

The Fun House

Top 5 quotes found on church signs:

1. God does not believe in atheists, therefore, atheists do not exist
2. Forgive your enemies, it messes with their heads
3. Read the Bible, it will scare the hell out of you
4. Wal-Mart is not the only saving place
5. There are some questions that can't be answered by Google

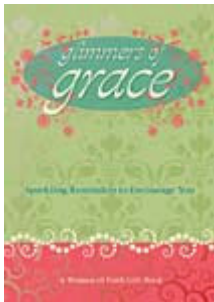


Joy Rides

Standing Firm

Hurricanes in Houston. Tornadoes in Kansas. Earthquakes in California. Avalanches in Everest. Tsunamis in Asia. Welcome to life on our planet. The same gravity that sticks our feet to the floor throws curve balls through our air. One day we're well. The next day we're sick. At Christmas we get a bonus. In January we're in debt. If your victory depends on the right circumstances, you may as well wave the white flag and surrender to defeat. Just go ahead and take that snort. Gulp that fourth gin and tonic. Binge and purge that pizza, a side of garlic bread, and half gallon of mint chocolate chip. Sleep with that jerk again. Eat, drink, and be miserable.

Or you could make up your mind that you're in with God, standing upon that rock, for the rest of your days. The apostle Paul called it being found in Christ (see Philippians 3:9). No matter how long it's been since you've seen me, He is where you can find me. Whether my health flourishes or fails, that's where I'll be. Richer or poorer, I've made up my mind. In the light of day or dark of night, find me in Christ. Spouse or not. Kids or not. Job or not. I've made up my mind.



When you've made that decision and given your heart, mind, and soul in all their fissured parts; and when you've given your past, present, and future "to him who is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24 NIV); and when you know you're absolutely in, come what may . . . congratulations, Sweet Thing. . . Your feet are on a rock.

~ Beth Moore

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Here's

The Scoop

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Welcome Back!

I welcome each of you to join me on an adventure. Now for some of you, when you hear "adventure", you may be very excited as that is just the thing you love to do! Others of you may be a little apprehensive, as you don't know what kind of things you might experience on this adventure - the unknowns make you a little nervous. And finally, there may be a few of you that say, "No way! I'd rather just here where I am safe and sound."

Well, whether you realize it or not you are already on this adventure. When you brought home your first child, your "Adventure in Mothering" began. But now, as a part of a MOPS group, you are no longer experiencing that adventure on your own. You now have other moms to share that adventure with. You get to share the exciting parts of the adventure as well as the scary parts, the funny, the nerve wracking, and all the other various things you may be experiencing on this adventure.

So, let me first welcome you to this adventure. We know a single day with our children can be similar to a roller coaster. There are highs and lows as well a slow pull up a hill and then a wild and crazy drop to the lowest point of the ride. And what about those crazy curves, where you think, "Where did that come from?" I am very excited about this MOPS year. I am so glad that each of you are here to share your adventure. We have many fun things planned for the year including some great speakers who will share with us things that will add perspective to our "Adventure in Mothering".

Also, please mark your calendars now for a couple of special dates we have planned:

November 14 – Family Fun Night

February 27 – Parent's Night Out

So, finally, buckle up tight, pull down the safety bar, and hang on!!! Here we go on an exciting adventure!

~ Jennifer Jackson, Coordinator

This Month's Poll

If I were a carnival ride, I would be ...

- Ferris Wheel
- Bumper Cars
- The Zipper
- Merry-Go-Round
- Pony Ride at Wal-Mart

Vote online at:
scottsbluffmops.com

Imagination Station

4-H Club

We will be hosting a Clover Kid and 4-H club this year. If you are interested in either or both please



contact me. There is a Clover Kid program for youth ages 5-7. They must be 5 by 1/1/09 to participate. 4-H is for kids aged 8 and older by 1/1/09. The registration deadline is not until May 1. I will start projects this fall and do a little every month until fair next August. If you are interested please contact Wendy Wells- 308/632-8342 or wendar@actcom.net . I will host an orientation meeting for interested parents in October.

1. The Clover Kid program will assist youth in developing emotional, physical, intellectual, and social skills. Duplicating the 8-18 year old program is not the purpose of Clover Kids. Clover Kids programming will be designed with activities and learning opportunities that are developmentally appropriate for 5 to 7 year old children (e.g., youth within this age are not yet ready for competition).
2. The Clover Kids program will be developmentally appropriate and involve the following components: Encourages involvement of parent or significant adult, focused on self-esteem and provide positive feedback, sharing through cooperative learning, non-competitive-emphasizing fun and success of every child, recognizes individuals for participation, recognition and incentives are to be presented without rank or placing.

Tomorrow Land

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't forget to make room in your schedule for our special events!

- Thursday thru Saturday, October 2nd - 4th - MOPS Convention in Dallas, TX. Please pray for the ladies that will be attending
- Tuesday, October 28 - next MOPS meeting "The Octopus". **Disneyland Divas** will provide refreshments.
- Friday, November 14th - MOPS Family Night @ 6:30 pm at Zion Ministry Center
- Tuesday, December 9th - MOPS Birthday Party for Jesus
- Friday, February 27th - MOPS Parent's Night Out @ 7:00 pm at Zion Ministry Center
- Friday & Saturday, March 6th & 7th - Cabbage Burger Fundraiser

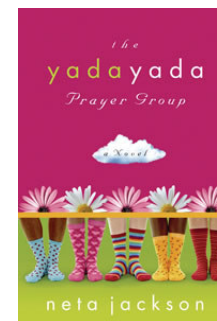


Our Favorite Thrills

The Yada-Yada Prayer Group ~ by Neta Jackson

What do an ex-con, a former drug addict, a real estate broker, a college student, and a married mother of two have in common?

Nothing. At least, that's what Jodi Baxter thought. She only went to the women's conference because her boss invited her. And because she didn't have any real friends anymore . . . not after her husband



up and moved them from the suburbs to Chicago's north side because they "couldn't hide forever in our comfort zone."

When the conference assigned her to a prayer group, Jodi learned just how far outside her "comfort zone" she needed to go – and found God waiting for her there.

At first glance, you may think The Yada Yada Prayer Group is just a nice Christian novel, but be warned: reading this book may challenge your faith, touch your heart, and make you think.

Whip It Good

MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

- 1 Coffee Mug
- 4 tablespoons flour (not self-rising)
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- Small splash of vanilla



Add dry ingredients to mug, & mix well. Pour in the milk & oil, mix well. Add 1 vanilla, & mix again. Put your mug in the microwave for 3 minutes at 1000 watts. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool a little, & tip out onto a plate if desired. EAT! (this can serve 2 if you want to share!)