

## **THE WHOLEHEARTED MOTHER CONFERENCE**

Charlotte, NC—January 23-24, 2009

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

### **Church at Charlotte**

2500 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

A two-day conference and retreat designed especially for Christian mothers, now in its 11th year of ministering to moms. In this 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 retreat also includes inspiring guest speakers, practical workshops, inspirational worship, a light boxed lunch, book tables, and more.

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

#### FRIDAY

1:00-3:00, Registration and booktable

3:00-5:15, Workshops (TBD, Zan Tyler)

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

#### SATURDAY

9:00-12:00, Session 2 (Sandra Maddox, Sally Clarkson)

12:00-1:00, Lunch

1:00-3:30, Session 3 (Panel discussion, Sally Clarkson)

3:30, Retreat ends

### **Conference Registration**

Early Registration: By December 26, \$55.00

Regular Registration: After December 26, \$65.00

**Registration:** All registrations must be made either online (best way), or by phone (888-488-4466, 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). All refunds will be subject to a \$15.00 administrative fee. No refunds after January 9. Registration transfers are allowed free of charge, but are the responsibility of the registrant. If unable to attend, the full amount may be received 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: Please do not bring mobile babies or children into the meeting room. 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), please plan to sit within easy access to an exit door so you can step outside with your baby if it is crying. The sessions will be recorded. 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:** If you are planning to attend from outside Charlotte and will be staying overnight, we have blocked rooms at the Marriott Charlotte SouthPark Hotel (2.5 miles on a main road to the church). The hotel was completely renovated in August of this year, and features upgraded double Queen bed rooms that can comfortably sleep up to 4 in a room. The discounted flat rate of \$109.00/night is offered for Friday and Saturday nights, January 23 & 24. The special conference rate is guaranteed available until December 23 (subject to availability after the cut-off date). Room reservations guaranteed with a credit card may be cancelled without penalty up to 6:00PM on the day of check-in. When calling to make a reservation, ask for the "WholeHearted Mother Conference" room block rate. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation. Conference registration does not include the cost of a hotel room. We cannot guarantee that our conference rate will be the lowest available rate in the area, but it is a discounted, guaranteed, cancelable/refundable rate. Parking is free at the hotel if you are driving. For airport shuttle information from the Charlotte airport, check with the hotel.

Marriott Charlotte SouthPark Hotel, 2200 Rexford Road, Charlotte, NC

Reservations: 704-364-8220 (Hotel) or 800-228-9290 (Marriott)

Conference Rate: \$109.00/night flat-rate (plus state/local taxes)

Room Rate Cut-Off Date: December 26, 2008 (subject to availability after 12/23)

website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cltph-charlotte-marriott-southpark/>

**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 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

**Zan Tyler**—Zan speaks from a lifetime of experience as a Christian and as a homeschooling (21 years) mother of three children, all graduated. But there's more. She has been an international speaker, state homeschooling leader (founded and led SCAIHS for 10 years), political activist, media spokesperson (Today Show), editor (B&H, Apologia), columnist (Crosswalk.com, LifeWay.com), and author of two books. She is currently Grassroots Director for ParentalRights.org, and acquisitions editor for Apologia Educational Ministries. She loves to encourage Christian and homeschooling mothers. Zan and Joe live in Columbia, SC. Zan will speak on:

Shaping Family Faith: Building Arks, Reading Books, Rocking Cradles

**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