

# iMOMs

intentionally raising  
children for Christ

## Welcome to iMOMs!

iMOMs is for mothers of school-aged children, elementary through college, who are *intentional* about raising their children with Christian values. iMOMs' goal is to educate, inspire, empower and equip moms with tools and fellowship to strengthen themselves so they can, in turn, foster positive spiritual growth for their family and community.

## What is iMOMs?

iMOMs is a Christian-based organization for all mothers. iMOMs will offer:

- **A monthly meeting** focused on issues that are of most importance to you as a mom. Our topics will range from marriage to health and wellness to social issues facing your children. We will meet the first Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., unless a holiday. Meeting over lunch allows us to share food and fellowship while also picking a time that would work for working moms who can take an extended lunch break once a month. Meetings will take place from September to May.
- Each month iMOMs will offer a **service project** in the community. This will allow moms the opportunity to serve others whether it be Journey Bags for foster children or homeless kits for the community. We will be providing service to missions in the Danville area and surrounding communities.
- iMOMs will also offer a **Mom's Time Out** as a way to fellowship with other mothers, be it over lunch or an evening out in Danville or another member's home.

iMOMs members are not required to participate in every service project or social gathering. However, every member is strongly encouraged to attend each monthly meeting and as many events as they can in order to build a strong community.

## Our Beliefs

Our beliefs are based upon our host church. While you do not have to be a member of Indian Hills Christian Church to be a member of iMOMs, we do adhere to their beliefs.

### About God:

- The creator of the earth (Gen. 1:1-31)
- The origin of all scripture (II Tim. 3:16-17)
- The Father of Jesus the Christ (Mat. 3:16-17)

### About Jesus:

- He is the Son of the living God (Mat. 16:16)
- He is the only way to God (John 14:6)
- He died for the sins of all mankind (John 3:16, 15:13)

### About the Holy Spirit:

- He is our guarantee for eternal life (Eph. 1:13-14)
- He lives in us if we accept Jesus (Rom. 8:10-11)

About Salvation: We believe we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus and His commands

- Confession (Mat. 16:16)
- Repentance (Acts 2:37-38)
- Baptism by immersion (Mk. 16:16; Rom. 6:2-10)
- Growth after receiving the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

We are independent of any denomination and strive to be the church found in the New Testament. We believe the Bible is the Word of God; therefore we follow no other creed or written word. We believe in the virgin birth and the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our mission was given to us by Christ in Matthew 28:19-20:

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded . . .”*

## **iMOMs Policies**

### **Membership**

Open to any mother with child(ren) age 5 and up in public, private or home school. Each member must fill out a registration form for herself when she joins the iMOMs group and pay registration dues.

iMOMs grows by your recommendation to other moms! While we strongly encourage you to invite other moms, we ask that you please invite them to meetings, Mom’s Time Outs or Service Projects that are held at the church or within the community versus something held at an iMOMs member’s home. We also ask that you inform the Membership Coordinator when someone is invited so that arrangements can be made to make sure enough food and supplies are available for the event in question. We want to make sure they have a great time when they come to check us out!

### **Dues**

All dues are required upon registration. The entire year is \$25. If joining after January, dues are \$15. Registration fees cover the cost of operating our iMOMs group – hospitality supplies, speaker gifts and service project supplies. We work diligently to keep the cost of iMOMs as low as possible while still providing a quality program.

### **Cell Phones**

As a courtesy to all moms, please silence (put on vibrate) your cell phone during our meetings. If you need to make or receive a call during our meetings, please excuse yourself from the meeting area to do so. Please refrain from texting during meetings, especially while guest speakers are talking.

### **Guest Speakers**

We are so fortunate to have wonderful guest speakers from our community! While a guest speaker is talking, please refrain from talking to members at your table or using your cell phone in any way (texting, Internet, Facebook, etc.). We want to show them respect and let them know how much we appreciate them taking the time to come to speak to us.

### **Food**

Each meeting different table groups will be in charge of bringing and providing the food. Our Hospitality Coordinator will send via e-mail a sign-up list of what needs to be provided. We ask that if your group is bringing food for the day, please come early (by 11:20 a.m.) so the food table may be prepared before the iMOMs meeting starts at 11:30. All iMOMs moms can use the covered entrance to drop off food onto the food cart before parking.

### **Clean-Up**

Each table is responsible to assist with the clean-up after our meetings on the month they provide the food. If you are unable to participate during your group’s scheduled date, please let your Discussion Group Leader know. Clean-up will be immediately following the meeting. Remember the work of many makes the burden light!

### **Young children in the iMOMs Meetings**

iMOMs is primarily for those with children of school age. However, some with children in school and younger may elect to be in iMOMs. If so, your little ones are more than welcome to join us in our meetings until the age of 6 months. We realize that it is hard to leave an infant, but we request that you do so after the age of 6 months. Please make proper arrangements for your own child care so our iMOMs meetings can be focused on the topic. Moms who are home schooling may work together to arrange proper child care. There are several home school teenagers in the church community who might be willing to watch the children as a group. However iMOMs will not be facilitating this. It will be the responsibility of the mom to coordinate childcare. If your baby does remain in the meeting with you (before he or she is 6 mos.), please be respectful of other moms and excuse yourself if your baby is fussy or crying.

### **Selling to iMOMs moms**

Many of our moms have businesses on the side, and we want to make sure we support them! However, we request that you refrain from any kind of personal sales or marketing at iMOMs meetings, MTO or service projects. Additionally, please do not send out group e-mails to iMOMs members trying to sell items, invite to parties, or post anything for sale on the iMOMs social media page.

### **iMOMs Alcohol Policy**

All iMOMs events are alcohol free. This includes events held on chartering ministry property and in the community, as well as iMOMs activities that occur out of town. In an effort to not be a stumbling block (Romans 14:13-23) or an offense to our sisters (or brothers) in Christ, the use of alcohol should not be associated with any official iMOMs events. We need to be mindful that alcohol may be offensive to some.

### **Meeting Dates and Times for 2017-2018**

All meetings are held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Indian Hills Christian Church in the large meeting room in the basement of the new building. However, many of us arrive at 11 a.m. to have more time for fellowship. Please feel free to join us.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Thursday, Oct. 5

Thursday, Nov. 2

Thursday, Dec. 7

Thursday, Jan. 4

Thursday, Feb. 1

Thursday, March 1

Thursday, March 29 (This is our April meeting due to when spring break falls.)

Thursday, May 3

### **General Meeting Schedule**

**11 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Informal gathering for fellowship before meeting**

**11:30 – 11:35 a.m.**

**Meeting Begins**

**Lunch, Announcements**

Tables will alternate providing lunch. If it is your turn to bring food, we ask that you arrive no later than 11:20 a.m.

**11:35 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Speakers, devotions, discussion time, etc.**

## Discussion Groups

At each iMOMs meeting, we will be divided into tables, which will serve as your discussion group. The goals for the discussion group are:

1. Each mom will belong to their discussion group for an entire year. This will provide the opportunity for moms to develop deeper relationships with one another.
2. At some meetings, moms will break off into their discussion groups to talk about questions related to the topics of the meeting. The purpose of the questions is to find commonality, encouragement, and support from fellow moms as moms share their own experiences and wisdom.
3. Each discussion group will have a leader. This leader will facilitate the discussion, keeping everyone on track and mindful of the time and tone of the discussion. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact your Discussion Group Leader or a member of the Steering Team.

It is very important that you contact your Discussion Group Leader as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a meeting for any reason. It allows us to adequately plan for food and hospitality supplies.

*Contact information for group leaders and steering team will be distributed in the directory once the year begins.*