



TeenMOMS

July 2011 Prayer/Newsletter

Buffalo TeenMOMS meets most 2nd and 4th Wednesday Nights from 7pm-9pm
During the school year at the Buffalo Christian Center

In thinking about this past year at TeenMOMS, one of the things that stand out most is that our group has become a Safe Space for a number of young moms trying to pull their lives together. For the most part, we only see these moms two nights per months. Sometimes I've felt apologetic about that small amount of influence. But for a teen struggling through life, school, family, relationships, financial concerns and trying to raise a baby, a couple of nights per month with child care; caring, stable adults; fellow teen moms; fun and food is no small thing.

For 6 years now, we've been there and have brought truth, support, information and love. The moms are really starting to feel safe in this environment to share what they are really going through. The pain of the broken relationships with the baby's daddy, the pain of coming from a home where there is regular anger and abuse, the struggle to figure out child care and finances, the loneliness and isolation. One of the moms told us recently that she'd "*never tell people at school this stuff*". Teens need a place to "vent" and say what is really going on inside. We can't fix the situations the moms find themselves in, but we can help love them through it and help point to the hope that is really only found in the God that loves them every second of their lives.

- *Diana*

Some Highlights of our Spring Meetings:

- ♥ We ran our 2nd annual Moms & Guys nights (where the moms get to bring the baby's daddy or a boyfriend or brother or someone who is helping them raise the baby). Special thanks to Barb & Cap Farrow for teaching and loving the moms and the guys!
- ♥ Barb Farrow conducted the last of her three sessions of "Ready, Set, Read" to help the moms work with their babies on pre-reading skills.
- ♥ Our Spa night (courtesy of West Falls Mops and ladies from Resurrection Life Church and the Chapel.) was a lot of pampering (such as chocolate fountains and foot baths) and included a spiritual challenge from Shatina Barr. Quite a few of the



moms prayed to know God more in their lives and stayed with Shatina for some advice on “first steps”.

- ♥ Easter message and craft- Carlos Spencer joined us to remind the moms of God’s great purpose in their lives and that they should understand that they are made in His image for a high calling.
- ♥ Closing carnival- the pool at the BCC is closed for repairs (**PLEASE PRAY** that the funds would come to fix it), so, instead of a pool party, Theresa Thompson and a host of great volunteers put on a wonderful carnival for the moms and the children. Thanks to the many who helped!

Coming Up:

- ❖ **Summer Discipleship Group-** Quite a few moms prayed this year to ask God into their hearts and lives. We want to follow-up with them to encourage them to take steps to grow in Him. This summer 8 moms have signed up to come to four Wednesday Night Barbeque/Discipleship Meetings in July at Diana’s house on the Westside of Buffalo. We’re really excited about this. **PLEASE PRAY** that all the moms would come and that we’d have a lot of fun and growth together.



- ❖ **Leadership Changes-** After helping start Buffalo TeenMOMS and working as Co-Coordinator for all of our 6 years of ministry, Carol Greetham has decided to step down from her leadership role. She will likely still be involved in some ways in the ministry but is moving on to other things in her life. **THANK YOU, CAROL, FOR ALL THE LOVE AND EFFORT YOU HAVE POURED INTO TEENMOMS FROM THE BEGINNING!** Also, Rose Orcutt, our Hospitality Coordinator, needs to step back from her leadership role for a year as she pursues some other ministry work at her church. Rose will continue to be involved in planning and will, hopefully, be back for the 2012-2013 season. We will miss her friendly face and delicious food (not to mention that she is the best baby holder ever). It looks possible we may have some ladies coming to join us in these roles for next year, but are still solidifying the team and would love to have some new faces if anyone is interested in helping out in any way. **PLEASE PRAY** for the leadership team to fill in and come together.

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- Corrina Langworthy and Amherst Baptist MOPS for food and facials!
- Our amazing Steering Team members and MOPPETS helpers!

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