

MPE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SATURDAY

BLOCK 1

SATURDAY 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The Homeschooling Father
Ambassador Room

Michael Farris

Even busy executives with 10 children like Mike Farris can and should take part in homeschooling—not just in teaching, but in supporting their wives.

Cradle to Grade: Preparing Your Children to Love Reading
Lobby/Courtyard

Jan Bloom

Booklovers become worldchangers, but they are grown, not born. Jan, a booklover and veteran homeschooler, will give advice to help parents of young children develop strategies and lifestyles that will "till the soil" and prepare a child's mind for the hard, but joyful, work of learning from books. Caution: Do not come if you are not ready to give up or considerably cut down on TV and computer time...

Math Card Game Thrills Vs. Math Drills
Room 1, Holiday Inn

Lana Held, Right Start Math

Games are to math as books are to reading. Learning math facts with drill is like learning to read with flash cards. Learn some math card games that teach facts, skills, and understanding. Players of various abilities can play together. Join us in this session for some thrills as we play addition, multiplication, and fraction games. Lana Held is Conventions Coordinator for RightStart™ Mathematics by Activities for Learning. Their Mission: To help children understand, apply, and enjoy mathematics

How to Learn a Foreign Language
Room 2, Holiday Inn

Dr. Harris Winitz

Over a million students from foreign countries take advanced courses at American universities in the humanities, the physical and health sciences, and many other areas. Why are American students unable to learn to speak a foreign language after taking four years of high school and college courses? Why are they unable to enroll in foreign universities? The answer: the methods of instruction that are used in the United States do not work.

Bio: See above

for you. This session will cover Dad's role with sons and daughters and making decisions on the classes you feel you are not equipped to teach. Information will also be shared about the extracurricular activities and volunteer work that can fit right into your schedule.

Curt and Kathy have homeschooled their three children and desire to encourage and challenge parents who want to home educate their children through high school with practical advice based on personal experiences.

The Family Fitness Challenge

Kevin Boggs, Juice Plus

Room F

Join us for a fascinating look at the latest research on weight management, fitness, anti-aging, nutrition for athletes, and cardiovascular health. It is NEVER too early or too late to start building a healthy body. Kevin Boggs became concerned about health after seeing family members suffer from osteoporosis, stroke, heart disease, cancer, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. With very athletic children and a busy lifestyle, he discovered the role nutrition plays in wellness and fitness. Kevin has worked with medical professionals, spoken at health fairs, and the Stroke Foundation in conjunction with Juice Plus for 9 years.

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SATURDAY 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The Return of Mr. Incredible: Becoming Men of Purpose and Passion (For Dads)

Gary Bloom

Ambassador Room

Dads, when was the last time you felt like Mr. Incredible BEFORE he was squelched and banned by a society that prohibited masculinity? When was the last time you climbed a mountain, went sky diving, or experienced God's power in prayer? Join Gary, an only son with 5 sisters, left fatherless at age 14, as he explores the Bible's teaching on being a man. Discover how masculinity is not something to be ignored or ashamed of, but a tool to be kept sharp or a weapon kept ready to be used in the battles of life. The same passion that men have for challenges and battles is only a dim reflection of the passion for God that grows out of being a true man. KOWABUNGA!

Taming the Techno-Gadgetry Beast: Parenting in the Internet Age

Todd Wilson

Lobby/Courtyard

X-Boxes, Game-Cubes, the INTERNET, ipods, and iphones are sweeping away our children. Some started out as educational tools but something has changed. Children quietly glued to game monitors for hours have replaced laughter and creativity. They beg to play, whine when they can't, and even lie about the time they've spent on "the gadget". And we haven't even begun to mention the constant and unmonitored access to the INTERNET, Text Messages, Facebook, and MySpace. Do you feel like you've lost

control in your own home? Does the chill down your spine tell you that something is terribly wrong? Do you feel like a beast has invaded your home but you don't know how to handle it? If so, then join me as we discuss battling the video game beast (and all its techno-gadgetry allies)

Hands-On Kindergarten and First Grade Lucy Robertson, My Father's World
Room 1, Holiday Inn

Overwhelmed? Try our easy-to-teach complete curriculum that incorporates phonics, reading, writing, art, Bible, hands-on science, math, history and more. Incorporate preschoolers and older kids in many of the interesting activities. My Father's World shows how easy-to-teach yet flexible lessons plans eliminate preparation time without sacrificing the FUN.

Bio: See above

Learning Naturally: An Insight into Charlotte Mason Education
Shirley Solis, Lifetime Books

Room 2, Holiday Inn

Inspire your children to learn naturally by introducing them to great classic literature, a love of nature, and an appreciation for music and art. A "how to" workshop based on the teachings of homeschooling pioneer, teacher, and philosopher, Charlotte Mason.

Bio: See above

BLOCK 2
SATURDAY 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

How to Correct Children with an Eye on the Heart
Debbie Bryan, National Center for Biblical Parenting

Room A/B

It's hard sometimes to know when and how to correct a child when you know the heart is in the wrong place. Bad attitudes, angry outbursts, disrespect, and meanness are just a few of the heart-issues that need to be addressed. A heart problem requires a heart-based approach to correction. This practical session will give you hands on ways to correct your child that address the heart.

Bio: See above

Stocking the Freezer with Breads, Grains, and Easy Meal Kits
Lori Viets, BreadClass.com

Room C

Are you overwhelmed by the task of coming up with not just one, but THREE healthy meals for your family each day? Learn the S.A.N.E. system to create a "freezer pantry" stocked with complete meals and/or handy meal-starter kits. Whether you struggle mainly with breakfasts, lunches, or dinners (or even all three!), you'll gain practical ideas and tips for pre-assembling and correctly packaging "get-real" foods that are both kid-friendly to

taste, and mom-friendly to prepare. The bonus: many of these include a variety of whole grains that will help you to stretch your grocery budget, cut calories, and improve your health! During the workshop, you'll be led through all the necessary decisions to complete a customized action plan for your family, so you can be confident in knowing exactly how to accomplish your goal once you get home.

Lori Viets has been speaking and teaching classes at schools, libraries, churches, and corporations in the Kansas City area since 1998, and is the author of *No More Bricks! Successful Whole Grain Bread Made Quick & Easy*. She is now in her 10th year of homeschooling.

Choosing and Modifying Curriculum
Room D

Sharon Hensley

This workshop will focus on the differences between remedial and compensation approaches to teaching as well as how to choose and/or modify curriculum to meet the needs of each struggling learner. There will be many opportunities to ask questions about your specific concerns.

Cartoon/Art Camps
Room F

Ron and Audrey Wheeler

Professional cartoonist, Ron Wheeler, and his daughter, Audrey, will be leading several week-long cartoon and art camps through the month of June 2009 for various age groups. Students will gain hands-on creative experience with individual instruction. In Ron's Cartoon Camp students will learn how to add emotion and personality to their drawings as well as get to try the latest technology. In Audrey's Art Camp they will also be working with clay, etching, and crafting paper as well as learn from the biographies of famous artists. To learn more go to <http://CartoonWorks.com> and click on the Cartoon Camp graphic or contact Ron Wheeler at ron@cartoonworks.com.

Ron Wheeler has been drawing cartoons professionally full time since 1980. His call before the Lord is to create cartoons to be a communication vehicle for spreading God's truths. The Lord has blessed Ron with the opportunity to serve Him in this capacity with evangelical ministries and publishing companies all over the globe. See samples of his work at <http://CartoonWorks.com>.

Audrey Wheeler is an art education student at Missouri Southern State University and is a member of their Honor's Program. She has also considerable experience working with young people as a Parliamentary Debate teacher and in youth ministry as a Summer Staff worker at Colonial Presbyterian Church.

BLOCK 1
SATURDAY 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

13 Going on Flirty: Five Things Every Dad Needs to Know about His Daughter (Dads Only)
Ambassador Room

Pastor Rich Powell

When Daddy's little girl starts looking like a woman, she feels awkward and he does too! During this critical time, however, dads can't pull away. Your daughter needs your affection, encouragement, and guidance now more than ever! Pastor Rich Powell will encourage dads to be the man their daughter needs during her teen years.

Creating Capacity: Preparing Your Children to Love Life

Jan Bloom

Lobby/Courtyard

Imagine winning a prize from your favorite store in which as much as you can carry out of the store is yours - you choose the container to fill. Would you choose a sandwich-sized bag? A copy paper box? A shopping cart? A U-Haul? Jan will discuss how to help our children develop the sturdiest and largest containers so that their prize winning trip through life is all it can be.

Parents and Classrooms – The University Model School

Jim Hutchison, Christ Preparatory Academy

Room 1, Holiday Inn

The University Model of education combines in home parent education with expert classroom instruction for a synergistic benefit to education. The results have been remarkable including extremely high SAT and ACT scores, national recognition in sports and performing arts, and dramatic increases in college scholarships. Come hear how this unique opportunity might benefit your family today.

Jim Hutchison, M.Ed., is the former principal and co-founder of Christ Preparatory.

The Vision Vs. The Reality

Panel

Room 2, Holiday Inn

Sound doctrine. Spiritual support. Housing arrangements. Academics. Reputation. Cost. Curriculum. Location. Student-teacher ratio. Career networking potential. The speakers in this session will discuss how these and other factors affected their families' college decisions. They will also share things they did (or wish they had done) to prepare their children for college.

Harvey and Carol Amos have been homeschooling their children since 1989. Their daughter Amy is married, has worked as an RN, and now is expecting her first child. Amy plans to be a stay-at-home mom. Their oldest son, Jeffrey, will be completing a Master's degree in Mathematics at Rutgers this May and has a position with the government. Their son Patrick is married and will complete a Master's degree in Accounting at K-State this July. He has a position with an accounting firm beginning this summer. Harvey and Carol have another daughter, Janice, who is in 10th grade, and another son, Benjamin, who is in 3rd grade.

Gary Gallimore and Karen Allison began homeschooling in 1983. Their sons attended Kansas State University, both majoring in Agricultural Economics with minors in Political Science and Leadership Studies. Their oldest son, Bobby, is the research attorney for the chief judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals. Andy is an internal auditor for Kansas City Southern Railway. Molly, their daughter, graduated with MPE in 2008 and is studying for a career in event planning with an emphasis on children's ministry through the arts.

BLOCK 2

SATURDAY 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

How Do You Get It All Done?: Organization and Time Management in the Homeschool Setting

Deana Haines

Room A/B

Deana Haines is an experienced homeschool mother of four, grandmother, and state homeschool leader. She will share how she managed to run a home business while educating all of her children at home, and serve as a home school leader in her state. She will use humor and personal anecdotes, as she explains how to keep all the plates spinning and still have flexibility in your home.

Bio: see above

Using Art to Reinforce Core Subjects for Visual and Kinesthetic Learners

Sharon Jeffus, Visual Manna

Room C

This workshop teaches parents how to incorporate art into their curriculum. It shows parents how to combine science and art and encourage creativity and invention and how to combine art with creative writing. It gives art projects that reinforce math principles and shows art projects from around the world reinforcing geography. It explains how looking at master art work helps students do better in their core subjects. It also shows the technology available to students such as SCRATCH developed by MIT (a free program that allows students to create animations) and explains how parents can utilize these resources.

Sharon Jeffus is a fine artist, art instructor, and writer living in Salem, MO. Sharon graduated from John Brown University with a B.S.S.E. in art education. She studied painting under Laurie at the Metropolitan in Denver, Colorado. She also studied sculpting at Southern Illinois University. She has written over 20 books on art education, and teaching art in the trifold method of appreciation, technique and vocabulary of the arts. Her books also teach using art to reinforce core subjects. Visual Manna is dedicated to teaching young people in the arts, and to put forth a positive message in a very sometimes negative world. Her website is visualmanna.com.

Working with Resistant and Reluctant Learners

Sharon Hensley

Room D

No matter how great the programs we put together are, some of our children will still resist our efforts. This can be very frustrating and discouraging. In this workshop we will “bust some myths” of home schooling and encourage each other to persevere despite the resistant behaviors we may encounter along the way.

Homeschooling Online with Christian Legacy Academy

Dr. Julie Hefley

Room E

Christian Legacy Academy is your home schooling partner. In this session, you will have fun experiencing first-hand the online video, computer animation, computer gaming, and traditional teaching strategies used at Christian Legacy Academy. Because we are an online school, students thrive in an environment where education is self-paced, flexible, convenient, and Christian! Each student has a customized Educational Plan based on preferences and abilities. Because we are online, we are open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week to fit into your family's schedule! Because we are a private, Christian School, Bible is a required course and Christian values are taught in all subjects. Our faculty members are fully certified, our school is fully accredited, and high school diplomas are conferred to students who successfully complete the required educational units.

Dr. Julie Hefley, President of Christian Legacy Academy, has over 20 years of experience in education as a classroom teacher, online teacher, and administrator. In addition to have founded Christian Legacy Academy, she also founded Crown of Jewels Ministries, a ministry of contemporary Christian music.

Teaching High School Science
Room F

Deb Callow

"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.

Bio: See above

BLOCK 1
SATURDAY 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Family Discipleship
Ambassador Room

Ron Wheeler

Small group ministry has made tremendous headway in the area of Christian discipleship over the last few decades. Consider for a moment, what is the most effective small group? It is the family. It is in the family that God wants us to experience true discipleship. Come hear homeschool dad Ron Wheeler discuss how to center your family around the Word of God.

Ron and Cindy have homeschooled their 3 children for their entire education. They attend Colonial Presbyterian Church, where Ron has served as both Evangelism Elder and Chairman of the Deacon Board, and frequently teaches adult Sunday School. Ron and Cindy share a common passion for family discipleship and have attended numerous parent training conferences. Ron is a cartoonist by profession, and has published numerous cartoon books and clip art materials.

The Idiot's Guide to Building Bookcases – A How-To Workshop
Lobby/Courtyard

Gary Bloom

With only a few power tools and some lumber you can get those books out of boxes and onto shelves shelves that you will be able to put together quickly and easily after

attending this workshop for moms and dads. Gary, who has built dozens of these bookcases, will demonstrate step by step how to build a functional, practical, inexpensive, and good looking bookcase.

Monologues and Beyond: Student Presentations That Are Entertaining and Adventurous
Candy Matheny, TRISMS

Room 1, Holiday Inn

From book reports, to monologue, to semester projects, to full blown "in Character" parties, we will show teachers how to enhance and encourage their student's learning experience. Improve your student's public speaking and research skills. Also challenge their thinking, planning, and over all confidence in knowing their "subject". Ben, a homeschool junior will be presenting his Monologue for this year's "in Character" 1920's party.

Candy Matheny is a homeschool mom of 4 with 20 years homeschooling experience, two college graduates, one child in college and one high school junior. Candy is currently Administrator of Tulsa Academic Cooperative- a cooperative for upper level math, science, writing, history and humanities, and has actively taught History and Humanities in the co-op for five years.

Language Arts – An Exciting, Integrated Approach

Rosanna Barr, Total Language Plus

Room 2, Holiday Inn

How complicated does Language Arts have to be? Is there a fun, yet effective way? We say yes! Let us show you an exciting, easy-to-use, literature-based approach to teaching language arts. Reading comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, grammar and writing all included! All taught from a Christian perspective with critical thinking as a key element. Grades 3-12.

BLOCK 2

SATURDAY 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Seven Categories of Consequences to Motivate Heart Change

Debbie Bryan, National Center for Biblical Parenting

Room A/B

Parents are always on the lookout for consequences. These seven categories of consequences give them plenty of ideas for correction. But the most important part of this talk is how to use those consequences to help motivate heart change in children. It's not enough to simply use behavior modification. Heart change is a completely different way to think about your kids.

Bio: See above.

Writing for Everyone!
Room C

Elissa Miller, Institute for Excellence in Writing

See yesterday's session, Block 2, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Brain Power: Food for Thought
Room D

Karen Hopkins, Healthy Homes

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.

Bio: see above

Classical Education: Back to the Beginning, Education at Its Best **Susan Reilly**
Room E

What methods of learning do we all hold in common? How can we use that knowledge to educate our children? Come learn about how our brains grow and develop and how we can structure our teaching to match the brain's development. It's no big secret. Educators did it for centuries, but we have strayed from that in the last several generations. Use the methods taught in this workshop and apply them to any book, any child, in any home.

Susan is a dedicated, local, home school mom of four children ranging from 3 to 18yrs old. She is the author of The Homeschool Director planning series and was instrumental in bringing Classical Conversations (CC) to Kansas City. Susan has recently been promoted to the new State Manager position in Missouri for Classical Conversations.

High School – A Better Way
Room F

Rocky Nystrom, American College Prep

Great things can be accomplished in high school. American College Prep teaches home school families how to do high school a better way. By following the plan described in this seminar, students will grow in their relationship with their parents, grow in their relationship with the Lord and earn over 60 hours of college credit. This plan is not about graduating from high school early, it's about using all 4 years of high school well.

Rocky Nystrom is the former CEO of Information Foundation (a computer training company) and Victorious Christian Living International (a biblical discipleship ministry.) His most challenging occupation has been the home schooling of his 4 children. He founded American College Prep in order to share with others what he has learned about how to do high school a better way.