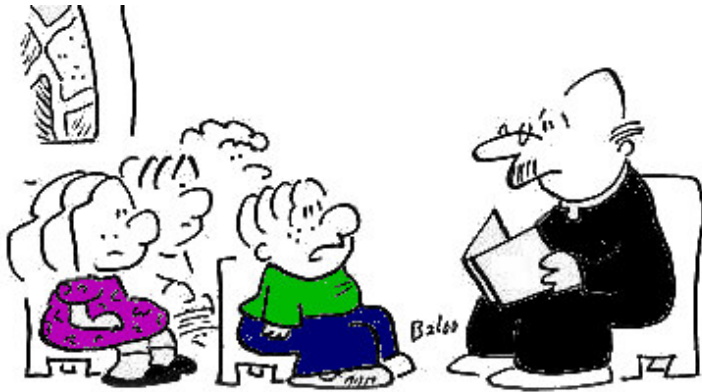


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# The Fun House

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"You mean Adam and Eve  
were streakers?"

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## Joy Rides

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### A Fine Oak Tree

*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. -PSALM 18:2*

Thelma Wells is a vital woman. In my eyes she is like a fine oak tree-strong and upright, giving shade to all who will gather close.

As I have traveled with Thelma, I have grown to love her dearly and lean on her more and more. In the fall of 2000, William, my father-in-law, had a heart attack and died. We were all in shock. He seemed so healthy. He was never sick. He traveled with us everywhere we went, including to every Women of Faith conference.

Our friends gathered around us and carried us through the unreality of the funeral and the next few days. But Thelma wanted to do more. A couple of weeks after we buried William, she e-mailed me and asked if she could come from Dallas to Nashville and cook for us and hug us for a while!

Now, Thelma is a busy woman. She has a husband and children and grandchildren and books to write and an office to run, yet I never get the impression from her that it is ever getting too much. Part of that is just who Thelma is, but I'm convinced it is also a direct result of the way she lives her life. She listens to praise music all the time. She constantly feeds on the Word of God. No wonder she is strong like a fine oak tree; the spiritual nutrients she takes in build her up inside like a rock.

Lord, thank you for human examples of your rocklike strength. In the fortress of your love I will take refuge. Amen.

~ Sheila Walsh (find more devotionals at [www.sheilawalsh.com](http://www.sheilawalsh.com))



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# Here's The Scoop April 2009

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### MOPS needs you!

MOPS is here to come alongside mothers of preschoolers to encourage, equip and develop them to be the best moms possible.



### We Do This:

- By encouraging and equipping moms
- By developing leaders
- By growing churches
- By bringing moms and families to Christ

MOPS at night is **your** group and we would love to have you involved. Tonight we have a survey to help us better serve you and your needs. Please take a few moments at the beginning of this meeting to fill it out.

We want to reach new moms. Please keep your eyes (and your hearts) open to other moms in our community that could use a little time 'with the girls and/or 'free of kids'. Bring a friend to our May meeting, hand out our business cards to girl friends and other moms you may come across or send an email or Facebook invitation. And make sure they know we will feed their kids and put them in their PJ's. *FYI: Moms are more likely to come if you give them a ride.*

We also have several of our Steering Team members stepping down next year. We ask that you prayerfully consider possibly filling a position. Not ready for a leadership position? Our leaders could also use helpers like greeters, care ministry, library, craft or setup. Just talk to Jennifer, Alena or Andrea if you have any questions.

# Imagination Station

## 4-H and Clover Kids

We will be meeting again this year for Clover Kids (5 by 1/1/09) and 4-H (8 by 1/1/09) April through the fair (8/09). Projects areas include: photography, cooking, health, rocketry, sewing and at least 1 animal visit. Thursday, 5/14 after school until 6ish is our second scheduled meeting. If you are interested in participating. Boys and girls are both welcome. Please contact Wendy Wells at wendar@actcom.net or 632-8342.



## MOPPETS Thank you's

Next meeting will be our last meeting of the year. We would like to show our appreciation for all of the faithful MOPPETS workers on May 12th. Please bring a thank you note and anything else you may want to give to these great helpers!

# Tomorrow Land

## Mark Your Calendars!

Don't forget to come to our LAST meeting!

- Tuesday, May 12th - **MOPS Final Meeting** Everyone will be bringing something to eat. Make sure to note the week change (2nd Tuesday).

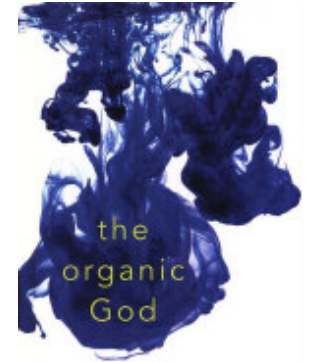


# Our Favorite Thrills

## the Organic God

By Margaret Feinberg

In our ever-changing world, simplicity is a craving. What if we could simplify our lives starting with our faith? Imagine what it would look like to have an organic relationship with God, one that is stripped of all pollutants, additives, and other distractions that can cloud this ultimate relationship. The Organic God removes the unhealthy fillers and purifies our relationship with the God of the Scriptures.

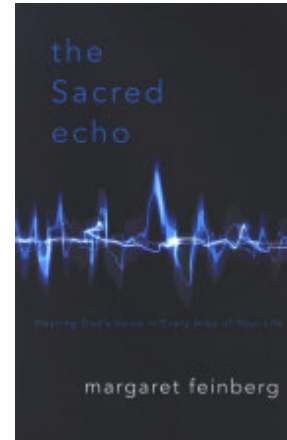


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## the Sacred Echo

By Margaret Feinberg



Most of the time life seems pretty ordinary. But into these normal, everyday moments God chooses to whisper His love and truth to us. In "The Sacred Echo" Margaret Feinberg shares what God showed her during times of prayer and ministry. These sacred echoes reveal the God who is as persistent to communicate with us, as we are with Him.

Margaret Feinberg invites people to discover the relevance of God and His Word in a modern world.

# Whip It Good

## Ladybugs on a Stick

- Red grapes
- Strawberries
- Mini chocolate chips
- Honeydew melon

1. For each one, push half of a red grape onto a trimmed wooden skewer for the head.
2. Next, push on a hulled strawberry body and score the back to create wings.
3. For spots, use a toothpick to gently press mini chocolate chips, tips down, into the fruit. Arrange the skewers on a honeydew melon half.



## PB & J Blossoms

- Bread
- Peanut butter or cream cheese
- Jelly or jam
- Water bottle cap

1. For each sandwich, cut two slices of bread into flower shapes with a cookie cutter.
2. Cut a hole in one of the slices by pressing a water bottle cap into the center.
3. Spread the peanut butter and jelly on the whole piece and place the slice with the hole on top.

