

MOPS BUCKET

the HOME factor—BEGIN HERE, GO THERE

“...he lives with you and will be in you.”- John 14:17

UPCOMING events:

Scavenger Hunt
WBBC Chapel
March 1
5pm

**Antiquities
Portrait Selection**
March 4
Times Vary

MOPS Meeting
March 14
9:30– 11:30 am

Easter
March 23

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WELCOME HOME: THE LIVING ROOM

The “Living” Room

Thanks to everyone that joined us for our great book discussion from *Five Star Families*. If you didn't get a chance to read all of the book, make sure you do! You will enjoy it!

This month we are honored to have Michelle Rahn from Colorado join our MOPS group. She has been a Mentor Mom for 7 years to 130 moms in the Denver area. She previously taught school

for 28 years and now is Ms. Senior America 2004. Since retirement, Michelle started teaching discipline to school staff. We look forward to hearing her speak about “Whose Crown Are You Really Wearing?”

Also this month, Dawn has planned for us to assemble Resurrection Eggs. What a great way to teach

your children about the REAL meaning of Easter! See you March 14th!



FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD: YOUR FRIENDLY REMINDER!
Chefs: Bedroom Beauties (DG Leader- Margaret Kotchey)
Housekeepers: Backyard Bombshells (DG Leader- Jamee Burch)
THANKS FOR HELPING OUT, LADIES!

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HOUSEKEEPING— BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March:

Mar 3- Tami Fowler
Mar 23- Cheryl Rifner
Mar 26- Ashley Brandes
Mar 28- Fawn Huttinger
Mar 30- Jessica Moore
Mar 31- Ruth Ann Patten

Mar 25– Gwen & Jonathan Jankovich

Kim & Jason by Jason Kotacki www.kimandjason.com



Daylight Savings Time begins March 9th! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

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For every house is
built by someone,

but the builder of all
things is God.

Hebrews 3:4

JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black so for the sins we made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A jar full of jelly beans
so colorful and sweet;
is a prayer, is a promise,
is a loved one's treat.



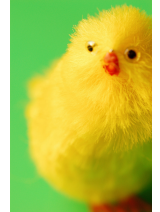
KID'S CRAFT TABLE:

Painting With PEEPS®!

Materials Needed: Construction Paper, Vanilla Pudding, Easter Peeps®

Cut large Easter egg shapes out of the construction paper. Put dollops of vanilla pudding in a small bowl and then use the Peeps® as the "paintbrush". The Peeps® makes a perfect grip for little hands and gives a great sponge-effect for painting. The Peep® will change the color of the pudding!
Once your child is finished painting, they can eat their "paintbrush".

Note: This year, Peeps® will come in the traditional blue, pink, yellow and lavender, but they are introducing new GREEN Peeps®!



Trivia Question!

What color was the cloak that Jesus wore when he went to the cross?

- A. Green
- B. White
- C. Black
- D. Purple

Hint: John 19:2,5

Please e-mail your response to wbbcmops@gmail.com for a chance to be entered for a raffle at our next meeting.

THE POWDER ROOM- HOME BEAUTY TIPS

Scrub Away the Stress and Toil This Spring Cleaning Season

(ARA) – Many of us continually seek ways to make house cleaning easier and less time-consuming. This spring cleaning season, the secret is revealed. Determine the level of cleanliness (or chaos) you can live with and then establish cleaning routines throughout the year to help achieve and maintain that level. "I understand the importance of a clean home, but like most women, I'm not willing to invest too much precious time or back-breaking effort in housework," says Kelly Semrau, SC Johnson vice president of global public affairs and communication. "That's why we continually create new products that provide innovative cleaning solutions, and help achieve top results with minimal energy."

Building a cleaning schedule can be confusing if one doesn't know how often chores should be completed. Scrub away some of the stress and toil this spring cleaning season by following a few simple timing guidelines year-round.

The Daily Dose

Daily tasks vary from family to family, but it's easy to determine what needs to be done each day. Look for the chores that are repeated, including the following:

- * Nearly everyone deals with dishes every day, whether washing them by hand or loading them into the dishwasher.

- * Large families – or those with small wardrobes – may need to do

laundry every day. For tough stains, be sure to use a stain remover right away so they don't settle into the fabric.

- * Some loathe the smell or sight of garbage and so choose to take it out on a daily basis.

Weekly To-Dos

Weekly chores can be the most time-consuming, so look to employ shortcuts, like engaging the entire family in the household chores or using products that minimize the need for excessive elbow grease. Below are some top weekly chores.

- * Vacuuming and dusting on a weekly basis prevents buildup of dust that can trigger allergies.

- * Kitchen items like counters and microwaves get a lot of use, and may require a quick cleaning each week.

- * Guests and household members appreciate a clean bathroom, which means there needs to be a weekly wipe-down of the counters, toilet and soap-scummed tub. Products like new SC Johnson Scrubbing Bubbles Action Scrubber, which combines the cleaning power of Scrubbing Bubbles with an easy-to-use handle – tears through soap scum and grime easier and quicker.

Calendar of Chores

Handling a few chores monthly will erase some of the stress that comes with spring cleaning. It will prevent scrubbing a year's worth of gunk in each room of the house.

- * Some items with limited hands-on use, like ceiling fans and light fixtures, only require a quick cleaning once a month.

- * Clean out one cluttered area each month, such as closets and cabinets, so they don't have to be dealt with all at once.

- * Kitchen tasks, like cleaning out the refrigerator and wiping down other kitchen appliances, are too big to tackle on a weekly basis but would be overwhelming after a year.

Seasonal Housework

Think of the things that should probably be done every three to six months, but that won't bring the world to an end if they are put off until spring cleaning season.

- * Some household chores are best to complete in the spring or summer, like washing the exterior of the windows and cleaning the patio furniture.

- * Once a year, bring in the pros to clean carpets, launder drapes and fabric lampshades.

- * An easy one to forget is the inspection of, and performing maintenance on, heating and cooling units by cleaning the vents and replacing filters.

- * Set up area insect repellents in the yard so spending summer evenings outdoors will be almost bug-free.

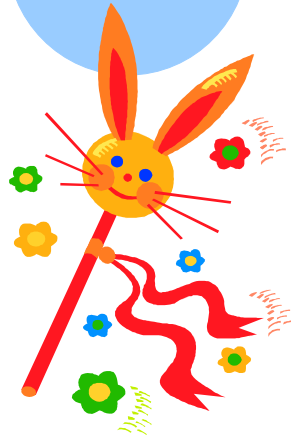
Cleaning your home doesn't need to be a second job this spring and you should consider ways to make it enjoyable.

Courtesy of ARAcontent

FAMILY ROOM: BUNNIES

Needed: White paper plate, uncooked macaroni noodles, straw from broom, pipe cleaners, glue

Directions: Making a bunny from a paper plate and noodles will be a lot of fun. Start by taking a plain paper plate and gluing uncooked macaroni noodles to the plate for the bunny's face. Cut a few straws off of a broom for the whiskers and glue those in place as well. Do not forget the bunny ears! Pipe cleaners that are bent in the shape of an ear will work and you can glue those to the back of the plate!



MOM, IS IT CHALLENGING FOR YOU TO FIND A MOMENT OF QUIET IN YOUR BUSY DAY?

Caring for your children is the most important work you will ever do— but every mom needs a break to refresh and recharge. Here is a special new opportunity!

First Baptist Church of Palmetto is hosting a weekly Mom's Prayer Group, Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 beginning February 26th. Come join your sisters in Christ and lift up and encourage each other!

PRAYING MOMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Childcare is available with preregistration! For more info, please contact Jill Garrott@981-3275 or jgarrott@tampabay.rr.com

The Kitchen corner

EASTER-STORY COOKIES

To be made the evening before Easter

You will need:

- 1 cup whole pecans
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- pinch salt
- 1 cup sugar

- zipper baggie
- wooden spoon
- tape
- Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important-- don't wait til you're half-done with the recipe!)

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.

Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. *Read John 10:10-11.*

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. *Read Luke 23:27.*

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Ex-

Position Open

We need your help! Our MOPS group will have a vacancy for the Discussion Group Team Leader position for the next MOPS year (2008-2009). Some of the responsibilities include finding discussion group leaders for our discussion groups and developing questions pertaining to the meeting theme. Be prayerfully considering if God is calling you to volunteer. To ask questions and get more information: please contact Margaret @ 747-7662.

THE FRONT YARD-

LOCAL AND WORLD OUTREACH

WBBC MOPS is still sponsoring Victor Zegarrundo, 4, of Bolivia. He enjoys cars and attending Sunday School. He helps by cleaning the house. His father is a bricklayer. His mother is unemployed. Our sponsorship provides Bible teaching, health education, recreational activities, tutoring, vocational training and medical care. If you would like, you may leave a monetary donation to help sponsor Victor each month. Thanks for your help!



plain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. *Read Ps.34:8 and John 3:16.*

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. *Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.*

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. *Read Matt. 27:57-60.*

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn

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MOPPETS WORKERS NEEDED

We are in dire need of MOPPETS workers each month. Many of our workers have relocated, taken ill, or had other job commitments arise. We need 12 workers for each meeting. These worker are crucial for our MOPS meetings to occur. We need time away from our kids to refresh! Please ask at your local church, family members, or even friends to see if anyone could volunteer to watch children for 2 hours once a month.

THANKS TO ALL MOPS

Thanks MOPS moms for all your hard work with our fundraiser! We had a GREAT turnout with 60 sittings. We raised over \$1000 for our MOPS group!!! Way to go!

the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. *Read Matt. 27:65-66.*

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. *Read John 16:20 and 22.*

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. *Read Matt. 28:1-9*

Better Moms Make A Better World



Mothers of Preschoolers

THE BACKYARD

- FUN and Recreation!

March 1- Girls Night Out! Scavenger Hunt- 5:00pm

Come join us at the church for a night of fellowship and fun! Dinner and childcare provided.

March 4- Antiquities

Picture Day- Our great pictures taken by Josh from Antiquities return!

We can't wait to see how cute they will be! We will be calling everyone as a reminder.

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Meeting Times

MOPS

2ND FRIDAY MORNING
9:30—11:30 a.m.

PLAYGROUP AT LEWIS PARK

EVERY THURSDAY
MORNING
9:30a.m.—UNTIL

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