

Keynote Speakers and Descriptions



Tedd Tripp

Tedd Tripp is the senior pastor of Grace Fellowship Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. He was married to Margy in 1968. They have three adult children and nine grandchildren. Tedd is a graduate of Geneva College, B.A. in History, Philadelphia Theological Seminary, M. Div., and

Westminster Theological Seminary, D. Min. with an emphasis in Pastoral Counseling. Tedd is the author of the popular child-rearing book, *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. *Instructing a Child's Heart*, recently released is co-authored by Tedd and his wife, Margy. www.gfchazleton.org



Steve Demme

Steve and his wife Sandra have been married for over 29 years, and are the parents of four sons—who, with God's help, have all been home educated. A gifted speaker, Steve addresses a variety of topics to encourage parents in their God-given responsibilities of raising and training their

children for His glory. His desire is to understand God's word and practice it, beginning in the home. Steve served in full or part-time pastoral ministry from 1979 to 2003, after graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. As a former math teacher who has taught at all levels of math in public, private, and Christian schools, Steve is the author and founder of Math-U-See, a complete K-12 hands-on math curriculum. Steve Demme has graciously agreed to replace Jessica Hulcy who was in a serious car accident.



Chris Klicka

As Senior Counsel for Home School Legal Defense Association since 1985, Chris has intervened on behalf of thousands of homeschool families across the country who have been threatened by prosecutors, social workers, and truant officers. He has testified before numerous

state legislatures and Congress. He is the author of several books including *Home Schooling: The Right Choice*, *The Heart of Home Schooling*, and *Home School Heroes*. Chris and his wife, Tracy, educate five of their seven children at home in Virginia, having graduated their two oldest children, one of whom is married and both of whom are in college.



Erwin Lutzer

Since 1980, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer has served as senior pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago. Dr. Lutzer and his wife, Rebecca, live in the Chicago area and are the parents of three grown children..

Thursday Keynote

Tedd Tripp: Getting to the Heart of Behavior

The major theme of *Shepherding a Child's Heart* is that the heart directs behavior. In this session Dr. Tripp demonstrates from the Bible that the heart is the wellspring of life. Since behavior is heart driven (Luke 6:45), it cannot be understood or addressed biblically in isolation from the heart. This session explores some of the common ways that we try to address behavior without shepherding the heart, helping parents gain skill at working back from behavior to the heart unmasking heart issues for themselves.

Friday Keynotes

Friday: Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust The Bible –Erwin Lutzer

If you've never been challenged about why you put your faith in the Bible, it's just a matter of time. Be prepared to defend your trust with Pastor Lutzer's seven compelling reasons for believing the Bible is indeed the Word of God.

Tedd Tripp : Giving Children a Vision for the Glory of God

Children are instinctively worshipers. They are made in the image of God and are hard-wired for worship. They love to be awed. They delight in marveling at things. They will either worship God the Creator or created things. We will identify some common idols of the heart as well as our calling as parents is to hold the glory and goodness of God before our children.

Saturday Keynotes

Steve Demme: A Renewed Vision for the Family

In this encouraging workshop, Steve relates the positive experiences that he and his wife have experienced raising their four sons. With plenty of humorous illustrations, Steve shares tried and proven suggestions that have enhanced their family life. With God's help he is convinced there is hope for the family in the 21st century. God created the family. It is the ideal inspired institution for husbands, wives, and children. This workshop explores the role of the family in the plan of God, as revealed in scripture

Chris Klicka: How to Homeschool Against All Odds.

In this session, Chris Klicka gives many practical and spiritual tips on how to overcome common obstacles. He will share how you can "improvise, adapt, and overcome" with God's strength and grace. Chris has had multiple sclerosis for 14 years, yet he and his wife have successfully taught their seven children at home. Their two oldest are now in college, and one is married. Chris encourages parents to never give up and to focus on the tremendous benefits of homeschooling while keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus— in spite of any odds they face.

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Vicki Bentley



Vicki Bentley, the mother of eight daughters, foster mom of over fifty, and grandma to fourteen wonderful grandbabies (so far) has homeschooled 17 children over the last 17 years, with the strong undergirding of her husband Jim. She led a local support group of over 250 families for 14 years. She has served on the executive board of the Home Educators Association of Virginia and helps to coordinate their annual convention. She is the author of *My Homeschool Planner, Everyday*

Cooking, The Everyday Family Chore system, Home Education 101: A Mentoring Program for New Homeschoolers, High School 101: Blueprint for success, and other homeschool and homemaking helps. Vicki has a heart for moms, with strong practical wisdom and encouraging words.

Getting Kids to Help at Home-Thursday

Training in Diligence and Thoroughness You know you need to let the children be more involved in helping at home, for training them in character and in practical skills, AND for your sanity! But where do you begin? This foster mom to almost 50 children will share tips and practical helps that have enabled her to homeschool 17 children and still be able to open the front door to guests.

Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget-Friday

Homeschooling doesn't have to cost hundreds of dollars per child. Vicki homeschooled seven at a time while their family was without a full-time income for four years, sometimes spending less than \$100 per year.

Frugal Homemaking-Saturday

Vicki shares tips on how to maintain a homeschool household on limited funds.

Organized (Well, Almost!)-Saturday

Time Management for Busy Moms As a busy mom, do you sometimes struggle with lesson planning, keeping the house somewhat presentable, teaching, keeping up with the laundry and getting dinner on the table the same day you homeschool? Vicki shares practical ideas that have helped her manage her household of ten.

Multi-level teaching-Saturday

When you had one child, it seemed easy, but adding more children sometimes makes homeschooling feel like a zany plate-spinning act. Vicki shares ideas for keeping the homeschooling "plates" from crashing to the floor! Practical tips for teaching multiple ages - from a mom of 17 homeschooled students (seven school-age at a time)..

Organizing Your Home-Thursday

Vicki will help you decide what is important to your family, where you need to begin, and will discuss organizational challenges unique to homeschoolers. Lots of practical suggestions from a mom who has homeschooled 17 children.

Building a Framework:- Friday

Strategies for High School Success (Part One) You have laid the foundation; now it's time to envision the house! We will discuss goal setting, graduation requirements, an overview of high school planning, and course descriptions. Vicki will walk you through scheduling and lesson planning, record keeping & credits. We'll also discuss how to document and give credit for less conventional studies, and how to incorporate life skills and independent studies into your program.

Finishing Touches -Friday

Graduation & Beyond-(Part Two) Ah-graduation! Preparing for college admission and/or apprenticeship, military service, or other options. Reading lists, transcripts, resumés, essays, and portfolios. Vicki will translate the acronym maze of AP courses, CLEP tests, SAT/ACT exams, the PSAT/NMSQT, and more.

Lainna Callentine, M.D., M.Ed.



Dr. Lainna Callentine has a great love for teaching. She is a pediatrician, home school mother, and former classroom teacher with a certification and masters in elementary education. Dr. Callentine continues to have wonderment for the beauty of God's creation in the human body. She left formal medicine in the ER to stay home and home school her three children. However, she still practices her hobby of medicine at a Christian clinic in Bolingbrook.

Yuck 101: The Joy of Dissection, Hands-On Science for the Student -Friday & Saturday

Young scientists will be able to experience and examine some of the vile and wonderfully disgusting elements of life. In this hands-on lab, students will dissect and peer into a sheep's eye, touch real lungs and examine the affects of cigarette smoking, examine life size models of the inner organs, the highlights are endless. See the fascinating innards of God's creation. Age: 13 and older

Yuck 101: The Joy of Dissection, Hands-On Science for Parents -Friday & Saturday

Calling all Parents. come discover your inner-child. Did you sleep through biology in high school? No problem. Come explore and experience the joy of dissection. Get your hands dirty and cast all your fears away. Be encouraged that you can teach your eager learner at home the fun of hands-on science. (Repeat of the student's hands-on lab for parents only.)

Fun with Science -Friday & Saturday

A Hands-On Approach to Learning Unit Studies are a fun and interactive way to learn. Unit studies provide an in-depth study on a topic while exploring many areas of the topic, such as geography, science, history, art, etc. It is an immersion experience that your student will see things as a "whole" instead of bits and pieces. Participants will learn the components of designing their own unit studies in the home and obtain a unit study ready to use

David Michael Carrillo



David Michael's music and ministry come from his relationship with his Lord and the inspiration of the pioneers of the Jesus Movement. They brought hope and healing to David Michael-a shy young boy rejected by his peers, a teen facing fear and low self-doubt, and a young adult struggling with dyslexia, learning disabilities & ADHD. Since 1990, David Michael's, worship ministry, concerts, workshops, and book, *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made*, have encouraged and brought

hope to many through Gentle Wind Ministries International. Find David at www.gentlewindmusic.com

Fearfully & Wonderfully Made: Living with ADHD Part 1, 2, & 3 -Thursday

This three-workshop mini seminar will bless and encourage you as David shares his personal struggles with learning disabilities, ADHD, and peer rejection; and his deep-rooted fears. Best of all, he will inspire hope as he shares the faithfulness of the Lord and how the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ gave him the courage to follow Him through the open doors into an international ministry. Your heart will be moved by David Michael's gentle spirit as you hear his stories and original lyrics to songs that refer to his personal disappointment, parental frustration, and the hope that Christ gives in the midst of the struggle.

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Dianne Craft



Dianne Craft has a M.A. in Elementary and Special Education with 25 years experience teaching bright, hard working children who have to work too hard to learn. She teaches parents across the country how to help their children learn faster and easier, using therapies and strategies that are very effective. Dianne is a Certified Natural Health Professional specializing in natural treatments for children with attention, learning, and behavioral issues. She is president of the educational consulting firm, Child Diagnostics, Inc., in Littleton, Co. and is serving as a Learning Specialist for the Home School Legal Defense Association. www.diannecraft.org & www.hslsda/strugglinglearner.

Identifying and Correcting Blocked Learning Gates - Friday

This is for your "puzzling child." A child may be a reluctant learner for several reasons. If you have a child who has to work too hard to learn, he is telling you that one or more of his Four Learning Gates are blocked. This workshop will help you identify which of the learning gates is blocked, and, more importantly, what you can do about it at home! It doesn't have to be so hard for your child! You will learn things you never heard of before in a homeschool workshop.

Smart Kids Who Hate to Write -Friday

If you have a child who groans and fusses about writing, or still writes reversals, or spells a word correctly orally but leaves out letters when he writes, this workshop is for you! These children are often thought of as sloppy, lazy, or unmotivated, when they really have a writing glitch. Learn a daily exercise you can do with your child to get the writing into his "automatic" brain hemisphere, and take the stress out of his writing system.

Teaching the Right Brain Child: Part 1 -Friday

Half of the population is right brain dominant, and half is left brain dominant. You may have a right brain learner in your midst. These wonderful children learn in a different manner than their left brain siblings. Learn how to identify the right brain child, and learn many simple teaching techniques. Watch your children become good spellers and readers with very little effort!

Teaching the Right Brain Child: Part 2 -Friday

Once you have identified your right brain learners, become an expert at training those children to use their superior "photographic memory" in many areas of learning. Teach your children the lifelong skill of studying for tests by taking a picture of the contents of a chapter. These memory techniques are commonly used by Cambridge University students to reduce studying time. Works for kids who hate math, too! Math facts and processes finally transfer into their long term memory!

Biology of Behavior and Learning: Part 1 -Saturday

Johnny is a constant motion machine. Tom cries in frustration over minor matters. Susie forgets what she has just learned. Children tend to "act how they feel." This fascinating workshop provides you with clues to your child's brain/body chemistry. It is easy to correct these imbalances at home and dramatically affect your child's learning day. The testimonies that we receive from parents across the United States who are using these simple remedies with their children are amazing!

Biology of Behavior and Learning: Part 1 -Saturday

Remember when your mom told you that "fish is brain food"? The brain is 60% FAT. For the brain "connections" to be made properly, proper fats are required. Dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADD, hyperactivity, and sensory processing problems may be conditions of essential fatty acid deficiency. Get the real skinny on fats! Learn how to help your child feel better, and thus act and learn better.

David & Kim d'Escoto



David & Kim d'Escoto, married over 18 years and parents to five children, have been homeschooling for over 10 years. Committed to homeschool evangelism and mentoring families, they have authored two books: *The Little Book of Big Reasons to Homeschool* (Broadman & Holman) and its companion Bible study/discussion guide. They co-hosted the former radio program, "Homeschooling for Life," which aired on Chicago's WYLL AM1160 and is available online at their website: www.dexios.info. The d'escoto's are contributing authors to several homeschooling magazines, included *Homeschooling Today* and *The Old Schoolhouse*. You can find them at www.dexios.info.

You are that Man-David D'escoto -Friday

While fathers might delegate the authority to another, they will never escape the God-given responsibility to train up their children for His glory. Sharpen your vision for Biblical home discipleship and discover tools for being a more hands-on, heart-to-heart father and husband.

Sitting on the Fence - Big Reasons to Homeschool: David & Kim d'Escoto -Friday & Saturday

Are you still undecided on whether to take the homeschool path? Or perhaps you're ready to call it quits. Come with your doubts and leave inspired that this is the right thing to do, not just academically or socially, but Biblically as well.

Homeschooling: Not School at Home: David & Kim d'Escoto - Thursday & Saturday

Why You Should Stop Homeschooling. No, this isn't a misprint. If you've taken the philosophy and model of traditional public schools and tried to plug it into the home, you may be missing out on the real joy and blessing of discipling your family. Comparing and contrasting the government schools and homeschooling, you will learn why homeschooling doesn't merely mean doing school at home.

Packing for a New Adventure: Kim d'Escoto -Friday

Do you want to ensure a successful start on your homeschool journey? Just as you would not leave on a trip without packing properly, neither should you begin homeschooling without the essentials. This workshop will give you a homeschool packing list covering everything from loose leaf paper to Living Water. Learn what every prepared parent should bring to avoid being caught in the homeschool wilderness without the right survival tools.

J. Mark Fox



J. Mark Fox is the pastor of Antioch Community Church in Elon, NC and has taught communications classes at Elon University for 17 years. Mark has written five books, *Who's Afraid of Public Speaking?*, *Family-Integrated Church*, *Real Life Moments: A Dad's Devotional. (You Can Write!)* and *Planting a Family-Integrated Church*. Mark and Cindy celebrated 26 years of marriage in June of 2008, and have seven children ages 24 to 9.

Encouragement for Shepherds -Saturday

Paul said we are to "esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." He was speaking of the shepherds, the pastors, the elders who labor in the church for which Christ gave His life. Perhaps this is one of the greatest needs of the local pastor today, to be encouraged in his work and to be reminded of the high calling of his ministry.

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Prophet, Priest, Protector, Provider Part 1 & 2 - Friday

Are Dads called by God to lead and provide for their families in these four ways? And, if He calls us to do it, does He also equip us? What are the practical ways Dads can be the head of his household, as Scripture plainly teaches? This workshop is for men and young men of all ages and will be taught by a man who is still learning how to do these things himself. Come and be encouraged by what God has called you to do and be in your home.

What I've Learned in 20 Years-Thursday

Mark and Cindy Fox have had the privilege to homeschool their seven children for twenty years now! There have been lots of lessons learned along the way and Mark will share what he believes are the most important ones, including lessons about homeschooling, life, and love. Come and hear the good, the bad, and the hilarious.

Two Roosters in the Same House - Thursday

Every chicken farmer will tell you that two roosters in the henhouse is a fight waiting to happen! But it doesn't have to be that way with young men growing into manhood under their Dad's care and leadership. By the time a boy is 11 or 12, he needs his Father to accept the challenge of grooming him to be the leader God has called him to be. This is the time when he begins to challenge his authorities, especially his mother! What are the keys to helping this transition to manhood take place without a casualty? Dads and teenage sons are especially invited to hear this workshop.

Courtship: Does It Really Work? -Friday

Courtship does work! Mark and Cindy Fox have seen it with their own eyes, as their son Micah kissed his wife Kari for the first time at the altar on May 3, 2008 after a successful courtship of one year and an engagement of three months. Come and hear about the courtship process: its biblical foundation, its practical application, and its inherent protection for the young couple and their families.

You Can Write! -Saturday

Writing is an art that can be learned and used by anyone to make a difference in the culture. Mark has written a weekly religion column for The Daily Times-News in Burlington for five years in which he uses story, humor, and biblical truth to encourage the believers and challenge the unbelievers. Come and learn some simple truths about good writing that will help you or your child wield the pen that really is mightier than the sword!

Who's Afraid of Public Speaking? -Friday

In this lively presentation, you will learn some basic tips on overcoming the fear of public speaking, and the reasons why we all should! Come hear someone who has taught public speaking to over 2000 homeschoolers and college students teach you how to prepare a speech from beginning to end. J.

Arrows for the Target -Saturday

Are you preparing your children to leave you or to stay with you? Why are some families "sheltering" their children to extreme levels, hindering them from growing up and moving out? What about daughters who are done with their schooling? How do we help our sons discover their calling and prepare them to be leaders in their own homes? In this workshop, Mark will give practical and biblical teaching on how to equip and prepare these "arrows" God has loaned us to leave the family when it is time and hit the target God intended for them

Jessica Hulcy - Keynote Speaker

Jessica Hulcy has been in a serious car accident and is not able to be with us. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Steve Demme has graciously consented to take her place at the convention.

Steve Demme -Keynote Speaker

Finding Hope and Redemption in the Valleys of Life -Friday

How does a family deal with adversity? What impact do valley experiences have on a home? In this talk, Steve shares what his family has learned as a result of having a son with a disability. Even in the difficult experiences of life, God proved faithful. His grace sustained them and redeemed their struggles and disappointments.

What about Youth Groups and Sunday Schools? -Fri

This is the number 1 question Steve is asked after a family seminar. To answer this query, we will examine the roots of the Sunday School movement, as well as the fruits of this movement in the light of scripture. Steve addresses this topic having served many years as a Sunday School teacher, youth group leader, summer camp counselor, and summer camp director.

Slaying Lions and Honoring Parents -Thursday

In examining the life of Isaac and David, Steve gleaned helpful insights into the battles facing young people today. This workshop will clarify the issues, and encourage our youth to stand strong in their faith. All scripture is inspired and profitable for Christians of all ages, and in all ages.

Why We Do What We Do and How to Keep At It -Thursday & Friday

The first half of this workshop helps clarify our vision for home educating our children, and the second part will give us tools and strategies to keep us on track with our original goal and mission. This is not in the traditional structure of a lecture. Much of our time will be spent in voluntary guided discussion so we can glean from the collective wisdom of all who attend and wish to contribute their insight.

Teaching Your Children the Word of God at Home -Saturday

Steve shares his successes and failures of over 20 years of working to develop the habit of incorporating family devotions into the life of his family. With references to the habits of other Christian families, Steve shares practical tips for teaching God's word to children of all ages.

Conformed or Transformed -Not Scheduled

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

Jeannie Fulbright



Jeannie Fulbright is a homeschooling mother of four with a love for God's Word, educating her children, science, and encouraging women. Jeannie is married to Jeff, her devoted attorney and husband who has done more than his share of laundry, dishes and math flash cards. Though Jeannie's primary and most consuming occupation is homeschooling her four children, from high school down to second grade, and helping guide them into the purpose and life God has designed for each of them, Jeannie also writes elementary science courses for Apologia that are in-depth, glorify God and make science easy and fun for the whole family.

Charlotte Mason: Excellence Without Sacrifice - Fri.

Jeannie will share how utilizing the key tenets of the Charlotte Mason method will enrich and edify the lives of you and your children, enabling you to impart a quality education, while also relieving the burden and burnout from your life. This lively talk is bubbling with

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truth, as Jeannie shares her knowledge, insights, research, support and personal experiences with the primary concepts taught in Charlotte Mason's Original Homeschooling Series. This talk is designed to take the burden out of homeschooling, replacing it with God-glorifying (research-backed) joy!

Solving Your Science Struggles -Thursday & Saturday

Let's face it, most people don't like science. Why is that? It's likely because of how science was taught to them as a child. In this talk, Jeannie will share her understanding of how science should be taught in the elementary years, based on research, data and experience. You will learn the keys to successfully imparting a solid science education, with tips, ideas and examples for making science come to life for both parents and students.

Encouraging Success in Your Children -Saturday

In this talk, Jeannie shares how to create an atmosphere that draws our children's heart to God, how to recognize their unique bent, talents and gifts, how to pass on a vision for their future and empower them to take responsibility for their walk with God, their education and their future. She will also cover issues that are common concerns, such as the unmotivated child, the struggling learner and other issues we may face in our journey to encourage success in our children.

Imparting a Christian Worldview -Friday

What is a Worldview? Do you have a Worldview? What other Worldviews are there? In what ways are my children and I being influenced by the Worldview of our culture? How can I impart a Christian Worldview to my children? This workshop will focus on how to be in the world, influencing the world, yet not be "of the world." Advice, examples and practical tips of how to impart a godly Worldview to our children, and develop one for ourselves, will be given during this talk.

Lord, Help Me! Developing a Powerful Prayer Life-Sat.

Lord, Help Me! Developing a Powerful Prayer Life - The secret to homeschooling success is in being strengthened and led by the Lord. In this workshop, Jeannie Fulbright will tell her story and her amazing journey of prayer, as well as share tips and advice on how to begin a consistent prayer life. Included is practical advice on how to seek God before purchasing curriculum, how to lean on God for every subject we teach and how to find strength in Him when school seems overwhelming. Jeannie will also share ideas on how to begin a prayer journal, find and be consistent with a prayer partner, wage warfare in prayer and teach our children to pray, especially when they are struggling in school, sports or other activities.

How to Build Your House -Friday

"A wise woman builds her house, but a foolish one tears it down with her own hands." During this talk, Jeannie shares the story of how God changed her from a destructive foolish woman, and showed her the secrets to becoming a godly wife. Using house construction as an example, Jeannie sheds light on the importance of submission, respect, forgiveness and many other concepts that will result in a home built on solid ground. This workshop will motivate women to protect and enrich their marriage.

Notebooking - Creativity with a Purpose -Thursday

Tell me and I will forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I will understand. When children create something from their learning, they will remember what they learned far longer than if they completed a worksheet page about it. This workshop explains why and how to give kids an easy, effective approach that replaces workbooks, enhances learning and retention of the subject, and develops a true love for learning. Jeannie Fulbright will share tips and actual demonstrations for replacing workbook assignments with creative ideas for Science, History, Geography, Literature and more.

The Seven E's of Choosing Curriculum -Thursday

As an admitted curriculum junkie, Jeannie bought everything that sounded good. She has tried every kind of curriculum and method available. Out of her experience, she has formulated the Seven E's to help you carefully choose curriculum that works for your family. Following the Seven E's in choosing curriculum will enable you to have a successful homeschooling year and help you avoid wasting money on things that won't work for you.

Chris Klicka Keynote Speaker

The Home School Teen: When the Going Gets Tough, Will You Get Going? -Saturday

Chris Klicka has been working with homeschooled teens since 1994, when he directed HSLDA's intern program. In this session, Chris challenges homeschool teens to stay committed to the Lord. Experienced in fighting against the tide in the courts and the legislatures, Chris gives teens a straight talk about the importance of being a light in a dark world and standing for Jesus against the culture. He points them toward the necessity of mastering a biblical worldview and shows them how to discern in the areas of dress, friends, entertainment, college, etc., emphasizing the biblical admonition "to be in the world but not of it."

Homeschools At Risk with "Change" in Government -Friday

Chris Klicka talks about the dangers facing homeschools from the powers that control our federal government and many state legislatures. He warns of the dangerous UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that is waiting to be ratified by the US Senate and explains what you can do. He demonstrates how it will destroy parental rights in America as we know it. Chris also gives a bird's eye view of what is happening in Washington, D.C. and around the country in the state legislatures as he reports on the battlegrounds and issues. This talk is a wake up call for all homeschoolers to be ready at a moment's notice for action.

The Battle for Our Children's Minds -Thursday

The Bible commands parents to raise their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Chris Klicka encourages fathers and mothers to develop a lasting commitment to homeschooling as the best means to train children in God's ways, and then explains how the agendas and philosophies of the "movers and shakers"-past and present-in public education are diametrically opposed to this. He challenges parents to train their children to be leaders of tomorrow by teaching them not only to believe, but also to think like Christians.

How to Keep the Heart of Your Teenager -Thursday

Chris Klicka and his wife Tracy have been homeschooling their 7 children since 1987 and currently have five teens. Understanding how raising teens is in many ways a much greater challenge than training small children, Chris advises parents on how to understand and shepherd their teens' hearts. He discusses the reality of teenagers' emotional, mental, and physical changes, including their natural evolving will to be independent. He gives many practical tips on how to keep your children's hearts during the most challenging and complicated times of their teen years.

Sharing Jesus Through Homeschooling -Friday

Chris Klicka relates dozens of anecdotes of the opportunities his family has found to share the gospel. Chris shares how to start a conversation with a stranger, what verses to share, and even how to use the whole family to evangelize. God is blessing the homeschool movement-not because we are homeschooling for homeschooling's sake, but for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ. Using our homeschooling to teach others about the salvation message is the best way to keep Jesus Christ the center of our homeschooling efforts. Chris also shares how God used a near-fatal car accident and the deaths of close friends to spur him on to evangelize in any place and to any person.

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Homeschooling Fathers: Taking a Stand for Your Family -Thursday

Chris Klicka explains the need for fathers to stand in the gap for their homeschool families. In this very practical session, Klicka shares dozens of tips for fathers to better train their children and love their wives unconditionally. He also recounts examples of fathers who gave into temptation, allowed the world to gradually weaken their family and teens, or began giving their children a secular education either at home or at school-with devastating consequences. This session will serve as an encouragement to fathers to fulfill their God-given role in their family. A must for every homeschool dad!

Stephen Leston



Dr. Stephen Leston is the pastor-teacher of Kishwaukee Bible Church located in DeKalb, Illinois. Prior to serving in DeKalb, Stephen served as pastor in Petersburg, Alaska as well as Warrenville, Illinois. For over 20 years Stephen has been passionate about teaching God's word and investing in the next generation the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through non-formal, church-based training. He is the author of several commentaries in the Quicknotes commentary

series and is currently working on a book focusing on understanding the history of the Bible. He is married and has four children (all of which are home schooled).

A Brief Overview of The Church of England -Thursday

In this seminar we will be looking at the pivotal events that occurred in England that shaped the formation of the church in America. We will look at how many of the structures and frameworks that we hold today as core values came as a result of events that took place in England before the colonies were even formed.

Jamestown and the Thirteen Colonies -Thursday

In this seminar we will be exploring the early settlements, their theological views and the shaping features that helped form the church in America. We will get a sense of the great sacrifices that the early settlers made as well as the monumental changes in the structure of the church that they advanced.

The Colonial Period -Thursday

In this seminar we will be looking at the various denominations that formed in America and where they settled. In addition, we will be exploring the first and second great awakenings to understand the impact they had on the church as we understand it today.

James McDonald & Stacy McDonald



James McDonald and Stacy McDonald have ten children ranging in age from three to twenty-five years old. James is the pastor of Providence Church in Peoria, Illinois and the president of Family Reformation Ministries. Stacy McDonald is a homeschooling mother, conference speaker, and author of the life changing books: *Passionate Housewives*, *Desperate for God* and *Raising Maidens of Virtue*.

Together, their mission is to encourage the reformation of the family through messages based on the Word of God. They believe that as we obediently train and educate our own children according to Scripture and equip them with a thoroughly Christian worldview, we will see families strengthened and future generations prepared for the task of reforming the church and changing society. www.yoursacredcalling.com



Tending the Garden: James McDonald - Fri. & Sat.

Using the analogy of tending a garden, James McDonald lists ways a homeschooling husband must lead and shelter his wife. Often, the burden of teaching falls on the mother. The way her husband protects, nourishes, and supports her can be the difference between success and failure. For Men Only

Principles in Courtship: James McDonald -Saturday

There is no "one size fits all" approach to Christian courtship. But there are certain principles that can be applied to successfully guide our children through the process. Join Pastor James McDonald as he shares from the Word - and from his experience - on this important topic.

The Secret to Faithfulness: James McDonald -Friday

George Whitfield was one of America's first evangelists. He traveled to the American colonies proclaiming the power of Jesus. Come today to hear James McDonald give one of Whitfield's most powerful and convicting sermons - as Whitfield shares the secret to passing on faith to our children - and beyond!

A Faithful Life: James McDonald -Thursday

Join James McDonald as he relates a tale of adventure, excitement and faith, recalling the life and ministry of the great Scottish reformer John Knox. James will give this presentation by recreating scenes from Knox's life, including a powerful dialog between Knox and Mary, Queen of Scots.

Sacred Mission of Motherhood: Stacy McDonald - Fri.

How do you view your role in the family? Are you just a wife and mother? Do you sigh heavily and admit that you are only a homemaker? How can this distorted view of a woman's calling affect our children's view of a godly ordered family? Join Stacy as she reminds mothers of their honorable calling of wife, mother, and keeper at home; and how their respected position was planned before the beginning of time.

Passionate Housewives Desperate for God: Stacy McDonald -Saturday

The media tries to convince us that joyful and content keepers at home are just good liars. They can't imagine how any woman could be content serving her family in the home without pursuing a career or indulging in secret wickedness. Join Stacy as she guides ladies toward passionate housewifery and where to turn when they are desperate.

Erwin Lutzer Keynote Speaker

God's Word for All Generations -Friday

God has spoken and revealed Himself through His love letter the Bible. Today the Bible, and Jesus in particular, are under attack as never before. Dr. Lutzer will help us to clear through the barrage of rhetoric from religious liberals and skeptics. God's word will never pass away...His council stands forever . . . from generation to generation. This builds on the previous Keynote talk.

Wade Myers



Wade Myers is a homeschooling father of four and founder of New Venture Lab (www.NewVentureLab.com), a business incubator dedicated to assisting Christian men with their entrepreneurial ventures. He is also the president of the Venture Academy, a Christian entrepreneurship training program with a course of instruction that includes Harvard Business School case studies in a Biblical framework. Wade has been a featured speaker at several of the nation's top MBA programs, venture capital conferences, entrepreneurship conferences and homeschool conferences. He also writes the Venture Forth column featured in each issue of Homeschooling Today magazine.

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The Biblical Case for Entrepreneurship-Friday

This session lays out a case based upon the patterns, principles and precepts of scripture that God calls men to be independent, entrepreneurial providers for their families

Building a Business From Start to Finish -Friday

This session clearly lays out a step-by-step approach to building a business, from how to define success, generate ideas, evaluate ideas, launch your business, grow your business and prepare to sell your business.

Creative Models for Raising Capital-Friday

This session introduces capital-raising terminology, discusses the reasons for requiring capital, defines the traditional methods of raising capital and discusses several creative strategies to finance a business

Before You Launch Your Business Part 1-Saturday

This session takes you through the fifty most important business evaluation criteria and describes how you can quickly size up any business idea.

Before You Launch Your Business Part 2- Saturday

This session features a workshop where the presenter takes one audience member's business idea and helps them evaluate it for the benefit of all attendees

Required Skills for Entrepreneurs-Saturday

This session goes through each of eight critical skills that every entrepreneur needs to acquire and offers process outlines and success tips

Q & A Panel-Friday & Saturday

This session features an open forum with written questions submitted by the audience that are answered by the presenter and potentially other panelists.

Tedd Tripp Keynote Speaker

Getting to the Heart of Communication-Thursday

These are three aspects to communication that Dr. Tripp will address in this session – restraint, pleasant words and understanding. Your parenting paradigm will dictate the ways you speak. Harsh words, yelling, scolding will track along with parenting approaches that focus on control. If your model for parenting is nurturing discipleship designed to provide insight and understanding then your style of communication will be marked by restraint, pleasant words and delight in understanding your kids and their children.

Early Childhood: Live Joyfully Under Authority -Thurs.

These early days are wonderful day for helping children understand that they are designed to live under authority. Kind and gracious authority is a blessing for children since they lack wisdom, maturity and life experience. Our task is helping them see that God, who is good and kind, has designed them to function as people under authority. God has promised wonderful blessing for children who learn to honor and obey Mom and Dad.

Getting From Behavior to the Heart

This session will provide a paradigm for understanding and interpreting behavior in terms of attitudes of heart. We will both identify biblical terms that describe the abundance of the heart and learn how to speak to children about those things in constructive ways that will help them gain insight and understanding. The central place of the "good news" of the gospel in correction and discipline will be emphasized.

Teenagers: Embracing Gospel Living as Living Faith -Friday

This is the time to pass the baton of faith from one generation to the next. We will examine three foundational issues for teens that

are found in Proverbs 1: the fear of the Lord, remembering your parent's words and disassociation from the wicked. The parent accomplishes the tasks of this developmental stage through rich biblical communication. We will discover that the finest art of communication is to understand the other person, in this case our teen.

Single Parents - Friday & Saturday

This workshop will identify some of the unique challenges of being a single parent. It will also explore ways to strengthen your family through deeper and more thorough integration of the family into the life of your church.

The Call to Formative Instruction (Worldview)-Friday

Formative instruction provides children with biblical ways of thinking. It is the process of instruction that enables our children to root all of life in God's revelation in the Bible. Formative instruction is not focused on correcting something that has gone wrong; it focus is providing ways of interpreting and responding to life that are biblical

Distinguishing Wisdom and Foolishness -Friday

The Proverbs and Ecclesiastes provide valuable descriptions of the contrast between wisdom and foolishness. It is imperative in this day in which Christian truth is being eclipsed by secularism for parents to assist their Children to understand the goodness of wisdom and the foolishness of vanity.

Sowing and Reaping: Biblical View of Consequences -Saturday

This session will enable parents to use consequences, not to control or constrain the behavior of children, but to underscore the excellence and goodness of God's truth. There are rich biblical truths about life that we fail to teach when our goal in consequences is merely behavior change. It is essential that we root consequences in rich, biblical soil.

Overview of Corrective Discipline -Saturday

(Spanking/Sowing and Reaping) This teaching will provide clear guideline for physical discipline that is gracious, kind and never abusive. The second part of this session will explore the sowing and reaping principle of the Bible in order use this biblical teaching in ways that challenge wrong behavior and provide a paradigm for change.

Tomi Padgett



Tomi Padgett, from Terre Haute, IN has been homeschooling her 2 children since 2003. She joined Activities for Learning, Inc. (RightStart Math) in 2006. She received her degree from Indiana State University, a B.S. in Elementary Education. She has a passion for the hands on RightStart Curriculum and Games. RightStart Math gives children the foundation needed to think for themselves so they can be successful in any career.

Let's Play with Math-Friday

Let's Play with Math: Is your goal in teaching math to help your child, add, subtract, multiply, and divide fluently? If so, come and find out how you can accomplish that and so much more through games, puzzles, and fun. Learn how you can help your children become lifelong lovers of mathematical thinking.

Math Puzzles and Brain Teasers -Saturday

Encourage your child to learn higher-level mathematical thinking. In Asian cultures, families play with numbers the way Americans play with words. This may help explain why they succeed in math. Let's explore some math puzzles and brain teasers that can be used in the car, on a hike, or at the dinner table.

Fractions Fuss Free! -Friday

Children often have difficulty with fractions because they see only the parts of the fraction, and not the whole. Anyone, age 6 and up,

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can understand fractions with the linear model. This fraction review will give you confidence in teaching (or reteaching) this important topic.

Elementary Geometry for Home Ed-Sat.

Geometry is now included on standardized tests during the elementary years. Discover how to use drawing boards, T-squares, and triangles to construct geometric figures. This work combines with other math skills such as measurement, symmetry, and fractions, providing an excellent foundation for Euclid geometry in high school.

... and even more workshops

Marty Frenz



Marty Frenz, MEd is a Certified Professional Educational Therapist who has been working in the field of learning disabilities for over 30 years. She utilizes techniques developed by the National Institute for Learning Development (www.NILD.net) and currently has a private practice in Frankfort, Illinois.

Laziness or Learning Disabled?-Saturday

Does your child exhibit some or all of these characteristics?: •Consistent reversals of letters or numbers beyond 2nd grade •Weak copying or handwriting skills •Poor spelling, reading, or math skills •Erratic performance •Slow processing speed •Is able to verbalize an answer, but is not able to write it. In this workshop, Marty will describe why these characteristics may be signs of a learning disability rather than laziness or appearing unmotivated.

Steve & Sandi Grutzins



Steve and his wife Sandi joined the ICHE Board in 2006. They have home schooled five children for the past eleven years. Steve is the Vice President of Investments for a large banking firm in Chicago as well as a teaching elder in a family-integrated church. Prior to family and conviction to home school, Sandi was employed as a consultant to senior management in the health-care arena and taught business development in a local university

MBA program. Upon the birth of their first child, God began to call their hearts home and teach them the truths of becoming a visionary family for His glory. Steve and Sandi have a growing ministry to train parents in a biblical vision for their families.

Jeffrey Lewis



Jeffrey Lewis and his wife, Melissa have five children. In 1993 the Lord introduced them to homeschooling through some Godly friends. The encouragement they received showed them the need to shepherd their children's hearts "from the beginning". Jeff and Melissa believe the family should reflect the Biblical model of discipleship from one generation of believers to another. Jeff and Melissa serve on the leadership team of a local support group, HEART. Their involvement in

HEART and in family ministries through their own church has given the Lewis family many opportunities to grow in their faith and to see God's hand turning the hearts of parents toward their children year after year. In 2006, Jeff and Melissa joined the Board of Directors of Illinois Christian Home Educators "ICHE".

Homeschooling 101-Thursday

Homeschooling 101: Every year we are asked dozens of questions by families just trying to sort through what this Homeschooling phenomenon is all about. We have put together a panel presentation

based on ICHE's years of experience helping families launch into the new adventure of homeschooling. We cover some legal basics and the nuts-n-bolts of how a homeschool day can work. We also give you some framework for sorting through maze of seemingly endless curriculum choices. All of this is blanketed by ICHE's vision for striving to make Christ the Lord of our homes, and passing on that vision to our children. So, whether you have little ones not quite ready for 1st grade, or whether you are thinking about pulling your teenager out of high school for the very first time, we will do our best to answer as many of your questions as we can.

Homeschooling from the Beginning: Jeffrey Lewis -Sat.

Homeschooling from the Beginning: This workshop will answer questions about homeschooling for ages 0 to 5 years old. Is there curriculum for such ages? Should we be doing something to give our kids an advantage or head start on school? How do I get an early start with my child? What do I even need to know before Kindergarten? If you are new to homeschooling or just trying to figure out whether it is right for you, come and listen to these parents of five children who were homeschooled "from birth".

Wanda Gibert



Wanda Gibert and her husband, John, started their home school journey in 1986. As one of the pioneering families in Illinois, The Gibert's have been active in home school leadership positions from the onset. Currently Wanda serves with her husband on Illinois' state board, Illinois Christian Home Educators (ICHE) and uses her gifts to bring practical solutions to "problems" within the home school arena. Being a recipient of God's great grace toward her, Wanda loves to open her heart

and home to all that need a safe haven. Loving God, her husband, John, and being mom to her six children, the four oldest of which have graduated from home school, and Me-Mee to her granddaughter, Nyel, is one of her greatest joys.

Time for Tea -Friday & Saturday

Does your homeschool day seem to get away from you? Are you struggling to get everything done? Take a break and join other homeschool moms for a time of refreshment, fellowship and renewal as Wanda Gibert shares secrets on How to Make the Most of your Homeschool Day.

Melody Hemmer



Melody Hemmer is a homeschool graduate from Dixon, Illinois. Her love of art was evident from the time she was very young as she drew pictures on every inch of unused space on her school papers. She has continued to express her God given talents throughout the years as the opportunities have arisen. Painting wall murals and other commissioned work, showing her students' and her own artwork in a local gallery, and completing

the illustrations for a children's book about the Passover are among some of the things she has accomplished. Her desire is to glorify God with all her creative talents which also include public speaking, acting and music.

Art that Talks – Chalk Talk-Thursday

Melody will present Gospel chalk art to glorify God

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Patrick Sutton



Patrick Sutton has been active on eBay for nearly 10 years. He has over 35 years experience in sales and customer service. He is also an Education Specialist Trained by eBay and teaches the Official eBay Curriculum in both a classroom setting and private classes.

An Introduction to Buying and Selling on eBay!-Thursday

In this downturn economy, everyone is looking for a way to earn - and save - money. And today more than ever, people are turning to eBay's virtually unlimited marketplace to do just that. Did you know there are over 86 million users worldwide and that over \$2000.00 worth of goods are bought and sold on eBay every second? WOW - that is a lot of business being done - and YOU can be a part of it! Don't be intimidated - learning to buy and sell on eBay is fun and anyone can learn to do it. In this introductory class, you will learn how eBay works, what kinds of things are bought and sold on eBay, how to open an eBay account, and more!

Phillip Telfer



Phillip Telfer is author of the book "What Wouldn't Jesus Do? Media Choices in the Light of Following Christ". Phillip and his wife Mary, have been married for 17 years and have 4 children. Phillip began with inner city ministry in Chicago and has ministered to youth and families over the last 18 years and also serves as a co-pastor at Living Water Fellowship in Bulverde, TX with Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler. Phillip is a director and teacher for

Living Water School of Ministry.

Media 101: Choices! Convictions or Compromise?- Thursday & Friday

Today's entertainment has become one of the biggest stumbling blocks of spiritual growth and family health. It is possibly one of the most neglected subjects to be addressed from a Biblical worldview in homes and churches. For over 6000 years, mankind has been faced with sin, temptations, and distractions that can take a person's focus off of God and His plans. For the first time in the history of the world, we have a generation that is faced with the overwhelming challenge of living in an electronic age with new conduits of temptation and time wasting. In this workshop you will learn some of the important Biblical principles for media discernment.

Panel

Maintaining the Hearts of the College Bound - Jim and Linda Skarin with Brad and Judy Sommerfeld

What issues should you consider when making decisions about college? Is your child prepared to defend a biblical worldview? This can be challenged through distance learning, local colleges, junior colleges, universities, and even Christian colleges. How can you keep your child on your team during this time? Can courtship work when your child does not live at home? How can you help your children discern which classes to take? Come and hear how the Lord has faithfully answered the prayers of 2 families in these matters as they discuss God's leading in the lives of their young adult children concerning decisions about college.

Be sure to check out... **Movie Night**



7 pm Friday Night

Plan to stay around for a great time of meeting other families and finding out what home educators around the nation are up to! On Friday night, watch several short films produced by homeschoolers. This will include films from the SAICFF (San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival) and the Christian Filmmakers 24 or 36 Hour Contest.

Thursday Night Funshops 7pm - 8 pm

1. A Faithful Life: The Story of John Knox - James McDonald (#350 Chapel)
2. Art That Talks (Chalk Talk) - Melody Hemmer (#540 Tech)
3. Selling on e-Bay - Patrick Sutton (#500 Seminar)
4. Notebooking - Jeannie Fulbright (#540 Tech)

Friday Exhibitor Presentations

A. Artes Latinae

Presenter: Peter Sipes, Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers
Peter Sipes will explain how Artes Latinae teaches Latin to students and how students learn the structure of Latin in addition to grammar and vocabulary. Attendees will learn how the course focuses on the skill of reading Latin from the very beginning of the curriculum with meaningful sentences. A sample syllabus will also be distributed.

B. Bright Future Book Series

Presenter: Gary Bower, Bower Books
This workshop explores the beautiful "Bright Future Books" of Gary & Jan Bower, owners of Bower books and parents of 12 children. A captivating slideshow will give you tools and confidence in guiding your child to a bright future regarding three gigantic issues: Heaven, a happy marriage & money. This delightful power-point presentation features the Bowers' books. Prepare to be moved by lighthearted verse and breathtaking art

C. Wild and Wooly...with Faith, Fun, and Fibers

Presenter: Natasha Lehrer, Esther's Place of Fibers
Can you really make art with wool? Learn how to take fibers from local farms, how to dye them with things you have in your own kitchen and make a great wooly wash-cloth. Each person will leave this class with a craft and lots of great ideas on how to use this sustainable, renewable resource to teach godly principles and creativity in your home. All age groups welcome to attend this fun, interactive art session.

D. Learning English Grammar Through Color

Presenter: John Menken, Hands-On English with Linking Blocks
See how multi-sensory approaches make English grammar understandable. Students clearly grasp nouns, verbs, adjectives, and prepositions when they see them in color and move them about with their own hands. Grammar concepts then transfer clearly to accurate written expression.

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

Presenter: David Hazell, My Father's World
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.

F. RightStart Math: Building a Solid Foundation

Presenter: Tomi Padgett, RightStart Math
Mathematics is about patterns and relationships, much more than memorizing facts and procedures. The Al Abacus enables children to learn through guided discovery. It uses their natural ability to visualize, which helps them master the facts and solve problems. Understanding concepts and the relationships between them are critical for building a strong foundation.

G. Raising Kids who Love to Learn

Presenter: Gale Wightman, Sonlight Curriculum
Success in education is best measured by a love of learning. But how do you create students who love to learn? By inspiring them with great literature, biographies and living books! Come to this workshop and learn from a 20-year homeschool veteran how to use Sonlight Curriculum to create eager learners. Award Winning Sonlight builds family bonds, equips students to think, and inspires a passion for God. Even better, Sonlight is flexible. Whether you want all the work done for you or just a framework that you can customize to meet your needs - Sonlight can work for you!

H. Curricula Getting Ready for College with For Such a Time as This

Presenter: Peter Stobaugh, For Such a Time as This
Within the last ten years, college admission opportunities for homeschool students have soared. With so many high SAT scores in the homeschool community, and with a growing number of successful home school graduates, this number will only increase. How do we know which college God is calling us to attend? How does one get accepted? Homeschooler Peter Stobaugh, son of Jim and Karen Stobaugh, and recent graduate of Grove City College, will discuss this and other questions participants may have. In particular, he will show how families can use For Such a Time as This College Preparation Resources to advance those laudable goals.

The Home School Oasis...

... the place where you can find answers to your homeschooling questions! An oasis is a place of refreshment amidst the unending hot, dry sands of the desert. Maybe getting started is like the sand – something you can't quite get your hands on! Curriculum choices can be as overwhelming as the heat of the desert. Maybe there are other situations you are encountering. Whatever your circumstance, a cup of cool, refreshing water is waiting for you at the Oasis!

Don't wait until you start seeing mirages! Take advantage of the opportunity to talk one-on-one with veteran home educating couples having a variety of backgrounds. They will be happy to take some time with you to listen and share from their experience and offer guidance. You can pass the blessings of the Lord to the next generation with confidence!

The Oasis is located in the Ministry Training Center, a quaint room just outside the Exhibit Hall.

Saturday Exhibitor Presentations

I. Why is Art Essential to your Child's Education?

Presenter: Christy Peddicord, Atelier Homeschool Art Program, Arts Attack

This presentation will review the important role art plays in developing right brain skills (creativity, synthesis, spatial awareness, intuition, imagination, visualization, etc.) and in enabling children to develop their full potential as students. It will also review the Atelier art program; and discuss the essential elements of a successful program while viewing slides of children's artwork.

J. How to Teach Hands-on Science Under the Attributes of God

Presenter: Dave D'Armond, Good Science Hand-on Curriculum, Dave's Creation Resources

Teaching hands-on science should reflect God's attributes, which are "clearly seen" in "the things that are made" (Romans 1:20). This gives us a powerful tool to learn about God as a result of studying His Creation. Hands-on science is easy, fun, and produces the highest levels of learning when done in the way suggested by Scripture. In this workshop, we test the Good Science Process Skills concepts by actually doing hands-on experiments to see how to recognize God's attributes and character while developing creative, critical thinking in your child. And you do not have to be a science whiz to successfully teach science. Find out how in this workshop.

K. Wild and Wooly...with Faith, Fun, and Fibers

Presenter: Natasha Leher, Esther's Place of Fibers

Can you really make art with wool? Learn how to take fibers from local farms, how to dye them with things you have in your own kitchen and make a great wooly wash-cloth. Each person will leave this class with a craft and lots of great ideas on how to use this sustainable, renewable resource to teach godly principles and creativity in your home. All age groups welcome to attend this fun, interactive art session.

L. Family Lifestyle Learning with Math on the Level

Presenter: Carlita Boyles, Math on the Level

Have you heard about math on the Level? It's the unique new homeschool math curriculum that uses daily life activities instead of workbooks or textbooks. Instead of grade level materials, Math on the Level gives you the tools to provide a solid, academic, foundation for your whole family, preschool through pre-Algebra, with one curriculum purchase. Math can be fun, practical, and successful, whether your child is strong in math or struggles with learning disabilities. Come see why The Old Schoolhouse Magazine (spring 2009) begins their review of Math on the level with "we have a new favorite math curriculum."

M. Rosetta Stone Foreign Language Curriculum

Presenter: Krista Dean, Rosetta Stone Homeschool Version 3

Discover how Rosetta Stone Homeschool Version 3 engages students with a rich interactive language-learning experience, while providing parents the tools and resources

needed to track and manage student progress. Rosetta Stone is homeschool's #1 foreign language curriculum. Come join us for this interactive language learning experience and see why.

N. TeenPact Leadership School

Presenter: Sherry & Phillip Farmer, Teen Pact, CHEC

Come join us for a presentation about TEENPACT: Training up the Next Generation of Godly Men and Women. The focus of every TeenPact experience is Leadership, Citizenship, & Spiritual Growth. Inspiring youth to pursue Truth and Righteousness. Developing a passion for Citizenship and Justice.

O. Reading for Life: Using For Such a Time as this Curricula

Presenter: Peter Stobaugh, For Such a Time as This Homeschooler, Peter Stobaugh, son of Jim and Karen Stobaugh, will discuss how using a whole book language arts curriculum in the real world has changed his life. In particular, he will show how families can use For Such a Time as This College Preparation Resources to prepare their students to thrive in the increasingly hostile culture in which we find ourselves.

Special Workshops

Support Group Leaders' Gathering

Join us for a time of encouragement, networking, and sharing of ideas. ICHE Board members will be on hand to answer questions and share some of ICHE's resources to help equip your leadership team. Of course, there are always some special give-aways, too—so, come and bring your questions and your favorite success stories to share with other support group leaders from around the state! We'll meet on Saturday in Room #180 (Choir) at during Session 4.

Minority Gathering

Join ICHE's Minority web-page hosts, John and Wanda Gibert for a time of encouragement, fellowship, networking, and sharing. Bring your ideas to share with other minority families. We'll meet during Session 4 on Friday in Room #180 (Choir) and Saturday in Room #140.

Single Parents' Gathering

We invite you to a special workshop with Tedd Tripp. Come for a warm time of fellowship and encouragement especially for single parents. Home educating as a single parent has its unique challenges. At this gathering, we will look to the Lord and be refreshed and strengthened for the coming year! We'll meet during Session 2 on Friday in Room #140 and Saturday in Room #141.

Welcome Grandparents

Please join Homeschool parents and graduates for refreshments. They will share their experiences and answer your questions. We'll meet in Room #140 on Friday during Session 3 and Saturday during Session 2.