

## CORNBREAD WAFFLES

You'll know that I'm a country boy when I tell you my idea of fine cuisine is a steaming hot slice of cornbread right out of the oven, generously buttered and washed down by a cold glass of milk. Mmmmm, nothing better!

The problem with cornbread, however, is that a whole skillet is too much for a two-person household, and cold leftover cornbread just isn't as good. And it simply isn't practical to make cornbread when you're pressed for time, because you have to mix the batter, heat the skillet, pour the batter and then wait for it to cook in the oven.

Not long ago, however, a friend of my wife informed Gina of a new approach to an old favorite: cornbread waffles. Mix up the batter, pour it into the waffle maker, and presto! Instant hot cornbread, in individual portions, ready for buttering. Now we can cook as much or as little as we want and can even have cornbread on our lunch break.

I regularly find myself surprised, humbled, and thankful for the opportunity to learn new things. Surprised at how obvious the innovation seems once I get used to it. Humbled because I invariably ask myself, "Why haven't I tried that before now?" And thankful because all of us can slide into a comfortable routine, which then becomes a confining rut, and once we experience a fresh perspective we realize how liberating it can be.

Just between us, as we get older the temptation to stay in those ruts becomes stronger and stronger. There is nothing wrong with the comfort of the familiar, but it needs to be balanced by the stimulation of the new.

I recently heard a speaker tell of a time when he had to "stretch" himself in order to participate in an unfamiliar ministry. He was initially reluctant to try something new, until a friend confronted him with the question, "Steve, when is the *last* time you did something for the *first* time for the sake of Christ?"

That is a challenging question for all of us, no matter what our age! So, how about it: When is the last time *you* did something for the first time for the sake of Christ?

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### WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-7:00pm

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**  
ROMANS 16:16

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### **Today's Sermon:** [What Jesus Can Do for Me – Pt. 3](#)

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**Scripture:** Acts 1:1-8

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am. We will be studying Day 1 of the third chapter. We were happy to welcome Connie Altieri to our group.**
- **Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX will be here on April 14<sup>th</sup> to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm.**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Speakers so far are Don Myers from Montgomery, AL, Larry Krause from Kittanning, PA, and Steve Connors from Horseheads, NY.**

**Next Potluck: March 18<sup>th</sup>. Think Spring!**



- **At the trustees meeting last week the decision was made to donate one of our church vans to the church at Kittanning.**
- Our **baptistery** is installed! A big thank you to Arthur and Doug for a few days hard work! The surrounding area still needs to be finished and a **water heater** needs to be installed. Plans are also underway for the **kitchen**. We have a general idea where the appliances need to be placed and hope to have an island.
- **Sandy and Arthur's son, Robin**, from Soldotna, AK will be visiting for almost a week starting March 13<sup>th</sup>, on his way back from a trip to Jamaica.

## PRAYERS...

- Thank you Lord for the **visitors** we have been welcoming since our change of location!
- **Donald's daughter Cindy and her daughter Mariska** need prayer.
- **Darlene** had a skin lesion removed from her nose on Thursday. She is awaiting biopsy results.
- **Dara**, Darlene's sister, is searching for employment, as both of her current jobs have been cutting back hours.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** as she has radiation to deal with the mass on her lungs.
- **Lori Kashorek** has gone to Sloane-Kettering in NYC for a treatment plan for her lung cancer. She is hopeful that this new treatment will bring her relief and stop the cancer growth.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments. Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema on a daily basis.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer throughout her body. Her new chemo is causing her pain and weakness.
- **Emily Barry** will have thyroid surgery on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April in Sayre. She has started a new job but is still hoping to get hired by the post office.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- Please pray for **Pancho Rivera**, Sandy and Arthur's son in law, as he is trying to get his diabetes under control and suffering from anxiety. He wants to get back to work to relieve financial stress for his family.
- **Connie** is looking for work in the Sayre area. She asks for prayers for that effort.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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