



Hospitality Report

Spring is around the corner, yet it's still chilly and the perfect time for warming up from the cold with our little ones and some warm baked goods. Better yet...some free and easy-to-prepare tasty treats. For this month's door prizes, we have some collections of Tastefully Simple goodies that were generously donated by our fellow MOPS mom Hollie Krentz. We hope you enjoy!



Piano Lessons

Are you a Musical Mop???

Kirsten Forsheew, a former MOPS mom, has openings soon in her music studio for piano lessons ages 5 and up! Tuition is \$65 per month, plus the cost of music books (which is fairly minimal.) Please call 330-635-2706 if you are interested in reserving a spot!



PLAYTIME EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 3rd
Medina City Fire Station#1 Tour
2:00 PM

Saturday April 4th
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 15th
Wolfcreek Environmental Center
Nature Tour
2:00 PM



Babysitter For Hire

Kristyn Boyland is 14 and has been certified by the American Red Cross for babysitting. As the eldest of four, she has experience with infants, preschoolers and elementary aged children. 330-410-4253.

Daughter of: Joy Boyland

References: Jennifer Anderson & Cori Knutson.



MOM'S NIGHT OUT EVENTS

Friday, March 13th

Pizza & A Movie Night @ &
7:00 PM – Medina Donatos
and Regal Cinemas

Friday April 17th

Hibachi Dinner in Montrose @
“Wasabi Restaurant”
7:00 PM



Steering Team Members Needed

Positions Needed as MOPS is *currently run*:

- Coordinator or co coordinator (preferably to be a member of Harvest, but the ultimate goal is someone with the commitment to really keep this ministry going with serving others as a desire of her heart)
- Moppet Coordinator and curriculum
- Hospitality Coordinator/co coordinators
- Speaker Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Finance (member of Harvest)
- Publicity/Newsletter
- Sunshine



MENTOR MOM QUESTIONS

How can I show appreciation to my husband?

I remember making tiny little notecards with flowers or something on the outside. I'd write a little love note on the inside and fold them up so the flowers were all you could see; then I'd hide them in places I knew he'd look before the day was over. I think he liked it but to be honest, he never really said so. :) And one day, after he'd had a really bad week, and was kind of grouchy, the kids and I made a cake shaped like an crocagater (the meanest animal around because he had a head at each end, and no way to go to the bathroom). We hung toilet paper that we had cut into crocagators across the dining room table, and surprised him with a crocagator party when he got home. It was funny, and he got the message.

I guess you have to know what he likes and try to find creative ways to let him know he's still special. It's good to include the kids, too, sometimes. They like it and it makes a memory.

Hope this helps.
Love in Him,
Mary-Marg Marquis

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Coordinator's Report

Thank you to the many women who either commented via email or at the "Brainstorming" meeting held on February 25th. I speak for Joy as well in that I was greatly encouraged by the ideas and genuine concern for MOPS in the future. It was very reassuring to us that this ministry IS important to many, if not all of you. I was reminded that it is important to set aside the business of mothering for a few hours and be a part of a group of woman "just like me". Learning something helpful about communication, first aid, keeping a special pair of shoes, and the fact that almost always our child will poop on the potty before they get to kindergarten - or any of the various encouragements we received this year, is important and impactful.

Over the years as either a Hospitality, Discussion Group Team Leader, Newsletter, Coordinator, co - coordinator I have found that when I reach a point of frustration and discontentment about this ministry, God will give me something to hold on to. A reminder that a ministry isn't about my happiness - ultimately - but the joy I would receive in serving others in His name and for His glory. And as I often encountered when I felt "alone in my work of serving" this MOPS group, I would be lead aside and shown the affects His love would have on someone.

The last few years have really been so much more than I would have imagined. I finally learned to trust in God and believe the things I was encouraging others to do. Even as I work on this article, I still don't know how MOPS will turn out going forward. I believe that it will go on even if I don't know how. And what is SO amazing is that I am calm about it. I just really know that God will either continue this ministry or He won't. What an amazing feeling of peace. Letting go and letting God really isn't a cliché, but a truthful statement. It has taken me many, many, many years to turn to God first. Believe me, it is not in my nature. (of course this doesn't mean that I or anyone else should sit on a mat and wait for God to send down the directions and phone numbers) ☺

I will be sending out a mass email that will spell out the ideas and thoughts that the moms had about how to keep the ministry going here at Harvest. It will ultimately be the decision of the next Steering Team what will be kept or deleted to keep the group and responsibilities to a minimum. Know that I will be around to help with any transition the group will make. And I truly believe that even when the current Steering Team member moves on, she will be more than willing to answer any questions - even next year. The women serving this ministry have the group at heart and want the ministry to continue and the next position to succeed and feel comfortable.

Here are some verses I found very helpful, interesting and insightful when I started out our meeting last week. It IS very easy to be "of this world" and subscribe to things that don't always edify God. Keeping a fellowship of moms with support and God at its center is definitely biblical!

Hebrews 10: 24, 25
2 Timothy 4:1 - 5



Upcoming Speaker's

Speakers: Marla Holmes
Park Location: "The Fun House"
Topic: The Joy of the Lord
Date: March 5th

Speaker: Jennifer Greathouse
Park Location: "Tilt-a-Whirl"
Topic: Mothering Adventures
Date: March 16th

Speakers: Ingrid Harpster
Park Location: "Jr. Gemini"
Topic: Kindergarten Readiness
Date: April 2nd

Speaker: MOPS Mom
Park Location: "Firework's Display"
Topic: Testimonial
Date: April 20^h



March Anniversaries



March Birthdays

Ingrid Harpster	March 2 nd
Joy Boyland	March 5 th
Kristina Sink	March 8 th
Hollie Krenz	March 14 th



**March
Housekeeping
Duty:**
Cotton Candy



**March
Moppets Duty:**
(On Call)
Onion Rings