



Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.

Deuteronomy 32:2-4

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## THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS

Think about how God can use “small things” to accomplish great things. I want you to think about the fact that each and every day is filled with "little things"; reading to a child, mastering a new mathematical concept together, encouraging a broken heart, kissing a boo-boo, a special meal with one of your older children just to catch up with what is happening in their world, disciplining a child for lying or for being mean to his or her sibling. Our attitude in "little things" will reflect God's heart toward our children, an attitude that says you are precious, valuable, and worthy of my time. These "little things" when done in the name of Christ as led by His Spirit are not trivial in the eyes of God, for He cares about our “small things” and He can use the “small things” in our day to accomplish great things.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians  
4:6-7*

As a mother of three home school graduates, I have wonderful memories with my older children through our home schooling years together. Yes, we had our struggles, but I can testify that it was God's grace that enabled me to see through those hard times; what a joy and a blessing to be a part of their growing up years. Thankfully the good memories stand out far more than the bad. I take encouragement in knowing God will be faithful as I continue to school my youngest. Zechariah 4:6 says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of host."

As parents, our prayer needs to be that our children, through our examples, will accomplish great things for the Lord and that our efforts in educating them at home will not be in vain. One day you will be able to look at your young adult's testimony for the Lord and be truly blessed for you will see the results of "the day of small things!"

For who has despised the day of small things . . .  
Zechariah 4:10 a

Devotion by Michelle Steyne

## Calendar of Events

- March 5 (Mon)**      **Healthy Moms Group**, Sue Faulk's home, 7:30 pm
- March 9 (Fri)**      **Spring Academic Presentation Day:** Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room, 9:00 am
- March 9 (Fri)**      **THRILL Meeting**, Calvary Chapel Church, 12:30-3:00 **note: location and time change this month**
- March 13 (Tues)**      **Field Trip:** Lexington County Museum: Quilt Maker-Home Crafts 9:30 am-12:30 pm
- March 16 (Fri)**      **Yearbook Meeting**, Harvest Church, 1:00-3:00 pm **note: shortened time this month**
- March 30 (Fri)**      **Talent Night**, Fellowship Bible Church
- April 2 (Mon)**      **Healthy Moms Group**, Sue Faulk's home, 7:30 pm
- April 25-27 (Wed-Fri)**      **Standardized Testing**, First Baptist Church in Lexington, April 25: Grade 3 only, April 26: Grades 3-8, April 27: Grades 3-12
- May 18 (Fri)**      **Achievement Night**, Riverbend Church



## Healthy Moms Group

Our Healthy Moms Group will meet next Monday night, March 5th at 7:30 at Sue Faulk's house (124 Epic Drive, West Columbia). We'll be watching Dr. Fuhrman's Secrets to Healthy Cooking where he and his wife will show how they make salad dressings and dips, soups and stews, main dishes, vegetable smoothies, and ice cream and sorbets. There will also be some charts for you creative cooks where you pick one item from each column on the chart to create your own recipe. Please let Sue know if you'll be coming (808-2873 or [smfaulk@juno.com](mailto:smfaulk@juno.com)).

You do not have to have come to a previous meeting in order to join us for these meetings. We have new people each month.

And now, a preview of next month's meeting (Monday, April 2nd): Get in shape by exercising only 12 minutes per day, and you don't even need to do it every day!! It's easy, you can choose from a variety of exercises, you don't need a video, you don't need other equipment unless you want it, you can do it by yourself or with your kids, and it actually works! No more excuses! Put on your exercise clothes and come next month because we are going to do this and you'll know exactly what to do when you go home.



# Spring Academic Presentation Day

Friday, March 9, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Theme: **Art, Literature & Music**

Spring Academic Presentation day is a wonderful morning of 3-5 minute speeches (or reading of papers) by our students on a subject relating to literature, art, or music. Presentations of authors, artists, composers, or specific pieces of work are all appropriate, as well as anything else relating to those subjects. Children in grades 1 and 2 may just do a presentation board. Many of our older students do both a speech with a presentation board illustrating their topic. We will meet in the reception room (on the west side of the building--there will be a sign out front of the door) of the Lexington Baptist Church. We begin at 9 a.m., and many will go to a local park afterwards to eat lunch and celebrate!

Please sign up by e-mailing [valeriemharris@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriemharris@yahoo.com) with the child's name and grade **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, March 5th.**

If you have any questions, please email Valerie Harris at [valeriemharris@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriemharris@yahoo.com) or call at 957-5388.

## Talent Night

Come one, come all to the SHIELD Talent Night! We are seeking all types of acts...singing, dancing, piano playing, any musical instrument number, dramatic recitations, martial art demonstrations, signing, or whatever talent you are willing to share.

Date: Friday, March 30, 2012

Time: Evening (exact time TBD based on how many acts we have)

Location: Fellowship Bible Church, 6108 Bush River Rd., Columbia

Please email Danita Palazzolo at [ddzolo@sc.rr.com](mailto:ddzolo@sc.rr.com) to sign your child/children up, or with any questions. Please include child's name, grade, act and something special about the child you would like shared in lieu of an introduction.

You may also call Danita with questions at 803 520-6695. Please join us in sharing the talent that God has given our amazing kids!



**Field Trip**  
**Lexington Museum:  
Quilt Maker/Home Crafts**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**Time:** 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Cost:** free

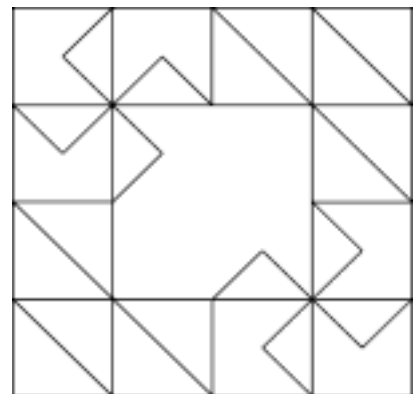
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For more info: <http://www.lex-co.com/group.html>

\*Please understand that signing up is a commitment. Please let Heather know ASAP if you are unable to make it to allow others on the waiting list to fill the spot. No show/no call will exempt you from further participation in other Lexington Museum Field trips. This is a parent-child activity, not a drop off.

Sign up by emailing Heather Schaub at [theschaubs@juno.com](mailto:theschaubs@juno.com).



## THRILL

(Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives)

Those who serve, lead; and those who lead, serve.

THRILL March meeting: **Friday, March 9, 2012**  
**12:30-3:00**

**Please note the change in our meeting time & place.**

We will have our meeting at Calvary Chapel, which is located next door to Harvest Hope. It has been arranged for someone from Harvest Hope to meet with our group at 12:30 to present information about Harvest Hope, what they do, who they serve, where the food comes from, etc

After that we are on the schedule for 1-3 to volunteer at Harvest Hope. The group will be divided (students and parents if they want) into two and each group will work for an hour.

Please let Elizabeth Collins know if you will be able to make this meeting. [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com)



For more information or if you have any questions, you can contact:

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## Yearbook News

If you have interest in helping in any way with the yearbook next year, please contact Linda Barnhill [elbeemee@gmail.com](mailto:elbeemee@gmail.com) now so you can start with the beginning of the process!

Yearbook Interest Follow Up Discussion  
**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3 p.m.** - Lexington Library Conference Room

This meeting is for adults who expressed interest in helping to work with yearbook next year. We will discuss your interests specifically and brainstorm how your gifting and the needs of the staff might fit together. After this, the yearbook staff and SHIELD leaders will pray through all of this to see how we sense the Lord leading us to work together.

**Don't forget to buy your yearbook!**

Cost - \$30.00 – SEND YOUR CHECK TODAY

To purchase - mail a check made payable to SHIELD to:  
Jonathan Liva - 270 Browning Court - Lexington, SC 29073

## Yearbook Staff News

**Next staff meeting: Friday, March 16, 1-3 pm** at “The Rock” at Harvest Church, Hwy 378 in Lexington.

**\*\*\*Note shorter meeting time!**

We will be celebrating the completion of the yearbook and will be talking about ideas for the coming year including some recruiting for student leaders! Student leaders need to have at least one year experience and be willing to dedicate time and energy to leading well! If your students are currently on the staff, and have completed their assignments well, they are eligible. Please give some thought to this and discuss it with your students before the meeting.

## Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? If so, please send the information to Karen Collins at [jk-kids@sc.rr.com](mailto:jk-kids@sc.rr.com).

### Babysitters:

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	(Decorating/Food)		
	(1-11 <sup>th</sup> Certificates)		
	(K5 Graduation)		
	(Senior Graduation)		

### About Our Newsletter...

**Newsletter submissions must be received by March 25 for inclusion in the April newsletter.**

The SHIELD Encourager Newsletter is published monthly and e-mailed to our members at the beginning of every month (except June & July). If you have an item you would like to submit, contact Karen Collins at [jk-kids@sc.rr.com](mailto:jk-kids@sc.rr.com) or [shieldhomeschool@gmail.com](mailto:shieldhomeschool@gmail.com).