

# Strength for the Journey

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the LORD, will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31



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## Voddie Baucham



◆ **KEYNOTE: Thoroughly Christian Education-Friday**

Using Scripture, statistics, and sound reasoning, Dr. Baucham powerfully makes the case that whoever

controls the schools does indeed control the world. Christian parents need to take the initiative in their children's education and stop turning them over to the anti-God environment of the government school.

◆ **KEYNOTE: Family Driven Faith-Saturday**

An urgent call to return to biblical discipleship in and through the home! More teens are turning away from the faith than ever before ... but God has not left us alone in raising godly children. He has given us the tools we need to raise children biblically in a post-Christian, anti-family society.

◆ **The Ever-Loving Truth-Friday**

Voddie has a message for Christians today to take a stand for the truth and addresses the cost of being a twenty-first century Christian. This compelling workshop will lead us to evaluate what it means to be a Christian today and how to apply God's unchanging truth to a variety of circumstances.

◆ **Cultural Apologetics-Thursday**

In today's world, knowing what we believe, why we believe it and being able to communicate it effectively to others isn't so easy ... or is it? Join Voddie and find out how!

◆ **How Education Affects Worldview and your Children -Saturday**

Does it matter where and how we educate our children? There is a mass exodus of young adults from the church. This session demonstrates the role worldview plays in the contemporary crisis.

◆ **Biblical Manhood-Friday**

What it means to be a man and what it means to raise them! Unfortunately what we learn from culture, our families, and sometimes even the church does not line up with what the Bible teaches. Women's roles are also addressed in this workshop, and couples are encouraged to attend.

◆ **Getting Your House in Order-Thursday**

What does an "orderly" home look like? Voddie educates and motivates Christian parents to rise to the challenge of changing the world ~ one household at a time ~ highlighting six characteristics.

◆ **What He Must Be... If He Wants to Marry My Daughter-Saturday**

Dr. Baucham outlines ten qualities parents should look for in a son-in-law, including trustworthiness, a willingness to lead his family, an understanding of his wife's role, and various spiritual leadership qualities.

## Rick Boyer



◆ **KEYNOTE: Take Back the Land-Friday**

The enemies of God are trembling today at the thunderous approach of the Joshua generation!! Home schooling parents have

broken free from the bondage of Godless philosophies and are raising up the Joshua generation – taking the banner of Christ back into America, where God and His Word were once honored.

◆ **The Socialization Trap-Thursday**

To prepare children for the real world, they need to be in the real world - not locked away from society in age-segregated schools. This session will help you respond to the constant challenge: "What about socialization?"

◆ **Careers without College-Saturday**

College is not the only means of acquiring a higher education, neither is it the only way of preparing for a rewarding career. Several prominent Americans reached the pinnacle of their chosen fields without attending college.

◆ **Beyond the Textbooks-Friday**

Today's home educating parents are discovering many exciting ways to get beyond packaged curriculum and experience real books, real experiences, real relationships ... real learning!

◆ **What's a Dad to Do?-Saturday**

Scripture gives seven functions of a father in a godly home, and each of these can be applied very practically and powerfully in home education. Enjoy the wisdom and humor of this presentation!

◆ **Breaking the Shackles-Why Parents Should Trust Themselves, Not Schools-Saturday**

When the training of children shifted from the realm of the family and moved into the realm of government, it took only a few generations to bring about the social, spiritual, moral and intellectual decay that permeates our society today.

◆ **Homeschooling – Making it Simple!-Thursday**

There's no need to stand in the middle of an exhibit hall and hyperventilate! Join Rick in following the lead of great minds in Scripture and history as we learn how to maximize learning and minimize stress.

◆ **Son of a Single Mom: Hope for Families without Fathers-Friday**

Having grown up in a single-parent family, Rick has seen firsthand the difficulties and challenges that confront single mothers. Biblical solutions for "the world's hardest job" will be applied.

## Marilyn Boyer



◆ **Hands-On Character Building-Thursday**

Put Scripture on your "doorposts", your "phylacteries", and remind your children of the truth of

God during the four natural learning times ... bedtime, waking up, sitting at home and traveling.

◆ **Getting It All Done-Friday**

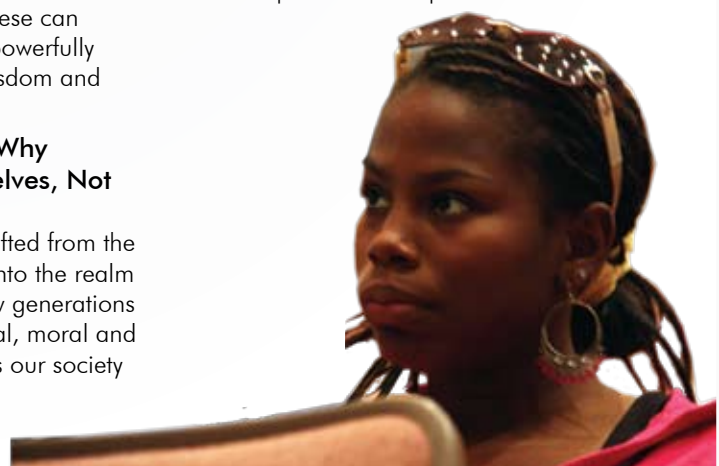
Techniques for accomplishing a mammoth amount of housework while giving your children a superior education at the same time.

◆ **Home Educating with Babies & Toddlers & Loving It-Saturday**

Home schooling with tiny ones around the house is a special challenge, but Marilyn brings 22 years' experience at making these little ones a valuable part of the team!

◆ **Holding their Hearts-Thursday**

Give your children the security of knowing they have your heart. In so doing you are making it easier for them to freely give their heart back to their Creator. Catch a vision of how you can build fulfilling family relationships that will be passed on.



◆ **Obedience from the Heart-Saturday**

Many of us miss the mark by trying to change behavior without changing the heart. Build godly attitudes by ministering to their spirits!

◆ **Rekindling Our Founders' Vision-Friday**

America's founding fathers were willing to sacrifice their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in order to give to their posterity "one nation under God". Teach your children to put God first in their lives and reclaim our country's future by embracing the glory of her past!

◆ **Building a Work Ethic in Your Children-Saturday**

In a time when young people are generally expected to be lazy and irresponsible, diligent sons and daughters stand head and shoulders above the crowd. Come and learn how to instill a heart of servanthood in your child!

◆ **Why I'm Glad I Home Schooled Through High School-Friday**

Marilyn is no stranger to the joys and challenges of raising teenagers, and gladly shares why she taught them herself from kindergarten through the high school years and wouldn't consider doing it any other way.

*Lainna Callentine*



◆ **The Beat Goes On-Thursday/Friday**

Participants in this interactive workshop will learn about the heart cycle, listen to heart sounds, understand their significance, examine

prepared blood slides under the microscope and with great anticipation dive into the chambers of the heart through a hands-on classroom dissection of the heart. Workshop Fee: \$3

*Dan Caswell and family*



◆ **Develop a Family Vision-Fri/Sat**

The family is a powerful force and God's invention for filling the earth, taking dominion over it and passing on the faith to succeeding generations. Gain understanding and make an impact for the kingdom as a family.

◆ **Gavel Club: Preparing to Give an Answer-Friday/Saturday**

Teach your children how to speak in public! A "mock meeting" will be presented giving you and your young people a vision for what the Lord can do when we seek to grow our speaking skills for the glory of God.

*Susan Chrisman*



◆ **When Smoke Gets in Your Eyes-Saturday**

Watch for S-M-O-K-E in your life! As smoke is an indicator of fire, so are there indicators of potential burnout in the life of a homeschool mom.

◆ **Preschool & Kindergarten Education at Home ~ Parts I and II-Friday**

Plan a preschool/kindergarten curriculum successfully. Understand your child, and learn the keys to early education – set goals for and record what your young children need to know.

◆ **Philosophy of Education: Your Compass-Thursday**

Lay a foundation: Develop a philosophy that will help you set your priorities, choose your curriculum, determine your schedule, visualize your overall picture and follow your daily plan.

◆ **Art & Music: Icing on the Cake or Essential Food for the Soul & Brain?-Charlotte Mason-Saturday**

Art and music ~ in addition to literature and history ~ reveal to us the thoughts of great minds. Incorporate them into your weekly schedule.

◆ **Thinking Toward High School-Charlotte Mason-Friday**

Learn how to help your children develop a life-long love for learning as Susan discusses key elements in the philosophy and methods of CM and how those ideas practically apply in the

education of high school students.

◆ **Habit Training: Key to Maintaining your Sanity-Charlotte Mason-Thursday**

A practical workshop on how to teach habits to our children which will make for easier days at home and bring character formation into focus.

◆ **History for All Ages the Charlotte Mason Way-Saturday**

Gain an understanding of what is important for your child to know as a result of studying history and how it is much more than memorizing facts, dates and events. Also discover how to plan history studies for multiple ages.

*David D'Armond*



◆ **Creation, Dinosaurs & the Ark-Friday**

Genesis ~ the record of creation ~ reveals the historical account of the beginning of the universe by the only eyewitness answering the big questions!

◆ **The Flood, the Tower & the Ice Age-Saturday**

The violence of the Flood was almost beyond our wildest imaginations, destroying all living things on land except those aboard the incredibly stable Ark ~ yet one of the many biblical accounts confirmed by scientific fact. Come and see!

◆ **Teaching Science under the Attributes of God-Friday**

Science is a reflection of God and thereby a powerful tool to know Him. Participate in hands-on experiments which glean the development of creative, critical thinking in your child.

◆ **The Bible Said it First-Friday**

In the oldest books of the Bible, many scientific truths had been written thousands of years before modern science made the discoveries of these facts. Inspiring presentation!

◆ **Amazing Complexity & Design in Life-Thursday**

All of life depends on rotary motors! Discoveries by scientists trying to prove evolution clearly show the incredible work of the Master Designer!

◆ **The Code of Life ~ For Teens and Pre-Teens-Thursday/Saturday**

An exciting hands-on session! A vast amount of coded info resides in the DNA molecule. Assemble a 3D model of a DNA segment





– the complete code for the cell to produce one protein molecule. Seating for this workshop is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Observational seating may be available..

## Steve Demme



### ◆ KEYNOTE: Teaching Your Children the Word of God at Home-Thursday

Incorporate the habit of family devotions into the life of your family with practical tips tried and proven by

Steve and his family.

### ◆ The Family that Stays Together, Stays Together-Saturday

There is hope for the family in the 21st century! Humorous illustrations will encourage you to enhance your family life with these suggestions.

### ◆ What About Youth Groups & Sunday Schools?-Saturday

This is the number 1 question Steve is asked after a family seminar. There are answers!

### ◆ Coffee with Steve!-Thursday Night Funshop

Dads, come and spend part of your evening conversing with Steve Demme over a cup of coffee, but he wants to hear from you. Send in your topic ideas to [info@iche.org](mailto:info@iche.org).

### ◆ Heart Motivation for Men-Saturday

What does it mean to have one's heart turned to his children and vice versa? A highly interactive session!

### ◆ 4F: Functions God Designed Fathers to Fulfill in the Family-Friday

We are called to teach them diligently ... when you sit with the remote? What does this scripture look like in 2010? What does a faithful discipling Dad look like?

### ◆ Elementary Algebra Taught Concretely-Friday

Steve creates a model, using manipulatives, to illustrate the central concepts of algebra. It's Math-U-See!

### ◆ Seeing Fractions is Understanding Fractions-Friday

Four out of five people don't understand fractions! The demonstration will enable you to convert a fraction to a decimal to a percent!

### ◆ Fun with Place Value in the Decimal System-Thursday

With a humorous approach, Steve

demonstrates place value using the manipulative blocks on location at Decimal Street!

## Joe Denner



### ◆ Discovering & Living Your Design-Thursday/Friday

Why did God fashion you like he did? Did God put certain things in and leave certain things out on purpose? Enjoy the biblical

framework for your God-given design!

### ◆ Developing Your Talents & Strengths-Friday/Saturday

A highly interactive workshop! The apostle Paul encouraged Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God". It is important to approach this in an intentional, prayerful, well-planned manner. Spend time walking through the process of putting together a plan for your growth.

### ◆ Focusing On Your Strengths for Leadership-Friday/Saturday

An interactive workshop debunking the myths that leaders need to be "well-rounded". Each of the four distinct aspects of leadership can be effective – even with our weaknesses!

## Jeremy Fritz



### ◆ Understanding our "Disconnected Kids" from a Brain-Based Perspective Parts I, II & III-Thursday Condensed-Friday

Gain a comprehensive understanding and deeper insight into the issues and challenges that you and your child are facing! Autism, Asperger's, Dyslexia, Learning Disabilities, and ADHD as a Functional Disconnection Syndrome will be addressed.

### ◆ From Struggle to Success: Incorporating Sensory/Motor Activities into the Classroom-Friday/Saturday

Jeremy will discuss the importance of utilizing and incorporating specific activities into your classroom.

### ◆ Meeting the Challenges of ADHD: Brain-Based Techniques-Saturday

Have you ever wondered, "What do I do with this child?" Learn specific strategies to implement

into your homeschool academics and activities which will contribute to your child's successful development.

### ◆ Meeting the Challenges of Autism: Brain-Based Techniques-Saturday

Even though autism comprises a wide variety of symptoms and issues, you will gain insight into what is actually occurring in your child's brain along with strategies to implement.

### ◆ Meeting the Challenges of Dyslexia & Learning Disabilities: Brain-Based Techniques-Saturday

Jeremy's extensive training and work experience will provide a deeper understanding of Dyslexia and Learning Disabilities. Learn specific strategies to implement.

## Joyce Herzog



### ◆ Secrets Teachers Never Tell-Saturday

Learn 12 secrets that will simplify your life AND enhance your teaching! Joyce draws from over 30 years experience that will make you laugh and learn.

The LOAD will be lifted from your shoulders.

### ◆ Choosing & Using Curriculum-Thursday

Confused about educational styles, grade levels, or what your learner can do independently? Come and hear this before you spend your budget! Understand your needs and avoid wasting money on materials that don't work.

### ◆ Simplified Grammar-Saturday

In this workshop, most parents learn and understand more grammar than they did in their whole school career. And even better than that, are ready to teach it in a way that makes sense!



◆ **Learning in Spite of Labels-Friday**

Come see into the heart of your struggling learner – even if he is gifted in some areas. Discover the underlying problem, look at his strengths and learn some strategies to get moving in the right direction.

◆ **From Passion to Calling-Saturday**

“All he wants to do is play with Legos™!” Learn how to help your child move from what he loves to discovering his passions. Watch him move on from there to seeing God’s calling on his life.

◆ **Motivating Reluctant Learners-Friday**

Look back, see what happened. Then turn it around! Techniques and strategies presented will help you move forward and prevent problems with younger ones.

◆ **Teaching Reading With Success-Friday**

Joyce has taught kids from 3 to 17 to read and spell - whether they’re typical, gifted, or struggling. Come see what works!

◆ **Tried & Proven Learning Techniques-Thursday**

Learn some of the best tricks of a master teacher. You don’t need ten years to become great!

*Dan Hoffman*



◆ **Technology Facilitated Crimes Against the Family-Friday/Saturday Adults Only Please!**

What can you do to protect your children today from harmful technology? Come and find out!

◆ **Identity Theft: Are You Who You Say You Are?-Friday/Saturday**

One in four people will be the victim of identity theft or a scam. If you use a checkbook, a credit card, or a computer, you are at risk. Discover the basic steps to take!

*Maggie Hogan*



◆ **Early Learners-Thursday**

Solid teaching and parenting strategies for the littlest homeschoolers with the busiest minds (and hands and feet)! Harnessing their energy, creativity, and enthusiasm can be done!

◆ **Poetry—Why Bother?!-Saturday**

Poetry is a dynamic language that can present ideas, information, and feelings in ways that no other writing can ... and isn’t as incomprehensible as some may think. This session is packed with ideas!

◆ **Wow-Booking!-Saturday**

Schooling won’t be the same once you’ve incorporated “Wow-Booking” into your curriculum. Motivating and exciting, you’ll go home with tons of ideas!

◆ **History & Geography through Literature-Friday**

There is nothing quite like a great book to capture the flavor of a place or event. How do you choose them, and how do you fit them into your day? Get great tips!

◆ **Classical Composers for Dummies: Music History for the Musically Challenged-Friday**

This is a fast, fun, integrated approach to history and music for those of us who never learned this stuff. Knowing something about classical music is important ... but it had better be interesting or the kids will snooze!

◆ **Ancient Civilizations: History Starts Here-Thursday**

Can we teach thousands of years of history in one year? Fun, fast-paced workshop includes an outline for developing a solid course, with ideas for literature, resources, projects, and much more.

◆ **Packing a Punch with Timelines & Maps-Friday**

Learn how to incorporate these terrific tools effortlessly into your studies. Utilizing timelines & maps makes learning come alive! They are visually appealing, memory boosting, & hands-on: All learning styles benefit!

◆ **Hands-On Geography!-Saturday**

Bring a smile to your face - and your children’s faces, too! This workshop is loaded with interesting, easy-to-do ideas. Discover for yourself not only how important geography is but how to teach it!

*Bill Jack*



◆ **KEYNOTE: Taking What is Common to the Culture & Turning it into a Pulpit-Saturday**

From peach baskets to pitching mounds, from movies to museums, from ... well, come discover what tools and opportunities you might be overlooking to use in reaching this culture. Practical strategies and insights!

◆ **The Ways of the Wizards vs. The Way of the Wiseman-Saturday**

The wizards are everywhere in our culture today—evolutionists, new agers, atheists and sincere followers of false religions. They promise that if we follow their yellow brick road we can have it all—a brain, a heart and courage. The wise man, on the other hand, knows the right path to follow. Come learn how to destroy secular arguments!

◆ **Torn Between Two Worldviews-Friday**

Learn how to discern worldviews and understand their impact on every aspect of our culture. Great opportunity to learn practical tools to reach non-Christians and to confront the culture with the Truth.

◆ **Simple Tools for Brain Surgery-Friday**

Non-Christians seem to have the advantage in our culture. Too often, we fear we won’t have answers to their tough questions. Learn four killer questions that will help to destroy the wizards’ secular thinking without destroying the person.

◆ **Creation or Evolution - What’s the Big Deal? I Just Want to Tell People About Jesus!-Saturday**

Are we not losing credibility with the scientific community and hurting the cause of Christ among non-Christians by insisting on a literal interpretation of Genesis 1-3? Learn to respond biblically so that “no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception.”

◆ **Follow Christ? It’s Just a ‘Fad’! Will it Pass the Test of Time?-Friday**

Christian parents and teachers commit to





training their children to love God with all because they want them to love Him! Exactly how does that translate into our culture? Learn the three characteristics Christians must have and must instill in teens if we want Christianity to be a FAD for the next generation

◆ **You Gotta Have Heart-Friday**  
Secular wizards offer the appearance of compassion. In reality it is merely smoke and mirrors. Meet some of these wizards who claim love is a many splendored thing that begins with self-love.

◆ **Counterfeit Reality-Saturday**  
The biggest and most enduring Counterfeit Reality of all time is most cleverly foisted upon people through film. See how movie makers convey a secular worldview to the public ... in the blink of an eye!

### *Jonathan Lewis*



◆ **The Homeschooler's Manifesto: Finding Strength in our Convictions-Friday/Saturday**

Our convictions give us strength to persevere in times of trial. Where conviction falters, commitment wavers. But teaching your children at home is too vital to ever waver or consider giving up.

◆ **The Socialization Deception: Redefining the Debate-Friday**  
You might just end up with a new answer to the old question, "What about socialization?" Come away with a better understanding of how the world thinks about socialization and how we've been needlessly surrendering to the world's views. A provocative presentation that will make you think.

◆ **Another Generation after Them: Passing On the Vision for Christian Home Education-Friday**  
There's no vehicle more effective in passing the faith of the parents on to the next generation than the homeschooling lifestyle. So if we want to launch a multi-generational legacy of faith, then we must not only pass on our faith.

◆ **Home Business for Homeschoolers-Thursday/Saturday**  
What is it really like? The Lewis family has years of entrepreneurial experience behind them, and they have personally experienced the good, the bad, and the ugly.

◆ **Homeschoolers: Ordinary World Changers-Thursday**  
With the world constantly bombarding us with the message that being a full-time, stay-at-home mom is a waste of time, it can be tempting to begin believing the lie ... but the ordinary is not so ordinary.

◆ **Why I'm Glad to be a Homeschool Graduate!-Saturday**  
Have you ever wondered if you're ruining your child's life by homeschooling, or if it can produce normal, well-rounded adults?? If so, you need this presentation! Come be encouraged as a real-life homeschool graduate talks about the incredible blessings of the homeschooling lifestyle!

### *Cedric Saunders*



◆ **Getting Started in Storytelling-Friday/Saturday**

This dynamic tool can be used to teach about fascinating historical characters or to liven up an otherwise drab subject. A variety of subjects will be covered such as character selection, economical costuming and props and presentation techniques.

◆ **Dr. George Washington Carver-Friday**  
A dramatization of how God led him from his humble beginnings on the farm to his discovery of hundreds of products derived from the peanut.

◆ **Booker T. Washington-Saturday**  
A characterization of how God brought this powerful speaker up from slavery and positioned him to inspire his people and the nation to unite, use what they have, strive for excellence and develop a better country by becoming a better individual.

◆ **Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego-Thursday Night Funshop**  
This is a dramatic word for word recitation of Daniel Chapter 3 in the King James Version. Performed in costume to music.

◆ **David & Goliath-Movie Night-Friday**  
During this presentation Cedric performs David, Goliath, King Saul, and many other characters to illustrate how God can use even a youth to conquer insurmountable odds.

◆ **Minority Gathering Only- The Lump of Clay-Friday**  
This story ~ with a surprise ending ~ tells

of a lump of clay that wanted to be shaped and molded into a grand object of affection. Instead, the potter made him a pot...a plain old pot!

### *and even more*

◆ **Homeschooling 101-Grutzius & Lewis-Thursday**  
Learn some legal basics, acquire framework for curriculum choices, and see how the nuts-n-bolts of a homeschool day can work.

◆ **Homeschooling on a Shoestring, Oops! ShoeLACE Budget-Wanda Gibert-Saturday**  
Lots of practical ideas on how you can still manage on a single income budget!

◆ **For our Beloved Shepherds-Pastors Only-Friday**  
Take advantage of the free registration for your pastors and their wives and encourage them to attend this special workshop.

◆ **Just for Grandparents-Friday/Saturday**  
Bring grandma and grandpa on us and tell them about this special workshop just for them!

◆ **Celebrating the Feasts of the Lord-David Weinberger-Thursday Night Funshop**  
Learn how your family can celebrate the Feasts as this Messianic Jewish family makes them come alive!

◆ **Word Art-Timothy Botts-Thursday Night Funshop**  
You've seen his artwork and may even own some. Be taught by the best while making your own devotional word picture!






Finding what you're looking for made easy! Go to [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org) for the lists of workshops included for each pathway.

◆ **Beginners**

All three days present sessions for beginners, but Thursday is foundational. Please don't miss it! Home education is much more than just duplicating school at home. During this special path of workshops, you will find out why and how to make home education work the best for your family. This informative pathway will bring the knowledge and direction you need to get started on the right foot. Gain insight about the law, choosing curriculum, learning styles, methods and setting a framework for your day.

◆ **Strength-Based Leadership**

 Join Joe Denner for a series of three workshops over the course of the convention. Identify your natural, God-given talents and create a plan of how to develop those talents into functional strengths and leadership. Purchasing and completing the recommended assessment test will be very helpful but not required. Details are listed with Joe's speaker information on our website.

◆ **Struggling & Special Needs Learners**

Bring hope to your family! Join experts and fellow home schooling parents in finding the answers to your child's learning issues. Thursday provides a series of workshops designed to help you understand more specifically what is "going on" with your struggling child. Friday and Saturday will bring many helps dealing with ADHD, autism, dyslexia, labels and more.


◆ **Veterans**

Fresh topics and speakers to gently but wholeheartedly remind us why we're doing what we're doing and to meet our distinct needs as home educators!

◆ **Mothers & Fathers**

Moms and dads will be greatly inspired by the array of speakers and dynamic workshops geared to strengthen us as we wear sooooo many hats!

◆ **Worldview**


 Worldview Academy is coming to us! What's the big deal? Come and find out! Bill Jack will be joining us on Friday and Saturday with eight delightful workshops. Great for our young people.

◆ **Academics**

**History**

Fun, fast-paced workshops will bring life and a brand new meaning to studying history.

**Charlotte Mason**

 Many of you have been asking for CM workshops. A series of four are in the line-up!

**Science**

Sound evidence for the account of creation found in Genesis ~ the basis for all other science ~ and the deceptions of evolution. You will be amazed at the detail found here! Be sure to plan on attending some of these workshops.

**Math**

Teaching helps for tough topics! Join Steve Demme for tips about fractions, decimals and algebra.

**Language**

Hear from the experts on topics such as reading, speech, literature, poetry and grammar.


**More Academics**

If you come looking for academic helps, along with those already mentioned you'll find workshops covering geography, notebooking, art, and music!


◆ **High School, Here We Come!**

Not sure you want to tackle high school? Need some vision for the home stretch? Hear from both sides and take heart! A home school graduate and a parent of many graduates will provide hope and direction for high school in the home. Be sure to check out the workshops available to you on this pathway of workshops!

◆ **POPS (Parents of Pre-Schoolers)**

 Turn the stressing into a blessing! Acquire teaching and parenting strategies for the littlest homeschoolers and make them part of the team! Discover how their developmental abilities affect your educational plan. Multiple speakers will get your juices rolling for how to use all that energy!

◆ **Pathway of Workshops for Pre-Teens**

 We are pleased to announce the age range for young people encouraged to attend the convention with their parents now includes pre-teens (11-12). This is a unique opportunity for our youth to see hundreds of families in the home schooling community gather together. Their foundations will be strengthened and their lives will be touched! While there is much to be gained from sitting under the instruction of the godly, gifted speakers throughout the convention, there are also sessions specifically planned for them: Meet a person in history, dissect a heart, learn storytelling, learn how to communicate what they really believe, and much more! Check out the vast assortment of workshops.

*Note: Pre-teens may not attend the convention without their parents and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.*

◆ **Pathway of Workshops for Teens & Young Adults**

Teens and young adults alike will appreciate understanding their God-given purpose and being challenged to fulfill it. Workshops such as worldview, leadership, hands-on science, courtship, starting a home business and insights from a home school graduate are a part of this pathway!

*Note: Teens may not attend the convention without their parents being on site. As always, parents are encouraged to attend these workshops with their young people. However, we will leave it to the parents' discretion whether or not they accompany them to these workshops. We trust that parents can determine if their sons and daughters are mature enough to handle themselves properly. Thank you for your cooperation.*







◆ **Visit The Oasis**

Don't leave with your questions unanswered! In a cheerful nook just outside the Exhibit Hall in Room 130, you will find a peaceful place to sit down and counsel with veteran home educating parents having a variety of backgrounds including special needs, struggling learners and other tough homeschooling issues. No concern is too big or question too small! We want to make sure you get the help you need.

Oasis Hours:

Thursday 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
 Friday 11:10 am - 7:00 pm  
 Saturday 11:10 am - 6:00 pm


◆ **Minority Gathering: Friday**

Join John & Wanda Gibert as we welcome Cedric Saunders for a special performance during this exciting time of fellowship and encouragement! Bring some ideas to share, too. We look forward to networking and getting better acquainted with one another. Please let us know that you are coming when you register.


◆ **Support Group Leaders' Gathering: Saturday**

Your sacrifice to help others along the way is invaluable. Join the ICHE Board and lots of other support group leaders for a time of being refreshed. You will leave loaded with freebie gifts, ideas to benefit your support group and armed with the knowledge to deal with local and national issues. Can't wait to meet you there!

◆ **Special Music**

 What could make Calvary even more beautiful? Music! Between sessions the atrium will be filled with the melodies of musicians from our home schooling community. What a treat! Extra special music preceding keynote sessions, too!

◆ **Young Entrepreneurs**

 We want to encourage the home businesses of our homeschool students and graduates. Place a classified ad in the handbook for a small fee, or purchase a table in our entrepreneur area and in combination receive a free advertisement! Our handbook goes home with every family and serves as a reference throughout the year! Please go to our website for guidelines and a downloadable application form.

◆ **Thursday Night "Funshops" ~ Back by popular demand!**

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- **"Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego"**. Watch history come alive as Cedric Saunders presents "Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego".
- **Word Art-** You've seen his artwork and may even own some! Learn from the best, and make your own devotional picture in "Word Art" with calligrapher Timothy Botts.
- **Celebrating the Feasts of the Lord** will come alive with this Messianic Jewish family!

◆ **Single Parents: Friday**

There is hope for families without fathers! Having grown up in a single-parent family, Rick Boyer has seen firsthand the difficulties and challenges that confront single mothers. Plan to join him and be strengthened for the task of educating your children.

◆ **Pre-Teens**

 Bring them with you to the convention! The age range for young people has been extended to include pre-teens (11-12). While we don't have the capacity to accommodate all of our little ones, we understand that the up and coming generation needs to have a sense of what God is doing. What better way for them to be excited about their home school journey! Seeing the vast amount of home schooling families and participating in the workshops will begin to plant seeds for their own vision for home education.

◆ **Movie Night: Friday ~ Back by popular demand!**

Plan to hang around for a great time of meeting other families and finding out what home educators around the nation have been doing! Several short films will be featured that have been entered by homeschoolers into a variety of competitions and festivals including the SAICFF (San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival).

◆ **Facility**

What a blessing to be at beautiful Calvary Church in Naperville! This facility welcomes us with lots of elbow room ~ the auditorium is more than sufficient with accommodating workshop areas, a spacious Exhibit Hall and wonderful, affordable food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Parking is abundant ... and free! Many agree ~ there's no better place to be!

◆ **Hands-On Science: Thursday, Friday & Saturday**

- Pick your partner if you like, and join Dr. Lainna Callentine for some biology! Teams

of two will 'dance' through the dissection of a heart with the help and expertise only a doctor can bring. Pre-registration is necessary and is available with online registration only. Regrettably, space is limited. Workshop Fee: \$3

- Pre-teens and teens can join David D'Armond on Thursday or Saturday for an exciting interactive workshop. Build a model of DNA – a marvelous portrait of the vast complexity of life.

◆ **Stay in the Loop!**

**Email** ~ Receive our periodic emails by going to [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org), click on "Contact Us" and sign up!

**Online** ~ The website will be updated with any changes and late-breaking news about this convention as it becomes available.

◆ **New to Homeschooling?**

Visit the Homeschool Oasis in Room 130 or the ICHE Book Table in the lobby where experienced home educators will be happy to assist you as you start your homeschooling journey!

◆ **Convention Blog**

The ICHE blog can be accessed at [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org) for convention news. Tell your family they can see what's happening at the convention by visiting our blog while you are away. Maybe they'll even see you! Encourage them to drop by!

◆ **Struggling and Special Needs Learners**

We are very excited to introduce Dr. Jeremy Fritz to the homeschool community! We strongly recommend Thursday's workshops, in which he will give you a solid foundation for understanding what's going on with your child. His Friday and Saturday workshops will focus on more specific needs and challenges. These workshops will be extremely helpful, as Dr. Fritz will present and demonstrate practical solutions, strategies, and activities that you will be able to implement in your homeschool!

Joyce Herzog will also be here! She brings 25 years of experience teaching special education and learning disabilities curriculums in several states and speaking and writing for home educators for over two decades. She will address the areas of labels, reluctant learners and teaching reading for our struggling students.

## YOUR FREE GIFT

Register and receive a Free Gift!

Gifts are always fun! As a special thank you for attending the Illinois Christian Home Educators conference, we thought you might enjoy these packing supplies for your homeschooling journey. Be sure to include your packing address (e-mail) on your registration!



Here's a glimpse of what's to come!

### ◆ From the Kitchens of ICHE

Recipes from the Board and Volunteers: Receive your free cookbook filled with recipes that will satisfy your family's hunger!

### ◆ For Reading on the Road:

An excerpt from Voddie Baucham's book, *Who He Must be...If He Wants to Marry my Daughter*, and a complete issue of *Home School Enrichment Magazine*.

### ◆ For Remembering God's Word:

World renowned calligrapher Timothy Botts has created a special screen saver that delights the eyes with powerful imagery of God's Word!

### ◆ For those Younger Travelers:

A unit study filled with intrigue and history written by Maggie Hogan, and a unit study on the heart written by Dr. Lainna Callentine!

### ◆ For Encouragement and Strength:

An excerpt from *My Selah Moment*, a devotional written by Wanda Gibert.

### ◆ More Refreshment:

Other watering holes for your journey will be included, too...so get ready! We have some other delightful freebies prepared just for you!

For those who register online, you'll receive an instant download after the registration process is complete. For those who register by snail mail or in a group, a link will be sent to you.

## SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY

Noon Registration Begins  
12:30 – 1:45 Main Session: Demme  
2:05 – 3:05 Workshops Session 1  
3:25 – 4:25 Workshops Session 2  
4:45 – 5:45 Workshops Session 3  
7:30 – 8:30 Funshops

#### THURSDAY EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY

7:45 Registration Begins  
8:30 – 9:25 Workshops Session 1  
9:40 – 11:10 Main Session: Baucham  
11:25 – 12:20 Workshops Session 2  
12:20 – 1:45 Lunch  
1:45 – 2:40 Workshops Session 3  
3:00 – 4:20 Main Session: Boyer  
4:35 – 5:30 Workshops Session 4  
7:00 Movie Night

#### FRIDAY EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

11:10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**OASIS HOURS:** Same as each day's Exhibit Hall hours!

#### CONVENTION START TIME

The convention starts at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

### SATURDAY

7:45 Registration Begins  
8:30 – 9:25 Workshops Session 1  
9:40 – 11:10 Main Session: Baucham  
11:25 – 12:20 Workshops Session 2  
12:20 – 1:30 Lunch  
1:30 – 2:45 Main Session: Jack  
3:00 – 3:55 Workshops Session 3  
4:10 – 5:05 Workshops Session 4

#### SATURDAY EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

11:10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### DIRECTIONS

Finding your way to Calvary Church has been mapped out for you at our website: [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org). ... or if you prefer to use a GPS or internet map, the address is 9s200 State Route 59, Naperville, IL 60564.

### INFORMATION

Do not call Calvary Church! They are not able to answer your questions about the convention. For questions or information call ICHE at 847-603-1259 or send an e-mail to [info@iche.org](mailto:info@iche.org).

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Please make your own arrangements and book early! There are many hotels in the Naperville area, and the best pricing can be found online directly through the hotel website of your choice. Some convenient locations are:

Courtyard by Marriott/Naperville:  
1.630.505.0550  
Hampton Inn: 1.630.505.1400  
Fairfield Inn: 1.630.548.0966

### FOOD

Calvary's delicious food service includes a coffee shop, cafeteria and several snack stations providing affordable menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You are also welcome to bring your own food, and restaurants in the vicinity are numerous. Food and drinks are permitted anywhere in the building except the Sanctuary and Seminar Room.



### Exhibit Hall

Visit our expanded Exhibit Hall housing even more exhibitors with a biblical worldview! More than 70 handpicked exhibitors from all over the country will be on site with the best educational materials. Be academically inspired with minimal filtering necessary. The complete list of exhibitors is available online.

- Complete Curricula
- Unit Studies and Lapbooking
- Traditional Textbooks
- Art Books and Supplies
- Educational Games
- Science Kits and Resources
- Language Programs
- Videos and DVD's
- Math Resources
- Homemaking Skills
- Character Building Stories
- Historical Fiction
- Purity and Courtship
- Creation Resources
- Marriage and Parenting
- How-To Books
- Much More!

### Exhibit Hall Hours

Thursday 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Friday 11:10 am - 7:00 pm  
Saturday 11:10 am - 6:00 pm



## REGISTRATION OPTIONS

**Three-Day** covers all shopping and workshop opportunities as well as keynote sessions.

**Two-Day** covers all shopping and workshop opportunities as well as keynote sessions for any two day combination (Thur/Fri, Fri/Sat, Thur/Sat). To attend the Thursday Exhibit Hall Premier, your two-day must include Thursday.

**Thursday Only** covers all workshops and the keynote sessions as well as the Thursday Exhibit Hall Premier.

## REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS:

On a tight budget? Save two ways. (Offers may be combined)

- ◆ Individual Adults and their Young Adults who Register by May 1st receive a \$5 discount. The Registration form must be postmarked by May 1st or be received at [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org) before midnight May 1st. After May 1st, please register online only or at the door.

- ◆ Group Discount: Any group can combine to receive a \$5 discount for each Individual Adult (Spouses are still free) when 15 or more registration forms are submitted together and paid with one check. Group Discounts are available through May 1st. Group rates do not apply to children or young adults.

Support Groups that partner with ICHE can take advantage of the group discount, plus the added benefit of a free registration for the member handling the registration for the group. (One free coordinator per support group!) If you would like to become a partnering group, please call the ICHE office. (1-847-603-1259).

## CHILDREN & NURSING INFANTS

We do *not* encourage children under 11 years of age to attend the convention. Our goal is to educate parents, and we feel that children will benefit more, in the long run, from having parents attend the convention, than from being there themselves.

Nevertheless, if you feel it is necessary to bring your young children, please help keep the convention enjoyable and peaceful by abiding by these rules:

- ◆ Nursing infants (15 months & under) may come free with their parents. Due to our roomier facility, strollers are permitted everywhere, even the Exhibit Hall.
- ◆ Children (16 months through 10 yrs.) may attend with their parents, but each child attending must pay the fee of \$55. Children must be registered on the same

form as their parents. Group discounts do not apply. Children must always be accompanied by an adult.

- ◆ Workshop & Keynote Sessions: Young children, nursing infants, and their parents, must sit in the back of the room near the door. Children who fidget or talk, and babies who make disturbing noises—even happy ones—must be removed immediately! Young children under 11 are not permitted to ask questions during any of the sessions. This is an opportunity for educators to educate themselves.

- ◆ Children under 13 must be supervised by an adult at all times. They cannot be left unattended.

## YOUNG ADULTS AND TEENS

This year we are encouraging pre-teens (11-12) and teens (13-17) and young adults (18+) to attend the convention with you.

The registration fee for teens and young adults registering with a parent is \$25. (\$5 discount is available for early registration.) Maximum fee per family is \$50. Young adults and teens must register on the same form as their parents to receive the discounted \$25 rate. Single adults, 18 and over, may attend the convention on their own, but must pay full adult prices if they attend the convention without their parents.

## REGISTRATION FREE FOR NON-HOMESCHOOLING GRANDPARENTS AND PASTORS

We encourage grandparents and pastors and their wives who are not home educating their children or grandchildren themselves to attend this convention ... free! Add their names to your registration or bring them with you and register them at the door. We desire for pastors and grandparents to understand what we're doing and why we're doing it! Look for the special sessions on the workshop schedule being prepared for them. The pastor's or grandparent's name should be entered on the registration form of the attending person who is sponsoring the pastor/grandparent. Please list their name clearly in the appropriate space on the registration form, so that a name badge can be customized for them.

## MAIL-IN REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

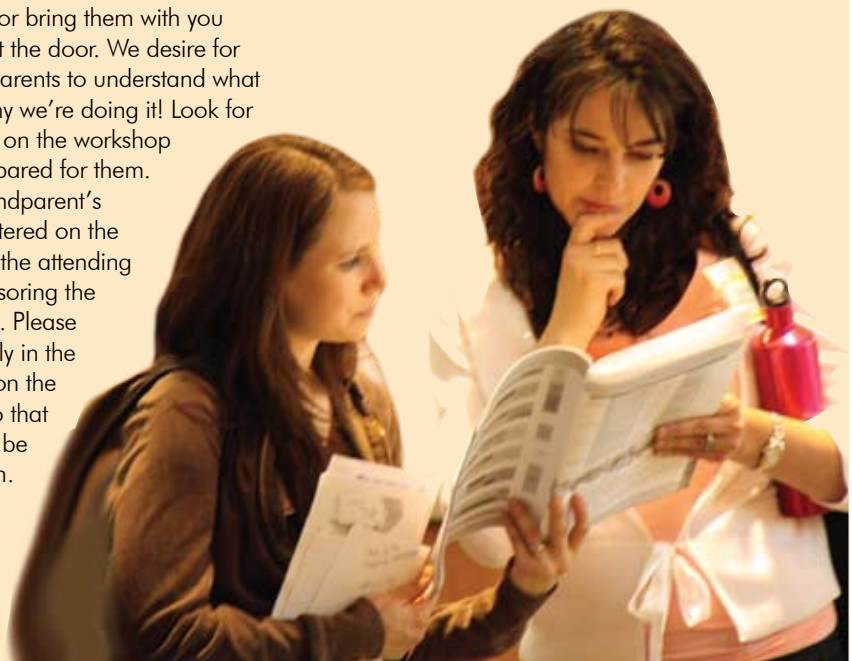
Please register online. If you choose to mail in your registration, complete one registration form (which is stapled into the center of this brochure) for each family or individual adult. You, your spouse, all your children, young adults, pastors and grandparents should be submitted on one form. "Spouse free" applies only to an actual husband and wife. It does not apply to a parent + a child, two friends, etc. Make checks payable to ICHE. Completely fill out the registration form and enclose a check for the full registration amount; mail to:

**ICHE Convention Registration,  
P.O. Box 307  
Russell, IL 60075-0307**

## VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED - WORKING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Every year dozens of wonderful, servant-hearted attendees willingly sacrifice part of their time at the convention. Why? Because they understand that without their help, it would be impossible to have a quality convention. This is a partnership that ICHE treasures and depends on. If you are interested in serving, please let us know!

Working scholarships are also available with a compensation of \$10 per hour – up to four hours – returned from the registration fee. Young adults over 13 attending with a parent may help alongside that parent for \$5 per hour – up to four hours. Detailed descriptions of the available positions can be found at [www.iche.org](http://www.iche.org).



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## *From the Heart of The Board of Illinois Christian Home Educators*

Every year we are thankful to God for His faithfulness, protection and blessing on the homeschooling community. On this journey we have witnessed an explosion in growth of homeschooling, the trends in home education and the ministry of Illinois Christian Home Educators. Our vision remains the same ~ to see families transformed by God's powerful Word! It continues to be a great joy and honor to serve you, our homeschooling friends!

Did you know?...

- ◆ Four homeschooling families organized ICHE in 1983!
- ◆ ICHE has been serving Illinois for 27 years!
- ◆ We have our finger on the pulse of homeschooling legislation and legally intercede on behalf of our freedoms and rights to educate our children.
- ◆ The office responds to several thousand phone calls and emails annually!
- ◆ The first ICHE convention took place in July of 1984!

- ◆ Every ICHE event is staffed by volunteers ... not entrepreneurs! Money paid for an event goes directly into the ministry of supporting home educating families in Illinois!
- ◆ Encouragement and support are offered by ICHE to individuals and support groups through various events, email communiqués, informative articles, CD's and books.

- ◆ ICHE leaders meet at least twice a month and pray for the Illinois homeschooling community..
- ◆ The members of the Board and Convention Committee are volunteers!
- ◆ The spring convention is run by over 100 fellow home educators donating their time.

Partner with us, in vision, service and prayer!  
In our hearts and prayers,

The ICHE Board

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