



**Take Me To Your Leaders**

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

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**Mission Specialist: Mary Furnish**

*How long have you been married?*  
23 years

*How many children do you have?*  
2-Ken-15 and Kathryn-12 (my MOPS kid)

*How long have you been with MOPS?*

Since it started at TCCC in one capacity or another, except one year when I worked half-time at UK

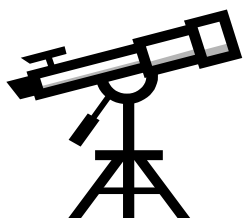
*What are your positions in the church and in MOPS?*

I am on the Preschool Ministry Team, was circle chair for 5 years in the Sarah Circle, teach 3rd grade boys Sunday School and 3 year olds during Second Service at church, and in MOPS, I have been a mommy, a D-Group leader, childcare volunteer, childcare volunteer floater, and MOP-PETS coordinator (this is my 7th year as this!).

*What would you most like to tell mothers of young kids?*

They really do grow up so fast. Forget the housework and play with your kids! And take lots of pictures!!!

See Mary's article, *Sticky Fingerprints* on page 5.



## Register for MOPS 2010-2011

Next year's theme is "Momology: The Art & Science of Mothering"

Planning on being a part of MOPS next year? Pick up a new registration form for next year today. Have a friend or neighbor that might like to give MOPS a try? Take a couple extra registration sheets to pass on to others.

## 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.

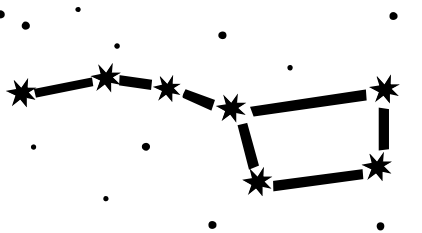
## Stellar Commendations

Thank you to **Jessica Holbrook** for last month's Pampered Chef door prize and to **Lori Settles** for last month's Tupperware door prize.

Thank you to the **Galaxy Gals** for today's brunch.

## Fun Websites

Don't know what's for dinner? Type the ingredients you have in the kitchen and it will show you some possibilities  
<http://www.recipematch.com/>



## Mother's Day Special

*In honor of Mother's Day and my grandmother (1911-2010) who has meant a great deal to me, I am rerunning an article celebrating the older women in our lives. She would've been 99 on May 13th.*

Many of us have had a woman in our families (a mom, an aunt, a grandma) who has a life deeply rooted in faith. For those who haven't, I pray for someone like that for you or that you may be someone like that for others.

On the day before Mother's Day last year, my grandma had her 95th birthday party. I don't think this was a typical 95th party in that Mamaw is still fully herself, still going strong. Of course, at 95, she does need some help, but she dressed prettily in vivid blue and participated keenly in conversation. The doctors call her a marvel because she hardly needs any medications and she is still in very good health.

My husband said she was "holding court, with one of her children as a court assistant on her right," and a loved one laughing, talking animatedly or speaking softly and confidentially together with her on her left.

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## Little Dipper (Moppet Children)

*By Sherry Kenney*

This month's Moppet lesson is entitled "What Makes Me Special?"

Children will learn that each of us is special to God and to each other.

The bible verse for today's lesson is "Then God looked over all He had made, and He saw that it was very good!" (Genesis 1:31a)

Children will learn this song to the tune of *The Mulberry Bush*.

You are special  
to God and me  
(point to another child),  
God and me,  
God and me.  
(Point to other children.)  
You are special  
to God and me.  
(Point to another child.)  
God made you special.  
(Clap hands.)

- Sherry Kenney,  
*MOPPETS curriculum*



## Mother's Day, *Continued from Page 2*

The image of her holding court and reigning as a queen is somewhat out of character because she refuses to consider her own importance and fully loves her family and friends. But there is some truth in that image – as one lady sought her out to hear about a grandmother she didn't know, another lady in frail health embraced her, clung to her, and cried, and others came to her to ask things or hear things. I spent my time with her just admiring her and trying to keep my toddlers out of trouble at her feet. My husband, who helped run a free valet service for her court subjects – I mean, those who attended her party – thought that she had about seventy-five people come to see her from both her family and church.

My pastor talked about godly women on that Mother's Day, and Mamaw is one. Sometimes, I worry what our family will be like in the future without her. I don't mean anything immediate. I just mean that when we can no longer keep her as long as we want, her absence would be much more than the painful "just" missing her.

I wonder what our family would be like without all our prayer warriors? There are so many blessings that we take for granted because we didn't ask for them. Others have asked for them on our behalf. Without them to pray, will we wonder about what went wrong, mature a little, and pray ourselves? Or will we just whine about the blessings we don't have, because we never thought to ask?

I frequently pray selfishly that my children will know and re-



member their great-grandma and her faith – not in some pristine, bad-smelling hospital, but as she is now, living vibrantly in a little stone house in a woods of spring wildflowers. I know that I'm asking for a miracle in regards to Bethany remembering her well. Even if Mamaw reaches a hundred, which some of her family has done, Bethany would only be six. And a hundred years is not long enough with Mamaw.

At whatever age I've been, Mamaw has always been that age as well, with me, and More. When I was an argumentative teen, more than once she reminded me to see the good in my parents, when I could've just gone a separate road. What she told me gently then, I could see as truth. If she had been harsh or manipulative then, ... well, but that would have been quite out of character for her. If she reigns, she reigns in gentleness and obvious love. Frankly, I can't imagine parenting teens without her because I know that I am not her equal in faith, and my children would be so lacking without her.

When I was a new bride, she gave me the best marital advice out of anyone at the ceremony, before or since. She was uniquely qualified to do so, because she found sixty-seven years with her husband to be not enough years together and mourned him deeply. I called her on a birthday at the hospital with him in deteriorating health,

facing death. I told her that I knew it wouldn't be a good birthday for her, but she told me, "Any day with John is a good day." A friend who witnessed this second-hand told me that they had found a rare love that few of us could hope to find, that Mamaw did not consider caring for him that long a burden, but still a treasured blessing.

That friend's comment surprised me because such love does seem common in my family. Not guaranteed, and certainly not taken for granted. But it exists here and there, and some of it, I think is due to the example and the advice that she had given us. Now I know that some people try their hardest to make a relationship work and then face the deepest grief of losing someone, not to death, but to divorce. I cannot blame them for things I don't know or understand. I just know that my grandparents had found a way to make a rare lifetime love a reality, and I did share some of that in our October newsletter.

When I was a newly-nursing mom, she talked with me about nursing as if she'd only done it a couple of years ago herself, rather than well over seventy years before. I guess some things you never forget. She also told me the secret of how to tell when to lay a baby down  
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## Mother's Day

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for a nap. Referring to Tracy Hogg's early parenting book, *Secrets of the Baby Whisperer*, one aunt told me that Mamaw is our family's own "Baby Whisperer." Mamaw never insisted that I parent her way, but gave me the freedom to decide where things have changed and where they remain the same. Surprisingly, much is the same, and what is different is still interesting, about parenting in a different time and place.

After we had lost a baby and I found myself expecting again, my mom told me not to tell Mamaw because she'd worry "too much." I thought that she was tougher than that and I knew if I were to grieve that deeply again, I would be completely unable to contain it all inside. But, despite overwhelming morning sickness, I tried to keep it a secret out of respect for my mom. Mamaw laughingly told me, "I'm not so old that you can keep that a secret from me."

And now, she is showing us a good way to live as an older woman. I hope it isn't too grim to think, but I also hope that whenever we can't keep her as long as we would want, that she would also show us how to face



death. Now, I'm certainly not wishing her a difficult time, and I'm not pressuring her to be perfect during one of the most challenging times in a life. Even Jesus sweat drops of blood the night before He was betrayed, anticipating what would occur. I just think that she knows a great deal more than I do on the matter, and we will all come to our own final moments.

Of course, for now, there are always conversations about God, church, and faith. I don't know if I've ever had a visit with her in which God was never mentioned.

There have been so many other things, too, far too many for me to record here, but I think you get the picture. It frightens me to lose her at some point in the future. It would make me feel aimless, without some sort of anchor.

But that is not really doing either one of us justice. She has shown me better than that. I am just not her equal. My faith has not had to go through the things she has.

Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
(from New International Version)

Some time ago, there was a chorus that paraphrased this verse as, "You have been a shelter, Lord, to every generation, A sanctuary from the storm, to every generation, to every generation, to every generation, Lord." It was well sung on the recording we had, with different voices of people of different ages and the point was clearly this. No matter how deeply we love others, our hope isn't in them, but in our Shelter. The same God that has been my Mamaw's Shelter is and will be mine. And my kids.' - 2006, Cathy Cramer, *Publicity*



## Out of This World

Events for Kids (Not associated with MOPS)

**Tates Creek Church—High Seas Adventure Vacation Bible School**, June 13-18, evenings, 6:30-8:30 with the carnival on the 18th. Ages 4 years to 5th grade. [Register at tatescreek.org](http://tatescreek.org)

**Bible Study Fellowship**—introduction and sign up for fall, Wednesday 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.

**Rainbow Show Puppets—Tates Creek Library**, Thursday, May 13th, 10:30– 11:30 AM. Celebrate Children's Book Week with a puppet show presentation of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. All ages. Reservations required.

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### Sticky Fingerprints

Sticky fingerprints and handprints have evolved emotionally for me. When my children were small, I detested them. They were everywhere. On the front door. The bathroom mirror. The hallway. The TV. Absolutely everywhere.

I would get the dishcloth from the kitchen sink, purposefully stop and kneel down and scrub, scrub, scrub them away.

Ah, clean again. I would think, if it could just stay clean, I would be happier. As the years went by, the finger-



prints moved up the wall and got easier to clean off. I didn't have to kneel down anymore. Thank goodness for little favors. Lord knows I was tired and needed a bit of a break.

She was my second child and my first child was a real challenge. And then, as time went by, I didn't see those fingerprints and handprints so much anymore. One day, I noticed one of her little handprint that I'd somehow missed on the backdoor for the last year and realized it had become something more than a nuisance. It was time stopped.

She made it when she was smaller. So much smaller. And I realized that she would never be that small again.

So I did not get my dishcloth and scrub it away. I left it alone.

And everytime I passed that little handprint on the backdoor, I felt a surge of bittersweet in me. How much she has grown since she made that handprint...and is that with peanut butter or mud? Quite frankly, I didn't care. I left it there.

And when we sold that

house. I had to leave it. Gulp.

And somehow, my own mom must have picked up on my feelings for this handprint, because shortly after that, she asked to have my daughter over, and while there, used one of those plaster of paris handprint kits and gave me a handprint of her ever-growing hand before she grew anymore. And I cried.

It hangs in my bedroom and I smile bittersweet at it everyday, knowing that now rather than wiping her handprints off the walls, I now only have to put her on the middle school bus. And as she drives away, she presses her hand against the window to wave goodbye.

-Mary Furnish, MOPPET  
Volunteer Coordinator



*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"*  
Isaiah 49:15, NIV

*"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."*  
- Exodus 20:12, NIV

*Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.*  
- Proverbs 23:22, NIV

*A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.*  
- Proverbs 15:20, NIV

# 2010 Summer Movies

Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00am (box offices usually open at 9:30)

REGAL (Hamburg) 264-8341 FREE

<http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx?state=KY>

06/08/2010-06/09/2010 Mr. Bean's Holiday (G) & Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG)

06/15/2010-06/16/2010 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) & Hotel for Dogs (PG)

06/22/2010-06/23/2010 Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: Veggie Tale Movie (G) & Imagine That (PG)

06/29/2010-06/30/2010 Aliens in the Attic (PG) & Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)

07/06/2010-07/07/2010 Polar Express (G) & Daddy Day Care (PG)

07/13/2010-07/14/2010 The Tale of Despereaux (G) & Surf's Up (PG)

07/20/2010-07/21/2010 Doogal (G) & The Bee Movie (PG)

07/27/2010-07/28/2010 March Of The Penguins (G) & Kung Fu Panda (PG)

08/03/2010-08/04/2010 Wallace and Gromit (G) & Open Season (PG)

AmStar (Brannon Crossing) 245-0460 \$3.00 including a box of popcorn and kid size soft drink

<http://www.thegrandtheatre.com/>

06/08/2010-06/09/2010 Madagascar 2 (PG)

06/15/2010-06/16/2010 Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)

06/22/2010-06/23/2010 Shrek 3 (PG)

06/29/2010-06/30/2010 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)

07/06/2010-07/07/2010 Alvin And The Chipmunks (PG)

07/13/2010-07/14/2010 Planet 51 (PG)

07/20/2010-07/21/2010 Kung Fu Panda (PG)

07/27/2010-07/28/2010 Alvin And The Chipmunks Squeakquel (PG)

08/03/2010-08/04/2010 Over the Hedge (PG)

08/10/2010-08/11/2010 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG)

Wednesday 10:00am (box offices usually open at 9:30)

Cinemark (Lexington Green) 271-2147, \$5.00 for all 10 shows (in advance) or \$1.00 per show at box office

[http://www.cinemark.com/summermovieclubhouse/SMC2010\\_122.jpg](http://www.cinemark.com/summermovieclubhouse/SMC2010_122.jpg)

06/02/2010 Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)

06/09/2010 The Tale of Despereaux (G)

06/16/2010 Kung Fu Panda (PG)

06/23/2010 Charlotte's Web (G)

06/30/2010 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)

07/07/2010 Planet 51 (PG)

07/14/2010 Clifford (G)

07/21/2010 Open Season (PG)

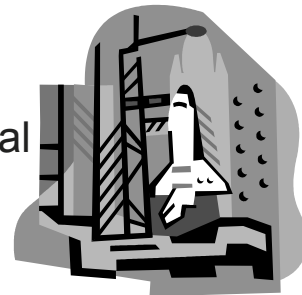
07/28/2010 VeggieTales: The Pirates Who Don't do Anything (G)

08/04/2010 Nanny McPhee (PG)

# Upcoming Missions

Special Events—Denise Bauer

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tcccmopsmoms/cal> for Denise's new and improved events calendar.



## Wednesday, May 5—Photography

9:30am One of our MOPS Moms, Karen Tallon, will share her knowledge and make photographers out of all of us! Bring your camera & your kids to the Arboretum (we'll meet by the tree stumps). Plan to stay for about 1 hour.

## Friday, May 7 – Moms & Kids—Woodland Park

10:30-12:30 Let's go enjoy some sunshine! We'll meet at Woodland Park (High Street between Clay Ave & Kentucky Ave) for some playtime. Pack a picnic if you plan to stay. There are ample picnic tables.

## Wednesday, May 19th—Moms & Kids—Oogles 'n Googles

11:00am Elizabeth Lin (former MOPS Mom and coordinator) will treat our kids to an *Oogles 'n Googles* experience. *Oogles 'n Googles* is located off Richmond Road at 153 Patchen Drive (behind Rite Aid) website [www.ooglesngoogles.com](http://www.ooglesngoogles.com)

## Thursday, May 20 – Moms Night Out—Olive Garden and Scavenger Hunt

Back by popular demand! Join us for an evening of fun. We'll have dinner at 6:30 at the Olive Garden and then walk to the mall for an old fashioned Scavenger Hunt.

## Tuesday, May 25 – Moms & Kids—Crittterland

Join your MOPS friends at 10:00 for a no-fuss, fun playdate at Crittterland.

## Friday, May 28th Family fun event

7:00 PM Kick the summer off right, we'll meet at Jacobson Park and enjoy a picnic dinner and a movie

## 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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23/30	24/31	25 10:00 Critterland	26	27	28	29

Notes for summer events:

