



MOMS Monthly News

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Thought of the day:

“Every time we encourage someone, we give them a transfusion of courage”

Charles Swindoll

MOMS 3rd Annual Conference

A big thanks to all who attended the MOMS Conference February 11th at Northview Community Church in Abbotsford.

I can tell you that my smile muscles hurt after our day together ☺. I had the privilege of meeting many of you, and I even got a good baby fix (my baby turned 10 in January). ☺

I hope all of you enjoyed your day with us went home refreshed, encouraged and equipped with some practical tools to implement in your families.

Thanks again to all of our speakers, vendors and volunteers who made the conference happen.

We received so much good feedback and are thinking of how to implement these new ideas for next year. One idea includes a discount for you if you bring a friend who has not attended our conference before. We hope you'll join us again next year and bring a friend.

We will also work on adjusting the conference schedule to allow for longer workshop times, which was popular request.

MOMS Spring Tea

Mark your calendars!

MOMS next big event is **MOMS Spring Tea:**

Date: Friday, May 12, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Abbotsford Christian Assembly, 3970 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford

This event is for mothers, daughters (age 5 and up), grandmothers and mother in laws.

More information to follow next month.

Tickets available first week of April at MOMS Chapters or through m.o.m.s.@telus.net

MOMS Needs You!

Part of **MOMS** mandate is to provide women with an opportunity to use their talents.

I know there are some of you out there who are looking for a project to work on that will stimulate your creativity and thinking.

The problem is many times we wait to be asked to help, and I don't know all of you personally or I am unaware of your areas of interest.

Speaking honestly, before I started this program I didn't have any idea or interest in writing a manual or curriculum, or have one ounce of confidence to stand up in front of a group. I didn't even know how to coordinate a program. But what I did have was a passion for moms and families and a willingness to go for it! What I have found along the way is that as I give to others, I am built up too, and every try at something that succeeds builds my confidence.

MOMS needs help in different areas and all I ask for is a willingness and interest on your part to go for it!

MOMS is currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Ideas in promoting the MOMS program in our communities (advertising)
- Women willing to help collect donations for MOMS Dinner and Silent auction to be held Fall 2006
- Someone to help with fundraising ideas
- A teacher or pre-school teacher to help in writing the Bumble Bees Curriculum for next year
- Someone to help produce a promotional package for MOMS including DVD

Ladies if you are waiting to be asked, consider this your invitation. Volunteering does not mean you have to be in charge of anything and I promise I will help with each area listed.

To volunteer or just ask questions please call **Kelly Rader 604-855-5766** or e-mail **m.o.m.s.@telus.net**

Community Events

Girls Night Out

A **free evening** for women featuring food, gifts and entertainment at the following places:

Abbotsford: March 7 th	Northview Community Church 7:30 p.m.	604-853-2931
Chilliwack: March 11 th	Chilliwack Alliance Church 7:00 p.m.	604-792-0051
Cloverdale: March 9 th	Cloverdale Baptist Church	604-574-8799

Although the event is free you need a ticket. Tickets available at House of James (Abbotsford) or Blessings Christian Marketplace (Chilliwack, Langley, Coquitlam) or call 1-800-654-2713.

Dance Show

“Womanhood: Honoring Wife, Mother, Sister, Daughter” produced by Jocelyn Fornwald
Saturday May 13th, 7:00 p.m. MEI School auditorium
Tickets: \$10.00 and available at Abbotsford Vineyard Church Office 604-864-9162