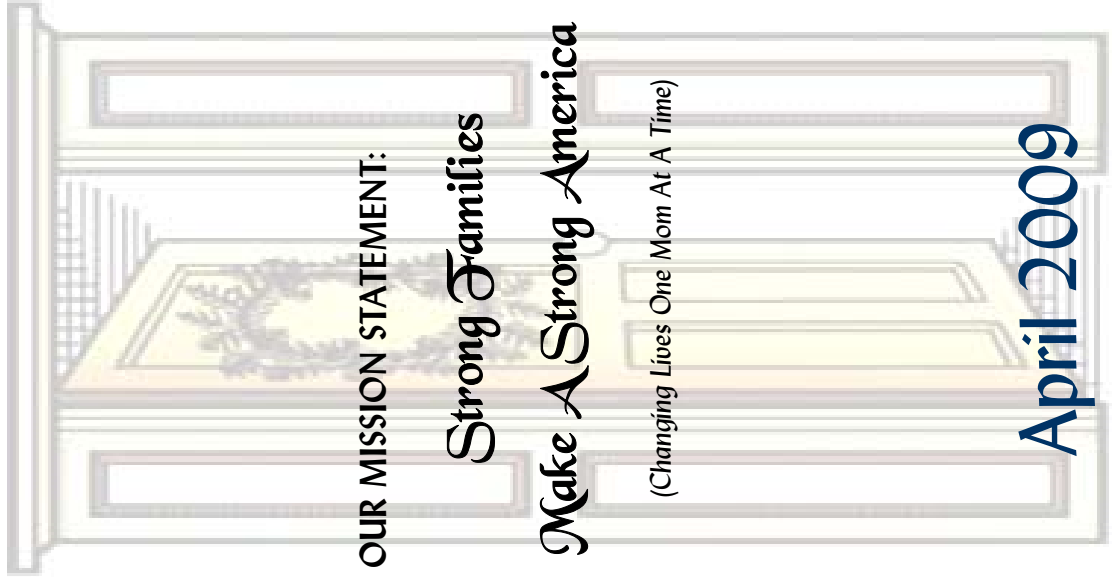


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Strong Families

Make A Strong America

(Changing Lives One Mom At A Time)

April 2009



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“Character: Virtue vs. Impurity”

The moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right.

5 Concepts to develop virtue:

- 1) Do the Right Thing
- 2) Set the Example
- 3) Be Consistent
- 4) Choose Associations Wisely
- 5) Urge Others to Do Right

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IS THERE HOPE FOR US ?

By Lynda K. Powell

If you open a newspaper these days, listen to the news on radio or TV, invariably you get the impression of trouble. Our world is beset by problems - hunger, pollution of land and water, and ever present violence; problems of society, revealed by increasing crime rates and over crowded prisons; hospitals filled with patients, many of whom are there because of mental stress; and by an alarming number of victims of drug abuse and alcoholism.

I looked in the Wikipedia Encyclopedia to define the meaning of Hope. According to the encyclopedia, Hope is a belief in a positive outcome related to events and circumstances in one's life. Hope is the feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best.

In Christian Theology Hope is one of the three theological virtues (faith, hope and love) which are spiritual gifts of God. In contrast it is not a physical emotion but a Spiritual Grace.

Stop for a moment, take a deep breath and exhale out any of life's stress and fear, and inhale Courage, Confidence and the Peace of the Lord. Exhale pain, Inhale Health. Open your mouth to speak life into your life and into the life of those around you.

STAND ON THIS SCRIPTURE: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices and with my song I will praise Him." (Psalms 28:7)

YES THERE IS HOPE FOR US!



CONVERGENCE COLLECTIVE & BIG SKY BREAD COMPANY TEAM UP FOR BETHEL

The Convergence Collective and Bethel Foundation partnered together on Saturday, April 4, 2009 to Bless Families in the community by giving out Free Quality Clothing for Children along with a loaf of homemade bread from Big Sky Bread Company located at 6606 N. Western, the inside of Fusion Church was turned into a store for shopping. Thanks to Big Sky Bread partnering up with Bethel Foundation we were able to Bless 115 families.



Left: Pictured are the volunteers at the April 4th Event.



Right: Pictured are all the clothes that were set up for the families to come and receive FREE at the April 4th event.

THE STONES CRY OUT AND SO WILL THE CHILDREN

By Linda Ranson Jacobs

Habakkuk 2:11 "The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it." The material in the houses in Babylon had been taken in plunder and misdeeds. The prophet was saying that because of this plunder the very stones and beams in the woodwork would cry out. Today our children in many homes have been plundered. They feel their homes and their young lives have been destroyed. Hurting children will not keep quiet. At some point they will cry out in anguish. Their cries may come in the form of angry tirades, hostile outburst and vindictive behaviors.

Luke 19:40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." The oppressed in Jerusalem believed Jesus was coming to save them. The people welcomed Jesus with palms and shouts of joy. In His day, Jesus was the hope for the hurting. Today Jesus is the hope for the hurting children in our homes and in our world. Like the oppressed in Jesus' day, children will not be silent for long.

Because Christ was crucified and rose on the third day, He paid the debt for our sins. He paid the price for each of us, even for our hurting children. Not one child is lost to Christ. He knows who every child is. He knows their name. He knows their hurts. He knows their pain. He knows of their sorrow and their shame. Jesus is the only hope for the children in our homes today.

"I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known....." Habakkuk 3:2

Indeed Christ is risen. Won't you tell your children?



HARVARD UNIVERSITY AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

If your family is earning less than **\$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school** Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. Harvard University announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's President Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution." The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for FREE with no tuition and no student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: www.fao.fas.harvard.edu or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.



DIAMONDS
are a girl's best friend

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Are a Girl's Best Friend
A True Precious Stone

Saturday, April 25, 2009
9am to 4pm

- ◆ FREE CONFERENCE ◆
- ◆ FREE LUNCH ◆
- ◆ FREE CHILDCARE ◆

DOOR PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

This Conference is sponsored by **Bethel Foundation**. It will be held at Britton Christian Church, 922 N. W. 91st, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The conference is for Single Mothers and will be ***Educational**, ***Inspirational**, and ***Motivational**.

EDUCATIONAL TOPICS:

- 1) Character - Teaching Your Children
- 2) Health and Nutrition
- 3) Budgeting and Saving Money
- 4) Beauty From the Inside Out
- 5) Matched Savings Plan
- 6) Parenting Skills - Positive Enforcement (From Birth to Teens)
- 7) What Your Personality Says About You

INSPIRATIONAL:

Luncheon Speaker, Evangelist Tee Brown

- D** - Delight In The Lord
- I** - Increase In Love
- A** - Abide In Christ
- M** - Minister To Others
- O** - Obey God's Word
- N** - Never Give Up
- D** - Die To Self
- S** - Saved To Serve



MOTIVATIONAL:

Penny Stephenson's alter ego, **Merry Weatherbee**, a "life observer" will bring humor and delight to the event.

Must Pre-Register by going to our web-site at www.bethelfoundationusa.com, and click the **DIAMONDS** banner located on the Home Page. It will take you to the event page to register. **Hurry!** Registration is limited to the first 200.

KIIDS ROCK CAMP

Free Health and Nutrition Camp

Summer will be here before we realize and now is the time to start planning for summer. Our first Kids Rock Camp last summer was a "HUGE SUCCESS" so if you want to register for camp this year call the office at 286-3700 and ask for Nancy Malone as she is the **Camp Coordinator**. The camp will fill up fast so don't wait and miss out on a fun and exciting time. **Limited to 30 campers per camp.**

Who: Going into the 3rd, 4th, 5th, Grade (Children of Single Mothers)

When: 9am to 12:00pm (Please check only one date)
Camp Dates: ___ June 8th thru 12th, 2009
Or ___ July 27th thru 31st, 2009

Where: Gymnasium at Britton Christian Church
922 N. W. 92nd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Highlights of some of the things that we will do at Camp:

- ◆ Hands on **Nutrition** Classes (Daily **Free** take-home groceries of what you learned to prepare)
- ◆ Kids **Fit** Program
- ◆ **Fire** Prevention
- ◆ Home Alone
- ◆ Basic CPR & 1st Aid (Receive **Free** 1st Aid Kit provided to children to take home)
- ◆ Clown Visitation and Fun Balloons
- ◆ **Moon Bounce** for a Fun Time
- ◆ Creating a **Scrapbook**
- ◆ **Zoo** Presentation on site visit
- ◆ **Souvenir** Pictures
- ◆ **Special Event** on Friday (Free Back Pack with School Supplies)

BUILD THE BODY OF BETHEL FOUNDATION WITH ARBONNE

(A Continuous Fund-Raising Avenue)

Arbonne provides skin care products developed in Switzerland more than three decades ago with a group of bio-chemists, biologists and herbalists. These products based on herbal and botanical principles, are now shared throughout the world through their network of Independent Consultants. Building on these same founding principles, the Arbonne product line has since grown to include a comprehensive line of personal care, nutrition and weight loss products. "Life changing products with Extraordinary People."

Emilykaye Mitchelson is an Independent Consultant with Arbonne and she is going to donate back to Bethel Foundation a portion of any products purchased. Take a moment to call Emily at (405) 659-5114.

FREE CHILDCARE FOR CONFERENCE:

Free childcare will be provided for children ages birth to 3 years old, on a limited basis. Childcare from 4 years to 12 years will be a \$5 charge per child with a cap of \$20 per family with multiple children.

Childcare will include: A.M. & P.M. Snack, & Lunch
Planned Activities
Crafts (includes all supplies)
Object Lessons
Skits and Songs

Pre-application **must** include the \$5 per child fee, payable by Money Order, to Bethel Foundation. Call the office for an application to be sent to you. Again, there is limited availability for childcare, and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.



RAB'S RAB'S CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CLUB HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS & GIRLS!

If you are a Single Mother and you would like to register your child for the Rab Rab's Children's Birthday Club then please call the office at 286-3700 and we will send you a Membership Form to complete. The Birthday Club will have available for your child on their birthday:

Balloons ♦ Cake ♦ Small Gift Item



April Birthdays

- April 2 - Jadon Jackson
- April 4 - Ajene Le'shaun Gordon
- April 4 - David Walker
- April 8 - Darrin Cassady
- April 11 - Kordrey Brewer
- April 12 - Deayontay Harris
- April 12 - Jueis High
- April 20 - Smya Dyson
- April 25 - Kristopher Brewer, Jr.
- April 25 - Blaine Smith
- April 29 - Trevor B. Morse
- April 30 - Deontre Thomas

This is **David Walker** celebrating his 3rd Birthday. He was sooooo excited to receive his gifts! I wish you could have seen him. It would make your heart skip a beat!



CLOSET OF ABUNDANCE

Even though we have had some cool and windy days SUMMER is just around the corner and we have a **Closet of Abundance** of **quality summer clothes** for Infants, Children, Teens and Mothers. Yes, they are **Free!** You just need to bring photo ID, complete two simple forms of paperwork and allow us to take your picture. Our hours of operation

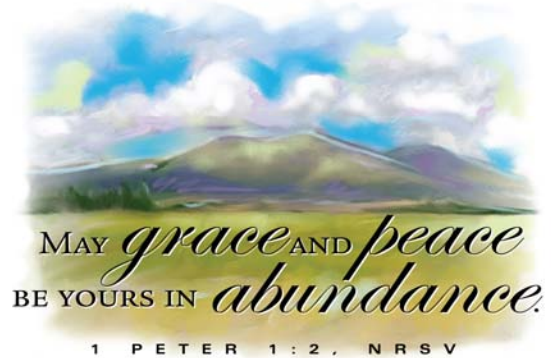
for the Closet are 10:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Thursday. The closet is located at the Quail Ridge Towers, 11212 N. May Avenue, Suite #110.



INTRODUCING... VICKI PAQUE

Meet our newest volunteer Vicki Paque, who has joined the team of volunteers at Bethel Foundation. Vicki has a Servant Heart as she is also a current volunteer with Angel Food Ministries. Vicki is also the English Department Chair at Bishop McGuinness High School and AP English Teacher.

After spending all day teaching, Vicki comes over to Bethel Foundation and helps us with WHATEVER we ask her to do. Vicki is also working with us to develop our GED Program for mothers to be able to take classes and test to finish their High School Requirements. Take time to stop by late one afternoon and **WELCOME VICKI.**



MAY *grace* AND *peace*
BE YOURS IN *abundance.*

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CHEER & POM CAMP

Pre-K thru 6th Grade
3 DAYS OF FUN!

Camp Includes:
Poms
Camp T-shirt
Crafts
Daily Devotionals
Camp Award

June 23-25
1 pm-4 pm

Special Event
June 25 5:00pm
Camper Performance
Awards & Bake Sale

Henderson Hills
Baptist Church
Gym



Learn Cheers, Chants & A Dance!

All instruction is separated by age. Scholarships are available for the camp. Call Lynda at 286-3700 to learn more about this Fun Camp this summer.

