

Aunt Biddie's Kitchen



It's no wonder to Aunt Biddie that some children are not doing too good in school, when they get sent out in the morning with nothing in their stomachs but old sugar flakes and honey pops. They see that on the television, of course—that they're supposed to holler for such as that, till their mama gives in and buys the stuff.

And sad to say, some mamas would as soon do it, so they'll not have to cook. "Oh, it's no use for me to fix this or that, for the children won't eat anything but sugar flakes," they'll say. "Course they won't, if that's what's put before 'em.

Once upon a time people used to fry chicken for breakfast, sometimes. Most every morning folks cooked side meat and made biscuits and gravy and cooked a pot of grits. Or, whoever got up first would put on a pot of oatmeal. Back then, there wasn't any "instant" anything, and oatmeal cooked quicker in the morning if it was put to soak in cold water the night before.

Lots of us never did like oatmeal much when we were little. But because the grown people pretended they did, children would eat it for they thought it was "adult." Like sauerkraut, and hot pepper. Putting sugar on oatmeal I never did think did it any good. It wasn't such an obnoxious thing as to put sugar on grits — yes, I saw a Georgia cracker do that one time, and it liked to gagged me. I reckon some people will put sugar on anything.

But Scottish people, I've been told, just put a little milk on theirs. And Scottish people eat most of the world's oatmeal, like it's said that Republicans eat most of the world's rutabagas. So I guess they know.

Whatever else one says about oatmeal, it is good for us, and it is cheap. And it works for a lot of things. Mixed with a little cold water, raw, and let dry on the face, it makes skin prettier and tighter. It is good to thicken gravy that's cooked a long time with a roast. And it makes the best cookies. Here are some that cook on top of the stove, and are very quick to make.

OATMEAL DROPS

- 2 cups of sugar
- ½ cup of milk
- 3 tablespoons of cocoa
- 1 stick of margarine

Put all that in a pot and stir it over the heat. When it comes to a boil let it cook one minute by the clock. Then take it off and stir in:

- ½ cup of peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 (or more) cups of oatmeal

When it's thick and about to set up, drop it from a spoon on greased waxed paper. If it doesn't want to get thick, put in a little more oatmeal. It's just right when it makes creamy drops that hold their shape.

For all the things that oatmeal can do, Aunt Biddie will tell you how it also can clear the house, if that is what needs to be done. I know for a fact that the remedy worked once.

Back in hard times, relatives multiplied lots faster than the means to feed 'em. If you had a good garden and an active chicken house, you had company. By the grace of the Lord we had those things — at least for a while. We had lots of company and that was all right as long as we had some recollection of who the guests might be.

But one day Mama looked out, and there was a strange fellow and a frowzy looking sister getting out of an old touring car, with their suitcases. She was a little bit undone when they come up and flung their arms around her and Pa and called 'em "cousin." None of us had ever laid eyes on these folks before. But they sure did know how to eat.

Now, the woman, she was supposed to be sick. That was what they said. So they got the best bed in the house, and I'll tell you, they laid in it. That old heifer laid up there and groaned till ever' chicken in the coop had been eat up. She gained till she probably couldn't get up, sure enough.

Well, my daddy cooked the breakfast every morning, and he made a discovery. The "patient" didn't like oatmeal. So about the tenth week of the visitation, he commenced to cook nothing else.

The man would come in the kitchen and see the oatmeal abubblin', and look sad, and he'd go to the door and holler, "Wake up darlin', your oatmeal's acookin'."

And she'd glare and holler back, "I Do' Want No Oatmeal!" In a few days they give it up, and hit the road.

Prospect Community News

By Mrs. Broadus McGinnis

Mr. and Mrs. Boleley Joe Ruppe of Cowpens visited Sunday Mrs. Callie Ruppe. Mrs. Hazel Wallace of Cliffside also visited her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Elmore spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. James Jolley in Belwood.

Madison McCraw and sisters visitors this week were Miss LuEmma Humphries and Olde Humphries of Mayo, Genia Matheny of Shelby, David Matheny of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Ori, Mr. and Mrs. Garmon Barnes and Grudger

Walker.

Winford Ellis formerly of Lavonia Community was buried Tuesday at Cherokee Falls. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellis. Several from Lavonia attended the funeral.

Gracie Willingham visited Wednesday Mrs. Effie Mosteller and had lunch with her.

Too cold and bad for people to do much visiting this week.

Mrs. Mae Scruggs is a patient in the Bowman Gray Hospital in Winston Salem. Was transferred from Cleveland Memorial.

Flint Hill News

By Ruby C. Ledbetter

Men's day was observed Sunday with the men and male youth singing in the choir. A special "There's Just Something About That Name" was sung by Chris Cash.

The Bible Study Group met Monday night with Mrs. Ruth Preston.

Ralph Blanton has entered the hospital at Oteen. Mrs. Nellie Pearson has been at Crawley Memorial Hospital for several days.

The B.Y.W.'s met Monday

night in the music room and "Re-Vels" Senior Adults met Monday at 4:30 in the Fellowship building.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Ledbetter and Melissa of Concord spent the weekend here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pierce of Wake County were weekend guests of Rev. and Mrs. Ed Sessom.

Mrs. Paul Crotts of Newton visited with the Ledbetters Saturday when she brought Mrs. D.H. Connor here.

Trinity News

By Doris Scruggs

Trinity Baptist Church is observing a January Bible Study Course this week. It began on Sunday night with the Rev. Ad Harper of Forest City teaching the Adult group. Rev. Ad Hopper also delivered the evening message on Sunday night.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Toney during the recent death of James brother, Fred Toney, Jr. of Wilmington.

Christian sympathy is also extended to the family of Mrs. Quita Goode of the Mount Pleasant Community. She has many relatives in the Trinity Community.

Mike Bishop spent a few days in Charlotte on a buying trip for Belks. Mike is employed at the Tri City Mall in Forest City.

The beautiful flowers placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday were given in memory of Paul Humphries on his birthday by Mrs. Lucille Humphries and family.

Clarence Bailey returned home after being a patient at Crawley Memorial Hospital.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Lovelace were Mr. and Mrs. Poe Murray of Cliffside.

MY ANSWER

BY DR. BILLY GRAHAM



Dear Dr. Graham: I heard a preacher say on the radio the other day that the Bible says God will not allow any sin into Heaven. But if that is true then how can anyone ever be saved and go to Heaven, since we have all sinned? — J.A.

Dear J.A.: Yes, at first it seems like an impossibility for anyone to be saved and go to Heaven if in fact God does not allow any sin there. But your question touches the very heart of the Christian faith, and I want you to understand a very simple and yet profound truth that the Bible reveals to us.

What the preacher you heard say is true, and it true because God is holy. The Bible says concerning God, "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong" (Habakkuk 1:13). We also read concerning Heaven that "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). At the same time, the Bible also tells us that we are all tainted by sin, for "there is no one who does good, not even one....for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:12,23).

Clearly if anyone is to go to heaven their sins must not only be forgiven but removed. Can we do this ourselves, in our own strength? No! There is only one answer. If our sins are to be removed, God must do it. And the good news of the Gospel is that God has made this possible! When Jesus Christ died on the cross, he took upon himself our sins. He took upon himself the death and hell that you and I deserve. It is as if a judge had fined you for a crime you had committed, and then walked down from his bench and paid the fine for you himself out of his pocket. The penalty of sin is paid fully and completely by Christ, and our sins are taken away. "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Christ offers forgiveness to you right now. Is there any reason for you not to accept it? You can know that Christ has taken away your sins by opening your heart and life right now to Jesus Christ by faith and trusting him for your salvation.

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