



February Birthdays

Adrienne Howell: February 11
 Brooke Kingston: February 11
 Michelle Keller: February 12
 Amy Hanson: February 21
 Kat Pierce: February 27

*Happy
 Birthday!*

Our Upcoming Schedule

(Updated Monthly)

- **February 4, 2010:** Speaker: Marriage, Martha Weiss
- **February 13, 2010:** Activity: Mom's Only Matinee (M.O.M.)
 Chic Flick @ Lowes Alderwood 16 Theater, details via email
- **February 18, 2010:** Craft
- **March 4, 2010:** Craft
- **March 18, 2010:** Speaker: Self-care, Brynne Burkhalter
- **March 25, 2010:** Activity: Bothell Fire Department Tour 10:00 - 11:00am
- **April 1, 2010:** Speaker: Aerobics, Wendy Tacey
- **April 15, 2010:** Craft
- **April 24, 2010:** Activity: Games & Dessert 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Evergreen Community Church
- **May 6, 2010:** Speaker: Home organization, Rebecca Stuhlmiller
- **May 20, 2010:** End of the year tea
- **June 3, 2010:** Picnic in the Park (optional)



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"A joyful heart makes a cheerful face..."

Proverbs 15:13 NASB

Special Thanks to Stacy Hargrave for donating so many gifts for women in our MOPS group, to celebrate their birthdays! To host a Party Lite party and support our generous friend, call Stacy at 425-481-8713.

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A Variation of 1 Corinthians 13

by Susan Lenzkes, an excerpt from *When the Handwriting on the Wall is in Brown Crayon*

Though I lecture and harp at my children and have not love, I will be background noise to rebellious thoughts.

And though I wisely warn them not to use the street as a playground, or they'll be killed; and though I patiently explain why snails live in mobile homes, and I give endless answers to life's other mysteries, and though I have faith that can remove mountains of ignorance - yet never hug my children - I have taught them nothing.

And though I slave over a steaming stove with balanced diets and complicated recipes and even burn my fingers - yet never smile as I serve - I have not really fed them.

A truly loving mother suffers through unfinished sentences, clutter, nicks in furniture, sleepless nights, and adolescent insults, and is kind enough to think her kids are the greatest. A loving mother tries not to resent her children for being free like she used to be, and doesn't brag about how she never talked to her mom that way.

Real love: considers a childish nightmare more urgent than her need for sleep; is not shattered by the title "Meanest Mom"; and does not smirk as her child trips over the toy he refused to put away (but with silent wisdom rejoices in the effective lessons of experience).

Mother-love has strong arms from lifting, a heart large with believing, a mind stretched with hoping, shoulders soft with enduring, and knees bent with committing.

True mother-love never fails to point her child to the Author of Love.

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"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."
 1 John 4: 10, 11



Recipes for Rave Reviews

Cooking secrets to make you famous in your social circles around the family dinner table

Easy, Make - Ahead Sausage & Egg Casserole



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Ingredients:

- 6 slices of wheat bread, cubed
- 2 – 7oz boxes Banquet fully-cooked frozen sausage, sliced (OR 1 lb breakfast sausage, cooked, drained, & diced)
- 2 – bags shredded cheddar cheese (OR 4 cups grated cheese)
- 7 large eggs
- 1 Tbs. diced pimentos or tomato
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. prepared mustard
- 1 pint half & half

Directions:

Spray a 9 x 13 casserole dish with cooking spray. Layer bread cubes, sausage, & shredded cheese.

Using a fork, poke some of the cheese down between the bread cubes and sausage.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a bowl, stir briskly with a whisk, and pour over the bread cube mixture. Carefully wiggle the dish from side to side to remove air pockets & spread the eggs evenly.

Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Bake at 375° for 40 minutes.

Recipe care of Amy Hanson



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Filling Your Marriage

With more laughter and better communication

A biblically taught marriage seminar, on my couch, after we've put the kids to bed, (no need for a 3-day babysitter), that has us laughing hysterically between bites of popcorn???

Sign Me Up!



Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage - DVD

With Mark Gungor

This DVD set captures all the fun and facts of Mark's look at life, love, & marriage. It presents 6 hours of seminar footage broken into 7 parts that will entertain & educate you at the same time. It's available at www.laughyourway.com for \$59.99 + shipping "Worth every penny! It's not like any other marriage seminar you've ever seen. We've lent it to so many friends! (Don't miss the Flag Page in the final segment). Life changing!" –AH

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage - Live Event

With Mark Gungor

Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, WA

Friday, May 14th – Saturday, May 15th

Tickets are available now. \$35 a person or \$69 a couple

Interested??? Check out seminar clips of Mark Gungor on You Tube.



Great Movie With A Message

When you think of Christian films, do poor acting and overly simplified depictions of life's struggles come to mind? No so with this movie. To Save A Life will change the way you think about Christian films & maybe even change the way you live.

My husband and I took our college group to see this movie and a 20-something new believer later told me that this movie could have been his life story.

God is portrayed so biblically in this movie and the storylines are very real.

Correctly rated PG-13 for some for mature thematic elements involving teen suicide, teen drinking/drug use, & teen intimacy. Not a film for kids. - AH

The message will move you! View the trailer at www.tosavealifemovie.com.

Homemade Valentines

Here are a handful of sweet ideas to try out at home with your kids!

All Pictures by: familyfun.com

List Lady

Tidbits to becoming a slightly better woman

17 Things You Can't Say Too Often to The People You Love

1. I love you.
2. I understand.
3. Tell me more.
4. Poor baby.
5. I miss you.
6. I bought you a present.
7. Why don't you relax and let me handle it.
8. If you want to do it yourself, I'll help you.
9. I'm sorry.
10. Let's try again.
11. Let me give you a hug.
12. You're the best.
13. You look great.
14. Want some pie?
15. I'm sure it's going to work out all right.
16. Don't worry, we'll find the money.
17. I can't wait to see you again.