through Christ. Daily applying the truth of her identity, position and hope in her loving Savior gives the believer the proper motivation for obedience. Fitzpatrick shows readers how God’s Word links “Gospel declarations” (truths about Christ’s work on our behalf) with “Gospel obligations” (commands to obedience and personal holiness). “Gospel declaration” must be understood before we are able to obey the “Gospel obligations”. Those who seek to serve God out of personal pride and self will or an overwhelming sense of duty are not truly pleasing God—no matter how strongly they desire to please Him. What a simply astounding message *Because He Loves Me* delivers. Elyse breathes life back into the Gospel message for every believer who has been attempting to “pick themselves up by their boot strings” and ‘act’ like a Christian by following a checklist or a behavioral formula. The reader will be called to view obedient living in new light, that of God’s love through the Gospel.

Read this book; meditate upon its teaching, and you may never see sin and holiness the same way again. You will, by God’s grace, discover the secret to personal obedience as you view God’s love afresh and His grace unchanged.

Wise Words for Wise Women

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ,
keep seeking the things above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Set your mind on the things above,
not on the things that are on earth.
For you have died
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.”

Colossians 3:1-4

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While we recommend many different resources for your consideration we also encourage you, the reader, to be like the Bereans who could receive a message (book) with eagerness and then examine the message against the truth of Scripture. ~ Acts 17:11