



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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Dear SHIELD family,

**“To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly  
with our God.” Micah 6:8b**

This verse has been one of my long time favorites. This verse will keep us on the straight and narrow path. This verse will guide us as we guide our children.

Our children are very important to us and we want the best for them. We teach them by example. Children are very perceptive; they are learning from our every action and every attitude. They are watching how we spend our time and how we treat others. We try all kinds of ways to please God, to please our spouse and even to please our children. But as 2 Timothy 2:15 says, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” Consistent and diligent study of God’s word is vital for us and for our homes.

No matter what you face today, God is fully aware of you and your needs!

~Lisa Phillips

*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*

## Calendar of Events

<b>February 6 (Mon)</b>	<b>Healthy Moms Group</b> , Sue Faulk's home, 7:30 pm
<b>February 7 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Lexington County Museum: Indian, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
<b>February 14 (Tues)</b>	<b>THRILL Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00
<b>February 21 (Tues)</b>	<b>Moms Night Out</b> , 7:00 pm, San Jose's-Hwy #1 location, 7:00 pm
<b>February 17 (Fri)</b>	<b>Yearbook Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 1:00-4:00 pm
<b>March 9 (Fri)</b>	<b>Spring Academic Presentation Day:</b> Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room, 9:00 am
<b>April 25-27 (Wed-Fri)</b>	<b>Standardized Testing</b> , First Baptist Church in Lexington, April 25: Grade 3 only, April 26: Grades 3-8, April 27: Grades 3-12
<b>May 18 (Fri)</b>	<b>Achievement Night</b> , Riverbend Church

## Healthy Moms Group

What are the medical reasons for why improving your diet will benefit your family's health? How can you prevent or cure chronic diseases? What should you eat? These are topics we'll be exploring at our Healthy Moms Group meeting, Monday night, February 6th, 7:30PM, at Sue Faulk's house (124 Epic Drive, West Columbia). We'll be watching a video by nationally-known family physician Joel Fuhrman. Two of his popular books are [Eat to Live](#) and [Disease-Proof Your Child](#). Check out Dr. Fuhrman's website at [www.drfuhrman.com](http://www.drfuhrman.com) for great nutrition info.

Please call (808-2873) or e-mail ([smfaulk@juno.com](mailto:smfaulk@juno.com)) Sue Faulk to let her know if you will be coming to the meeting or if you have any questions.

## Field Trip

# Lexington Museum: Indian

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2012

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

**Cost:** free

**Contact:** Heather Schaub, [theschaubs@juno.com](mailto:theschaubs@juno.com)

home: 803-233-4059 cell: 803-313-8111

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).

## Mom's Night Out

Join us for Mom's Night Out! This is an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing meal with like-minded moms that home school in our community. We meet once a month at a local restaurant for a few hours to chat and share. Please join us for some fun!  
We always have a great time! :)

Tuesday, February 21st, 7:00 pm  
**San Jose's – Hwy #1 location**  
(not the one by the movie theatres)

If you are planning to attend this upcoming MNO, please RSVP to Rebecca Smith at [rsmith71@sc.rr.com](mailto:rsmith71@sc.rr.com).

**Box Tops due date is fast approaching.  
Don't miss out on making money for  
YOUR school.**

Box Top due date is **Saturday, February 18th**

**Get your neighbors, friends, family and church  
members to help you out!**

Reminder: Please bundle the Box Tops in groups of 50 & put them into a plastic bag. Write the # of box tops & your name on each bag.

If your Box Top is card board, PLEASE peel off the back. This will help in the shipping cost. If they are not peeled off, we will have to charge you extra shipping.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your box tops. This is for mailing a check to you. When you receive your check, there will be a small deduction to help pay for shipping.

For torn Box Tops: As long as you have at least 1/2 the Box Top & the expiration date is on it, you can send it in. Check for expiration dates. You will not get credit for expired Box Tops.

You can send them/drop them off to either JaneyGoude or April Roebuck. If you have any questions, please call April Roebuck at 356-1310.

Janey Goude  
107 Woodbay Ct.  
Lexington, SC 29072

April Roebuck  
1040 Orangeburg Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

# Spring Academic Presentation Day

Friday, March 9, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Theme: **Art, Literature & Music**

Please sign up now for Spring Academic Presentation Day, which will be on Friday morning from 9-12 a.m., March 9th. It will be in the hospitality room of the Lexington Baptist Church, located on the west side of the building. A sign will be posted outside to direct you to the room. The themes for the spring are art, literature, or music. Your 3rd-12th grade students are welcome to share a 3-5 minute presentation on anything relating to those topics, including biographies of artists, writers, or musicians, or reports on their work or works, playing or demonstrating a musical instrument, or anything else related to those topics. First and second grade students may display a board.

Please contact Valerie Harris ([valeriemharris@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriemharris@yahoo.com)) with your students' name and grade to sign up. The deadline for sign up is March 2nd. All are welcome to attend, whether or not you are sharing! We always learn something new!

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

## SHIELD IOWA Standardized Testing April 25-27, 2012

SHIELD offers standardized testing (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) as a service to members by members.

Wed. 4/25	Thurs. 4/26	Fri. 4/27
3rd grade	3rd - 8th grades	3rd - 12th grades

**Applications must be received on or before February 17<sup>th</sup>.** After this date, we will not be able to make any changes to the testing. Those orders placed will be nonrefundable and new students will not be able to be added after February 17<sup>th</sup>. **Contact Elizabeth Collins @ [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com) for the forms.**

**Who:** The test is given to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders whose families are members of SHIELD. Because of logistics, we cannot offer any special needs testing. The test is given by homeschool parents from within SHIELD who meet the requirement of BJU and have a four-year degree. Other parents assist by helping with the children during breaks and lunch.

**When:** April 25<sup>h</sup> through April 27<sup>h</sup>. More specifically, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders test on the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders test the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and high schoolers test on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It sounds confusing, but the layered system has a purpose. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have one additional test to take that the others do not. By starting them early we can both get that test done AND let our newest testers have addition time to get comfortable with the process before jumping in with everyone else. The high schoolers test only on Friday because many of them take classes at the Midland's Resource Center and this prevents conflicting schedules.

**Location:** First Baptist Church of Lexington on Barr Road.

**Why:** Not everyone is required to test – check with your accountability group to find out what your individual situation is. For those who are required or simply choose to test, this service started because some parents have found that some children test better in a more formal environment with limited distractions. Others needed an option to test away from the 'joyful noise' of younger siblings.

**How:** Specific forms are being prepared and will be available at [shieldonline.org](http://shieldonline.org). These consist of a SHIELD testing application and a BJU form and a check made out to BJU both of which will then be sent as a group (you can not send your BJU form and check individually and test with this group). You will not be considered 'signed up' until I have received a form and check. An email will be sent out as soon as the forms are available on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Collins, SHIELD's Testing Coordinator, at 356-5858 or [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com).

## THRILL

(Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives)

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

THRILL February meeting: **Tuesday, February 14, 2012**  
Harvest Church  
2:00-3:00

We will finish working on fleece blankets for Children's Hospital during this meeting and have a little Valentine fun. Boys, it's your turn for the snacks; girls, please bring the drinks.

Our service projects for the month:

February 10 - Harvest Hope from 1-3  
February 14 - Thrill meeting & completing blankets for Children's Hospital  
February 21 - Pets Incorporated from 1-3  
February 24 - Harvest Hope from 1-3



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

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Elizabeth Collins, [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com), 356-5858



## Yearbook News

### Yearbook Staff News

Next staff meeting: **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm** at “The Rock” at Harvest Church, Hwy 378 in Lexington.

We are putting the finishing touches on the yearbook and getting ready to celebrate and start brainstorming for next year! We are so excited! 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! Thank you for all your help with submitting pictures and the fun answers to the Quick Questions!  
We couldn't do it without you!

**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

*If you have any questions about yearbook, please direct questions to:*

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Susan Liva - [srliva@juno.com](mailto:srliva@juno.com) - Business Advisor  
Wilenda Turner - [wilendasemail@gmail.com](mailto:wilendasemail@gmail.com) - Photography Advisor

## 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:

Hannah Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR  
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. [janeygoude@sc.rr.com](mailto:janeygoude@sc.rr.com)

### Lawn Service:

Jonathan Liva, Landscaping Services, 920-7522, [jliva360@gmail.com](mailto:jliva360@gmail.com)

### Music Lessons:

Kayla Tilghman, beginner level lessons in violin and piano, 920-8475,  
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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 February 25 for inclusion in the March 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).