



MAKING THE MOST OF MOTHERHOOD



### Also Inside:

Congratulations, Neal and Jess! Get soaked without the pool Thrive Camp sign-up information

# (Wednesday Night Thrive

Open Gym - 6:30

Bible Study and Small Groups - 7 - 8:15 Can't come in person?

Watch it online at https://eagleslanding.org/thrivelive/

Welcome, Ellie Ann!

We are so pleased to celebrate the arrival of Ellie Ann Dose! Congratulations, Neal and Jess!

Sunday Tipegroups

All youth meet at 9:45AM in the Link before splitting into grade/gender groups to discuss ideas and questions from Pastor Trea's previous Sunday's message and support each other.

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# **PODCAST & BLOG**

Mama Bear Apologetics (Building your faith/understanding with an eye towards supporting your children's.)

Working Christian Mom

The Christian Single Moms
Podcast
(This is part of Agape Moms, a website of resources for single Christian moms.)

# **ARTICLES**

<u>God's Unexpected Purpose for</u> <u>Motherhood (Risen Motherhood)</u>

10 Commandments to Be a Great Bonus Mom (Grit and Grace Life)

<u>10 Encouraging Bible Studies for Moms</u> (Smart Mom Smart Ideas)

<u>How a Mom can have a relationship</u> with her teenaged son (CrossWalk)

<u>8 Encouragements for Moms of Teenage Girls (LifeWay)</u>

# BOOKS

The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers (Gary Chapman)

What a Difference a Mom Makes (Dr. Kevin Leman)

No Better Mom for the Job (Becky Keife)

Need links? Check your email for the digital version of this newsletter.

# **Making the Most of Motherhood**

Mention Mother's Day in a group of seven people and you'll likely get eight different opinions. Whether you agree or disagree with the celebration, there is no denying the importance of female influence in the lives of students

Whether you are a mom, a stepmother, an aunt, a caretaker, or a teacher, here are some ways you can support the spiritual growth of the students in your life.

(For the case of brevity, this article is generalized. Please adjust these ideas for your particular family situation and keep them in mind when considering which women have influence in your child's life.)

# 1.Children see more than they

hear. In what ways are you modeling emotional, mental, and spiritual health for your child? Just because you are a mom, you haven't stopped being a person. Embrace the growth and calling God has on your individual life so your children can see that lived out

## 2. You can have the answers.

Moms get a lot of questions ranging from where's my shoe to can God make a mountain He can't move. Make your own study a priority and when you don't know the answer, consider researching it together with your student. It will strengthen your faith and teach your child questions don't mean they no longer believe.

- **3. You will not be perfect**. There will be moments you'll feel you got it right but many others when you won't. Give yourself the grace you given them. If you truly messed up, don't be afraid to apologize. You will always be imperfect, but you can also always love
- **4. Listen and grow.** Your student is becoming an adult. Ask them for a parenting review. Listen and work together to create new rules or expectations. It will be tough to hear but it will strengthen your bond for the future.

Above all, love your child. They'll always remember that.



Vacations haven't begun yet but the weather is warm and you want to take family time outside. Enjoy these water-fun games that don't require a pool:

**Soggy Potato** - Like *Hot Potato* with a water balloon. Puncture the balloon with a pin and let the water flow as you pass. The one holding the balloon when it empties is out.

**Beach Ball Race** - Give everyone a beach ball and a water gun. Set a start and a finish line. First person to propel their beach ball over the finish line using the water gun wins. If you decide to use your gun to distract other players...

**Splash Tag** - Like Freeze Tag only the "tagger" has a cheap water gun. When you get hit with the water, you freeze. Other players unfreeze you by pouring a cup of water over your head.

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Upcoming Event

Senior Day - May 16
We will miss our graduating students, but we celebrate the next step in your journey!

Thrive Camp - June 25-28
Fun, faith, and fellowship! Don't miss it.

# Parent Resource Spotlight



# THRIVE CAMP

Registration is OPEN for Thrive Camp!

Dates: June 25-28, 2021

Price: \$249

Worship music: Anne Wilson (@annewilsonmusic)

Speaker: TBD

Where: Shocco Springs Conference Center in

Talladega, AL.

Your student will get the chance to grow and learn while having fun with fellow ELFBC students and our student leaders.

Register Today! (eagleslanding.brushfire.com)