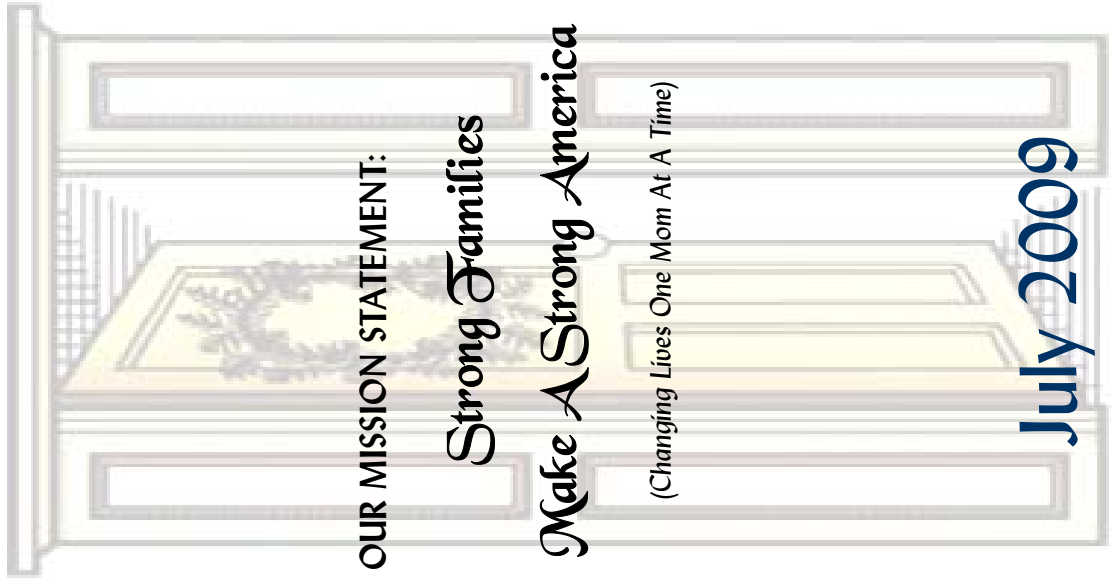


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## UNLEASH YOUR FAITH!

What is faith? The Bible says “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1) Faith has “substance” and provides a confident assurance of God’s unseen reality.

Jesus gave us a vital key to unlock our faith and release God’s miracle-working power in our lives:

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. (Matthew 17:20)

Whether you need a **break-through** in your finances, family, children, health, peace of mind, or spiritual life, Jesus is revealing an amazing message of hope and encouragement for you!

If you apply the life-changing principles in this verse, **NOTHING** will be impossible to you! It doesn’t matter what gloom and doom you might see on today’s newspaper headlines or TV broadcasts, **NOTHING** can stand in your way when you have faith!

Maybe you are asking right now if faith has substance...and if it has the confident assurance of God’s Promises, then why doesn’t it always seem to work? Faith **does** always work--but not necessarily on our timetable or according to our wishes. God **IS** always faithful, and He wants us to trust Him with all our heart (Proverbs 3:5), even when we don’t understand His purposes. **Faith will remain lifeless, useless, and powerless until it’s exercised!**

Don’t speak what the world says. Don’t speak what the devil says. Don’t speak what your circumstances say. Speak God’s Word, and He will intervene on your behalf!



## BETHEL FOUNDATION PRESENTS “ALL AMERICAN IDOL”

Megan Joy Corkrey from Season 8 of “American Idol” will be coming to Oklahoma City to be our Hostess for the “All American Idol” finale event and to become the Official Spokesperson for Bethel Foundation. Megan Joy will also help us celebrate Bethel Foundation’s 5th Anniversary.



Pre-Auditions for “All American Idol” will be held Friday, September 18, 2009 from 8am to 8pm and again on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 8am to 5pm. The Top 70 will be chosen during these two days to go to the next round. Round Two will be held Saturday, October 3rd, and the top 50 will be chosen. On October 17th, the field will be narrowed down to the top 30. On October 31st the top 10 will be chosen, and these finalists will go on to compete in the finale in November.

The “All American Idol” finale event will be held in November. The exact time and place of the event will be announced in the August issue of “Front Door News”.

## LIKE CLAY IN THE POTTER’S HAND

By Linda Ranson Jacobs

Many little girls dream about what it’s going to be like to have their own family when they grow up. Perhaps you were one of those dreamers. Or maybe when you fell in love with your children’s father, you had dreams of the happy family you and he would one day have. Somewhere along the way, those dreams have become nightmares for some of you.

Instead of dwelling on what brought you to the point of parenting alone, change your outlook. Maybe you can’t get over the feeling that you and your children are victims of the circumstance that brought you into parenting alone. God didn’t intend for any of us to be victims. His plan is for us to be victorious in Him and for Him. God can rework or reshape your home into a home that can honor Him. To give you an understanding of what God can do, let’s go to Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)

*This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord; “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the work of the Lord came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, ....”*

As a discouraged and despondent single mom when I read this it was as if God was saying to me, “Listen up girl, I want to rework your home and make it a home of joy and happiness. I took the children of Israel through the red sea and set them on dry land. I guided them through the desert. If I can do all that, don’t you think I can take care of you and your children?”

Was it instantly easy? No, it was difficult but all along the way I knew my heavenly Father was guiding me, reshaping my mind and reworking my attitude. I went from feeling marred and unworthy to a feeling of being valued and loved unconditionally through Jesus Christ.

*“Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand...”*

At the final event of “All American Idol” there will be three Winners with the following prizes awarded:

- 1st place:** \$3,500 Entertainment Contract  
\$500 Cash Prize  
1st place Trophy  
Complimentary Picture with Megan  
Brunch with Megan Joy and Founder of Bethel Foundation, Lynda Powell
- 2nd place:** \$250 Cash Prize  
2nd place Trophy  
Complimentary Picture with Megan
- 3rd place:** \$50 Cash Prize  
3rd place Trophy  
Complimentary Picture with Megan

Stay tuned for the announcement of the Pre-Audition location or call the “**All American Hotline**” at 286-3602.

## BUILD YOUR BODY AND BETHEL, TOO!

Ladies, take time to design your beautiful body and build the body of Bethel Foundation as well!

New Preferred Clients have until July 31 to sign up FREE with Arbonne!

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- get a FREE product of your choice (up to \$100 value)

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## KIDS ROCK CAMP

### Free Health and Nutrition Camp

**SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED**  
**FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING KIDS ROCK CAMP**  
**JULY 27-31, 2009**

We have 30 children enrolled for the second session of camp, and three on our waiting list. Kids Rock Camp is a "Healthy Lifestyle Camp" for children going into the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. If you want to *sponsor a child for camp* please call Lynda at 286-3700 for additional information about sponsorships.

### Highlights of Camp Activities:

- ♦ Age-appropriate hands-on meal preparation - Eat what you learn how to prepare and then take home groceries everyday along with recipes to share with Mom
- ♦ Special activities with Kids Fit Program and YMCA
- ♦ OKC Fire Department to teach you about Fire Safety and Prevention
- ♦ OKC Police Department to teach you about what to do when home alone
- ♦ Red Cross to teach about basic CPR (Each child will receive a free First Aid kit to take home.)
- ♦ Clown visitation with specially made balloons for each child
- ♦ Moon Bounce for a Fun Time
- ♦ Create a "Special Scrapbook"
- ♦ Zoo Mobile to visit on camp site
- ♦ Souvenir pictures for each child
- ♦ Special event on Friday - Each child will take home a *New Back Pack* filled with school supplies to help with going back to school in the fall.

## HELP FOR A SINGLE MOTHER FULFILLED

LaSunya Lomack contacted Bethel Foundation asking if we ever get any beds as she did not have a bed. We explained to LaSunya that she would need to go online to our web-site and complete the form of "How Can We Help You" and then it would be placed in our Book Of Needs for Moms. As supporters call into donate we then match up what they have to donate to the Mother In Need and then we have a Volunteer, Greg Lewellen that makes arrangements to pick up from the supporter and deliver to the mother.

Shortly after her request, a donor called with a *king sized bed* to donate. We were also able to send some king sized sheets along, and this is what LaSunya wrote back:

"THANK YOU SO MUCH AS YOU CANNOT IMAGINE HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE IN A BED OF MY OWN. WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE CARED FOR AND LOVED BY SOMEONE YOU DO NOT KNOW. WHEN SOMEONE IS SO GOOD TO YOU IT MAKES YOU REALIZE THERE IS HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT I'M GOING THROUGH. THANK YOU SO MUCH BETHEL FOUNDATION FOR BEING THERE FOR ME."

## RESUME HELP AVAILABLE



Do you have a resume that needs to be updated or do you just need a resume to help you with your job search?

Our volunteer, Vicki Paque, has agreed to help Single Mothers that are in need of a resume by appointment only. If you are needing help or advice in this area please call the office at 286-3700 to schedule a time to have this done.





## 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. We need advance notice regarding upcoming birthdays so please register and keep us updated when your phone number changes so your child won't miss out. The Birthday Club will have available for your child on their birthday: **Balloons ~ Cake ~ Gift**



*Talia Nelson* celebrated her birthday on July 7th.

### July Birthdays ~ Happy Birthday, Everyone!

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| July 2 - Lauryn Hadley      | July 15 - Gracelyn Wilburn   |
| July 5 - Kadee Adair        | July 20 - Aslia Gordon       |
| July 7 - Talia Nelson       | July 21 - Nesejah Harris     |
| July 8 - Sabrea Marquez     | July 23 - Kymora Robertson   |
| July 8 - Markishia Williams | July 24 - Rosa Resendiz      |
| July 9 - Talaira Traylor    | July 25 - Denesha Laudermilk |
| July 12 - Deante Laudermilk | July 26 - Givani McClain     |
| July 12 - Cydnee Dunkins    | July 28 - Elijah Wilson      |

## "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

- Author unknown

### JEWEL

- J** - Just
- E** - Examine your heart
- W** - While the Lord is
- E** - Elevating you in your
- L** - Life

## Rescue the Girls Partnered with Bethel Foundation

**What does Rescue the Girls offer?** RTG offers a two-year program that focuses on all aspects of a woman's well being. Through relationship-building classes that teach life skills and provide a social network, their purpose is to connect these women with lasting partnerships that will help mentor and support them in the development of successful life skills. The focus of RTG is not just on external behavior changes, but on real heart transformation that stops destructive cycles and begins the journey down a path to spiritual and emotional healing and growth.

RTG offers classes in life choices, relationships, financial management, parenting, health and fitness and goal setting. Rescue The Girls and Bethel Foundation are able to fill in the gaps with each ministry and reach out to even more women. For more information about Rescue The Girls please call the Bethel Foundation office at (405) 286-3700.



## MEET OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER

**Rachel Wood** is our youngest volunteer, and is only 15 years old. Rachel wanted to get involved in an organization that would keep her busy so I told her she arrived at the right place!

She attends Mount Saint Mary's Catholic High School, where they inspire students to do volunteer work, to learn at an early age how to give back to the community. Rachel is also involved in Key Club, Reps and Host Team and the Newspaper Club at her school, as well as maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Rachel loves to be involved and to stay busy, and has volunteered regularly to help out other organizations here in OKC. She is prompt, a hard worker and very sweet so we feel BLESSED to have Rachel helping us out. *Thank you, Rachel!*



Pictured with Lynda Powell are ladies from **DHCE Learn & Serve** that have partnered with Bethel Foundation to provide handmade denim bags for children in our Birthday Club and for use when shopping in the closet.



## BEDS AVAILABLE

We have **brand new Baby Cribs/Toddler Beds** that have been donated to Bethel Foundation for our Single Mothers who are TRULY in need of a bed. Please go online to our website at [www.bethelfoundationusa.com](http://www.bethelfoundationusa.com) and register on the page that says "How May I Help You," then we will be in contact with you regarding how you can receive a **Free Crib**.



## COMPUTERS DONATED

**High Mountain Exploration & Production, LLC** chose Bethel Foundation to receive a total of 77 computers to help Bethel Foundation with their Mission of "One Mom At A Time." *Thank You High Mountain* for Believing in our Cause.

## FREE HAIRCUTS

**SUPERCUTS** at 5801 N. May Ave., Suite 105, is offering **FREE HAIRCUTS** for kids & adults. You need to call 840-1086 for an appointment. The haircuts are available weekdays until 4:30 p.m. for only a few weeks, so call now to make your appointment!