



"God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible." 2 Timothy 1:7

Serving Others with our Children

March 2012

Jesus tells us in Mark 12:31 that the second greatest commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself." We can show our children how to love our "neighbor" by involving them in service projects. When I first think of service projects, I generally think of "adult sized" jobs. However, I don't think God meant for only adults to help others. Little ones are able to serve and help others also. In the beginning, when your children are too young to physically perform an act of service by themselves, you can talk to them about what you are doing to serve others or have them do a little something extra to add to your service.

- When you prepare a meal for your table member who just had a baby, explain to your children why you're cooking extra food. Bring them along to deliver the meal and tell them about how God wants us to help others in their time of need.
- When you pick up the garbage you saw sitting around the local park, tell your children that God made our world and wants us to help keep it clean so that others can enjoy a clean park as well. If you have gloves or a bag, let them help in the clean up.
- When you perform manual labor to help a sick/elderly neighbor, have coloring time with your little one and let them make a card for their neighbor to deliver after the work is complete. During your coloring time, say a prayer with your child for the neighbor.
- When you put together a bag of food for the food pantry or a shoebox full of gifts for a needy child at Christmas, take your child shopping to choose the items and explain for whom you are purchasing the items. As you wrap or deliver the items, say a prayer with your child for the recipient.

My prayer for you this month is that today you will learn of ways to involve your children in service to others. If we set an example for our children and talk with them often of how to help others, they will grow up with a caring heart, concerned for others. We must model for them daily how to "love our neighbor as ourselves."

Love,

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About our speaker...

Yvette Finlay has been a follower of Jesus Christ for 28 years. She is married to her best friend, Craig, and is a mother to 6 lovely daughters, ranging from the ages of 20 to 12 years old. Yvette has a passion for women and is active in the Clarity's Women Ministry at First Baptist of Oviedo.

Let's Tip our Hats to...

- Rob Schelle, GM of Mitchell's Seafood Restaurant located in Winter Park Village, 460 N Orlando Ave in Winter Park, FL and his donation of a gift certificate.
- Whitney Backhaus for her donation of a Thirty-One Thermal Tote and a Thirty-One All in One Organizer.
- Just Between Friends Consignment Sale for donating \$40 in gift certificates to shop their next sale:
When: March 15 -18
Where: Altamonte Springs Hilton Hotel 350 North Lake Blvd., Altamonte Springs
<http://centralflorida.jbfsale.com/>
- 4 The Kids Premier Consignment Sale for donating a \$10 gift certificate to shop their next sale:
When: March 12 -17
Where: University Palms Shopping Center (Next to Publix)
4250 Alafaya Trail, Suite 164, Oviedo, FL 32765
<http://www.4thekidsconsignment.com/>



Did You Know?

Our very own MOPS group has jumped on the technology bandwagon and started our very own Facebook page! This is a great way to connect with all of our MOPS moms as well as receive reminders about upcoming events. If you are on Facebook, type "First Baptist Oviedo MOPS" into your search bar to find us. You can then request to join!



New Additions!

Please join us in welcoming our newest bundles of joy...

- Alexis Nickole Paladino was born on December 28th weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- Owen Gerry was born on February 8th weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- Lily Grace Warner was born on February 28th at 1:06pm, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches.

MOPPET Reminders

Please remember to label everything belonging to your child: blankets, bottles, sippy cups, etc. Please also keep in mind that your child will be visiting the playground so please send him/her in playground appropriate shoes and clothes.

VERY IMPORTANT – Moms must cancel their child's permanent spot in MOPPETS no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Advance notice is certainly appreciated so another mom who needs childcare can attend the meeting in your place. Phone calls can be made 24 hours a day to the church office. 407-365-3484 x152 (email is mops@fbcoviedo.org). Cancellations on the morning of the meeting cannot be done by email – phone calls ONLY!! (If a meeting is missed without calling, your child will be added to the wait list if one exists).



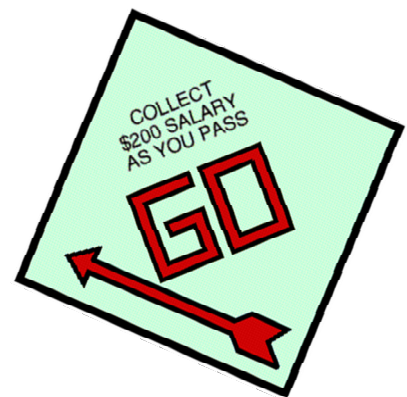
Swap Table

Each month we will have a swap table in the back of the room. If you have any items that you no longer want or need such as coupons, toys, gently used clothing, etc., please feel free to bring them to put on the table. Likewise, if you see something on the table that you can use, please help yourself! You do not have to bring an item to take an item. If you have any questions, please contact our Resource Coordinator, Debbie Williamson.

Birthday Celebrations!!



Heather Zediker March 7
Debbie Williamson March 14
Pat Burfitt March 16
Heather Earhart March 17
Lynsei Paladino March 23
Christina McCutchen March 26
Marla Poissant March 30
Jennifer Griffin March 30
Pearl Colley March 31



MOPS Cookbook

As Jenny mentioned at last month's meeting we will be compiling a cookbook filled with all of your delicious recipes! The easiest way for us to collect them is by email. If you have a recipe to submit please send an email to Whit.Oh@gmail.com with the type of recipe it is in the subject line (Appetizer, Main Course, Sides, Dessert) then in the body please include the recipe name, your fill name, and the recipe. It would be great if we could have all the recipes by our last MOPS meeting in May.

Upcoming MOPS Activities



Crop Craft and Chat is TOMORROW evening! Please join us for some much needed “mom” time!



What a fun day March 30th will be! We have our MOPS Easter Egg Hunt at 10am at Lake Mills Park. Don't forget to bring one dozen pre-filled eggs (no chocolate) for each of your MOPPETS and a picnic lunch!

Then that evening you can bring the whole family to the FBCO Hangar for a FREE movie! The featured flick is “Veggie Tales: Robin Good and His Not-So-Merry Men”. It starts at 6:30, but doors open at 6:00, so be sure to come and grab your spot! There will be a low cost concession stand with dinner and snacks available.

We hope you will be able to join these fun events!

Wanted / Services / For Sale

WANTED: Gently used children's clothes (Toddlers-5th Grade) and very gently used or new shoes (preferably for school aged children). My mom will be traveling to Guatemala for a mission trip with the Baptist Children's Home. They will be bringing clothes and shoes to the children at and around the malnutrition center. The local children cannot attend school without shoes so donations are needed. Please contact me (Whitney Backhaus) @ Whit.OH@gmail.com if you are interested in donating any items!

WANTED: A crib is needed for a local family. We have a mattress already! Please contact Debbie Valle, dvalle@fbcoviedo.org, 407-365-3484 if you have one that you can donate.

Please contact our (fill-in) Publicity chair, Whitney Backhaus @ Whit.OH@gmail.com if you have any items that you want listed in next month's newsletter.

Don't forget...

Our next meeting will be on April 12th at 9:30am. Next up to bring breakfast is our Lime table, and the Orange table will provide lunch. If you are at one of these tables please don't forget to sign up with your table leader!

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NOTES...

Discussion Questions:

- 1) If you could minister to any need in the world, what would it be?
- 2) How do you and your spouse feel about teaching your children to serve others through service work?
- 3) What kind of character qualities do you think service work will instill in your children and in your family as a whole?