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## REMINDERS:

Please turn your cell phone ringer off or on vibrate. If you have to answer a call please exit

Babies 3 months and younger are welcome during the meeting. Older children should be in

The food drop off doors will be open again. Look for the door marked "D".

Services at First Free:  
Saturday: "Alternative"  
*Borderlands* @ 5pm  
Sundays: Traditional  
@8:30am and Contempo-

Heavenly Father, remind me to be still today.

## All Good Things Must Come To An End...

It is truly hard to believe that MOPS is almost over again. Where did the time go? It seems like yesterday that we were having our first meeting and playing all those fun games. Well maybe not yesterday, but it really has gone by pretty fast! I remember the first time I came to MOPS in 2003, and now here it is 5 ½ years later and it's time to go now. MOPS has truly blessed my life in many ways, I can remember when my kids were smaller and life was somewhat more exhausting as far as being a mom and then after MOPS I would feel so encouraged and rejuvenated. Listening to various speakers over the years here at MOPS has really encouraged my mothering; along with a sense of understanding from others. I am grateful for the ministry of MOPS here at First Evangelical Free Church. I was never really in a group like this at all before and it has really helped me to feel more connected in a lot of ways. I really have enjoyed getting to know you all better this year.

I wish I had time to get to stay and get to know you all better. You have truly been a blessing. This year has definitely strengthened my faith and my walk with God. I would have NEVER thought that I would be doing this looking back on my first meeting here. I want to thank the Steering Team and all Leadership; without them I would have been lost. Thanks to all of you MOPS Mom's for attending MOPS. I believe that we all have a very important role in our children's lives. MOPS really does help us in our adventure of mothering. I would definitely compare this year to a roller coaster in that there were many twists and turns and unexpected drops along the way. However God remained faithful as always, and I feel very blessed to have had this opportunity. If you would like to feel more connected in MOPS get into leadership somehow; it will definitely make a difference. It is hard to say goodbye to MOPS but I am

very grateful for God putting it in my life; I also feel like it is time, and that the next season of my life is about to begin. I pray that as those of you return to MOPS again in the fall that you would be blessed and encouraged by one another, and that your spiritual life would be strengthened as well; for those of you who are graduating, I wish you the best in the future to come. God bless you all and I pray that when you hear or read the verse, Ephesians 3:18, "may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,..." that you will remember this MOPS year, and more importantly the immeasurable love that Jesus Christ has for us all!

Love, Ericka Yancey

## Moppets Information

If you have a child 0-18 months we ask you to bring a box or refill of wipes for their classroom. If your child is 18months—5 years please bring a bulk snack item (ie. a big box of goldfish or bag of animal crackers). Please NO individual packages for snacks. All nametags will continue to be kept outside your child's room until the new system is put in place. We all know we are in the midst of flu season. To keep all of our children healthy, I cannot stress how

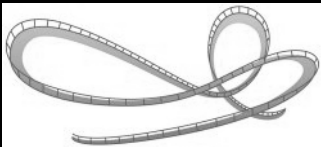
important how important this is, we ask you to please wash your child's hands with soap and water before entering their room. All children and staff are asked to refrain from attending when ill. Children should not be admitted into class with any of the following symptoms and/or illness; fever or vomiting in the last 24 hours, impetigo, runny nose (unclear), rashes, skin infection-boils, ringworm, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, coughing/croup, head

lice ,including the presence of eggs or nits. Remember to label all diapers, bags and sippy cups or bottles. If you ever have any questions or concerns., please see one of your steering team members or Teresa Hubbard. FYI - we have a pager system. If you'd like to use it is located in the baby room. Just leave your keys. If you are needed the childcare workers will page you!



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**“...how wide and  
long and high and  
deep is the love of  
Christ...” Eph. 3:18**



**A child's life is like a piece  
of paper on which every  
passer by leaves a mark.**

**Chinese Proverb**

## Send In Your Pictures To Jax!!

Don't forget to send Jax your digital picture of you and your children. We all have tons of pictures, now is your chance to show them off at our MOPS final meeting on May 12. Deadline for this is May 7th, you can email them to Jax Anderson at, [Miloatodessa@hotmail.com](mailto:Miloatodessa@hotmail.com).

We are preparing a special slideshow for our last meeting. Thanks in advance for your participation!



## Discounted Registration For MOPS 09-10 Now Open!

- Register now and get \$2 off your MOPS International Fee (\$23.95 for mom and \$26.95 for mentor moms)!
- You will receive next year's theme book and the MOMSense magazine.
- Early registration ensures you and your children's spots for next year's first session!

## Better Moms Make A Better World!

I believe that who we are as moms really does shape our world in such a huge way. What we instill in our children will continue to be instilled in our children's children. We have a opportunity to leave a legacy with our children. I think about my mom and the values and morals she instilled within me and now I can in turn give that to my children as well. It is so rewarding and fulfilling to see our children begin to possess those values and characteristics that are pleasing to us and most of all God. When we truly realize

who we are as women and mothers we can make a better world. I love that MOPS International exists to encourage, equip, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. I remember when I first came to MOPS and I was very hesitant to come because I only knew one person. I enjoyed the speakers and the friendly people that were here. I have met a lot of people over the years here at MOPS. I think that God has used MOPS in

my life to help me to realize my potential, and also to increase my confidence as a woman and mother and a leader. MOPS helps us to realize that we were not alone in this Adventure Of Mothering. We are all on the same ride so to speak and we need to hold on and not let go of our faith that keeps us moving. Andrew Murray said, "The secret of home rule: first being ourselves what we want our children to be."