Dear Center For,

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Just about everyone is home for Christmas. In fact even the media department is feeling pretty empty with only a few people left. Saying that, this email has sent itself out allowing the media interns to have a Christmas break too. This is just one of those beautiful and crisp times of year when you can gather around the fire and read a book together or watch the rain or snow out your window and enjoy the warmth and blessings the Lord has blessed each of us with. We have included for you the Christmas story; we hope you will take some time to read it with the family this season.

The Christmas Story
"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which
is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

Generation of Youth for Christ

*Generation of Youth for Christ* (GYC) will be held in Seattle, WA this Dec 28th through the 1st of January. Look for us (Weimar) in the booths. We'd love to see you there.

Academy Christmas break

The academy finished up their Christmas Choir Tour this last Tuesday. It was a wonderful time of singing, witnessing and ministering for the Lord. Please pray that the seeds that were planted will be watered and blossomed by the Holy Spirit. The students will now have a much needed break to share with family and loved ones this season in which we remember the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. Students will begin arriving on Sunday, January 6th to start their second semester, with classes beginning on the 7th. Merry Christmas from Weimar Academy.

Holiday Pumpkin Pie

The holiday pie recipe from Mori Nu Tofu company is easy and scrumptious. Here is our adaptation.

1. Preheat oven to 425° F.
2. Place tofu and maple syrup in blender or food processor with vanilla, salt and
spices and blend well until smooth and creamy.

3. If the blender is large enough, add the pumpkin and blend together, otherwise place the pumpkin in a medium mixing bowl, add blender contents, and whisk until well mixed.

4. Pour into unbaked pie shell and place on bottom rack in oven. Bake 15 minutes at 425°, then lower heat to 350° and bake another 50 minutes. Filling will be soft, but will become firm as it chills.

NOTE: If you use soft tofu, add 3 tablespoons of cornstarch to the blender with tofu and maple syrup.
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Quote of the Week

"This spirit of self-sacrifice has become feeble in the hearts of Christ’s professed followers. Instead of gratefully inquiring, “What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?” how many of those who claim to have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, seem bent on self-pleasing. Even Christmas, the day observed professedly in honor of the birthday of Christ, has been made a most effective means of turning the mind away from Christ, away from his glory. If Christmas is kept at all, it should be kept in a way that will be in harmony with its significance. Christ should be remembered, his name honored; the old, old story of his love should be recounted. Instead of saying by our actions that we are putting Christ out of our minds and hearts, we should testify to men, to angels, and to God, that we remember our Redeemer, by following his example of self-sacrifice for others’ good. But the day chosen to honor Christ is devoted by the many to honoring and pleasing themselves. Appointed to keep the Saviour in remembrance, it is spent in causing him to be forgotten."

- Review & Herald December 9, 1890, Art. A, par. 3
We love hearing from you! We hope you enjoy reading about what God is doing at Weimar. If you have a comment, story, or question, please email us at content@weimar.org.

Have a blessed Sabbath and a happy new week.

Weimar Media Department
Sweet Potato Pie

Ingredients

• 1 c. agave nectar
• 2 tsp. vanilla
• ½ tsp. salt
• 1 tsp. cinnamon
• 2 cartons mori-nu extra firm tofu
• 2 cups cooked sweet potato
• Dried fruits and nuts (optional)
• 2 Easy Pie Crusts

Instructions

1. In a blender combine all the ingredients except the tofu and sweet potato.
2. Blend until smooth then add the tofu and sweet potato and blend until even consistency.
3. Pour blended mixture into two unbaked 9" pie crusts.
4. Lightly sprinkle the top of pie with cinnamon and bake @ 350 degrees for 1 hour 10 minutes.
5. Let it cool down then refrigerate for several hours until well chilled.
6. Garnish with dried fruits and nuts.

Makes two pies.

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