

Greetings all!

Chodesh 8 is upon us!



A hardy welcome home to all returning from the Feast of Tabernacles 2002! I hope that your FoT was one of truth and unique exhortation and illumination. With such exciting [Godly] knowledge we might now consider that we should focus on that which our Creator has delivered to us for the balance of this sacred calendar year. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I know it's over, and we all wish that we could do it all over again, but as for myself I need all the time I may have for the continuation of my training! You? And back in the world is the obstacle course - heh-heh!

Now is the time to implement those things we have heard from the elders of the congregations whom were so inspired to rise up and to speak as the sounding of a trumpet amidst the [spiritual] famine. Yes, while we may witness that many have strayed from their faith by reason of drought, draught and blight of God's true Word we should not despair. God does His will with whom He desires - in the mercies of agape. The numbers of the final days Churches has indeed dwindled to an all time low, yet never has it been so spiritually rich and potentially capable of producing the fruits of the Spirit. Like an orchard by the rivers the Churches are strengthening in those matters which will eventually serve to be a part of those prophecies which are yet to occur.

And now is also the sacred calendar [and spiritual] time of preparing, plowing and grooming the fields, setting up the irrigation ditches and establishing the seed for the renewal of the years cycle of seasons during the Spring harvest yet to come. It is also a time to enjoy the blessings of this past years growth and the fruits of our labors.



It is a time to prepare those fruits which were produced from the recent seasons' harvests and to preserve the abundance of it so that we may endure the long winter season which is upon us.

The scriptural reading below shares with us instruction and a promise which ALL should try to remember regarding their time upon the Terra.

But first, **the data.**

The data:

On **October 7, 2002** at about 6:30 PM Jerusalem, Israel should a chodesh [new moon] with a 2% illumination. Around the globe that same day the chodesh should appear at about 6:30 PM - Western USA time. The 1 day, 12 hour old chodesh will still have about a 2% illumination by the time it gets to the Western States.

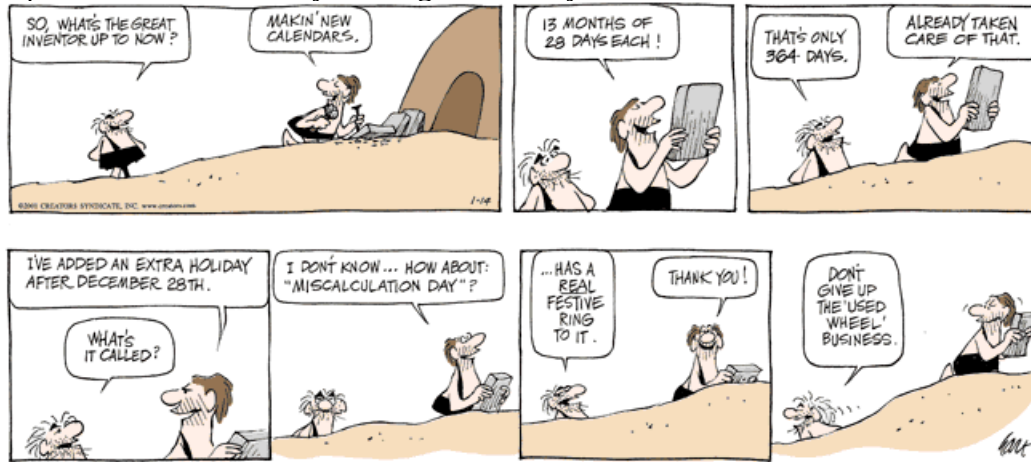
This chodesh 8 begins Biblical calendar month "eight". Why is it month 8 and not 7 or 9? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is from [Home Planet for Windows](#) software for Windows operating systems. This is a free software package and is available to you at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/> Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: Calendar Info <http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html>

Names of the Month

The Roman calendar month October

From the Latin word **octo** meaning eight, which was the eight month of the Roman calendar: October was the eighth month of the former Roman Calendar year. October became the tenth month of the Julian Calendar year following the additions of July and August. October of the Julian Calendar alternates endings with September, and has always been given 31 days.



The Jewish calendar month

Strong's Hebrew 2320 - chodesh kho'-desh from 2318; the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain. The biblical calendar month is as follows for moon [month] 8:

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
8	Bul	1 Kings 6:38
		Rain/Eighth

1 Kings 6:38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.



Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the **Holy Days**.

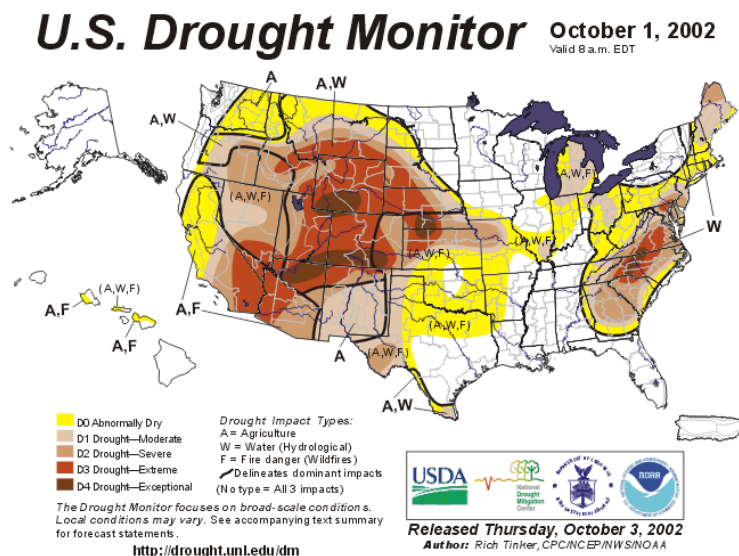
For further reading see "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)".

Comment from Easton's Illustrated Bible Dictionary:

Bul rainy, the eighth ecclesiastical month of the year ([1Ki 6:38](#)), and the second month of the civil year; later called Marchesvan (q.v.). (See MONTH.)

Drought Info:

Here is a graphic of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:



Historic Happenings October 7

3761 -BC- Origin of Jewish Mundane Era

336 St Mark ends his reign as Catholic Pope

1571 Turkish fleet defeated by Spanish & Italians in Battle of Lepanto

1737 40 foot waves sink 20,000 small craft & kill 300,000 (Bengal, India)

1765 The Stamp Act Congress convenes in NY

1777 Americans beat Brits in 2nd Battle of Saratoga & Battle of Bemis Hts

1780 British defeated by American militia near Kings Mountain, SC

1816 1st double decked steamboat, the Washington, arrived in New Orleans

1826 Granite Railway (1st chartered railway in US) begins operations

1868 Cornell University (Ithaca NY) opens

1871 16-hour fire injures 30 of Chicago's 185 firefighters

1886 Spain abolishes slavery in Cuba

1900 The term "orienteering" is 1st used for an event

1908 Crete revolts against Turkey & aligns with Greece

1916 222 points are scored in a football game between Georgia Tech & Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee

1919 1st London-Amsterdam airline service begins (Brit Aerial Transport)

1924 160 consecutive days of 100° at Marble Bar, Australia begins

1927 Yank Herb Pennock retires 1st 22 Pirates in world series game (World Series #24)

1931 1st infra-red photograph, Rochester, NY

1933 NY Giants beat Washington Senators, 4 games to 1 in 30th World Series

1935 Detroit Tigers beat Chicago Cubs, 4 games to 2 in 32nd World Series

1938 Germany demands all Jewish passports stamped with the letter J

1949 German Dem Rep formed from Russian occupation zone (National Day)

1950 NY Yankees sweep Phila Phillies in 47th World Series

1950 US forces invade Korea by crossing the 38th parallel

1952 NY Yankees beat Dodgers 4 games to 3 in 49th World Series - Yankees tie their own record of 4 consecutive World Series wins

1957 "American Bandstand" premieres

1958 Potter Stewart appointed to US Supreme Court
1958 US manned space-flight project renamed Project Mercury
1959 Far side of Moon seen for 1st time, compliments of USSR's Luna 3
1960 "Route 66" premieres
1963 Bobby Baker resigns as Senate Democratic secretary
1963 Hurricane Flora hits Haiti & Dominican Republic, kills 7,190
1964 NY Yankees make 14th appearance in last 16 & 29th in 61 World Series
1965 50 mph gust carries 165 lb Robert Mitera's tee shot 447 yards to score the world's longest straight hole-in-one in Omaha
1965 Robert Mitera aces 447-yd 10th hole at Miracle Hills, Omaha, Nebraska
1967 Beatles turn down \$1 million NY concert offer by Sid Bernstein
1968 Motion Picture Association of America adopts film rating system
1972 1st season game at Nassau Coliseum, Flames-3, Islanders-2
1977 With 2 outs in top of 9th, Dodgers trailing Phillies 5-3 in playoffs, score 3 runs & win 6-5. Dodgers hold 2-1 game lead
1981 In 1st Eastern Division championship Yanks beat Brewers 5-3
1984 Walter Payton passes Jim Brown as NFL's career rushing leader
1985 21st Space Shuttle Mission (51-J)-Atlantis 1 lands at Edwards AFB
1985 KHQ-AM in Spokane Wash's final transmission
1985 Lynette Woodward, chosen as 1st woman on the Harlem Globetrotters
1985 PLO terrorists seize Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro
1988 Dallas Green replaces Lou Pinella as NY Yankee manager
1988 Latvian flag raised in Riga for 1st time since annexation by USSR
1988 Robin Givens files for divorce after 8-month marriage to Mike Tyson
1988 WNBC 660 final transmission, WFAN moves from 1050 to 660 & WUKQ begins on 1050 at 5:30 PM (NYC radio)
1989 Radio talk show host Larry King weds Julie Alexander
1989 Rickey Henderson steals a record 8 bases in a play off (5 games)
1990 Israel begins handing out gas masks to its citizens
1991 Child star Adam Rich arrested for stealing hypodermics

Born on October 7

1728 Caesar Rodney Delaware, patriot, signed Declaration of Independence
1746 William Billings Boston Mass, hymn composer (Rose of Sharon)
1849 James Whitcomb Riley US, poet (The Raggedy Man)
1866 Martha McChesney Berry US, founded Berry School for Children
1870 Uncle Dave Macon entertainer
1879 Joe Hill Jevla Sweden, organizer (IWW)/songwriter (Union Scab)/martyr
1879 Leon Trotsky Russian revolutionary leader/writer (Diary in Exile)
1885 Niels Bohr Denmark, physicist, expanded quantum physics (Nobel 1922)
1887 Jack Mulhall Wappinger Falls NY, actor (Ken Murray Show)
1888 Henry A Wallace (D/P) 33rd VP, Progressive pres candidate
1889 Clarence Muse Balt Md, actor (Sam-Casablanca)
1896 Elijah Muhammad famous African
1898 Alfred Wallenstein Chicago Illinois, conductor (Chic Symph 1922-29)
19-- Ann Curless singer (Expos-What You Don't Know)
19-- Jill Larson actress (Opal Cortlandt-All My Children)
19-- John Loprieno actor (Cord Roberts-One Life to Live)
19-- Joseph Sirola NYC, actor (Magician, Montefuscos)
19-- Melinda Fee LA Calif, actress (Dr Kate Westin-Invisible Man)
1901 Frank X Boucher Ottawa, All-star NHL center (Ottawa, NY Rangers)
1904 Chuck Klein Indianapolis In, Phila Phillies (43 HRs in 1929)
1905 Andy Devine [Jeremiah Schwartz], Flagstaff Az, actor (Andy's Gang)

1906 James E Webb head of NASA (1961-68)
1911 Vaughn Monroe Akron Oh, singer/orch leader (Vaughn Monroe Show)
1914 Alfred Drake singer/actor (Kiss Me Kate)
1914 Sarah Churchill actress (All Over Town, Royal Wedding)
1916 Walt W Rostow economist (Politics & Stages of Growth)
1917 Helmut Dantine Vienna Austria, actor (Shadow of the Cloak)
1917 June Allyson Bronx, actress (Till the Clouds Roll By, Vegas)
1919 Erik Elmster Sweden, 1st to compete in summer & winter Oly (1948)
1919 Gabriel Dell Barbados, actor (Steve Allen Show)
1922 Martha Stewart Bardwell Ky, singer/actress (Daisy Kenyon, Doll Face)
1926 Diana Lynn actress (Annapolis Story, Easy Come Easy Go)
1927 Al Martino Phila, singer (Here in My Heart)/actor (Godfather)
1931 Desmond Tutu Anglican Archbishop of S Afr (Nobel Peace Prize 1982)
1933 Paul B Price Cataret NJ, actor (Busting Loose)
1934 Willie Naulls NBA star (NY Knicks)
1935 Thomas M Keneally Australia, novelist (Blood Red Sister Rose)
1938 Robert Drivas Chicago, actor (Cool Hand Luke, Illustrated Man)
1943 Oliver North military man (contra hearings)
1951 John Cougar Mellencamp Seymour Indiana, rocker (Jack & Diane)
1952 Ludmila Tourischeva USSR, gymnast (Olympic-gold-1972)
1953 Christopher Norris NYC, actress (Summer of '42, Eat My Dust)
1954 Tico Torres drummer (Bon Jovi-You Give Love a Bad Name)
1955 Yo-Yo Ma Paris France, world famous Chinese cellist
1956 James Van Patten Brooklyn NY, actor (Bo-Chisholms)
1961 Judy Landers Phila, actress (Vega\$, BJ & the Bear, Madame's Place)
1974 Alexander Polinsky SF Calif, actor (Adam-Charles in Charge)

Deaths on this Day

1849 Edgar Allen Poe poet, dies in Balt at 40
1959 **Mario Lanza singer**, dies at 38 of a heart attack
1988 Billy Daniels singer, dies of cancer at 73
1990 John "Cat" Thompson basketball hall of famer, dies at 84
1991 Leo Durocher baseball coach/manager (Dodgers, Giants), dies at 86

Holidays October 7

Fiji : Deed of Cession (1874)

German Dem Rep : Constitution Day (1949)

Libya : Evacuation Day

Massachusetts : Grandparents Day - - - - (Sunday)

Missouri : Missouri Day - - - - (Monday)

World : Child Health Day, Universal Children's Day (1928) - - - - (Monday)

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

Religious Observances September 9

RC : Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Christian : Commemoration of St Osith, Saxon virgin/martyr

Luth : Commemoration of Henry Mhlenberg, missionary to America

This Day in Religious History - October 7

1810: Birth of Henry Alford, Anglican scholar. He was a member of the 1881 ERV Bible translation committee, but is better remembered today for writing the hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

1832: Birth of Charles Converse, American lawyer and sacred composer. Converse penned the hymn tune CONVERSE, to which we sing today "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

1930: Missionary linguist Frank C. Laubach wrote in a letter: 'Beside Jesus, the whole lot of us are so contemptible.... But God is like Jesus, and like Jesus, He will not give up until we, too, are like Jesus.'

1943: While WWII was raging, the American Council of Volunteer Agencies for Foreign Service was formed. It was as an interfaith venture to bring Protestant, Catholic and Jewish agencies involved in international relief together under one roof.

1955: The religious drama 'Crossroads' first aired over ABC television. An anthology which dramatized true experiences of clergymen of all denominations, the program ran for two years.

Source: William D. Blake. Almanac of the Christian Church, Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987. Additional information supplied by the author. Contact via E-mail: [William D. Blake. \(pilgrimwb@aol.com\)](mailto:pilgrimwb@aol.com)

Tips from the "**Old Farmer's Almanac**"

Since this is the sacred calendar season to plow and for the rains to come ...

Question: What is the weather proverb regarding crows and rain? Bob

Answer: In the pages of our old Almanacs, we found this one: "Crow on the fence, rain will go hence. Crow on the ground, rain will come down."

Ever feel like you had acres of [spiritual land] to plow? So what really is an acre?

Question: How was the measurement of an acre of land established?

Answer: In the British Imperial and U.S. Customary Systems, an acre was originally a unit of land equal to 43,560 square feet, or 160 square rods. The word is derived from the Latin word ager, meaning "field." The basis for choosing those measurements came from a primitive time when a field or plot was designated by the oxen needed to plow it or the seed needed to sow it. Thus, the Anglo-Saxons defined an acre as a strip of land 1 1/10 furlong, or 40x4 rods (660x66 feet).

Well That Explains it!!

It was once a theory that rats spontaneously generated from garbage

It was once a theory that maggots spontaneously generated from dead flesh

It was once a theory that mold spontaneously generated in the right conditions

It was once a theory that the sun went around the earth

shall I go on?

As with technologies, so with theories. The understanding of nature that a theory provides is improved incrementally as the theory is articulated, tested, and revised. The theory's domain of validity-the set of data it can explain-is explored and the details filled in. But the very activity of exploration discovers data outside the theory's domain. These unexpected facts become anomalies that eventually undermine the theory. A theory is an intellectual tool with the amazing property that as it's perfected it destroys itself. In analogy with natural selection, the cognitive niche that selects a theory for fitness is itself altered by the theory such that, after a time, a new and different theory is selected.

Thus, a theory's domain of validity has temporal as well as factual limits. The power of an idea whose time has come is counterpoised by the debility of the idea whose time has gone.

Note from the author of the **Chodesh Report**: *If anyone can explain this topic[?] to me in plain language please contact me at: dwlacey@earthlink.net and please apply for a position in the editing department - heh-heh!*

Fast Facts:

The five most stolen items in a drugstore are batteries, cosmetics, film, sunglasses, and, get this, Preparation

H. Apparently people are just too embarrassed to purchase the last item. And, just in case you are curious, one of Preparation H's main ingredient is shark liver oil. The oil not only helps shrink hemorrhoids, but will shrink any tissue. As a result, many older women in Florida use the stuff to help reduce the appearance of wrinkles!

Source: Do Pharmacists Sell Farms? by Vince Staten (1998, Simon & Schuster)

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

Further reading of "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)" can also be seen at: <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

What are the harvest times in Israel?

[From SBS "[Calendar Book](#)" question 4.]

Answer

The agricultural year in Israel begins in the autumn (after the harvest festival of Tabernacles) with ploughing and sowing. Harvests in Israel begin in spring in the month of Adar (February/March). The following harvest times in ancient Israel are obtained from the Readers Digest book entitled **Jesus and His Times**, pages 100-101.

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	
Sebat (Jan/Feb)		
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest
Abib (Mar/Apr)		Barley harvest begins
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed
Sivan (May/June)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (June/July)		Wheat harvest completed / first figs

Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
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Elul (Aug/Sep)	Date harvest / summer figs
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From the above, one can see that the harvest season in ancient Israel began in Adar (Feb/March) and continued by stages into autumn. The barley harvest began in March-April: the first sheaf being cut and waived in the middle of Abib, which could be any time between 21st March and the middle of April. It is the same in modern Israel. Concerning the wheat and grape harvests, the **Westminster Dictionary of the Bible** says this:

"In Palestine wheat was sown in November or December, after the rains began. The harvest was in April, May or June in Palestine varying according to the locality and the weather at the time." (page 635)

"The vintage began in the middle of September and continued into October. It was a season of festivity. In the vineyards there were singing and joyful noise, and the treaders in the press kept time by shouting as they trod the grapes." (page 629)

These details concerning harvest times in Israel are vital when determining the start of a year in the sacred calendar and the sacred Festivals in it.

Scriptural Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And finally ...

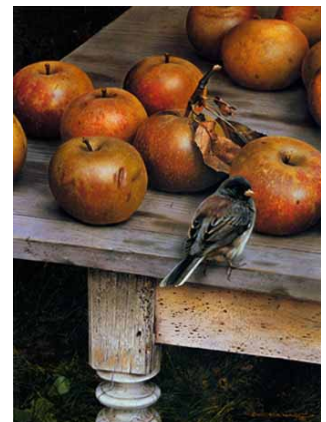
Some images of the Harvest season



Harvest Corn



Harvest Moon - a modern painting



Harvest Apples

Shine On Harvest Moon

[By Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth - 1903]

Shine on, shine on harvest moon

Up in the sky,
I ain't had no lovin'
Since January, February, June or July
Snow time ain't no time to stay
Outdoors and spoon,
So shine on, shine on harvest moon,
For me and my gal.

Q. What is a harvest moon?

A. Simply put, the harvest moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the date of the autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere.

A Recipe ... Apple Dumplings, m-m-m-m-m!!!!!!



Old Farmer's Almanac Recipe: Apple Dumplings It's apple-picking time for much of the country, and even if you don't have an orchard near you, the produce aisle of your local grocery store is sure to be bursting with fresh varieties of the tasty fruit. Celebrate the bounty of the harvest -- and warm yourself from the inside out as the days grow cooler -- with this simple and satisfying recipe from our archives.

Dumpling Dough:

- * 1-3/4 cups flour
- * 3/4 teaspoon salt
- * 3 teaspoons baking powder
- * 1 tablespoon sugar
- * 6 tablespoons chilled butter or shortening
- * 3/4 cup milk

Apples:

- * 3/4 cup brown sugar
- * 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- * 4 medium apples, peeled and cored
- * 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit.

For dumplings: Mix together dry ingredients. Cut butter or shortening into dry ingredients, make a well in the center, and add milk. Stir just until dough is fairly free from sides of bowl. Turn onto lightly floured board and knead 8 to 10 times. Cover and chill while preparing apples.

For apples: Combine brown sugar, butter, salt, and cinnamon and fill apple-core hollows with this mixture, reserving some to sprinkle on top.

Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thick and cut into 4 squares. Place an apple on each square and sprinkle remaining brown-sugar mixture over apples. Bring up corners of dough to cover each apple and press edges together (dampen with a little water if necessary). Make sure edges are sealed, or dumplings will pop open during baking. Brush with egg white and prick tops of dumplings with a fork. Carefully transfer dumplings to a baking pan. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and continue baking for about

40 minutes longer, or until apples are tender when tested with a wooden pick. Serve with cream.
Serves 4.

Media Links:

Audio files: [To the Saints Media](#)

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