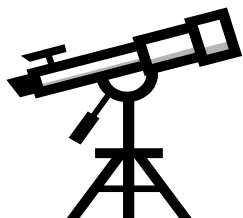




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"For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20

Mission Specialist: Anne Layton

We are sad to announce that this will be Anne Layton and Ginny Ellington's last year as MOPS mentors. I don't know what we are going to do without their gentle wisdom and perspective. They have meant a great deal to the women in our group, and we just can't stand to let them go.

Anne was born and raised on a farm near Cynthiana, KY. She was the only daughter with two older brothers. She and her husband, Dick, have been married 54 years. They have 3 children, a son and two daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Anne has been a MOPS mentor for 10 years now. She says, "I would tell young mothers to have patience and carry through with what you ask your children to do. Be consistent with your discipline. It is so easy for these young ones to "wear us down" and we ease up on what is expected. Always let them know they are loved not only by showing them but also by your words "I Love You"."

Ginny Ellington was also born in Cynthiana, KY. She and her hus-

band, R.W., have been married 42 years. They have two grown sons, and no grandchildren, yet. Ginny has retired from public education and now teaches at UK.

Ginny says, "To me being a parent is the most important job any one can have. To nurture your children and bring them up in a Christian home is a full time job!! Children grow up so fast, they are in school, graduating, marrying, etc. before you know it. Love them, enjoy them and put them in God's hands."

Please let these two women know how much we love and appreciate them.



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Moppet Worker Donations

Thank our children's Moppet workers by donating a gift prize for their thank-you brunch, such as cookbooks, photo albums, picture frames, flowers, wind chimes, gift cards, or money. Please bring the donations to our May meeting.

Stellar Commendations

Special thanks goes to all of **YOU** who gave to the KY Refugee Ministries.

Thank you to the **Luna Ladies** for today's brunch.

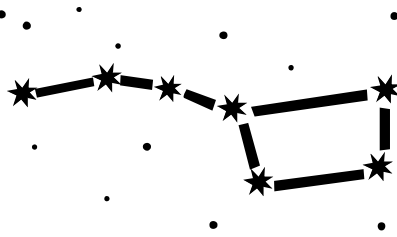
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Joy When You Least Expect It

We write this to make our joy complete. 1 John 1:4, NIV. Joy. Complete joy. The book of 1 John, and indeed, the entire Bible were written with this joy in mind.

But let me back up a little bit in 1 John and tell you more about this joy. The verse before says, *"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."* This joy involves fellowship, or friendship, with both God and each other.

It also begins with what the apostle John saw and heard, himself, and what we have seen and heard ourselves. So, I will write a little bit about what I've been experiencing.

Let me start out with one of the worst words in the English language - a funeral. One friend of mine says that funerals terrify him and that he never attends. But, please, bear with me here, just for a moment. Funerals have been on my mind lately, since attending my grandma's funeral.

Some years ago, we had been speaking of a different funeral in another place. Even as funerals go, it had been an awful one.

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Little Dipper (Moppet Children)

By Sherry Kenney

This month the children will learn that Jesus is alive! Our Bible story comes from Matthew 28:8-10. Children will use the finger play below to help learn the Easter story.

Jesus had died on a cross. (Hold index fingers to form a cross.)
His friends had felt a great loss. (Pretend to wipe tears away.)
But when they got to the stone, (Have fingers "walk")
They saw that they weren't alone. (Point)
An angel said, "Don't cry." (Shake finger "no.")
Jesus is alive! (Clap.)

Children will also sing this song to the tune of *"Where is Thumbkin?"* to help them remember the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive!

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus? (Cup hands to look like an empty tomb.)
He's not here! He's not here! (Shrug shoulders.)
The tomb is very empty. (Cup hands like tomb.)
I wonder where he could be? (Shrug shoulders.)
Let's go look. Let's go look. (Shield eyes and look one way and then the other way)
Here is Jesus. Here is Jesus. ("Walk" index finger from behind back.)
He's alive! He's alive! (Cup hands around mouth as if yelling.)
The tomb is very empty. (Cup hands like tomb.)
On this Easter morning. (Extend hands.)
Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. (Clap hands quietly on each word.)



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As far as we knew, only two people attended the funeral, and it had been heart-breaking in its loneliness and dismal in its lack of hope. The deceased had not been a Christian, although we had hoped and prayed for a change in heart and mind. We still hope; love always hopes. Maybe in her last moments, or just before, maybe then she had called out to the Savior, and maybe, in His grace, He answered, like He answered the thief on the cross in His last moments. We will never know, in this lifetime, and the not knowing is what brings us the added sadness.

It seemed unreal that she had no friends to attend her funeral. No one. And that she had died completely alone, sleeping on top of her case of good silverware, guarding it from who knows whom. In the end, the silverware hadn't mattered. She couldn't take it with her. It had been days before she had even been missed and found.

A friend of mine overheard us talking about this funeral, but more, I think, saw the looks on our faces. She had just come from a funeral, as well: her aunt's. She told us that her aunt's funeral had been a far different one from the one we had mentioned. Her aunt's funeral had been one of hope and of the joy of a life well-lived. Her aunt had been a Christian.

It was this difference in the funerals that caused my friend to think about becoming a Christian, herself. And she did. Because of a difference in funerals. Because she wanted her life to have a purpose, a hope, and to be a celebration in its final chapter. She chose to be like her aunt.



So where and how do we get this Hope? And is it a True Hope?

The Bible speaks about this Hope in the words, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* - Hebrews 6:19

Again, the Bible speaks of our Hope with the words, *"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* -Romans 5:5-8

This "Hope does not disappoint us." That is a huge claim to make, and one that is very comforting. Our Hope is in God Himself, and in His trustworthy character in what He tells us in His Word. He tells us our Hope is in His deep love for us - a love so deep that it compelled Him to do the unspeakable. He ransomed us from the tyranny of the wrongs we had done. Those wrongs had separated us from Him, and injured ourselves and those we love. The ransom price, as you may know, goes far beyond all worth - His Own Blood. This Hope goes far beyond the wishy-washy wishful thinking that we had for the loved one who may

have died without Christ. There is no comparison.

What do we do with such a gift? Ignore it? Refuse it? We can't pay the price ourselves. It's far beyond what we will ever have or own or do. What about saying "Thank you," and "I'm sorry," and loving Him back, with obedience, not just in baptism, but in all of our lives?

I once heard a preacher answer the question, "What do I have to do?" by saying that the question was wrong. It should be "What can I do, out of gratitude and love?" The question isn't about how we can do the minimum and still get into heaven. Jesus did everything; He did the most; He paid it all. The question is about how we go about loving Him, for we certainly can't pay Him back, not even with everything we have and everything we are. And finally, please don't leave your families wondering, and not knowing.

My grandma's funeral was a celebration of her life, her love and her faith. She had loved people, welcoming them into her home, and my uncle says that 150 people signed the guest book for her funeral.

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Baby Max

We are celebrating with our MOPPETS curriculum leader, Sherry Kenney, on the birth of her newest son, Maxwell Glenn Kenney, 9 lbs, 6 oz., born March 23, 2010.

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He spoke about how she taught them about Jesus as children, and how she devoted her whole life to loving the people in her church and in her family. Her death was and still is painful for us, of course - although she told us that nothing hurt her. But, even so, there was **joy** where you might least expect it - at her funeral.

It is nice to be missed by those you love on earth, but it is more important to be welcomed into heaven.

"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. We grieve, but we do not grieve like those who have no hope. The difference is huge.
—Cathy Cramer, Publicity



Resources From the Library Cart

Why is There a Cross?

*By Kathleen Long
Bostrom*

When our oldest daughter was between four and five, she started asking some very good questions about Christianity and becoming a Christian. Our church recommended this book as a gentle, nonthreatening way to answer some of her questions. It can bring clarity in a very Biblically based way. This book is available on our library cart.



What About Heaven?

*By Kathleen Long
Bostrom*

This is another good book for preschoolers asking questions about heaven and Christianity. It also brings clarity in a very Biblically based way that appeals to young children. Even adults may be surprised to learn how much the Bible says about what Heaven is like.

Heaven is Not A Crying Place: Teaching Your Child About Funerals, Death, And the Life Beyond

- Joey O'Connor

We first read this book upon the death of our third daughter, almost seven years ago. This is a comforting read for parents to help them answer the questions and needs of grieving children. Children do not grieve the way adults do, and children in grieving families have additional emotional needs that are addressed in this book in a loving way. This book is available on our library cart. - Cathy Cramer, publicity



Out of This World

Events for Kids (Not associated with MOPS)

Bible Study Fellowship—introduction and sign up for fall, Wednesdays May 5th and 12th, 9-11, First Alliance Church. This is a Bible Study for both women and preschoolers through kindergarten. Although BSF has classes for children, there is **no** childcare for the introductory meeting. Register soon. There is often a waiting list. If you would like to register, but have no childcare for the introductory meeting, call me personally, Cathy Cramer, 263-9362.

Upcoming Missions

Special Events—Denise Bauer



Wednesday, April 7 – Moms & Kids

It's tour time! We'll meet at 9:30 at the Liberty Road Post Office and let Willie show us around.

Monday, April 19 – Mom's Night Out

Let's have some fun and fondue at the Melting Pot! We'll meet for cheese & chocolate at 6:30.

Tuesday, April 27 – Moms & Kids

Join your MOPS friends at 10:00 for a no-fuss playdate. Location to be determined.

Thursday, April 29—Moms and Kids, Musikgarten of Lexington

There are two classes: Birth—2 1/2 10-10:30, 2 1/2 and Up 10:45-11:15, at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. There's a playroom for the kids between classes.

Friday, May 7 – Moms & Kids

Let's go enjoy some sunshine! We'll meet at Woodland Park at 10:30am. There are plenty of picnic tables, so bring a sack lunch if you want.

Thursday, May 20 – Moms Night Out - TENTATIVE

Back by popular demand! Join us for an evening of fun. We'll start out at 6:30pm with appetizer's at ? (or coffee and dessert if you prefer) and then head into the mall for an old fashioned scavenger hunt! Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Teams will be made once sign-ups are done. If you have a preference who is on your team just let me know! If you want to join in for just the scavenger hunt feel free (just let me know)!

Tuesday, May 25 – Moms & Kids

Join your MOPS friends at 10:00 for a no-fuss playdate. Location to be determined.

Coming Soon!!! Summer Playdates and Moms Night Out Events

Just because the semester ends with our May meeting doesn't mean that the fun and friendships stop over the summer. Be on the lookout for more information coming about playgroups and Moms Night Out Events.

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