

Give us this day
OUR DAILY BREAD



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"I am that Bread of Life"
John 6:48



December 2004

*We bring you wonderful taste as well as the feeling of home,
of times gone by, of good quality, of healthy food and warm hearts.*

The Ladies of
"Our Daily Bread"

As many of you are aware, "Our Daily Bread" is a Christian focused, family owned business. The many blessings that have come our way in the last several years we know have come from Our Lord. During this Christmas Season we give thanks for our customers, as well as the many individuals who have helped us along our way, as we seek to serve others. We wish for all of you and yours an upcoming year filled with Joy.

This interpretation of the Nativity is our gift to all of you!.....Merry Christmas!

The word "nativity" means "birth", and in the Christian world, The nativity means "the birth of Jesus" which we celebrate on December 25. As we decorate and begin preparations for this holiday season, we pause and relive the events that became our very first Christmas!

In the Bible, the story of the first nativity began in a small village in Israel. Joseph, a carpenter, and his young wife, Mary, journeyed for many miles over the dust Judean hill, on their way to the city, Bethlehem where, they were both born. In that day Israel was under the rulership of the great Roman empire.

The emperor, Caesar Augustus, had passed a law that everyone born within his kingdom must return to their birthplace for taxing. During that time, Joseph and Mary were living in Nazareth, a city almost 80 miles from Bethlehem, still they had to obey the emperor and return to the place of their birth.

Before their journey, something wonderful happened in Mary's life, when an angel from

heaven came to visit her. "Mary" the angel said, "You are blessed among women, for God has chosen you to be the mother of His son." Mary's heart was filled with wonder. Me, she must have thought to herself, why me, I'm just a humble servant of the Lord. The Bible tells us that Mary pondered all of these things in her heart because she couldn't really understand why would be honored to be the mother of God's son. It was during their trip to Bethlehem that Mary was ready to deliver the baby Jesus. As they approached the city, Joseph tried to find a place for them to stay. He knocked on many doors, but found that every house was full.

At last they came to an Inn, where they asked the innkeeper for a room. "Sir, my wife is ready to have a baby" Joseph said, "do you have room for us? The innkeeper sadly shook his head. "I'm very sorry" he replied, "but there is no room in the inn." As Mary and Joseph stood at the door, the innkeeper saw the sadness in their eyes. He couldn't turn them both away so he thought of something else. " You can sleep in the stable for the night," he suggested. With grateful hearts, Joseph and Mary thanked the man and made their way to the stable.

And it was there, in that humble place, Jesus Christ was born.

The birth of Jesus was heralded by the appearance of a bright star in the eastern sky. Angels appeared and sang of the Holy birth...telling shepherds and wisemen alike to follow the star to the little town of Bethlehem. They immediately left for the place where

Christ was born, and there, in the quiet of the night, they found Mary, Joseph and Jesus lying in the manger.

The Bible tells us that angels filled the sky overhead; wisemen came and brought gifts of great value, and they all agreed; The promise of God to send His son to Earth has been fulfilled. And from that day we celebrate the birth of Him who came to bring us peace on Earth.

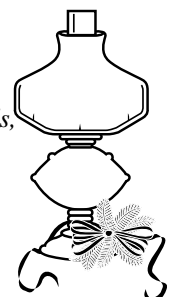
History tells us that at the same time that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, there was a statue being erected in Rome to

honoring the emperor at the time "Caesar Augustus" At the base of the statue was inscribed the words "Prince of Peace". It seems ironic that whole world, as was known at the time, was honoring this man and all the time, the Son of God, the real "Prince of Peace" was lying in a manger of straw, in a stable. Perhaps it is just as easy today to have our attention diverted!

Welcome Christmas!

May we be truly thankful for
"The Gift of Jesus",
the God of Salvation!

*The Ladies, Fish, Kids,
and Elves of "Our
Daily Bread"*



Yes...The Party is in the Kitchen!



Norma & Jo give Christmas Cookies the grandmother's touch!



One of our famous cookie trays. We have gift baskets and trays available for your gift giving. Just call and give us your price range...We make it Beautiful!

Recipe of the Month....

Our recipe for our decorated sugar cookies comes from Great Grandma Smith. Grandma Smith was a German Immigrant who came through Ellis Island when she was 4 years old, and later migrated with her family to Kansas in the late 1800's. She had to find creative and inexpensive ways to entertain her large family of 16 children. Making sugar cookies became a much anticipated family activity at Christmas time. In all these years the only thing changed to her original recipe is the colorful and tasty decorator coated chocolate icing. We hope you enjoy these cookies that all the family elves are now making in the kitchen of "Our Daily Bread".

Grandma Smith Sugar Cookies

Combine:

- 5 C. Flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 C. Sugar
- 1 C. Butter
- 4 Eggs
- 2tsp Almond Butter

Roll Out and Cut into Shapes.

Bake 10 min. at 350 degrees.

Decorate with melted almond bark.

Enjoy!



Lynette and Heather blend the almond bark and designing each cookie to be Special!



Don't forget your canine buddy this Christmas. Jared's dog Karsyn loves our Doggie Nibbles!



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