

Mastering Motherhood⁺

Helpful Information

Participation Fee

- The participation fee is **\$5 per Mom** (per household, no matter how many children live permanently at that same address)
- If you have **no children with you**, the participation fee is \$3
- If you are **financially strapped**, please don't feel the need to pay the participation fee.

Typical Agenda (Kickoff Meetings are Different)

- 9:15 Brunch in this room
- 9:45 Announcements
- 9:50 Short Devotion
- 10:15 Small Groups (in separate rooms)
- 11:30 Small Groups & Childcare Ends

Childcare Registration

- Each child **needs a name tag and Check In slip** as their "ticket" to get into their class
- Name tags and Check In slips are obtained initially from the Assisted Check In station then weekly from the Express Check In station (greeters will assist newcomers)
- Please verify **allergies, medical conditions and security** alerts are accurate on the Check In slip

Childcare Classes

- All of our childcare workers have an **approved background check** and have taken extensive training on safety & security
- The childcare workers will have a printout of what room a mom is in so they can call that room if the mom is needed on the intercom system
- The older children will have a **story, craft and play time** (weather permitting at the outdoor play area) while in the childcare classes
- Don't hesitate to ask a leader (wearing name tags on black lanyards) to **check on your child** to determine if they are adjusting well in their classroom.
- **Infants are welcome to stay with you** (but once they get mobile or disruptive we ask you put them in childcare)
- **Strollers should be left** outside of the main meeting room (newborns in strollers are the exception). They can be stored along the wall by the doors to the childcare rooms OR in the stairwell area room by the

double doors in the childcare hallway.

- **No food** can be brought into childcare rooms to protect the children with allergies
- **No toys** unless donating to the class can be brought into childcare rooms
- Children should not eat from the mom's buffet table; they will get a snack in their class
- Children need to be **picked up promptly at 11:30**
- The children will be assigned a classroom each session and will **remain in the classroom the entire 14 week** session.
- Children who are up to 6 years of age can participate in a session of Mastering Motherhood. If they will turn 7 during any particular session, they have **aged out** of Mastering Motherhood and can't participate in that session. When they turn 7 we recommend they transition to participating in our sister ministry for home schooled parents, Deuteronomy 6.
- Please take your child to the restroom before dropping him/her off in the classroom and ensure they wash their hands especially if they have handled nut products that morning.

Small Group Books

- The books that will be used in the small groups are **available to purchase** the day of the Kickoff Brunch each semester and for the following two weeks
- Books are **sold in room 226** (across the hall from main room) on a first come, first served basis while supplies last
- The first two weeks, **book sales are restricted** to those who are going to be part of that study and the person using the book must personally buy it (no buying multiple for friends who might come).
- If a **small group is FULL**, it means it has likely 18 participants in it, all the books have been sold, and has reached the limit of a desirable, supportable size for a small group.
- If you feel strongly led to go to a "FULL" small group, you may join that small group but need to purchase the book yourself.
- We strongly encourage you to **pick your second choice book versus join a FULL group** so as not to impact that FULL group negatively by exceeding the desirable supportable size for a small group
- **You can switch groups.** The first two weeks, you can return the book if not written in or damaged.

Small Group Meetings

- **Sign up for a small group** in the book room whether or not you buy a book
- The week after the Kickoff Brunch, your **small group will meet** for the first time and continue for the semester (either fall or spring)
- You will get a **meeting plan tailored** to the study you have selected from your small group leader. It will explain what will be covered each week for your study
- **MM+ Cancellations** will be posted on the "*Friends Church Women's Ministries Event Page*" Facebook page and via the iAlert system (Channel 3) and is driven by two or more public schools being closed in the area