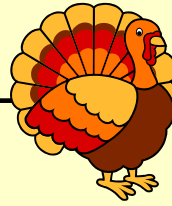


HONEST ABE MOPS TALK



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Nov./Dec. 2008

Giving Thanks

Giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Ephesians 5:20

This is the season that we all focus on being thankful. But these words remind us that we are to always give thanks. Let's use this year, this season, to renew a yearlong attitude of thanksgiving.

ABE Happenings!

Playdate: Friday, November 21 at 9:15 a.m. at the Eastland Mall play area (near Dillard's). Kids can play and moms can visit. After, you may even want to do a little shopping or bring your stroller and get a in a walk! Hope to see you there!



The ABE Hog Roast was a great success. Food and fellowship was shared and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the ABE church members. We look forward to more events at ABE!

Operation Christmas Child:

Collection will take place through November 22 in the lobby of church.



Mom's Night Out (Game Night)

Game night was held on Thursday, October 23 at Jill Hadley's house. Much fun and laughter was had while playing Pictionary and Catch Phrase. Thanks to those ladies who attended and thanks to Jill for hosting!

Our next "Mom's Night Out" will be on Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m. It will be a Christmas Wrapping party and cookie exchange at Leigh Schroeders house. Look for more details later!

What MOPS Moms Are Reading

Each newsletter we would like to include a section on "What MOPS Moms Are Reading." Add your reading suggestions to our "Tip Jar" at the next meeting.

Melody Plisky just finished reading the book *When Joy Came to Stay* by Karen Kingsbury. It tells the story of a woman who seemed to be the perfect Christian, but she was just wearing a mask. A fiction book with a great message. Check it out!

Lori Lyon suggests reading *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women* by Jay Allison. It includes an essay entitled "There is no job more important than parenting" which she found very interesting.

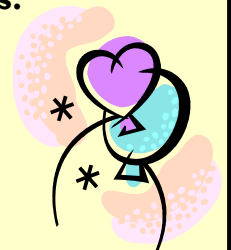
Birthdays and Anniversaries

November/December Birthdays:

Melody Plisky 11/26
Laura Fair 12/8
Lisa Gordon 12/11
Yvette Cevallos 12/17
Kara Root 12/21
Renee Rockers 12/23

November/December Anniversaries:

Yvette Cevallos 12/23
Kara Root 12/31



Birth Announcements

Congratulations to our new mommies!

Rachel Payne welcomed baby boy Nathan Patrick on October 17 at 2:24 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Danielle Ziliak gave birth to baby girl Ruby Joy on October 26 at 7:41 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long.



MOPS Spotlight: Meet a Discussion Group Leader

Mary Ruth Brunton

Being a mom continues to challenge me to be the woman of faith that I know God longs for me to be. Everyday I am faced with my weaknesses and am humbled that God would choose ME to care for and help mold these two beautiful and amazing little people.

Recently I caught my four year old son, Caleb, with a sheet of shiny "star" stickers that we often use for charts and special occasions. While I was only half paying attention, he proceeded to unpeel ALL of the stickers on the page and place them on my shirt. Just before I could scold him for wasting

the stickers, I noticed his beaming smile and I was reminded that stickers are meant to be used... sometimes even frivolously, and so I decided to let it go. After he placed the final sticker on my shirt I looked at him and asked him what I did to deserve all these stars, and he looked up at me and said, "I just love you a whole lot." What a reminder that even on those days I feel I don't deserve any "stars", my Heavenly Father continues to lavish me with grace & blessings, not because of what I do or don't do, but because He just loves me a whole lot.



Little Laughs.....

WHY GOD MADE MOMS: Answers given by children in the 2nd grade to the following questions:

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds, angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



MOPS Coat A Kid Reminder

We will continue to collect coats through our December 8th meeting. Coats of all sizes are needed. Thanks for your contribution and know that someone will be very warm this winter with your donation!