

# **The 12-Week Holiday Planner**

*for the  
Christian Family*



***So You Can Keep Your  
Focus On Jesus  
This Holiday Season***

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At the heart of Graham Family Ministries is ministering to the Christian family and using the gifts that the Lord has given each of us. Through our website (<http://www.SheriGraham.com>) we provide articles, downloads, ebooks, links, and information on other resources that hopefully will encourage you as you grow and learn together as a family. May the Lord bless each of you as you walk with Him each step of the way!

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# Introduction

Welcome to the **12-Week Holiday Planner for the Christian Family!** My desire in putting together this eBook is to provide a tangible way for you to plan out your holidays so they are enjoyable, less stressful, and more filled with the things that really matter.

Many of you have enjoyed Marilyn Moll's holiday timetable over the years, helping you plan out your holidays. What I have done in this eBook is provide dozens of forms to go along with Marilyn's timetable! This eBook includes EVERYTHING you will need to plan out your holidays!

To be honest, I wanted to do this eBook for me to use in our home and then I decided it might be beneficial for others as well. I contacted Marilyn Moll and she graciously gave permission to use her timetable. If you have never heard of Marilyn Moll ~ previously, she and her late husband founded and operated [urbanhomemaker.com](http://urbanhomemaker.com) for twenty years. You can now find Marilyn online at: [www.MarilynMoll.com](http://www.MarilynMoll.com).

**How to use this eBook:** This eBook is divided into 12 sections ~ one section for each week. (This edition actually has two bonus weeks too!) The section divider pages will give the dates and topics for each week, followed by a checklist, then all the forms you will need for each week. I know the dates do not follow calendar weeks, but I thought this was easier to just go by date since the calendar weeks would change each year. You may, however, choose to adjust the dates a little to follow the calendar weeks each year if that is easier for you.

I would suggest getting a 3-ring binder along with 12 clear index tabs (the kind that you stick on the sides of the paper yourself). Print all 12 divider pages on card stock paper, label the tabs with "Week 1" for example, or the dates of the week, place the tabs on the appropriate divider pages, 3-hole punch the card stock divider pages, and then place in your 3-ring binder. I have also included several more divider pages at the end that you can use for sections to keep your Christmas Gift Checklists, Christmas Card Checklists, Holiday Menus & Recipes, Holiday Baking & Recipes, Holiday Decorations, and your Holiday Journals. Print out all the forms for each week and place behind the appropriate tabs for each week. As you begin to fill in the forms, you will file them in the appropriate section in the back. Note: Print single sided ONLY. Some forms you will want to print multiple copies of. Now you are ready to go!

What is GREAT about this eBook is that it is re-usable each year! Simply print out new pages as you need them. You may find that once you have all this planning in one place, you will re-use much of it again and again from year to year! What a time-saver!

I have included some blank monthly and weekly calendar pages at the very beginning for you to use, if needed. Calendar pages are provided throughout, but you may find use of these blank ones too. Use them however you see fit.

I would also like to encourage you to use the "My Holiday Journal" forms found at the very end of the ebook. Print off several copies of the pages to start with, and then print additional copies as you need them. Use these journal pages to record what did and didn't work in your holiday schedule, what things you want to change for next year, ideas to make your holidays smoother, lessons the Lord taught you during the holidays, etc. Be sure to date your entries, as this journal will be fun to add to year after year!

I pray that the Lord will use the work of my hands to lighten your load a little. We need to remember that there is only One whom we serve and One whom we are to please. Let's make the holidays a time of focusing on Him. I pray that these planning pages will be a vehicle the Lord can use in your life to make that a reality!

Happy holidays,  
Sheri Graham  
Marilyn Moll



# Monthly Calendar for \_\_\_\_\_

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

# Weekly Calendar for \_\_\_\_\_

SUN	
MON	
TUE	
WED	
THU	
FRI	
SAT	



*Jesus is the ...*

## ***Alpha and Omega***

*The Beginning and Ending of all things*



# Week #1: Items to Do

- **Holiday Self-Evaluation!** Complete the Holiday Self-Evaluation form provided. Now is the time to really evaluate what your family's goals are for the holidays. Sit down together as a family and discuss what the Lord would want your family to do as far as activities, traditions, etc. this holiday season. Keep this form in a place where you will frequently see it and be reminded of your goals for the holiday season.
- **Make your lists of gift recipients** - Using the Christmas Gift Shopping List and Gift Making Checklist provided, jot down people you will want to buy gifts for and/or make gifts for. Don't worry about specific gift ideas now...you will work on that next week. For now, just jot down names! Once completed, file this list in your Christmas Gifts Checklists section in the back.
- **Christmas Card List-** Using the Christmas Card Checklist provided, fill in the names and addresses of family and friends you want to send cards to. Once the names and addresses are completed, slide into a sheet protector and file in the Christmas Card Checklists section in the back. (Use a washable marker to fill out the checklist, marking on the sheet protector if you want to include a picture and when the card is mailed, so that you can wash off and reuse this list year after year!)
- **Plan out menus for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's** - Fill out the Menu forms and Recipe Cards provided for each of these holidays and file them in the Holiday Menus & Recipes section for later use! (See Our Favorite Holiday Recipes section for some ideas!)
- **List of baked goodies to share or to give away** - Using the form provided, jot down a list of people you would like to bake for this holiday season! Use the Holiday Baking Recipe Cards to fill in recipes you may want to use for these gifts. File this under the Holiday Baking & Recipes section when your list is completed. (See Our Favorite Holiday Recipes section for some ideas!)

- **List of favorite meals to freeze for later** - Using the form provided, make a list of some of your family's favorite meals that you can make and freeze ahead of time! You can also use the Freezer Meal Recipe Cards to fill in some recipes you want to use. Having some meals in the freezer during the busy holiday season will be such a blessing! Just make a list for now, the actual preparation of these meals will be done later. Once you have compiled a list of meals, file this form under the Holiday Menus & Recipes section. (See Our Favorite Holiday Recipes section for some ideas!)
  
- **Holiday Wardrobe Planner** – Using the form provided, make a list of the holiday clothes each family member currently has. Note any clothing items that need to be purchased and plan on getting those things soon. It is very handy to have this thought through ahead of time. When it comes time for your family picture, or a formal holiday dinner, you can quickly turn to this list and see what clothing items each family member should wear (so you can all match if you wish!). Print out more than one page of this planner, if needed, to include every family member.





# Christmas Gift Shopping List

Name	Gift	✓ Bought





# Christmas Card Checklist

Name & Address	✓ Include Picture	✓ Card Mailed

# Thanksgiving Menu

Jot down your menu ideas on this page, then use the Recipe Cards to compile all the recipes you will be using. The Recipe Cards will be used later when you do your grocery shopping!

<b>Breakfast Foods</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>
<b>Baked Goods (cookies, snacks, etc.)</b>
<b>Leftover Meal Ideas</b>



# Christmas Menus

Jot down your menu ideas on this page, then use the Recipe Cards to compile all the recipes you will be using. The Recipe Cards will be used later when you do your grocery shopping!

<b>Breakfast Foods</b>
<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Baked Goods (cookies, snacks, etc.)</b>
<b>Leftover Meal Ideas</b>





# New Years Day Menus

Jot down your menu ideas on this page, then use the Recipe Cards to compile all the recipes you will be using. The Recipe Cards will be used later when you do your grocery shopping!

<b>Breakfast Foods</b>
<b>New Years Dinner</b>
<b>Baked Goods (cookies, snacks, etc.)</b>
<b>Leftover Meal Ideas</b>













# Holiday Wardrobe Planner

	✓ Have	✓ Need to Buy
Name: _____	_____	_____
Casual: _____	_____	_____
Dressy: _____	_____	_____
Formal: _____	_____	_____
Family Photo: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Casual: _____	_____	_____
Dressy: _____	_____	_____
Formal: _____	_____	_____
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