



TITUS TALK

Titus Moms Ministry 2011-2012: "Capturing the Moments"

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Staying Connected

When something works for you as a couple/family, make it a tradition. Your rituals reflect the heart of your marriage

Eileen Silva Kindig

My all-time favorite picture of myself hangs on my office wall. It's done in purple crayon on newsprint and finished off with a black-and-gold frame from Wal-Mart. The reason I like it, aside from the fact that I love the once-little artist, is that it reminds me of a goofy family ritual. Every St. Patrick's Day I bake Irish soda bread, crank up the Chieftains on the stereo and dance the hornpipe in the kitchen. When my daughters were small, they thought this was hysterical fun. Now they just think it's hysterical, but I do it anyway because **a**) I like to; **b**) my husband gets a kick out of it; and **c**) I still can.

The longer that picture hangs in my office, the clearer it becomes that the traditions that fill our lives with laughter, joy and a sense of the sacred are at the center of the gifts of life, love and family.

Robert Fulghum calls ritual "a frame around the moment." Whether large or small, individual or universal, these repetitive acts whisper, "Hey! Pay attention! This matters!" It doesn't matter how corny, ridiculous or boring a ritual may seem to others. If it works for you, it works.

From small daily acts to once-a-year celebrations, traditions give our lives structure and provide a deep sense of security. Even the more celebrated traditions, such as decorating the Christmas tree, are unique and special for the simple reason that nobody else does them exactly the way your family does. Some traditions, like the Swedish custom of baking Lucia bread on the Feast of St. Lucy, remind you of your roots. There's wonder and mystery in knowing that you are part of something that stretches back for generations.

Rituals have the power to connect us with each other and with the past, and they help us weave a lasting legacy for future generations. It's important to create them early in your marriage and keep them alive in your family through the years. But that's not to say traditions never should be altered. Remember, there is "a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). Just as life plays out in seasons, so does your marriage and family. The traditions you create and maintain will evolve to match the stage of life you're in.

Today in Titus

Welcome:

Sarah Boone

Titus co-Coordinator

Mentor Moment:

Barb Hoffner

Speaker:

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Titus co-Coordinator

Titus Mission:

A community of mothers, providing a place of acceptance and opportunity for authentic relationships to form. Women are taught and encouraged in their roles as mothers and Christ-followers, through speakers, mentors, and small groups.



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Titus Group

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Surprise Oven Pancake

Kim Hall

Children young (and old!) enjoy watching this breakfast pancake rise in the oven and then fall immediately when it comes out of the oven. Delicious, easy to make, and a fun breakfast memory.



Ingredients:

2 Tablespoons butter 2 eggs 1/2 cup milk 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
2. Cut pieces of butter into 8x8 square pan or 9" pie pan and melt in oven.
3. Beat eggs and milk in bowl. Mix in flour until well combined.
4. Pour batter into hot pan. Sprinkle on sugar and cinnamon (optional to taste).
5. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until puffed and golden.
6. Dust with confectioners' sugar (optional); serve warm.
7. Top with fresh berries, syrup, powdered sugar, whipped cream, cream cheese & jam, or applesauce

Save the Date:

Mom's Night Out: September 27th

Moms Morning In: October 27th

Extra Titus Off-week Playgroups – 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Next gathering September 22nd and October 13th from 9-11 AM in the Blackhawk Church gym.



UPCOMING TITUS MEETING

October 6th – Topic TBA

Contact Tracey Monroe, lantytracey@yahoo.com or 260-8540, for more information on these upcoming events.

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