



Connections

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SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG



Spring is one of my favorite seasons! It's when new life is sprouting up everywhere and my garden starts calling my name. It's also a season of renewal and hope when we celebrate Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, giving us the ultimate hope of eternity in Heaven.

During this time, I love planting flowers. My favorite flower is the sunflower. I love how they follow the sun throughout the day. I like to say that they are smiling up at God.

One of my favorite passages in the Bible that I feel best represents this thought is Psalm 96:1-4:

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among the peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods."

The psalmist is telling us to sing out to the Lord! He's also telling the earth to sing out to the Lord! And for me, during the spring, when all of nature is bursting out from its winter slumber, I believe that is exactly what the earth is doing... singing out to the Lord and proclaiming His salvation day after day just like these verses tell us to do.

So the next time you walk by a garden exploding with blossoms, consider joining the flowers in singing out the Lord's name!



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Getting to know...

...MOPS MINISTRY

Northpark MOPS is all about fellowship. The definition of fellowship is, "a group of people meeting to pursue a shared interest or aim." MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is all about the shared interest of motherhood as we aim to be the best moms we can be.

Imagine a place where there are friends to laugh with (and sometimes cry with) who are at similar stages of life as you. A place where you can show up late, with no makeup on, and nobody questions you because we all understand. A place where other women know the language you're speaking. A place where there is camaraderie between mothers. A place to share stories and anxieties. A place where you can usually find another mom who's "been through that", and may have some words of wisdom to offer...this is Northpark MOPS.

For 2 hours twice a month, we get to sit at decorated tables with friends, eat a warm breakfast, and drink coffee while our children are being lovingly cared for in the MOPS Kids program. We collaborate on ideas and get support, but we also get to be individuals. Those 2 hours allow us to refresh as moms as we listen to guest speakers, do crafts, play games, and enjoy fellowship.

After many, many months of not being able to meet in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that need for fellowship was greater than ever. Since September, we have been able to meet that need, and we look forward to ministering to even more mothers in the year to come!

MOPS NEEDS

As the saying goes, *it takes a village*, and it's no different with MOPS. Our needs for the upcoming 2022-2023 MOPS year include childcare workers and mentor moms. Mentor moms are ladies with grown children or older school children who come to our meetings to offer support, prayer, and a listening ear for our members. Childcare workers are either paid or volunteer and lovingly take care of infants - preschoolers while moms are in the meeting.

MOPS meets from September - May, so our current year is winding down, but it's almost time to register for next year! In order to attend MOPS, pre-registration is required. Sign ups for the 2022-2023 MOPS year will start in May! Contact Lisa Taylor at datays@ymail.com to get on the email list for updates and registration information. We look forward to seeing you soon!



faith and friendship

FRESH GROUNDED FAITH CONFERENCE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

April 22 – 23, 2022 | Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm | Saturday 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Hosted by: New Covenant Community Church and other area churches

Ticket Cost: \$49

Contact Janine Minassian @ 559-862-9393 to purchase yours!

You won't want to miss this fun and enriching time with your fellow Northpark ladies! Join featured Bible teacher Jennifer Rothschild for the perfect girls' weekend! She'll serve up a venti-sized portion of fresh, grounded encouragement and biblical wisdom that will freshen up our faith and ground us more deeply in God's love! Get ready to experience a time of refreshment, learn practical truths from scripture, and laugh out loud!

COME PLAY IN THE DIRT! JOIN US FOR SUCCULENT NIGHT!

Don't miss your chance to create a unique succulent planter. Treat yourself (and a friend) to a night out filled with great conversation, creativity, laughter, and of course, dessert! Not only will you take home a cute plant, you'll also take home some fun memories and new friendships.



Friday, May 20 | 5 - 8 p.m.

Northpark Community Church | Room 202

Cost: \$25

For more information or to sign up for this event, stop by the Women's Ministry cart in the courtyard on Sunday morning, or contact Kim Tatham @ (559) 900-5035.



Save the Date

1ST ANNUAL NORTHPARK CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 FROM 10-2
NORTHPARK CHURCH PARKING LOT

Northpark Women's Ministry is revving up for a new fundraising event! Instead of our annual spring luncheon, we're cruising into summer in style. This event will have something for the whole family including amazing cars, food trucks, face painting, vendors, music, and a gift card raffle!

Admission and car browsing are FREE to the public (food truck items, vendor wares, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase).

Here's how you can be a part of this fantastic day:

- ✿ Do you, or someone you know, have an amazing car to show off? Register for a space in the show.
- ✿ Do you sell crafts, jewelry, plants, bows, or some other fabulous item? Apply to be a vendor.
- ✿ Want to help raise money through our raffle? Donate a \$25 gift card.
- ✿ Want to make the event a huge success? Invite friends, family, and neighbors!

For more information about entering a car, participating as a vendor, donating a gift card, or the event in general, please contact Janine Minassian @ 559-862-9393 or go to NorthparkChurch.org/CarShow

All proceeds will be used for the ministries and missionaries supported by Northpark Women's Ministry.



NORTHPARK
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SPRING 2022 WOMEN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTES:

9 TO 5 FOR CHRIST

Cost:

\$18.00 new attendees

\$20.00 returning attendees

BIBLE STUDY

Take Courage
by Jennifer Rothschild

FUN NIGHT

Succulents

Cost: \$25

Dessert included

MOPS

Pre-registration is required.

For more information about any of these events, please visit the Women's Ministry cart in the courtyard on Sunday morning, or go to our website at northparkchurch.org/women

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>April</i>						
					1	2
3	MOPS 9:30-11:30 AM RM 202 4	5	6	7	8	9
10	9 TO 5 6-8 PM ROOM 202 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	FRESH GROUNDED FAITH CONFERENCE 7-9:30 PM NEW COV 22	FRESH GROUNDED FAITH CONFERENCE 9 AM-12:30 PM NEW COV 23
24	MOPS 9:30-11:30 AM RM 202 25	26	27	28	29	30

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 3	4	5	6	7
8	MOPS 9:30-11:30 AM RM 202 9 TO 5 6-8 PM SANCTUARY 9	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 10	11	12	13	NEW BEGINNINGS 10:30 AM-12:30 PM SANCTUARY 14
15	16	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 17	18	19	FUN NIGHT SUCCULENTS 5-8 PM RM 202 20	21
22	23	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 24	25	26	27	28
29	30	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 31	<i>May</i>			

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>June</i>						
			1	2	3	CAR SHOW 10 AM-2 PM NORTH PARK PARKING LOT 4
5	6	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 7	8	9	10	11
12	9 TO 5 6-8 PM SANCTUARY 13	BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8 PM RM 101 14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

