

Mothering Matters

MOPS of Community Covenant Church ~ Growing Moms for Growing Children ~ Vol. 1 Issue 7 ~ April 2005

A farewell message from Melissa

Dear MOPS Ladies,

It is hard to believe that the MOPS year is coming to a close. I remember the very first MOPS meeting I ever attended. I was living in Little Rock, Arkansas. My best friend was part of a MOPS group and as she prepared to move in May of 2001, she gave me all of the registration information and said, "I know you will enjoy MOPS!"

In September of 2001 when I went to my first meeting, my boys were greeted by loving caregivers in the Moppets program. No one cried when I left them that day and I went to join the moms. There was delicious food, an inspiring speaker, a creative activity and small group discussion. At MOPS I felt safe to share my struggles as mom of a preschooler and was reminded that as a

child of God, He loves me and desires a relationship with me just as I am fostering a close relationship with my children.

MOPS was a wonderful break and an awesome reminder that our Creator loves and cares for us just as we love and care for our little ones.

I hope you have been blessed in some small way by the people or programs at MOPS this year. I have enjoyed serving God through the MOPS ministry. May He grow the fruits of His Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control in our lives as we strive to know Him more.

May God bless you
in your mothering,
Melissa

Garage Sale is a major fundraiser

Motivated to clean up and clear out some of the stuff from your home? The MOPS Garage Sale is a great place for you to donate items that you've de-cluttered.

Items may be dropped off at Marci's starting April 25th, or earlier if necessary. Please give Marci a call at 622-8875 for directions to her house.

These are the items that we would like to have donated: furniture, tires, toys, baby gear, children's clothing & shoes, children's books, videos & electronic equipment, home décor, sports equipment, and stamps & craft supplies. Please do not donate any adult clothing.

The Garage Sale is one of our major fundraisers for supporting the MOPS of CCC program, and your support is appreciated. Please remember, all donations are tax deductible.

The Garage Sale is Friday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WEBSITE REFERENCE GUIDE

Website of the month:

Connecting today's **Christian** families with practical and biblical advice and with each other.
www.christianitytoday.com/parenting/

MOPS of CCC:

www.communitycovenant.net/mops

MOPS International:

www.gospelcom.net/mops/

Shop with working MOPS

Enjoy shopping while you support a fellow MOP! These moms have their own businesses and would love to work with you.

Nyikos Photography

Stacy Nyikos: 696-2625

Southern Living at Home

Laura Keel: 688-2704

Stampin' Up

Molly Bennett: 622-9593



Please contact your steering team leaders if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer to be on a committee.

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Bible Verse *God's Word*

Matthew 6:19-21 says "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust destroys and where thieves do not break or steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Treasure Hunt

Where is your heart? Not sure? Then take a look at what, to you, is a treasure. Like a road map or a compass, our hearts direct us to the places where we've stored our treasure. "X" marks the spot where our treasures are buried.

You might discover that your treasure is woven into the fabric of the latest fashion. Or buried in your success. Or it could be invested in the bank of materialism. Or encased in the order of your home. It could even be embodied in the little ones you feed, clothe and carpool.

Where is your heart? Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). And he's very clear about where you should keep your treasure and your heart. In heaven. In things that will last—eternally. According to 1 Timothy 6:18, the way to lay up treasure for eternity is to "do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

"X" marks the spot where your treasure is. Follow your heart and you'll discover what you value most.

—From the "Mom's Devotional Bible."

New Baby
God's Precious Gift

Carter James Harrison Young
Monday, March 28
9 lbs. 7 oz.
Mom is Glenda Young

Nathaniel Otto
April 6
7 lbs. 7 oz.
Mom is Terri Otto

Teresa Louise Poppe
March 14
7 lbs. 9 oz.
Mom is Celina Poppe



Happy Birthday, Mom!



April Birthdays

Michelle Mann	3rd
Molly Bennett	6th
Sheri Kimbal	13th
Jill Bradley	25th
Glenda Young	29th
Linda Roberts	30th