

LIVES OF FRAGRANCE

2 Corinthians 4:14-17

For nearly twenty years, Cindy Brookshire has served the TBC family by ministering in the church kitchen. Not only has she done countless loads of dishes in the dishwasher, but she has also cleaned, organized, inventoried, and managed hundreds of details regarding kitchen equipment and supplies. Cindy has planned, shopped for, and served many delicious meals during mission conferences and other events. Cindy serves the Lord and the church body with diligence and joy, and she maintains the kitchen so that it is a clean and welcoming space for food preparation.

COOKING WITH CINDY

By Cindy Brookshire

Not really. I don't do much cooking in the church kitchen, but I have done some. I try to make sure we have all the supplies you will need, that things are put away in the right place, and that things are clean.

This is how it all began. We moved to our current (TBC) location in 2004. I had helped wash dishes for a dinner theater in December where my son went to church, so I learned how to run a commercial dishwasher. When we moved, I volunteered to help set up the kitchen. I learned that there are many different commercial dishwashers. (I have washed dishes in quite a few kitchens by now and have only seen two alike!) I quickly found out that I didn't know as much as I thought I did. We got things put away and had to change the dishwasher out because it didn't work correctly.

I thought that was it. I was over the 2-year-old nursery on Sunday nights. So I had my volunteer job. I would walk through the kitchen on Sundays, like many of you do, and see the counters and sinks had quite a few dishes in them. At the time, we had Meals On Wheels three times a week and Rotary Club lunch every Tuesday. I was embarrassed how our kitchen looked, so I started cleaning it up. Eventually, Duke Weir said I was somewhat in charge. There was another lady that ordered supplies and had them delivered to us. I knew that cost more than going to Sam's and getting them myself. I love to save money - ask Tom Witte. So I started buying all the supplies as well as doing the dishes. I have been to many food handling classes over the years. Many of you have seen the results of that by me asking, "Did you wash your hands...with soap...in the kitchen?" I think food safety is very important. The rules are there to protect everyone. Even where you put food in the refrigerator makes a big difference. (Always put raw meat on the bottom so it cannot drip on other food, like lettuce, that is not cooked).

Shane and I were a caring couple for our Sunday School class. So now I was doing 3 things. He wanted me to let go of some things, so I kept the kitchen. I feel comfortable there. I get to talk to people as they come through. I have made good friends with some who have helped me in there, especially during the times of cooking for the Mission's Conference. I actually met Shane when we were at someone's house and I was helping in the kitchen.

I want to thank all those that through the years have helped in any way (even rinsing your dishes is a big help). Those that have cleaned, cooked, washed dishes, and talked with and encouraged me - I could not have done it without you. Thank you. A special thank you to Karen Krueger, who has stepped in many times to help when I was gone.

The time has now come when Shane is ready for me to retire. I don't know if it will be completely, or if it will be that someone comes alongside me to help reduce my load. If you are interested (could be more than one person), please let me know. I would love to show you around the kitchen.

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WHAT'S NEW

JUNE 3

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Bridal Shower for Hannah Lowery to be held in the Lighthouse Room, TBC. Details and registration on TBC website.

JUNE 10

10:00 a.m.

Bridal shower for Mia Powell to be held in the Lighthouse Room, TBC. RSVP to Marybeth Shoop.

JUNE 14

6:30 p.m.

Twelve ladies attended the Sisters to Sisters book discussion in March. The first five chapters of *Calm My Anxious Heart* (Dillow) were discussed; women shared insights gleaned from reading this book, relating these insights to life experiences and God's work in their lives. The June discussion will cover chapters 6-10. Come enjoy this sweet time of fellowship!

JUNE 22

6:30 p.m.

Baby shower for Rachele Cannavo to be held at Barb Rader's home. Details and registration on TBC website.

MAY BIRTH

Congratulations to Chris and Ashlyn Ahrens on the birth of Eleanor "Nori" Louise on May 10th!

Faithful Fathers

"Honor your father . . .", Ephesians 6:2a, (ESV)

God instituted the family with the creation of man and woman. Several TBC women share memories in tribute to their fathers, who loved and cared for them, reflecting God's perfect love and care for us.

Marquita Akers: One of my fondest memories of my daddy, Solomon, is that he was always singing. His favorite hymn was *Peace Be Still*. He loved the song *Old Man River* and Frank Sinatra's song, *My Way*, which he would sing at the top of his voice. Daddy had 5 daughters and we spoiled him rotten, by rubbing his feet or scratching his head. He also was a bus driver and he would sing to the kids on the bus to calm them down. To this day, I still run into people who will say, "Your daddy used to sing to me on the bus." Daddy left this world way too soon, but we know he is happy with our Jesus.

Penny Alden: My Dad, George, fathered 6 kids, and as soon as we could talk, we joined mom and him in prayer, kneeling along the couch with him on one end and mom on the other. As a teen, when I would wake in the night, I'd see him kneeling by the old stuffed rocker in his yellow terrycloth robe mom had made him, praying. My last memory of him is in his "Mr. Rogers" red sweater, in the lift-chair, reading his Bible at 92.

Vi Cobb: My father, Humphrey, was born in Ireland, one of 14 children, the only one which came to the States. He loved the Lord! Two of his favorite verses were Proverbs 3:5-6. Some of GOD's gifts to him were a great sense of humor, an entrepreneurial spirit, the ability to succeed financially, the love of God's work locally and in foreign missions, and a special love for children and animals, especially horses. In his shirt pocket would always be tracts for evangelism and in his pants pocket, candy for kids. A perfect man, no! - But a GOD-chosen perfect father for me! In the late 1950's he contracted a serious illness which necessitated a move from Wisconsin to Arkansas; a few years later, his internist wrote on the top of Dad's medical chart, "The man that GOD healed!" He lived to age 94.

Nina Cowan: My dad, Roy, taught me responsibility. I had hit the flag pole with the farm truck and he gave me a month to get it fixed. I didn't do it and he disciplined me, which motivated me to follow through and get it done.

Charlotte Driver: My dad, George, was the youngest of three brothers raised by a godly mother, and he loved the Lord. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and played the violin, organ, and piano, teaching me to love music. He once wrote a song based on Psalm 107:2. Dad greatly admired God's creation, landscaped, gardened, and took Mom and I on trips to beautiful, scenic places, even when I got carsick. Someday, after falling at Jesus' feet, I look forward to hugging my very special dad (& mom).

Ruth DuBois: My Dad, Arthur, aka Poppy to the grands and greats, was a pastor for over 50 years. He was surrendered to the lordship of Jesus Christ, shepherding the flock entrusted to him and sharing Christ in the community through Open Air Campaigns in the inner city. He was the lead for the development of quality housing for low-income families. He loved his family, always prioritized them, and instilled the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ and loving one another. Dad was very generous to us with time and finances and with others he encountered in need. His favorite scripture was Romans 8 and many different Psalms; his favorite hymn was *My Times Are In Thy Hands*. I have many wonderful memories of my loving and gracious Dad, but most of all, through his preaching, the Holy Spirit drew me to our Lord and he baptized me as his sister.

Who Was the Father of...

(Answers found in the credit section)

1. Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz? _____
2. Methuselah? _____
3. Samson? _____
4. Jemima, Kezia, & Keren-happuch? _____
5. James & John? _____
6. Joshua? _____
7. Seth? _____

YOU MAKE KNOWN TO ME THE
PATH OF LIFE; IN YOUR
PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS
OF JOY; AT YOUR RIGHT HAND
ARE PLEASURES FOREVERMORE.

PSALMS 16:11, (ESV)

Karen Krueger: My father, Luther, considers
Psalm 16:11 as his life verse.

RECIPE

Ronda shares, "We often had my dad's favorite meal on Saturday night. Mom fried shrimp and French Fries in our deep fryer and served them with a tossed salad and bleu cheese dressing. Daddy was also known for his lip-smacking chicken that he brushed with BBQ sauce and grilled over a charcoal fire. The Hershey Bar pie was a favorite dessert of his.

He loved to fish. I think I must have been in high school when I realized that people went on vacations that didn't involve fishing! We all grew up feasting on fresh catfish fried in cornmeal with a squeeze of lemon on top. Mmmmm!

He was known for being an honest carpenter, and he loved God and His church. His favorite hymn was *Victory in Jesus*. We had it sung by a quartet at his funeral. God was gracious in blessing me with such a wonderful father."

Almond Hershey Bar Pie

From Ronda Palmer

Almond Hershey Bar Pie

- ½ c. milk
- 20 marshmallows
- 5 (7 oz.) Almond Hershey bars (shave a little and save for topping)
- 8 oz. container Cool Whip
- 1 Prepared regular or graham cracker crust

Heat the milk in a large saucepan. Add 20 marshmallows and stir over low heat until melted. Continue stirring as you add the Hershey bars. Remove from heat and stir in 2 cups of the Cool Whip. Pour filling into crust. Place in freezer one hour; then top with remaining Cool Whip and shaved chocolate. Keep refrigerated.

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Answers to Who Was the Father of...: 1. Isaiah; 2. Enoch; 3. Manoah; 4. Job; 5. Zebedee; 6. Nun; 7. Adam.