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“Where two or three come together...there I am among them” Matthew 18:20

Light Years Ahead: Words from a Mentor Mom
(Astro-Mom Rella Osborne)

Yes, It is January 2010. A new month, a new year, and a new decade. I like new beginnings, they hold so much promise. I know that doesn't really make sense. After all, each day is new and holds promise. We can start a new plan, a new project, or a new goal on any day. We all have the same number of days in a year and each of those days has 24 hours. Some chosen few aren't given more – it may only seem like it. One of my favorite Bible verses for years has been Psalms 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A new favorite verse this year is Psalms 90:12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. What is our attitude about time and how we use our days? While waiting to be called for an appointment recently I was paging through a magazine and skimmed an article about a man who, according to the writer, had lived his life fully each and every day. I did NOT agree. The article said he went after every experience with gusto. The louder and the faster, the better he loved it. Unfortunately, he died in his 30's. One friend was quoted as saying “But that wasn't in his plan.” In this article there was no mention of anything he had done for others. There was no mention of anything that made a lasting difference to his family, friends, workplace, environment or country. There was no mention of faith or God. All that was left were the memories of a few people about a fun guy who lived for speed and adventure. The empty tribute brought to my mind Ecclesiastes 2:11 Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

As we look to a new year how do we want to number our days? If we don't plan and purpose to live life in a manner pleasing to God everything may end up meaningless. We need God's help for the wisdom to do this – the Bible says so. I have a goal to draw closer to God by prayer and Bible study so I can leave a lasting legacy in the lives of others. What is your goal this new year?

Launch Pad: What's Coming Up?

- **January 8:** MOPS Meeting
- **January 31:** Financial Peace University begins
- **February 5:** MOPS Meeting
- **February 5:** Pampering Night
- **March 5:** MOPS Meeting
- **April 9:** MOPS Meeting
- **May 7:** MOPS Year-End Meeting



Launch Pad—Berean Church Info

Berean Bible Church
 10910 East Boone, Spokane, 99206
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Among with sponsoring MOPS, Berean Bible Church has many other ministries that may meet a need in your life:

- * Sunday worship: 9–10:10 a.m. (Nursery available: 0-2 years)
- * Children's Church: Ages 2-5th grade
- * Sunday school: 10:30–11:30 (Classes: nursery through adult)
- * Awana Club: Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

For other opportunities, Bible studies, or fellowship, call 924-8832, or visit the website at www.bereanspokane.org, or visit the information center on Sunday.

AND . . . Did you know . . . Berean MOPS is on Facebook? Search it out, become a fan, and "friend" all of us who already belong. What a great way to get to know each other better!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is coming to the Berean Bible Church starting January 31, 2010. Image Yourself DEBT FREE!! Financial Peace University is a biblically based 13-week video-driven small group study teaching families to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before! This course is for you if . . . You want to understand how to develop and live on a budget; You want to understand real estate and mortgages, college planning, and how to invest for your future; Your credit cards are your Emergency Fund and carry credit card balances; You feel like your money has control over you; You struggle in your marriage due to financial problems. The cost is \$96, a small investment with a large return considering the average family reduces their debt by \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in 91 days. Class starts Sunday January 31st from 6 to 8. Contact Glenn Wage-mann at 924-5608. AND The next seven people to sign up will pay a reduced price of \$80, due to a special offer from Financial Peace University.



REMINDER: Your MOPS to MOM Connection dues are \$23.95 for the year. Please make checks payable to Berean Bible Church. Also, the money suggested donation is \$3, which helps cover the expenses associated with our monthly meetings!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL YOU NEW EXPECTING MOMMAS! AND WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW BABIES!



Don't forget to put your name in for the monthly drawing for "Mocha and a Mentor".

