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Childcare Changes

As our M.O.M.S. group grows, so does the need for childcare. This semester we are implementing a new RSVP-type system. Childcare will still be FREE and we encourage you to invite your friends, but we are trying to give the workers some advanced notice in order to staff appropriately and keep the children safe and happy. Please be aware of the changes to be announced and the new procedures that will be implemented. If you have any questions regarding our childcare, please contact April Ellis at saaellis@msn.com. Thank you for your help as we continue to grow!

Thank you!

Thanks to all the families who donated their time, energy and supplies to Cornerstone's annual Back to School Drive. Your generosity helped stuff 270 backpacks that were given to families from the Migrant Program in the Chandler Unified School District, some of our Gospel and Groceries families and some families in need at Cornerstone. On July 21st, we served a BBQ dinner and celebrated with these families. The event was blessed and gave Iglesia Vida, a new Spanish speaking Christian Church with service at Cornerstone, the chance to reach out and open their doors and hearts. Thank you all so much for your willing hearts and your service. And, a special thanks to Nicole Petillo for making it all happen!

School Tips

- ✓ Read with your kids everyday.
- ✓ Be involved in their homework.
- ✓ Talk to them about their day. Ask questions.
- ✓ Communicate with their teacher to know what's going on and how they are doing.
- ✓ If you have multiple children in school, make a list of all the teachers' email addresses and phone numbers.
- ✓ Make lunches the night before.
- ✓ Shower or bathe and lay out school clothes at bedtime.
- ✓ Prep backpacks at night.
- ✓ If you have older children that will play sports, schedule their sports physicals early.
- ✓ Encourage them. Praise them for their success and help them learn from their mistakes.
- ✓ Remember that learning always starts at home.



Spotlight on
Jami Lindberg

A Special Mom...

My name is Jami Lindberg and I am the Events Planner for M.O.M.S. I was born and raised outside of Seattle on Whidbey Island, in a town called Oak Harbor. When I graduated from high school, I came to Arizona to attend ASU to get my degree in Elementary Education.

I met my incredibly wonderful husband, Mike, in May of 1999 and we were married in August of 2002. Along came our beautiful and darling little girl, Hanna, in August of 2004. I can honestly tell you I am doing what I was called to do and loving every minute of it! Being a wife and a mommy has been my dream since I was little and each and every day I thank God for this amazing life!

In my previous life, I was a flight attendant for an airline out of Las Vegas for three years. It was a dream job! I traveled everywhere on a Boeing 757, met amazing people and each day was completely different. I was very disappointed when the airline went under after 9-11. I couldn't get the flying bug out of me, therefore, soon after I began flying for an airline here in the valley. When a management position opened two months after I was hired by the

airline, the president offered it to me. I quickly took it, happy to be back on the ground and in the same bed every night. I managed flight attendants for two years until Hanna was born. I'm blessed to be able to be a stay at home mommy! In my spare time, my favorite things to do are drink coffee and chat with my girlfriends and shop at Nordstrom.

Our family made Cornerstone home in early 2002 and I began attending M.O.M.S. after Hanna was born. It is a privilege to be part of such an amazing Women's Ministry at Cornerstone. I prayed for the Lord to lead our family where He wanted us to be and we have been blessed beyond measure. It reminds me of my favorite verse, Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." It is an amazing promise that if I just trust in Him, he will show me the way!

Featured Recipe

Have you ever walked into Costco or through a mall and smelled the amazing aroma of candied nuts? You probably don't realize how easy it is to make for yourself, and for your family if you decide to share! Here it is, give it a try.

Although the recipe is for pecans, you can try almonds, walnuts or any other favorite.

Carmelized Pecans

2 cups pecans
1/2 cups brown sugar
4 tbsp. heavy cream
Mix and spread out on greased cookie sheet or pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes. After about 10 minutes mix nuts so they all can bake evenly.

Do you have a baby on the way? We can help!

Contact Jenna Jefferson at 480.507.3525 or jenalynn@cox.net. Let us bring you some meals to make the transition a bit easier.

M.O.M.S. Tip: By April Ellis

At our house, we almost exclusively finger-paint in the bathtub. Of course it's without water. I tape blank paper to the sides of the tub and the kids go wild. When they're done painting, I give them a sponge and they love cleaning it up (with the water running). A bath after is always easy and lots of fun as the paint washes away.



Upcoming Events and Meetings

August

6 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "Don't Just Survive, Thrive!" with Sharon Wilkens, author, speaker, and Disney Teacher of the Year

13 eXpresso 7pm

15 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Olive Garden at Chandler/101

20 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)

21 Rummage Sale Set Up

22 Cornerstone Rummage Sale

22/23 WORD Bible Studies begin

September

10 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "The Tapestry of Your Life" with Aly Lemons

19 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Garduno's at Chandler Fashion Center

24 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)

October

17 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Chili's at Germann/Gilbert

22 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "Creative Romance" with Shelley Marshall

22 eXpresso 7pm

29 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)

November

5 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "Creative Holiday Decorating" with designer, Nancy Hunter

14 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Cheesecake Factory

16-17 Women of Faith Conference

19 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)

30 Cornerstone Women's Christmas Event

December

3 M.O.M.S. Meeting: 4th Annual Christmas Brunch and Ornament Exchange

12 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at California Pizza Kitchen

17 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)

18 Cornerstone's Angel Tree Celebration at Chandler High School

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January 14 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "Makeover Madness" with Robert Paul Salon and Ann Taylor Loft

February 4 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "Sibling Rivalry" with Dr. Tracey Oppenheim, Banner Health physician

March 3 M.O.M.S. Meeting: "Family Fun Ideas" with Sandy Mowen, MOPS International Mentor Mom

April 7 M.O.M.S. Panel Discussion

May 5 M.O.M.S. Meeting: End of the Year Celebration and Brunch

View all Women's Network events at www.cornerstonechandler.com/women

Can You Help Us?

We need ladies to greet and check in moms at the kiosks prior to our M.O.M.S. meetings. This is a GREAT way to help as it only requires arriving 20 minutes prior to the meeting.

Kiosk instruction is available if you have not yet been trained on the system. If you can help, please contact Kaylene Schulze at kayleneschulze@msn.com.

At M.O.M.S., 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 you will join us! Our Monday morning meetings are held in the Student Center from 9:00-11:00 am.

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!

Looking for more information? Check out our newsletter archives at www.cornerstonechandler.com/women/moms.php.



Making Our Mothering Significant

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5:00 pm

All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

By Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need
To know about how to live
And what to do and how to be
I learned in kindergarten.
Wisdom was not at the top
Of the graduate school mountain,
But there in the sand pile at Sunday school.
These are the things I learned:
Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.
Warm cookies and cold milk are
good for you.
Live a balanced life -
Learn some and think some
And draw and paint and sing and dance
And play and work everyday some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world,
Watch out for traffic,
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.



Do you have your adorable
M.O.M.S. shirt yet?

M.O.M.S. Tip:
By Jenna Jefferson

If your preemie has a hard time fitting into clothes because all of the "preemie" clothing is still too big, try Build-A-Bear clothing. I used it for my son when he first came home (at 4lbs). I just sewed up the hole in the back where the tail is supposed to go and they fit great. Doll clothing also works well.

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