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*Shepherd of the Valley MOPS*  
*Summer 2010*  
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*“Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”  
(Psalm 139:10)*



***New Lower Fee for MOPS!***

We are pleased to announce that we have received a grant from SOTV for the 2010-2011 MOPS year. We are so thankful for SOTV for supporting our ministry and feel so blessed to have this opportunity to make MOPS more affordable for moms. God is so good! Our new MOPS fee is \$25 per mom/semester. This cost will cover the meeting costs; it comes down to about \$3 per meeting. Scholarships are still available for those who need one.

SOTV will be graciously covering our childcare fees. We will continue to have the same well trained, loving, caring and highly qualified teachers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Rapp and Heather Nelson.

Thank you again for your support for our MOPS group! Please be sure to take some time to thank any staff person at SOTV. We truly are blessed with this gift.

***MOPS is almost here, mark your calender!***

Our MOPS year begins September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Get ready for a fun morning of “Mixology,” where we will socialize and get to know one another.

Dates for Fall Semester:  
October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
November 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
December 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

### ***Upcoming MOPS Events:***

**Book Club** ~ If you are interested in joining a book club, please contact Sanna at [sanna.ellingson@gmail.com](mailto:sanna.ellingson@gmail.com). We meet about every 6 weeks in people's homes to chat about the book selection. Come join us!

**Come Park Zoo Outing** ~ On August 26<sup>th</sup> join MOPS moms for a fun morning at the zoo. Bring a friend who is interested in joining us! We will meet at the zoo at 10am.

**Mom's Night Out** ~ Save the date: October 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 5:30 (Location TBD) and Feed My Starving Children at 7pm. Please RSVP to Lisa Schmidt - unigrad98@yahoo.com

**Bible Study** ~ One way to grow in faith is to attend Bible study. There are many choices for study at SOTV. Please glance through the list below and see if anything catches your eye! The Bible and our minds are wonderful gifts we have been given by God.

#### Fall Bible study offerings at Shepherd of the Valley:

**Crossways Year 1** with Char Kilgore (2 academic year study of the Bible. Begin in Genesis, finish in Revelation. The entire Bible is covered in this comprehensive course.)

Mondays 9:30-11:30 AM & Monday 7:00-9:00 PM.

\$40 (books) [Register](#)

**Hebrews Bible study** with Pastor Duane

Thursday Evenings: October 28; November 4, 11, 18 & December 2, 9

\$10 for the book [Register](#)

**Second Isaiah Bible study** with Pastor Mary (study time will focus on Second Isaiah (chapters 40-66 of the book of Isaiah). This book emphasizes the significance of the historical events in God's plan— a plan that extends from creation to redemption— and beyond. There will be time for sharing prayer concerns and for fellowship.)

Friday Mornings Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Nov 12 (except Oct 22); 9:30-11:30AM

FREE [Register](#)

**Romans Bible study** with Pastor Duane

Tuesday evenings September 28<sup>th</sup> -November 2<sup>nd</sup>; 7:00 - 8:30 PM

\$10 for the book [Register](#)

**Bible Basics 101** with Mark Gilligan

Tuesday Evenings October 5, 12, 19 & 26; 7:00-8:30PM

FREE [Register](#)

**The Divine Drama** with Sanna ☺ (We will walk through the Old Testament together to uncover major themes that will help us better understand Jesus' life and teachings)

Tuesday mornings September 14<sup>th</sup> - December 14<sup>th</sup>; 9:30-11:30AM

\$20 (books) [Register](#)

\$56/child for KidKare

**The Divine Drama** with Carrie & Mark Gamm (same study as above)  
Thursday evenings September 16 - December 16 (skip Thanksgiving)  
6:30-8PM  
\$20 (books) Register at [sotv.org](http://sotv.org)  
KidKare is available

**Beth Moore Bible study:** The Journey; The Stories  
Tuesday Mornings September 14<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>; 9:30-11:30 AM  
\$20 (books) Register at [sotv.org](http://sotv.org)  
KidKare is available

\*\*\*Unless KidKare is mentioned, there most likely is not childcare. Check at [sotv.org](http://sotv.org) for more information and costs if they are not stated.

### *Looking for a church home?*

Come to Shepherd of the Valley for SonFest! Join us as we kick off the fall season together as a community of believers. Worship Services will feature the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band, which has been elected to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame and is rated among the finest entertainment in the Midwest. Kids can make crafts & have fun at activity stations in the narthex, while the adults spend some time in fellowship together. Special food will include Son Floats and cookies (and donuts of course). Worship times are Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 8:30, 9:45 & 11AM. Come visit SOTV! You are welcome here.

### *Sunshine News & Upcoming Arrivals:*

Please email Sanna ([sanna.ellingson@gmail.com](mailto:sanna.ellingson@gmail.com)) with news of your new arrival or pregnancy. We love to keep track of when our moms are due and keep expecting & new moms in our prayers.

***Summer Devotional: Trusting God:***

***(from The Devotional Bible by Max Lucado; devotional referenced written by Neil Anderson's Walking in the Light)***

Several men went on a mission trip to Haiti where they met a 19 year old boy who loved Christ deeply. He impressed them so profoundly that they invited him to visit the United States. Upon arrival, a whole new world opened up before the young Haitian's eyes. He had never slept between sheets, never had 3 meals on the same day, never used indoor plumbing, and never tasted McDonalds. While traveling in the United States, this godly young man made many new friends. At the end of a 6 week long visit, his sponsors hosted a farewell dinner in his honor. After dinner several members of the group offered warm parting remarks. Then they asked the young Haitian if he would like to say anything. "Yes," he said as he rose, "I would, I want to thank you so much for inviting me here. I have really enjoyed this time in the United States. But, I am also very glad to be going home. You have so much in America, that I'm beginning to lose my grip on my day-to-day dependency on Christ."

Do you have so much that you find it hard to keep a grip on your day-to-day dependency on Christ? When we don't need to depend on Christ, we will not. Our natural tendency is to depend on self, not Christ. To have so much, as the young Haitian observed, creates self-sufficiency.

***Tell your friends about MOPS and our new, lower fees!***

Our website for MOPS is : <http://sotv.org/children/mopstham.shtml>

Most people who come to MOPS come because a friend invited them. Thanks to the generous support of SOTV, our MOPS group is the most affordable it has even been. Consider telling your friends about MOPS. Share the link for our webpage on Facebook, or email it to friends with small children. You never know who may be waiting for an invitation...

Our website will be updated with new fee information by the end of the week.

***God's blessings to you and your family! See you in September!***