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Marcy Jams!

Those yummy jams are almost ready for pickup! They will be delivered to LBP on **Wednesday, December 8th**. You guys sold over 1,600 jars of jam and we raised over \$4,000!! #WOW Shout out to Huck F. for selling the most!



Sweater Weather!

Wear your ugliest (or your most beautiful) Christmas sweater or shirt on **Monday, December 13th** and **Tuesday, December 14th**. In fact, there's a good chance that several of us will be wearing something of this nature every day this month! #TisTheSeason

Party Day!

Our annual Happy Birthday Jesus party will be held on **Wednesday, December 15th**. Children will be participating in all sorts of games, crafts, and more! Classrooms will also have their parties on this day, but will more than likely celebrate all week, so keep an eye on those folders for more info!



Pajamas!

How about a couple of PJ days before we go on break? The kids can come in their fav jammies and relax. Wear your PJs on **Thursday, December 16th** and **Friday, December 17th**. Please NO slippers or footed pajamas! Wearing these things creates a slipping hazard!

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

Remember that our school follows the Rutherford County school system for all weather-related closings. If RC schools are closed, so are we. We use Lascassas Elementary School's opening and closing times to determine our late openings and early closings. As stated in our Parent Handbook:

- * If Rutherford County opens one hour late, LBP will open at 8:30 a.m.
- * If Rutherford County opens two hours late, LBP will open at 9:30 a.m.
- * If the weather ever calls for early dismissal, we will close at whatever time Rutherford County chooses to close.

LBP CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 20th - January 3rd



LBC would like to invite you to their events for the Christmas Season.

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| December 5th | Kidz Choir Musical | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 12th | Christmas Caroling | 5:00 p.m. |
| December 19th | Candlelight Communion | 6:00 p.m. |

His Name Shall Be

Matt Redman

Oh, can you hear the angels song
That rang so sweet and clear,
When heaven's light and music fell
And mercy found us here.

Glory in the highest
And on the earth be peace
Glory to God the angels sing.

He came to tell the Father's love,
His goodness and His grace;
To show the brightness of His smile,
The glory of His face;
So glory in the highest
And on the earth be peace
Glory to God your children sing.

His name shall be called
Wonderful counselor.
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace.
For all eternity,
Oh, His name shall be.

He came to lift the weary ones
Give peace and perfect rest;
To take away our burdens and
To give a glorious gift

So glory in the highest
And on the earth be peace
Glory to God the world will sing.
One name above all others
One name that came to save us
Oh sing,
His name is
Jesus!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



January Sneak-Peek

- School is back in session on Tuesday, January 4th
- LBP closed for MLK Day on Monday, January 17th
- Curtis Wright Photography on January 25th and 26th

The Most Important Christmas Choice

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" Luke 2:13-14

'Tis' the season to be merry... and stressed. Although it should be a season of peace, this month can often make us feel more tangled up inside than a messy string of Christmas lights. Some people dread the hustle, bustle, and emotional rustle this time of year brings, knowing that irritability, loneliness, or depression will threaten. While there are others who may love the Christmas season, but worry, busyness, family conflicts, and unmet expectations take their toll. In either case, we have a decision. We can choose to get bogged down with stress or we can choose to bow down in worship.

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of praise in Luke 2:13-14. When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds sharing the good news. Then many other angels joined together and praised God.

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.' That's not the only place the Bible records angels worshipping the Lord. In Hebrews 1:6 it says, "And when he brought his supreme Son into the world, God said, 'Let all of God's angels worship him.'" And Revelation 5:11-12a says, "Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus."

Angels serve as role models of worship. They bow down before Jesus. They shout with incredible joy as they sing songs of praise. Through worship, angels spread the news of God's glory and exhibit holy reverence. Angels intentionally and deliberately spend time praising God.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a cliché. It is an intentional act of worship. It requires a heart of adoration, much like the angels had. When Jesus is the focus of our holiday, we're centered on His love, peace, and joy.

This prompts us to be His hands and feet to others in need. When worship fills our hearts, it leaves little room for aggravation in long lines at the store. We focus on what Christmas is truly about—the amazing gift of a Savior—rather than stressing out over buying the perfect presents. We exhibit grace to someone when we'd rather do otherwise. Worship turns our attention to giving thanks to Jesus for all He has done, rather than letting stress strip His joy from our hearts.

And it might even mean joining in with the heavenly chorus to sing praises to Him, even if we can't carry a tune!

The holidays can bring a flurry of heightened emotions and can often result in an unhealthy level of stress which can prevent us from engaging in worship and praising the One we are supposed to be celebrating.

There will be lots of choices to be made during the month of December: where to serve, what gifts to buy, and how many events to attend. The most important choice we can make is to worship and sing praises to our Lord. For His gift. For His love. For His peace.

And when our hearts are at peace, our holidays can be too!

Lord, I choose to intentionally worship and praise You during this Christmas season. Help me stay focused on You and Your goodness. Amen.

Healthy Holiday Recipes

Slimmed Down Green Bean Casserole

Ingredients:

3 to 4 medium shallots, in their skins	Kosher salt, plus 1 1/2 teaspoons
1 pound fresh green beans, stemmed/halved crosswise	1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
8 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced (about 4 cups)	2 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour	1 1/2 cups mushroom, vegetable, or chicken broth
3 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves	Freshly ground black pepper
Vegetable cooking spray	1 cup fresh bread crumbs

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Put the shallots (in their skins) on a small baking dish, roast until soft, about 30 minutes. When cool enough to handle, skin and coarsely chop the shallots. Set aside.

Bring a medium-large saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Add kosher salt, to taste. Add the green beans, and cook, uncovered, until crisp-tender and bright green, about 3 minutes. Drain the beans in a colander and rinse with cold water. Transfer the beans to a large bowl.

In the same saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the mushrooms, season with 1 teaspoon salt, cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 7 minutes. Add the mushrooms to the beans.

Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the flour and cook, stirring with a wooden spoon, until golden, about 2 minutes. Slowly whisk in the broth, increase the heat to high, and bring to a boil. Add the shallots, 1 teaspoon of the thyme, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Reduce the heat to maintain a simmer and cook until thickened, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Pour the sauce over the vegetables and stir to combine evenly.

Spray a 2-quart baking dish with vegetable cooking spray. Transfer the vegetable mixture to the pan. Add the remaining 2 teaspoons of thyme to bread crumbs and scatter over the vegetables. Bake uncovered until the sauce bubbles and the crumbs brown, about 20 minutes.

www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/green-bean-casserole-slimmed-recipe-2009016

Parmesan Potato Rounds

Ingredients:

6 baby red potatoes,, sliced into thin discs	1 Tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 Tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese	2 Tablespoons panko bread crumbs
Salt and freshly ground black pepper	Olive oil cooking spray
Parsley,, finely chopped	

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Coat a large baking sheet with olive oil spray and set aside.

In a large plastic resealable storage bag, combine potatoes, flour, Parmesan, and panko. Seal the bag before carefully shaking and massaging it until the potatoes are completely coated. Transfer coated potatoes to the prepared baking sheet and arrange in a single layer. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, then spray the top lightly with olive oil spray.

Bake until golden brown and crispy, about 45 minutes, flipping the potatoes once halfway through. Sprinkle with a little chopped parsley and serve.

www.theliveinkitchen.com/parmesan-potato-rounds/