



Holiday Newsletter



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The Reason for the Season

According to legend there was a candy maker who wanted to invent a candy that was a witness to Christ. First of all, he used a hard candy because Christ is the rock of ages. This hard candy was shaped so that it would resemble a "J" for Jesus or, turned upside down, a shepherd's staff. He made it white to represent the purity of Christ.

Finally a red stripe was added to represent the blood Christ shed for the sins of the world, and three thinner red stripes for the stripes He

received on our behalf when the Roman soldiers whipped Him. Sometimes a green stripe is added as a reminder that Jesus is a gift from God.

The flavor of the cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is in the mint family and was used in the Old Testament for purification and sacrifice. Jesus is the pure Lamb of God, come to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world. So, every time you see a candy cane, remember the message of the candy maker: Jesus is the Christ!

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.



Making Our Mothering Significant

A Special Mom...



Spotlight on
Megan Bowman

My name is Megan Bowman, and I am the M.O.M.S. Hospitality Coordinator. My husband, Jason, and I came here from Carlsbad, CA in 2002. I grew up in San Diego, and I went to Scripps College though most of my family went to USC. After college, I spent a summer in Seattle as a camp counselor, and then moved to Greeley, CO to become a Speech-Language Pathologist. But I ended up a classroom teacher, just like my mom and grandparents. I taught fourth grade for five years in Encinitas, CA, and eighth grade English for two years here.

Jason and I met in 1999 through an online dating service—God really does work in mysterious ways! We were married in La Jolla, CA on July 21, 2001. On a trip here to visit Jason's dad in January 2002, we decided it was time to stop house hunting in SoCal and try our luck here instead. Moving to

Gilbert has allowed me to stay home with our son Jake, and most of Jason's family has moved here too. I love being a stay-at-home mom, though we are rarely home. We go to church events several days a week and we like to go shopping. I also enjoy decorating my house—I prefer Southern Living At Home, but I like going to other home parties. My favorite part of being a mom is having a little buddy to hang out with. Jason travels often, so it is usually the two of us, and I enjoy playing with Jake, taking him places, and teaching him things. I love to hear him talk and see how his little mind works. It amazes me how much he can understand at age 2—he can sing, he can pray, he can remember details...I enjoy seeing how God has created him.

I tend to be a worrier, so one verse that has helped me through various trials is Philippians 4:6-7. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Handing over your burdens to God can bring peace to your heart, even if you can't understand why you had the burden in the first place. Try it—it works!



Mom's Morning Out

Have you joined us for M.O.M.S. Morning Out yet? If not, you don't know what you're missing! It's a special time, just for moms, to get away for some much needed "me-time" - a little shopping, breakfast with friends, coffee and a book, or even those hard-to-schedule appointments. Just bring your children to the church and go do your thing for **three** hours! Think of all you can get done knowing that your children are in good hands. The dates are as follows: 11/20, 12/18, 1/29, 2/26, 3/19, 4/16 and 5/21. *Don't forget - you MUST pay in advance at the MOMS meeting.* So, bring your checkbook! Prices are \$10 for one child, \$15 for two, and \$20 for three or more. Enjoy your time!

Are you expecting?
We can help!

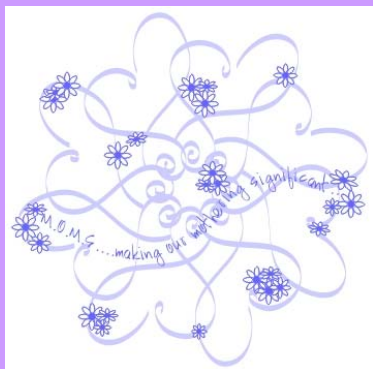
Contact Jenna Jefferson
at 480.507.3525 or
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so we can bring you
some meals to make the
transition a bit easier.

Operation Christmas Child

Join our holiday outreach project! Each year, we collect shoe boxes for precious children in third world countries. Please fill a shoe box and bring it to the November 6th meeting. Contact Jennifer Acevedo with questions. Thanks for sharing the love of Jesus to the world.



Making Our Mothering Significant



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 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!

Upcoming Events...

November

- 6 M.O.M.S. Meeting 9am at Cornerstone
- 8 Meal Makers 7pm
- 13 Holiday Celebration at Cornerstone
- 15 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at La Fonda
- 17-18 Women of Faith Conference at Glendale Arena
- 27 Book Club 7pm at Paradise Bakery

December

- 1-2 Beth Moore all day at Phoenix Civic Plaza
- 4 M.O.M.S. Meeting 9am Ornament Exchange
- 4 Cookie Camp 7pm at Meal Makers
- 13 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Kokopelli (Ocotillo/Arizona Ave.)

January

- 10 Meal Makers 7pm
- 17 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Chili's (Germann/Gilbert)
- 22 M.O.M.S. Meeting 9am at Cornerstone
- 26 Girly Girl Party 7pm at Lindberg Home

February

- 5 M.O.M.S. Meeting 9am at Cornerstone
- 21 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at TGI Fridays
- 27 Meal Makers 7pm

BUNCO

There are several bunco groups going at this time. If you are interested in being on the substitute list or having a group of your own, please contact Jami Lindberg.

View all Women's Network events at 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. The Winter/Spring semester will start on January 24th (with a two week break in March) and run through May 2nd. 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.

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Sunday Services

8:00 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
11:45 am
4:30 pm
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. 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!

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

I've found a great solution for those toys in the bath. If you have a plastic colander, the children can clean them up by themselves. The rope balls are a great mold which doesn't hold water with a colander. A bucket from Target and you're set with a great bath toy holder.

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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.*