

## **THE WHOLEHEARTED MOTHER CONFERENCE**

Irvine/OC, CA—February 6-7, 2009

2009 Conference Theme: Smiling at the Future with Faith—Building Your Heart and Home on Solid Foundations

### **Crowne Plaza Irvine Hotel**

17941 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, CA 92614

A two-day hotel conference and getaway designed especially for Christian mothers, now in its 11th year of ministering to moms. This year, in a time of faith-challenging uncertainty, Sally's heart is to give moms the ability to "smile at the future" like the Proverbs 31 mother. Your heart will be strengthened and encouraged for the life of trust and faith to which God has called you in raising wholehearted children at home. The conference also includes inspiring guest speakers, practical workshops, inspirational worship, a seated banquet luncheon, book tables, and more.

### **Conference Schedule (subject to change)**

#### FRIDAY

1:00-3:00, Registration and booktable

3:00-5:15, Workshops (TBD, Rachael Carman)

7:00-9:30, Session 1 (Sarah Clarkson, Sally Clarkson)

#### SATURDAY

8:30-11:30, Session 2 (Sandra Maddox, Sally Clarkson)

12:15-1:30, Seated banquet lunch

2:00-4:30, Session 3 (Panel discussion, Sally Clarkson)

5:00, Conference ends

### **Conference Information**

Special Registration: By November 30, \$75.00

Early Registration: By January 9, \$85.00.

Regular Registration: After January 9, \$95.00

**Registration:** All registrations must be made either online (best way), or by phone (Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-3:30PM MDT), and paid in full either by a credit/debit card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover) or by a check draft (with your bank routing and account numbers). Register early to insure attendance, room selection, and rate availability. Refunds prior to Early Registration deadline will be subject to a \$20.00 administrative fee. Refunds after Early Registration ends will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after January 23. Registration transfers are allowed free of charge, but are the responsibility of the registrant. If unable to attend, the full amount may be receipted as a tax-deductible donation upon the request of the registrant prior to the event. A pre-conference information letter will be mailed to all registered guests approximately two weeks prior to the conference.

**Restrictions:** There are just a few necessary registration restrictions. We appreciate your understanding. 1) Children: Mobile babies or children are not allowed in the ballroom. To be fair to all, we cannot make exceptions to this rule, either before or during the conferences. 2) Nursing Mothers: For mothers with infants ("lap babies" only, no crawlers), special seating near an exit and a nursing mothers area will be provided. If you have a nursing infant, we encourage you to consider bringing a family member or friend to watch your baby so you can enjoy the sessions without distraction. 3) Daughters: The minimum registration age is 14. Please be sensitive to the maturity of your child around other adults if you wish to register a daughter. Thank you.

**Hotel Information:** After you have registered for a conference, be sure to call the hotel and reserve a room. Although we have blocked sufficient rooms based on prior reservation patterns, we cannot always guarantee availability of a room at the special conference low rates. Ask for the "WholeHearted Mother Conference" discounted room rate when you call to make your reservation, available Thursday through Sunday of the Conference weekend. Room reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card, but may be cancelled without penalty up to 24 hours prior to check-in. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation. Conference registration does not include the cost of a hotel room. There is a discounted \$6.00 fee for overnight self-parking. For airport shuttle information from Orange County Airport, check with the hotel.

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Reservations: 949-863-1999 (Hotel) or 800-972-2576 (National)

Conference room rate: \$89/night flat rate (plus state/local taxes)

Room Rate Cut-off Date: January 23 (subject to availability after 1/23)

Hotel website: [www.crowneplaza.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com) ("Irvine-Orange County Airport")

**Ministry Information:** Whole Heart Ministries is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) Christian ministry dedicated to equipping and encouraging Christian parents to build a biblical home and a godly heritage by nurturing, discipling and educating their children at home. Proceeds from conference registrations accrue entirely and only to WHM, a faith ministry dependent in part on the contributions of friends who share the Clarkson's hearts for ministering to Christian parents and their children. Registration fees for attending this event are not tax-deductible.

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## Speakers and Messages

### Keynote Speaker

**Sally Clarkson**—The heart of a WholeHearted Mother conference is Sally’s ministry of encouragement and inspiration. She is a gifted speaker and teacher who touches the lives of thousands of women and mothers around the world through her heartfelt messages and inspiring books for mothers, and her blogs and newsletters for Christian women. She speaks from her heart to your heart with personal warmth, real-life humor, biblical insight, and inspirational passion. You can expect to have your heart re-charged, challenged, and changed. Sally’s messages are drawn from her own full life as a mother of four wholehearted children for 25 years, and from her walk with God for 35 years in ministry, missions, marriage, and family. She is the author of *Seasons of a Mother's Heart*, *The Mission of Motherhood*, *The Ministry of Motherhood*, and *The Mom Walk*, and co-author of *Educating the WholeHearted Child*. She and Clay live in Monument, CO. Sally will speak on:

A Heart for God: Living Joyfully for God

A Heart for Motherhood: Hearing the Beat of God’s Mom Heart

A Heart for Faithfulness: Choosing to Live for the Living God

### Featured Speakers

**Sandra Maddox**—Sandra Maddox is an outspoken advocate for Christian motherhood, a speaker and ministry leader, a long-time Bible teacher, a children's book author, and an accomplished interior designer. She founded and directs Treasures, a ministry to young mothers at Saddleback Church in southern California. Her heart's passion is to encourage, train, and inspire moms to use their homes as places of ministry, where each can uniquely express the love and reality of Christ in her marriage, in her motherhood, and as a woman of God. Sandra lives with her husband, Dr. Ron Maddox, in Newport Beach, California. Sandra will speak on:

Faith in the Furnace: Finding Beauty in Life’s Refining Fires

**Rachael Carman**—As a devoted wife of 22 years, and mother of seven children, Rachael is passionate about family. She is a requested speaker, has led “Real Refreshment Retreats” for women since 2003, and now directs the new ApologiaLive Conference for homeschool moms, part of Apologia Educational Ministries now owned by the Carmans. Her heart’s desire is to affirm, encourage, challenge, inspire, and celebrate motherhood. Rachael wrote *SoundBites from Heaven for Focus on the Family* (2005), a collection of 52 statements parents make to their children that echo God’s heart for us. The Carmans live in Charlotte, NC. Rachael will speak on:

Listening to God: Soundbites from Heaven for You and Your Children

**Sarah Clarkson**—Sarah, 24, brings a wealth of knowledge about life-giving literature and writing, and a thoughtful insights about the importance of truth, goodness, and beauty to the wholehearted spiritual life. She is known for her blog, *The Itinerant Idealist* (itinerantidealist.com), and is developing Graceful Heart Ministry (gracefulheart.org) to address the need to understand, experience, and express the grace of God in our daily lives. She is the author of *Journeys of Faithfulness: Stories for the Heart for Faithful Girls*, and is working on her second book, *Read for the Heart: Books for the WholeHearted Family*. Sarah lives in Monument, CO. Sarah will speak on:

The Graceful Heart: Serving Others with Truth, Beauty, and Goodness