



A Newsletter

Just For M.O.M.S.

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M.O.M.S. . . .A Growing Success!

On August 23, 2004, M.O.M.S. at Cornerstone reached a milestone! There were more than 70 women at the M.O.M.S. kickoff and the leadership team for M.O.M.S. couldn't be more pleased! "We were hoping that the word would get out and it did....very well," stated Deneen Schmidt from the M.O.M.S. publicity team. Attendance at Cornerstone has increased twofold on Sundays due to the wonderful sermons of Lead Pastor, Linn Winters. Because of this, M.O.M.S. is going to be able to reach more and more moms in our community due to the growing numbers on Sundays and we're very excited."

Upcoming events for the holidays include:

November 8, 2004 – "Entertaining Tips" with speaker Kathy Montgomery. As moms, we all know how stressful it is to entertain our guests for the holidays, so Kathy will be with us to give us some wonderful tips to help us during this exciting, but stressful time!

November 22, 2004 – No event scheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday! Happy Turkey Day to you!

December 13, 2004 – Holiday Brunch. Let's get together and spend some time eating and enjoying each other's company before the new year! Join us for our traditional year-end gift exchange!

December 27, 2004 – No event scheduled due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

So what's happening in 2005 at M.O.M.S.? We've made some changes, but we're very excited about the upcoming events scheduled for M.O.M.S. in 2005! We're still going to meet twice-a-month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month; however, there will be two types of events held in the upcoming year.

The first event of the month will explore topics with speakers that will help make a difference in our mothering or it may just be a day of fun. There will be childcare, great food, and time to meet other moms and build relationships. In 2004, we were blessed to have an anonymous donation that paid for the expenses of women's ministries for the entire year, but for 2005, in order to help with the expenses generated by M.O.M.S., there will be a \$10 charge for each event held at the beginning of the month.



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The second event of the month is going to be an activity unique to the two types of mothers we see at M.O.M.S...those with babies and toddlers and those with kids who are in school.

First, there are those moms that have babies and toddlers. Although we fellowship with each other during the first event of the month, we don't get to meet each other's kids. The second event of the month will be an event scheduled outside of Cornerstone where moms and their kids can mingle together to get to know each other. We will schedule no cost events such as picnics at the park, playtime at the mall, Coffee breaks at McDonalds, story time at the library, fire and police station visits, just to name a few. We will also schedule low cost events such as trips to the Dugan Dairy, museums, play time at the Bounce Zone, bumper bowling, etc. The only charge moms will have at these events is any entry fees or other expenses that there may be for the event itself. Cornerstone will not supplement for any of these events.

Second, there are those moms whose kids are in school! For these moms, we will schedule "non kid" events such as lunch and chick flick movie dates, recipe clubs, book clubs, etc. Like the baby and toddler moms, the only fees are for the event itself, if applicable. Cornerstone will not supplement for any of these events. This is a way for these moms to meet and do things together since they are in the same season of life and would like to do things that do not involve children.

What else is M.O.M.S. offering? Let's not forget playgroups and M.O.M.S. night out!

Playgroups – Playgroups began forming in October and we now have eight playgroups that include 37 moms and 61 kids! These groups are reaching ages from newborns all the way up to preschool age children. Moms and kids alike are on their way to finding a place to connect, play, laugh, cry, and all around have a great time with a *small* group of moms with kids of similar ages. If you have not yet joined a playgroup but are interested in finding out more information, please contact April Ellis at saaellis@msn.com or 480-883-3864.

M.O.M.S. Night Out – Day events are nice, but what about our nights? M.O.M.S. is continuing to offer a night out once a month for us to be together and act like adults! Events include dessert nights, pottery painting, game nights, dinner, etc. Moms pay for any expenses incurred. Cornerstone does not supplement for these events.

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So there you have it....what's coming up for M.O.M.S. in 2005! There are some changes due to the growing success we've had since M.O.M.S. began a year ago, but we're very excited about the upcoming year and hope that you will continue to join us and experience how to Make Our Mothering Significant!

Upcoming topics for the first semester in 2005:

January 10 – Dr. Craig Carpenter is a licensed counselor family counselor and currently a columnist in the popular Arizona Child Magazine. He will be coming and sharing how to manage your child's behavior. You won't want to miss his lively personality and wisdom on this important topic.

February 7, 2005 – “Intimate Issues” with Linda Jolly. Linda Jolly will be joining us in February and discussing "Intimate Issues" which is based on the popular book of the same name. Linda will share the 3 keys to a intimate relationship. Linda has spoken all over the valley and leads workshops regularly for East Valley Bible Church in Gilbert.

March 7, 2005 – “Mother Guilt” with Ross Bursik. Ross Bursik is the President of the Southwest Women's Baptist Association and will be flying in from San Diego to share how to get around "Mother Guilt".

April 4, 2005 – “Total Body Health and Nutrition” with Dana Rosdahl. Dana Rosdahl is a licensed nurse and currently is teaching at ASU in the nutrition department. She will be sharing ways to have total body health and help build self image.

May 2, 2005 – Learning to Unwind Before You Unravel” with Patty Berens. Patty Berens will be wrapping up the next semester and will teach us how to "Learn to Unwind Before You Unravel." Patty has spoken on this topic numerous times as a retreat speaker and has traveled to various states to present this topic to corporations. Come and hear how to de-stress!



A Day of Fun at Paradise Bakery

Testimonials

MOMS is a respite. You get to laugh at yourself and maybe even think you can do this job and do it well - - at least sometimes. The topics touch on different parts of our lives as mothers and women and help you feel like your "job" is more than chauffer or cook or craft provider. To see so many women in one room, at different stages of the mothering process is awesome. You can look back and think WOW I survived that stage and maybe pass on a few survival strategies or you can look ahead and say hmm challenging but exciting. But mostly, in this age of disconnected community it makes you feel connected to a larger group and helps you realize that God provides everything we need - - sometimes he does it through MOMS. **Lori Bird**

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I can't wait to come again! It's great to see so many moms together. And, a super important part is knowing how happy our kids are while we get to bond with other moms. Everyone deserves an outlet of some sort. This is perfect for women that can sometimes get frazzled with the many responsibilities of mommy hood. **Rachelle Edmondson**

I'm so glad I got to go to the M.O.M.S meeting on August 23rd. It was the first one I've ever attended and I'm so glad that I was encouraged by Wendy to go. I was so impressed by the guest speaker that was chosen and all the wonderful information that was provided. I want to encourage all moms to attend. It is a time to share laughter, frustration and all the wonderful experiences our children bring to our busy lives. Thank you to all the wonderful mom's that put this together. **No Name Given**

Having a time such at M.O.M.S. to get together with other moms and share ideas and hopes for our kids is awesome. The speaker was so funny and insightful. My son now says, "yes mom you are a one time teacher." It worked!! Thanks for making this time for all of us possible. **Kelley Stockton**

I leave MOMS with life application tips. I felt like my time there was well spent because I laughed, I cried and I applied many of the tips of our last speaker. Can't wait for next time! **Lisa Peters**

It was so nice to get out and socialize with adults. It's a good opportunity for me as well as my baby to get out of the house and experience different people and atmospheres. I hope that as the season progresses, I will come to find lasting friendships! Thank you Cornerstone! **Colby Shipley**

I just recently have started attending Cornerstone. When I saw the M.O.M.S. flyer in the bulletin, I was skeptical on whether or not it would be for me. But after attending the first meeting it was incredibly uplifting and motivational!! The speaker was a children's author and teacher for 25 years or so - I felt as if I was attending a top dollar motivational seminar for moms!!! The meetings offer fun, useful information for being a mom. I can't believe how much this church offers!!! I look forward to it!! **Paula Lober**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Is your specialty hospitality? M.O.M.S. is looking for someone to take over the Hospitality role for M.O.M.S. beginning in January 2005. If you are interested in this position and need more information, please contact Kris Sawyers at 480-855-0477 or KrisSawyers@cox.net.

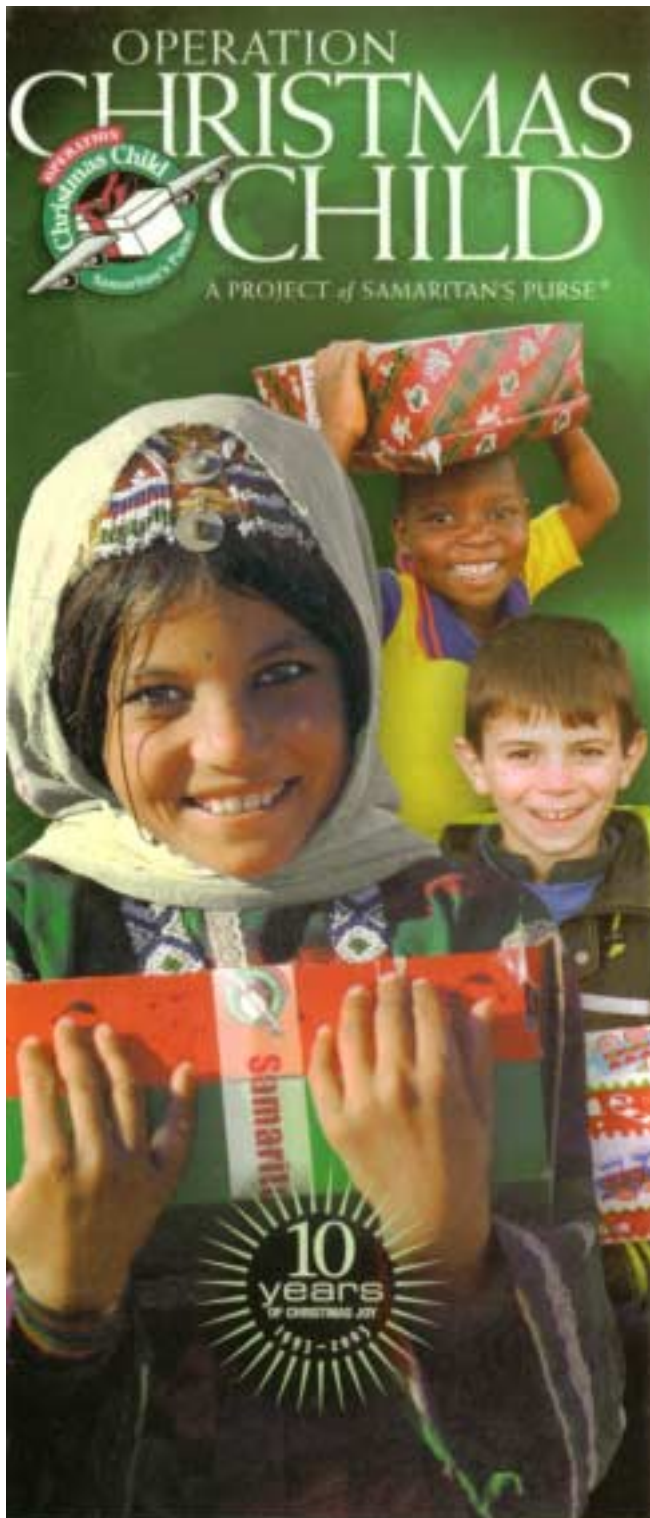
Do you have a fantastic babysitter you would like to share and who is interested in more babysitting jobs? Send us her name, phone, email address and credentials (CPR Certified, etc) and we will post it in the M.O.M.S. newsletter for other moms to share! Send to Deneen Schmidt at dginaz@aol.com or 480-629-5573.

Interested in a babysitting swap? If you are a mom of a toddler and are interested in swapping babysitting a few hours a week on Tuesday mornings with another mom, contact Sandie Fowler for more information at 480-917-8020 or fowlerfam@cox.net

Looking for an exciting place to click in to church? If so, you should check into serving in one of our children's classrooms. One Sunday a month will provide a rewarding, fun experience. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Rachelle Edmondson at 480-361-5524 or redmondson9@cox.net

MOMS Service Project 2004

For more information regarding Operation Christmas Child and how you can participate, please contact **Michelle Schwartz** at **480-917-0248** or zacksmom@cox.net. The deadline to drop off your boxes will be at the M.O.M.S. event on Monday, November 8.



A LETTER FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Dear Friend,

An empty shoe box is good for little except throwing in the trash. But when that shoe box is filled with toys and other small gifts, it becomes a treasure chest that can bring Christmas joy and



the love of God to a needy child. Each year, Operation Christmas Child delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes around the world to boys and girls who are suffering because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness, or neglect.

The children who receive the boxes also learn about God's greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ. You can participate in this exciting project of Samaritan's Purse by filling a shoe box according to the instructions in this brochure, and by praying for the child who will receive your gift. With your help, we can bring joy and hope to millions of children again this Christmas.

Franklin Graham
President
Samaritan's Purse

Your Gifts Go A Long Way

How to pack your shoe box gift:

1. Find an empty shoe box. You can wrap it—lid separately—if you would like, but wrapping is not required.
2. Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cut out the appropriate label from the back of this brochure, tape it on the top of your box, and mark the correct age category.
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts using the list to the right as a guide. In a separate envelope you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)
4. **IMPORTANT:** Please enclose a check for **\$5 or more** in the attached envelope to help cover shipping and other costs. **Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse.** If you are packing more than one box, you can make one combined donation in a single envelope. **Place the envelope on top of the gift items inside your shoe box so it is clearly visible.** Then place a rubber band around your box and lid.
5. Drop off your shoe box gift at the collection center nearest you. For locations and dates call **1-800-353-5949**, or visit us online at **www.samaritanaspurse.org**

OR

Send your shoe box gift to:
Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
801 Bamboo Road
P.O. Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607

Suggested Gifts:

- ✓ **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.
- ✓ **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.
- ✓ **Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.
- ✓ **Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.



Do NOT include the following:

- ✗ **Used items**
- ✗ **War-related items:** toy guns, knives, etc.
- ✗ **Chocolate or perishable food items**
- ✗ **Liquids:** shampoo, lotion, bubbles, etc.
- ✗ **Medicines:** vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.
- ✗ **Breakable items:** mirrors, china dolls, snowglobes, etc.



DIRECTIONS

1. Complete envelope.
2. Tear off at perforation.
3. Place donation inside envelope and seal. **Checks are recommended and should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse.** If you are sending a note or photo to a child, place it inside your box—not inside this envelope.

**PRINT CLEARLY,
AND USE DARK INK**

I will pray for Operation Christmas Child.
 Enclosed is **\$5** or more for each shoe box to help with shipping and other expenses.
 Total Amount Enclosed: \$

MR & MRS MR MRS MISS DR REV CHILD (0-12) YOUTH (13-17)

NAME OR ORGANIZATION

NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Samaritan's Purse does not provide receipts for the value of gift items included in a shoe box. For the purpose of obtaining a tax deduction, the value of a gift-filled shoe box should be determined by the donor.

Shoe Box Labels

Operation Christmas Child
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



BOY

<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Years Old	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Years Old	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Years Old
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Operation Christmas Child
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



GIRL

<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Years Old	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Years Old	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Years Old
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Cut out appropriate label and tape on top of shoe box.
 Labels also available on our Web site:
www.samaritanpurse.org 1-800-353-5949



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