

Full Bio:

Brenda Yoder is a national speaker, author, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and life coach whose passion is encouraging others when life doesn't fit the storybook image. Authentic and humorous, Brenda connects with women and moms in a way that will have you laughing and crying all at the same time.

Her new book, *Fledge: Launching Your Kids Without Losing Your Mind* is a personal handbook for parents in the season of raising and releasing kids. It's been endorsed by Jim Daly of Focus on the Family and was Amazon's #1 new release in motherhood. Brenda's been featured in *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books: *Reboot Your Life* and *Confident and Curvy*; the *Washington Post*, and *For Every Mom*. Her first book for busy moms, *Balance, Busyness, and Not Doing It All* released in 2015.



Brenda is also former teacher and school counselor and was twice awarded the Touchstone Award for teachers. Her ministry, including her blog and podcast, *Life Beyond the Picket Fence*, is found at brendayoder.com where she writes about faith, life, and family beyond the storybook image. Brenda is a wife and mom of four children, ranging from college students to adults, and lives on a farm in Indiana. You can connect with Brenda on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#). Join her [Facebook page](#) to follow the Fledge Parent Forum for moms releasing their kids.

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References

"Brenda presents from the heart and helps the listener feel drawn to her words and her stories. She addresses issues that are not always directly addressed in a faith-based community, but the sense of relief can literally be felt within the four walls surrounding the audience; like a burden is

being lifted that she is speaking to the listener about these challenging, yet realistic concerns. Brenda speaks with passion and poise; her words are delicately chosen yet boldly delivered. She is able to bring a group of people together in a way that helps build camaraderie and connection.

The ways in which Brenda addresses the audience, through her personal stories, through Scripture, and through heart-felt prayer, leaves the attendees with a feeling of ownership and desire to help share in the passion she provokes through her speaking engagement. It is not only clear to me through Brenda's speaking but also through her writing and, more concretely, through the actions of her everyday life, that she has a hunger, a calling, and a purpose to share the knowledge she has accumulated with regards to children, families, care, and God's everlasting love.

An educator to the core, Brenda is able to engage the audience, excite their senses to learning, and leave them feeling filled with new and usable information as well as filled with a sense of love and purpose. Not only does Brenda come through with giving the information that is necessary accurately, she also comes through with encouraging others to live out their purposes and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.”

Lindsey London,
Event planner, reader, professional counselor.