

WORKSHOP TOPICS & DESCRIPTIONS

(Workshop SCHEDULE will be posted separately)

2012 SOUTHEAST Homeschool Convention March 22-24 - T.D. Convention Center - GREENVILLE, SC

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ANDREW PUDEWA (Institute for Excellence in Writing)

Andrew Pudewa is the founder, principal speaker, and director of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Presenting throughout North America, he addresses issues relating to teaching, writing, thinking, spelling, and music with clarity, insight, practical experience, and humor. His seminars for parents, students, and teachers have helped transform many a reluctant writer and have equipped educators with powerful tools to dramatically improve students' skills.

Nurturing Excellent Writers and Speakers - The Power of Linguistic Patterns

Many parents think that good readers will naturally become good writers. Others think that writing talent is just that—a natural ability—some have it; others don't. Both are myths. History and modern research show very clearly how good writers have developed. What are the two most critical things you can do as a parent to develop a high level of aptitude, from a young age and into high school? With humor and insight, Andrew will share the two easy but unbelievably powerful things you can do to build language patterns and nurture competent communicators in your family.

Teaching Boys & Other Children Who Would Rather Make Forts All Day

Children like to do what they can do; they want to do what they think they can do, and they hate to do what they think they cannot do. If you want excited and enthusiastic children who learn well, you must understand these key laws of motivation, and focus on the essential requirement of relevancy. If it matters, children will learn it, and if it doesn't, they won't. This session will enlighten you with specific ways to find and create relevancy for children, even when they have no apparent interest.

Mastery Learning, Ability Development, and Individualized Education

What is "mastery learning" and how does it relate to home education? Andrew will explain the methods, goals, and benefits of the ability development model as developed by Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, and applications to disciplines other than music, along with potential obstacles to successful implementation. Come and hear how, as Dr. Suzuki puts it, "Every child can learn," and you can create success in areas where you or your children have struggled in the past.

Reaching the Reluctant Writer

Many children really do not like to write. Why? This workshop will answer that basic question and teach a specific and successful method of separating the complex process of writing into the smallest possible steps, making it possible for even the most reluctant writer to produce short but complete compositions. He will be proud and motivated to write again. If you remove the problem of what to write, you will be free to help your child learn how to write, using source texts, key word outlines and "dress-up" checklists. Results guaranteed!

The Four Deadly Errors of Teaching Writing

We've all suffered it at one time or another: Frustration about writing assignments. Either on the receiving end, or perhaps now on the giving end, there can be a few distinctly discouraging aspects to teaching and being taught writing. The tough questions include: What to correct and how to give a grade? How much help is too much? Isn't the assignment clear enough? Why don't students find their own errors? Learn and avoid four teaching mistakes that contribute to this frustration: Overcorrecting, Holding Back Help, Unclear Assignments, & Over-Expectation.

ADAM ANDREWS (CenterForLit.com)

Adam Andrews received his BA in Political Economy and Christian Studies from Hillsdale College in 1991. He earned his MA in History from the University of Washington in 1994, and is currently a candidate for the PhD in History. He is writing his doctoral dissertation on the history of American higher education. Adam is a Henry Salvatori Fellow of the Intercollegiate Studies

Institute, and was a founding board member of Westover Academy, a Classical Christian school in Colville, Washington until 2007. He is the assistant director of the American Council for Accredited Certification, a non-profit professional certifying body.

[Teaching the Classics from Seuss to Socrates – Literary Analysis for Everyone](#)

Does the subject of literature seem like a mystery? Are you at a loss about how to understand it yourself, much less teach it to your kids? This inspiring lecture demonstrates that everything you need to know about understanding and teaching literature is present in your second grader's bedtime story. Adam reads a classic children's story out loud and then leads the audience into a discussion of eternal literary themes. Along the way, he shows how you can do the same at home by following five simple steps. Your literature curriculum – to say nothing of family story time – will come alive automatically. You'll never put the kids to bed the same way again!

["It's Onomatopoeia, Mom!" – Using Children's Stories to Teach Literary Devices](#)

Juxtaposition, metaphor, symbolism, irony, foreshadowing – HELP! Parents often avoid the subject of literature because of the intimidating vocabulary of literary analysis. The truth is, you don't need a college degree in literature to understand this vocabulary; what you need is a well written children's story. Adam takes the audience on a guided tour of literary devices, making discerning literary analysts out of each and every audience member. Doing the same with your own children couldn't be easier, but beware: soon, they will be finding onomatopoeia everywhere they look.

[Designing Your Own Lit Program – a Scope and Sequence Workshop](#)

Many parents are dissatisfied with the books assigned in box curriculum sets – and yet, they feel inadequate to strike out on their own and create effective reading programs for their children. Adam puts these fears to rest with an inspiring lesson in scope and sequence development. Presenting a step-by-step procedure that is accessible to even the busiest teachers, Adam makes a powerful case that it's not how many books you do, it's how well you do them! Come listen and be set free from the "tyranny of the booklist."

[Building the Perfect Reading List – How to Find Great Books for Students of All Ages](#)

In an engaging presentation that is as much class discussion as lecture, Adam involves the audience in a lively debate on the definition of the classic. In the process, listeners are encouraged to consider the moral and ethical nature of reading, and invited to suggest candidates for a "class list" of all-time great books. This presentation teaches three important tests to apply to any book in order to determine whether it is worthy – and suggests some reasons why you should even care. So, which books belong on your student's reading list? Come and listen and find out!

ARTS ATTACK (ATELIER HOMESCHOOL ART) HomeschoolArt.com

Mark Osterink has a degree in Speech Communication from California Polytechnic University. He is a passionate advocate for children's art and has been working in the area of visual art for over 19 years. Mark was instrumental in defining and developing the "Atelier" homeschool art product line, which is used by many of thousands of homeschoolers throughout the United States.

Art – It's essential!

The capacity of human beings to think creatively, to create and appreciate art is indispensable in developing the "whole" person. This presentation will review the essential role of art in developing right brain skills and in enabling children to develop their full potential as students. It will also review the Atelier art program; and discuss the essential elements of a successful program while viewing slides of children's artwork.

JERRY BAILEY (DynamicLiteracy.com)

Jerry is the Chief Operating Officer of Dynamic Literacy, and one of the authors of *WordBuild®*, *A Better Way to Teach Vocabulary™*. Prior to founding the company with 2 Ph.D partners, Jerry was a computer systems professional specializing in database application design. As he became "infected" with a new way of looking at words, he grew beyond "math geek" to "word nerd."

[Changing Lives With Words](#)

Reading comprehension is the key to learning. Vocabulary is the key to reading comprehension. The study of *morphology* is the key to vocabulary development. A *morpheme* is the smallest part of a word that has *meaning*. This might be a root, prefix or suffix. In this presentation you will learn how English came to be a *dual* language, and understand why 65% of all words in academic text are based on Latin and Greek roots. Learning the morphology of English will enable your 2nd-12th graders to recognize and decipher words they have never seen! This is a very useful skill in general, and crucial for standardized tests like the SAT. No more word lists to memorize!

CAROL BARNIER (CarolBarnier.com)

God has this wonderful knack of teaching us His most valuable lessons through some of life's most rattling moments. Several of Carol's journeys (both painful and pleasant) are the fuel of her speaking and writing material. Through a long medical ordeal for her son, involving 13 surgical procedures before he was 3 1/2, Carol learned the powerful lesson that she wasn't in control. When she and her husband couldn't bring themselves to medicate this ADHD child, particularly after his already long medical history, Carol found herself doing the unimaginable...homeschooling! That will grow you & rattle you simultaneously. But convinced that it was the best option for her son, she plunged in.

She learned over time that all of the traditional methods that she knew and cherished from her own childhood were a recipe for disaster with this very different child. So through much experimentation, coupled with a belief that this child's energy was a gift from God, she developed strategies and teaching methods that worked with his need for constant motion.

17 Years of Homeschooling and I Hardly Twitch at ALL Anymore.

Come and learn from this popular speaker and humorous author the many valuable and practical things you need to know to make it all the way to the finish line. With much laughter and a sincere love for this unusual life we've all chosen, explore the fun side of the homeschooling journey (no, really, there's a fun side). If you love homeschooling but need a boost, you do not want to miss this very funny talk.

What are you THINKING? - - - Learning Styles & Beyond!

This talk is BIG on the beyond. So often, learning style materials pour all their time and energy into finding the right label for your child's learning style. (Yes, we now know he's a right brained, global, sub-dominant, argyle-wearing, rational wombat...but how do I teach him to spell?) And while there are many different tools for assessment, too often these same materials are light on just what you should do *after* the label. How do you teach history so it sticks? What if she can't understand fractions? What if he loves language but hates to write? This workshop will be all about "What do we do now?" come away with lots of ideas you can use Monday morning.

Giving Your Child a LOVE of Missions--An Awesome Year Long Unit-Study.

Imagine learning about the exciting lives of missionaries in a way that incorporates history and geography, science and language. Any study of history should begin with people. You can make missions a year-long unit study that covers a full school year of learning (you will need your own math program). Find out how to take well written biographies that engage your child and create a year-long study covering a multitude of learning while enriching your child's faith through a study of the lives of people who devoted themselves to teaching others about Christ.

Empowering the Shy Child

God has wonderful plans for this shy child of yours. But to see them, you'll have to drop the world's view of this child as a defective child and instead start to unravel the gifts God has placed in this unique and precious family member. Come and learn this different perspective that celebrates the qualities in this child. Go home with many practical suggestions to use right away in empowering this child with the knowledge of their real value.

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Dan Fredericks, BA, MDiv, Phd, Senior Vice President and Provost, Belhaven University: Dr. Fredericks degrees are in philosophy, theology and linguistics and he has published in refereed journals and academic dictionaries. He has published three books on Ecclesiastes. He has served in leadership roles at Belhaven University for 28 years. He was on the faculty for about a quarter of those years; the remaining years he has served in administrative roles such as student development dean, athletics administration, academic administration interim President, Senior Vice President, and Provost. This leadership spanned the

500% growth of Belhaven University. As Senior Vice President and Provost, Dr. Fredericks managed Belhaven's expansion from one campus to ten campuses in five states, and successful online programs. The full-time faculty at Belhaven more than doubled in size, while the percentage of faculty with terminal degrees has risen from 56% - 85% under his administration. He also led the institution into graduate level education and has brought four fine arts programs to an academic caliber that has earned national accreditation. Dr. Fredericks inspired the Belhaven faculty to develop Belhaven's Worldview curriculum which integrates the history, literature and artistic culture for each significant western civilization.

Dr. Fredericks and his wife, Mari, reside in Jackson, Mississippi. They homeschooled all four of their children.

Mrs. Nancy Lee graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's degree in Speech Communications. She homeschooled her four children, was a founding teacher for Crossroads Christian School and co-founder of Lux et Veritas Classical School, a one-day program for homeschool students in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a developer and lecturer for the history portion of Belhaven University's dual-enroll program, *Worldviews of Western Civilization*. Her passion is to equip Christian young people to defend their faith and take their place as Kingdom leaders.

[The College Search: How to Ask the Right Questions](#)

Do you want your child to attend a college that affirms your Christian belief system or one that questions your worldview and moral values? How do you know for sure which worldview a college is offering and which approach is best for your child?

If your child must attend a state university for financial reasons or for study in a specific field, how can he prepare ahead of time, so he will enter his studies fully armed with the Christian perspective?

If you have chosen a Christian institution, how do you know for sure that your student will be strengthened in his/her faith if he studies there? Sadly, many colleges identify themselves as "Christian," but fall short when it comes to their faithfulness to Scripture and their adherence to the biblical worldview. The result is a faith-weakening education similar to what they would get at a secular institution.

This workshop will give you some tips on how to research colleges and universities and how to ask just the right questions to determine the best college choice for your student.

Assessing the Website: Analyzing course descriptions, required reading, professor's credentials, class size, buzz words, etc.

Assessing the Professors: Most professors today don't "profess" absolute truth. Instead, they simply survey a "menu" of truths and leave it up to their students to choose for themselves what they want to believe. How do you find out what your student's prospective teachers really believe?

Assessing Cost: What does a scholarship actually pay for? What about extra fees and expenses? How do you compare the scholarship to tuition and to the bottom line.

Assessing dual enrollment options: Onsite Community or State College/Online classes – the difference between synchronous and asynchronous; live classrooms.

AMANDA BENNETT (UnitStudy.com)

Always a HUGE convention favorite, Amanda has been married for over 32 years to the same great guy, with 27+ years as a parent, 18 years of homeschooling experience, and author of more than 90 books for families, Amanda has a wealth of experience and laughter to share. Holding a degree in engineering from the University of Florida, Amanda worked in engineering and professional research before turning home to raise and educate their three children. She is a seasoned and sought-after speaker, having traveled across the country to speak to thousands, offering encouragement, laughter and hope.

[Top Ten Tips for Successful Homeschooling](#)

There are plenty of interesting ideas and methods for homeschooling that you read and hear about these days. After eighteen years of homeschooling, Amanda Bennett has collected her best tried and true tips and ideas to help you succeed. From teaching our children to read, helping them through the maze of fractions and algebra, and surviving driver's education and poetry, the journey of homeschooling takes an abundance of love and patience. Join us as Amanda shares her best

homeschooling tips, along with plenty of encouragement and laughter, to make the journey one of wonder and accomplishment for both the students and the parents.

[Unit Studies: Simple Tools for Lasting Learning](#)

Have you been wondering about unit studies? Do you want to learn what they are and how they are successfully used in homeschooling? Come join Amanda Bennett, author of the popular Download N Go™ and Passport Geography™ series, and learn the basics of this highly effective educational tool. Considered a unit study expert by many and a funny, down-to-earth mom by others, Amanda is the author of more than 90 books, popular conference speaker, wife and homeschooling mom of three. With a degree in engineering, she has learned about homeschooling the hard way – practicing on her own children and discovering that a sense of humor is an important homeschooling survival skill.

[Planning Your Year with Unit Studies](#)

Make this year the year that they will never forget, and the year that you are able to step back from stress and watch them learn. Perhaps a new baby has arrived or the once-happy-and-quiet infant has learned to walk and run, or grandma has moved in with you, or there is a big move coming up this year. These are all events that we can plan for and around when organizing the school year, as difficult as they might be at the time. Amanda will take you by the hand and guide you through this simple planning process, sharing her tips for flexibility and survival in the ever-changing world of real-life homeschooling!

[Getting Them Ready for College](#)

No, this workshop is NOT about the ACT or SAT, or about counting credits or transcript preparation. It is about getting children ready for LIFE at college and beyond. With two through college and one in his first year of college, Amanda has learned from personal experience how to help kids make the transition successfully. The high school years are vital in the transition from homeschooling to pursuing a college degree, and there are plenty of things that you can easily work on during this time. Preparing them for classroom lectures, “interesting” professors, educational bureaucracy, responding in new situations, and so much more – these are lessons vital to the success of your kids in college. Amanda takes time to explain these and more, and shares her heart about the importance of getting them ready for life, not just a diploma.

BILINGUAL BOOKS

Jessie McGuire taught German for 13 years in public middle and high schools and directed the educational division of a foreign language publisher for 22 years. She’s authored or edited several German language texts and assisted in the publication of others. She’s often a featured speaker at foreign language teacher seminars and conventions across the country. As a teacher she organized and led student trips and exchange programs between her school in NY and schools in Germany. Now retired, she still maintains her connection to the industry and is currently working on an Internet-activity project for foreign language teaching. In her spare time she organizes and leads tours to Asia, Africa and South America.

[Fun Activities for Learning a Foreign Language](#)

Foreign language is so much more than academics and grammar. It’s culture, mental gymnastics and communication. Come join us and learn how to supplement your text or create your own foreign language curriculum with the emphasis on practicality and enjoyment, aka FUN. Studies have shown that activities in contexts that reflect your children’s interests greatly enhance their learning experience; they learn faster and retain the language longer. The presenter will introduce games and activities anyone can use to make foreign language learning fun and relevant to their students’ lives, as well as give simple instructions on how to integrate foreign languages into varied subjects across your curricula. Handouts include several pages of ideas and links to resources and are appropriate for all foreign languages, all ages and all ability levels. Hope to see you there!

LEIGH BORTINS (ClassicalConversations.com)

Leigh Bortins is a nationally acclaimed educator, Founder and Owner of Classical Conversations, an organization that models the Christian home-centered learning approach to empower learners of all ages. She trains facilitators dedicated to duplicating her methods, and is thereby transforming education and improving the quality of family and community life. Classical Conversations is nearly doubling in size and scope each year. Leigh has written two books, Echo in Celebration: A Call to Home Centered Education, and her most recent book, The Core, which was release in June of 2010.

[The Essentials of the English Language](#)

Language has a structure that is common to all tongues and tribes. Join Leigh Bortins as she reviews the foundational structures of sentences. Teaching the grammar of language is easier when one knows the basic structures.

[The Foundations of a Classical Education](#)

Throughout American history, teenagers led one-room school house and developed the most literate nation on the face of the earth. The United States now has a literacy rate of about 50%. What did they know that we have forgotten? Join Leigh Bortins as she reviews the classical model and its role in the history of American education as she explores the causes of modern failures in contrast with previous literacy success.

[Recovering American Strength in Science Education](#)

Until recently, America was known for its strong contribution to science, but now the majority of scientists are from other countries. Confidently recover the vision required to make science studies with your children both strong and fruitful as we rebuild a passion for science studies throughout the classical curriculum. As Christians who love creation and its Creator, we should be the scientists the world respects.

JEAN BURK (College Prep Genius)

Jean Burk is the author of College Prep Genius and has written numerous articles about the SAT and PSAT tests, College Prep, and How to Get Free College. She has been featured as an SAT expert on Fox 4 (Good Day Dallas), CBS(Primetime News) and KXAS 5 (NBC Today), TXA21 and The Homeschool Channel. She homeschooled both her children and they each received incredible scholarships because of their PSAT and SAT scores. Some of the benefits included full tuition, room and board, unlimited laundry and lunchroom passes, study abroad stipends, etc.

She currently travels and speaks about the importance of college preparation at conventions, book fairs, schools, libraries, etc. She has taught her "Master the SAT" Prep Class all over the United States. Her company has a new book series called VocabCafé that will help teenagers and younger children increase their knowledge of SAT level vocabulary words through fun and wholesome books. Her teaching DVD was released in the Summer of 2008.

[FREE COLLEGE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS](#)

Are you ready to make \$500 an hour? Although it sounds too good to be true, it's possible to earn this much in scholarships for college. Author, Jean Burk, will teach you two important concepts: how to get into the college of your choice and how to find the scholarships to pay for it. You will learn methods of receiving substantial scholarships that go beyond tuition and may include room and board, graduate school, and money to study abroad! Unlock the keys to finding free college at your fingertips!

[HOW TO ACE THE SAT](#)

Test-prep Guru, Jean Burk, will share her secrets of SAT success that have helped hundreds of students raise their test scores as much as 600 points! Learn how to find shortcuts in test patterns and save time on all types of questions. Math, Writing, and Verbal sections are all covered in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If you have kids in high school, you can't miss this seminar about preparing them for the SAT!

[BUILD AN AMAZING HOMESCHOOL TRANSCRIPT](#)

There is only ONE secret ingredient to giving credibility to a homeschool transcript. If you don't know it, author Jean Burk will share the answer in this incredible lecture. Discover the insider criteria that Harvard uses to judge applicants and why summer break needs to be more than just a vacation. Learn the differences between AP, Dual Enrollment, and CLEP courses and the pros and cons of adding them to your schedule. Find out about the 3-Tier credit plan, so you can correctly build a portfolio that will impress any admissions counselor. If your kids are planning to go to college, you cannot afford to miss this engagement

CAROL BURTON (BurtonReading.com)

Carol Burton, founder of Burton Reading, graduated in 1983 with a degree in elementary education from The Ohio State University. A veteran teacher with 25 years in the classroom, Carol's resume includes 14 years of teaching Reading Recovery® and as a Title I Reading specialist. In founding Burton Reading, Carol has taken what she has learned in her years of successful teaching and combined it with her training in special education at Ashland University and Reading Recovery® at the Ohio State University. Carol's ability to achieve consistent excellent results with beginning readers have been noted by teachers, parents, and administrators. She has a natural gift for making the complex simple and she has done just that in her online training videos designed to equip home school parents with no teaching experience to become proficient literacy educators just by watching the demonstration videos featuring real beginning readers and then following Carol's step by step methods. Carol was

married for forty years to Pastor Don Burton, who passed away in 2005. Carol has four grown children and eighteen grandchildren. Outside of her life at school, Carol has over 40 years of church ministry experience.

[Beginning Reading: How to make sure your child becomes a great reader](#)

For a child to be a great reader, he needs to know phonics PLUS many sight words PLUS various reading strategies using real books AND learn to write real text. If any of these pieces are left out, you run the risk of having a “Swiss cheese” reader - a child with holes in his education. This child soon becomes a struggling reader. This seminar addresses the importance of your child learning all the pieces of reading at the same time and from the beginning.

[How to help your struggling reader become a great reader](#)

A struggling reader is a child who has “holes” in his education. Somehow, he missed some essential pieces in his reading instruction. This seminar explains why your child is struggling and then outlines what you, as a parent, can do to “fill in the holes” and help your child become a great reader.

JOANNE CALDERWOOD (URTheMom.com)

Joanne Calderwood is an underwhelmed mom of eight great kids, ages 9 through 22. She's been married to Tim for 27 years, homeschooling for 18 years and counting. As a former classroom teacher, Joanne had a meltdown when trying to homeschool her first four children with the classroom mentality. Then she began to allow her older children to work independently, and the results were so amazing that she developed a system to encourage self-learning which still yields excellent results for her homeschooled students and graduates.

Joanne is the author of *The Self-Propelled Model of Education; Teach Your Kids to Teach Themselves* (Feb 2012), *I'm the Mom; I Don't Have to Know Calculus*, and *The Home School Student Planners*. She's been a columnist for *Home School Enrichment* magazine since 2008, and runs URtheMom.com. Stop in and say hello on Facebook, at Joanne's blog at HomeschoolCoach.Wordpress.com, at www.URtheMOM.com, or simply come by Camp Calderwood in Normandy, Tennessee.

[Self-Teaching 101 \(Part 1\)](#)

Discover the secret to homeschooling freedom with the self-teaching method of education. Part 1 will show you the incredible, almost-too-good-to-be-true benefits of the self-teaching and mastery methodologies as well as focusing initially on the all-important ingredient to a peaceful home life: capturing each child's heart. Learn Joanne's proven self-teaching formula and you will have obedient, cheerful children who learn independently and with excellence. For Real.

[Self-Teaching 101 \(Part 2\)](#)

Part 2 will outline the 5 steps to self-teaching success for any age child. You'll learn HOW to implement the self-teaching method of education in your home school with your unique children. Self-teaching is a process that children grow into resulting in increased motivation and a strong work ethic that lasts a lifetime. Revolutionize your mindset about home education and put the burden of educational responsibility squarely on the shoulders of your students, where it belongs. Bring the whole family! Prerequisite: Self-Teaching, Part 1.

JANICE CAMPBELL (EverydayEducation.com)

Janice Campbell and her husband Donald homeschooled their four sons from preschool into college. As a “graduated homeschool mom,” Janice enjoys encouraging others by sharing what she's learned about homeschooling through high school. She is the author of *Transcripts Made Easy: The Homeschooler's Guide to High School Paperwork* (now in its third edition), *Get a Jump Start on College! A Practical Guide for Teens*, and *Excellence in Literature: Reading and Writing Through the Classics*, a five-year literature curriculum for grades 8-12, as well as articles for various magazines. Her website, Everyday-Education, offers information, resources, inspiration, and a free e-newsletter.

[Teaching Language Arts The Easy, Natural Way](#)

Communication skills are essential for every area of life, but it's easy to get lost in the wilderness of language arts curricula. How do you decide what to teach when? What is the best way to teach the skills most needed for college and business? Come to this

workshop for an overview of the five stages of learning language arts, a look at some simple, inexpensive teaching techniques, and a suggested sequence of learning that will efficiently equip your student for a lifetime of sound communication.

[Evaluate Student Writing: You Don't Have to Be An English Major!](#)

Do you know what you need to know to evaluate your student's writing skills? Can you recognize quality writing when you see it? Most professional teachers use a set of objective standards, known as a rubric, to fairly evaluate student's written work and to pinpoint areas that need improvement. You can use this valuable tool also! Come to this workshop and learn how to recognize well-written work, and how to use a rubric to evaluate writing skills, including content, organization, style, word choice, sentence fluency, and mechanics.

[Making the Most of the Teen Years - Homeschooling Through High School](#)

Can it possibly be a good idea to homeschool all the way through high school? Can homeschooled teens get into college? What about teaching advanced math and science? This encouraging seminar is designed to reassure parents (and teens) that it's not only possible to homeschool through high school, but that it is a wonderful choice. Learn how other families have made it through the high school years, and how you can too!

[How to Build a High-School Transcript: It's Easier Than You Think!](#)

Are you worried about high school records and transcripts? Come and see exactly what records to keep and how to build a transcript. You'll learn about the three major transcript sections and see what kind of information goes into each section. Whatever kind of homeschooling you've done, traditional or non-, you'll find that creating a transcript is much easier than you expect!

[Charlotte Mason, Meet Thomas Jefferson: How to Implement the Eclectic Curriculum](#)

If your curriculum choices don't fit neatly into a standard program, perhaps you're an eclectic homeschooler. A bit of classical, a sprinkle of Thomas Jefferson, a textbook or two--all mixed with a generous dollop of Charlotte Mason principles--can you be sure the basics are covered? This helpful workshop focuses on ways to create big picture learning, get ready for college, and keep great records no matter what your daily school life looks like.

[Dr. ROB CARTER \(Creation.com\)](#)

Dr. Robert Carter was converted to Christ at an early age, but did not know what to do with the theory of evolution. He always knew what he wanted to believe, but had no way to express what he was thinking and no evidence to support his views. In his freshman year of college, he was exposed to creationism for the first time and soon after adopted it as his modus operandi. He says he felt a tremendous joy when he realized his science and his religion were no longer at odds. This joy (and, he says, *Creation* magazine and the *Journal of Creation*) enabled him to get through the in-depth evolutionary training of his undergraduate and graduate programs with his faith intact.

He obtained a BS in Applied Biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1992. He then spent four years teaching high school biology, chemistry, physics and electronics before going to the University of Miami to obtain his PhD in Marine Biology. He successfully completed this program in 2003 with a dissertation on 'Cnidarian Fluorescent Proteins.' While in Miami, he studied the genetics of pigmentation in corals and other invertebrates, designed and built an aquaculture facility for Caribbean corals, performed well over 500 SCUBA dives, many of them at night, and licensed a spin-off product of his research (a patent-pending fluorescent protein) to a biotech company.

He is currently Head Speaker/Scientist for CMI-USA in Atlanta, Georgia, where he lives with his wife, Leanne, and children. He is currently researching human genetics and other issues related to biblical creation.

[The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge](#)

1 Peter 3:15 commands us to have answers and always be ready to defend the Christian faith. This presentation will supply people with vital information about fossils and the Flood. *The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge* is a great first time presentation designed to train people in how to share the Christian faith using the creation account found in the book of Genesis.

[Meet your ancestors: Adam and Eve!](#)

"Adam and Eve are the ancestors of all people who have ever lived. You may never hear this on television, and, sadly, this fact is not taught in many churches today. Yet, there is a lot of evidence not only for Adam and Eve, but also for Noah's Flood and the

Tower of Babel. Where is this evidence? In our genes! Come and hear about the history of the world as we know it from genetics. The book of Genesis comes alive if one knows where to look, and Dr. Carter has spent years searching for the clues that lead to the answer to the question of the origin of all the peoples on earth. Now, when confronted with a person who does not believe the Bible, you will be equipped to answer with a simple question, "But what did you expect to see?" The things we are learning from modern genetics points straight at Genesis. Come and meet your ancestors: Adam and Eve!"

[Dinosaurs & Fossils: Amazing Evidence for Creation!](#)

People of all ages are captivated by dinosaurs. Unfortunately, evolutionists use dinosaurs to indoctrinate the young and the old with an earth history that includes millions of years but has no room for the Bible. This presentation will show the power of a person's starting assumptions (or "worldview") when interpreting past events, and will define the different types of sciences used in investigating the world around us, with a thorough exploration of these enigmatic lizards. Let's take dinosaurs to the Bible and see what God's word has to say about them!

[TOM CLARK \(VideoText.com\)](#)

THOMAS CLARK is a life-long teacher of Mathematics and Science with more than 30 years of classroom and tutoring experience at all levels, from elementary through adult. He began his career with twelve years of classroom teaching, including a full year of graduate study, and then served for five years as the **State Mathematics Supervisor** for the Indiana Department of Education. While there, he was responsible for curriculum development, statewide in-service, textbook adoption, and consultation for all public and private schools in the state. Those opportunities and the valuable knowledge he gained, enabled him to join the Indianapolis Public Schools as the **Supervisor of Mathematics, K-12**, overseeing staff development efforts and supervising the implementation of curriculum. Seven years later, Mr. Clark was promoted to the position of **Director of Curriculum Development** for all areas, utilizing his rich background in mathematics, science, art, music, language, and athletics. In subsequent years, he was commissioned to author several mathematical resources for the Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Co., and for the Addison Wesley Publishing Co.

Tom's unique awareness of the needs of both teachers and students is an attribute that helped him win the **IUPUI Chancellor's Award**, and the **Purdue School of Science Faculty Teaching Award**.

As a result of all of his experience, he is convinced that everyone has the ability to understand mathematics. Consequently, during the last thirteen years, he has focused on the development of multimedia programs that challenge traditional methods of instruction, and which help with both individualized and group learning. In addition, seven years ago, he founded **VideoText Interactive**, a company that specializes in bringing the textbook to life through technology. He then began directing his attention toward helping homeschooling parents become more effective instructors, especially in the area of mathematics.

[UH, OH! The Fractions Are Moving In! \(There goes the neighborhood!\)](#)

Since algebraic fractions are a much more complex form than arithmetic fractions, the memorization of the operational techniques generally taught in arithmetic, simply will not hold in Algebra. In this instructional workshop, Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive, and author of "Algebra: A Complete Course", and "Geometry: A Complete Course", humorously explains, in detail, the "reasons behind the rules". Now students can develop a clear, conceptual approach to working with fractions, without a reliance on meaningless shortcuts and tricks, preparing them to be much more successful when working with algebraic relations.

[Teaching Mathematics with Art \(or is it Teaching Art with Mathematics\)](#)

Can your child's future really be boiled down to something as simplistic as whether they are right-brained, or left-brained? Surely, as homeschooling parents, we want our children to believe that they are capable of using "both sides" of their brains. In this educational and entertaining workshop, we will explore the natural and logical connections between Mathematics and Art. We will investigate mathematical principles, and see how they are related to, and illustrated by, artistic applications. Likewise, we will explore several artistic concepts, and see how they are based on mathematical ideas. Of course, throughout, the importance of language and communication will be stressed, as it must play a key role in the understanding of both areas.

[Identifying and Avoiding the Trouble Spots in Math](#)

Join Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive, and author of "Algebra: A Complete Course", and "Geometry: A Complete Course", as he offers an entertaining and educational session designed to help you discover the reasons behind the difficulty, on several of the traditional trouble spots in math. Topics discussed will be determined by the audience, and may include division of

fractions and multiplication of decimals (using those mindless rules), long-division, story-problems, positive and negative numbers, and numerous others, all of which seem to indicate that Mathematics is just naturally "difficult".

Teaching Math Without a Plan? You've GOT to be Kidding!

This workshop is designed to help parent-educators understand the scope, the sequence, and the logic of mathematics instruction from pre-school through adult. Join Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive, and author of "Algebra: A Complete Course", and "Geometry: A Complete Course", as he takes you on a sometimes humorous journey, describing all levels of arithmetic and all mathematics courses encountered in high school and college. In addition, considerable attention will be given to identifying the "why" of the study of mathematics with an emphasis on the development of concepts, instead of rote memorization.

THE COLLEGE BOARD - Kathie Montognese (CollegeBoard.org)

Kathie Montognese has over twenty-eight years of educational assessment experience, with emphasis on research and direct service to students. Ms Montognese managed the college wide Placement for Success and ESL Testing Programs for a large two year college in MN for the past 15 years. Ms Montognese currently is a Senior Assessment Manager for The College Board Accuplacer and CLEP programs serving the Midwest region. The College Board is the official publisher of CLEP exams.

Design a Home-school College Dual Enrollment Program for your Child: Save time and Money!

This presentation will show you how to set up your child's high school schedule to earn both high school and college credits while meeting any state high school requirements. You will learn how to create a home-school dual enrollment college program mainly utilizing CLEP exams. CLEP, officially administered by The College Board, consists of 33 exams in five different discipline areas from College Algebra to US History to Spanish. This session will include an overview of the CLEP program, to help participants gain a better understanding of how it measures a student's prior learning and translates that into college credit. This presentation is designed for students and parents from middle school through high school, as well as college level students. This process can be utilized by anyone not just the children - parents can also get college degrees alongside their children. Come learn about the many benefits of the CLEP program.

CHUCK COLSON (ColsonCenter.org)

This aide to President Richard Nixon was "incapable of humanitarian thought," according to the media of the mid-1970s. Colson was known as the White House "hatchet man," a man feared by even the most powerful politicians during his four years of service to President Nixon. When news of Colson's conversion to Christianity leaked to the press in 1973, the Boston Globe reported, "If Mr. Colson can repent of his sins, there just has to be hope for everybody."

Now, Charles Colson turns his heart and mind to developing a Christian worldview, and to training a new generation of leaders to renew the church and revitalize the culture. "The whole object of the movement is to penetrate culture. The frontal assault over the last several years has proven inadequate. What we must do now is be salt and light, rubbed into the culture so to speak, in such a way that the people and institutions around us slowly begin to understand that they have embraced the Lie. Our job is to expose the Lie and replace it with the Truth of a biblical understanding of all of reality." The Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview is the cornerstone of that movement.

Doing the Right Thing: Recapturing a Biblical Ethic for this Generation

How can we instill ethical knowledge and virtuous lives for the next generation? What are the consequences if we don't? As founder of Prison Fellowship, Chuck Colson has seen first-hand the ethical collapse in our country in the exploding prison population. As founder of BreakPoint and the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, he's spent the last 20 years asking why and what can be done. In this session, John Stonestreet will interview Chuck Colson to discuss how to engage and rebuild our cultural character.

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS

[Christian Classical Education Made Doable](#)

Across the United States, Classical Conversations Communities exist to complement your home-centered education and connect you with like-minded families. Our trained parent-tutors, who model the classical tools of learning, have the privilege of encouraging students toward becoming lifelong learners while also encouraging parents in the classical teaching of their children. Learn how our three curriculum programs, designed for students pre K – 12th grade, support your home-centered education by providing teaching tools for you, the parent, and quality educational materials for your student. In addition to these once-per-week academic programs, Classical Conversations provides services including standardized testing, academic intensives and local Parent Practicums.

MARTIN COTHRAN (Memoria Press)

MARTIN COTHRAN, a writer and teacher who lives in Danville, Kentucky with his wife and four children, is the director of the Memoria Press Online Classical Academy. He is the editor of Memoria Press's Classical Teacher magazine, and is the author of Memoria Press's Traditional Logic, Material Logic, and Classical Rhetoric programs, as well as *Lingua Biblica: Old Testament Stories in Latin*. He is a Latin, Logic, and Rhetoric Instructor at Highlands Latin School in Louisville, Kentucky. He holds a B.A. in philosophy and economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara and an M.A. in Christian Apologetics from the Simon Greenleaf School (Trinity University).

[LOGIC - The Original Thinking Skill! How to Think \(and how to get your kids to do it too\)](#)

Just as you need to prepare yourself to do sports by learning how to exercise and musically prepare yourself to perform music by learning the musical scales, so too you need a way to prepare your mind to think. The system of formal logic has traditionally been the way this has been done. Logic is the original thinking skill. Learn what logic is and how you can teach it in your home school.

[How to Teach Worldview through Literature](#)

When asked to state the difference between fiction and nonfiction, some people answer that, while nonfiction is true, fiction is false. In fact, fiction can teach truth more effectively than nonfiction. While nonfiction prose writing can be an effective way of reaching the intellect, fiction goes straight for the heart. It not only aids in the *understanding* of truth; it *shows* what truth is, and, in doing so, makes it more compelling. We should teach our children to *know* the truth, but we must also teach them to *desire* it: this is the work of fiction. How is this done? What books should we use? How should we teach them? This workshop will answer these questions.

JOHN De GREE (ClassicalHistorian.com)

John De Gree is the President of **Take a Stand Publications**, the parent company of **The Classical Historian**. John was raised in a family of eleven. Both parents were public school teachers as were his ancestors dating back centuries. After working in private and public school education for over twenty years, John realized the great need in American society to promote independent and critical thinking through open and thoughtful discussion of history. The Classical Historian is his effort to promote these skills in the home school.

John earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Redlands, in California in 1991. He then moved to Schwabish Hall Germany, and studied German at the Goethe Institute, earning the Zertifikat als Deutschfremdsprache. After marrying, he and his wife Zdenka founded a windsurfing school in Turkey and taught German tourists. For four years, he lived in the Czech Republic, earning a Certificate in the Czech Language from Charles University in Prague. At Charles University, he studied World and Czech history and taught English and History in various locations. Returning to the U.S.A. in 1996, John earned his teaching credential and has taught middle school English and History for the past fourteen years. In 2001, he earned his Masters of Arts in Humanities, History emphasis. In 2005, John founded Take a Stand Publications, a company that promotes historical thinking in World and American History. In 2007, he received National Board Certification, awarded to 1% of America's teachers. He is currently finishing Detective World History, Ancient and Medieval World Civilizations, Book One, for **The Critical Thinking Company**, and beginning Detective Modern World History, Book Two.

He and his wife of 19 years raise their seven children in San Clemente, California. After voluntarily teaching his home school children and friends his courses for many years, he founded **The Classical Historian**. He provides parent and teacher trainings and classes to promote classical education in history to home school families, in public, and in private schools. John De Gree's

goal as a history teacher and writer is to give students the tools they need to analyze the past, evaluate evidence, and express themselves in speech and in writing while listening respectfully and evaluating the ideas of others.

As a teacher, one of his highest compliments was from his 13 year old son who told him, "You make history fun because I get to think when I learn."

Teaching the Tools of the Historian: Critical Thinking in History

Participants will learn what tools historians use to evaluate, analyze, and form judgment of the past. Parents and teachers will be given concrete lessons how they can teach critical thinking skills to kids, ages 12 – 18.

STEVE DEMME (Math-U-See)

Steve and his wife Sandra have been married for 32 years. They have been blessed with four sons: Isaac, 32; Ethan, 30; Joseph, 27; and Johnny, 24. With God's help, they have all been home educated. Steve addresses a variety of topics at homeschool conferences to encourage parents in their God-given responsibilities of raising and training their children for His glory. As a former math teacher who has taught at all levels of math in public, private, and Christian schools, Steve is also the author and founder of Math-U-See. He has served in full or part time pastoral ministry for many years after graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has served on the boards of Joni and Friends, Christian Freedom International, and Lifework Forum.

Finding Hope and Redemption in the Valleys of Life

This workshop is Steve's testimony of the last twenty years as the father of a child with special needs. He shares what his family has learned as a result of Johnny's disability, and the special, rewarding, and joyful role he has played in their lives. Even in the difficult experiences of life, God proved faithful. His grace sustained them and brought good out of their struggles and disappointments.

Conformed or Transformed

Steve believes the word of God is inspired, authoritative, and "profitable for teaching". He also is convinced we are to be not conformed but transformed by the renewing of our mind. With these premises, he examines what the Bible has to say about education and how scripture impacts every subject area in our curriculum.

Elementary Algebra Taught Concretely

Instead of mere symbols on paper, Steve creates a model, using manipulatives, to illustrate the central concepts of algebra: problem solving, exponents, squares, square roots, negative numbers, basic operations with polynomials, factoring trinomials, and graphing lines.

WILLIAM & KRISTEN ECKENWILER (TheStrugglingReader.com)

William Eckenwiler earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Bowling Green State University. He then moved to Richmond, Virginia where he taught fourth and sixth grade. After ten years of public school experience, Bill enrolled at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi where he earned a Masters degree in School Administration, and a second Masters degree in Christian Education. Upon graduation, twelve years were spent teaching at the seminary and university level while earning his doctorate in Reading Education from the University of Central Florida. Dr. Eckenwiler chose to explore homeschooling as the topic for his dissertation, not realizing at the time that he would actually homeschool his own children. For over 25 years he has taught reading, language arts, children's literature, and educational psychology at the collegiate level. He is the author of the book, *A+ Education, Choosing the Best School Option for your Child*. Dr. Eckenwiler and his wife, Kristen (who has her Masters degree in Reading Education) homeschool their two boys, and also serve as co-president of their local homeschool association.

Kristen Eckenwiler graduated with honors from the University of Central Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and a Masters degree in Reading. Along with experience in a clinical setting she has taught first-, second-, and fourth-graders in the Florida public schools. After moving to North Carolina she taught reading, language arts, children's literature, and educational psychology at the collegiate level. She and her husband, Dr. William Eckenwiler have homeschooled their boys (age 7 and 13) from the very beginning of their school experience. Together they serve as co-president

of their local homeschool association, and have founded The Struggling Reader, which provides research-based curriculum materials for home educators. Kristen is in high demand for her expertise in testing, consulting, and workshop presentations.

[The Struggling Reader! Am I Emphasizing the Right Things?](#)

Does your son or daughter seem to be faltering in their efforts to learn to read? Is it the curriculum? Is it you? Based on current research, Dr. Eckenwiler and his wife have designed this workshop to help parents better understand the most essential elements of the reading process, along with those critical ingredients that must be emphasized to produce a successful, capable reader.

[Does My Child Have a Learning Disability?](#)

When a homeschooled child seems to flounder for no easily identified reason, parents often exhaust themselves in their search for answers. While that search unfolds, it is not uncommon for the teacher-student relationship to deteriorate. At some point a parent may wonder if there might be a learning disability at the root of the struggling reader's difficulties. But how do you know? Dr. Eckenwiler and his wife have designed this workshop to help parents sort out the difference between routine or typical struggles and those that could well be a learning disability.

[Multi-sensory Teaching: Not Just of the Learning Disabled](#)

For decades, learning specialists have understood the power of multi-sensory teaching. Often associated with learning disabilities, this dynamic teaching strategy has found a home in many non-disability settings as well. Dr. Eckenwiler and his wife (M. Ed.) will explain the research behind multi-sensory teaching methods, and offer practical suggestions for adding this powerful strategy to your own classroom.

DENISE EIDE (LogicOfEnglish.com)

Denise Eide is the author of the multiple award-winning book, *Uncovering the Logic of English: A Common Sense Solution to America's Literacy Crisis*, and *The Logic of English* series of curriculum and learning materials. She is also the founder and president of Pedia Learning, Inc., a company focused on improving English literacy worldwide through curriculum development, books, educational software and training. She is an educator, speaker and curriculum designer who has worked in the field of literacy instruction since 1995. She and her husband have always home-schooled their four children ages 13, 11, 11, and 8. ***Their company, Pedia Learning was born out of their own experiences homeschooling children who struggled with reading and spelling.***

In 2007, Denise was trained in a multi-sensory Orton-based approach to teaching reading and spelling. In addition to public speaking, Denise has taught a variety of classes for home-school students at co-ops and offered training for homeschool parents in reading and spelling instruction. For more information, please consult www.LogicofEnglish.com.

[The Logic of English: A New Way to See Words](#)

Have you always believed English is illogical and inconsistent? In this workshop your understanding of English will be transformed! Award winning author, Denise Eide will reveal phonograms and spelling rules which explain 98% of English words. No longer will you need to tell your children, "that is an exception," when they misread or misspell a word.

We will learn:

- The rule which explains the two sounds for C in accent and describes more than 6,000 words!
- Three of the nine reasons for a Silent Final E.
- Why we drop the Silent Final E in servicing but not in serviceable, and much more!
- Why many math and science minded kids struggle with reading and spelling.

If you have always struggled with spelling or reading, or if you have children who struggle, do not miss this revolutionary workshop. You will leave wondering why someone didn't tell you this in kindergarten.

[Teaching Reading and Spelling to Kids who Can't Sit Still](#)

Do you have a child who can't sit still and doesn't like to read? Join us in learning how to engage your active learners in their strongest learning mode -movement. Denise Eide will share her own experiences teaching and parenting her extreme kinesthetic

child and two active boys. She will also demonstrate how reading is not only a visual activity but has natural kinesthetic components and how to tap into those to enhance learning for all students.

In this workshop we will:

- Learn active games for teaching reading and spelling.
- Develop a new appreciation of the gifts of kinesthetic learners.
- Discover the image of God revealed in active children.
- Learn how to utilize the kinesthetic gift while strengthening areas of weakness.

Though this workshop will focus on reading and spelling the concepts may be easily applied to other subjects. In addition to learning practical ways to engage your active child, Denise will inspire you in teaching and parenting each of your children in accordance with their unique God-given gifts.

ELITE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (SCOTT HOBSON)

Scott Hobson is an educational consultant who has presented at national conferences such as NAGC, Arizona Gifted and California Gifted, to name a few. Prior to becoming an educational consultant, Mr. Hobson served as Master Teacher, Middle School Assistant Principal, and Elementary School Principal. During this time he was involved in developing curriculum, overseeing instructional planning, coaching teaching strategies and acquiring grants for Title I, II, IV and VI as well as others. Previously Mr. Hobson was a 6th grade teacher in the South Brunswick Township School District in New Jersey.

How to Help Your Child Be a Better Learner

This workshop explores numerous ways to reach learners in different and interesting ways. Parents will learn to assist their children in developing fluency in thinking and writing. Participants will leave with a multitude of new time-saving strategies, abundant creative ideas for activities, and knowledge of specific materials for implementing these new ideas.

Logical and Creative Thinking for the Gifted

This engaging workshop focuses on the use of logic stories to enhance divergent and convergent thinking while developing group process, listening skills and creativity. The audience will stretch their Higher Order Thinking skills through opportunities to solve some Stories with Holes. Participants will also learn processes that can be used to increase children's abilities to persevere, think creatively, and summarize information more adeptly. In addition to solving logic stories, the participants will also be introduced to a variety of original, creative and unique activities to develop divergent thinking skills which they can use immediately following the workshop.

This workshop will help homeschool parents assist their students in developing fluency in creative and critical thinking. They will develop options for problem solving through divergent and convergent thinking. Participants will gain time saving strategies and creative ideas for developing engaging activities that they can connect to both their students and their curriculum. A variety of proven activities that have been used with gifted children in urban, suburban, and rural areas will be communicated in this interactive presentation. Grade 2-9 homeschooling parents will greatly profit from the "minds-on" practical activities that are shared. Participants will leave with a variety of specific strategies for making the delivery of instruction more dynamic and fruitful.

SCOTT FLANSBURG (The Human Calculator)

In his 20-plus years of teaching math, "The Human Calculator™" Scott Flansburg (<http://scottflansburg.com/thc/>), a popular and celebrated personality, has been interviewed on NBC's *The Today Show*, *Oprah*, *The History Channel*, *Stan Lee's Superhumans*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *Dateline NBC*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, *Larry King Live*, *Howard Stern*, *Fox News* and The Discovery Channel's *How'd They Do That?* and *More than Human*.

Scott has appeared as keynote speaker for Tony Robbins, NASA, IBM, The Smithsonian Institution and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, among other organizations, and has made free appearances at thousands of schools worldwide including President Obama's daughters schools for the American Math Challenge. Scott has just returned from an educational tour in Australia as Patron of the *Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge* and speaking at Oprah Winfrey Girls Academy in South Africa. Earlier in 2010 he participated in the *Mental Calculation World Cup 2010, Germany* and in 2009 broke his own *Guinness World Record* in Tokyo on TV Asahi. Scott is the global ambassador for World Math Day and US Ambassador the American Math Challenge.

Scott Flansburg has presents all over the world ways to think about numbers differently. Scott examines through this exciting presentation while showing of his own mental math abilities various techniques at looking at solving computation problems in your head. He explores how to improve speed and accuracy of mental computation while discussing integrating engaging technologies into the classroom to help switch kids onto math.

[Turn on your own mental calculator. Scott Flansburg. The Human Calculator™](#)

Scott Flansburg has been teaching students & teachers around the world ways to think about numbers differently. There's not just one approach to math! Scott examines through this exciting presentation while showing of his own mental math abilities various techniques at looking at solving computation problems in your head. He explores how to improve speed and accuracy of mental computation while discussing integrating engaging technologies into learning math to turn kids own mental calculator on. Scott Flansburg will perform his techniques in what he holds a Guinness World Record along with sharing tips, tricks and talk about his 20 year inspiring journey teaching and invoke an excitement about math around the world. Audience members will walk away with a renewed excitement that math is something that can be taught to all abilities. It's about confidence and understanding that simple application to thinking about numbers differently can make everyone think like a human calculator.

FREEDOM PROJECT EDUCATION (ALAN SCHOLL)

Mr. Alan J. Scholl is Executive Director, Vice President of American Opinion Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Scholl has been involved in youth education for over 25 years. He has served as Director or primary speaker at over 50 week-long youth seminars. He has been a keynote speaker for many homeschool, constitutional, and political conferences and gatherings, and has conducted numerous individual live seminars on American Heritage, History, Government, and Culture, among other topics. He has previously served as the National Director of a busy nation-wide Speakers Bureau, and as Chief Operations Officer and Director of Mission and Campaigns for JBS Corporate Operations.

Prior to his service with American Opinion and his JBS career, for five years Mr. Scholl was Manager Training Supervisor and Internal Auditor for Patton Vending, a large diversified corporation in California, General Manager of World Tool Corp for three years, and was the Western Division Manager for By-Products Corp/St. Louis Serum Co. (Sister divisions of Dexter Corp.) for eight years.

Earning his initial Associate in Arts at Yuba State College in California in 1975, Mr. Scholl earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 2005, and his MBA in Business Administration in June of 2008, at the University of Phoenix. Alan has served as a Deacon in three different churches in Fresno, CA, Livermore, CA, and since 1992 at Grace Baptist Church in Appleton, WI.

Alan and Doreen Scholl were married in 1975, have seven children, seven grandchildren, and have home-educated for over 25 years.

[Teaching the Relationship Between God and Government](#)

Does government matter to Christians? Why is one form of government superior to others? The American Republic and its "rule of law" are the most productive and free ever devised. Why? What are the historical ramifications of rule by referendum or majority in a "pure democracy" and what are the proofs in historical and Biblical accounts?

DALE GAMACHE (La Clase Divertida) FunClase.com

Dale Gamache has 30 years of experience teaching the Spanish language. He has taught elementary, middle and high school students in the Volusia County, FL school system including the past 25 years at Seabreeze High. Señor Gamache and his family established their own private Spanish language after-school program where they taught public, private, and home school children in the Daytona Beach, Florida area. They have instructed hundreds of elementary and middle school students in these after-school programs. They developed the LA CLASE DIVERTIDA DVD curriculum while teaching these classes. He and his wife Robin have also recently developed a survival Spanish computer program in conjunction with the Florida Baptist Children's Homes with a focus on missions for adults and church congregations.. Sr. Gamache instructs high school students from all over the country live(NOT virtual) thru internet classrooms for High School Spanish I II and III credit. Sr. Gamache has been a featured speaker on Foreign Language Acquisition at both homeschool and public school conventions throughout the country.

Dale and his wife Robin live in the Daytona Beach area and have a daughter Erin who attends Polk State College after 13 years of homeschooling.

[Teaching Foreign Language At Home...It CAN be done!](#)

While most parents are familiar with and feel somewhat confident teaching the 3 – R's to their children, very few feel that same confidence with foreign language instruction. In my workshop, I hope to answer many of the questions I have heard repeatedly during my 29 years of Spanish instruction of children ages 4-18 and my 15 years of homeschooling.

- What is the best age to start teaching a foreign language?
- What language should I teach?
- What about Greek or Latin?
- How can I teach when I don't know the language?
- What should I look for in a language program?
- How I get my children fluent in a language?
- Do my children need a foreign language to graduate from high school?
- Do my children need 2 years of a foreign language to be accepted at a Community College or a University?

[La Clase Divertida- The Answer To Your Foreign Language Needs For ALL Grades](#)

Come join Sr. Gamache in a lively workshop to see how your family can comprehensively learn Spanish together in a fun non-intimidating way via DVD/CD instruction through conversation, songs, games, crafts, cooking, and cultural stories. See how FUN Spanish can be! The program is designed for families with students aged PK4 through 8th grade. We start out slow and easy in Level I with the basics of pronunciation and conversation as we work systematically into high school level grammatical structure by the time we get to Level III. And this year we're continuing to teach HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH I , II & III *LIVE* (NOT *virtual*) via webcam teleconferencing for High School Credit! We hope and plan to add Spanish III this year (and maybe French as well!) Finally we have an answer to the oft asked question "What do we do about Foreign Languages in High School?"

ATTORNEY DAVID GIBBS, III (HomeschoolLegalAdvantage.com)

David C. Gibbs, III grew up in a legal family. His father, David C. Gibbs, Jr., is the founder of the **Christian Law Association**. As a boy, he tagged along with his dad to court and developed a love for the law, the Bible, and God's people. Attorney Gibbs graduated from Duke Law School in 1993 at the top of his class. He then joined his father serving as an attorney for the Christian Law Association.

Attorney Gibbs attained national recognition when he represented the family of Robert and Mary Schindler in their fight to save the life of their disabled daughter, **Terri Schiavo**. Attorney Gibbs has represented many Christians in their fight to retain their religious liberties, especially those related to providing a Christian education for their children.

FREE GIFT REMINDER: Each family attending this year's convention receives their own **FREE first-year membership** in **Homeschool Legal Advantage (HLA)**. Members can take comfort in knowing they enjoy full legal protection for homeschooling and Christian liberty issues, and also have the option of receiving a complimentary **Last Will and Testament** for both Mom and Dad thoughtfully prepared by an HLA attorney.

[LEGAL Question & Answer Session](#)

Attorney David Gibbs, III and Attorney Christine Field will answer legal-related questions with regard to homeschooling, homeschool co-ops, homeschool sports programs, parental rights, the Parental Rights Amendment efforts, estate planning, religious liberty issues and more! If you have a legal-related question that you've wanted to ask an attorney, this session is for you!

Dr. STEPHEN GUFFANTI (RocketPhonics.com)

Who would have thought that the kid who was nearly kicked out of every school—and voted by his family likely to end up in jail—would become an inspiring, approachable, hilarious and sought-after convention speaker? (Not to mention a successful medical doctor, author, and happily married husband and homeschool dad.) Probably just God. No wonder one of Stephen Guffanti MD's favorite messages is this: "Your child may never be normal—but he can be extraordinary!"

As a medical doctor, author, and homeschooler, Stephen Guffanti, M.D., offers a unique background and tremendous insight, and communicates with warmth and humor. Not only is Stephen a physician, but he's also dyslexic and ADHD, and from this unusual perspective he brings hope, practical solutions, and understanding to families. Born with a passion for education as well as medicine, Dr. Steve has served as the medical director of a clinic specializing in learning disorders and has studied nutrition and its effects on learning.

Dr. Steve's books include *Rocket Phonics*, *The Purpose of Passion*, and *Does Your Child Really Have ADHD?* He has lately been creating podcasts for iTunes, and was delighted to learn they've had nearly 15,000 downloads in under 3 months!! He is currently working on his next book, *ADHD: Parenting the Extraordinary Child*. A popular guest on radio talk shows and webinars, Dr. Steve has written many articles in homeschooling publications including *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*, *Crosswalk*, *CHAP Magazine*, *WHO's News*, and more. Dr. Steve's passions include creating curriculum to meet the needs of all kids, following God's plan, and encouraging homeschool families with fresh insights, useful everyday tools, and humor.

[Active Kids / Active Child? ADHD? No Matter What Label—NOW WHAT?](#)

Behind the label is a child you love deeply, no matter what. And no matter how frustrating your child is, he or she really does love you. Gain a light-hearted but heart-felt understanding of issues that can weigh a family down. Laugh and cry as you learn solutions that will bless you for having the courage and love to homeschool your challenging kids—solutions that result in less frustrating and more cooperative home.

[Teaching Boys, Teaching Girls: What to Do—What's Really True?](#)

An unmotivated child is unteachable. And boys are motivated totally different than girls. With the latest research findings on gender, you'll learn how to best reach each of your children. Gain tips that will inspire, motivate, encourage and entertain. Be prepared for heartwarming fun—and many “a-ha!” moments.

[Dealing with Dyslexia - and Other Reading Issues](#)

Having difficulty teaching your child to read? Come to this workshop to talk about your challenges and their solutions. Here you'll learn tools to guide your child to reading success.

[MARK HAMBY \(LamplighterPublishing.com\)](#)

Mark Hamby is the founder and president of Lamplighter Ministries where he serves with a dedicated staff to make *Lamplighter Publishing*, *Lamplighter Theatre*, *Lamplighter Guild* *Lamplighter Life-Transforming Seminars*, and *Lamplighter Moments Daily Radio Broadcast* a reality. It is his mission to make ready a people prepared for the Lord by building Christ-like character...one story at a time.

[Raise them Up, Don't Crush them Down](#)

One only has to **listen** to discover the heart of a child. Our goal as parents and teachers is to **reach** the heart, rather than simply realign behavior. Too often, we depend on rules as the primary enforcer of behavior. Rules *can* change behavior, but they can't change the heart. When parents and teachers begin to discern the difference between character flaws and purposeful disobedience, they will implement a gentler approach to reaching and understanding their children. As a result, children will more willingly admit their faults and seek help from those they love. **Children need to hear the beating of our hearts rather than the beating of our voices.** Join Mark as he relates his experience as a shepherd and the important lesson that you don't become a shepherd just because you own sheep.

[Let Go or I'll Break Your Leg](#)

Based on the manipulative life of Jacob, his rival relationship with his brother, the lack of relationship between his mother and father, and his constant marital conflicts, the stage is set for a life of deception—self-deception. Believing that holding on to a better inheritance, more children, a better wife, and a better job, will bring fulfillment, Jacob learns the hard way that he was holding on to all the wrong things in life. Join our journey with Jacob as we find unconditional acceptance in all the *right* places; but be prepared to fight because once you've found what you are looking for, you will need to hold on for your life! This seminar is based on Mark's two years of research for his thesis and will cover sibling rivalry, marital conflict, parenting insights, and much more.

[A Passionate Pursuit of Excellence](#)

Based on the life of Ehud the Benjamite, Mark will unveil the unique strategy that God and his parents used to prepare him to become a skilled and strategic warrior, confident leader, and a skillful entrepreneur. In this seminar we will look at the assessment of a child's natural abilities and the instructive insights that are necessary to prepare each child, teen, and adult for God's ultimate purpose and calling. This seminar promises to be an eye opener for all ages—in more ways than you expect; but in a way you will never forget!

[A Great Awakening: The Mind, Media, and Moral Imagination](#)

We are entering a new Dark Age—one more subtle, more insidious. A culture sedated by sounds and images that deaden our senses and rob us of who we are created to be. “We are amusing ourselves to death.” Join Mark as he exposes the damaging effects that certain kinds of media, electronic games, and literature, have on the brain, the conscience, the imagination, and a child's moral and spiritual development. Most importantly, he will introduce a substitute that possesses timeless principles that can redeem, transform, and cultivate a hope that never disappoints.

[Building Character...One Story at a Time!](#)

It has been said that you will be the same five years from now as you are today, except for the people you meet and the books you read! Inspiring literature that models unwavering character can be one of the catalysts that awakens a child's drive to first think differently and then act accordingly. “Without biblical thinking, there is short term obedience and long term frustration.” Through an inspiring, informative, and dramatized lecture, Mark will make you laugh and cry as he “demonstrates” the power of character-based literature. This will be followed by an in depth look at the ancient steps of character development from early childhood through adulthood. In conclusion, an annotated bibliography for preschoolers through adults will introduce powerful, life-changing Christian literature from the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. This life-transforming session will lay the foundation for children to live a creative, skillful, and godly life.

JESSIE HAWKINS (Vintage Remedies)

All topics taught by Jessie Hawkins, traditional naturopath and founder / Executive Director of Vintage Remedies and the Vintage Remedies School of Natural Health, which educates aspiring herbalists and wellness professionals around the globe. Jessie has over a decade's worth of experience in the field of natural health, has written over a dozen books on the topic, and is regularly quoted in magazines such as *The Old Schoolhouse*, *Clean Eating*, *Urban Farm* and *Kiwi*. She lectures both parents and professionals around the country, and regularly provides medical professionals with CEUs on assorted wellness topics. She is a member of The Old Schoolhouse's Speaker's Bureau, the American Botanical Council, and the American Herbalist Guild. Jessie is also a wife and classical homeschooling mama of four.

[The Sidetracked Child: How Botanicals and Nutrition Can Increase Concentration and Reduce Distractibility in Your Homeschool!](#)

Today's children are bombarded by substances that are known or suspected to inhibit cognitive functioning. With so many factors working against them, is it any wonder that parents complain of easily distractible children with short attention spans? Learn how to recognize and identify what factors may be limiting your children and what you can do to create an environment that is conducive to learning.

[Herbal Health: Beyond the Basics](#)

Many homeschool families are already familiar with natural health and want something that takes them beyond the basic few herbs usually recommended. By popular request, we have included this topic in our proposal this year, which includes evidence based information on more advanced herbal techniques and preparations.

DAVID HAZELL - My Father's World - (MFWBooks.com)

David Hazell has been involved in homeschooling since 1987, several of those years as the primary homeschooling parent. He is passionate about families serving Christ together. A strong believer in the value of home education for all ages, David is a popular speaker at homeschooling conventions, family conferences and churches across the country. He is the author of *God Speaks Numanggang*, a book about Bible translation, and is on the board of the Institute for Bible Translation. The Hazell family spent eight years in Russia where David served in Bible translation in Siberia and Moscow, helping coordinate Bible translations into more than 70 languages. His six children often accompanied him as he traveled throughout Russia and Europe. Today David and Marie work together developing *My Father's World* curriculum and encouraging families to see the world through God's eyes and live according to that knowledge.

[Family Ministry: Becoming a Family of Eternal Purpose](#)

Drawing from the rich experiences of ministering as a family in Russia, Sweden, and the U.S., let us share with you how to broaden your children's knowledge of God's world and how to incorporate children of all ages in ministry. As a family we have served lunch to the homeless, enjoyed regular visits to nursing homes, participated in English camps for non-native speakers, raised large sums of money for missions, and much more. We know from first-hand experience that children can affect the world, often without leaving their neighborhood.

[What Should Twenty-First Century Christians Be Teaching Their Children?](#)

Classical education is often defined by what was taught to children long ago. Should we not rather ask the question: What did classical tutors intend students to know once they were educated? Five key questions help us interpret what these tutors would teach our children today if they were in our homes, in our culture, with our language and with twenty-first century knowledge.

[God's Word Can Change How We Homeschool](#)

What defines your school day? Is it the study of disjointed subjects with Bible as one of the subjects? Bible serves our family best when it is integrated into every part of our day. Learn how to maximize the power of God's Word by establishing it as the foundation of your homeschool. Ten minutes of "Bible time" before or after other classes can compartmentalize the Christian faith. Instead discover what happens when you integrate Bible and character development with geography, history, science, music, art and literature. By placing God's Word at the core, your family can be renewed through the power of His Word. You will go beyond just educating your children to raising up disciples ready to follow His call.

[Combining Classical Education, Charlotte Mason, Unit Studies, and a Christian Perspective](#)

The myriad of homeschool choices can be overwhelming, similar to the choices between interstates, highways, back roads, and scenic routes. There are so many ways and opinions, how can one navigate through it all and still homeschool effectively? Why not blend the best of each method? Instill Christian values while integrating great literature, chronological history, geography, hands-on activities, notebooks and timelines, narration, study of Greek and Latin roots, nature studies, and more. Enjoy short, well-planned lessons in the morning with time to pursue other interests in the afternoon.

[Occupying Preschoolers while Teaching Older Children](#)

Our children are precious gifts from the Lord but sometimes they can interfere with our human plans. Many homeschooling parents are in distress because they find their little ones seeking attention at all the wrong times. As the father of six children, David Hazell, along with his wife, Marie, have found creative ways to prepare these young "sponges" for school while keeping them creatively occupied at times when the parent needs to concentrate on the older ones. The workshop is full of practical suggestions for educational toys and common household items that can be used to educate and occupy young ones. Homeschooling with young ones can be easier than you think!

[INSTITUTE FOR CREATION RESEARCH \(Brian Thomas\) ICR.org](#)

Brian Thomas earned a BS in biology in 1993 and a MS degree in biotechnology in 1999 from Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas. Brian taught at Ovilla Christian School and concurrently served as an adjunct professor at Navarro College for six years. He then took a full-time professorship, teaching biology and chemistry at Dallas Baptist University. In 2008, he began work as a Science Writer at the Institute for Creation Research, producing a new *ICR News* article for icr.org most weekdays. He has written over 1,000 articles on a wide range of origins topics.

[What You Haven't Been Told about Dinosaurs](#)

Brian presents little-known but critical observations about dinosaurs, gleaned from science and Scripture. He presents solid answers to the biggest dinosaur questions, including how the fossil and historical evidence of dinosaurs and dragons fits so well with Noah's Flood.

[How to Teach Dinosaurs and Creation](#)

Learn how to make your own memorable, life-changing sayings. The next time you and your students drive past rock layers from a road cut, ask them, "How soon was one layer laid on the last?" Then hear their practiced reply, "There's no trace of erosion, so no time had passed." Learning can be fun and easy – and can last a lifetime – with this single tool.
(Elementary – High School, plus Parents)

[Soft Tissues in Solid Rocks!](#)

Were original red blood cells really discovered inside dinosaur bones in 2005? Are “fossilized” structures that look just like blood vessels, cells and skin actually from the original creatures? The answer is “yes.” Over 40 specific instances of original, organic fossil tissues—and the rock layers that contain them—can be no older than thousands of years.

[MONICA IRVINE \(TheEtiquetteFactory.com\)](#)

Monica Irvine is a certified Etiquette Instructor who currently owns and operates The Etiquette Factory. Monica Irvine is a master motivator and dedicated instructor, who loves to help children see the benefits and rewards of having good manners. As a Certified Etiquette Instructor, Mrs. Irvine specializes in etiquette instruction for children, ages preschool through high school. She is the creator of The Etiquette Factory, a unique 3 phase etiquette learning system designed to change the world, one child at a time. She also authors a monthly column in The Homeschool Handbook, The Homeschool Magazine and [Everything Knoxville](#) focusing on helping parents teach their children manners. Through years of experience working with children of all ages and being a home school mom herself, Mrs. Irvine is passionate about giving parents the tools they need to successfully teach proper etiquette in the home. She feels strongly about the need to educate children in the art of etiquette to help ensure their future success both personally and professionally. Mrs. Irvine also operates Etiquette [Summer Camps](#).

[Equip Your Children For Life](#)

Come and learn from a certified etiquette instructor and master motivator, Monica Irvine, how to teach young children from preschool up through age 10, in the art of etiquette. These skills help ensure your child's future success. Manners and social skills take time to form and perfect, so it's NEVER TOO EARLY TO START! Kids love to sing, play games, role play and listen to stories. That's the key in making etiquette a topic that children actually look forward to learning about. Can you imagine your child accepting the word, “No,” graciously? Can you imagine your dinner table as a place of peace, tranquility and kind discussion? Well, it can happen. You will be so grateful that you attended this discussion and will leave with confidence and excitement to implement these ideas into your home. Bring your young children along. We have a special lesson for them.

[Come and Listen, if You Dare! Etiquette for Teens](#)

Why do you need to know etiquette to succeed? Do you want to find a Wife??? Or a Job??? Proper Etiquette could very well change your life! Etiquette is so much more than which fork to use? It affects every single aspect of your life. Did you know that proper etiquette and being well educated are in direct proportion to each other? How comfortable would you be in a room full of Senators, a room full of Doctors...wait what about simply a room full of girls? You know what I mean. You get that “sick” feeling in your belly when you feel a little unsure of yourself, or uncomfortable in a certain situation. When you master “social etiquette”, you won't have to fear unfamiliar situations anymore. You can go anywhere, be with anyone and be perfectly comfortable, confident and at peace. Come on, listen and learn. You'll thank me later. The Etiquette Factory

[SERA JOHNSON \(Growing Healthy Homes\)](#)

Sera Johnson is a wife, homeschool mother of four and the president of operations for Growing Healthy Homes publishing company. She loves to help families take control of their health as she shares the testimony of her family's journey from chronic ill health to abundant health through God's food and essential oils. Sera is co-author of Nutrition 101: Choose Life!

[Brain Power: Food for Thought](#)

Did you know that the food our children eat can affect their brain development - good or bad? Find out how to maximize your child's learning potential, support their brain function, even minimize the symptoms of lack of focus and decreased attention span through eating healthy foods and natural supplementation.

[How to Live Healthy in a Toxic World](#)

Over 80,000 chemicals have been introduced into our lives in the last 50 years and less than 2% have even been tested for health safety. Learn how this has enabled parasites to exist in our environment and within us without our detection and our body's ability to fight off these invaders. Discover what chemicals are in almost everything that we use and eat that is destroying us cell by cell. Protect your home and your children with powerful and natural remedies that destroy bacteria, virus and fungus.

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As America's K-12 online education leader, K¹² helps all kinds of students all around the world reach their true, personal potential. Our individualized, flexible approach to learning combines the award-winning K12 curriculum, instruction from expert teachers, a vibrant social community, and all the support families need to succeed. Whether your student is struggling, advanced, or anywhere in between, our three online private schools offer a range of full-time and part-time options to address his or her learning style, academic level, and future goals.

Students can also take individual online courses to catch up, get ahead, or explore something new. Whatever your family's learning needs are, we invite you to join this insightful, one-hour workshop to discover how our schools work, explore all your choices, and learn which one is right for your child.

KID'S LOVE TRAVEL FAMILY FIELD TRIP GUIDES (MICHELLE ZAVATSKY)

For over a decade, author Michele Zavatsky has visited 5,000 places to find the best sites that kids love to visit! This adventure of writing and publishing family travel books has taken Michele and her family on a journey of experiences – sneaking in lessons along the way. The Zavatsky family have been blessed to be called the “family that travels for a living” by over 500 radio and television programs. Michele has also spoken to hundreds of groups throughout the South, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest promoting “family-friendly,” inexpensive and educational travel. Michele's blog is where she shares many recent finds and tips: www.kidslovetravel.com/family_travel_blog.htm.

Families Love Exploring the Heart of U.S. History

How to Plan Easy Field Trips in & around your region of the country and sneak in fun lessons along the way.

Through hands-on visuals and lively storytelling, author (and Travel Mom) Michele Zavatsky will take you on an educational journey through a local region of our country. Learn tricks to taking effective hands-on history adventures...on a budget. We'll compare Forts & Battlefields, cover history from Astronauts to Indians to Explorers, discover natural wonders, learn how to make things, and best of all, acquire pioneer skills working side-by-side re-enactors. Find out how many sites are ones you would never think of. Learn to create family memories and complete easy lessons on fun day trips from the Mom that “field trips for a living!” (background info: www.KidsLoveTravel.com)

MICHELLE KAUFENHOFEN (AboveRubies.org)

Michelle Kaufenhofen is a homeschooling mother of 11 precious children (2 of which are homeschool graduates), and Director of Above Rubies in Canada, as well as the global Facebook/Twitter administrator for Above Rubies. Author of many articles and new book.

Water in the Desert: How to Keep Going When the Going Gets Tough

Are there times when your homeschool does not look like you know it could? Maybe you wonder how everyone else seems to be doing it, while you are withering as you try to keep it all together! Are you struggling with feeling inadequate in your task as home educator, or even feeling like a failure as a wife or a mother? Perhaps you are even facing rebellion in your home, or just plain difficult students! Like water in the desert, there is life and encouragement for you, so that you, your life and your homeschool can bloom and shine! Michelle, homeschooling mother of 11 precious children (2 of which are homeschool graduates), and Director of Above Rubies in Canada, as well as the global Facebook/Twitter administrator for Above Rubies. Author of many articles and new book. This session will encourage you in your amazing task and renew and rejuvenate you! Prepare to be inspired!

REBECCA KELIHER (Home Educating Family Magazine)

Well Planned Day Workshop

Looking for a way to not only organize your homeschool but your life? Look no further... this workshop is for you! Come join in our discussion of life plus homeschooling. In this seminar, Rebecca will share her own strategies of how she had to organize

her schedule around some very unique circumstances. With an unparalleled perspective of having grown up in a children's home from the age of 4 to 11, she shares how organization can be accomplished no matter what your situation. Learn how to use your own children's gifts to help them establish a formula that works for them. Husbands will love to hear how to schedule home improvement goals in with the budget and actually find time to get those honey-do projects accomplished. Rebecca will explain how she studies each of her children and prayerfully sets reasonable goals and expectations for each semester. Be encouraged to know that this workshop is not the checklist mentality but works for any family in every circumstance.

[A Second Look: Bathsheba and Other Women of the Bible](#)

How many parents have named their child David? Noble name! How many parents have named their child Bathsheba or Rahab? Not so noble names? Bathsheba was the mother of King Solomon -- he learned godly wisdom and precepts at her knee. She was also called 'innocent lamb' in scripture. And Rahab risked everything to obey the God of Israel, and God used her directly in the line of Christ. Can we learn from their examples? Join Rebecca and walk through several sticky situations and examine how we can benefit greatly from truly studying God's Word and considering the accounts of the women and their situations. Is Proverbs 31 a formula that promises to convert unruly children or ungodly husbands? Are there other godly women in the Word that we can look to who can speak to some of the unique positions we find ourselves in? Join in the conversation as we explore these issues.

[SUSAN KEMMERER \(SHPublishing.com\)](#)

Susan Kemmerer is the author of the highly acclaimed book, *Homeschool Supermom...NOT!*. She and her husband Dale have, by God's grace, been homeschooling their nine children for almost twenty five years - with 5 graduated and 4 to go (or twelve more years of homeschooling ahead!). Susan has authored a number of textbooks, including "*Apples Daily Spelling Drills for Secondary Students*" and "*Research in Increments*." In her spare time, Susan enjoys reading, writing, and needlework. Besides being with their children and grandchildren, the Kemmerer's love spending time in fellowship with the believers in their local church, Grace Community Church of Souderton (a Sovereign Grace church) where they had the privilege of serving as care group leaders. Dale and Susan (along with their children) run their business, Schoolhouse Publishing, from their home in Franconia, PA

[Exploding the Supermom Myth](#)

Faster than a speeding toddler. More perceptive than a loco teenager. Able to fold tall towers of laundry in a single hour. It's a maid. It's a teacher. It's Supermom! Unfortunately, Supermom I am not. There are just not enough hours in my day or energy in this old body. So, how do we homeschool moms do it all? Is it possible to succeed in keeping up with the housework and the homeschool? Or do I just hope nobody phones in a tip to the Environmental Protection Agency that my home is a hazardous waste site? A homeschool mother of 9 shares with you the tools she uses to cope with the pressures of doing it all.

[Homeschooling Distractible Kids Who Don't Like School](#)

You've been blessed with this amazing bundle of energy. He has spent the first years of his life climbing anything vertical, "shooting" anything that moves, turning every serious moment into a wrestling match -- and doing it all at top speed. And now you want to put a book in his lap and convince him that reading word lists and adding columns of numbers is fun??? Yeah, right! Homeschooling is the *perfect* learning environment for this child! Susan, a mother of 9 children (including 7 wiggly boys) shares ideas on how to homeschool these distractible little bundles of energy (who'd rather be doing *anything* other than school) in such a way that you'll be enjoying and utilizing their boundless energy instead of quenching their fire. And, of course, we'll look at our own heart issues which are so quick to well up and spill out on those energetic little heads. This is a fun workshop that will keep you laughing. ☺☺ Appropriate for veteran or new homeschoolers

[I'm German and I have PMS](#)

Hey, I have a very good reason for being irritated. I have an agenda. It is a good and God-honoring agenda. It includes wonderful things, like raising godly children, homeschooling them, and instilling strong moral values in them. However, they don't often seem to appreciate my agenda. They hate school and only do the minimum required, and they like things like rock music. It just burns me up! But wait...God wants me to be patient and kind, even when my student puts out minimal effort. So how do I, a sinner, walk in patience toward my sinful children? This fascinating workshop studies the character quality of patience as it applies to our homeschooling and parenting.

[100% Mommy, 100% Teacher](#)

Do you have a baby, a toddler, or a preschooler running around while you are trying to work with your students? Maybe you have several little ones wreaking havoc on your home while your older students suffer from your lack of attention! I've had as many as

3 preschoolers (plus 5 students) at a time, and will share with you the joy I've discovered in homeschooling with preschoolers. This heart-hitting, heart-warming workshop will help you to recognize the work of God in your heart. Then, you will learn tips and tricks to help make your day run more smoothly and be reminded of the amazing grace available to you. Courage! You can be 100% Mommy and 100% Teacher - at the same time!

Grace-drenched Homeschooling

How is your homeschool year going? Are you feeling kind of overwhelmed right now? Are you questioning whether homeschooling is really God's will for your family? Are you lacking strength and faith to continue? Perhaps you are just fed up with the constant battle, tired of being so tired. Would it surprise you to discover that these are normal thoughts and feelings for many (or even most) homeschool moms? You'll be encouraged to know that there are answers—though you won't find your answers in that new curriculum or in implementing that clever chore chart. God has a much greater plan in store for you. Whether you've experienced a season of blessing as you homeschooled or you feel mired in despondency and self-doubt, this workshop will encourage your soul.

CARL KERBY (Reasons for Hope)

Carl's passion is to proclaim the authority and accuracy of the Bible and to engage the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers in today's culture so that they may experience the realities of the Word of God. This happens every time Carl speaks. Whether he speaks to youth or adults, large or small crowds, churches or schools, Carl has a way of connecting with almost everybody; and that is one of the reasons he is a much sought-after speaker both in the United States and abroad. He has spoken in Bermuda, Canada, England, Greece, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico the Philippines and Wales just to name a few.

Carl was a founding Board Member of Answers in Genesis for 10 years and served there for over 15 years before stepping out in faith to become President and Founder of Reasons for Hope. Though Carl has played many roles in his life, (son of a professional wrestler, air-traffic controller at O'Hare International Airport, Founding Board member and widely known speaker for Answers in Genesis), his most cherished accomplishment is his marriage to his wife, Masami, for over 28 years, and his role as a father to his daughter, Alisa, and his son, Carl, Jr., and grandfather to his grandson, Trey.

Dad's - - - It's Time!

This powerful, straight-forward, biblically grounded talk Carl challenges men to stand up and be the spiritual leaders Christ has called them to be. No more abdicating that responsibility to the world, the church or anybody else. Dads, you are called to educate and train your children! Carl will identify the tools being used to destroy families and then show how to overcome those attacks. The Lord's pattern is that the man be the head of the home and be the provider, protector and priest of the family...and, raise children in the fear and admonition of the Lord!

Dinosaurs, Fossils and the 'Real' Lost World!

When we start from the Scriptures as real history, we will understand the world around us in a very different manner. Dinosaurs are one of the major tools the secular world uses to train children into believing the world is millions of years old. In this talk we will start with the Bible to answer common questions such as: Does the Bible talk about dinosaurs? Why don't we find the word dinosaur in the Bible? Did dinosaurs go on the ark and if so how did they fit? Don't dinosaurs prove the earth is millions of years old? What happened to the dinosaurs? Yes, the answers will be different from what you hear on Discovery Channel! But that's because our starting point is different.

Genesis Matters!

This talk is vital to understanding why the book of Genesis is so important to the issues we are dealing with in the world today. In a culture where we are losing so many young people who are raised in the church we need to figure out what the causes are. If you don't know "when" and "why" we are losing them, we can never figure out a "how" to solve the problem. Using research done on 20 years old's who were raised in the conservative church and who have walked away Carl will show "when" and "why" and then propose a "how" to overcome this serious problem.

Where Did Cain Get His Wife? (And Answers to Other Questions on "Races"!)

"What you believe about where you come from will impact the way that you live your life today!" This is one of the most important talks that Carl gives today. If we truly want to solve the problem of racism there is only one way, starting with the Word of God. For too long Christians have said Jesus with their lips but lived their lives with an anti-biblical mindset. There is no clearer example than how we, Christians, have and are dealing with this issue. Here he will shed light from God's Word and from real science on the truth about so-called "races". What does 'science' really say about this issue? More importantly, what does God's

Word say? This is a study that is transforming lives by giving exciting answers from Genesis! Until we, Christians, can get this issue right we can never expect non-Christians to deal with it appropriately.

ANDREW KERN (CirceInstitute.com)

ANDREW KERN is the president and founder of the CiRCE Institute. He graduated from Concordia University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was mentored by Dr. Gene Edward Veith and was graduated with a BA in Liberal Arts. Shortly afterward, Dr. Veith and Andrew co-authored the best-selling *Classical Education, The Movement Sweeping America*, now in its second edition.

Andrew helped start Providence Academy in Green Bay, WI in 1993, where he served as “Lead Teacher,” Foundations Academy (now Ambrose School) in Boise, ID, where he served as Director of Classical Instruction from 1996-2000, The Great Ideas Academy in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he served as Headmaster from 2001-2003, and The Regent Schools of the Carolinas where he served as Dean of Academics from 2006-2008. In his various roles with these schools, Andrew provided visionary leadership, developed curricula for middle and high school, trained teachers in classical modes of instruction, served as advisor to the school boards, taught students from 2nd to 12th grade, and conducted research into the history and practice of classical education. Andrew also taught a home school class for students from 7th – 12th grade in Boise, ID, including its curriculum Classical Greece, Classical Rome, Shakespeare, American History, Logic, Latin, Debate, and Classical Composition. The raw materials that became the Lost Tools of Writing were developed in these classes.

Since establishing CiRCE as a research and consulting service to classical educators, Andrew has trained teachers, led board retreats, and assisted with institutional development and start up in over 100 schools since 1996. He has been directing the CiRCE Institute full time since the summer of 2000. Andrew is happily married to Karen. They are the parents of three boys and two girls: David, Matthew, Katerina, Larissa, and Andrew.

Introduction to The Lost Tools of Writing

The Lost Tools of Writing™ is a curriculum, or series of exercises, in classical composition, which is, in turn, a portion of classical rhetoric. Composition concerns itself with what can be written, while a full rhetoric program adds the skills of speaking. *The Lost Tools of Writing™* prepares students for debate, speech, literary and historical study, scientific research, and other activities. It lays the foundation for all advanced learning.

Classical Home Schooling: Where We Came From, Where We're Going

Classical education, of course, is nothing new. In this article, Andrew Kern explains what exactly classical education is, and he traces how classical education has been reclaimed by the movement as we know it today—particularly through the work of Mortimer Adler, Dorothy Sayers, and others.

Teaching Classical Literature Classically

We teach classical literature because it exposes our students to models of virtue. Andrew Kern explains how through teaching good literature, we can help our children develop poetic knowledge, an intuitive knowledge of the nature of things. He advises parents to read to their children—or have their children read—at a level beyond what they can decode in phonetics, and to read the texts themselves, not *about* the texts.

KATHY KOCH, Ph. D (CelebrateKids.com)

To meet Dr. Kathy Koch, Ph.D. (pronounced "cook") through a paragraph description doesn't do her justice. Of course, we're sure the same is true of you. In a paragraph, you can't experience Dr. Kathy's personal interest, enthusiasm, authenticity, and communication skills. In other words, her heart can't come through. When you do meet her, it won't take you long to agree with others, there's a refreshing realness to Kathy that will encourage and inspire you.

How am I Smart? Awakening, Strengthening, and Using Children's Intelligences

Parents will be inspired to learn that all children have eight intelligences that can be awakened, strengthened, paralyzed, focused, and trained. Each intelligence will be defined and explained so parents can determine which ones are strengths, and how to awaken and strengthen the intelligences that appear to be weak.

Why Do They Do That? Discover Roots of Problems So Solutions Fit

Learn an innovative, refreshing, and practical problem-solving approach to help you discover roots of your children's behavior, motivation, and academic problems. Meet their needs with solutions that work so they can focus and accomplish goals.

[Oral Reading: Eight Characteristics to Improve It](#)

Do your children dislike reading out loud? Does it bore them? Do you sometimes get bored, too? Are they struggling to make progress as they read word-by-word or without expression, comprehension, or joy? Are you unsure of what the purposes of oral reading can be? This enjoyable seminar will include the demonstration of 8 characteristics of effective oral reading instruction. When implemented, children and parents will be more involved and enthused and children's abilities and interests will increase.

[The Writing Menu: A Practical Tool to Increase Children's Writing Enjoyment and Success](#)

Research from the National Writing Project makes it clear that children benefit when writing tasks are authentic. The "Writing Menu" helps parents and children move beyond this common instruction: "Write a paper about _____. It's due Thursday." The Menu helps children choose important components for their paper, much like they choose parts of a meal. Authenticity, enjoyment, and success result.

KATHY KUHL (LearnDifferently.com)

Speaker, author, consultant, and veteran homeschooler, Kathy Kuhl helps parents help children with challenges. For parents of children who are struggling, discouraged, gifted—or all three—Kathy offers ideas and encouragement, humor and Biblical insights. The author of *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner*, she speaks internationally, bridging the homeschool and special needs communities. She gives phone consultations and offers book reviews and tips in the *LearnDifferently Newsletter* and at <http://learndifferently.com/>. She is the mother of two amazing young adults, including one with learning disabilities and AD/HD who she homeschooled from grades 4-12. She has been 'cool' since she married Mr. Kuhl in 1981.

[When Math Doesn't Come Easily](#)

How do you teach math effectively to a child with learning challenges? How do you bear tackling math facts again? How do you move beyond the times tables when your child has not mastered them? What are your options for high school math? Veteran homeschooler and math teacher Kathy Kuhl discusses working with children with difficulties in math, and shares strategies you can incorporate into any math curriculum.

[When Writing Doesn't Come Easily](#)

Does your child struggle to write, to form letters or to compose a clear paragraph or essay? Kathy Kuhl homeschooled her dysgraphic son for grades 4-12; he now wants to be a writer. Learn causes of writing problems, handwriting tips, and accommodations for handwriting problems. Find out how to develop a good writer, improve spelling and vocabulary, and teach composition more effectively.

[Helping Teens Overcome Learning Challenges](#)

Is high school at home only for overachievers? Is homeschool an option for the teen who has trouble reading, writing, focusing, or organizing, or who has other challenges? Veteran homeschooler Kathy Kuhl discusses teaching high school when the teen cannot learn from a book, as well as teaching life skills, social skills, social life, and resources to prepare your young person for life after graduation.

[Homeschooling a Child with Learning Challenges](#)

How do you prepare to homeschool a child who has difficulty learning and paying attention? Learn about resources to help you and mistakes to avoid. Whether you are new to homeschooling or not, this will help you help a child with learning problems.

LATIN ROAD / PHONICS ROAD (Barbara Beers) TheLatinRoad.com

A veteran homeschooler for over 28 years, Barbara Beers has not only taught her own children through high school, but has taught numerous classes for other students as well as teacher training courses for parents and teachers. Almost 20 years ago she began organizing her studies and went on to write *The LATIN Road to English Grammar* and *The PHONICS Road to Spelling and Reading*, now used in schools and homeschools around the world. In the long term effort of building strong Christian families, she teaches and encourages Christian moms and dads in the areas of classical education, spelling, writing, reading, grammar, and Latin, as well as giving them the tools to become master teachers themselves.

[Secrets of Great Spelling](#)

Great spelling does not have to be a mystery when you know...the rest of the story. Public school methods of memorizing words using pictures, workbooks, and games will never give a student the tools to know HOW English is built and WHY it is built the way it is. Learn not only the foundations of great spelling, handwriting, and reading, but also how to coordinate grammar, composition, and Latin in a multi-sensory approach with music, art, and literature.

[LATIN, the Key to English](#)

No other language affects English as much as Latin as it reveals the secrets of many of our more difficult English spellings and meanings. It is the mother language of our most common spoken foreign languages and provides the key to the vocabulary of the sciences, medicine, law, literature, and history. Discover how you can learn this important language along with your 5th – 12th grade student and teach them their advanced English grammar at the same time.

[LEARN OUR HISTORY \(Bradley Saft\) LearnOurHistory.com](#)

[Introducing "LEARN OUR HISTORY"](#)

BRADLEY SAFT is the Co-Founder and CEO of Learn Our History, a unique company that makes learning American history fun for children of all ages through a series of animated films. Inspired by his parents as a young boy, Brad has inherited a lifelong passion for the fascinating stories of America's greatness. Throughout his school years, history was always Brad's favorite subject.

While studying history at Princeton University, Brad wrote a thesis on the social and economic policies of Richard Nixon. After graduating from Princeton, Brad spent the next decade working on building successful private sector businesses in a variety of industries. However, when he began to learn the shocking statistics about how little our children understand and appreciate American History, Brad was compelled to take action.

Guided by his strong faith, Brad did not want his own family to grow up in an ignorant world where history was ignored and forgotten. After much consideration and serious discussions with his wife, Allison, Brad quit his job and began to outline the mission for a new company, Learn Our History.

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee learned what Brad was doing through a mutual friend and wanted to be involved with the project. Shortly thereafter, he joined Brad as a co-founder of the company. The two started Learn Our History with a mutual goal: to make learning history fun for kids. As the partners surveyed concerned parents and discussed the many challenges of getting kids interested in history, they discovered the problem is *not* the history lessons themselves (in fact, the stories are incredibly fascinating!) Instead, the founders concluded that the problem exists in *how* kids are learning history. With this knowledge, they set out to create the most experiential history product ever—one that would give children a front-row seat to the fascinating stories of our great nation, making it easy and fun for kids to understand American history, while remaining true to the facts and free from distorted political messages that dilute the significance of our nation's most important stories.

The first result of their hard work is the "**Learn Our History: TimeCycle Academy**" series, which launched in the summer of 2011. A huge hit with homeschoolers, the new series features a group of friends who go back in time to relive the most influential stories of our nation. It's no surprise that the very thing that makes the TimeCycle Academy series incredibly effective at teaching history to kids is the same thing that makes it unbelievably fun for kids of all ages and all backgrounds.

Brad has been coming to homeschool conventions for the past three years and is thrilled to be able to share his stories and products with you.

[THE LUKEION PROJECT \(Amy & Regan Barr\) Lukeion.org](#)

Amy Barr is a Classical archaeologist, educator, published author and home school mother of three. A decade of Mediterranean travel, research and excavation (including famous Troy) give her unique expertise. She has been both student and instructor at The Ohio State U., Miami U. and the U. of Cincinnati. Amy and her husband Regan founded **The Lukeion Project** (www.lukeion.org) in 2005 to share their expertise on the Greeks and Romans through live online courses. Amy teaches challenging and dynamic high school courses in Latin (I, II, III, and IV), Classical Mythology, and Roman History. She also

teaches workshops for every age on Troy, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, Augustus, the *Iliad*, *Odyssey*, *Aeneid*, *Metamorphoses*, and much more. Regan and Amy Barr lead annual family tours to the Mediterranean.

Regan Barr is a Classical archaeologist, educator, published author and home school father of three. A decade of Mediterranean travel, research and excavation (including famous Troy) give him unique expertise. He has been both student and instructor at Cincinnati Christian University and the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife Amy founded **The Lukeion Project** (www.lukeion.org) in 2005 to share their expertise on the Greeks and Romans through live online courses. He teaches challenging and dynamic high school courses in Ancient Greek (I, II and III), Greek History, Greek and Latin Word Roots, and a seminar in College Research Writing. He also teaches workshops for every age on the Art of Greek and Roman War, Imperial Murder Mysteries, Greek Tragedy, Introduction to Archaeology, and more. Regan and Amy Barr lead family tours to the Mediterranean each year.

THE LUKEION PROJECT - After 10 years of traveling and excavating throughout the Mediterranean, Regan and Amy Barr began their family and became home educators. Since 2005 these classically-trained archaeologists have shared their education, experience, and enthusiasm for the world of the Greeks and Romans in live online classes and family tours of the Classical World. The Lukeion approach combines history, archaeology and Classical literature to bring the ancient world to life in vivid color. Lukeion courses are LIVE online, allowing learners from around the world to meet and thrive in an interactive classroom taught by expert instructors who love the subject. Lukeion Family Tours have leading whole families through the inspiring Classical remains of Italy, Greece, and Turkey since 2008.

UNPREPARED FOR COLLEGE: HOW PARENTS' AND PROFESSORS' EXPECTATIONS DIFFER

It's normal to focus on the transcript when preparing your student for college. After all, acceptance is the first step in acquiring a college education. But years of teaching at the college level and working with college-bound, home-educated students have proven that many students with great transcripts aren't really prepared for what's expected of them at the university. Amy Barr shares her list of the six most ignored college skills and what you can do now to prepare your college-bound student. *Presented by Amy Barr*

START DOING COLLEGE-LEVEL RESEARCH NOW

Though most home educators appreciate the value of teaching their children the art of writing, few students enter college prepared to do research at the required level. Creative writing programs provide wonderful practice in the art of communication, but a different skill set is required to effectively use a university research library, locate and use acceptable scholarly resources, and write in proper academic style. Regan Barr tells you how to help your learners raise their research to the college level BEFORE their first college class. *Presented by Regan Barr*

THE WHEN & WHY OF GREEK & LATIN

Even as the public system has abandoned Latin and Greek as part of a well-rounded education, home school community has embraced them. Yet many parents still have questions about including Latin or Greek in their curriculum. What are the benefits of learning Greek and Latin? Should we start young, or wait? Is there a difference between Golden (Classical) and Ecclesiastical Latin? What about Classical and Biblical Greek? And which is better to learn? Amy Barr, a Classicist with a proven track record, answers your questions. *Presented by Amy Barr*

THE LUKEION PROJECT: THE CLASSICAL WORLD BROUGHT TO LIFE

History, archaeology, literature, travel – they all work together to help us understand the classical foundations of our modern world. In 2005 Regan and Amy Barr, two classically-trained archaeologists who were homeschooling their own children, founded The Lukeion Project. They now share their education, expertise, experience, and enthusiasm for the world of the Greeks and Romans with learners around the world using LIVE, online web conferencing. The Lukeion Project does in-depth history in a “live, online” environment, hitting all learning styles through interactive, graphically rich and visually stimulating classes. We explain what the “interdisciplinary approach” is, and why we wish we'd been taught history this way! *Presented by Regan and Amy Barr*

ALEX McFARLAND (AlexMcFarland.com)

As a speaker, writer, and advocate for Christian apologetics, Alex McFarland has appeared in hundreds of locations throughout the U.S. and internationally. He has been interviewed by Billy Graham's Decision radio broadcast, James Dobson (Focus On The Family radio), The New York Times, The Washington Post, Chuck Colson's Breakpoint broadcast, CBS, FOX, NBC news, (SRN) Salem Radio Network news, the Associated Press (AP) wire service, Los Angeles Times, Boston Herald, the BBC, OK- The

Celebrity News Magazine, Prime Time America, Bible Broadcast Network, La Vie (France), Christianity Today, Charisma, On Mission, and by many other media outlets as well.

Alex is the author of **STAND: Core Truths You Must Know For An Unshakable Faith** (Tyndale Publishers), **The Ten Most Common Objections to Christianity (and how to answer them effectively)** (Regal Books, spring 2007) and **STAND STRONG...In College** (Preparing for the ways that college will challenge your faith) was released by Tyndale in the fall of 2007, and is based on nearly two decades of training teens in apologetics and knowledge of the biblical world view.

From 2004-2006, Alex lived in Colorado Springs, CO, serving Focus On The Family as Director of Teen Apologetics. On September 24, 2006, Alex was named third President of Southern Evangelical Seminary and the Veritas Graduate School of Apologetics, located near Charlotte, North Carolina.

[A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO ISLAM](#)

[UNDER ATTACK: The assault against the Bible & the Facts that verify scripture's divine origin](#)

[THE RESURRECTION, AND ANCIENT EVIDENCE FOR THE LIFE OF CHRIST](#)

(The most important fact of history - that Jesus rose from the dead)

[THE TRULY CHRISTIAN POSITION ON HOMOSEXUALITY](#)

[STEPHEN, GRACE & SARAH MALLY \(TomorrowsForefathers.org\)](#)

[Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends](#)

Many parents say that one of their biggest struggles in home schooling is the bickering and fighting that occurs between their children. In this session, Sarah, Stephen, and Grace Mally, co-authors of the book *Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends*, will share how they have worked through pride, offenses, and irritations in their relationship, and learned to become best friends. This entertaining presentation, including ideas, insights, skits, and personal testimonies, is recommended for the entire family.

[Raising Pure Daughters in a Generation of Darkness \(Sarah Mally\)](#)

A young lady who is pure will shine with a radiant brightness in this world of darkness. How can a young lady stay physically and emotionally pure as she waits for God's best in marriage? How can parents protect and guide? This workshop will encourage young ladies to guard their minds, to desire the very best marriage, to give their hearts to their parents, to avoid the dangers of the world's thinking, and to have a life purpose bigger than marriage. This workshop is taught by Sarah Mally (age 30). Sarah is the founder of Bright Lights, a nationwide discipleship ministry designed to equip young ladies to live fully for the Lord. Today over 400 Bright Lights groups have started around the country.

[Preparing Young People for Mighty Works \(Sarah, Stephen & Grace Mally\)](#)

The purpose of home schooling is to prepare young people for mighty works for the Kingdom of God. Sarah, Stephen and Grace Mally, three homeschool graduates, will share how important it is for every family to be serving the Lord together as a family team. When a family works together for the Lord, the young people are given motivation and vision, the family learns to overcome struggles and work in harmony, and mighty works are accomplished for God's kingdom. This workshop will give practical ideas, direction and encouragement to help children and young people have a ministry mindset.

[Dr. JOBE MARTIN \(The Evolution of a Creationist\)](#)

Dr. Jobe Martin has spent the last twenty years studying the topic of Biblical Creation vs. Evolution, and lectures frequently on the subject. He began his scientific career as a dentist, and a believer in Darwinian evolution, as he had been taught in numerous courses in high school, undergraduate school, and dental school. Some of his Christian students at the Baylor

College of Dentistry challenged him to prove to them that evolution was a correct, complete and accurate explanation for the origin of the earth and all of its abundance of unique life forms.

As Dr. Martin studied the topic in order to educate these students in evolution, he began to see that most of the world is heavily indoctrinated from their earliest education to believe in an earth that was created billions of years ago in the Big Bang, and life which evolved from non-life. Yet in reality there is very little scientific evidence to back up this version of origins. Over the course of the next decade, Dr. Martin became an expert on the subject, and has uncovered countless pieces of evidence that the Big Bang, evolution of life from non-life, and an earth billions of years old are simply not factually provable, and are in fact, somewhat incredible.

[How Can We Help Our Children Beat the Statistics and Remain Biblical Christians?](#)

The Christian worldview and how it should be grounded in creation (Which is a talk he has called "The Evolution of a Creationist" or "Worldviews and Creation"). Along these lines he is including information and statistics from current literature and the Nehemiah Institute, which vividly demonstrates how our Christian school kids are following the same downward path into secular humanism that the public school kids are taking and that it is only the homeschoolers who are "stemming the tide", though they are also sloping off into the moderate Christian category instead of staying in the Biblical Christian category.

[Incredible Creatures that Proclaim Creation](#)

God's incredible creation will wow you as Dr. Martin shares fascinating facts about many different creatures the Lord has created. He will explain how it is utterly impossible for them to evolve. He will also share how each one of these irreducibly complex and amazing creations can be used to testify and proclaim that there is a Creator God who is the Lord Jesus Christ.

[Amazing Animals and Attributes of the Amazon](#)

This is Dr. Martin's newest presentation in which he shares about the different layers of the Amazon jungle and how they are uniquely dependent upon each other. The exclusively symbiotic and mutualistic relationships of the various plants, insects, animals, birds, and even environment brilliantly display that everything had to be created within the six day creation week as Genesis records.

[Kirk Martin/Casey Martin \(CalmChristianParenting.com\)](#)

[Are You At Your Wit's End? 10 Secrets to a Stress-Free Home](#)

Do you need help calming your explosive household? Tired of yelling at, negotiating with and bribing your child? Do you want your child to take responsibility for his school work, chores and attitude? It's time to stop the yelling, arguing and power struggles with toddlers and teens. Moms, it's not your job to manage everyone's emotions and make everyone happy! We'll show you how to create stress-free mornings, school, dinner and bedtime. We promise you will laugh and leave with a dozen practical strategies that really work.

[Discipline That Works, When Consequences & Time-Outs Don't](#)

Instead of being drawn into power struggles, yelling and giving meaningless consequences, Kirk will show you 10 ways to discipline with dignity so kids listen to, respect and trust you:

- Stop the whining, complaining and tantrums.
- Get kids to listen when they are loud in the backseat or interrupt on the phone.
- Teach kids to control their own behavior (self-discipline) so you don't have to "make them" behave.
- Get kids off their video games without being asked (or pleading, "Hold on, I just need to save it, I just need to get to the next level!").

[10 Ways to Stop Defiance, Disrespect & Meltdowns](#)

Nothing is more frustrating and embarrassing than a child being defiant or melting down in public. Have a little one who looks right through you and says, "No!?" Have a teenager who defies you or rolls his eyes? Have a child who refuses to go places? Kirk will show you how to stop a meltdown in public without losing it yourself! You will learn how to turn emotional power struggles into opportunities to build trust and teach self-discipline. You will be blown away by how practical these strategies are.

[Straight Talk for Kids: 10 Secrets to Get the Freedom You Want \(CASEY MARTIN\)](#)

Do you realize that siblings, friends and circumstances steal power from you each time you react to them? Do you want your parents to stop nagging you? Want to enjoy more independence and freedom? Of course you do. YOU have power to make choices that determine your future. Casey Martin is a seventeen-year-old pilot, guitar player, hockey official and entrepreneur. He will teach you 10 secrets so you can enjoy more power and freedom than you ever dreamed possible.

- You determine your future – don't let anyone take this power from you.
- Earn more freedom by controlling your emotions, money and time.
- Learn the secrets to be more powerful than friends and siblings.
- Control yourself and your parents won't have to!

MYRNA MARTIN (RingOfFireScience.com)

Myrna Martin is the president of Ring of Fire Science and the author of over 30 books on Earth Science. She taught school for over 35 years before retiring and starting a home based business with Tom, her husband of 48 years and her son Brett. She has conducted workshops all over the country including Hawaii and Alaska. Myrna is also a homeschooling grandmother having taught her four grandchildren Friday science lessons for several years. At the present time, she is homeschooling two of her grandchildren full time.

Uh Oh! It's Science Fair Time

Get the inside information on science fairs from someone who has not only put on science fairs but has judged both regional and statewide events. In this workshop, Myrna will give you tips and ideas on how to create prize winning science fair projects. She will also let you know what science fair judges look for at science fairs during local, regional and state wide competitions.

Keeping science fun and interesting for young students

Young students love science when they get to “do” things. In this fun workshop, Myrna will show you lots of ideas using simple materials to teach science to young students. You will come away from the workshops with lots of ideas that you can use tomorrow without a lot of preparation.

Teaching Great Science Using Everyday Materials

You don't have to spend a lot of money on science materials to teach fun and interesting science. This workshop is loaded with ideas you can use to teach science at home. Myrna will bring lots of samples of easy to do activities you can easily duplicate at home.

MATH-U-SEE (Math-U-See.com)

Introducing Math-U-See

Math·U·See provides a firm foundation in mathematics for students of all aptitudes. The mastery-based approach allows students to move at their own pace whether they are naturally gifted in mathematics, struggle with mathematical concepts, or have special needs. Teachers are provided with the tools, skills, and training needed to present an explicit, structured, systematic, and cumulative program using multi-sensory teaching techniques.

Math·U·See was written by Steve Demme, a homeschool dad, for the homeschool community. Math·U·See's unique approach targets each individual student and focuses on their specific needs. Rather than a curriculum designed for a classroom, Math·U·See is designed with the homeschool “tutor” environment in mind.

Dr. PETER MINKE (FamilyTimeFitness.com)

Dr. Peter Minke, PhD, RMT received his Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular and Cell Biology from Texas A & M University, graduating Magna Cum Laude with University Honors. Dr. Minke went on to complete a Ph.D from Texas A & M University in Biology. He has worked in bodywork and movement coaching as a certified Aston-Patterning Practitioner and Licensed Massage Therapist since 1996. Peter has been a movement specialist for over 15 years. Peter has over 1100 hours in hands on training in advanced movement and bodywork and has helped hundreds of people achieve better body movement patterns for improved quality of life and athletic performance. Peter's background as a cancer survivor and wellness enthusiast has led him to advocate

for health conscious lifestyle choices. Dr. Minke is an international speaker on athletic development, numerous wellness topics including plant-based diet, non-toxic lifestyle, stress management, therapeutic use of essential oils, and cleansing. Peter now considers Bryan, Texas his home where he lives with his wife Amy and their four boys. Peter and Amy enjoy homeschooling and are dedicated to providing an at-home learning environment for their children.

Mike Hanik, MEd is originally from Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. Mike played a number of sports growing up. As a teenager, Mike was involved in competitive swimming, select soccer, and basketball. He went on to play college basketball at Trinity Western University and then Simon Fraser University. While in university, Mike got involved in coaching and athlete development. He has a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a Master of Education in Sports Administration. Mike is also a certified Level 1 Youth Fitness Specialist through the International Youth Conditioning Association. Mike has been involved in coaching youth, high school and college athletes for over 20 years. His first coaching job was a freshmen boys basketball team at New Westminster Secondary School. After completing his playing career at Simon Fraser University, Mike stayed on as an assistant coach. In graduate school, he helped start and coach a women's club soccer team. He spent three seasons as an assistant coach for the varsity girls' basketball team at Brazos Christian School in Bryan, Texas. He helped guide the team to a regional final his first year and to the state tournament his second year. Mike is now involved in coaching his children's youth soccer and basketball teams. Mike has been an Instructional Assistant Professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Texas A&M University for 10 years. Mike has taught thousands of young people how to get fit and make regular exercise part of a healthy lifestyle. Mike's passion is helping all people reach their wellness goals. Mike currently lives in College Station, Texas with his wife Amy and their four children.

[**Athletic Development for Your Disorganized Child \(Dr. Peter Minke & Mike Hanik\)**](#)

Why does my kid spontaneously fall off his chair, trip over the door mat, and run into the stationary wall? Is it just me, or does my child run funny? Come, learn some answers to these questions and what to do to help your child become more neurologically organized and physically coordinated. We will show you some simple exercises you can do in your home to help your disorganized child. Don't miss this informative and dynamic workshop by Movement Expert and homeschool dad Dr. Peter Minke and Youth Fitness Expert and Kinesiology Professor Mike Hanik.

[**Isn't PE Just Playtime? How Adding "One More Thing" Can Help Your Entire Home School Program**](#)

Sit in on this informative lecture and demonstration on the difference between playtime and physical education. Come, learn how 15 minutes a day of well-designed, coordinated physical activity can improve emotional, social, and academic skills for your home schooled child. Also, learn simple one-minute movements that can reorganize your child's mind-body connection and help him learn math and read better. Don't miss this informative and dynamic workshop by biologist, movement expert, and home school dad, Dr. Peter Minke, and youth fitness expert and kinesiology professor, Mike Hanik.

NANCY LARSON SCIENCE (NancyLarson.com)

Madon Dailey is the Homeschool Manager for Nancy Larson Publishers. Madon has a passion for learning: increasing creativity and critical thinking, and helping children learn how to learn. She taught elementary science, children and adults for over thirty years. Madon and Bruce raised five children, each has a learning characteristic that made public schooling inadequate. Madon added homeschooling and it made the difference.

As Homeschool Manager for Nancy Larson® Science, Madon follows her passion working with homeschool families. "I met Nancy Larson and learned she understands how children learn and has a curriculum that embraces homeschool children, I felt my prayers were answered. I am blessed to work with Nancy Larson and homeschool families."

[**Parents Share: What Makes Great Curriculum and Why Nancy Larson® Science Works**](#)

Nancy Larson® Science interweaves the in-depth science content with proven teaching strategies to insure children are learning and retaining concepts from lesson-to-lesson and year-to-year. Research shows it. Parents know it. Parents share how Nancy Larson® Science works with their children and how they have gone from being scared to teach science to loving it, all while their children ask for more science. Hear their stories and ask your questions. We will share what research shows about the best teaching and learning strategies and how these apply to the Nancy Larson® Science programs. Know what works and how to recognize it to choose the best curriculum in every subject.

NATIONAL BIBLE BEE (BibleBee.org)

Introducing the NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

\$260,000 in cash awards await the nine top contestants nationwide, but the whole family wins when they enroll for the National Bible Bee! Come learn about the in-depth inductive Bible studies that are uniquely synchronized for all ages, the encouraging Local contests and the exciting, family-friendly National Competition. Find out what resources we offer for your family, the whole family in Bible study, Scripture memorization and prayer, from June 1st to the end of August. Don't Miss It!

Dr. VICTORIA NAUMANN (Brain Balance Achievement Center)

Dr. Victoria Naumann grew up in Auburn, a small town in upstate New York. She has a B.S. in Biology and received her DC (doctor of chiropractic) degree in 1986 from National College of Chiropractic, outside of Chicago. She was in the health care field practicing as a doctor of chiropractic for 22 years. Her most recent practice was in Easley, SC where she practiced from 2002 until 2008.

Dr. Naumann has been taking post graduate neurology classes since 2005 and is a board eligible chiropractic neurologist. During the post graduate modules "Childhood Developmental Disorders", taught by professor, researcher and author Dr. Robert Melillo, the path of her life changed. Through his classes and seeing what can be done to help children struggling with neurobehavioral disorders Dr. Naumann found her next calling in life. She found a doctor to take over her practice and opened the Brain Balance Achievement Center of Greenville in October, 2009. Brain Balance is a learning center for children with ADHD, Autism, Learning Disabilities and Sensory Issues.

Seeing the social, academic and behavioral gains children with neurobehavioral disorders are making every day at Brain Balance is what has led her to being executive director of Brain Balance of Greenville, SC and Charlotte, NC.

ADHD: It's Never Just One Challenge

Join Dr. Victoria Naumann of Brain Balance to learn what goes on in the brain of a child with ADHD that gives him his academic, social and behavioral challenges. Then learn how to apply that knowledge in a practical way to help a child with academics and development at home. This information is also helpful for parents homeschooling children with other neurobehavioral struggles.

Dr. CHRISTOPHER PERRIN (ClassicalAcademicPress.com)

Christopher Perrin graduated with a B.A. in history from the University of South Carolina, received his Masters of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary in California, and earned his Ph.D. in Apologetics from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Turning to teaching, Perrin has taught at Messiah College and Chesapeake Theological Seminary. He also served as the headmaster at Covenant Christian Academy from 1997 to 2007. Currently a publisher at Classical Academic Press and a lecturer, Perrin wants to impart his love of Latin and Greek to parents and teachers, hoping they will pass it along to their students. The Perrin family lives in Pennsylvania.

Learning to Love What Must Be Done

The German poet Goethe advises, Cease endlessly striving for what you would like to do and learn to love what must be done. In this maxim, Goethe succinctly captures a long educational tradition that sought to shape students into lovers – lovers of wisdom and lovers of the work that brings wisdom. In this seminar, I will explore the ways we can impart diligence, courage, zeal and industry to students – all traits that blossom from a cultivated love for the good, true and beautiful and enable students to thrive and excel. Starting with Augustine and his exhortation that students order their loves and love that which is lovely, we will look to the tradition of classical education for inspiration and ideas for imparting to students a love for what must be done. The seminar will conclude with a practical discussion of how this can happen in our contemporary homeschools.

Putting Together the Puzzle Pieces of Classical Education

In this seminar I show how classical education has been broken up into pieces but is now being put together again. I will explore four questions that will help us gather and assemble the pieces once more: 1) Who is the student (or what is a human being)? 2) What do we teach him (or what is our curriculum?) 3) What is a school? (or what is our learning environment?) 4) What is our

purpose (or what kind of student do we seek to shape and why)? Every educational approach has to answer these questions – for better or worse. I will seek to show how the classical Christian tradition has answered these questions in ways that can once again restore to us a clear picture of what education can and should be. Finally, I will contrast the classical approach to the popular progressive approach to education.

[The Lighter Side of Education: How to Relax, Enjoy and Laugh and Still Be a Parent – Educator](#)

In this seminar, I seek to work out the maxim give to us by G.K. Chesterton: *A man should take his mission but not himself seriously*. In this workshop I encourage parents to see and cultivate the joy, humor, laughter and peace that should characterize our teaching and relationship with our student-children and home-schooling colleagues. I will do this first by calling parents to repent of the misplaced gravitas that elevates ourselves over a humble interest and investment in the lives of children. Secondly, I will call forth examples of the ways in which we can walk lightly as we engage in a most serious enterprise. I will close by exegeting another complimentary maxim by Chesterton: Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. COMMENT; I sense that many home-schooling educators are unduly anxious and burdened. In this seminar I seek to address this challenge from a spiritual-pastoral perspective rather than a pragmatic one.

[The Intellectual Virtues](#)

Classical educators throughout the ages always linked the process and aims of education with virtue. This seminar traces the ways in which this linkage developed and explores ways in which we can practically foster the growth of virtues in an academic environment. Some of these virtues include humility, patience, courage, perseverance and the passion and pursuit of truth. The goal of this seminar is to acquaint parents with the tradition and value of the intellectual virtue and show them how they can practically begin to cultivate these virtues in their children.

[RHEA PERRY \(RheaPerry.com\)](#)

Rhea Perry has educated her seven children since 1987 and represented Lifetime Books and Gifts for five years. Her oldest son Drew became a real estate investor at age 18 and brought his dad home from corporate America in just three years. He designed a system for selling houses on eBay and has sold 70 houses, including 13 in one auction. Drew currently buys and sells large equipment on eBay and manages several other businesses.

Rhea loves to share the unique entrepreneurial concepts of education she has discovered with families all over the world. She has helped many of them build home businesses based on their God-given gifts and callings and recently won the Better Your Best Contest for best online business with a prize of \$25,000

When Rhea's husband of 33 years lost his battle with cancer in 2010, the ten streams of income they had built – online and offline – continued to provide for the family. As a young widow with four children still at home, she continually encourages families to create financial freedom by home educating for home business.

[How To Develop A Godly Entrepreneurial Mindset](#)

America was founded by entrepreneurs who overcame the challenge of starting a business with nothing but the resources they found. The Industrial Revolution steered those entrepreneurs into safe jobs that took them out of the home, limited their income and opportunity, and often neglected to provide for them during retirement. Now, the information Age revives the opportunity for free spirits like Thomas Edison and Henry Ford to create something out of nothing and impact the world with their contributions.

Embracing this spirit of free enterprise at the age of 18, Drew Perry replaced his dad's income in just three years allowing him to come home from corporate America to develop a home-based business. When his dad, dad recently lost his battle with cancer, the multiple streams of income they had created continued to provide for the family.

In this story of the Perry family's educational journey with the life of a teenage entrepreneur and the death of their dad, discover the secrets of financial freedom they have learned while educating their children to serve God and not man.

[5 Online Careers for You and Your Children](#)

The Information Age is changing everything, including education. In this session, home school veteran Rhea Perry will explain 5 online careers anyone can learn with their children to operate a successful business from home and build true financial freedom.

[5 MORE Online Careers for You and Your Children](#)

The Internet offers a multitude of home business options , yet how can a God-seeking family know what is right for them or who to trust to mentor their children? In this session, veteran home school mom of 7 and award-winning Internet business owner, Rhea Perry, reveals 5 MORE online careers anyone can learn with their children at home.

BILL PERRY (InterFACE Ministries) iFACE.org

Bill is Chief of Staff and Director of Training Materials of InterFACE Ministries, a mission agency reaching international college students and scholars. He and Jenni have home schooled their 7 children for 26 years. Bill's 7 books are in over 60 countries. His specialties are youth, education, global trends, generations, missions, worldview, cross-cultural communication and storytelling evangelism. He has pastored since 1979 and cofounded a successful crisis pregnancy center network.

Recon: Train them now for spiritual success at college

Recon is an entirely new model for training juniors and seniors for college. Created for Generation Y, it includes a comprehensive 1-semester Bible curriculum, an interactive networking website, and free online resources. Set in a worldview framework, students will learn defensive and offensive strategies for life, using jigsaw puzzles and trees to teach worldview. This first-in-the-nation model's ultimate aim is reaching international students for Christ who can then change the world when they return home. Suitable for parents and high schoolers.

MATTHEW POSTON (www.MrScienceTeacher.com)

Matthew Poston is licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education to teach physics, chemistry, and mathematics. With over twenty years of teaching experience, he offers a personalized system that provides the opportunity for out of the classroom discussion and interaction, a crucial component of the learning process.

He started "Mr. Science Teacher" because many students, who are reserved in class, ask excellent questions in smaller settings and thus, learn much more. Matthew greatly values the instruction he received while in college and feels strongly about providing quality education to current and future students.

Apart from his expertise in science and mathematics, Matthew delivers other essential components of successful teaching: personality, enthusiasm, and most importantly, effective communication. He teaches in a language you will understand, and believes that it is vital for students to acquire problem solving skills and think analytically.

Chemistry for Everyone!

Introduce the language of chemistry to anyone in less than 10 minutes! **FREE!! It's FUN and EASY!!** Most of the time, when we think of learning a language, do we think of some native tongue such as Spanish or English? We need to expose ourselves about the nature of language itself. Are children not also taught to speak the language of mathematics? Instead of thinking of the language structure, a math classroom will issue a decree of "Order of Operations". Matthew will show you how empower your child with a new language...the language of chemistry!

How many people do you know that understand how to write chemical formulas such as silver chloride, or potassium permanganate? Doesn't it take a degree in chemistry to understand all that? **NO!!!** You can learn to correctly name and identify chemical compounds easily! Ironically, all it takes is the right tools and an understanding of addition and subtraction and about 10 minutes of time!

JESSICA PURNELL (Bridgeway Academy)

Jessica Parnell has spent 19 years in the field of education as a teacher, director of gifted education, home education evaluator and CEO of Northeast Educational Associates. A popular conference speaker, Jessica presents on such topics as personality types, learning styles, teaching writing, evaluating student performance, help for learning disabilities and more. Jessica's unique combination of compassion, experience and desire for excellence, enable her to inspire others to take teaching beyond academics and focus on character, leadership and individual strengths.

As a Pennsylvania home education evaluator, Jessica spent 16 years assisting homeschool parents, teachers and superintendents with planning and implementing effective educational programs that exceed state standards and prepare students for excellence in academics and in life.

[How The Brain Works - Using God's Incredible Design to Inspire Excellence](#)

How can we tap into the vast potential of our children's brains? When we understand how the brain works, we are better able to motivate, engage and meet the individual needs of each of our children. This seminar will cover the top ways to engage the brain, how timing is everything, why what we say is so important, and how to foster higher level thinking skills. We will show how the Bible addresses the incredible workings of the mind and cover specific ways to maximize your child's learning potential.

[Moms are from Venus; Children are from Mars.](#)

Why Assessing your Learning Style is as Important as Assessing the Learning Style of Your Children

What do you do when your learning style is vastly different from the learning styles of your children? By implementing a few simple strategies, parents who have different learning styles than their children can teach them effectively and inspire a love for learning.

[QUAVERMUSIC.com \(Graham Hepburn\)](#)

Graham Hepburn has a passion for igniting a love of music in the hearts and minds of young kids. He has served as an elementary music teacher in Illinois and his home country of England, is an accomplished musician, and is the heart and energetic force behind the Quaver character.

[Have you ever...Dressed up in traditional garb to discuss The Baroque Period?](#)

Quaver's Marvelous World of Music is a high-energy, captivating experience that leads students on an exciting journey of musical discovery! Join Quaver as he walks you through his off-the-wall approach to teaching and love for music. *Quaver's Homeschool Program* includes a comprehensive DVD series, *Teacher Guides* and website designed to help homeschoolers inspire children to learn and love music. Quaver, Graham Hepburn, will show homeschoolers how they can use *Quaver's Homeschool Program* to explore history, art, geography, culture, social issues, technology, with creative suggestions such as dress up days and lap booking.

The first 200 who attend the session will receive a free t-shirt!

[Dr. CAROL REYNOLDS \(ProfessorCarol.com\)](#)

Professor Carol Reynolds is a uniquely talented and much sought-after public speaker for arts venues and general audiences. She combines her insights on music history, arts, and culture with her passion for arts education to create programs and curricula, inspire concert audiences, and lead arts tours. Never dull or superficial, Carol brings to her audiences a unique mix of humor, substance, and skilled piano performance to make the arts more accessible and meaningful to all. For more than 20 years, Carol was Associate Professor of Music History at the Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

[Where does the Classical Music fit in Classical Education?](#)

Classical Education is enjoying a lively revival, especially within Home Education. But where does Music fit? Yes, music is part of the Quadrivium, but its greatest advantage comes from integrating it into the educational stages of the *Trivium*. from there? Is it enough just to tackle a sampling of masterworks? Dr. Reynolds will lay out principles to help parents develop their own "Classical" Music Curriculum--one that is age-appropriate for their children.

[The Wrong Reasons to Teach Classical Music.](#)

Some of the reasons people recommend Classical Music don't click with our children. Other reasons undermine the role this music has played in Western historical tradition (Classical Education). Dr. Reynolds will suggest ways to harness the power of the "masterpieces" for modern home education. She'll also consider the newest scientific research regarding music and the fine arts (right brain/left brain vs. whole mind) and help parents draw up a plan for introducing Classical music . . . for the right reasons!

[Drawing the Line: A Vivid Way to Teach Research Skills](#)

From the Eiffel Tower to a Broadway Musical, the Arts offer perfect material for polishing chronology and honing research ability, including bibliographic skills and critical thinking. The Arts generously provide "hooks" that help students assimilate and retain

information across the spectrum of academic disciplines. Best of all, parents needn't have arts' backgrounds to ignite these skills in their children. Dr. Reynolds will show you how it's done, using time-honored methods.

[Exploring Hymns and Their Role in Home Education](#)

Hymnbooks sit on our shelves, but how often do we use them to teach History, Language, Poetry, even Geography? Even math lessons are hidden in hymnals! Do we value the immense spiritual legacy offered by these hymns? Dr. Reynolds will lead a lively session (hymnbooks in hand!) and show ways to take a too often-overlooked resource to enrich home education and deepen our spiritual understanding.

[RIVENDALE SANCTUARY- A New Kind of College \(RivendaleSanctuary.com\)](#)

A.J. Hofstetter is the Vice President of Enrollment and Director of Marketing for Rivendell Sanctuary: A New Kind of College. His message gives a tour through the revolutionary college curriculum that Rivendell has developed, and also issues the challenge to pursue greatness in our standards of higher education.

[Rivendell Sanctuary - A New Kind of College](#)

Rivendell Sanctuary is a 72 – credit Associate of Arts degree program that seeks to develop students of Honor instead of honor students. In our apprenticeship based model of education, students are put into groups of 30 and joined by 4 faculty. Together they move through the 18-month program where they will learn the language of critical thinking , study fine arts in Italy, and develop the skills to be successful both in the classroom and in life.

[WOODY ROBERTSON \(College Plus\)](#)

WOODY ROBERTSON: As a first generation homeschool graduate, Woody has a huge burden for those coming up behind him and seeks to help them wisely answer life's biggest questions concerning their future. He is passionate about equipping the next generation with resources and tools that help maximize their impact and successfully launch them into life.

An entrepreneur and visionary, Woody immediately jumped into his area of passion where, after high school, he spent 8 years developing a student resource network connecting thousands of students with opportunities and programs nationwide. Since that time, he has helped in several start-up companies and in 2004 he co-founded CollegePlus! after earning his accredited BSBA in General Management in 18 months for under \$10k!

A frequent motivational speaker at conferences nationwide, his information packed sessions are innovative and inspiring. Woody's sessions are characterized by a high level of energy and enthusiasm driven by his passion for the audiences. Attend his sessions and be prepared to get knocked outside of your educational box! Woody's theme is to live a real life with a real relationship with a real God. He has settled in San Antonio, TX with the CollegePlus! team and his wife Gina—the girl of his dreams!

[College The Smart Way: 4 Secrets to Save Time and Money](#)

What does your student need to be successful today? A college degree? For many families, answering the college question is a difficult task. Often the cost, time required, inefficiencies, or negative college environment are too great an obstacle. Sadly, many families either choose against attending college or borrow thousands of dollars to do so. In this session, we challenge what a true college education is and what it takes to compete in the 21st Century. We discuss the importance of internships, will introduce new proven systems for earning college credit for a fraction of the time and cost, and the financial benefits of putting the money you would have spent on traditional college into helping launch your student into life.

[Bachelor's Degree by 18: What Colleges Don't Tell You](#)

How did our Founding Fathers graduate from college at 15, 16, and 17 years old? This practical session focuses on how students can maximize their study by incorporating a souped-up version of the dual credit method into their homeschool schedule using the curriculum they already own. Topics covered include: the foundations of effective learning, helping your children better understand their purpose and the college major that best matches, and earning college credit while still in high school. A shortcut to life or graduate studies, this concept saves thousands of dollars and years of time, launching your student years ahead of the pack. Learn how your child can earn a college degree before your high school graduation! Hear for yourself how this is possible.

[Study Like a Genius: Unlocking Your Brain](#)

All learning is founded on one key—the ability to take in information and then remember it. Unfortunately, most people are never taught how to effectively learn. Each school year, students spend countless hours studying, only to have the information seemingly disappear when they need it most. Whether a parent or student, in this interactive and practical session, you will learn how to use study tools such as speed reading and memory techniques to exponentially increase your study potential. Discover practical ways to implement memory tools such as the “peg” system and mindmaps in academics, work, and everyday life.

[DONNIE ROSIE \(Miracle Mountain Ranch\)](#)

After graduating from homeschooling in 2000 from, Donnie attended both years of Miracle Mountain Ranch’s Ministry Apprentice Program - graduating in 2002. For the next 5 years he traveled with Lew Sterrett/Sermon on the Mount. Donnie now serves MMR, as the Marketing Manager. He enjoys traveling, firefighting, church, speaking, and marketing consultation. In 2008 he was married to his loving wife Tonya who also serves at MMR. In 2009 he earned a degree in Business from Edinboro University of PA. His life goal is to grow and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength and to share through speaking, mentorship, and example. To contact Donnie visit www.rosiemarketing.com and www.mmm.org

[Multiplying Positive Influence through Mentoring In and Out of the Home](#)

Join Matt Cox of Miracle Mountain Ranch as he discusses the importance of mentoring your children. He will walk through various means of increasing your impact in their lives. He will also discuss introducing outside godly influences that will reinforce the lessons you want to teach and provide an appropriate balance.

[The Rewards of Apprenticeship](#)

In an age of tough job markets and rising college costs many are driven to ask hard questions concerning their educational development. In this session we will look at some pros and con’s of learning through the apprenticeship model.

[John Rosemond \(Rosemond.com\)](#)

Many parents pay **hundreds of dollars** to hear best-selling author, **John Rosemond**, in a weekend parents retreat, and say it was the **best** investment they’ve ever made for their children, and even for their marriages. Incredibly, John’s Seminar/Workshop sessions are included as a part of your Family Registration.

John Rosemond is one of America’s most popular speakers in the parenting field. In a given year, he gives more than 150 talks to parent and professional audiences all over the map. His talks are **provocative, informative, practical, and always entertaining**. John’s audiences laugh...a lot.

John is a best-selling author, syndicated parenting columnist, and has been interviewed on many radio and television shows including **Focus on the Family, 20/20, Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN** and others, as well as numerous print interviews

[Parenting the Strong-Willed Child](#)

The so-called “strong-willed child”—oppositional, argumentative, assertively demanding—presents a unique challenge to his or her parents. The adjective is synonymous, after all, with “hard to discipline.” In this enlightening and entertaining presentation, John outlines a virtually fail-safe formula for successful discipline of not only the child who is strong-willed, but any child.

The strong-willed child’s parents ask, “How can we get our child to stop arguing with us?” John answers that question, giving a prescription he absolutely, positively guarantees will stop arguments forever.

The strong-willed child’s parents ask, “How does one discipline a child who does not want to do what he is told?” John answers that question too, explaining that the secret to effective discipline is found in mastering each of discipline’s “Three C’s”—communication, consequences, and consistency—and John never fails to impart that mastery to his audience.

The strong-willed child’s parents ask, “How can we put an end to discipline problems that have been hounding us for years?” Believe it or not, John answers that question too, and the prescription is practical, not pie-in-the-sky.

[The Well-Behaved Child: Discipline that Works!](#)

This “skillshop” (John’s term for a seminar that imparts skills rather than theory) focuses on helping parents develop excellence in discipline. Participants learn both the theory and “how-to” behind a number of John’s powerful disciplinary strategies. His practical and creative methods can be readily applied to a broad range of disciplinary situations typically encountered by parents of children ages three through early adolescence.

The keys to effective discipline are clear, authoritative communication, strategic planning, and the use of techniques that assign emotional and practical responsibility for a child’s misbehavior to its rightful owner—the child. Included are unique tools for managing sibling rivalry, bedtime problems, disobedience, and public misbehavior. Graduates of this workshop routinely report that discipline becomes less of an issue in their homes, communication with their children improves, and the overall quality of life in their families is greatly enhanced.

[Parenting the Strong-Willed Teenager \(Part I & II\)](#)

A two-session “skill-shop” (John’s term for a seminar that imparts skills rather than theory.) Today’s parents approach the teen years with great anxiety and trepidation. These are the peer pressure years, the years during which the child begins to declare his or her independence and move toward emancipation. The problems that develop in the parent-teen relationship, says John, are usually due to parents who don’t want to give the teen enough freedom and a teen who wants more freedom than he or she can handle. Is there a middle ground? Yes, there is, and John describes it in terms of a macro-management style that focuses on the “Six C’s of Teen-Proofing”: curfew, cash, car, conflict, consequences, and colleagues (a.k.a. co-conspirators). The parenting style that John provides all but insures that teens will take responsible control of their own destinies during the most significant years of their childhoods and approach emancipation with confidence and purpose.

BRENDA RUNKLE (Runkle Geography)

Brenda Runkle taught geography, world history, and government at the middle school level for 18 years. She began writing her geography books at the urging of John Saxon, her mentor and colleague. Brenda received her Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma in 1963 and her Masters degree in Education Administration from Central State University in 1984. She has been a Teacher Consultant with Oklahoma Alliance for Geography Educators, through the National Geographic Society. Brenda is the mother of four children and the proud grandmother of Max and Sammy.

[Introducing Runkle Geography](#)

As adults we know a task must be repeated time and time again until it becomes second nature to us. My mapping method stresses this belief. It is very structured and uses all four methods of learning. Not all students learn in the same manner, so we offer the complete range of learning styles. Students will read, speak, listen, and manipulate on a daily basis.

The text is written in daily lessons making it much easier to plan a day’s or week’s activities. Starting and stopping points can be easily determined. The text is also conversational, addressing the students, asking them questions, reminding them of other lessons, and asking for interpretation of information. There are very few unassociated facts.

The story of geography is woven like a tapestry. It all goes together to form an intriguing story. Our earth is so interesting. One goal is for the student to travel down the highway not playing their video games, but looking out the windows thinking about what they see. What kind of climate is here? How does one region change into another? How has the land changed to meet the needs of the people there? Are these trees indigenous to this region? Are farmers trying to grow a crop here that really doesn’t belong? Is the land being eroded because of agricultural or industrial use? How has this road changed the lay of the land? How has it changed the character of the community around it? Why is this town here, at this particular location? Why did this city thrive and the one down the road become a ghost town? Are these people like my community or different? Are there any regional specialties in the grocery stores? How about okra? How are the houses built? Is there a regional architecture? Do the houses in Seattle look like those in Boston? So much to think about!

Fun, silly ways to learn! Continent by continent by continent.....Welcome to the wonderful world of geography!

[MALIA RUSSELL \(The Old Schoolhouse Magazine\)](#) TheHomeschoolMagazine.com

[The Organized Homeschooler](#)

Malia Russell is an author, speaker, the joyful wife to Duncan, and homeschool mother of five children. In addition to her duties at home, Malia is the director of Homemaking 911 and Wheat-n-Things. Malia is known as "**The Organized Homeschooler**" and mentors 1000's of moms through her website and teaching each year. Malia also writes "The Organized Homeschooler" column for The Old Schoolhouse® Magazine.

Malia states that her "personal mission is to love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul and all my mind, and to serve my husband and raise my children in a way which is pleasing to God. My ministry mission is to encourage families and share resources to help in many aspects of home management and home education, being a godly wife and mother, and becoming the type of woman God is calling each woman to be. Through teaching women the organizational skills they need to administer an effective homeschool, I hope to encourage and equip mothers in the difficult tasks of womanhood, while keeping our focus clearly on the Word of God as the ultimate and final authority."

[Dr. JONATHAN SARFATI \(Creation.com\)](#)

Jonathan received his B.Sc. (hons) in Chemistry and his Ph.D. (Physical Chemistry) from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He has co-authored papers in mainstream scientific journals including one on high-temperature superconductors published in *Nature* when he was 22 years old.

He has long been interested in apologetics. His first book ***Refuting Evolution*** (1999, 2008) was written to counter a teachers guidebook by the National Academy of Sciences (USA), *Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science*. It now has over 400,000 copies in print. He later wrote ***Refuting Evolution 2*** (2002, 2010) and the highly acclaimed ***Refuting Compromise*** (2004, 2010), both as responses to attacks on the biblical view of history, plus the booklet ***Mammoth: Riddle of the Ice Age***. Jonathan is co-author of the updated ***Creation Answers Book*** and ***15 Reasons to Take Genesis as History*** (2006).

In 2008, he finished ***By Design: Evidence for Nature's Intelligent Designer—the God of the Bible***. And in 2010, Dr Sarfati wrote ***The Greatest Hoax on Earth?*** Refuting Dawkins on evolution, a response to leading atheopath Richard Dawkins' latest book *The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for Evolution* (see website).

Jonathan is also an accomplished chess player and is a former New Zealand Chess Champion, representing New Zealand in three Chess Olympiads (and drew with Boris Spassky, world champion 1969-1972). In 1988, the International Chess Federation awarded him the title of F.I.D.E. Master (FM). For the fun of it, he regularly accepts challenges from multiple players while he is blindfolded. He then plays from memory with up to 12 players simultaneously.

[The Christian Roots of Science & Busting the Myths of Evolution](#)

Why did science flourish in the West, and only the West? The biblical worldview provided the presuppositions that allowed science to flourish while it was stillborn in other places such as Greece and China. Evolutionists deny this biblical foundation for science by accusing Christianity of superstitions that held science back. Jonathan deftly busts the myth of the 'Dark Ages'—a time marked by many scientific advances. He also busts the myths of Galileo, belief in a flat earth, and more.

[Creation Declares the Glory of God! - Incredible Design in Nature](#)

We can tell when something shows evidence of having a human designer. So when things in nature show those same characteristics—only on a much more complex level—it makes sense to attribute that to a Designer as well. Jonathan discusses several evidences of magnificent design in nature, including DNA, molecular machines, the complexity of the cell, and more. He also demolishes arguments of 'bad design'.

[Six Days...Really? Refuting Compromise from the Scriptures](#)

A six day, young earth understanding of Genesis is the only one that comes from the text itself, which is why the rest of Scripture interprets it that way. Long age views are a modern aberration that comes from imposing outside ideas of uniformitarian "science" upon the text. See how compromising views render the Bible meaningless to a dying world. You'll be encouraged and energized to hear there is no need for compromise and that there are answers. The evidence for Creation and the Bible's account of history is all around us if only we know how to look for it, and Jonathan will show you how to do *just that!*

[SONYA SHAFER \(Simply Charlotte Mason\)](#)

Sonya Shafer is a popular homeschool speaker and writer, specializing in the Charlotte Mason Method. She has been on a fifteen-year adventure studying, researching, practicing, and teaching Charlotte's gentle and effective methods of education. Her passion for homeschooling her own four daughters grew into helping others and then into Simply Charlotte Mason, which publishes her many books and hosts the [simplycharlottesmason.com website](http://simplycharlottesmason.com)—a place of practical encouragement to homeschoolers. To minister to younger mothers and those dealing with special needs, Sonya shares her heart through IntentionalParents.com and her book *This Anguishing Blessed Journey: A Mother's Faith Journal through Autism*.

[Laying Down the Rails](#)

Discover the secret to smooth and easy days: habit training. Learn how to instill good habits, which habits Charlotte Mason encouraged parents to cultivate in their children, and practical tips for cultivating the Top Three.

[Charlotte Mason and Her Methods](#)

A practical and encouraging overview of who Charlotte Mason was and the methods used in her approach, including living books, short lessons, fine arts, history, dictation, narration, copywork, poetry, and more.

[Learning with Living Books](#)

Good living books help our children form personal relations and emotional bonds. And those bonds are what make learning stick. Join Sonya for a look at this simple, yet effective, approach to homeschooling. Learn what makes living books "living", and practice using them in a way that makes learning stick.

[The Early Years: Homeschooling Your Preschooler](#)

Give your child what is most important. Instead of academic or social pressures, Charlotte Mason encouraged mothers to give their little ones a full six years of developing good habits, getting acquainted with nature, exploring with the five senses, growing in their spiritual lives, and more. Learn how to give your child a quiet growing time.

TIMOTHY SHOEMAKER (Smashed Tomatoes and Other Life Lessons)

By God's grace, **Tim Shoemaker** has been happily married for over 31 years, has three grown sons, and is active in leadership at this local church. He is the author of 8 books and writes and speaks at churches and conferences across the country. His forte is teaching parents how to teach their kids about God and the principles He's given us to live by in ways where kids will listen... even teens. Tim has done a 2-hour workshop for Focus on the Family, and leads a multi-departmental devotional at their facility every year. He is a regular workshop speaker at the International Network of Children's Ministry national conventions (CPC). Tim has led workshops for pastors at Moody Bible Institute's Pastor's Conference in 2008 and 2010. He has spoken at nine Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conferences in the last year, and at many more churches, retreats, and writer's conferences.

[Family Devotions that Blow Up the Box](#)

Parents often struggle with creative ways to teach their kids about God and the principles He's given us to live by – especially when they have kids at a variety of ages. Often parents see kids that are bored or distracted. Tim will equip you to teach your kids in ways that will hold their attentions...even teens. Tim will share his secrets that are way "out of the box" and will demo at least 12 object lessons and activities that parents can use immediately. Practical and powerful...this workshop is very "hands-on" and "how-to". It is about equipping parents so they can do the job effectively at home.

BONNIE WARD SIMON (MaestroClassics.com)

BONNIE WARD SIMON is executive producer and creator of *Maestro Classics™*, a series of award-winning classical music CDs for children and their parents. Music educator, published author, and highly successful orchestra administrator, she created the original **Stories in Music** concerts performed at the **Kennedy Center**.

[Musical Adventure: A New Series of CDs to Educate and Entertain the Entire Family](#)

Have you often wished that your curriculum included more music? Meet Bonnie Ward Simon, executive producer and creator of the award-winning *Maestro Classics* CD series. She will give you a musical tour of these CDs featuring the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

[Music, You, and Your Child – Ten Ways to Teach Your Child About Music](#)

Music is one of the most joyful learning experiences that you can share with your child. Whether you are a novice with little experience or are a serious music lover, Bonnie Ward Simon will offer tips on how to integrate music into your family life and enrich your child's educational experience.

SING2LEARN / ANTHONY CHANG

After learning English for 12 years our founder and C.E.O Anthony Chang moved to the U.S. and was frustrated to realize that he could not speak or communicate in English after another 20 years of struggling and the constant question of "what is the best way to learn foreign languages?" Anthony finally realized his mistake when he taught his English speaking daughter Christina 13 Chinese songs and she began speaking to him in Chinese! That's when Sing2Learn was born and Anthony wrote "The best way to learn foreign languages" His book which is a proud winner of the MOM's Choice Award.

[The Best Way to Learn a Foreign Language with DVD Animations](#)

Learn Foreign languages in the most fun, natural, and effective way possible by singing! Sing2Learn provides a complete product line to teach all levels of learning beginner through advanced and all ages from toddlers to adults, We provide the best supportive learning system with DVD's, CD's, Workbooks, Textbooks, Storybooks, Teachers Manuals and more! Sing2Learn combines music and language together to utilize melody and the power of visualization for an interactive and effective learning environment that is convenient and portable enough to learn in your home, in your car, or even on vacation!

SCOTT SOMERVILLE (TapestryOfGrace.com)

Scott Somerville went to **Harvard Law School** with five children in 1989 and graduated with honors (and a sixth child) in 1992. Before he was a lawyer, Scott was a homeschool activist—as the first president of Christian Home Educators of New Hampshire, Scott battled the New Hampshire rules revision subcommittee to a standstill in their effort to triple the regulations on homeschoolers. Scott went straight from Harvard to Home School Legal Defense Association, where he was a staff attorney for 14 years.

Scott has written and spoken extensively on subjects ranging from parental rights to the privacy of the home, but his central concern has always been for the homeschool family—especially the homeschool dad. "The Christian homeschooling father is uniquely positioned to truly gain the desires of his heart: a loving wife, a happy home, wise sons, and delightful daughters," says Scott. "There are treasures hidden in his home—all he needs to know is where to dig!"

In October 2006, Scott left his full-time position at HSLDA to serve homeschooling families—especially fathers and teenagers—in new ways. He realized that many fathers want to be more involved in their homeschools but don't know how, so he created the "Pop Quiz" (a 32-CD audio tour of the history of the world) to enable fathers to lead their families through the Tapestry of Grace™ curriculum. Scott wrote the "Pageant of Philosophy" to help Christian teens prepare to face competing worldviews by following the adventures of "Simplicio" as he meets all the great thinkers of history—from Moses to Marx to the latest thinkers.

[What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Homeschooling](#)

Scott Somerville dared to ask 100 homeschool moms for their personal "wish lists," and was relieved to discover there is hope for homeschool husbands! These women weren't asking the impossible, nor were they looking for a whole new man; instead, they wanted their husbands to show their love in some practical, pastoral, and personal ways. Scott combines information with motivation for life-changing results!

[The Homeschool Father](#)

The father's role in a Christian homeschool is unlike any job in a secular educational setting. In this workshop, Scott teaches fathers how to serve their families better through loving, knowing, speaking, and leading biblically.

MARCIA SOMERVILLE (TapestryOfGrace.com)

Marcia Somerville, wife of Scott Somerville, is a homeschooling mother of six and the author of the Tapestry of Grace™ curriculum.

Marcia graduated in 1976 from Kent School, a highly acclaimed classics-based prep school; she received her degree in history from Dartmouth College in 1979. A homeschooling mom since her first child began kindergarten, Marcia found herself ready to quit after 10 years. She couldn't imagine a way to educate all of her children in every subject.

After a season of tears and prayer, though, and drawing on her own rigorous high school experience and her Ivy League degree in history, she developed a method that integrated the humanities and social sciences into a four-year survey of world history. At first, she used her idea only with her own children. But after graduating her two oldest sons, she offered to lead neighboring homeschooling families through the same four-year cycle. In serving them, she developed a new curriculum that came to be called Tapestry of Grace™.

Today, thousands of families in America and overseas benefit from Marcia's 10-year labor of love. Tapestry of Grace™ has won many awards, and has brought both joy and quality education to many homes. In Korea, Tapestry has become the model for a new curriculum that the leaders of a 20,000 member church are spearheading. In addition to writing homeschool materials, Marcia enjoys speaking on a variety of topics that encourage and enlighten fellow homeschoolers. Her vision is to mentor homeschool moms in raising up a generation of Christian youth equipped with a deep, apologetics-oriented understanding of the Great Conversation and the ability to contribute to it.

[Embracing Humility: Preaching the Gospel to Ourselves and Our Teenagers](#)

Many parents do not know how to win their teenagers' hearts. Often, they are unprepared for the changes that puberty brings, and they can feel threatened or disrespected when their youths begin to question their faith and things they see in the family and the world. Parents can react by becoming overprotective, authoritarian, fearful, or permissive. How do you gain your child's trust so that you may help him through this crucial phase of life? A big key is gospel-generated humility. From her experience as a mother who has successfully raised six young adults, Marcia will share wisdom that she has gained.

[Beyond Books: Variety and Customization in Our Teaching Methods](#)

As a homeschooler, you actually have the opportunity to give a more varied and broad education to your child than do traditional schools. Why? Reading is not the only way that we learn! In fact, some students learn better by hearing, or doing. In our homeschools, we can custom design our teaching methods to the ways that our kids learn best! Do you know how you learn best? We tend to teach from what's easiest for us, and thus get stuck in teaching ruts without even realizing it. How do you know what kind of learner your child is? And, once you do know, how do you teach to that kind of learning? These are questions that Marcia will answer in this information-packed session that will expand the possibilities for instruction that only a homeschool can offer!

[Teaching with Tapestry of Grace](#)

Do you hear about "Classical Education" and feel simultaneously intimidated and inspired? Marcia Somerville would like to help you with both! Come find out that you truly can deliver a classics-based, apologetics-oriented education to every student in your house — and love the process all the way! Tapestry of Grace, an award-winning, humanities curriculum puts you and your students of all ages on the same weekly topics so that you have time to be the teacher, not just the administrator of your school. More than a vendor workshop, this session will explain what sets classical education apart, how to build independent learners while holding meaty discussions that shape their Christian worldviews, and more.

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT HOME SCHOOLS

[Getting Started Homeschooling](#)

More and More families are choosing to home school because of seeing the benefits others have experienced – academic excellence, positive socialization, development of strong character, and family unity. Why settle for a one-size-fits-all education when you can provide an education that specifically targets your child's learning style, aptitudes, and interests? Come and learn how to begin this journey. These questions will be answered: What are the advantages? How do I do this legally? How do I choose curriculum? How do I document my child's progress? What about socialization?

JOHN STONESTREET (Summit.org and ColsonCenter.org)

John Stonestreet's passion is to illuminate a biblical worldview for today's culture. He's a speaker, writer, cultural commentator, and collaborator of worldview initiatives. In his shared role with the [Chuck Colson Center](#) for Christian Worldview and Summit Ministries, John directs conferences and curriculum projects, speaks to groups nationally and internationally, consults on worldview education for schools and churches, and appears frequently on web and radio broadcasts. As the host of The Point, a daily national radio program, John provides thought-provoking commentaries on current events and life issues from a biblical worldview. John holds degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (IL) and Bryan College (TN), and is the co-author of Making Sense of Your World: A Biblical Worldview. He and his wife Sarah have three daughters and a dog, and live in Colorado Springs, CO.

Parents Session:

When is a Worldview Really Biblical? What Worldview Tests Don't Measure

Having been in the worldview movement for ten years, I've become increasingly uncomfortable with the way we evaluate students' faith commitments. It's really more than tests or being on the right worldview "team" can measure. Join John for a rich discussion based on new research and years of working with students and parents.

Session with Chuck Colson (via SKYPE):

Doing the Right Thing: Recapturing a Biblical Ethic for this Generation

How can we instill ethical knowledge and virtuous lives for the next generation? What are the consequences if we don't? As founder of Prison Fellowship, Chuck Colson has seen first-hand the ethical collapse in our country in the exploding prison population. As founder of BreakPoint and the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, he's spent the last 20 years asking why and what can be done. In this session, John Stonestreet will interview Chuck Colson to discuss how to engage and rebuild our cultural character.

The Challenges to Your Faith You Need to Know Are Coming

We've all seen the statistics – students leaving the faith or disconnecting from church. Why is this happening? How can you prepare? This seminar lays out the main things students need to know and how they can be prepared.

Amused to Death: Living in a Culture of Perpetual Distraction

Finally, a seminar for parents and students together that takes seriously the issue of entertainment and media, dealing honestly with both parental concerns and student's questions. This seminar exposes the worldviews at work in entertainment today and addresses questions such as: "Where do we draw the line?" "Should a Christian listen to "secular" music?" "What is a Christian band?" "What is going on in popular culture?" This seminar confronts these questions straight on, and provides the Biblical foundations for your family to develop a strategy for engaging the culture for Christ, right where it is the loudest.

Ideas Have Consequences: Why Worldviews Really, Really Matter

This seminar is a favorite of John and his audiences: an engaging demonstration of why worldview thinking is crucial for every Christian and includes a complete introduction to worldview thinking, a contemporary look at the major worldviews that compete for our allegiance, and steps to developing a Biblical worldview.

Is Jesus the Only Way?

What happens to those who have never heard? What about sincere believers in other religions? This session deals with a tough question in age that finds religious exclusivism intolerable. John deals with the contemporary myths of religious beliefs, while addressing the tough questions that surround this issue.

Christianity and Culture: for what are we responsible?

Should we withdraw from culture? Should we become "relevant" to culture? What does it mean to live as a Christian in today's world? Using Paul's teaching and actions, in light of the overall message of Scripture, John looks at our responsibility to culture and the individuals in it.

JEFF SWANSON (PlanBible.com)

[The Bible as the Foundation for Every Subject](#)

Jeff Swanson is the founder of The Plan Bible, the first Bible arranged chronologically for history and prophecy. His family is beginning their tenth year of homeschooling. His ministry teaches homeschool students and parents how the Bible and science correspond on the things that were and the things that will be. This workshop will encourage parents and will strengthen their beliefs for biblical education. This timely message comes when it seems that the Bible is attacked in every form of media.

[MICHAEL CLAY THOMPSON \(Royal Fireworks Press\) RFWP.com](#)

MICHAEL CLAY THOMPSON is the author of thirty books of language arts for gifted children, including The Word Within the Word series, Caesar's English, The Magic Lens series, a series of six books about poetics, and other texts designed to provide the most challenging and appropriate language arts texts for high ability learners. Through his teaching, his books and presentations, Michael has inspired thousands of students and educators with a new love of language and literature. He was a classroom teacher, middle school head and academic over a period of thirty years. He is now a full-time author and consultant, and an acclaimed speaker and workshop presenter.

Michael has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Gifted Children and is an online instructor in Language Arts for the Northwestern University Gifted Learning Links program. He has been a faculty member of the Wake Forest University Summer Institute for Gifted Education, also the University of North Carolina/Charlotte Summer institute for Gifted Education and The Cullowhee Experience. He has served on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Association of Gifted & Talented and on the regional Board of Advisors to the North Carolina/South Carolina Future Problem Solving Program. He has been consultant to the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary, consultant and Lead Scholar for the National Javits Project for Language Arts, and President of the Indiana Gifted Association.

[Advanced Vocabulary: Direct Study through Latin and Greek Stems](#)

If children are to prosper in the advanced academic work that their future potentially holds for them, they must have a grounding in the academic vocabulary that is so absent in the regular world and so dominant in the academic world. This means, especially, that children must know the Latin and Greek prefixes and roots that form the foundation of the English language. This session will present Michael Clay Thompson's vocabulary instruction program with recommendations for strategies.

[Introduction to 4-Level Analysis Grammar Instruction](#)

This session is an introduction to Michael Clay Thompson's four-level analysis method of grammar instruction. Four-level analysis gives us a way to compact grammar instruction and launch it early in the year, so that grammar can be used throughout the year as a way of thinking about language. The session will explain how four-level analysis gives students a clear, understandable approach to grammar that makes effective application possible.

[The Importance of Teaching Poetics](#)

The neglected core component of language arts is poetics, a crucial body of knowledge that is often relegated to the sidelines of the language arts. As this session with Michael Clay Thompson will show, we ignore poetics at our peril. Not only are poets among the great creators in intellectual history and their masterworks among the best known achievements, but poetics are commonly used in great prose as well as in poetry. Most great novelists wrote poetry as well. This session will focus understanding and teaching the elements of poetry, and will make a case that poetics must be one of the core components of formal language study.

[Teaching Advanced Academic Writing](#)

This session will present the elements of Michael Clay Thompson's program for teaching advanced academic writing to middle school and higher children. Writing an academic paper is too complex a skill to be learned in one pass, and it requires a scholarly, personal, mentoring style of grading, rather than a mathematical or rubric-based system. By using multiple, major, formal MLA (Modern Language Association) papers, we can teach students the elements of academic writing. In this method, both student and parent participate in a shared set of standards of grammar, style, and format. The session will present actual examples of student papers prepared and graded according to the method.

[Dr. THOMAS KEMNITZ \(RoyalFireworksPress.com\)](#)

Royal Fireworks Press (RFP) is the world's largest publisher of books for gifted children, and Dr. Tom Kemnitz is the President of RFP. Amongst their 900+ titles, RFP is particularly proud of Michael Clay Thompson's language arts curriculum. Homeschooling parents should be aware that although the Royal Fireworks Language Arts Curriculum by Michael Clay

Thompson is intended for very gifted students in a school setting, it can be used with most children in a home setting. This is because homeschooling is so productive in developing and nurturing the abilities of children.

[Introduction to Michael Clay Thomson's Language Arts Curriculum](#)

In this session, Dr. Tom will provide a thorough overview of the Michael Clay Thompson Language Arts curriculum, and will also answer any related questions.

TRACEY TUTOR (Stephanie Tracey)

Private Tutor for almost twenty years for students of all ages and abilities, particularly for students with learning differences such as dyslexia, and students with autism. Has taught a pilot program in a public school for a student with autism using Tracey Tutor Early Reader Program. All Tracey Tutor products were designed by Stephanie and used with her students.

[Early Reading/Phonics/Spelling Program](#)

Tracey Tutor is a phonics-based, multi-sensory Early Reader Program for all ages and all levels of ability. The Tracey Tutor Program is distinctive because it trains and equips the teacher, tutor, and homeschool parent to teach their students. Our Program provides what the homeschool parent needs to teach...when they need to teach it...one lesson at a time. Our products work together and are designed to be used together to teach reading and spelling concurrently – as well as comprehension and early grammar. Tracey Tutor has been used for twenty years in tutoring and homeschool settings, and has recently been used successfully in the public school setting. Our program has proven to be particularly effective for students with learning differences such as dyslexia, and for students with autism

DIANA WARING (DianaWaring.com)

Diana and Bill Waring, married since 1979, have three of the best children in the world (do you still call them children when they are all over 21?), have homeschooled forever, and have a passion for encouraging parents to enjoy their homeschooling/parenting adventure. Her presentations on world history and on learning issues have delighted families in many nations and settings. Diana is well-known for her encouraging, fast-paced and humorous books and CD's on homeschooling and world history. For twenty-eight years she has been a student of the art of home education, learning from her mentors, her children, and her mistakes. Diana brings a level of professional expertise and enthusiasm to invigorate a fresh love of learning. She has been traveling and speaking throughout the U.S., Canada, and recently in Europe, Asia, and the South Pacific, to enthusiastic audiences on four continents for the past 20plus years. With transparency, humor, and warmth, she comes to encourage, equip and educate.

[Learning: A Breath-Taking Adventure](#)

Does that ring true for you? Is learning a breath-taking adventure in your home school, or more of a weary, forced march, plodding through endless subjects? One of the most difficult aspects of homeschooling is breaking away from the model of education that we grew up with. A desk, a flag and an apple symbolize the "look" of school, while "lecture, drill and test" describe the method of school, the method that left us passive and bored. It's time to enter a whole new world of education; to find a captivating -- breath-taking--way to learn. Join Diana for this refreshing, reviving, and reinvigorating workshop where you will discover the best brain practices in learning, the environment that encourages learning, and the many non-traditional ways students can practice what they are learning. Take a new look at practical, proven, and possible ways to make your home school journey a wondrous adventure.

[Why the World Went to War](#)

When WWI began, the soldiers expected to finish off their enemy and be home by Christmas. That was the common perception, which we know today was gravely naive. What circumstances and personalities led to that "war to end all wars?" And in what ways to did this war give rise, only two decades later, to the unthinkable—an even deadlier and longer world war—despite the

politicians' determination to avoid it? Join Diana as she unravels the many historical twists and introduces the significant players that forever changed the world.

[Glimpses of Glory](#)

Can we fallible and finite human beings see the fingerprints of God in history? Are there examples from various times and various cultures that show the unmistakable handiwork of the Creator/Redeemer God? Does history have more to teach us than mere dates, names and places? For an intriguing look at the Story behind the stories, join Diana for this adventure-filled recounting—which could change your life!

[Exposing the Wizard of Oz— A Christian's Guide to Teaching History](#)

The essential history crash course for every Christian homeschool parent. Discover insights from Diana's research behind the events of history. Share her wisdom for teaching history. Do you wonder, "Whom do I trust and what do I read to know real history?" Diana will equip YOU, regardless of your curriculum, to find your way through the challenges. She will lead you to a path you can follow in discovering treasures of history with your family.

[The Key to Education is Relationship](#)

Experts in learning tell us that one of the BEST predictors of educational success is having a positive relationship between student and teacher. Translated for homeschooling parents: if we build healthy, happy relationships with our children, they will be able to thrive educationally. It goes far beyond desks and multiplication tables, however. For us, it encompasses every aspect of life—since our students are learning with us 24/7! Join Diana for an insightful and practical workshop that will give you tools for building and improving these significant relationships.

JIM WEISS (Greathall Productions)

JIM WEISS has been a storyteller for over 25 years. In June, 1989, Jim decided to do something more with the craft that he had formerly practiced solely for pleasure. He and his wife, Randy, formed a production company, Greathall Productions, and have thus far produced forty four (44) storytelling recordings with enticing titles from classical literature, such as Greek Myths, King Arthur and Sherlock Holmes. Jim's Greathall line is the recipient of more than 85 major national awards from The American Library Association, Parents' Choice Foundation, NAPPA, the Parents' Council, The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, The Film Advisory Board, Parents' Guide to Children's Media Award and more.

[A Saint, A Criminal and a Country Priest: The Writing of G.K. Chesterton](#)

Storyteller and author, Jim Weiss shares works by G.K. Chesterton. Jim will bring to life the first of Chesterton's famous Father Brown mysteries, and tell the story of how it came to be written. He will also share some of Chesterton's profoundly witty reflections on Saint Francis of Assisi, a saint for whom Chesterton had deep affection, admiration and understanding. For adults and older children, this session offers a rollicking introduction to a beloved author's wisdom and humor, presented by renowned storyteller, Jim Weiss.

[The Loving Father: The Why and How of Dads Telling Stories](#)

In an age in which children receive many competing, confusing messages, stories are among the greatest and longest lasting gifts that a father can give his child. Long before Jim Weiss turned his passion for telling stories into a profession, he told stories to his own child. A generation before that, Jim and his brother listened to stories from their father and grandfather. **The results:** a lifelong love of reading; an unquenchable thirst to learn; a passionate ability to listen, and a profound sense of passing along the central beliefs of those who came before us, in an entertaining, memorable form. In this timely session meant especially for dads, Jim will share his own experiences and demonstrate clear ways to transmit beliefs and credos, and to show our children how much we love them through the stories we share.

[The Art and Joy of Storytelling and Reading Aloud to Children](#)

Who doesn't like to be read to? And who better to read to children than the people they love and trust most—their parents. This workshop will teach parents to make the very most of their precious read-aloud time with their children. At the heart of each story he tells, Jim Weiss' renowned ability to make even complex subjects comprehensible and memorable to young children is evident. This delightful and immediately useful workshop will help parents to: become even better readers; more clearly define their children's listening skills; facilitate the consideration of the freshness, outlook and interpretation of the stories they choose to read; and assist in using one's voice as an instrument with rewarding and dramatic results.

[Storytelling: Up Close and Personal as Literature Comes Alive: A Family Workshop](#)

An exciting and interactive workshop for children and adults from master storyteller and award-winning recording artist, Jim Weiss. Participants will learn about the art of storytelling and oral language. This workshop will focus on: setting the scene, characterization, voice technique, shaping the story, building confidence and developing ones own style. The tenor is casual, and the goal is to have fun with literature. Participants should be prepared to play, laugh and discover how literature can truly come alive in the midst of a storyteller.

[King Arthur and Other Classical Leaders](#)

Jim Weiss presents stories that feature literary leaders such as King Arthur who exhibit character traits worth emulating. From the knights of the round table to the forest of Aesop, to the world of Hercules, Jim takes his audience on an armchair adventure around the world and offers food for thought on the qualities that make for wise guidance and leadership.

[Dr. JAY WILE \(DrWile.com\)](#)

Jay Wile learned about his love for chemistry when his dedicated parents bought him his first chemistry set. Many stink bombs and a few explosions later, he was hooked! Although he loved chemistry, he also had many other interests. For a while, he thought about becoming a concert pianist, but unfortunately, his fingers were not long enough (no kidding!). As he was finishing up his high school years, he became extremely interested in the theater and began to pursue a career in acting. Partly because he learned the science behind some of the special effects of the plays in which he performed, he eventually went back to his first love: chemistry.

He went to the University of Rochester in upstate New York to study chemistry, and while he was there, he began working on nuclear chemistry experiments. He became so fascinated with nuclear chemistry that he stayed at the University of Rochester and got a Ph.D. in that field. For several years, he did research in the field under the auspices of the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. This research led to several grants and many publications. While doing research, Dr. Wile was also an assistant professor of chemistry.

Dr. Wile's love of science is demonstrated by the many awards he has won for excellence in teaching and research. He has also presented numerous lectures on the topics of Nuclear Chemistry, Christian Apologetics, Homeschooling, and Creation vs. Evolution. He has published 30 articles on these subjects in nationally-recognized, peer-reviewed journals, and has 9 books to his credit, most of which belong to the award-winning "Exploring Creation with" series of junior-high and high-school science courses.

[What are They Doing Now?](#)

Dr. Wile became involved in homeschooling because while he was teaching at the university level, his best students were homeschool graduates. Since then, he has expected homeschoolers to become the true leaders of their generation. To investigate whether or not his expectation is coming true, Dr. Wile studied statistics related to homeschool graduates. He also tracked down several homeschooled students who are now adults and learned what they are doing. In this talk, Dr. Wile tells you what he learned. The statistics show that homeschool graduates are more successful, happy, and engaged in their faith than the rest of the population. However, the really amazing part of the talk is Dr. Wile's report about the young adults he tracked down and what they are doing to impact the world. If you are wondering whether or not homeschool graduates can make a difference in the world, you should definitely listen to this talk!

[Building a Biblical Worldview](#)

This is not your standard "Biblical worldview" talk. In fact, Dr. Wile doesn't think that a Biblical worldview is built with courses and books about worldviews. In Dr. Wile's opinion, a Biblical worldview is built by studying the Scriptures seriously and studying the academic subjects that relate to Christianity seriously. In addition, he stresses that a Biblical worldview is not a specific set of beliefs. Instead, it is a method by which you see the world through the lens of Scripture. He then gives the audience six specific ways in which they can learn to see the world that way.

[Why I Believe in a Young Earth](#)

The age of the earth is a controversial topic, even within the Christian community. While Dr. Wile is a young-earth creationist, he does not think it is the only possible orthodox interpretation of Scripture. In this talk, Dr. Wile discusses both the theology and the science behind his view. Quoting some of the earliest Church fathers, he shows that a theology consistent with an old earth has existed long before science began focusing on the concept of an ancient earth. He also talks about specific instances in which

today's orthodox Christian theology replaces the obvious, literal translation for a passage of Scripture with a less literal interpretation. All of this is to show that while a young-earth view is consistent with an orthodox interpretation of Scripture, an old-earth view is as well. With that out of the way, Dr. Wile then discusses how he uses science to help him choose between the possible orthodox views and how he thinks science points strongly to a young earth.

[Eco hysteria: A Scientist Examines the Global Warming Debate](#)

In this seminar, Dr. Wile discusses the **facts** related to the global warming debate that is currently raging in America. Dr. Wile does not engage in the emotional hysteria that typically surrounds this topic. Instead, he gives a cool, scientific appraisal of the environmental situation today and shows that, in fact, the global warming "crisis" is mostly an invention of extremists, not the consensus of the scientific community. As you listen to this seminar, you will be amazed at the distortions and lies that the environmental extremists and their willing accomplices in the media have reported!

[Life and Its Amazing Design](#)

When scientists first realized that life is made up of tiny building blocks called "cells," they thought that cells were very simple. One scientist said that the cell was just a "simple lump of albuminous combinations of carbon." Somehow, they thought, simple cells could join together to make complicated living organisms like animals and people. As scientists have learned about the cell, however, they have found that it is anything but simple. In fact, it is more complex than the most technologically up-to-date city in the world. In this talk, Dr. Wile takes you on a tour of the cell, showing you its amazing design. In addition, he refutes the two most common objections to the obvious fact that life is the product of design.

[Modern Science: A Product of Christianity](#)

One of today's popular myths is that science and religion are incompatible. People who promote this myth obviously don't know the history of science, as today's modern science is a direct result of Christianity. In this talk, Dr. Wile demonstrates how Medieval Christianity provided not only the metaphysical assumptions necessary for science to flourish, but also the institutional support that science needed to progress. He also shows that in countries where the Medieval Christian Church did not have a strong presence, science could not advance. Along the way, he destroys several other myths, such as the nonsensical idea that the Medieval Christian Church thought the earth was flat.

[TODD WILSON \(FamilyManWeb.com\)](#)

TODD WILSON, author of *Help! I'm Married to a Homeschooling Mom* and *The Official Book of Homeschooling Cartoons*, is a dad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and gut-honest realness have made him a favorite speaker at homeschool conventions across the country and a guest on *Focus on the Family*.

His articles have appeared in various magazines, including *Christian Parenting Today*, *Men of Integrity*, and *Stand Firm*.

Christianity Today also posts his weekly column (*The Familyman Weekly*) on their website.

Todd and his wife Debbie, along with their eight children spend several months of the year traveling the country encouraging moms and dads. His humor, realness, and straight talk to men (& women) have become his trademark.

[Taming the Tech-Beast](#)

Are you frustrated by how much time your son or daughter spends playing video games, texting friends, or surfing the NET? Do you feel like some sort of technology-beast has invaded your home? If so, then you're not alone.

[Father Power](#)

Inside every dad is the power to change the world. Yet, too many fathers succumb to the pressures on and off the field and fail to maximize their fathering potential. This workshop will inspire and challenge every dad to be his child's hero.

[Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe](#)

Your house is a disaster, your kids seem out of control, and you wonder how you'll ever make it through another day of school. Your "get up and go" has "gotten up and went". You used to think homeschooling was the best thing since sliced bread, but now you're feeling like burnt toast. Take heart - you're not alone!

[Help! I'm Married to a Homeschooling Mom](#)

A practical, how-to session for dads that will show you how to be your homeschooling wife's leader, encourager, helper, listener, and more.

ASHLEY WIGGERS (Curriculum-for-Homeschool.com)

Ashley (Strayer) Wiggers grew up in the early days of the home schooling movement taught by parents, Greg and Debbie Strayer, who are authors of numerous home schooling materials. A home school graduate, Ashley enjoyed a 10-year career as a national champion synchronized swimmer and is currently the head coach of the Pulaski County High School swim team. Ashley speaks at home school seminars across the country, edits a monthly online newsletter for Geography Matters, and has authored all three books in the Profiles from History series. Ashley makes her home in Somerset, KY, with her husband, Alex, and can't wait to someday continue the home school philosophies and ideals that her parents and in-laws have passed on with her own children.

7 Secrets to Help Kids Think for Themselves (Ashley (Strayer) Wiggers)

Do you have trouble keeping your students interested in learning? Perhaps it's time you begin to think outside the box. Discover techniques that will improve critical thinking and creativity, inspiring your students to want to gain knowledge. Included in this workshop are ideas from the teachings of Ruth Beechick to develop thinking skills that help create a delight for learning and improves our children's ability to excel in any area they choose to pursue.

Making Geography Memorable (Ashley (Strayer) Wiggers)

Teaching geography can be overwhelming for teachers and sometimes boring for students. In this workshop, Ashley will offer helpful tips on making geography a memorable, and even fun experience. She will share how to incorporate geography into everyday life and your other schooling subjects. With hands on activities and practical ideas, your children will start enjoying geography, and learning about the world, we live in!

WRITE SHOP (WriteShop.com)

After years in finance, Kyra left the corporate world to follow God's call to homeschool. With a love for teaching and knack for organization, she founded a homeschool co-op in Maryland, and edited a monthly homeschool newsletter. Even though she has graduated both of her children (their daughter has a BS in nursing and their son is in the Air Force), Kyra still has a tremendous heart for homeschooling. She and her husband now live in Charlotte, NC, where she has been teaching homeschool writing and English classes for nearly 10 years.

Inspiring Successful Writers (Grades K-6)

In this helpful workshop, Kyra will encourage and equip you to teach each of your children, whether reluctant or advanced, by breaking the writing process into manageable steps. Above all, discover how to infuse teaching time with fun so that your children will find joy in writing.

Topic #2: Inspiring Successful Writers (Grades 6-12)

Inspiring kids to write well is one of the most intimidating tasks you face. Even if it's your weakest area, you'll be relieved to learn that you CAN train your junior high and high schoolers to write. So come discover a practical approach to teaching composition skills and elements of style. Learn to objectively edit and evaluate writing so you can encourage your teens to write with confidence.

WRITING STRANDS (CATHY CANEN) WritingStrands.com

SOS! School on a Shoestring

You can teach your kids for less money than you think you can. More money doesn't make for a better education - the school systems prove that. For 15 years, Cathy taught her kids for less than \$100 per year. The SOS! method works for all learning styles and follows the classical education model. Let Writing Strands and the SOS! method make your home school a little simpler and a little cheaper

ED ZACCARO (ChallengeMath.com)

Ed Zaccaro is a teacher and a popular presenter at math and gifted education conferences around the country. He has taught students of all ages and abilities and has been an advocate for gifted education as a parent, teacher, and school board member. His students will testify to his ability to make math fun and challenging for them as well as his unique sense of humor, which comes through in his classes and workshops. Ed has an undergraduate degree from Oberlin College, a Masters degree in Gifted Education from the University of Northern Iowa, and is the author of six math books for mathematically gifted children

Nurturing a Mathematical Gift into a Passion

Gifted children are typically not given the opportunity to see the wondrous side of mathematics. Children who are talented in mathematics must be exposed to material that lights a fire and nurtures their gift. This session will show parents how to nurture a passion for mathematics while providing an appropriate challenge.

12 Math Problem-Solving Strategies That Will Help Students be More Successful on Tests.

Because problem solving can be difficult - even for gifted students - it is important for each student to have a "tool-belt" of problem solving strategies. Many of the strategies presented in this session will force students to change their normal thinking patterns and approach problems in a different way. You will leave this session with many unique problem-solving techniques that will help your students be more successful on tests - including SAT and ACT tests.

Challenging Children Through the Study of Real World Algebra

People have traditionally assumed that elementary students could not learn advanced mathematical concepts such as algebra. When presented properly, mathematically gifted students as young as 3rd and 4th grade can not only understand and apply complex algebraic concepts, but they love the challenge of working with the most powerful problem solving tool ever invented. Algebra is too often viewed as an abstract concept with no practical uses because children are rarely taught to think algebraically. Learn strategies for helping children think algebraically with an approach that connects algebra to real world problems.

Five Real-Life Math Investigations That Will Astound Teachers and Students

Children typically are not given the opportunity to see the wondrous side of mathematics because it is often taught as all scales and no music. Help your students discover the power of mathematics as the danger of short-term loans is exposed in a dramatic fashion. Hear the true story of how a math mistake led to a commercial jet running out of fuel at 41,000 feet. Watch as mathematics shows the futility of depending on corn-based ethanol to lower our dependence on oil imports. Help your students learn how they are sometimes manipulated, deceived, and lied to by those who present statistics. Investigate math mistakes in the news media and their potential consequences. These and other fascinating math investigations will allow children to see the power of mathematics as it cuts through deception and flawed thinking.