

# SPEAKING TEAM

2014 M.O.M. CONFERENCE ~ BETTER TOGETHER

## MAIN SESSIONS:

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**Stephanie Shott** is founder of **The M.O.M. Initiative**, a ministry devoted to helping the body of Christ make mentoring missional. A pastor's wife, mom and grandma, who speaks to thousands of women each year helping them discover the joy of living full, fearless and faithful lives. She is author of *Understanding What Matters Most* and The M.O.M. Initiative's premier resource, *The Making of a Mom*.

She relates to women in every season because she has walked in the shoes of the sexually abused, the teen mom, the single mom, the divorced mom, the mom of a prodigal child, the ministry leader, the missionary, the pastor's wife, and through it all she has discovered the faithfulness of God, the truth of His Word and the power of praise.

Her passion is contagious, her transparency is inviting, and her love for Jesus is evident. You won't want to miss her keynote on Thursday night!

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Debbie's passion for Christ is evident in her energetic style and insightful personality. She is also a CLASS (Christian Leaders Authors and Speakers) graduate, a member of AWSA (Advanced Writers and Speakers Association), and on the ministry team for The MOM Initiative. Debbie is an authentic servant of Christ with a focus to encourage, challenge and inspire her audiences to become women of passion, purpose and prayer.

Debbie's Friday morning keynote will speak to every woman who has ever felt weary, overwhelmed,

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**Genny Heikka** is an author, speaker, and passionate mentor to moms and writers. From mentoring moms through MOPS and Youth for Christ, to sharing about writing and publishing on her podcast, she is driven by the desire to encourage others and help them be successful. Genny, her husband and two kids live in Northern California, where she balances writing with motherhood and loves both. She is author of *Finding Mommy Bliss* and seven children's books.

Genny also has served as the Director of Communications at Courage Worldwide, an international non-profit that is building homes for children rescued out of trafficking. Genny loves sharing about finding bliss (unexpected joy) in being a mom, the importance of pursuing your dreams, the power of gratitude, living life's best, being healthy inside and out, writing, and more.

Genny's Friday night keynote will resonate with every mom, mentor, and ministry leader in the room!

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**Janet Thompson** is a best-selling, award-winning, Christian author and speaker, and the founder of *Woman to Woman Mentoring* and *About His Work Ministries*. Janet's passion and life focus is one generation teaching and training life lessons from God to the next generation: Sharing Life's Experiences and God's Faithfulness. Janet shares her many life experiences and God's faithfulness in her books, including *Praying for Your Prodigal Daughter*, *Dear God, They Say It's Cancer*, *Dear God, Why Can't I Have a Baby?*, *Dear God, He's Home! A Woman's Guide to Her Stay-at-Home Man*, *The Team That Jesus Built*, and *Face-to-Face* Bible study series.

Janet and her husband Dave have four married children and eleven delightfully fun and precious grandchildren, whom they love to tell about Jesus.

Janet's keynote on Saturday will empower you to live out who you are as a wife, mom, mentor, and ministry leader with a fresh new passion!

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

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**Erin Bishop** is the founder and director of the **Whatever Girls Ministry**. Founded in 2009, the ministry's motto is "intentional moms, intentional daughters" and exists to empower teen girls to choose God's best for their lives by exemplifying the pillars of Philippians 4:8 ~ whatever is whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy.

### **ERIN'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Social Media Wise Parenting: Protecting Your Kids From the Dark Side of Social Media*  
*Parenting Today's Teen Girl*



**Shelly Brown** has spent the last decade sharing the hope and healing she has found in Jesus Christ with women of all ages. A life filled with hurt, abandonment, rejection and pain left Shelly emotionally damaged and longing for love. It was only through the redemptive power of God's incredible love that she found restoration and wholeness. Today, she has the unique platform of not only encouraging women, but also deeply understanding them and offering sound biblical truths and promises.

### **SHELLY'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Nothing Too Broken*  
*The Top 7 Things Moms Do Right*



**Tara Dovenbarger's** deepest longing is to lead women to never give up their faith when life pours forth hardship. her speaking testifies of her personal knowledge of god's faithfulness through her own loss of a child, near loss of another, and painful years of marriage. Tara's goal is to encourage women to tightly grip their faith in Christ during life's painful circumstances and equip spiritually those who will face future trials.

### **TARA'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Lord, Help My Marriage*  
*Walking Beside the Child with Special Needs*  
*Help Me Study God's Word*



**Tracey Eyster** is the happily in love wife of Bill and the fun-filled mom of a college junior daughter and a son who is a homeschool senior – both of whom are chasing after God. She has long been known as the "Fun Mom" and is fully devoted to her family and happiest when making memories with them. In 2008 she took her passion for speaking into the lives of women and created the ministry of **MomLife Today**.

### **TRACEY'S BREAKOUTS:**

*The Lie of the Terrible Two's and the Terrible Teens*  
*Fight for Your Family ~ Be the Mom*  
*Blogger, Writer, Mom - And Definitely Not in that Order*



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### **GENNY'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Finding Mommy Bliss*  
*The Dreaming Mom*  
*The Mom Who Writes*



**Joanne Kraft** is a busy mom and the author of *Just Too Busy—Taking Your Family on a Radical Sabbatical*. She has a passion for igniting hearts for Jesus—especially moms. Joanne has been a single mom, a divorced mom, a full time working mom and a stay at home mom. She understands the heart of a mom.

**JOANNE'S BREAKOUTS:**

*You Can't Be 1/2 a Mother*

*Who Is Your Elisabeth?*

*The Proper Care and Feeding of Ogres (Teenagers)*

*A Mom Like No Other*



**Angela Mackey** lives in the Arkansas River Valley with her wonderfully supportive husband and three amazing children. She is passionate about teaching women to renew their minds through God's word so that they may live transformed lives. Angela is a writer, speaker, nurse, and stay-at-home mom who openly shares her struggle with infertility.

**ANGELA'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Sex, Sex, Sex: How & When to Talk to Your Kids About It*

*Wrestling with God: How to Walk through Infertility (or any trial) with Your Faith Intact*



**Melissa Mashburn** is a woman passionately pursuing God by taking her everyday, ordinary life and placing it as her offering to Him (Romans 12:1-2). With authenticity and a ministry about "Real Women, Real Life, Real Faith," [Melissa](#) shows women their uniqueness and special calling. An author, speaker, Pastor's Wife, and Kids & Women's ministry leader. Melissa is mom to two incredible teenage sons and is married to Matt, her better half, for 20 years and they enjoy life and ministry in South Florida.

**MELISSA'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Your Family Is Your Ministry*

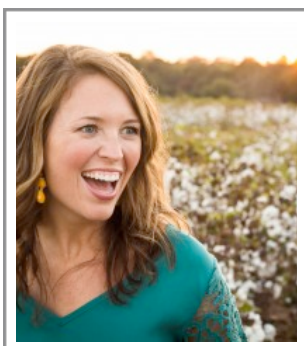
*Godly Girlfriends: The Sprinkles on the Cupcake of Life*



**Barbara Peavy** is married to the love of her life, Danny. Between the two they have nine children, twenty-eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Her greatest passion is for those whose hearts have been broken to be healed and made whole that they may experience and know the love of God. She has a BA in Christian Education and has traveled around the world on a variety of mission trips.

**BARBARA'S BREAKOUTS:**

*When You're Children Are In Prison or Dealing with Addictions*



**Christen Price** blogs at Illuminate, where she seeks to brighten, reveal, and make clear the uncontainable truth. As wife to her high school sweetheart and mother to premature twin girls, she's learned to trust God's plans even when life (or her house) is messy. Christen is the Children's Ministry Coordinator at her church, a lover of exclamation points, and gets way too excited over food and fabric.

**CHRISTEN'S BREAKOUTS:**

*When Motherhood Should Come with a Training Manual*

*Turning Control Into Contentment*



**Heather Riggleman** is an over caffeinated-vegan eatin' mom turned author, speaker, blogger and TV News Personality. She has three kids & is married to her high school sweetheart and is blazing a new trail for moms in the mid-west. Heather's calling is igniting the hearts of women for God. She shares her real life experiences including being a mom to a child with Aspergers and allowing God to heal her from her *Perfection Infection*. Heather is author of the book *Mama Needs A Time Out*.

**HEATHER'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Taking the Detour to Motherhood Together*  
*Falling to Peace(s)*



**Julie Sanders** has never gotten to the bottom of her ironing pile, but she loves to teach God's word and write about His peace covering everyday life. Not a day goes by when she isn't thankful for the truth that, "where sin abounded, grace abounded much more" (Rom. 5:20b). Julie is a pastor's wife and mom of two teenagers. As a Women's Ministry Director, she loves to teach God's word and minister to women online and in her own community.

**JULIE'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Reaching the Hard to Reach Child*  
*Still the One*  
*Building a Top Notch Team*  
*Changing Lives in a Changing World*



**LuaraLee Shaw** LauraLee Shaw is grateful to be a daughter of the Almighty, wife to Brian (23 years), Mom of 3 teens, mentor, writer & speaker. She seeks to be authentic about her muddled past, as well as her present struggles and shortcomings--testifying to God's faithfulness through it all. Her heart's passion is to encourage women toward a deeper, biblical relationship with the Lord and with others, even when its hard and messy.

**ERIN'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Bonding, It's a Mom Thing*



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**STEPHANIE'S BREAKOUTS:**

*The Making of a Mom*



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**JANET'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Praying for Your Prodigal What Is Face-to-Face Mentoring?*  
*Balancing Life and Ministry From Conflict to Community*



**Lori Wildenberg** is mother of four and wife for thirty-one years, has a full resume when it comes to parenting and family living. At one point she had 4 kids, five and under! Because one of her young adult children struggles with same sex attraction, she is finding the balance of parenting with grace and truth, while living in the tension of heartache and hope. Lori is co-founder of Corinthians 13 Parenting, an author, national speaker, a licensed Parent and Family Educator, and co-columnist for *Parenting Prose* found in MARRIAGE Magazine. She weaves warmth, transparency, and gentle humor into her realistic approach to raising kids today.

**LORI'S BREAKOUTS:**

*Who's the Boss?*

*When Your Child Is on the Prodigal Path*



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**DEBBIE'S BREAKOUTS:**

*P.R.A.Y. with Purpose*

*Kidz Time*