

MOM'S PARENTING FORUM



Parenting Help

FEB 6
2016

from Experienced Moms

Schedule

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| 8:00 | Doors Open, Registration, and Breakfast |
| 8:30 | Welcome |
| 8:40-9:15 | First Speaker, Suzi McDuffee |
| 9:15-9:25 | Q & A |
| 9:25-10:00 | Second Speaker, Gwen Brodd |
| 10:00-10:10 | Q & A |
| 10:10-10:25 | Break |
| 10:25-11:00 | Third Speaker, Melody Merritt |
| 11:00-11:10 | Q & A |
| 11:10-11:45 | Fourth Speaker, Rey Cooke |
| 11:45-11:55 | Q & A |
| 11:55 | Closing Announcements and Prayer |



The High Calling of Parenting

Suzi McDuffee



I. Our Teaching Assignment

- A. Determine to nurture your child's spiritual growth. II Peter 3:18
- B. Develop your own passion for God. Deuteronomy 6:5
- C. Be intentional about making God the center of your family.
 - 1. Live out Deuteronomy 6:6-8 in your home.
 - 2. Make church a priority. Hebrews 10:25
 - 3. Teach principles of giving. II Corinthians 9:7
 - 4. Guide your child's overall education. Proverbs 6:20

II. Our Loving Assignment

- A. Learn to Praise: Proverbs 12:25, Proverbs 15:15
- B. Determine to Encourage: Proverbs 16:24
- C. Practice Acceptance and Unconditional Love: John 15:12

D. Be Available: Proverbs 1:5

E. Provide Safe harbor: Psalm 122:7

III. Our Legacy Assignment

A. Carefully consider your legacy. II Peter 3:18

B. Examine your priorities. Psalm 25:12-14

C. Make God your Passion. Psalm 103:17-18

D. Determine to pass the baton of faith to the next generation!

God's Parenting Priorities

- P Pray daily and pray scripture for your children-those prayers will change your family history!
- A Make "A" commitment to expose your children to the things of God consistently and give God's Word a reigning position in your home and family.
- R Take Responsibility to live out an authentic faith in front of your children, modeling for them the behavior and values of Jesus.
- E Experience each moment and each season of your child's life to the fullest with joy, celebrating the blessing of the Lord through each child's life.
- N Nurture your relationship with each child establishing an environment of unconditional love in your home.
- T Teach your child to love God and His Word passionately and to make prayer a daily priority in their lives.

God's Parenting Priorities

Deuteronomy 6:5 " Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:6-8 " Impress my commandments on your children, talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

II Peter 3:18 "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

Excerpt from poem by Diane Loomans: "If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again"

If I had my child to raise all over again, I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.

I'd finger paint more and point the finger less. I'd do less correcting and more connecting.

I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes. I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.

I'd stop playing serious and seriously play, I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars. I'd do more hugging and less tugging..." I would spend more time talking about Jesus and His love and His wonderful plan for each of our lives."



Biblical Discipline

Gwen Brodd



Discipline:

- Webster's dictionary – as a noun;
as a verb;
- Old Testament – Hebrew
- Greek –

Divine discipline is evidence of divine _____

Three aspects to Godly discipline:

1. It is for our own _____
2. It enables us to share God's _____
3. It yields the _____ of righteousness

True discipline includes six essential ingredients:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

There are five keys to effective discipline:

1. Be _____
2. Be _____
3. Be _____
4. Be Prayerful and _____
5. Have a final word--- _____



The Secret to Impacting Your Child's Future: Prayer

Melody Merritt



*"Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to Him for the lives of your children." - Lamentations 2:19*

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." - James 5:16b

I. What is My Assignment and Position as a Parent?

II. What is Prayer?

III. Why do I need to Pray?

IV. How do I Pray God's Word?

V. How do I Impact My Child's Future Through Prayer?

Resources: The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian, Fervent by Priscilla Shirer, and Praying God's Word by Beth Moore

Ways to Pray for Your Children

Salvation: *John 1:12, 2 Timothy 3:15, Ephesians 3:17-19*

Pray that your child will accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and know how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is for them.

Character Development: *Philippians 2:3, Proverbs 12:22, Micah 6:8, 1 Peter 5:6, Colossians 3:23*

Pray that they will do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but will walk humbly before the Lord, will hate lies and seek after truth, and be the best student they can be.

Health and Safety: *Isaiah 53:5, Philippians 4:6*

Pray for physical protection and do not be anxious for anything, but make your requests known to God with thanksgiving.

Family Relationships: *Ephesians 6:1, Matthew 5:9, Proverbs 1:8, Ephesians 4:32*

Pray that they will obey their parents, that they will be peacemakers, and that they will love their brothers and sisters and be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, and not allow rivalry to hinder a lifelong positive relationship.

Friendships and Peer Pressure: *Proverbs 22:24-26, Proverbs 1:10, Ephesians 4:14*

Pray that they will choose godly friends and be kept from harmful friendships, and that they will be firm in their convictions and withstand peer pressure.

Education: *Romans 12:2, Proverbs 1:5, Proverbs 2:1-5*

Pray that they not be conformed to this world, but have a sound mind by renewing it with God's truth, give them a good mind, a teachable spirit, and an ability to learn.

Future, Spouse, Career: *2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Mark 10:6-9, Proverbs 3:6, Matthew 25:21*

Pray that they will be wise in their choice of a mate, that they will be a Christian, remain pure, and bring one another great joy. That in all their ways they acknowledge God and He will make their paths straight and that they will be wise in the use of their God-given gifts, talents, and abilities



How and When Do We Talk to Kids About Controversial Issues?

Rey Cooke



I. GET A PLAN: Sexual Purity Demands a plan

II. DEVELOP CONVICTIONS: Personal Commitment to Truth - *Eph. 5:1-4*

III. GET ACCOUNTABILITY: Life was Designed for Community - *Ecc. 4:12*



Speaker Bios



GWEN BRODD

Gwen is a native of Wake County where her dad used to deliver Long Meadow milk door-to-door in Cary for 3 decades starting in the 1950's.

Gwen began her relationship with Jesus Christ when she was 7 years old. When she was a young mom with 4 boys she started pursuing Christ with all her heart. Gwen enjoys teaching women's Bible study and speaking to women's groups at retreats and conferences. She loves to encourage women in their walk with the Lord and in their role as a wife and mother.

She graduated from NC State where as a freshman she met her husband Jeff and they will be celebrating 40 years of marriage this year. Jeff and Gwen have 4 married sons, four daughter-in-laws, 5 grandchildren and a sixth to be added in April.

A year ago Gwen and her husband planted a new church in Cary called Faith Bible Church. Gwen enjoys reading, studying and teaching the Bible, mentoring, discipleship, laughing and making others laugh. Her favorite thing is being "Gigi" to grandchildren.



REY COOKE

Rey and her husband Avery were High School sweethearts, and been happily married for 36 years! They have 4 lovely daughters and 8 grandchildren and 1 more coming anyday. Rey enjoys spending time with her family, taking long walks, playing at the beach, and fellowshiping with friends. However the real love of her life is Jesus, therefore she dwells deeply into the riches of His word and enjoys the abundant life!



SUZI MCDUFFEE

Suzi met Jesus in her fist bible study as a young Mom looking for meaning in her life. God opened the door for leadership and gave her the privilege of teaching hundreds of women in bible Study Fellowship for nine years. After retiring from that ministry she began teaching classes on marriage and parenting in her church and headed up an area wide women's conference called Refresh Your Heart for five years. Suzi loves teaching God's Word in practical ways that motivate women to apply God's principles to their everyday life. Suzi lives in Cary and works in a family business with her husband and two sons



MELODY MERRITT

Melody is an Eastern North Carolina girl who can wholeheartedly say "Jesus is enough." She learned this through marriage, divorce, single parenting, and day to day life. She has a passion for encouraging and equipping women and girls of all ages to go deeper in personal relationships with God and live in the freedom He has for us. Melody speaks to women's groups, leads a weekly Bible study, works with youth, and co-teaches a single ladies Sunday school class. She is also a Board Certified Biblical Counselor and Life Coach with American Association of Christian Counselors. Her favorite thing to do is sit with someone over a cup of coffee and share what Jesus is doing in our lives. Melody is mother to two awesome adult daughters, one son in law and now Mimi to two granddaughters.