



# August Newsletter



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## Back to School...

Summer has come to a close (although it is still so hot outside) and school has begun. Some of our children have been asking when they get to go back to school for several weeks and others were hoping that summer would magically last for longer. Either way, most of us would agree that we are glad to have our

kids back in school. We are getting back to our regular routines again or beginning new ones. If you don't yet have school age children, your day will come soon when you joyfully or tearfully send your child off to school. Until then, enjoy every moment with them! They are such a gift!

## New Shirts!

We have a special treat for you this year. Heaven's Glory teamed up with Cornerstone to design a one of kind shirt for our moms. You will not see these designer shirts anywhere else! You will notice the leadership team wearing them. They are so stylish! The shirts will be selling for \$17.00 each and you can purchase them at every M.O.M.S meeting or special event. Or, contact Amy Ibach at 480-247-6288 or email her at [amy\\_ibach\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_ibach_1@yahoo.com).



Do you have any pictures of M.O.M.S. events? We are working on a slide show. Please email Jill McCulley at [jgmcculley@yahoo.com](mailto:jgmcculley@yahoo.com).



# Making Our Mothering Significant

## A Special Mom...



Spotlight on Kris Sawyers

My full name is Kristine Jean Sawyers; the Jean is after my grandmother. I was born and raised in Long Beach, California. I graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Human Development. I went on to earn my masters degree from NAU in Education and Curriculum Construction. I taught in both private and public schools for a total of 9 years.

I have been happily married to my husband, Marty, for over 12 years. We have lived in the Valley for 10 years. We have 2 children; Makenzie is 6 and Connor is 5. Makenzie is starting first grade and Connor is going to Kindergarten. We have two dogs as well, Lucy and Ricky (named after my favorite TV show☺).

My favorite place to go is Hawaii and my favorite pastimes are reading, hanging out with friends,

spending time with my family and cooking. I love to entertain and I love to shop. I am a bargain hunter and can be found at various Ross and T. J. Maxx locations on any given day. I love to banter with people that I just met and I love to drink iced lattes. Yummy!

My favorite thing about being a mom is that every day is different. Kids are so full of surprises. They make me laugh at myself and learn to not take things so seriously. Motherhood is a blast and my kids are getting big way too fast for my liking!

My favorite verse is found in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse can relate to every part of life... it is a promise that I think of in good times and bad. It is one that I have loved since I can remember... what an awesome promise!



Are you expecting?  
We can help!

Contact Jenna Jefferson  
at 480.507.3525 or  
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so we can bring you  
some meals to make the  
transition a bit easier.

## Get Involved...

There are so many ways to get involved as a mom at Cornerstone. Our M.O.M.S. group is just one way to get plugged in. Each week, Cornerstone Women meet on Wednesday mornings to dive into the Word and build lasting relationships. Join us for the Women's Bible Study on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11:15am. Childcare is provided at no charge. WWit and eXpresso are quarterly events where we get together to hear speakers discuss relevant topics. We also have New Comer classes and Outreach Ministries. Cornerstone also encourages you to join a small group. There are several groups that meet at different times on a variety of topics.

### M.O.M.S. Tip:

By Jenna Jefferson

To help curb whining, screaming or any offense of the mouth, I use a dropper full of vinegar in my kids' mouths. I carry it in a small, cleaned out baby Tylenol bottle in my purse, so when an offense arises, I can deal with it right away. I've used it in the car, mall and even at home. It has been very effective for us.

### Operation Christmas Child

Join us in November for our outreach project as we fill shoe boxes with gifts for children in third world countries. More details will follow at October's meeting. Or, contact Jennifer Acevedo with questions.

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## Upcoming Events...

### August

- 4 Scrapbooking 7:00pm at Cornerstone
- 16 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7:00pm at PF Chang's (in front of the mall)
- 23 Bible Study Starts 9:00am (new session)
- 23 Meal Makers 7:00pm

### September

- 1 Scrapbooking 7:00pm at Cornerstone
- 9 Women's Network Rummage Sale
- 11 M.O.M.S. Meeting
- 18 eXpresso 7:00pm, Meet at Pei Wei at 5:30pm
- 20 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7:00pm at Pasta Pomodora (in front of the mall)
- 22-24 Women's Network Overnighter at Bison Ranch
- 26 Meal Makers 7:00pm

### October

- 6 Scrapbooking 7:00pm at Cornerstone
- 18 M.O.M.S. Night Out at Cheesecake Factory 7:00pm (at the mall)
- 23 M.O.M.S. Meeting
- 23 Book Club 7:00 pm at Paradise Bakery
- 30 Evening with Shaunti Feldman 7:00pm at Cornerstone

### November

- 3 Scrapbooking 7:00pm at Cornerstone
- 6 M.O.M.S. Meeting (Collect Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes)
- 13 Holiday celebration 6:00pm
- 15 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7:00pm at La Fonda (Queen Creek/Alma School)
- 27 Book Club 7:00 pm at Paradise Bakery

### December

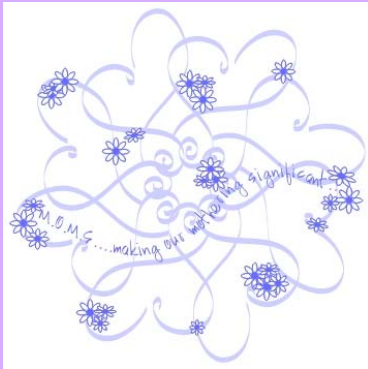
- 1-2 Beth Moore all day Glendale Arena
- 4 M.O.M. S. Meeting
- 13 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7:00pm at Kokopelli (Ocotillo/Arizona Ave.)

View all Women's Network events at  
[www.cornerstonechandler.com/women](http://www.cornerstonechandler.com/women)

## The WORD

Meet us at "The Word"... where women of all ages and stages come together to be refreshed and empowered as we learn from God's Word on how we can become all that He has created us to be. Join us for the Fall session beginning August 23rd. Registration is Sunday, August 13th and Sunday, August 20th. Register early to ensure book availability.

Join us at Mountainside Fitness for the aerobics class at 8:30am Monday through Friday. Then, stay for the girl talk at the coffee bar. It's a great workout and much easier to do it when your girlfriends are there! If you are not a member at Mountainside, please contact Jami Lindberg for information. The cost is \$40/month which includes childcare and tanning.



We strive to encourage and support mothers with children from infancy through elementary age. M.O.M.S. is a place where you can be yourself, build lasting relationships and receive resources that are relevant to you. We hope that you will join us! Our Monday morning meetings are held in room 107-108 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Our monthly M.O.M.S. meetings offer free childcare. There is no need to register. Please come join us and bring a friend as we Make our Mothering Significant!

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## Sunday Services

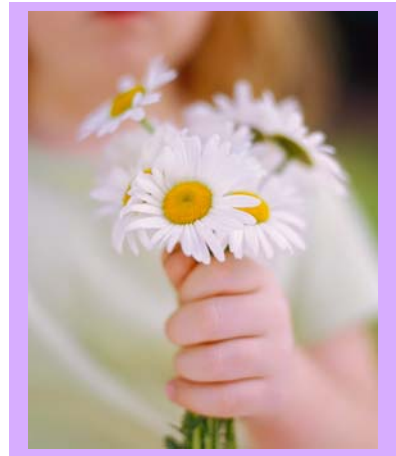
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6:00 pm

## 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

**August 7th:** "Motherhood, the Trip of a Lifetime" with Kristin McLaren  
**September 11th:** "Beauty is Skin Deep" with Banner Health aesthetician, Janice Hein  
**October 23rd:** "Dr. MOMS" Valley physicians and Banner Health Specialist  
**November 6th:** "Design in No Time" with Lisa Winters  
**December 4th:** 3rd Annual Christmas Brunch and Ornament Exchange  
**January 22nd:** "All Mothers are Working Mothers" with author Laura Sabin Riley  
**February 5th:** "Affair Proofing Your Marriage" with Cyndi Hobgood  
**March 5th:** "Laughter, It's Just Plain Good Medicine" with Diana Bowers  
**April 2nd:** "Been There and Done That!" Panel Discussion with some seasoned mothers  
**May 7th:** End of the Year Celebration and Brunch

## Can you help us?

We need help with our children. As our Women's Ministry grows, so does the need for childcare workers. We are looking for help on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am to 11:30am. We pay \$8.00/hour. Please contact Ashley Greene at 480-726-8000 or email her at [Ashley.Greene@cornerstonechandler.com](mailto:Ashley.Greene@cornerstonechandler.com). This is a great way to earn a little extra money while helping Cornerstone women. And, the best part is... you can bring your kids!



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## We'd like to hear from you...

Please feel free to contact the Leadership Team with questions, comments or suggestions. If you have an article, poem or announcement that you would like published in future M.O.M.S. Newsletters, contact Jennifer Acevedo. *This newsletter is published four times a year in March, May, August and December.*