

MPE Conference Workshops

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The Spiritual Power of a Mother

Ambassador Room

Michael Farris

Have you ever wondered how Samuel could remember the prayer of his mother when she sent him off to be trained by Eli? Hannah is just one example of a mother who dramatically impacted the life of her child by her prayer, her protection, her instruction, and her overcoming spirit. These uplifting stories should encourage all parents—but especially mothers—as we sacrifice to homeschool our children.

How to Homeschool

Lobby/Courtyard

Deb Callow & Cindy Wheeler

Find out some of the How to's of homeschooling from two moms with more than 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 16 and 13. She has taught her children at home and other interesting places for 11 years. Cindy Wheeler has been homeschooling for 16 years. She and her husband, Ron, have raised three children, Audrey (21), Byron (19), and Grace (14).

Math Outside the Book - Using Games to Make Math Meaningful

Room 1, Holiday Inn

Nancy Bjorkman, Heppner's

Legacy

This workshop will cover the why's and how's of using games to bring math to life. We'll cover subjects such as curriculum use & scheduling. We'll dive into a highly visual and interactive review of games to use for everything from understanding number basics, getting the facts straight, the base ten system, and the operations.

Nancy began as the ultimate homeschool skeptic, but now after 17 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 at many homeschool conventions. She loves practical topics such as meal management, avoiding burnout, and using games to make learning meaningful. She has seen three of her daughters graduate and has graduated herself from being mentored to being a mentor for other homeschool families.

The Learnables – Foreign Language Courses

Room 2, Holiday Inn

Dr. Harris Winitz

Parents who want their children to learn a foreign language are invited to a session on The Learnables, Foreign Language Courses. Parents do not need to know the foreign language to supervise their children's study and progress. Factors discussed are student

age, parental role, how to use the material, to schedule the material, score tests, and report grade mastery. The Learnables has been used by homeschooling families since 1976. www.learnables.com

Dr. Harris Winitz, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri-Kansas City will explain the differences in the methods of instruction between the U.S. and elsewhere and what methods you might choose for your family.

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Family Mission Statements: Building Yours and Using It to Stay on Target

Bill Ward

Room A/B

Bill will explain what a Family Mission Statement is, why it is important for every family to have, and how families should use their Mission Statement as a guideline for prioritizing activities. This session will also explain how each family can write their own Mission Statement.

Bill Ward and his wife Karen have homeschooled since 1994; two daughters have graduated from high school, and two sons and a daughter are currently being homeschooled. Bill has led parenting and marriage classes in his community, and is currently the leader and host of the Lee's Summit Home Educator's Men's Rally, a monthly men's meeting encouraging dads as leaders of the home. Bill desires to encourage others in using homeschool not just as an educational option, but as a tool to disciple the next generation of God-honoring leaders.

Writing for Everyone!

Elissa Miller, Institute for Excellence in Writing

Room C

When you assign a simple writing assignment do you get groans of “I just can’t, Mom! I don’t know what to write!” Discover a proven method of teaching writing that is easy to teach and fun to learn. We will show you how to teach the very first lesson so you can make writing at home actually fun!

Elissa and her husband Phillip, together with their two children (and a variety of pets!) recently moved to Kansas from coastal Maine. Elissa has been educating the children at home since 2001 and enjoys the opportunity to work closely with them. Her interests include reading, sewing and volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America.

Understanding the Various Learning Disabilities

Sharon Hensley

Room D

In this workshop, we will define the various Learning Disabilities and how they impact learning. More severe learning problems such as slow learning, mental retardation and autism will be touched on as to how these disabilities differ from Learning Disabilities.

Combining Classical Education, Charlotte Mason, and Unit Studies with a Christian Perspective

Lucy Robertson, My Father's World

Room E

The myriad of homeschool choices can be overwhelming like 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? Join My Father's World as we show how to 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.

Lucy Robertson and her husband, Lee, have been home schooling their two children for the past 12 years. She has a BA in Elementary Education and has taught classes for home schooled students and in public schools. During the past five years Lucy has worked with My Father's World as a convention consultant, board moderator, and speaker. She now serves full time on their staff.

**Johnson County Community College
Longview Community College**

Room F

**Dave Ellis
Rebecca Burroughs**

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.

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.

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

13 Going on Dirty: Five Things Every Mom Needs To Know About Her Sons (Moms Only!)

Rebecca Ingram Powell

Ambassador Room

Boys are different, Mom! Our sexually permissive culture is already sending your son signals that real manhood equals an aggressive thirst for power and a lustful hunger for promiscuity. How do you whet your son's appetite for Christ alone? Join Rebecca to learn the secrets every mother needs to know about raising a godly son.

How to Teach Your Children to Follow Instructions

Debbie Bryan, National Center for Biblical Parenting

Lobby/Courtyard

All parents want cooperation but many find it difficult to teach. Most parents give instructions over a hundred times a day. In this session you will examine the Instruction Routine in your home. Replace whining, arguing, and yelling routines with a five-step approach that teaches cooperation and responsibility to children for the longterm. Giving instruction will never be the same.

Debbie Bryan is a presenter for the National Center for Biblical Parenting. She has a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Randy, have four children, and have a passion to help parents. As a pastor's wife, Debbie's life has been filled with opportunities to work with children and education.

After High School: Heaven or Hell?

Todd Kangas

Room 1, Holiday Inn

Todd Kangas, President of MPE, homeschooling father for 24 years with 8 children, and 4 graduates to this point. He will describe the alarming situation research points to about high school graduates and their faith journey. Current research indicates up to 9 out of 10 Christian students turn away from the faith. What causes this? What types of solutions can be implemented to reverse this trend? Todd will share proven Biblical concepts supported by research that will increase the likelihood of this testimony, "I have no greater joy than this but to see my children walking in the truth." 3 John 4.

Homeschool Co-ops: A Primer

Altona Duston

Room 2, Holiday Inn

This workshop will present an overview of what a homeschool co-op is and what to expect from one. It will cover how to identify your needs from a co-op experience and how to best match your needs with an existing co-op. It will then present some basics on how to start a homeschool co-op as well as how to avoid some common pitfalls and failed expectations in your co-op experience, whether you choose from an existing co-op or starting from scratch.

Altona Duston is a homeschool mom of five. She's been a Northland resident for twenty one years. Currently on the board of Clay-Platte Home Educators, she also serves on the Eagles' Wings co-op committee. Through the years her family has been involved in seven co-ops, learning lessons along the way.

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

The Foundational Five: Bible Stories, Fairy Tales, Mother Goose, Aesop's Fables & Mythology

Jan Bloom

Room A/B

David and his five smooth stones, Cinderella and her glass slipper, Mary and her lamb, the tortoise and the hare, and dynamite are only a few examples of how these five collections of tales have influenced our literature, our language, and our lives. Learning the prime stories gathered in these sources equips your students to enjoy a lifetime of reading and getting the most out of the allusions, metaphors, and subtle remarks that were mined from these great classics.

A Proverbs 31 Daughter

Amanda Adkins

Room C

Proverbs 31 Daughter provides encouragement for daughters as they grow and prepare for their future. This book shows us how we should have submission, kindness, respect, consideration, love, purity, and servitude as daughters. Striving to be a godly daughter now will help us be a godly wife later. This takes time and effort and in a world that screams me, me, me this book portrays the selfless attitude we should have as servants of a most holy God.

Amanda Adkins is a 23 year old who graduated from Ozark Christian College with an Associates in Church Music. She is currently working at a music store and teaching piano. Amanda was homeschooled for seven years and wrote a devotional for girls during high school. She loves to travel and speak to girls about all that we can learn from becoming like this woman that we find in Proverbs 31.

Nutrition and Bread Making for Homeschooling Families

Paula Sutton, Paula's Bread

Room D

Learn fast, easy ways to nutritionally feed your family and save money while you do! Paula Sutton, home school mom of 23 years, from Oklahoma. Robert and Paula have nine children. She has been teaching classes and helping families with ways to economically and nutritionally feed their families for the past 25 years.

Teenage Math – What to Teach and How to Teach It

Tom Clark

Room E

Are you struggling with teaching math to your teenagers? Do the words "ALGEBRA" and "GEOMETRY" strike fear in the hearts of your homeschool family? In this workshop, Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive, and author of "Algebra: A Complete Course", and "Geometry: A Complete Course", will explore with you, sometimes humorously, the reasons that instruction can be difficult and will then get serious about WHY teenagers need higher level math. If you or your students have ever asked, "When are we going to use this Algebra stuff?", then this workshop is for you!

Thomas Clark is a life-long teacher of Mathematics and Science with more than 30 years of classroom experience. He worked for the Indianapolis Public Schools as 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. 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.

Preparation for College Admission

Barb Bruns

Room F

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. She has been there for 11 years; serving college bound students and their parents. Prior to her position at STA, she worked at Park Hill High School from 1987-1998 where she was the counselor for the gifted students and Department Chair. 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 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. Mrs. Bruns has two daughters, one who graduated from Kansas State in May 2007 with a degree in finance who currently works as a business analyst for Deloitte and a second daughter who is currently a freshman at KSU majoring in Public Relations and Mass Communications.

LUNCH 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Wonder Years or Thunder Years: Reaching the Heart of Your Middle Schooler

Rebecca Ingram Powell

Ambassador Room

The middle school years are a time of great transition, for you and for your child. Sharing candidly about choices, friendships, and the American culture, Rebecca reveals the five dangers lurking on the 'tween scene. She advises moms and dads to combat these dangers by building the remaining years of parenting on a foundation of these forgotten virtues--reverence, modesty, charity, meekness, and fidelity of heart.

A Tale of Five Courtships

Lobby/Courtyard

Dr. Jeffrey Klick

This workshop will provide real life answers to questions about courtship and dating based on actual experiences. Does courtship work? Can someone actually find a spouse without dating? Isn't courtship just another name for dating? What age should my child be before we consider this? What qualifications should I be looking for in a potential mate for my children? What role do parents play in the process? These questions, and many others will be addressed with a mixture of humor and a strong dose of reality...

Dr. Jeffrey A Klick has been married almost 34 years and in full-time ministry over 27 years, and pastors Hope Family Fellowship, a family-integrated church which he started in 1993. Dr. Klick has three married children (ages 32, 30, and 28) that were all home educated and practiced courtship. Dr. Klick has seven grandchildren, the two eldest are being home educated with the help of grandma. Dr. Klick has a doctorate in biblical studies and is near completion on a PhD in pastoral ministry. He recently published a new book entitled, *Courage to Flee* that explains how to live a moral life in an immoral world.

Teaching Multiple Grades

Room 1, Holiday Inn

Liza Linhardt

Rick and Liza Linhardt have been married for 32 years and have 9 children. They have been homeschooling for the past 20 years, 18 of which have been multiple grades. "Homeschooling 6 different children at 6 different grades for multiple years was a challenge we thought the Lord was crazy in giving us," the Linhardts say, "but the Lord came through for us and is still doing so." Come and listen to Liza as she tells of their experiences, both good and "learning", and shares the tools the Lord has given them over the years; learning from Him, using children to chickens, and how the Lord has taught all of them to walk by His side.

Missouri Law and Families for Home Education

Room 2, Holiday Inn

Kim Bowlin, FHE

Families for Home Education has been actively protecting the rights of parents in Missouri to home educate their children for 26 years. FHE was instrumental in forming the current Missouri laws regarding home education. We will learn about this valuable organization and discuss the three parts of Missouri home school law. You will leave with information about how to properly follow the law in your home and how to be more involved in protecting your freedom to homeschool your children.

Kim Bowlin and husband, Andy, have been homeschooling for ten years. Their oldest son graduated in 2006 and their twin 12-year old sons are currently in 5th grade. Andy and Kim have been on the FHE board since 2006 where they currently serve as Region 3 Assistant Directors. Kim is the statewide contact for parents home educating children with special needs. She is also the coordinator of Homeschooling Kids Who Can, a support group for parents of children with special needs. Andy and Kim have been

married for 20 years and live Holden, MO. They work together to lead the infant-preschool area and teach 2-3 year olds in Sunday school at New Liberty Baptist Church.

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

10 Things You Need to Teach Your Son before He Graduates

Todd Wilson

Room A/B

In a homeschooling world of unlimited options and choices, homeschooling can be overwhelming. Should I cover advanced algebra, ancient history, quantum mechanics, or insist on violin lessons? The truth is, you have limited time and can't cover it all. BUT there are 10 things that you should instill in your sons before they graduate to assure them future success in their adult years. Laugh along with Todd as he cuts away the tall weeds and steers you down the path to what matters most.

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 recent guest on *Focus on the Family*. Todd and his wife Debbie, along with their seven 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. www.familymanweb.com

Johnson County Community College High School Outreach Programs

Prof. Jerry Magliano

Room C

During this workshop, you will learn about several early college programs offered by Johnson County Community College for high school juniors and seniors. The Quickstep program enables high school students to take college transfer classes at JCCC either on-site or by distance learning. The Career Pathways program is designed to give high school students a head start on career/vocational course work in disciplines such as nursing, information technology, culinary arts, engineering technology and communication design to name a few. Information will also be provided about the proposed JCCC Academy for Math, Science and Computing.

Jerry Magliano is a Professor in the Computing Sciences & Information Technology Program at Johnson County Community College. Jerry holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering Degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree. After serving a 20 year career as a Marine Corps Officer, he became Director of the MBA Program at Rockhurst University from 1984 to 1988. In 1988, he was hired by Johnson County Community College and served in a variety of administrative positions including Assistant Dean for Business, Technology and Computer Instruction. In 1996, Jerry moved from administration to full time faculty status and has taught a variety of programming and personal computer application courses. More recently, he and a neighbor convinced the Kansas Legislature and Kansas Board of Regents to establish a resident math and science academy for high school juniors and seniors. The first class at

the Kansas Academy of Math and Science(KAMS) will be convened at Fort Hays State University in the Fall of 2009.

Tackling the Issues: Emotions and Expectations

Sharon Hensley

Room D

Becoming an effective teacher requires more than just knowing how to teach reading and math. It also means that we have to work through the emotions and expectations that can hinder our effectiveness and undermine our peace of mind. We will discuss how to confront negative emotions and set realistic expectations for ourselves and our children.

Gather 'Round Children: Read Alouds for Dads and Kids

Gary Bloom

Room E

Read Alouds for Dads and Kids - Supper has been eaten, the dishes are washed, pajamas are on, and the BEST time of the day is here story time! Join Gary, who read to his children faithfully for years, as he explores how a father can build a special relationship with his children through time spent reading aloud together. Guidelines and suggestions will be offered that will get even a non-reader dad off to a great start.

Keep Your Focus on the Three R's: Respect, Responsibility, and Reverence

Judy Logan

Room F

Judy Logan will be sharing motivational strategies which will produce enthusiastic learning. Using Biblical principles, she will introduce you to a foundation that will result in maximizing your effectiveness in helping your children reach their potential. This session is designed to encourage, enlighten and inspire homeschoolers on any level.

Judy Logan attended Moody Bible Institute and is a graduate of Calvary Bible College with a B.S. degree in Secondary Education. In addition to home schooling her own children, she has taught at Kansas City Christian School, Shawnee Mission Christian, Southland Academy and Wednesday Workshop and currently teaches at Brighton Academy. She has also worked in the insurance industry where she had opportunities involving teaching, managing and public speaking. She has conducted workshops at educational conferences, written several curriculums and served as a judge at the state level public speaking competition. Her passion is teaching and she is motivated and driven by love for her students and the growth and development that she has had the privilege of witnessing throughout her many years of teaching.

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

How to Date Your Kids: Creating Special Moments for Holding Your Child's Heart **Rebecca Ingram Powell**

Ambassador Room

No matter what the size of your family, each child needs special one-on-one time with each of his parents. How are you going to manage that when you scarcely get a date with your spouse? Where do you go to get more hours in your day? And what do you mean by "date"? Join Rebecca to learn how to make individual quality time with your kids a priority. You'll discover the keys to grabbing hold of the opportunities God provides and establishing stronger life connections with the hearts you're blessed to hold.

What is Critical Thinking, and Can Anyone Do It?

Tom Clark

Lobby/Courtyard

Are your students learning passively, or are they involved in concept development? Are they figuring things out for themselves, or are they just learning tricks and shortcuts? Come brainstorm with Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive, and author of "Algebra: A Complete Course", and "Geometry: A Complete Course", as he humorously explores with you, the reasons instruction can be difficult, developing along the way, a list of benchmark signals, and strategies which will help students "think" critically and analytically.

Bio: See Above

Preparing Sons for Life: the Mom's Part

Shirley Solis, Lifetime Books

Room 1, Holiday Inn

Historically, men of God comment that their greatest influence for loving God came from their mothers. What are we doing to make our sons better husbands, fathers and men of God? If you are blessed with a son and want to vibrantly raise him up for the Lord, you must come to this workshop. He (and He) is counting on you!

Gus and Shirley Solis have been married since 1993. They have five children and are based in Homestead, Florida. Each year, they travel the country for six months, catering to the needs of homeschooling families as they share their hearts on life and educational issues. With her delightful, upbeat personality and her convicting message, she shares her life experiences while inspiring and encouraging the Body of Christ to fulfill their God-given purpose.

The Best Science, Now at the Best Price

Dr. Durell Dobbins, Beginnings

Room 2, Holiday Inn

Whether a tight budget is your priority or whether you are on the market for a full science experience, either way you can now you can get the best science education from Beginnings Publishing House. For over 10 years Beginnings has offered award-winning science courses for home schoolers. Don't miss this exciting unveiling of the new, best value in home school science! You can minimize the cost of doing science at home while

getting the same top quality, award-winning curriculum. Beginnings Publishing House—we are the “Rainbow Science” people.

Dr. Durell Dobbins is the President of Beginnings Publishing House, Inc., the makers of award-winning science curricula including The Rainbow science for junior high students. Dr. Dobbins holds B.S. degrees in Biology and Chemistry from the University of North Alabama, an M.S. in Environmental Microbiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and a Ph.D. in Microbial Ecology from the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has published scientific research articles in respected journals, including a well-publicized critical review in his area of expertise. In his career as an environmental scientist, he has aided in the clean-up of hundreds of contaminated sites and overseen research and development of new environmental technologies. Dr. Dobbins has been a Christian for nearly 40 years, has a wife of 25 years and 5 children who were all homeschooled since birth. He has taught kids about Christian perspectives of modern theories, and has taught children’s Bible classes since he was 16 years old. He speaks authoritatively on sensitive subjects where science meets the Faith.

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Help! I’m Failing! Hope for the Faint of Heart

Jan Bloom

Jan, a veteran homeschooler, uncovers and discusses many of the misconceptions, unrealistic expectations, and problems that make homeschooling difficult. Her message addresses prevention and positive steps for the new homeschooling mom and hope, help, and healing for the veteran homeschooler.

Let’s Get Excited about Teaching Math!

Kathy Roggow

Room C

What skills should I teach my children? When should I teach those skills? Will my kids really use any of this? What if I don't like math myself? What is the best math curriculum? If you have asked yourself any of these questions, this workshop is for you. Kathy Roggow's enthusiasm for math is obvious and her ideas may be the boost you need in your home school. Kathy and her husband have three adult children they home schooled K-12. (It can be done.) She has a degree in math and education and still does some tutoring.

Protecting Your Special Child with Special Needs, Protecting their Benefits

Scott Adams

Room D

Do you understand Social Security benefit regulations or what Special Needs Trusts are for? Does your loved one have a blue print to help the next caregiver when you are gone. At age 18 what are your child’s health insurance options and will guardianship be necessary? Why do the benefits for your child change when you retire? If you are like most parents it is difficult at best to obtain accurate answers to these questions. During

our workshop we will answer these questions and help you better understand what it means to plan for the security and well being of our children with special needs. Presenter Scott Adams, CFP is the Co-Founder of the Special Needs Planning Center, a home school father and a parent of three children with Special Needs

Occupying Toddlers and Preschoolers while Teaching Others

Lucy Robertson, My Father's World

Room E

Our children are precious gifts from the Lord but sometimes they can interfere with our human plans. These little ones seem to seek attention at the wrong time. What can we do at these times to creatively involve them in the learning process? My Father's World shares many suggestions on how to educate and occupy little ones.

Bio: See above.

Comprehensive College Planning

Steph Hart

Room F

Home schooled students often bring unique learning experiences and educational opportunities to the college search and selection process that students in the traditional high school setting are not able to present. The challenge lies in effectively communicating academic accomplishments, developed talents, and collegiate potential to the admission representatives reviewing the application file. This session will focus on the critical components that are essential to constructing a successful college search and selection process including finding the best fit colleges/universities at which to apply for admission, seeking top-notch letters of recommendation, crafting the student resume, and composing a compelling application essay.

Steph is the only child of a single parent who did not attend college. Consequently, she strives to encourage students to enjoy the college selection experience, even under pressure to make what may well be the biggest decision of their lives so far.

She received both a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Criminal Justice, then went on to earn a Master's in Public Administration and Policy Analysis from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, while working full-time for three years as an admission representative for the university. She is currently College Counselor and Guidance Department Chair at Saint Teresa's Academy. She possesses true zeal for guiding students and their families through the experience of profound self-exploration, requisite growth, and development of effective decision making that is inherent in a successful college search process. As an independent college consultant, she is able to dedicate more quality time, as well as a personal approach, adapted to the specific needs of each student and family.

BLOCK 1

FRIDAY 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

From Tyndale to Madison: The Battle for the Bible and the Foundation of American Liberty

Ambassador Room

Michael Farris

How the battle in England to publish God's Word in the English language began a struggle for freedom that would impact the U.S. Bill of Rights.

How to End Every Discipline Time with a Positive Conclusion

Debbie Bryan, National Center for Biblical Parenting

Lobby/Courtyard

Parents often think their job is done after they've given a consequence. Unfortunately tension often lingers in the relationship. Furthermore, many children don't seem to make the connection between correction and life. Learning how to end the discipline time constructively can make all the difference. Walk away from this seminar with a plan to move correction from the head to the heart. This session will give you a plan for helping the child who blames, rationalizes, or justifies. Come see ways God includes hope in the discipline process.

Bio: See above

Classical Christian Education

Room 1, Holiday Inn

Susan Reilly, Classical Conversations

Classical Conversations, an education services company, that supports home schooling families, invites you to learn more about how Laura Ingalls Wilder and other one-room schoolhouse teachers used the classical method of learning to teach children of all different ages from the same material at the same time. We have three flagship programs: our Foundations Program for k-6th grade which focuses on the grammar stage method of learning; the Essentials Program, which is a language arts program geared towards 3rd through 6th graders who are moving into the dialectic stage; and our Challenge level programs, which are Christian, classical, college-prep programs, for junior and high school aged children utilizing dialectic and rhetorical skills.

Classical Conversations exists to aid parents in their pursuit of a home school, classical education in an environment where the purpose of the education is to know God and make Him known. Additional services besides the Foundations, Essentials, and Challenge Programs include book sales, standardized testing, certification services, academic intensives, and Parent Practicums. For more information, please feel to contact... Susan Reilly at sreilly@classicalconversations.com

Homeschooling in the Northland

Room 2, Holiday Inn

Altona Duston, CPHE

Whether you're new to the area, or new to homeschooling, this workshop is for you!

Come and join us in this informal, roundtable workshop that is designed to answer your questions about homeschooling in the Northland. We'll discuss Clay-Platte Home Educators, the oldest homeschool support group in the northland, what it has to offer you; we'll also cover homeschooling in general; special events; and points of interest in the northland.

Bio: See above

BLOCK 2

FRIDAY 4:15 – 5: 15 p.m.

10 Things You Need to Teach Your Daughter Before She Graduates

Todd Wilson

Room A/B

You read the description for 10 Things You Need to Teach Your Son Before He Graduates, and the 10 things to teach your daughter are a little different...but just as important.

Homeschooling Through High School: Getting it All Done

Deana Haines

Room C

The Haines graduated all four of their children from high school, at home. Deana is also teaching four other children at this time that are unrelated to her. She will share how to gradually place more responsibility on the student, while you nurture and train your child to become responsible adults. At the same time, using a flexible schedule so that each child is able to acquire the type of high school education that equips them for college and/or the world of work and family.

Planning Appropriate, Realistic and Consistent Programs

Sharon Hensley

Room D

Before we start picking curriculum, we need to understand the basics of a successful special needs program. This workshop will help you set yourself up for success by starting with an appropriate and realistic plan that fits the needs of your child and your household.

Dads and Lads: Building Lasting Bonds (for Dads)

Gary Bloom

Room E

Homeschooling is not just a mom thing - dads are a vital component in developing sons who love life and honor God and their families. Join Gary, a veteran homeschool dad, as he explores ideas, activities, and strategies for the dad who wants to build lasting relationships with his sons that build family unity and provide the framework for godly manhood.

Nutrition 101: Choose Life!
Room F

Karen Hopkins, Healthy Homes

"Because mom said so!" should be reason enough for our children to make healthy food choices, but, unfortunately, in our fast food culture, that reasoning often doesn't stick for a lifetime of healthy choices. Learn about a fun and exciting way to teach your family all the "why's" of what God designed for us to eat and create a legacy of abundant health for your family.

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.