
Featured Speaker Presentations

Go For the Goal!

Shepherding our Children with Eternal Aims

What are you aiming for? This motivating message is based on the Apostle Paul's summary of *why he taught* – 1 Timothy 1:5: "The goal of our instruction is, love from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith" – perfect goals for godly parents! The work of pastors and parents have this in common: both are "shepherding" souls! Dennis designs in this message to train and equip parents to raise up children whose lives overflow with love, from inner personal purity; guided by the moral discretion of a good conscience; and built on a sincere faith.

Dennis Gundersen

Friday, 6pm Ambassador Room

The Pathway of Purity that Leads to Purpose: For Teens and their Parents (especially for teens!)

Using the 5 senses of seeing, feeling, tasting, hearing, and smelling, Julie Hiramine will not be your science instructor, but edifying you about staying pure. There is a flood of inappropriate imagery and explicit content that besieges us everywhere we turn. Come and receive practical guidance on how to meet the many challenges that surround you in the areas of dating versus courtship, media discernment, and developing a deeper relationship with the Lord. God's call on this generation is to step up into His higher standard and seek His face in the midst of all that might want to pull us off course. Join us as we together plot a course through the maze that the world is lost in.

Julie Hiramine

Friday, 6pm Room A

What Should 21st 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 21st century knowledge.

David Hazell

Friday, 6pm Room D



Dr. Stephen Guffanti

As a medical doctor, teacher, tutor, author, and homeschooler, Dr. Guffanti brings a unique background and tremendous insight to his talks. He is also loved by his audiences for his warmth and sincerity. Born with a passion for education, Dr. Guffanti, dyslexic and a kinesthetic learner, has focused on creating education that meets the needs of all children. Dr. Guffanti has served as the medical director of a clinic specializing in learning disorders, where he discovered 70% of those children labeled ADD or ADHD were misdiagnosed. As a physician, he has treated in emergency rooms children who join gangs after failing in the education system

Dr. Guffanti is the author of the Rocket Phonics reading program and the book *Is it Really ADHD?* This is the book about which parents say, "This saved our family." Rocket Phonics is a reading program so unique it has a patent pending. Rocket Phonics uses the strongest phonics system available in a revolutionary way, with revolutionary results: In a recent study of home school families using Rocket Phonics for three months, students using Rocket Phonics improved their reading skills by an average of 8.9 months.

Sessions by Dr. Guffanti are: **Getting a Great Start in Reading and The Purpose of Passion on Friday; Part I: ADHD versus Kinesthetic Learner; Which Is It?; Part II: Living Happily With Your Child on Saturday.**

Friday Speaker Workshops

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 9:00 — 10:00 a.m.

Building A Good Conscience in Your Child

Dennis
Gundersen

Ambassador Room

What the Bible calls “a good conscience” is vital to form in youth! Parents can strengthen a child’s conscience, so he becomes an adult of strong convictions and is compelled away from sinful living and towards righteous choices, even when parents are not present. A practical plan for achieving this is the subject of this seminar!

Training Young Ladies to Be Bright Lights for the Lord

Grace Mally
Chrissy Baskerville

Lobby/Courtyard

In this workshop, two home school graduates (Grace Mally and Chrissy Baskerville) will share from a daughter’s perspective how parents can win the hearts of their daughters. They will share practical ways to encourage young ladies to be strong for the Lord in their youth, avoid rebellion during the teen years, have direction for their life and ministry, and shine brightly in this world of darkness. Grace and Chrissy serve as staff with Bright Lights, a nationwide discipleship ministry designed to equip young ladies to live fully for the Lord. Today over 200 Bright Lights groups have started around the country. Grace also co-authored the book, *Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends* with her siblings. www.brightlights.info

JCCC Quick Start

Dave Ellis

Truman Room

David Ellis is a counselor at Johnson County Community College and will present all the information needed for your student to take classes at JCCC their junior and/or senior year of high school. He will have available the forms necessary to begin the admission process. Question and answer time will be an integral part of this workshop.

Longview Comm. College Maple Woods Comm. College

Rebecca Burrough
Karen Goos

Pershing Room

Rebecca Burroughs has been with Longview Community College for four years as a College Relations Coordinator/Admissions Coordinator. She has worked in the education sector for 6 years and enjoy assisting students obtain career and educational goals. Karen Goos has been with MCC-Maple Woods for three years as a College Relations Coordinator/Admissions Coordinator. She has been assisting students achieve their goals in higher education for over 8 years.

Information that will be covered today will include general steps to enrollment, financial aid and scholarship information, placement testing and involvement on campus. There will be time for questions.

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Information Technology 101: Understanding Your Child's Internet World

Julie Hiramine and the Generations of Virtue
Team

Room A/B

A practical seminar that teaches parents how to monitor the technological media influences so prevalent in our culture. The technology that is available to children today is astounding; our kids are daily facing pressures and temptation at the push of a button—in a way our generation never had to. The truth is that even though our children spend most of their time with us, these influences are going to bombard them. Information Technology 101 is a crash-course on how to set safeguards on the activities kids are exposed to on the internet. This workshop focuses on many different areas of interest for young people on the internet: surfing the web, MySpace and other social networking sites, web cams, chat rooms, video games and more. Join the Generations of Virtue team as they help you navigate this maze of technology.

How to Homeschool

Deb Callow

Room C

Cindy Wheeler

Find out all the nuts and bolts and some of the “How to’s” of homeschooling. Get a unique perspective from two moms with over 24 years combined experience. Get answers to some of (homeschooling) life’s questions, like, “How do you get started?”, “Where do I go for more information?”, “How do my kids learn best?”

Deb Callow is a wife and mom to Cody and Abbey ages 15 and 12. She has taught her children at home and various other interesting places for 10 years.

Cindy Wheeler has been homeschooling for fifteen years. She is blessed to be married to Ron for 24 years; together they have raised three children: Audrey (20), Byron (18), and Grace (13).

Rhythmic Coordination of Movement, Facilitating Learning and Self Confidence

Room D

Sheryl L. Kelly, MT-BC

The natural responses to music stimulate movement that is organized and rhythmic (i.e., through the brain and central nervous system). When a child (or adult) feels, or looks awkward in movement, it may not be just due to a growth spurt, but actually due to an underlying lack of internalization of beat awareness. Rhythm is also a natural function of speech and acquisition and retention of information, both factual and fun. Rhymes, meter and phrasing of language all work together to create a flow that facilitates memory. Music itself incorporates all of these features, which is why music is such a great mnemonic (i.e. memory enhancing) tool. Rhythmic activities will be presented that can be incorporated in learning any rote skill

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as well as in general movement coordination to improve learning and body use. Come learn what fun you can have incorporating rhythm in your lesson plans.

Sheryl Kelly graduated with her degree in music therapy from Arizona State University in 1983. Sheryl has been privileged to present many workshops on combining sensory integration with music therapy at music therapy conferences, occupational therapy conferences (national and international), sensory integration conferences as well as three tours in Japan. Her delight in composing music for use in therapy, incorporating the sensory integrative approach, has left a legacy of songs and techniques used by former interns, coworkers and workshop attendees.

Staying Motivated

Room E

Do you ever feel like you can't make it to the end of the day, let alone the end of the school year? Come hear sisters Barb Akridge and Terah Wieland share strategies "from the trenches" on how to keep going even when you don't feel like it. Both sisters are frequent convention speakers, but out of all their talks "Staying Motivated" draws the biggest crowds. Terah and Barb have 8 children between them and have homeschooled since the eighties.

Barb Akridge

Terah Wieland

Getting A Great Start In Reading

Room F

Learn the #1 skill to ensure your child's reading success, a skill you can start building in very young children. Learn the five skills every reader must master, and get the tools so your children have these vital skills. The result? A child who reads well above grade level, and who loves to read. Have fun while learning hands-on tips you can begin using today!

**Dr. Stephen
Guffanti**

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ever Loving Truth

Ambassador Room

Voddie Baucham has a message for Christians in today's postmodern, post-Christian culture- Its time to take a stand for truth. The Ever Loving Truth addresses the cost of being a twenty-first century Christian in a world quickly running away from the concept of absolute truth.

Voddie Baucham

Winning the War for the Hearts & Minds of our Children

Part I: Relevance of the War

Lobby/Courtyard

For many years the war could be considered a stealth, or low profile war, but that is certainly not the case today. Schools, media, "entertainment," all public parks and

**Tom Willis
CSA**

zoos, and many churches openly attack our children with a destructive view of our country, and of man, his origin, purpose, conduct and destiny. Understanding the nature and importance of the war is critical to any plan to win it.

Tom Willis is President of The Creation Science Association for Mid-America (CSA), and received the B.Sc. in Physics and M.A. in Statistics from the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he also spent two years as a Research Consultant in Statistics and Numerical Analysis at the Computer Research Center. For the next ten years he continued to work largely with university research, mostly as a Senior Systems Engineer in Information Systems. He left his "city job" via "early retirement" in 1987 to free himself for more time in Creation work. Tom and his wife Penny homeschooled their children, David, Joshua, and Grace.

Advanced Whole Grains

Truman Room

Shelly Vernon will be presenting a workshop on where to go once you know how to mill grains and make bread for your family, with advanced bread making techniques. In this class you will learn how to make tortillas, specialty breads, and more. The class will also discuss various ways to use a variety of all the whole grains. Recipes will be given out along with samples.

Kitchen Specialties

Breathing Life Into Your Language Arts

Pershing room

Great literature *CAN* provide the motivation to learn language arts. While your 3rd through 12th grade student reads novels they love, they can develop stronger comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, grammar, writing and critical thinking skills. *TLP* can bring fresh air to your language arts program.

**Rosanna Barr
Total Language Plus**

BLOCK 2

10:45-11:45

The Homeschool Road Map

Room A/B

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 classical education, Charlotte Mason, unit studies and Biblical worldview still homeschooling 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 individual interests in the afternoon.

David Hazell

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Effective Ways to Teach Writing

Room C

Do you struggle with the many aspects of writing to your student(s) in either a home school setting or classroom setting? Discover a method to eliminate the fear of teaching writing, a flexible program suitable for students at all grade levels, and produce students (and teachers) with excellent writing skills in both structure and style across all forms of the written word.

Cheryl Horton and her husband Jon home educate their five children in Tulsa, OK. In addition to teaching history, literature and writing courses at their local co-op, Cheryl serves a High School Dean. She is also involved with curriculum development at TRISMS and enjoys teaching children to think critically and creatively outside the textbook box.

**Cheryl Horton
Institute For
Excellence in Writing**

Speech/Language Disorders

Room D

Mary will introduce the listeners to the various areas that encompass both speech and language disorders in the the pre-school-elementary aged child. Areas to be discussed will include articulation and its association with lisping, tongue thrust-ing, childhood apraxia of speech, and sound system disorders. Non-verbal language disorders will also be addressed. The audience will be introduced to the various parameters that comprise language and receive an overview on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of possible speech/language impairment. They will learn the importance of early detection and treatment of speech/language skills and how it impacts the learning environment in a school-aged child.

Mary Billings, M.S.C.C.C., has a been a certified speech/language pathologist for 27 years. She is the owner of Billings Speech Pathology Services a private practice in Jackson County, Missouri. Her background has a strong emphasis in phonological disorders, childhood apraxia of speech, and oral myofunctional disorders, as well as language development and delays. Mary has worked closely with families including homeschooling parents and parent groups across the metropolitan area and is a strong advocate for meeting children's special needs. Website address: billingspeech.com

**Mary Billings,
M.S.C.C.C.**

Preparation for College Admission

Room E

Preparation for the college admissions process will be discussed in this session, including: research; identifying personal needs; testing—ACT, SAT, AP, IB; essay writing; college visits; making a choice; financing a college education; search for scholarships; parental role; and family adjustment issues.

Barb Bruns serves as the College Counselor at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, serving there for 11 years. She has also worked in the college admissions field as an Admissions Representative at Baker University and as a Financial Aid Counselor at The University of Texas at Austin. Mrs. Bruns

Barb Bruns

has a BS in Education from Missouri Western State College and a MED in Counseling from the University of Houston. Professionally, she has served on the Missouri ACT Committee (Chairperson 1999), as delegate to the National Association for College Admission Counseling convention from Missouri and the Great Plains, and as a presenter at the NACAC national and regional conferences.

Brain Power: Food For Thought

Room F

Did you know that the food our children eat can effect 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.

Karen Hopkins, B.S. is a former Home Economics teacher who developed diabetes and early onset dementia at a young age due to S.A.D (Standard American Diet). Traditional nutrition courses did not prepare her for the onslaught of processed, fast food eating habits practiced at college and the busy lifestyle of a growing family (3 children). Forced to face the reality of a short life span due to excessively high blood sugar (225+ with medications) she reversed the prognosis in 6 short months with NingXia Red, Pure Therapeutic Essential Oils, diet changes and exercise.

Healthy Homes

LUNCH

12:00-1:00

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 1:00-2:00

How to Disciple Your Kids

Ambassador Room

Most Christian parents, if they are honest, haven't a clue as to how to disciple the children God has entrusted to them. Thankfully, the Bible gives clear instructions.

Voddie Baucham

Winning the War - Part II

Key Battlegrounds & Strategies

Lobby/Courtyard

For many years the war could be considered a stealth, or low profile war, but that is certainly not the case today. Schools, media, "entertainment," all public parks and zoos, and many churches openly attack our children with a destructive view of our country, and of man, his origin, purpose, conduct and destiny. In this session we will discuss how and where the enemy fights, and how we can defeat him.

Tom Willis

CSA

Tom Willis Bio on page 12.

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Capture, Document And Plan

Truman Room

"Capture your Yesterdays, Document your Today's, and Plan for your Tomorrows" Come see how the \$59 Edu-Track Home School Software can completely organize your home school using our program's easy to use lesson planning, record-keeping, transcripts, report cards, forms, awards/certificates, attendance tracking, student data tracking, graphical chore charts & more!

Brian Rigsby is President/CEO of ConTECH Solutions, Inc. He is the developer of the Edu-Track Home School. Brian and his wife, Nancy have been married 18 years and have 2 children, both home educated since birth

Edu-Track Brian Rigsby

Every Child Is A Bible Memory Prodigy

Pershing Room

With few exceptions, children memorize reams of data from infancy to grade 12. Their ability to imbibe information of all kinds is vastly underrated. Parents should take advantage of this window of opportunity by embracing a comprehensive plan for systematic Scripture memorization. This workshop focuses on the why and how of Bible memory work.

Scripture Memory Jim Woychuk

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 1:15-2:15

Courtship & Dating – So What's the Difference?

Room A/B

Families hear much about "courtship" these days, but often lack clear ideas of where the differences lie between a "dating" approach and the "courtship" concept. We want to spare our children the pitfalls of the modern "dating" tradition, but often don't know how to explain to them how "courtship" works! This seminar gives 6 easily-understood differences between the two approaches, to help any family apply the old approach in a modern era, but without arbitrary, Pharasaical rules. Dennis gives parents principles they can apply, in varied household situations.

Dennis Gundersen

Teaching Elementary Science

Room C

Elementary science should open a child's eyes to God's creation. It needs to be taught with the goal of arousing curiosity and building a sense of wonder in the student. This session will inspire you to be creative in teaching science to your children. You will come away with practical ways to incorporate hands-on activities into your science curriculum.

Glenda Hester

Glenda Hester is a homeschooling mother of 5 daughters, 3 who are in college. Glenda began home schooling 14 yrs ago. She has a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Kansas. She has taught science classes at home school co-ops for the last 6 years and has been involved with numerous home school science clubs.

Relationship of Hand Use to Functional Interaction of Both Sides of Body

Room D

Music activities, especially those using music instruments or related objects are exceptionally suited for eliciting and developing (or improving) hand and arm function. This is especially needed when delays in reading, writing, recording experiences, or reporting feelings, or other creative expression are noticeable. Parents, caregivers, and others involved in the child's life can learn ways of incorporating music and even home made "instruments" to improve both functional performance, and emotional comfort for all children. This workshop will provide "hands on" experiences and practical ways of applying principles employed by music therapists but suited for use by all. This workshop is designed to be fun, feel good, and provide useful information and tools.

Jean has been a registered occupational therapist for 26 years. Early in her career she had the opportunity to work in Arizona at the Center for Neurodevelopmental Studies where she received extensive training in sensory integration therapy. For the last 12 years she homeschooled her 2 children while continuing to work part-time. Currently she provides individual and group therapy and consultation at PossAbilities, a full pediatric occupational therapy clinic located in Merriam, KS. She spends the rest of her work week at Horizon Academy, a private school specializing in teaching children with learning challenges.

Sheryl Kelly Jean Wetherilt

Classical Education

Room E

For parent educators who value critical thinking and Godly character and desire a superior education for their children, Whitefield Academy is a classical Christian school that graduates critical thinkers, clear communicators and compassionate leaders.

Whitefield partners with families to employ a time-tested, classical method which teaches mastery of facts, logical reasoning and persuasive expression, cultivating a well-trained mind prepared for higher education and lifelong learning. Whitefield Academy provides a classroom environment where the classical method develops students to their fullest potential. For more information visit www.whitefieldacademy.org or call 816-444-3567.

Whitefield Academy

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The Language Workshop For Children Room F

The Language Workshop for Children at the Kids' Club is the leader in the field of Children's language education, thousands of children have learned a foreign language utilizing the Thibaut Technique®. Native speaking instructors offer fun and educational lessons using the LWFC's own vocabulary-building songs, visual aids and language immersion games. Join us to learn more about our program and why the subtle details in the Thibaut Technique® make the difference.

Kids Club KC
Maria A. Salazar

BLOCK 1 **FRIDAY 2:30-3:30**

Setting a Paradigm for Purity **Julie Hiramine** Ambassador Room

For: Parents of Preschool through Middle School
A Biblical, age-appropriate approach to sex education for homeschoolers. In this workshop parents of elementary and middle school children will learn what to talk about with their kids at every stage of development. This workshop includes information on how to set the paradigm for purity and courtship beginning in preschool. We will also discuss media discernment, how to give "the talk," and how parents can begin now to open up the lines of communication with their children to pave the way for honesty and openness during adolescence.

Transforming Geography and World History **David Hazell** Lobby/Courtyard

What is the significance of history anyway? Has it become merely the memorization of a boring list of people, places, events, and dates? Starting with geography and the cultures of the world provides a foundation for chronological history that connects us to God's heart for the peoples of the world, and prepares us to observe God's hand in history. When history has a context, and we have God's heart for people, retention increases, and our role in history becomes exciting!

Study Skills: Memory and Speedreading **Ryan Yamane** Truman Room

All learning is founded on one key: the ability to remember. Unfortunately, most students are never taught how to memorize effectively. Each school year, students spend countless hours studying, only to have the information seemingly disappear when they need it most. In this interactive session, you will learn how to use memory tools such as the "peg" system to greatly increase your memory potential and how these tools can be used in specific areas of academic study.

Hands-On Science for Grades 7-12 **Dr. Durell Dobbins** Pershing Room

Where can I find a technically sound science curriculum that is Creation-based, designed for home-schoolers, that my kids can do on their own? Where can I find labs that include everything and that will fit into our busy schedule? Come and hear about *The Rainbow™* (for junior high) and *The Spectrum™* (for high school)!

BLOCK 2 **FRIDAY 2:45-3:45**

The Purpose of Passion **Dr. Stephen Guffanti** Room A/B

See your child blossom -- create an environment that supports your child's passion. Home schooling offers the unique opportunity to do just this, an opportunity that seldom exists in a classroom environment. Laugh as you learn how to work with your child's passion while avoiding the most common mistakes. You'll be inspired!

Setting Expectations **Barb Akridge** Room C

Are you filled with Great Expectations as you embark upon the adventure of homeschooling? Or does this new chapter of life secretly engulf your heart with fear and misgivings? In either case, unrealistic expectations can trip you up. Let's talk about what really lies ahead. Barb Akridge, homeschool mom of five and 20 year veteran, will share success strategies for your home school drawn from the well of realistic expectations.

Learning Disabilities: A Functional Medicine Approach **Dr. Michael Brown** Room D

This workshop will go over nutritional & lifestyle guidelines for kids who have learning disabilities. A functional or integrative medicine approach emphasizes a more natural medicine approach to treating these children and can be helpful for kids ranging from mild ADD, ADHD, PDD, ASPERGER, LD, DD...all the way up to severely autistic children. The presentation address the following information: What is functional medicine, contributing factors to the increased numbers of children being diagnosed with a behavioral or learning disorder, the role foods, diet, and food allergies can play., the basics of supplementation, importance of essential fatty acids - EPA & DHA, lab testing that might be of benefit, individual nutraceuticals (pharmaceutical-grade supplements) that can be helpful.

Michael D. Brown, N.M.D. is an accredited, licensed naturopathic doctor, integrative medicine specialist, & functional medicine doctor. He received his bachelor's degree from the

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University of Kansas and attended medical school at the prestigious Southwest College of Medicine in Arizona. He utilizes clinical nutrition, dietary intervention, classical homeopathy, botanical medicine, conventional & metabolic lab testing, and bio-identical (natural) hormone replacement therapy in effectively treating a variety of conditions in men, women, and children. More information about Dr. Brown can be found at: www.physicianschoiceks.biz.

Teaching Great Books

Room E

Jim Selby

This presentation will examine the use of the Great Books in teaching critical thinking and application of truth. We will discuss how to teach students to master the skill of reading for meaning in difficult texts, building their skill in following an author's thought or argument through an extended text, and finally developing the ability to reference these thoughts and ideas to current culture as well as ultimately to Scripture. The use of Great Books allows for a method of the application of truth to the authors' culture, to modern culture, to the modern Church, and to one's own personal experience as a Christian is the decoding side of the art of Rhetoric. The Bible continues to be a daily reference for correct and wise judgments.

Jim Selby has a BA from Oral Roberts University in English Literature and New Testament Literature and a M.Div from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He has taught and administered at Whitefield Academy, a classical Christian school in Kansas City, for the last six years. Founder of Classical Composition, he authored a writing curriculum that has experienced tremendous success both in the classroom and in the homeschooling community.

Play That Tune!

Room F

Simply Music

Janita Pavelka

Simply Music is a hands-on approach utilizing all the modalities of learning, natural rhythm and musicality all of us have within us. During the session, we present information on how students can possibly locate a teacher in their area, buy the Learn-At-Home Program or become a Simply Music teacher as a profitable home business. www.simplymusic.com

Janita is an Associate Simply Music teacher and teaches an Australian-developed piano program where students are playing blues, jazz, classical, accompaniment and contemporary pieces from their very first lessons!!

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 4:00-5:00

See It Through!

Ambassador Room

Voddie Baucham

Trials and tribulations assail the homeschool family. Nevertheless this admonition of doing good remains true to the Christian homeschool parent. Is there a better education, discipleship, worldview development opportunity than that which exists

within the four walls of your home? This generation has an opportunity to build the foundation of many godly generations if we will continue in doing good. Perseverance is required, but the reward is excellent.

Raising Pure Daughters in a Generation of Darkness

Lobby/Courtyard

Grace Mally
Chrissy Baskerville

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 father, to avoid the dangers of the world's thinking, and to have a life purpose bigger than marriage. This workshop is taught by two home school graduates, Grace Mally and Chrissy Baskerville. The two of them also serve as staff with Bright Lights, a nationwide discipleship ministry designed to equip young ladies to live fully for the Lord. Today over 200 Bright Lights groups have started around the country. Grace and her siblings co-authored the book, *Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends*. www.brightlights.info

Accelerated Distance Learning

Truman Room

Ryan Yamane

Using the Accelerated Distance Learning methods, Ryan Yamane was able to complete his accredited Bachelor's degree in Business Management in just fourteen months of study and at a cost of less than \$7,000.

Ryan currently serves as CEO of Global Learning Strategies, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing effective and innovative leadership through distance learning. Every year, Ryan has the opportunity to share his expertise and first hand experiences with thousands of parents and students at conventions and seminars across the country.

Christian, Classical Home Education

Pershing Room

Classical Conversations

Throughout American history, how did sixteen year olds successfully teach multiple grades, multiple subjects, while we struggle at home with three students? Learn their secrets in this overview of classical education. We will explain how Classical Conversations can assist parents in this eye-opening endeavor. Our programs consist of Foundations~K - 6th grade, Essentials of the English Language~4th - 6th grade, and six levels in the Challenge programs, which are college prep seminars developed for junior high through high school.

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 4:15-5:15

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Finding Your Family's Learning Style

Nancy Bjorkman

Room A/B

Classical, Traditional, Eclectic, Unschooling – What's your family's style? This workshop will help define several different learning and teaching styles found in homeschool families. Nancy will then help attendees to identify resources and curriculum to fit their family's particular style. Great for the newer homeschooling family.

Nancy began as the ultimate homeschool skeptic, but now, after 16 years teaching her own 4 children she has become the resource and information lady for many and a champion of the cause. She is a certified teacher and has spoken many times at homeschool conventions. She loves practical topics such as meal management, time management, and using games to make learning meaningful. She is pleased to have graduated two of her daughters and has found it exciting to have graduated herself from being mentored to being a mentor for other homeschool families. She and her husband just began a new season in their lives by opening a homeschool resource store and catalog business in Elk River, Minnesota, where encouraging other homeschoolers is now a daily occurrence.

Teaching High School Science

Deb Callow

Room C

"Warning. Warning. Do not try this at home." Has that thought ever crossed your mind? Put your mind at ease. You **can** teach high school science at home. Learn strategies and ask questions from someone whose been there and lived to tell the tale.

Kim and Deb Callow are parents to Cody and Abbey, ages 15 and 12. Deb has taught her children at home and various other interesting places for 10 years.

Protecting Your Special Child's Benefits

Scott Adams

Room D

No matter what the age or disability, parents of children with special needs have many serious questions about how best to provide for their child's future well-being. The most important of these is probably how to prepare for your child to apply for SSI or SSDI, wade through the difficult decision of guardianship or durable powers and to provide for ongoing care after your death. [Scott will educate you on the](#) special types of legal documents, funding options, and many forms of advocacy services available to secure the best possible outcome for your child.

Scott is a financial planner and one of the Founders of the *Special Needs Planning Center*. He is also a parent of five small children, three of whom have special needs. As a financial planner for over 16 years and having earned his CFP and Chartered Financial Consultant designations Scott felt that he had a good handle on what was required in the area of Estate Planning. Upon further reflection he became aware of the scar-

city of information in relation to long term planning for their children. His firm was created out of the need for a comprehensive planning service which would assist families in creating a plan for ensuring *continuity of quality care* for their loved ones.

Teaching Writing Effectively

Jim Selby

Room E

This presentation will examine the success of the Progymnasmata in preparing K-12 students for college level communications, written and oral. We will discuss the most efficient and effective means of taking pre-writers and preparing them for the advanced art of contemporary writing. The scope and sequence of the necessary sub-skill sets are laid out and discussed. This approach has yielded an one hundred percent qualification rate of Whitefield Academy's seniors on both the ACT and SAT essay portions of their college entrance exams verses a national average of fifty percent.

Benefits of Natural Daylight On Learning & Student Performance

Solar Solutions

Room F

This is an enlightening presentation of Recent Behavioral and Learning Studies involving daylight and how it improves the ability to learn, lessens disruptive behavior, causes better-focused students. Also, a presentation of one day lighting solution—Solatube—that's effective, quick, and energy-efficient. There are good, healthy reasons why schools are installing Solatubes.

Sam Kane, President, Solar Solutions of Kansas City, and homeschooling dad.

Notes
