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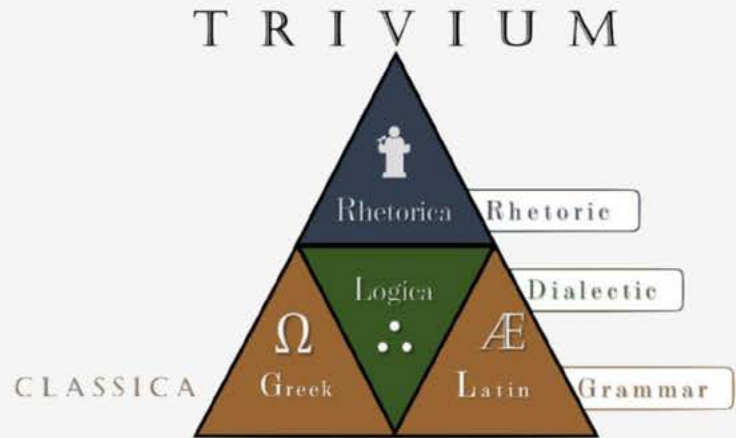
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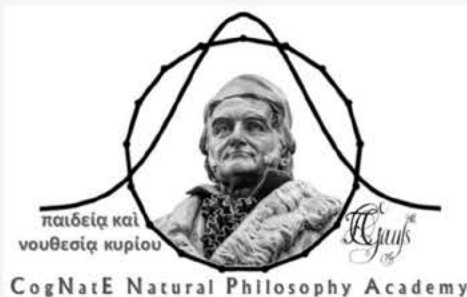
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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SCHEDULE (HEARN IN MARRIOTT)

<b>THURS</b>	1:00 P.M. .... Registration opens
	1:45 P.M. .... Doors open
	6:45 P.M. .... Close for evening
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<b>FRI</b>	8:15 A.M. .... Registration opens
	8:45 A.M. .... Doors open
	12:10 P.M. .... Close for lunch
	1:30 P.M. .... Doors re-open
	6:30 P.M. .... Close for evening
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<b>SAT</b>	8:45 A.M. .... Doors open
	12:10 P.M. .... Close for lunch
	1:30 P.M. .... Doors re-open
	4:10 P.M. .... Event concludes

# General Conference Schedule

## — Thursday, May 23, 2024 —

- 1:00 P.M. .... Registration begins
- 2:00-3:00 P.M. .... Workshop session 1
- 3:00 P.M. .... Vendor hall opens
- 3:20-4:20 P.M. .... Workshop session 2
- 4:40-5:40 P.M. .... Workshop session 3
- 7:15-8:00 P.M. .... Regional gatherings
- 7:30-9:30 P.M. .... Teen and alumni dance (Gallery)
- 8:00 P.M. .... Vendor hall closes
- 8:00-8:45 P.M. .... Special gatherings

## — Friday, May 24, 2024 —

- 8:30 A.M. .... Registration begins
- 9:00-10:30 A.M. .... General session and keynote address (Salem)
- 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. .... College Fair, Garden Terrace, Embassy Suites
- 10:30 A.M. .... Vendor hall opens
- 11:00 A.M.-NOON .... Workshop session 4
- 12:20-1:20 P.M. .... Workshop session 5
- 1:40-2:40 P.M. .... Workshop session 6
- 3:00-4:00 P.M. .... Workshop session 7
- 4:20-5:20 P.M. .... Workshop session 8
- 7:30 P.M. .... Vendor hall closes for the day
- 7:30-9:00 P.M. .... General session and keynote address (Salem)
- 7:30-9:30 P.M. .... Teen and alumni games (Gallery)

## — Saturday, May 25, 2024 —

- 8:30 A.M. .... Registration begins
- 9:00-10:30 A.M. .... General session and keynote address (Salem)
- 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. .... Trades Fair, Garden Terrace, Embassy Suites
- 10:30 A.M. .... Vendor hall opens
- 11:00 A.M.-NOON .... Workshop session 9
- 12:20-1:20 P.M. .... Workshop session 10
- 1:40-2:40 P.M. .... Workshop session 11
- 4:00 P.M. .... Vendor hall closes
- 5:00 P.M. .... Graduation ceremonies (Winston and Salem)

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## About Us...

Our mission is to help families in North Carolina homeschool with confidence and joy. We do this by working to:

### PROTECT

the rights of North Carolina citizens to homeschool.

### EQUIP

families with the information and encouragement they need.

### CONNECT

families with other homeschooling families and groups across the state.



North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE) is an organization of families who support home education in North Carolina. NCHE was founded in 1984 by a small group of concerned parents with two goals: to support and encourage home educators and to obtain the right to freely homeschool in North Carolina. NCHE is responsible for the good homeschool laws we enjoy today. We have a vision of flourishing families and thriving generations in which people remain passionate, curious and actively engaged in their faith and in their learning. We are committed to defending parental authority, promoting home education, serving all homeschoolers, and upholding biblical Christianity. NCHE is governed by a working board of directors who volunteer their time and efforts to serve homeschoolers and promote home education in North Carolina.

### NCHE Membership

We want you to be a part of our homeschool family. One of the best ways you can do that is by becoming a member of NCHE. We serve all homeschoolers, but members receive the very best information, resources, mentoring, opportunities, and discounts. We have two levels of membership. See which one best fits your needs and budget. Visit [nche.com/join](http://nche.com/join) to learn more.

## Some Things We Do...

**Thrive! The NCHE Homeschool Conference**—The NCHE conference is in Winston-Salem in late May and features national and regional speakers, workshops and activities for teens and alums, a children's program and a large vendor hall. It is one of the largest homeschool conferences in the nation.

**GREENHOUSE Magazine**—For over 35 years, our flagship magazine has been providing words of encouragement, methods of homeschooling, stories of student success and relevant homeschool news.

**The Homeschool Show from NCHE**—A weekly video podcast designed to help you homeschool with confidence and joy by providing homeschool news, interviews, and practical tips.

**NCHE Website**—The NCHE.com website is a helpful resource for homeschoolers in NC and beyond.

**NCHE Athletic Commission**—NCHEAC offers a wide variety of sports for homeschool students.

**Legislative Watch**—NCHE monitors both state and national legislation that may restrict our right to homeschool. We also propose and support positive legislation where needed.

**State-Wide Field Trips**—NCHE organizes field trips for homeschool students throughout the state.

**Graduation Services**—NCHE hosts a state-wide graduation ceremony for high school seniors. We also offer a distinctive homeschool diploma, a special issue of the GREENHOUSE Magazine to recognize our graduating seniors and college scholarships.

**Media Resource**—NCHE is a well-known homeschool resource for media who need reliable information.

**Weekly Email**—NCHE sends a weekly email that provides information on news of interest, graduation opportunities, conference information, the GREENHOUSE, legislative updates and local and statewide homeschool events.

**Facebook Page**—NCHE maintains an active Facebook page. NCHE also maintains Instagram and YouTube.



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# General Conference Information

## Admissions

**Full Conference Registration**—This entitles you to attend the vendor hall, all conference and vendor workshops and keynote sessions, teen and alum activities, and the gatherings.

**Vendor Hall Only Registration**—This includes admission to the vendor hall, vendor workshops and the gatherings.

**Wristbands and Nametags**—Attendees registered for the full conference will wear green wristbands. Attendees registered for the vendor hall only will wear yellow wristbands. Thursday only full conference will wear blue wristbands. Thursday only vendor hall only will wear orange wristbands. Speakers, NCHE officers and the conference team will wear green nametags. Vendors wear yellow nametags.

**Tickets for Individual Events**—If you are not registered for the full conference and would like to attend a workshop session, keynote, teen and alumni activities, you can buy a ticket for \$10 each to attend these. Purchase tickets at the registration table and then give them to a door monitor.

## Conference Happenings

### All Three Days

**Conference Workshops**—Conference workshops are given by speakers who have been invited to participate in our conference. The topics are usually inspirational or instructional about homeschooling and family. Those with full conference registration or a \$10 ticket may attend.

**Vendor Workshops**—A vendor workshop is given by one of our vendors and usually explains their product but can also cover a variety of subjects. Anyone registered for vendor hall only or full conference may attend.

**Keynotes**—There are 3 keynotes, Friday 9:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., and Saturday 9:00 A.M. in Salem Ballroom. A keynote session begins with a 30 minute period of general business before the keynote address by one of our featured speakers. Those with full conference registration or a \$10 ticket may attend.

**Children’s Program**—The children’s program is provided by Giant Cow Ministries. Children need to be preregistered. Onsite registration will be taken

if there is room. Children must also be registered for Thrive! The program will be in the Hearn Ballroom of the Marriott. See the schedule on page 1.

**Mentoring**—Experienced homeschoolers will be available to answer your homeschooling questions. The mentor table will be in the Piedmont Foyer just outside of the main vendor hall doors. The mentor table hours are 3:00-6:00 P.M. on Thursday, 10:30 A.M.-6:15 P.M. on Friday, and 10:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M. on Saturday.

### Thursday

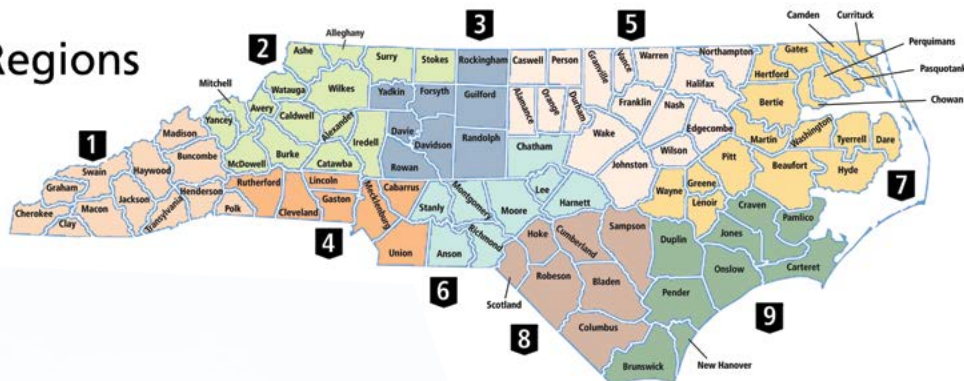
**Regional Gatherings**—A time to meet others from your NCHE region will be on Thursday evening at 7:15. Find your region in the map below. Don’t miss the meeting for your region!

- Region 1 ..... (Ayers)
- Region 2 ..... (Conference 2)
- Region 3 ..... (Ardmore 2)
- Region 4 ..... (Conference 1)
- Region 5 ..... (Gaines)
- Region 6 ..... (Ardmore 4)
- Region 7 ..... (Atkins 2)
- Region 8 ..... (Atkins 1)
- Region 9 ..... (Ardmore 1)

**Special Gatherings**—These gatherings are opportunities to gather with others who are in your same special circumstance. They will meet at 8:00 on Thursday evening. Just drop in and meet others!

- New homeschoolers ..... (Conference 1)
- Homeschooling special needs children .... (Conference 2)
- Parents of preschoolers ..... (Ardmore 1)
- Multicultural homeschoolers ..... (Ardmore 2)
- Homeschooling as a single parent ..... (Ardmore 4)
- Homeschooling with a chronic illness .... (Atkins 1)
- Military families ..... (Atkins 2)
- Parents of gifted children ..... (Gaines)
- Dads ..... (Ayers)

NCHE Regions



**Chess Tournament**—The K-12 chess tournament is on Thursday from 1:30-5:30 P.M. on the Reception Deck (take the stairs up from the Garden Terrace) in the Embassy. Preregistration is required. Cash prizes for first, second and third place winners are sponsored by Mark Sanger of Sanger Realty in Winston-Salem.

**Teen and Alumni Cotillion-Style Dance**—With an emphasis on instruction, NCHE offers this dance for our teens and alumni on Thursday 7:30 P.M. in the Gallery. Admission requires full conference registration or a \$10 ticket.

**Vendor Hall Drawing**—There will be a Win Two Drawing on Thursday evening at 7:00. Win Two Drawing gives free conference admission for 2024 (reimbursed) and 2025. (Must be present to win.)

## Friday

**College Fair**—Students have the opportunity to meet and talk with college recruiters. The fair will be 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Friday on the Garden Terrace, second floor of the Embassy Suites.

**Teen and Alumni Games Social**—A games social will be held in the Gallery, Friday night 7:30-9:30 P.M. NCHE will provide cards, board games and group games. Admission requires full conference registration or a \$10 ticket.

## Saturday

**Trades Fair**—Come explore a variety of trades at the NCHE Thrive! Trades Fair, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. on the Garden Terrace in the Embassy. Talk directly with people working in various fields to see what it's like and learn more about needed training, apprenticeships, and more!

**Vendor Hall Drawings**—There will be 2 drawings on Saturday afternoon.

- Signature Card Drawing—Win \$250 in cash, Saturday 1:30 P.M.
- Win Two Drawing—Win free conference admission for 2024 (reimbursed) and 2025, Saturday 3:00 P.M. (Must be present to win.)

**Graduation**—NCHE hosts a state-wide homeschool high school graduation ceremony on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (admission not until 4:45 P.M.) in the Winston and Salem Ballrooms. All are invited to attend.

## Conference Recordings

**Audio Recordings**—Audio recordings of conference workshops and keynotes will be reproduced in 2 ways: CDs and MP3s. These are sold at the recording booth in the Winston Foyer, and the MP3s are also sold online. You can pre-order at the recording booth (even before the talks have happened!), and we'll notify you when your order is ready.

**Purchasing CDs**—Recordings in CD format are available for sale only at the conference and must be picked up by the end of the conference. A complete set of all recordings on CDs may be purchased at the conference or online afterwards at a reduced price and will be shipped. NCHE will not ship or mail individual CDs. CDs are \$7 each.

**Purchasing MP3s**—Recordings in MP3 format will be available for a special price of \$5 at the conference, and through May 31 online (\$6 afterwards). These may be ordered online at the NCHE website as soon as they are available, within 24 hours after each session. A complete set of all recordings can be purchased on a flash drive at a reduced price and shipped.

## Miscellaneous

**Volunteering**—Please consider being one of our very important volunteers! Go to the volunteer table in the Benton and see if they have needs.

**Workshop Handouts**—Some of the speakers prepare a handout with notes about their talks. These can be found online at [www.nche.com/thrive/speakers/](http://www.nche.com/thrive/speakers/) and click on the third tab.

**Nursing Mothers Room**—The Shober Boardroom, across from Gaines in the Embassy, is available for nursing mothers.

**Conference Help Table**—If you have questions about the conference, drop by the conference help table at the entrance of the Benton.

**Lost and Found**—Lost and Found is located at the registration table and at the NCHE table in the vendor hall, booth 1.

**Conference Evaluation**—We would love to have your input on the conference—things you liked and ways we can improve. To share your input, go to: <https://www.nche.com/thrive/evaluations>.

You can also find a link to this page from the Thrive! home page.

**Thrive! Conference App**—We have a new conference app! This app will allow you to make a schedule and receive messages from the conference team. Download eventOne: Mobile Event App, and click on the button for Thrive!

## College Fair

Friday, 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Garden Terrace on the second floor of the Embassy Suites

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- Appalachian Bible College
  - Blue Ridge Bible College
  - Bob Jones University
  - Bryan College
  - Campbell University
  - Carolina College of Biblical Studies
  - Cedarville University
  - The College at Southeastern
  - Excel College
  - Grand Canyon University
  - High Point University
  - Impact University
  - Liberty University
  - Manna University
  - Meredith College
  - Montreat College
  - New Aberdeen College
  - Patrick Henry College
  - Pensacola Christian College
  - Saint Andrew's Theological College and Seminary
  - SEU Carolina
  - Southeastern University
  - Thales College
  - University of Mount Olive
  - Veritas Baptist College
  - Western Carolina University
  - Word of Life Bible Institute

## Trades Fair

Saturday, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.,  
Garden Terrace on the second floor of the Embassy Suites

**The CabinSmiths LLC**—Log & toner frame home restoration (repair & refinishing)

**Career Accelerator Program (CAP)**—CAP is a consortia group of companies that provide apprenticeship to youth in Alamance County, through Alamance Community College. Textiles, manufacturing, and packaging companies are represented in our group, and the apprenticeships range from mechanical maintenance, to CNC machining, to metrologist.

**Kyrie Global Inc / Cold World Storage**—Warehousing, transportation, logistics, supply chain, trucking, 3PL, etc.

**Loc-Doc Security**—Locksmith

**Parkway Ford Inc.**—Automotive dealership

**Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of NC Inc.**—Plumbing and HVAC

**Professional Trade Schools, a Division of Kinetic Interactive Synergy Solutions, NC LLC**—All trades in the construction industry

**RockATOP**—RockATOP is a consortia group of companies in Rockingham County that take apprentices in the manufacturing industry.

**Sal's Quality Painting**—Painting

## Quick Room Reference (alphabetical order)

**Chess Tournament:** Reception Deck (above Garden Terrace) in the Embassy

**Children's Program:** Hearn Ballroom in Marriott

**College Fair:** Garden Terrace in the Embassy

**Conference Help Table:** Benton entrance from Fifth Street

**Graduations:** Salem and Winston Ballrooms

**Mentoring:** Piedmont Foyer

**Nursing Mothers' Room:** Shober Boardroom (across from Gaines in the Embassy)

**Recording Sales:** Winston Foyer

**Registration:** Salem Foyer

**Teen & Alumni Dance:** Gallery in Benton South (the floor below the Embassy)

**Teen & Alumni Games Social:** Gallery in Benton South (the floor below the Embassy)

**Trades Fair:** Garden Terrace, Embassy Suites

**Vendor Hall:** Piedmont Hall

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# Conference Speakers

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★ **Wil and Meeke Addison** are the founders of Straight Edge Ministries and Culture Proof, a movement to equip followers of Christ to resist wicked cultural trends by applying God's Word—the straight edge. As the co-hosts of the Culture Proof podcast, you'll hear Wil, Meeke, and their hand-picked guests discuss the cultural issues of the day filtered through a biblical lens. The Addisons are conference speakers with a specific focus on culture and its impact on Christian families. Married nineteen years, they are raising six incredible children—equipping them to live for the glory of God. They disciple and educate their children at home—around the kitchen table and on the sofa.

- 1 GT **Bridging the Racial Divide: The Realistic Solution to America's Ethnic and Cultural Problems** (Will & Meeke)
- 3 G **For His Glory Alone** (Meeke)
- Friday Morning Keynote **The Heart of the Homeschool** (Will & Meeke)
- 5 G **Psalm 78: The Route to an Awakening** (Will)
- 7 G **Culture-Proof: How to Grow the Resistance** (Meeke)
- 9 GT **Critical Race Theory: A Different Gospel** (Meeke)
- 11 D **Point Guard Parenting** (Will)



**Rachel Anderson** has been homeschooling for many years. She is married to her wonderful husband, Steve, and has been blessed with four children. Prior to homeschooling, she graduated from Cincinnati Christian University with degrees in music and business. She worked in human resources at the Information Technology Department and as a worship minister at her local church. Once she had children and started to homeschool, she realized that two of her children have learning struggles, one with moderate/severe dyslexia, ADHD and memory deficiency. As a result, she has done considerable research learning how to teach the struggling learner and loves to pass on her knowledge and experience to other parents looking for help.

- 6 G **Mom, Don't Make Me Think—Just Tell Me the Answer**
- 11 L **Learning Challenges in Math? Challenge *No More!***



★ **Vicki Bentley** is the mother of eight daughters, foster mom of over fifty, grandma to twenty-three grandbabies, and great-grandma to ten (so far). Vicki has homeschooled seventeen children alongside her husband, Jim, and has been a support group leader since 1991. She has served on the executive board and convention committee of Home Educators Association of Virginia and has addressed state and national conventions. She can be found at [EverydayHomemaking.com](http://EverydayHomemaking.com) and 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*, the *Homeschool with Confidence* series, and other homeschool and homemaking helps. She currently serves as an educational consultant for HSLDA. Vicki has a heart for parents, with practical wisdom and encouraging words.

- 1 G **Organizing Your Home—Creating a Lifestyle Learning Environment**
- 3 Leaders **L.E.A.D. with JOY**
- 4 G **Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget**
- 6 B **Exploring Curriculum Options**
- 8 M **Juggling Life and Lesson Plans**
- 9 G **When Life Broadships Your Homeschool**
- 11 G **Getting Kids to Help at Home: Training in Diligence and Thoroughness**

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**Francie Black** has a twenty year progression through technology product training, project management, software development management, and business development. She was the manager of Internet development for a Fortune 500 company in the Los Angeles area. Later, as a senior management consultant, she worked with other Fortune 500 companies as well as early stage tech startups. For six years, Francie hosted the weekly ABC WLOS News “Tech Time” segment and syndicated her tech segments to over 100 television stations across the country. You can see hundreds of her TV segments by searching her name on YouTube. In 2014, she founded Home Hacker Camp, which offers robotics & programming courses, camps and curriculum to youth (homehackercamp.com). Francie has an undergraduate degree from UNC Charlotte and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She can be reached at francie@homehackercamp.com.

**11 G** How to Keep Your Kids Safe Online—Tech Tools & Tips



**Dr. Janice Broyles** is an educator with over 20 years’ experience. She earned her doctorate in educational leadership and considers it an honor and privilege to teach others, as well as her own children. She is also an author of more than seven award-winning books and the owner of Late November Literary, a small publisher located in Winston Salem, NC. She is the proud mother of two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin. Jonathan is now a law enforcement officer, and Benjamin is fifteen and a tenth grader. Janice and her husband, John, decided that providing the best education for their sons starts at home. She and her family are from the great state of Michigan but now currently reside in the lovely (and much warmer) state of North Carolina.

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★ **Kristi Clover** is a home organization and #momlife expert. She's the author of *M.O.M.= Master Organizer of Mayhem* and *Homeschool Basics* as well as a popular conference speaker. Her passion is to help Christian women find sanity and joy in the throes of mom life. She loves to share about her adventures in motherhood and home life through a variety of media that you can find at [KristiClover.com](http://KristiClover.com). Kristi lives in San Diego with her husband, Steve, and their five children. Be sure to connect with Kristi online for an extra dose of encouragement. She's @KristiClover on most social media networks.

- 2 M Finding the Balance between Your Life and Your Homeschool
- 3 G Homeschooling with Multiple Ages in the House
- 5 M Sanity Savers for a Homeschool Mom
- 7 M Homeschool Organization Made Easy
- 9 M Quitting the Comparison Game
- 11 M Stop Trying to Do Too Much! Simplify What & How You're Teaching!



**Paul Cwik, Ph.D.**, is the BB&T Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Mount Olive and is a visiting professor of economics and finance at Thales College, in Wake Forest, NC. For eight years, he taught the BB&T courses on capitalism at NCSU. He and his wife (Heidi) have homeschooled their three children for over 10 years. Dr. Cwik has many academic publications and his dissertation was cited in the Wall Street Journal. He is a Fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute in Auburn, AL, and has taught economics to high schoolers across the world with the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) since 2003. He has also taught economics and personal finance courses at his local co-op in Raleigh, NC.

- 3 TG Is Capitalism Moral? Countering Socialist Arguments



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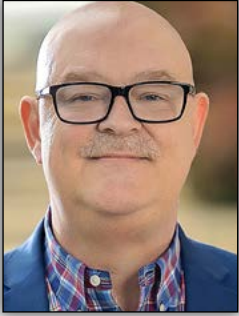
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**Bobby Dixon** is a NC native with over 25 years of experience in education as a teacher and administrator. He is a firm believer in a parent's right to choose the appropriate education for their child. As the director of the NC Division of Non-Public Education, He has had the pleasure of interacting with many homeschool chief administrators.

8 B Getting to Know the NC Division of Non-Public Education



**Jared Dodd** had been doing ministry for the last 20+ years. He and his wife started a full-time ministry focused on family and discipleship in 2012, and they currently reside in Texas. They homeschool their 10 children and travel the country speaking on many different subjects including apologetics, family, homeschooling, discipleship, history etc. Jared has written several books and has a weekly podcast called The Blessed Family. RightNow Media also streams 3 of his Bible studies (DIO) which are used in homes, churches, and some private schools across the nation. Jared also currently serves as mayor for the city of Cottonwood Shores, Tx.

2 G 16 Essentials for Your Child's Success  
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**Katie Dugdale** is a child of God, lover of Christ, wife to an amazing man, and mom to 4 beautiful kids. Her family has been homeschooling from the beginning and have just finished their fourteenth year. It is a constant journey. Each of Katie's kids was born in a different state. They have many chapters in their story, and Katie has several years of teaching experience through the public school system, homeschooling her own children, working with the church youth group, and teaching in local homeschool co-ops. Katie holds a degree in early childhood education from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. She served on the board of directors of the Henderson County Homeschool Association for six years as activities director, treasurer, and secretary. Katie now co-directs Classical Scholars Homeschool Co-op in Mills River, NC.

★ 4 BY Getting Started with Preschool and Kindergarten  
10 P Delight Directed High School



**Jeff Ertzberger** currently serves as a faculty member and director of technology in the Watson College of Education at UNC Wilmington, where he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in instructional design and instructional technology. A former public school teacher, Jeff has been a featured speaker at regional, national, and international conferences. His unique experiences and personality allow him to present sometimes complex technologies in ways that are understandable and fun! As an elder at New Hanover Church and a homeschool father of three, Jeff sees the needs of parents in the homeschool and is able to take his knowledge of technology to find ways to make teaching any subject easier and more effective.

1 G The ABCs of AI  
9 P Reflection of a Homeschool Graduate on College Application Process



**Luke Ertzberger** is a homeschool alumnus and college freshman and brings a unique perspective to education. Accepted at all colleges he applied to, scoring in the 99th percentile on the ACT and CLT exams, and receiving the NCHE academic scholarship in 2023, his homeschool journey has been a foundation for success. Luke is currently studying computer science through Regent University Online. As a recent homeschool graduate, Luke offers insightful information regarding integrating technology into your homeschool. He doesn't have a Ph.D. or 30 years of experience to share, but what he does have is a recent homeschool grad's perspective and tips.

1 G The ABCs of AI  
9 P Reflection of a Homeschool Graduate on College Application Process



**Jessica Frierson** is a second-generation homeschooler. She is married to Ernie, a retired minister. They have been homeschooling their seven sons and three daughters since 2000. She is a speaker and writer. She serves as the secretary for NCHE and writes for the GREENHOUSE and the NCHE blog.

9 B Five Needs of the Homeschool Child

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**Michelle Gano** is a mom of three and a teacher turned homeschooler. She is also the founder of Hands-on Home, an online community that helps parents create a fun, interactive learning environment at home while also developing a deeper connection with their kids. Michelle is known for sharing very practical strategies, so the learning activities and trainings are easy-to-implement even on those busy days. Her infectious joy and passion for helping kids develop a true love of learning will give you a new perspective on what learning can look like in your home. Learn how to simplify lessons, provide hands-on activities, and bring worksheets to life. Check out [www.michellegano.com](http://www.michellegano.com) for information on the Hands-on Home Community, including a resource library of hands-on learning and family bonding activities, video trainings, virtual and in-person events, and more.

**8 Y Playful Mind, Powerful Future: Practical Tips for Hands-on Learning**



★ **Kathryn (Bell) Gomes** is Apologia's esteemed math author, nationwide speaker, and a homeschooled student herself (daughter of Debra Bell). Kathryn holds an M. Ed. in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh. She has taught math to homeschooled students for thirteen years and is very familiar with the challenges of learning math at home. Kathryn spent three years teaching mathematics in inner-city Philadelphia through Teach for America. She then taught in the most ethnically diverse high school in Pennsylvania. During this time, Kathryn designed algebra 1 and algebra 2 curricula for English language learners. Now one of her great passions is improving mathematics education for homeschoolers by increasing rigor while maintaining the creativity and free-thinking that she enjoyed in her schooling.

**2 YO Living Math: Teaching Off the Page in the Charlotte Mason Style**

**4 G What My Mom Did Right, What My Mom Did Wrong (Thoughts from a 2nd Generation Homeschooler)**

**7 Y Toddlers in Tow: What to Do with Your Littlest Ones While You Homeschool**

**8 G Learning How to Learn: How Neuroscience Can Help You Homeschool More Effectively**

**10 G 5 Ways God Used Homeschooling to Strengthen My Faith and Prepare Me to Engage the World**



**Kwan Graham** has an extensive background serving parents and advocating for the educational needs of children. Kwan oversees Parent for Educational Freedom in NC (PEFNC)'s Parent Liaison Team and works diligently across the state to educate and empower parents to become better advocates for their children's educational needs. As director of community engagement, Kwan also supports and promotes all educational options. Kwan is board chair of PAVE-Southeast Raleigh Charter School and serves on The Telra Institute Charter School Parent/Community Advisory Council. She formerly served on board of trustees of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) and is a former governor-appointed member of the NC Public Charter School Advisory Board. Kwan has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and lives in Charlotte with her husband and two sons.

**1 L Financial Resources for Homeschooling Struggling Learners**

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**Takeila Hall** received a degree in communication studies from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1998. She began working with College Foundation, Inc. in August 1999 as a program information and marketing specialist. She has 24 years of experience providing information on career planning, academic planning, applying to college, low interest student and parent loans, scholarships/grants, and North Carolina's National College Savings Plan.

**7 P Better FAFSA: The First Step in the Financial Aid Process**



**Natalie Mack** is a national certified counselor, author, TEDx speaker, and experienced twenty-three years military home educator, with over twenty-two years of service to military homeschooling families and military homeschool support group leadership. Natalie is a mom of five: three college graduates, one college senior, and an 11th grader. She currently serves as president of Fort Belvoir Home Educators. She also owns Natalie Mack, LLC which provides educational consultation, mentorship to military homeschool leaders and advocacy for military homeschooling. She is the military community outreach coordinator for HSLDA. She has a podcast: Base2Base Military Homeschooling. Natalie's published works include the book *101 Tips for Homeschoolers*, available on Amazon and several articles on *Military Families Magazine*, *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine* and the HSLDA Military Families website.

**4 P You Can Graduate Children to College**

**8 PT The Value of Extracurriculars**

**10 G Military Homeschooling 101**



**Mike and Ronda Marshall** live in Asheville, NC, and completed 26 years of homeschooling when they graduated the youngest of their 6 children in 2021. They have served on the NCHE board since 2003 where Mike has served as president and regional director, and Ronda has served as homeschool helps director, advisor, and currently as the community relations director. They have established and coordinated local homeschool support groups, email groups, co-ops, enrichment classes and conferences in their area. Ronda served as the director of Biltmore Church Homeschool Ministry that serves over 200 families in western NC. They have had the privilege of speaking at various support groups and state conferences where they love having the opportunity to encourage families in this wonderful, yet sometimes challenging, homeschooling journey.

**1 B Getting Off to a Great Start**

**6 G I'm Worn-Out, Going Crazy, & Making My Kids Stupid, Please Help**



**Inga Masek** is a former teacher and administrator turned veteran homeschool mom of 4. After almost hitting burn-out striving to be the perfect homeschool mom, she shifted her focus to the freedom of being an empowered homeschool mom instead. She is passionate about helping other anxious and overwhelmed moms have a biblically grounded mindset, motivation, and mental wellness to teach their children at home confidently.

**4 G Mindset Makeover: Embrace Imperfection in Homeschooling**

**8 G The Art of Celebration: Why It Matters in Homeschooling**

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**Debbie Mason** and husband, Spencer, have 4 adult children who were homeschooled from birth. Alexa graduated from UNCC and is a homeschooling mother. Scott graduated from Grove City College and Regent School of Law and is a lawyer in the Army. Levi has his master's and bachelor's from NC State and is a computer engineer. Mereda graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and is a mother and fiction writer. She has 7 grandchildren who are all being homeschooled. An NCHE member since 1985 and board member since 1988, Debbie is currently the NCHE events director and media director. She also directed a large homeschool support group for over 22 years. Debbie has a BS in secondary education, mathematics, and a MEd in counseling.

6 G A Homeschool Veteran's Top Advice to Pass Along



**Dana McDill** is the wife of NCHE's executive director, Matthew McDill. They live in Clemmons, NC, with five (ages 18 to 10) of their nine children. Their oldest two children are married, and two others are in college with another one headed there in the fall! She has been homeschooling for 21 years. She loves to come alongside and encourage moms because she knows well the challenges of the journey. She doesn't claim to be an expert because she knows God is still refining her. She hopes some of the lessons she has learned will help you!

6 M Loving Your Children (Harder Than We Think)



**Matthew McDill** and his wife, Dana, live in Clemmons, NC with five of their nine children. Matthew has been in pastoral ministry for over twenty-five years and is now the executive director for North Carolinians for Home Education. He earned his M.Div. and Ph.D. at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and authored the book *Loving God: A Practical Handbook for Discipleship*. Matthew loves to teach from God's Word, especially on topics related to family relationships, discipleship, parenting, leadership and home education.

7 OP Raising Life-Long Learners  
9 OP Ten Essential Topics for Discipling Your Children



**Marji McIlvaine** & husband Rick homeschooled for 26 years in four states and are now officially retired as homeschool parents. All six children have graduated from homeschooling, half are college graduates or students or working. Marji's heart is to encourage other parents in the homeschool journey. She served on the board of Henderson County Homeschool Association for 20 years, administers the Woodcock-Johnson test in WNC, teaches homeschoolers online and in person with My Fun Science online academy and Classical Scholars Tutorials in WNC. Marji also tutors students with reading difficulties. She has a passion for foreign languages, science, writing, history and, oh, the whole of God's incredible creation.

1 G Homeschooling, Foreign Languages, and Me—Can We Make This Work?  
5 PT Online Instruction: How to Succeed!



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**Justin Nale** is a pastor and homeschool leader in eastern North Carolina. He currently serves as a director and area representative with Classical Conversations, helping equip families for God-centered, classical education. He is the author of *The God-Centered Homeschool* and a speaker at several conferences and homeschool seminars each year. He is passionate about education as discipleship and the vital role fathers can play in their family's homeschool. He and his wife, Crystal, have two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin, and have homeschooled since 2007. He has served as pastor of Mount Hermon Church for twenty years and also served on various boards, including with NCHE.

5 G The Aim of Education



**Julia Nalle** is a wife, mother, licensed practical nurse, teacher, writer and co-owner of BiblioPlan. She has a bachelor of science in early childhood education and a master of arts in religion with emphasis in Old Testament studies, counseling and pastoral ministries. Julia and her husband have five children, three of whom are adopted. Julia also has 40+ years of teaching experience. With numerous years of experience teaching in classroom settings, homeschooling her own children, tutoring children with special needs, co-writing a history and literature curriculum and teaching at a co-op, Julia has encountered it all. In her sessions, she loves to share with humor and down to earth honesty her heart for classical/Charlotte Mason styled education while giving numerous practical and easy to implement ways to teach and inspire children.

3 LYO When Your Struggling Learner Hates, Struggles, or Refuses to Read  
9 G Multi-Age, Multi-Grade? All Together without Mom Losing Her Mind!

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★ **Steve Noble** is a follower of Jesus Christ, husband, father, talk radio show host, teacher, activist, and speaker. Steve is the host of *The Steve Noble Show*, a syndicated Christian talk radio show that launched in 2007. Today, the show is heard on 31 stations across North Carolina along with Facebook Live, YouTube Live, and via podcast. Steve has taught over 1,000 high school homeschoolers since 2011 and recently launched NOBLE U to offer his classes online, as well! He teaches civics, US history, Christian ethics, and world history. Steve earned a master's degree in ethics, theology, and culture from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2018. He has partnered with major ministries across America like Pastor Greg Laurie/Harvest Crusades, David Jeremiah, Family Research Council, and Focus on the Family. The Nobles have homeschooled for 17 years. Steve is our primary teen speaker.

- 2 T Politics—Nasty but Necessary
- 4 T Living Out Your Faith in a Culture that (Sometimes) Hates You
- 6 T Identity—Where Are You Rooted?
- 8 T Dealing with Doubt
- Friday Night Keynote Christian Ethics: Is Your Student Ready for the Culture War?
- 10 T I Hated History Too



**Laura Zifer Powell** is a Christian apologist, writer, and speaker. She is the founder of An Affair with Reason, and she serves as Christian apologist, senior writer, Islam ministry specialist, and secretary of the board for Women in Apologetics. Since graduating from Duke University in 1998 and from Denver Seminary in 2004, she has ministered in almost thirty countries on five continents. Her considerable experience in ministering to Muslim women around the world has given her a unique voice in the world of apologetics as an Islam ministry specialist, although she enjoys sharing reasons for the hope that she has in Christ with people of all backgrounds and worldviews. Her blog, contact information, and more can be found at her website, [www.AnAffairWithReason.com](http://www.AnAffairWithReason.com).

- 1 TG Is God Really Good: Violence in the Scriptures & Church History



**Renton Rathbun** has been a classroom teacher for over two decades. His teaching experience has included both secular and Christian institutions ranging from high school to college. He and his wife homeschooled their son, Daniel, who is now in college. Renton has spoken for homeschool venues such as the Foundations Summit, the Canadian Homeschool Symposium, Teach Them Diligently, The Great Homeschool Convention. He has also preached in a variety of churches across the US. Renton holds a BS in English education and an MA in interpretative speech from Bob Jones University. He has also received an MFA in creative writing from Minnesota State University, an MA in philosophy from the University of Toledo, a ThM from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and has a PhD in apologetics from Westminster Theological Seminary. Renton serves as the director of the Center for Biblical Worldview.

- 2 G LGBTQ+ Ideology: What Our Children Are Facing and How to Respond
- 5 GT How We Are Getting Biblical Worldview Wrong

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**Mandie Rose** is a remarried homeschooling mom of 5, business owner, full-time mobile mechanic, and lover of the trades. Her education is in broadcasting, accounting, and automotive systems. She has taught the Crankin Engines summer camp (a curriculum by Rankin Barnes) for 10 years, teaching children and adults the joys of discovering their talents while rebuilding small engines. Discover how you can teach the trades at her workshop, with experience or not!

11 PTL Teaching the Trades



**Marcus Ross** has loved paleontology (especially dinosaurs) since he was a kid growing up in Rhode Island. After earning a BS in Earth science from the Pennsylvania State University, he continued his studies with a MS in vertebrate paleontology from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a PhD in environmental science (geoscience) from the University of Rhode Island. He served on the faculty at Liberty University from 2005-2021, serving as professor of geology and director of the Center for Creation Studies and continues to serve as a fellow of the Center. Dr. Ross regularly contributes to creationist research and education in both technical and popular venues. He and his wife, Corinna, live in Lynchburg, Virginia, and homeschool their four children.

5 TG Dinosaurs: Fuzzy, with a Chance of Feathers

9 TG Creation and Evolution: Where We Stand Today



**Sandy Smith** is a certified neurodevelopmental specialist at Carolinas Biofeedback Clinic in Pineville, NC. Through her own family, she had the opportunity to face many challenges—developmental delays, behavioral challenges, sensory issues, tantrums, traumas, academic challenges and more. As a teacher for 18 years, she always seemed to be drawn to the most challenging children and spent her teaching career specifically helping those families and those students. She has a passion for helping children with academic, behavioral and developmental challenges. She helps them reach their highest potential by working at the source of the problem, the brain itself, using its natural developmental processes. She is an active and dynamic speaker and loves bringing awareness of The Developmental Sequence to the community.

2 LYO The Importance of Movement in Early Brain Development



**Casey Samuel Townsend** has been speaking and teaching for nearly twenty years in both public and religious sectors. Formerly working as a pastor in a large church setting and speaking to more than a thousand people on Sunday mornings, he now is part of a biblically-based house church made up of only five families. His passion is teaching Christians how to understand and defend their faith using logic, reason and most importantly, the Bible. He and his wife, Casey Lauren Townsend, run a small music store in Southport, NC, in which they hold their homeschool co-op each week, with a variety of subjects taught by both Caseys. Casey Samuel Townsend has a bachelor's degree in music, which he uses to continue teaching music at a local private school and leads their chapel services each week, bringing his passion for biblical truth to every lesson and song. Casey is a second generation homeschool.

10 G You Can Start a Co-op!

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**Ann Troast** is a former classroom teacher and the founder and director of Four Square Community, a homeschool co-op in West Michigan that serves over 100 classes to over 675 local students. As a veteran homeschooling mom of four, she has discovered, implemented, and helped others enjoy the freedom of a Charlotte Mason education. Her passion for sparking joy in education and inspiring lifelong learning led her to create Without Doors, a minimalist Charlotte Mason curriculum. You can find her wide range of resources for the entire family ranging from preschool through adult at [withoutdoorscurriculum.com](http://withoutdoorscurriculum.com).

- 3 G Applying the Principles of Minimalism to Homeschooling
- 5 G The Art of Joyful History Lessons
- 7 G How to Explore Nature when You'd Rather Be Inside



**Cheryl Vandegrift** started out by joining the Air Force immediately after high school, where she served and traveled the world for 12 years, before deciding to separate to raise her toddler daughter. After the birth of her twins in 2004, she opened a drop-in childcare business in a shopping center and served her community for 10 years, ultimately closing down two months before the pandemic. In that time, she also began homeschooling her young children, who are now 19, 15, and 15. During the pandemic, she worked to achieve a bachelor's of science degree in psychology, with a focus in life coaching and health and wellness life coaching. She has recently teamed up with her sister, Allyx, to form a coaching program aimed at educating parents/caregivers and professionals/businesses to properly support the neurodiverse people in their lives and help them thrive in a world not made for them.

- 10 L Helping Your Neurodiverse Child Thrive



**Amanda Wares** is a 19 year homeschooling veteran. Three of her four children have graduated from her homeschool, and they all still love each other! Amanda is married to Michael and is still homeschooling one teenager in central North Carolina. She serves in homeschool leadership at the local and state level and is passionate about encouraging and equipping others on their homeschool journey.

- 3 P Homeschooling High School How-Tos
- 7 M The Girlfriend's Guide to Homeschooling



**Susannah, Killian, Katrielle, & Deacon Wares**, the children of Michael and Amanda Wares, have experienced first hand the so called "horrors" of homeschooling that most parents fear their children will endure as home-educatees. Despite this, they have all found ways to demonstrate success throughout their lives. Whether it's in athletics, higher education, or simply social skills, they have lived lives as homeschoolers and want to share that experience with others.

- 11 OP Homeschooling from a Homeschoolee's Perspective

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**Deb Weakly** is a co-founder of Help Club for Moms, a ministry of moms encouraging moms to know the great love of Jesus Christ. Deb loves to share Christ-centered inspiration and ideas to help moms in every season to know Jesus more intimately, cultivate a strong marriage, disciple their children, and establish a joy-filled Christian home. She is a contributing writer to the book of the same name, *The Help Club for Moms: Inspirational and Practical Help for You, Your Home, and Your Family*, and ten other encouraging devotional books in The Wise Woman series. She also has created a unique, one-of-a-kind mentoring platform at [myhelpclubformoms.com](http://myhelpclubformoms.com) designed to help moms thrive in every season of their lives! Deb and her husband, Randy, have been married for 32 years and have two grown children, Christie and Jack, an answer-to-prayer son-in-law named Alex, and three delightful grandchildren.

- 4 G Homeschooling by Faith
- 6 P How Do I Reach My Teen's (and Young Adult's) Heart?



**Pat Wesolowski** is an author, speaker, and homeschooling mother of 9 who is now the homeschool specialist at Bryan College in Dayton, TN. After homeschooling her 9 children for the past 32 years, she is finally finished! Pat has a heart for helping parents find joy in their homeschooling experience and, for that reason, loves teaching workshops in order to encourage and equip parents for a fun and successful homeschool experience. Pat is the host of a podcast entitled "The Homeschool Specialist," writes a blog, and has authored numerous unit studies for homeschooled students. Pat has written a free E-resource to help parents plan for a successful high school experience: [www.bryan.edu/ebook](http://www.bryan.edu/ebook).

- 2 P Gifts, Talents and Entrepreneurship



★ **Todd Wilson** is a dad, granddad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and down-to-earth realness have made him a favorite speaker at homeschool conventions, retreats, and churches across the country. As founder of Familyman Ministries and the Smiling Homeschooler, his passion and mission are to remind dads and moms of what's most important through weekly emails, podcasts (*The Familyman Show & The Smiling Homeschooler*), seminars, and books and products that encourage parents. Todd and his wife, Debbie, homeschool two of their eight children (six have graduated from their homeschool with four married) in northern Indiana and travel America in the Familyman Mobile. You can read more at [www.familymanweb.com](http://www.familymanweb.com).

- 1 G Raising Politically Incorrect Pink and Blue Kids in a Purple World
- 3 G The Gift
- 4 G Get REAL!
- 6 G Common Mistakes Homeschool Parents Make
- 8 D Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad!
- Saturday Morning Keynote The FOUR Homeschool Temperaments
- 10 G Choose the Hard Things or How to Keep Going When You Feel Like Giving Up



**Jeff Zenger** is a current member of the NC House and is a homeschool dad who has raised 4 kids and founded and run several businesses over his career. Prior to that, he served in Urban Ministry in Baltimore City to teenagers for 13 years. He has served 4 terms on the Lewisville Town Council, chaired the town planning board, been an elder in his church, been on missions' trips, small group leader and served on many boards and committees. Rep. Zenger is currently serving in his second term in the NC House. Rep. Zenger's first challenge to engage politics came at the 2009 NCHE Homeschool Conference in Winston Salem. His interesting and varied background gives him keen insight into kingdom politics, homeschooling and public service.

- 7 GT Kingdom Politics, Homeschooling and Public Service



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## Thursday

Location	Session 1 2:00-3:00 P.M.	Session 2 3:20-4:20 P.M.	Session 3 4:40-5:40 P.M.
Winston 1	Vicki Bentley, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Organizing Your Home – Creating a Lifestyle Learning Environment</b> CD/MP3 #1	Sandy Smith, <span style="color: blue;">L</span> <span style="color: yellow;">Y</span> <span style="color: orange;">O</span> <b>The Importance of Movement in Early Brain Development</b> CD/MP3 #9	Ann Troast, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Applying the Principles of Minimalism to Homeschooling</b> CD/MP3 #17
Winston 2	Will and Meeke Addison, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <b>Bridging the Racial Divide: The Realistic Solution to America's Ethnic and Cultural Problems</b> CD/MP3 #2	Jared Dodd, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>16 Essentials for Your Child's Success</b> CD/MP3 #10	Meeke Addison, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>For His Glory Alone</b> CD/MP3 #18
Winston 3	Kwan Graham, <span style="color: blue;">L</span> <b>Financial Resources for Homeschooling Struggling Learners</b> CD/MP3 #3	Kristi Clover, <span style="color: purple;">M</span> <b>Finding the Balance between Your Life and Your Homeschool</b> CD/MP3 #11	Kristi Clover, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Homeschooling with Multiple Ages in the House</b> CD/MP3 #19
Salem 1	Marji McIlvaine, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Homeschooling, Foreign Languages, and Me— Can We Make This Work?</b> CD/MP3 #4	Kathryn Gomes, <span style="color: yellow;">Y</span> <span style="color: orange;">O</span> <b>Living Math: Teaching Off the Page in the Charlotte Mason Style</b> CD/MP3 #12	Julia Nalle, <span style="color: blue;">L</span> <span style="color: yellow;">Y</span> <span style="color: orange;">O</span> <b>When Your Struggling Learner Hates, Struggles, or Refuses to Read</b> CD/MP3 #20
Salem 2	Todd Wilson, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Raising Politically Incorrect Pink and Blue Kids in a Purple World</b> CD/MP3 #5	Renton Rathbun, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>LGBTQ+ Ideology: What Our Children Are Facing and How to Respond</b> CD/MP3 #13	Todd Wilson, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>The Gift</b> CD/MP3 #21
Salem 3	Mike & Ronda Marshall, <span style="color: green;">B</span> <b>Getting Off to a Great Start</b> CD/MP3 #6	Janice Broyles, <span style="color: orange;">O</span> <span style="color: purple;">P</span> <b>Powerful and Profound: Find Student's Voice through Writing</b> CD/MP3 #14	Amanda Wares, <span style="color: purple;">P</span> <b>Homeschooling High School How-Tos</b> CD/MP3 #22
Gaines	Jeff and Luke Ertzberger, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>The ABCs of AI</b> CD/MP3 #7	Pat Wesolowski, <span style="color: purple;">P</span> <b>Gifts, Talents, and Entrepreneurship (Gaines)</b> CD/MP3 #15	Paul Cwik, <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Is Capitalism Moral? Countering Socialist Arguments</b> CD/MP3 #23
Gallery	Laura Zifer Powell, <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Is God Really Good: Violence in the Scriptures &amp; Church History</b> CD/MP3 #8	Steve Noble, <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <b>Politics—Nasty but Necessary</b> CD/MP3 #16	Vicki Bentley, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>L.E.A.D. with JOY</b> CD/MP3 #24

### VENDOR WORKSHOPS

Conference 1			
Conference 2		OT4Kids, Inc (Carol Powell & Patty Miranda) OT4Kids Presents "Exceptional Me" Programs	
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## Friday

Keynote 9:00-10:30 A.M.	Session 4 11:00 AM-12:00 NOON	Session 5 12:20-1:20 P.M.	Session 6 1:40-2:40 P.M.
	Vicki Bentley, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget</b> CD/MP3 #26	Ann Troast, <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>The Art of Joyful History Lessons</b> CD/MP3 #34	Vicki Bentley, <span style="color: green;">B</span> <b>Exploring Curriculum Options</b> CD/MP3 #42
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	Steve Noble, <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <b>Living Out Your Faith in a Culture that (Sometimes) Hates You</b> CD/MP3 #33	Marcus Ross, <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <span style="color: red;">G</span> <b>Dinosaurs: Fuzzy, with a Chance of Feathers</b> CD/MP3 #41	Steve Noble, <span style="color: orange;">T</span> <b>Identity—Where Are You Rooted?</b> CD/MP3 #49

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	Classical Conversations (Heather Mangum) <b>Experience Classical Education</b>	Excel College (Davis Norment) <b>The End of Higher Education as We Know It</b>	NCVPS (Crystal Pullen) <b>Solutions for Your Middle and High School</b>
	Educate for Life, <b>Gigantic Geological Evidence for Noah's Flood!</b>	The Creativity Doctor (Daniel Cape, Ph.D.) <b>Creativity 101: Teaching the Subject of Creativity</b>	Little Shoes Academy (Melissa Jenkins & Kathy Lawson) <b>Teaching Strategies</b>



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Kathryn Gomes, <b>Y</b> <b>Toddlers in Tow: What to Do with Your Littlest Ones While You Homeschool</b> CD/MP3 #53	Kathryn Gomes, <b>G</b> <b>Learning How to Learn: How Neuroscience Can Help You Homeschool More Effectively</b> CD/MP3 #61			Julia Nalle, <b>G</b> <b>Multi-Age, Multi-Grade? All Together without Mom Losing Her Mind!</b> CD/MP3 #71	Kathryn Gomes, <b>G</b> <b>5 Ways God Used Homeschooling to Strengthen My Faith and Prepare Me to Engage the World</b> CD/MP3 #79	Francie Black, <b>G</b> <b>How to Keep Your Kids Safe Online—Tech Tools &amp; Tips</b> CD/MP3 #87	Salem 1
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## Session 1 Thursday 2:00-3:00 P.M.

**G** Vicki Bentley, **Organizing Your Home – Creating a Lifestyle Learning Environment**—Vicki will help you decide what is important to your family, where you need to begin, and will discuss physical organizational challenges unique to homeschoolers. Vicki Bentley, fellow busy homeschool mom, shares practical ideas that have helped her manage her household. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #1

**GT** Will and Meeke Addison, **Bridging the Racial Divide: The Realistic Solution to America's Ethnic and Cultural Problems**—Do the Word of God and the history of the Church help us navigate hostile territory? Certainly. When we dig into the Word and acknowledge the legacy of the Body of Christ, we win critical battles. Christians don't have to run from our history; we must know it and share it as we demolish arguments. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #2

**L** Kwan Graham, **Financial Resources for Homeschooling Struggling Learners**—North Carolina provides funding for homeschool students with disabilities through the ESA+ program. Funds may be used to for expenses such as curriculum, speech therapy, tutoring services, and educational technology. Eligible students may receive an annual award of \$9,000, and some students may qualify for as much as \$17,000. Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina's Kwan Graham will provide an overview of the program, eligibility guidelines, qualified expenses, and the steps to take between now and the opening of the application on February 1, 2025. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #3

**G** Marji McIlvaine, **Homeschooling, Foreign Languages, and Me—Can We Make This Work?**—Yes we can! And we can have fun with it and be effective! There are so many possibilities—how do we choose? How can we make it effective? What should you look for in a curriculum? What level of proficiency should you expect? Is your kindergartner too young? How about high school credit? What if my child is dyslexic? Why isn't my child speaking

the language when I bought lots of curriculum? Come experience some of the different methods and learn effective tools. Learn to adapt your curriculum with these ideas. Listen, ponder, make your choices, go home and have fun with your kids! (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #4

**G** Todd Wilson, **Raising Politically Incorrect Pink and Blue Kids in a Purple World**—All children are created equal. Girls and boys have equal importance and significance, but there are certain responsibilities that we need to train our boys and girls differently. It's not archaic or about inequality, it's biblical parenting, and our children need us to prepare them for the future. Join Todd as he tackles this sticky topic

and combines laughter, truth, and practicality together for a vital topic in today's wacky and purple world. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #5

**B** Mike & Ronda Marshall, **Getting Off to a Great Start**—Are you new to homeschooling or within the first three years? Homeschooling is an adventure, a new lifestyle and a journey like no other. Feeling nervous and unsure of yourself is completely normal. Come learn the things that we wish we had known when we began homeschooling 26 years ago. This seminar covers the basics of homeschooling, the common pitfalls for beginners, and includes important tips to get off to a great start! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #6

**G** Jeff and Luke Ertzberger, **The ABCs of AI**—Want to know what all the talk is about regarding Artificial Intelligence and education? You may have heard about ChatGPT or DALL-E but are unsure how these tools could be used in education. What do these tools do, and should they be a part of your homeschool curriculum? This workshop will give homeschool educators hands-on time to view text and photo AI generators. We will focus on practical ways for you and your students to use these tools in your homeschool. Jeff will be joined by his son, Luke, for this workshop. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #7

**TG** Laura Zifer Powell, **Is God Really Good: Violence in the Scriptures & Church History**—The attacks on God's character seem to come from all directions. atheists, Muslims, Jews, and so-called progressive Christians all object to God's goodness based on violence in the Old Testament and in church history. Are the accusations true? Is God a moral monster? Did God command genocide in the conquest of Canaan? Were the Crusades further evidence that Christianity is just as violent as any other worldview? How do we respond to those who make these claims? Join us for a closer look at these events and to become equipped to give an answer to these increasingly common objections. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #8

## Session 2 Thursday 3:20-4:20 P.M.

**LY** Sandy Smith, **The Importance of Movement in Early Brain Development**—"We do not learn to move, we move in order to learn" (B. Lamont). We know, intuitively, that babies and young children love to move, but sometimes, we need a reminder of how important movement is to our healthy brain development. In this workshop we will introduce The Developmental Sequence but will emphasize the important role of movement for brain growth and maturity. We will talk about movement patterns as a window into brain development and academic and behavioral stability and how movement activities can be used to promote neurological growth. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #9

**G** Jared Dodd, **16 Essentials for Your Child's Success**—Kingdom parents need to have a biblical philosophy of education. Many Christian children are schooled but not educated. This is a step by step through what is truly essential. (examples include: knowing history, being good with money, knowing apologetics, having a good work ethic, being skilled, etc.). (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #10

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**M** Kristi Clover, **Finding the Balance between Your Life and Your Homeschool**—Regardless of whether you are a stay at home mom, have a side business, work full-time, help run a ministry, or are just trying to manage your home along with your homeschool, managing all that you have going on is hard work. Trying to “get it all done” seems impossible at times. This workshop is designed to help you organize your schedule to maximize your time. You’d be surprised just how much you can accomplish with a little bit of prioritizing. Get your pens ready to take notes as Kristi Clover shares some of her best “hacks” for juggling homeschooling with life. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #11

**YO** Kathryn (Bell) Gomes, **Living Math: Teaching Off the Page in the Charlotte Mason Style**—Math is often taught in isolation, disconnected from the world and the daily experiences of our kids. But math is meant to be taught in context, connected topic by topic to real-life problems and scenarios. Many of us know this but moving beyond workbooks feels daunting and mysterious. Exactly how are we supposed to bring math to life? Kathryn will show you how to invigorate your math program in 3 steps during this Charlotte Mason-inspired math session. You’ll walk away with fresh vision and practical tips that you can start using right away. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #12

**G** Renton Rathbun, **LGBTQ+ Ideology: What Our Children Are Facing and How to Respond**—Today, we are inundated with LGBTQ+ indoctrination via social media, entertainment, and personal friendships. Now there are movements, even within the church, that have accepted varying degrees of LGBTQ+ affirmation. Christian parents and their teens can take steps to address this issue biblically. In this session, we will explore how biblical worldview strategies can shape our thinking about these concepts. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #13

**OP** Janice Broyles, **Powerful and Profound: Find Student’s Voice through Writing**—Writing is an important outlet for students to share their ideas, opinions, and reflections. This workshop highlights writing activities

designed to get middle and high school students writing, sharing their ideas, and developing critical thinking. We’ll discuss “powerful and profound” writing examples: persuasive writing, reflective writing, informative writing, and creative writing. With this workshop, your student’s writing will move to the next level! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #14

**P** Pat Wesolowski, **Gifts, Talents, and Entrepreneurship**—Don’t wait until your students are in high school to begin teaching economics, financial planning and entrepreneurship. As homeschooling parents, we have the time and the freedom to help our children discover their gifts and talents before they leave home. Your teens have an idea of which career, vocation, and/or ministry to pursue after high school. The sooner they formulate a plan, the sooner they can enjoy the fruits of their labor. Our teens can become entrepreneurs with multiple streams of passive income, preparing them financially to go and be and be whatever they are called to do. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #15

**T** Steve Noble, **Politics — Nasty but Necessary**—I’ve been teaching civics to homeschoolers since 2012 and was a Christian talk radio show host for 16 years and a political activist to boot. Most of my students take the class because mom and dad make them, but by the time it’s over, they understand why civics is such an important topic. Ignorance is killing America as much as the Spirit of the Age. Don’t be part of the problem. Wake up to the reality that your future is being shaped and impacted—to a large extent—by government, and you need to understand why it’s happening and what you can do as a Christian to push back. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #16



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## Session 3 Thursday, 4:40-5:40 P.M.

**G** Ann Troast, **Applying the Principles of Minimalism to Homeschooling**—Are you inspired by Charlotte Mason's philosophy, but overwhelmed with how to serve an educational feast to your children? I will share how applying the principles of minimalism to your weekly lessons will result in a rich education, a joyful home atmosphere, and the abundant life you were created for. I'll walk you through narrowing down your priorities, eliminating clutter in your homeschool, and focusing on quality over quantity. "Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life." -Charlotte Mason (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #17

**G** Meeke Addison, **For His Glory Alone**—When we tell our kids to live for the glory of God, we assume they understand what this means. In this presentation, Meeke walks through a practical means by which we may teach our children how to live so that God may go public through them. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #18

**G** Kristi Clover, **Homeschooling with Multiple Ages in the House**—How do you homeschool your "biggs" when you have "littles?" This is probably one of the hardest obstacles to homeschooling! The constant juggling act that has to be performed when there is more than one child in the house can tire out even the most experienced homeschool mom. How do you handle a history lesson with one child, math problems with another, phonics with your pre-reader, tantrums from your toddler, & nurse your baby—all at the same time. This workshop will offer you handy tools and practical tips on how to better manage the circus act of homeschooling multiple children. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #19

**L****Y****O** Julia Nalle, **When Your Struggling Learner Hates, Struggles, or Refuses to Read**—Is your child a struggling reader? Do books intimidate and frustrate? Are you longing to get on the literature-based bandwagon but can't see how it will work? Literature is not a lost cause. Bring on the books. Come along as Julia Nalle, co-author of BiblioPlan shares her own journey with struggling readers and ways she has adjusted to meet their needs. In this session, she will share 25+ practical and fun strategies to help your struggling learner get the most out of a literature-based curriculum. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #20

**G** Todd Wilson, **The Gift**—When we began our homeschooling journey, we asked ourselves, "Will we be able to teach them all they need to know?" There were so many options and subjects to teach them. They were loaned to us to us knowing almost nothing, and we were expected to fill up their noggins and prepare them for adulthood. Little did we know then that homeschooling turned out to be not only what we taught them, but what they taught us. Never would we have believed how God would use homeschooling to teach us what he needed us to know as parents, homeschoolers, and as His children. So join me for an intimate time of sharing and laughing at the lessons my children taught me. My hope is that you'll start to view your homeschool day as a gift. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #21

**P** Amanda Wares, **Homeschooling High School How-Tos—Homeschooling high school**—those 3 little words strike fear and anxiety into many hearts, even if you have been homeschooling for years! In this workshop, Amanda will break down the process of homeschooling for high school, discuss graduation requirements, transcripts, credits, college applications,

and so much more. She will share what she's learned from her 19 years of homeschooling experience and graduating 3 kids from her homeschool (so far). You will leave feeling less stressed and more equipped to homeschool high school! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #22

**T****G** Paul Cwik, **Is Capitalism Moral? Countering Socialist Arguments**—What is capitalism? The evidence is clear that capitalism produces more wealth than any other economic method, but is it worth it if it is an immoral system? Does capitalism really create a framework that exploits the poor and favors the rich? Is capitalism an immoral system that should be replaced by a socialist economy? Using humor, logic, and some common sense, you will learn the tools to explain what a free market is and how to respond to socialists' arguments. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #23

**G** Vicki Bentley, **L.E.A.D. with JOY**—As former HSLDA group services director and veteran state and local group leader, Vicki shares four steps to joyful support group leadership. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #24

## Friday Morning Keynote 9:00-10:30 A.M.

Wil & Meeke Addison, **The Heart of the Homeschool**—We're all set. We've got the curriculum, the co-op, and the extra-curricular activities. The days shape up nicely—but what about Christ? Have we neglected the primary reason for homeschooling? In this presentation, Meeke and Wil encourage parents to check the heartbeat of their homeschool. The end of homeschooling isn't homeschooling or even education (gasp). Might we be missing this fact in the growing popularity of homeschooling and the busyness of community? (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #25

## Session 4 Friday 11:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

**G** Vicki Bentley, **Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget**—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. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #26

**G** Deb Weakly, **Homeschooling by Faith**—Friend, God has great plans for your homeschool that are exceedingly abundantly above all that you can ask or imagine. He really does! No matter your level of education or organization, God can do anything, and He will help you homeschool your children as you come to Him. Join Deb Weakly from Help Club for Moms for encouragement, ideas, and practical advice to help you have the best homeschool year ever! (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #27

**G** Inga Masek, **Mindset Makeover: Embrace Imperfection in Homeschooling**—Tired of chasing perfection in homeschooling? Let's free you from the stress of being the "perfect" homeschooling mom. Discover relatable strategies to shed unrealistic expectations and embrace authenticity. Celebrate progress, not perfection, and rest in the knowledge that God can use you just as you are. Join us for a transformative journey towards a more joyful homeschooling experience. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #28

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**G** Kathryn (Bell) Gomes, **What My Mom Did Right, What My Mom Did Wrong (Thoughts from a 2nd Generation Homeschooler)**—What will your kids think about homeschooling when they're adults? Kathryn was homeschooled and is now homeschooling her own three kids. Looking back, she reflects on her experiences and those of her siblings. In this tell-all session, Kathryn shares six things she's grateful for and four that she would go back and change. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #29

**G** Todd Wilson, **Get REAL!**—Are you convinced that every homeschooling family except yours is great? Do you believe the lie that others are more organized, better prepared, have smarter kids, are wiser parents, and have a child in the national spelling bee? Well, let me set the record straight—that's not the way it is! The truth is most moms feel inadequate. Homeschooling moms fear that they're letting their kids down in their education and in example. They feel like their house is out of control, their children are beasts, and the sizzle has left their marriages. Join us as we unleash the power in being real. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #30

**P** Natalie Mack, **You Can Graduate Children to College**—One of the concerns many homeschoolers have is how to graduate their child to college. Don't allow fear and lack of confidence to cause you to jump ship. High school is the same ship but different water. Let's discuss embarking upon this journey from high school to college with confidence and learn some tools to navigate this successfully. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #31

**BY** Katie Dugdale, **Getting Started with Preschool and Kindergarten**—One of the questions I see come up over and over again in our local homeschool community is "What do I need to start homeschooling?" This question most often comes from moms of young children. They are ready to jump in with everything they've got. My encouragement is to slow down and not stress. Enjoy these preschool and kindergarten years. While learning to read and write are important, they are not the most important thing for these young years. Building trust and a love of learning are crucial. How can one teach

those things? I will share some tricks of the trade I've learned along the way. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #32

**T** Steve Noble, **Living Out Your Faith in a Culture that (Sometimes) Hates You**—Jesus brought some hard truths to the 1st century culture. Some people loved him while others hated him. Some things never change. America is becoming increasingly secular and anti-Christian attitudes and behaviors are gaining ground. Homeschooling brings with it a unique set of challenges. Welcome to life as a Christ-follower. So, how do you live it out successfully? How do you relate to and interact with outsiders? How do you handle relationships with the LGBTQ people in your life? How do you stand strong in the faith despite opposition, rejection, and outright hatred? (Gallery) CD/MP3 #33

## Session 5 Friday 12:20-1:20 P.M.

**G** Ann Troast, **The Art of Joyful History Lessons**—Charlotte Mason emphasized the importance of learning the history of our native country, a neighboring country, and the world. I'll share helpful resources and tips on how to integrate geography, literature, art, music, movement, and nature study into your history lessons—resulting in a joyful education. "Our aim in education is to give a full life." -Charlotte Mason (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #34

**G** Wil Addison, **Psalm 78: The Route to an Awakening**—God has given us through the family a pathway for our children to receive the Gospel. The home should be the first place that our children are presented how to know Christ. Psalm 78, in its first few verses, show how the commands of the Lord and his precepts are to be passed down generationally. We explore from this chapter and others how God intended that our children would hear the Word of God and see the Word of God lived in front of them as a testament to why they should follow the God of their parents. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #35



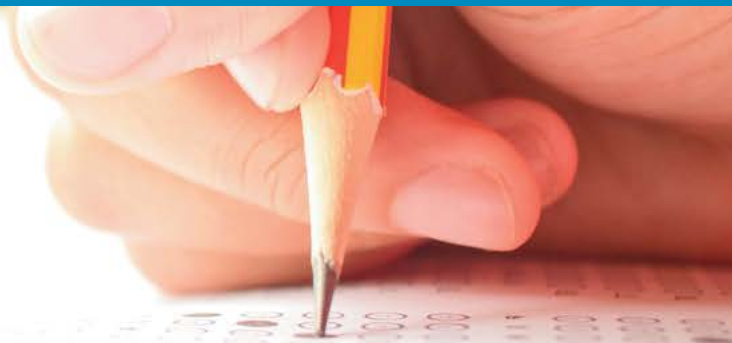
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# Conference Workshop Schedule

**M** Kristi Clover, **Sanity Savers for a Homeschool Mom**—Attaining sanity in the midst of motherhood sometimes seems like an impossible task. Motherhood by definition is often a bit chaotic—throw in homeschooling—and you have the making of a perfect storm. Life can be stressful and messy. Some days can bring you to the brink of insanity. Based on the tips outlined in her new book, Kristi walks you through her 7 Simple Solutions for a More Joy-filled Life. This workshop is a must for any homeschool mom who has ever felt a bit overwhelmed. It will leave you encouraged that you are not alone in this journey of motherhood. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #36

**PT** Marji McIlvaine, **Online Instruction: How to Succeed!**—So you are homeschooling, and you are fully or partially virtual. Why isn't it working? How can I help my kid succeed here? Marji's experience with online instruction includes the student side, the parent side and the teacher side. She has homeschooled with no virtual classes and with them—some excellent, some terrible. She has “been there, done that” and seen the pros and cons from both sides—information only a handful of people can offer. These tips are for both students and parents and come from years of observing and experiencing students succeeding and failing. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #37

**GT** Renton Rathbun, **How We Are Getting Biblical Worldview Wrong**—Recently, the word “worldview” has become a household word particularly within the homeschool community. But few will admit we've been getting it wrong. In this talk, we discuss a useful definition of biblical worldview

and investigate how it can affect homeschooling and shaping ours and our children's minds. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #38

**L** Janice Broyles, **Writing for the Struggling Learner**—Does your child struggle with writing? Is it a constant battle to get your child to write anything? You are not alone! Young people often struggle with getting their thoughts on paper and may battle with any writing activity. This session offers practical advice that will explore why children struggle with writing and how to encourage them to overcome this challenge. Sample lessons and step-by-step guidelines will be provided that are tried and true tactics from a veteran English instructor! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #39

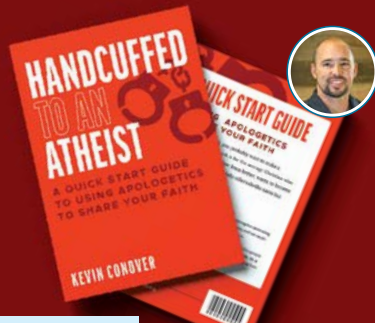
**G** Justin Nale, **The Aim of Education**—The aim of all education is to know God. If God created this world then everything we study in His world should increase our confidence in what we know about His Word. The second aim of education is to build godly character. We want to raise children who are kind and honor God. The third aim is the development of skills. Skills apply across different callings. The skills that a student learns while using a subject are what help shape and make a person who they are. The last aim is to use content that is going to serve, rather than take away, from their development as godly adults. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #40

**TG** Marcus Ross, **Dinosaurs: Fuzzy, with a Chance of Feathers**—Dinosaurs have captured the public's imagination since they were first recognized as distinct creatures in the mid-1800s. But things have changed A LOT about how we view dinosaurs since then. Scientists talk of birds as being dinosaurs with feathers, and things can get confusing. Creation paleontologist Dr. Marcus Ross will walk you through the evidence and inference towards a better understanding of dinosaurs and birds. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #41

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## Session 6 Friday 1:40-2:40 P.M.

**B** Vicki Bentley, **Exploring Curriculum Options**—Mom of 17 homeschooled students and curriculum counselor for a statewide homeschool organization, Vicki shares the secrets to mapping out a successful course of study for your children. This workshop helps beginners to get a solid start in home education, and encourages veterans to re-examine goals and priorities. This workshop includes a basic overview of different teaching approaches. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #42

**P** Deb Weakly, **How Do I Reach My Teen's (and Young Adult's) Heart?**—It's so hard when your child goes through a season of pulling away or doubting their faith. They might move out, hang out with friends you don't approve of, or choose not to attend church. It is a hard time for sure, but God will help you not only survive this season, but He can also help you thrive! Join Deb from Help Club for Moms for encouragement and practical ideas to help you reach your child's heart and create a close relationship with your teen or young adult to last a lifetime! (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #43

**G** Debbie Mason, **A Homeschool Veteran's Top Advice to Pass Along**—After 25 years of homeschooling, what does this homeschool veteran see as the most important advice to pass along to those still in the trenches of parenting and homeschooling? Debbie will cover topics for all ages, from birth to young adulthood. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #44

# Conference Workshop Schedule

**M** Dana McDill, **Loving Your Children (Harder Than We Think)**—Of course you love your children, right? The Bible tells us that the older women are to teach the younger women how to love their children. So, apparently, there is something that does not come naturally to us about loving our children. In this session, Dana will discuss some specific ways we are called to love our children. These principles go beyond the feeling of love toward our children. She will share from God's Word and from ways she has learned these lessons herself—some the hard way. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #45

**G** Todd Wilson, **Common Mistakes Homeschool Parents Make**—The homeschool movement coined and promoted the idea of fostering a love of learning, and yet, most homeschooling moms have fostered a hate of learning. Instead of inspiring their children to love exploration, discovery, and learning, all of which homeschool should foster, moms find their children fighting them tooth and nail to “do school.” Let me just say from the start that I believe homeschooling and learning should be fun for our children and us. Its very design enables learning to be experienced in a way no public or private school can provide. So why is it not the case in most homeschools? I think the answer is simple: we've believed and adopted some ideas that are not true and that kill inspiration and the love of learning. Join me as we talk about helping our children love to learn. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #46

**G** Mike & Ronda Marshall, **I'm Worn-Out, Going Crazy, & Making My Kids Stupid, Please Help**—Have you ever felt this way? If so, please join us for this workshop for both husbands and wives. This seminar focuses on real vs. false expectations, barriers to overcome and the most important areas to focus on when homeschooling. If you are finding yourself lacking motivation in your schooling and wonder if you can make it to the end, come for encouragement and ideas to help you along the way! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #47

**G** Rachel Anderson, **Mom, Don't Make Me Think—Just Tell Me the Answer**—As a teacher, it's so easy to give the answer, isn't it? How long do you allow a child to think before you start helping him? Sometimes, we need to be quiet and let them wrestle with the problem to discover the answer. Did you know that children will learn better and remember things longer when they discover the solution? The goal is to provide a way for them to learn how to solve problems. How might you go about doing this? Come to this workshop and find out how to help your child think their way through math. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #48

**T** Steve Noble, **Identity—Where Are You Rooted?**—Who or what are you looking to in order to define your self-worth, to tell you who you are, or who you should be? Is it friends, the opposite sex, social media, performance, looks, or your parents? The world tells you to follow your heart, to live out your truth—you do you. So, how is that working out? Suicide rates, depression, and anxiety are at historic highs for teenagers—1 in 4 high school students now identify as LGBTQ—and more than 50% of church kids leave the faith after high school. Please join me as we search for a way through all the noise to find a firm foundation. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #49

## Session 7 Friday 3:00-4:00 P.M.

**G** Ann Troast, **How to Explore Nature when You'd Rather Be Inside**—Do you have an aversion to bugs, rain, and poison ivy? Would you rather watch nature

on a screen than go outdoors for a hike? Nature study is the foundation of science and valuable for every student. Learn practical tips that even the most “indoorsy” homeschooler can implement so that you and your children don't miss out on essential adventures in nature. Let's reclaim our childlike wonder and join our children in exploring God's beautiful creation! “Never be within doors when you can rightly be without.” -Charlotte Mason (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #50

**G** Meeke Addison, **Culture-Proof: How to Grow the Resistance**—In this presentation, Meeke explores the best way to grow Christian children who are able to resist the strong pull of the culture. Learn a new term: Culture-proof. Learn how to do it and what results you should expect. The loss of generations of Christian kids should be enough to force the question, “How do we help them resist?” (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #51

**M** Kristi Clover, **Homeschool Organization Made Easy**—There are so many things to juggle—and so much stuff that comes with homeschooling! Books seem to take over. Paper doesn't really seem to have a “home.” Just getting your homeschool day up and running takes longer than you ever imagined. Organizing your homeschool doesn't have to be overwhelming! Whether you are a veteran looking for some fresh ideas or totally new to homeschooling, this workshop is filled with practical tips and advice on how to plan out your year, simplify your day, motivate your kids—and free up your family time so you can all have more fun! (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #52



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# Conference Workshop Schedule

**Y** Kathryn (Bell) Gomes, **Toddlers in Tow: What to Do with Your Littlest Ones While You Homeschool**—There is nothing like a baby or toddler to foil the best-laid plans of any homeschool parent. While our littlest ones can seem like a constant disruption, they are a part of God's plan for our families and our homeschools. In this session, Kathryn will give you fresh inspiration for folding the cuddliest members of your family into your homeschool. She also shares practical tips she has gleaned from homeschool veterans and her own experiences. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #53

**OP** Matthew McDill, **Raising Life-Long Learners**—You will not be able to impart all the facts and teach all the skills your children will need for life before they leave your home! But you can give them the skills needed to be a life-long learner. Do they know how to find, understand, evaluate, and synthesize important information? Matthew will share some critical learning skills from the book, *How to Read a Book* by Mortimer Adler and Charles Van Doren. This workshop will help you release your children into life with confidence that they can learn anything and everything necessary for success! (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #54

**M** Amanda Wares, **The Girlfriend's Guide to Homeschooling**—Welcome to the Girlfriend's Guide to Homeschooling or All the Things No One Else Will Tell You! In this lighthearted talk, we will take a look at the top 10 truths about homeschooling that most people really don't talk about. Come and be encouraged as we laugh (and maybe shed a tear or two as well) together! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #55

**P** Takeila Hall, **Better FAFSA: The First Step in the Financial Aid Process**—The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has undergone significant changes for the first time in decades, so it is long overdue! These changes will connect more students with more funds for college, but to tackle the new process, there are some important updates you need to know about. In this session, we will equip you with the necessary tools to better understand the updated financial aid process and the resources available to help pay for college. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #56

**GT** Jeff Zenger, **Kingdom Politics, Homeschooling and Public Service**—This workshop is dedicated to our responsibility to politics and service. We will specifically speak to duty and opportunity among Christians and homeschooling from our own personal experience serving God and the public. We will also touch on historical precedence for service as Christians. We will have a great discussion and question and answer opportunities. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #57

## Session 8 Friday 4:20-5:20 P.M.

**M** Vicki Bentley, **Juggling Life and Lesson Plans**—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? Learn to apply nine truths of juggling skills, to take your homeschool household from sanity-defying circus act to a more joyful journey! (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #58

**B** Bobby Dixon, **Getting to Know the NC Division of Non-Public Education**—The workshop will provide an introduction of the director and a handful of staff who will provide an overview of the division and our role as partner and support for families who homeschool their children. We will also provide an opportunity for a question and answer session, an overview of our website and our homeschool portal. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #59

**G** Inga Masek, **The Art of Celebration: Why It Matters in Homeschooling**—Have you ever taken the time to celebrate? To truly savor the victories, no matter how small, along your homeschooling journey? Join us as we delve into the significance of celebration in homeschooling. Explore how it enhances motivation, fosters stronger family connections, and helps you bounce back from challenges. Gain practical tools and engage in hands-on activities to embrace the art of celebration. Get ready to celebrate! (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #60

**G** Kathryn (Bell) Gomes, **Learning How to Learn: How Neuroscience Can Help You Homeschool More Effectively**—Have you ever wondered why your child lost so much ground over the summer? Or why their frustration in a certain subject just keeps snowballing? Neuroscience is exploding as a field right now and we know more about the brain and how we learn and retain new information than ever before. The brain is an amazing part of God's design and the latest research can help us work with that design instead of against it. In this session, Kathryn summarizes the research she found most helpful as a homeschool mom and offers practical tips on how to apply it to your homeschool day. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #61

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# Conference Workshop Schedule

**D** Todd Wilson, **Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad!**—You may not crack open a book, work through a curriculum, or call it school, but it's your job to train your children. Join me as we look at the trials, triumphs, and tribulations of training our children. Now don't worry, I won't make you feel guilty or give you a forty-six point outline, but I promise to tell it straight and to encourage you in the best job there is—fathering. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #62

**PT** Natalie Mack, **The Value of Extracurriculars**—Academics has its place but extracurriculars add an additional benefit for homeschooled students, especially in the high school years. Highschoolers who are applying for college and scholarships must answer the question—what did you do in addition to getting good grades? This workshop will discuss the value of extracurriculars and offer a view into some of the lesser known but extremely beneficial ones like Congressional Award, Beta Club, and 4-H. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #63

**Y** Michelle Gano, **Playful Mind, Powerful Future: Practical Tips for Hands-on Learning**—Enhance learning for both you and your kids with our workshop on making education engaging. Uncover why hands-on experiences are key for optimal learning and leave with a list of simple activities using items you already have at home. Join us for an enjoyable session, gaining practical steps to infuse fun into home learning, even amid a hectic schedule. Your kids will thank you! By nurturing their playful, creative minds today, we're setting the stage for their powerful futures. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #64

**T** Steve Noble, **Dealing with Doubt**—I never assume all my students are authentic, biblical Christians. The vast majority have grown up in the church and done all the right church things, but that doesn't make you a believer any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. Come join me for an open and honest discussion about dealing with any doubts you may have, and how to advance in your Christian journey while sometimes struggling with your faith. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #65

## Friday Night Keynote 7:30-9:00 P.M.

Steve Noble, **Christian Ethics: Is Your Student Ready for the Culture War?**—Abortion, transgenderism, environmentalism, racism, euthanasia, war and peace, poverty, immigration, sexual ethics—most of our students know where they are supposed to stand on these hot topics from a Christian perspective, but do they know why? Additionally, they may have the right positions but are afraid to voice them publicly. Is it possible to speak the truth on these subjects while remaining winsome inside hostile territory? Believe it or not, it is and with a Gospel heart. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #66

## Saturday Keynote 9:00-10:30 A.M.

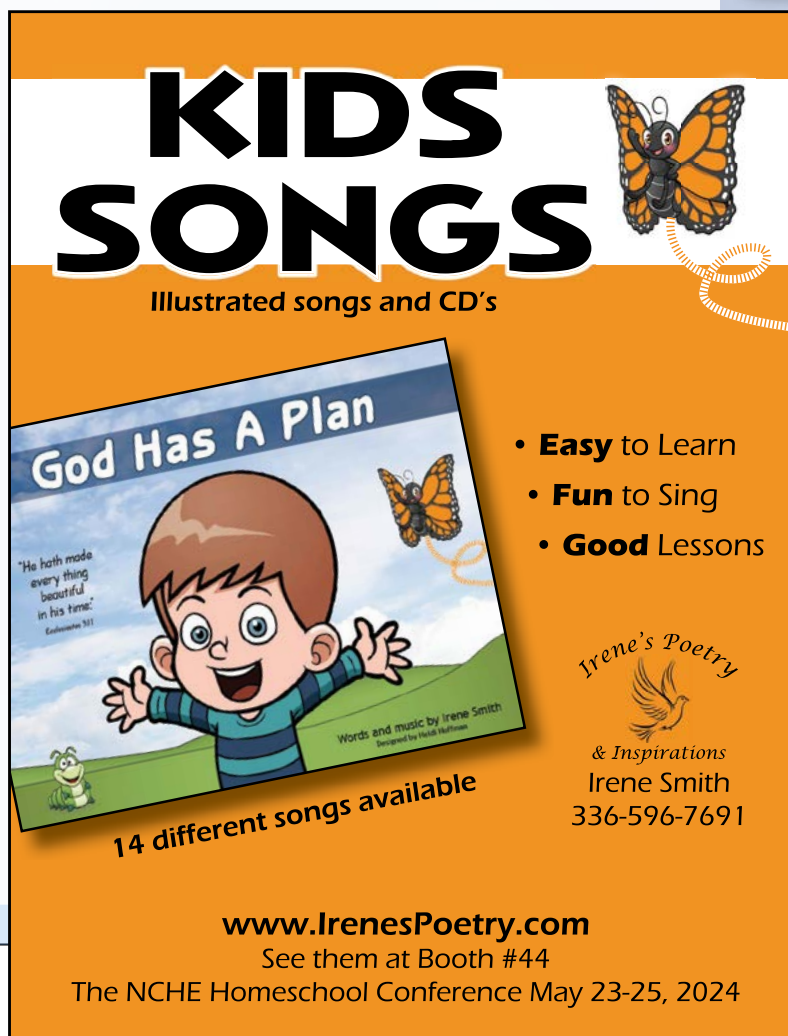
Todd Wilson, **The FOUR Homeschool Temperaments**—Are you frustrated by the fact that what works for your homeschooling friends doesn't seem to work for you, or what works for one of your children doesn't work for all your children? Come discover the four homeschool temperaments. You'll discover if you're a Falcon, Owl, Swan, or Sand Piper and how to homeschool in light of those traits. You'll laugh, nod your head in agreement and find yourself saying, "That finally makes sense." During our time together we'll discuss

tips for each temperament, how to teach your children who may not be your temperament, and what types of homeschool curriculum works best for your temperament. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #67

## Session 9 Saturday 11:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

**G** Vicki Bentley, **When Life Broadships Your Homeschool**—You had a wonderful plan at the beginning of the school year for a well-rounded education, envisioning academic excellence and character development in your smiling, well-adjusted offspring. But then—life happened. How do you find "normal" again? In this workshop, Vicki helps you focus on the essentials when you're on the frontlines, especially in a crisis situation. (There is some focus on specific life crises.) (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #68

**GT** Meeke Addison, **Critical Race Theory: A Different Gospel**—What is CRT? Does the Church need it as an analytical tool? Not at all. When we trace the origins of this philosophy of man, we find it incompatible with biblical Christianity. In fact, we find it's a different gospel. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #69



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## SESSION 9 CONTINUED

**M** Kristi Clover, **Quitting the Comparison Game**—God created you to be YOU! I'm on a mission to help Christian women discover who they are in Christ and joyfully live out the life God has for them. You have unique gifts that He wants to use for His glory even as you are going about your day at home. With the growth of social media, the comparison game has become an almost unavoidable stumbling block. Discontentment and envy can easily sneak their way into our hearts and minds if we don't guard against them. This workshop is designed to encourage you to get out of the comparison game and focus on what unique ways God wants to use you. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #70

**G** Julia Nalle, **Multi-Age, Multi-Grade? All Together without Mom Losing Her Mind!**—Are you longing to find ways in your day to bring all your children together around the table? Do you need refreshing tips that show you how to combine subjects in a way that meets the needs of all your children? Are you wondering which subjects you can do together? Spend some time with Julia as she shares numerous practical helps for teaching history, literature, writing, Bible, geography, art, science and more across multi age levels drawing from both a classical style and a Charlotte Mason approach. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #71

**OP** Matthew McDill, **Ten Essential Topics for Discipling Your Children**—More than anything else, Christian parents desire for their children to have a dynamic, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We know that God has given us the amazing privilege of helping our children to follow Jesus. Unfortunately, most parents today were never discipled or do not feel equipped to effectively disciple their children. In this session, we will cover ten essential topics to be sure and include in the discipleship of your children. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #72

**B** Jessica Frierson, **Five Needs of the Homeschool Child**—The idea of homeschooling your child can be overwhelming, especially with all of the outside voices adding to your own concerns of having what it takes. Gleaning from over twenty years of homeschool experience, Jessica breaks it down into the five basic needs every child has. She then shares tips on meeting those needs in a home education setting. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #73

**P** Luke and Jeff Ertzberger, **Reflection of a Homeschool Graduate on College Application Process**—For many high school juniors and seniors who were homeschooled, the college application process can be a bit overwhelming. With terms like transcripts, ACTs, transfer credits, and more, it's easy to feel lost. That's why this session, led by a student who has recently gone through the process, will provide a comprehensive review of the major areas you need to cover to prepare your homeschooled student for college applications. By the end of the session, you'll feel confident and equipped to help your student succeed. Luke will be joined by his father, Jeff, for this workshop. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #74

**TG** Marcus Ross, **Creation and Evolution: Where We Stand Today**—The debate over creation and evolution continues to dominate headlines and web pages every year. From scientific discoveries and family attractions to debates and movies, the topic persists because it dives into the issues of our own origins. Come get the current view of the field from an expert in the topic without the rancor and name-calling that is sadly common to this hot-button topic. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #75

## Session 10 Saturday 12:20-1:20 P.M.

**L** Cheryl Vandegrift, **Helping Your Neurodiverse Child Thrive**—While information on neurodiversity is becoming more available, it is often incorrect and actually harmful to ND children. Unfortunately, the voices of autistic and other ND people are not being included and the results can be less than helpful. Join Cheryl and as she sets the record straight on many topics and help you improve the quality of life for your ND family member and your family dynamics as a whole. Receive actionable advice for everyday situations and homeschooling, and hopefully reduces recurring frustrations. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #76

**G** Jared Dodd, **7 Mistakes that Many Parents Make**—The Scripture says that we are to be aware of the Devil's schemes. Here we identify seven traps of the enemy that most Christian parents are involved in unawares. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #77

**G** Casey Townsend, **You Can Start a Co-op!**—Your area needs a co-op, and you've felt the pull to start a co-op but you're unsure if it can be done. Are you qualified? Are you capable? Can a regular person like me even start one? The answer to all those questions is "Yes!" This session will guide you on the path to leading a successful co-op in your area and encourage you in the abilities you already have as a homeschooler. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #78

**G** Kathryn (Bell) Gomes, **5 Ways God Used Homeschooling to Strengthen My Faith and Prepare Me to Engage the World**—There will always be a math lesson, science project, or research paper clamoring for your immediate attention. But what about the bigger picture? How is God using homeschooling to work in your child's heart? In this session, Kathryn shares how God used homeschooling to build her faith and develop her character and how that is giving her a vision for her own kids. Drawing on examples from her own life, she'll bring a fresh reminder of how the challenges that your child is facing today are preparing him or her for a life of service in God's kingdom. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #79

**G** Todd Wilson, **Choose the Hard Things or How to Keep Going When You Feel Like Giving Up**—Homeschooling is hard, parenting is hard, and marriage, well, that's way hard. And that's OK and even normal. The trouble is we don't like hard. We want easy, fast, and cheap, and at the same time, we want successful results. But the truth is that good things are hard, and hard things are good. Sadly, most people don't ever experience the good because they can't handle the hard. They put the hard thing off, hoping it will get easier, or they avoid it all together, and all they end up with is a pile of regrets. Here's the good news: you can handle the hard. In fact, if you're faced with two choices, pick hard. During this hour, you'll laugh with Todd as he shares how to embrace the hardness while keeping your eye on the joy and experience God's best for you. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #80

**G** Natalie Mack, **Military Homeschooling 101**—Homeschooling for military families has always been a viable educational option. What are some of the reasons military families homeschool, how do we navigate a PCS (relocation) while homeschooling and how do we get connected at our next duty station? This workshop will arm you, the military family, with the tools to navigate this process with confidence and success. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #81

# Conference Workshop Schedule

**P** Katie Dugdale, **Delight Directed High School**—Early on, our family adopted a delight-directed approach to homeschooling. When we entered the high school years, I panicked that it wasn't enough. I worried that I was failing my children and scrambled to make sure we were getting all the necessary classes accomplished. My son pushed back and questioned this new direction which seemed to forsake the philosophy on which we had built our homeschool. With some creative problem-solving, we developed our vision for the high school years that developed independent learning, discovering and following passion, and preparing to launch into adulthood. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #82

**T** Steve Noble, **I Hated History Too**—Why should you spend hours and hours memorizing dates, the names of dead people, and events that happened hundreds and even thousands of years ago? YOU SHOULDN'T! When it comes to studying history—American or world—the most important thing is to think rather than to memorize! King Solomon was right—there is nothing new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9). I don't care where we go or when we go there, studying history through a biblical lens will unlock a level of understanding that will help you navigate and understand the world as it is today! Plus, you can have fun and be amazed, too. (Gallery) CD/MP3 #83

## Session 11 Saturday 1:40-2:40 P.M.

**G** Vicki Bentley, **Getting Kids to Help at Home: 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. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #84

**D** Wil Addison, **Point Guard Parenting**—How do we set our families up to succeed? In the presentation, Wil talks directly to fathers about the importance of their roles. The success of the family does not depend on charisma. See intentional parenting in a way you've never seen it before. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #85

**M** Kristi Clover, **Stop Trying to Do Too Much! Simplify What & How You're Teaching!**—Homeschool families tend to bite off more than they can chew when it comes to curriculum choices. We fall in love with all the "shiny and fun" curriculum without coming up with a game plan for how to implement it all. Oftentimes, we need to simplify what we are doing and even (gasp) ditch a little curriculum here and there. This practical workshop is filled with creative ideas on how to supplement what you are already doing and easily plan out a simpler homeschool year (maybe even without curriculum for some subjects). (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #86

**G** Francie Black, **How to Keep Your Kids Safe Online—Tech Tools & Tips**—How much time does your child spend online? What sites are they visiting? Hear about the pros & cons of various technologies and free solutions to help monitor your child's online activity. There are hundreds of choices. What is good & easy? You will get hours of research condensed into a short presentation that will save you time and money. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #87

**OP** Susannah, Killian, Katrielle, & Deacon Wares, **Homeschooling from a Homeschoolee's Perspective**—This workshop is designed as an opportunity to showcase the perspectives of 3 homeschool alumni (ages 27, 23, 20) and 1 current homeschool student (age 14). Prospective and experienced homeschool parents can get an inside scoop on what homeschooling is from the child's perspective. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #88

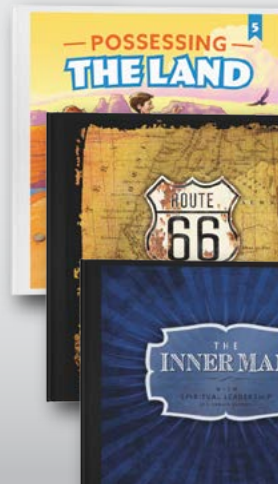
**L** Rachel Anderson, **Learning Challenges in Math? Challenge No More!**—Teaching math is not for the faint of heart. Mix in a child with learning challenges, and you may end up becoming discouraged and be tempted to throw in the towel. Be encouraged, you are not alone. Whether your child has been diagnosed with a learning challenge or simply doesn't get math, we can help. In this workshop, you will learn teaching strategies and techniques that will help a child with learning challenges learn. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #89

**PTL** Mandie Rose, **Teaching the Trades**—College isn't the best post high school gig for everyone. How in the world do you explore the trades with your students—and when? And what are the options if your student is bent that direction? What are some careers that are suited to hands-on learners with an insatiable curiosity? What could that career look like, and what is your plan to prepare them adequately? Mandie will take you from big picture to practical first steps to help that student become a tradesman, entrepreneur, and/or professional. The opportunities are endless. Let's get started! (Gallery) CD/MP3 #90

  
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## Session 2: Thursday 3:20 – 4:20 pm

OT4Kids, Inc (Carol Powell & Patty Miranda) **OT4Kids Presents “Exceptional Me” Programs**—Exceptional Me programs will run year round. Groups of 4-8 children or teens attend a weekly 3 hour class. Classes will provide sensory activities, functional skill training, and social skills training. Activities will include healthy snacks, cooking, gardening, music, art, crafting, and more. (Conference 2)

## Session 4: Friday 11:00 am - Noon

Weston A. Price Foundation (Maureen Diaz) **Help! I Can't Think Straight!**—Have you ever wondered if the foods we feed our families have any affect on our brains and how we process information? Take a deep dive into how compounds in common foods either help, or hurt, brain function and which foods can optimize our family's physical and mental health. (Conference 1)

Classical Conversations (Heather Mangum) **Experience Classical Education**—Come and experience what a classical education can look like, in home and in community. Join experienced homeschool moms as they show you the simplicity and depth of a day in the life of a homeschooler. (Conference 2)

Educate for Life, **Gigantic Geological Evidence for Noah's Flood!**—Did Noah's flood really happen? All over the world there are geological features which couldn't be formed by the natural processes we see happening today. Explore the astonishing scientific evidence from geology and history that points to a massive worldwide flood. Be inspired to share the evidence (Ardmore 1)

## Session 5: Friday, 12:20 – 1:20 pm

Equipping Minds through Cognitive Therapy (Darla Jones & Jennifer Nocar) **Increase Your Child's Ability to Learn through Brain Training**—Did you know that the brain can change! In this interactive workshop on cognitive therapy, we will demonstrate how we exercise and strengthen working memory, processing speed, language skills, logic and reasoning, and more to remap the brain and increase chances of academic success. (Conference 1)

Excel College (Davis Norment) **The End of Higher Education as We Know It**—The last few years have shown us that it's clearly time for something new in higher education. How did we get here? And what's to be done? Come and hear about a new model of Christian higher education that revives an ancient, yet effective method of human transformation—but with a modern spin. (Conference 2)

The Creativity Doctor (Daniel Cape, Ph.D.) **Creativity 101: Teaching the Subject of Creativity**—Creativity is not only the most valuable skill of the 21st century; it's a subject that can be taught. This workshop will introduce the subject of creativity and demonstrate how it can be easily incorporated into any curriculum using The Creativity Doctor's simple and practical Tripple X model. (Ardmore 1)

## Session 6: Friday, 1:40 – 2:40 pm

BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precept (Jennifer Holland) **How and Why to Write a Family Mission Statement**—The purpose and use of a mission statement will be presented. Here you will be given the building blocks on how to evaluate your family's homeschool values/goals and write your own mission statement. This tool can anchor you through the school years and keep you aligned with your ultimate goal. (Conference 1)

NCVPS (Crystal Pullen) **Solutions for Your Middle and High School**—Are you nervous about teaching middle or high school? Does your child need advanced or AP courses? Do you have limited time to homeschool? Join us to learn how NCVPS with our 135+ courses and NC certified instructors can be the solution for your family to continue to homeschool! (Conference 2)

Little Shoes Academy (Melissa Jenkins and Kathy Lawson) **Teaching Strategies**—This workshop explains detailed teaching strategies to help preschoolers get the most from engaging and hands-on lessons. We use research-based techniques that have proven success in the areas of reading and math. There is a specific scope and sequence that has been proven to bring amazing results. (Ardmore 1)

## Session 7: Friday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Thales College (Jim Brewster) **The Next Stages of Classical Education: College and Beyond**—This workshop connects classical education and the question of college, arguing that parents need to apply as much discernment to the questions of college—curriculum, values, results, moral formation—as they do to elementary and secondary schooling. (Conference 1)

The Academies at Creative Global Schools (Kim Lundy & JoAnn Berkley) **Maximizing your Student's Potential-Their Pathway to Success!**—Think of your student as a jewel that needs a ring setting. Would you place that precious stone in a setting that is not prepared for the weight of the diamond, ruby, or pearl that you possess? We offer proper supports for your learner to survive and thrive! (Conference 2)

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## Session 8: Friday, 4:20 – 5:20 pm

Little Shoes Academy (Melissa Jenkins & Kathy Lawson) **Chaos to Control**—This workshop helps organize the madness that is teaching a preschooler. From handy teaching tips, planning lessons, and keeping it all together, we will come along side you as you develop a system that works the best in your setting. Let us walk through this journey with you. (Conference 1)

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## Session 9: Saturday, 11:00 am - Noon

Liberty University & Online Academy (Kelley Niblett) **Resources for Supplementing Your Child's Education**—Picking the right educational platform is a big decision! At Liberty University Online Academy, we want to partner with you as you make that choice. Our program is flexible and designed to work for all families. Come discover our full-time, supplemental, and dual enrollment programs. (Conference 1)

Educate for Life, **The Amazing Scientific Accuracy of the Bible**—According to recent research, 72% of Generation Z, those born between 2000-2015, don't believe that church teachings and science are compatible. This session will cover 7 amazing scientific facts recorded in the Bible thousands of years before modern science discovered them. (Conference 2)

Forsyth County Homeschool Chorus (Celeste Watson & Christin Barnhardt) **Forsyth County Homeschool Choir Open Rehearsal (ages 6-12)**—Join an open choir rehearsal for students ages 6-12 and their parents—no experience necessary! We'll be having a great time singing together! Our directors, Celeste Watson & Christin Barnhardt, have over 30 years of experience teaching young children to sing. (Ardmore 1)

## Session 10: Saturday, 12:20 – 1:20 pm

Engage 360 Ministries (Matt Schmidt) **Equipping Students to Be Confident Ambassadors for the Gospel**—Christian families desire to keep their kids safe within the Christian faith. While this is a reasonable concern given the myriad of challenges in the world, we need to do more than keep them safe. We need to equip them to become confident, humble, and brave ambassadors for the Gospel. (Conference 1)

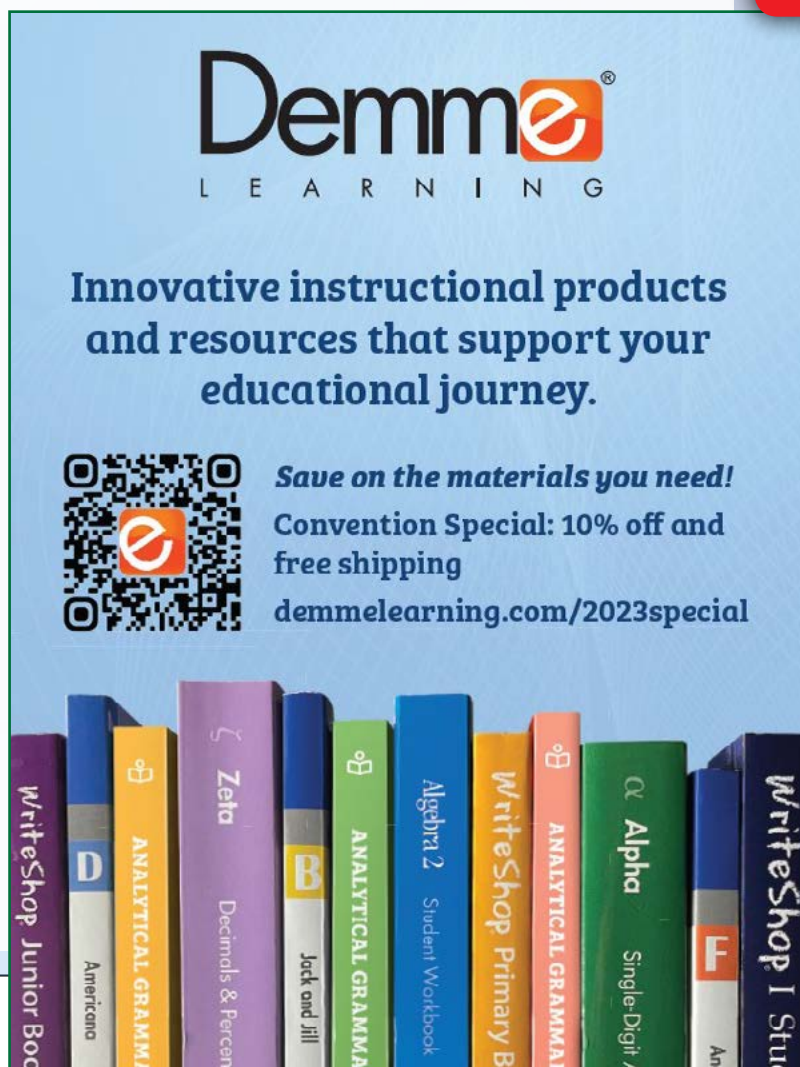
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## Session 11: Saturday 1:40 – 2:40 pm

Engage 360 Ministries (Matt Schmidt) **How We Can Know Christianity Is True**—Christian parents desire for their children be grounded in the truth of Christianity but are often overwhelmed at the breadth of apologetics resources and topics. In this workshop, starting from the Gospel, we will focus on the most essential elements that show us Christianity is true. (Conference 1)


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## **Educate for Life—Booth 56**

Educate for Life, is a professionally produced, easy to use, online Bible apologetics curriculum. He teaches students how to respond to questions about creation, evolution, world religions, relativism, human sexuality, the credibility of the Bible and much more. It has over 40 online streaming videos in HD widescreen that include follow-along notes, supplemental articles, memory verses, quizzes, and discussion questions. (619) 431.0096, educateforlife.org, online@educateforlife.org

## **Engage 360 Ministries—Booth 151**

Visit the Engage 360 booth to learn about our interactive homeschool course and youth group curriculum designed to help Christian students be strong in their faith and know how to effectively share it with others. Our goal is not to merely keep students safe from the challenges they will face in the world

but to empower them to be missional ambassadors as they go out into the world. We are also working on a guided story style book for parents of elementary age students. (704) 565-9261, e360m.org, info@e360m.org

## **Equipping Minds through Cognitive Therapy—Booth 214**

Our primary mission is to work with children to bring hope by strengthening their cognitive abilities and decrease challenges with learning, emotional, and social skills. We target working memory, processing speed, attention, comprehension, critical thinking, and communication skills which impact academic, social and language abilities as well as behavior. We regularly see improvements in academics, social skills, and self-confidence, as well as sports and work performance. 919-426-1938, marblesandminds.com, darla@marblesandminds.com

## **Excel College—Booth 105**

We're changing the game in higher education, forging a new educational path for students to become wise, mature, productive adults who live purposeful, fulfilling lives. (828) 357-7080, theexcelcollege.com/, info@theexcelcollege.com

## **Familyman Ministries/The Smiling Homeschooler—Booth 146-147**

Todd Wilson of Familyman Ministries and The Smiling Homeschooler is a speaker/author whose passion is encouraging homeschooling moms and dads both in-person and through his books, podcasts, and weekly emails. familymanweb.com

## **Forsyth County Homeschool Chorus—Booth 189**

The Forsyth County Homeschool Chorus provides choral education and choral performance opportunities to students age 6 through high school. We focus on developing musicianship, building healthy vocal technique, and training each student to serve others with their God-given gifts. Younger students focus on finding their singing voices, producing beautiful tone, and singing in parts, rounds, and canons. Older students sing both classical and sacred repertoire. (816) 456.7218, celestewatson08@gmail.com

## **Fun with Discovery Toys—Booth 199**

Discovery Toys are high quality educational toys, books, and games for all ages. Learning through play is a vital component of their cognitive, motor, and social-emotional development. Play with Discovery Toys products provides children with the fundamental skills, intrinsic motivation and passion for learning success in their school years and beyond. They are great products to enhance your homeschool curriculum! (828) 403-8440, funwithdiscoverytoys@yahoo.com

## **Generous Family—Booth 121-122**

Generous Kids Book Club is a biblical values-based book subscription delivered each month, with family activities, discussion questions, stickers, and much more! Generous Students™ Homeschool Kit is a 26-week curriculum designed to teach children about the importance of living generously. It is based on the 7 Ways of Living Generously. The curriculum features daily scripture connections, activities, historical connections with Generosity Heroes. generousfamily.com/, info@generousfamily.com

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## Genesis Apologetics—Booth 51

Genesis Apologetics is committed to providing Christian families with biblically, and scientifically, based answers to common questions about Genesis, Creation, and the Flood. Our ministry aims to strengthen the faith of God's children by grounding them in biblical truth and equipping them to discern error. We provide practical and easy-to-understand web, video, and written products for pastors, parents, teachers, and students. (844) 743-6374, [genesisapologetics.com](http://genesisapologetics.com), [staff@genesisapologetics.com](mailto:staff@genesisapologetics.com)

## GFA World—Booth 68

Get the new edition of "Revolution in World Missions" for free! Do you long to let go of self-centeredness and be more eternally minded? Do you desire to make a difference in the lost world but aren't sure how to go about it? Many people have said this book changed their life—and it just might change yours too! Come on by the GFA World booth, and get your free copy today. (800) 946-2742, [gfa.org](http://gfa.org), [info@gfa.org](mailto:info@gfa.org)

## Grace & Truth Books—Booth 91

Grace & Truth Books is a family-owned Christian bookstore and publisher. We've made it our goal to be the one Christian bookshop where you can count on always finding solid, biblical content. We aim at the formation of a strong Christian character that makes eager disciples and worshipers of God. For over thirty years, we've published some of the finest character-building stories that have ever been in print to prepare every member of your family to walk with God. (918) 245.1500, [graceandtruthbooks.com](http://graceandtruthbooks.com), [support@graceandtruthbooks.com](mailto:support@graceandtruthbooks.com)

## Growing Thyme Cooking—Booth 126

Growing Thyme Cooking offers an innovative children's nutrition-based cooking curriculum that encompasses food preparation, food origin, science and nutrition. Our mission is to grow healthy chefs one recipe at a time through our print and online courses. Stop by our booth to see what we are all about! [growingthymecooking.com](http://growingthymecooking.com), [info@growingthymecooking.com](mailto:info@growingthymecooking.com)

## Gullion's Homeschool Headquarters—Booth 9-11

With nearby retail locations in King and Statesville, Gullion's is the region's full-service homeschool headquarters. Family owned and operated since 1992, we feature a full line of new and used curricula for your hands-on shopping convenience, cash or credit for your used materials, easy returns, and an experienced advisory staff. We gladly accept your "wish lists" of used curriculum needs. Pick up an "in-store only" coupon at our booth and come see us while in the area! (336) 983-2220, [gullions.com](http://gullions.com), [info@gullions.com](mailto:info@gullions.com)

## Hands-on Home—Booth 53

If you're wondering how to make learning more fun for you and your kids and provide hands-on experiences, this booth is for you! Discover why hands-on experiences lead to the best learning, and leave with a list of simple activities you can do with your kids using items you already have at home. Your kids will thank you! Hands-on Home helps parents cultivate their kids' playful, creative minds now, so they can pave the way for them to have powerful futures. [michellegano.com](http://michellegano.com), [info@michellegano.com](mailto:info@michellegano.com)

## Happy Heart Elderberry, LLC—Booth 120

Happy Heart Elderberry offers organic wellness products for your entire family from organic elderberries and raw NC honey. We offer ready-made syrup in two sizes, DIY kits, herbal teas, and infused honey in three flavors. Our syrup recently won first place for Best in Taste with NC Specialty Foods Association in

2023. We strive to make high quality organic wellness products that taste good for the entire family. Visit our website and come see us to try a free sample!

## Herzog Foundation—Booth 25

The Stanley M. Herzog Charitable Foundation's mission is to catalyze and accelerate the development of quality Christ-centered K-12 education so that families and culture flourish. The Foundation offers a wide variety of free programs which are designed to launch, promote, and strengthen all types of Christian homeschool groups. [herzogfoundation.com](http://herzogfoundation.com), [info@herzogfoundation.com](mailto:info@herzogfoundation.com)

## Homeschool Adventures Planner—Booth 136

The Homeschool Adventures Planner was created by myself, a longtime homeschooling mom of many. These beautiful planners combine all the planning sections that I personally find essential to keep life and homeschool happily organized in one place wrapped up in a whimsical bullet journal inspired design. [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com), [homeschooladventuresplanner@gmail.com](mailto:homeschooladventuresplanner@gmail.com)

## Homeschooling One Child—Booth 183

Homeschooling One Child assists parents homeschooling singletons and children/teens with special needs, as all children learn individually, as singletons or multiples. Services we provide: resources and encouragement through blog posts, our Youtube channel and podcast, as well as individualized help through email. We also publish books, offer curriculum supplemental materials, and special needs resources. [homeschooling1child.com](http://homeschooling1child.com), [terrie@homeschooling1child.com](mailto:terrie@homeschooling1child.com)

## Homeschool Mania—Booth 163, 178

Homeschool Mania is the source for high quality homeschool and Christian apparel and giftables. We help homeschoolers show their school spirit! Stop by to customize your own apparel by choosing your design and color. We offer designs and sizes for the whole family. Don't forget to get a gift for everyone in the family including Mom, Dad and even grandparents! [homeschoolmania.com](http://homeschoolmania.com), (704) 533-3928, [homeschoolmania.com](mailto:homeschoolmania.com), [homeschool.mania@yahoo.com](mailto:homeschool.mania@yahoo.com)

## Homeschool Moms Academy—Booth 114

Our mission is to empower homeschooling mothers with the resources, guidance, and community they need to provide their children with an exceptional education tailored to their unique needs and learning styles. We believe that by equipping mothers with the tools and confidence to educate their children at home, we can help families thrive and children reach their full potential. (980) 800-1254, [homeschoolmomacademy.com](http://homeschoolmomacademy.com)

## Homeschool Natalie Mack—Booth 113

Natalie Mack, LLC, provides educational consultation, mentorship to military homeschool leaders, and advocacy for military homeschooling. Our products and services include a journal style book of encouragement and tips, 101 Tips for Homeschoolers, masterclasses on beginning homeschool and high school to college, assistance with the NCAA process, and the military service pathway, and mental health education. [Natalie-Mack.com](http://Natalie-Mack.com), [hello@natalie-mack.com](mailto:hello@natalie-mack.com)

## Homeschool Village—Booth 195

Homeschool Village announces a central Homeschool campus in Hillsborough, NC. A dedicated location for parents and teachers to hold classes, playdates, outdoor adventures, potlucks, and gatherings. Kids can attend a single class or attend activities for the whole day. We are just breaking ground and lots of hearts, hands and leaders are needed to create this amazing campus

for homeschoolers! Become a member, donate, volunteer or join the leadership team. (919) 491-2186, [homeschoolvillage.net](http://homeschoolvillage.net), [homeschoolvillageNC@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolvillageNC@gmail.com)

## HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)—Booth 2

HSLDA is a national organization that advocates for homeschoolers at the local and federal level with the vision of protecting the right of parents to direct the education of their children. In addition to legal support, HSLDA offers homeschool resources for preschool through graduation and access to special needs consultants. (540) 338-5600, [hsllda.org](http://hsllda.org), [info@hsllda.org](mailto:info@hsllda.org)

## Irene's Poetry and Songs—Booth 44

New Songs Kids Love to Sing—Live up your homeschool day with these fun, bright, happy songs! They are easy to learn, fun to sing, and good lessons. These are all new, children's illustrated songs, 8 1/2" x 11", spiral-bound and "My Very Own Songbook" series, just like the big ones except the perfect size for kid's to take home and enjoy. And there is a CD of children singing the songs! Get them here today! (336) 596-7691, [irenespoetry.com](http://irenespoetry.com), [irenespoetry@yahoo.com](mailto:irenespoetry@yahoo.com)

## JAKAPA—Booth 70

Unlock your child's full potential with JAKAPA, empowering homeschool families and students with our innovative Soft Skills Web and App Solution. Enhance student effectiveness in classroom/time management, innovation, and engagement through flexible and convenient targeted training and real-time feedback, all achieved with just 10 minutes a day! Experience engaging and interactive learning—visit our booth to transform student experiences. (314) 474-1210, [jakapa.com](http://jakapa.com), [sales@jakapa.com](mailto:sales@jakapa.com)

## Jared Dodd: Dodd Family Ministry—Booth 140

Jared Dodd is an author, speaker, pastor, city mayor, and father of ten. He and his family travel the nation, speaking on many different subjects including apologetics, family, homeschooling, discipleship, history, etc. He has written several books, has a weekly podcast called The Blessed Family, and has four Bible studies on RightNow Media. His family's mission is to reclaim family, church, and state for the glory of God. To learn more please visit [jaredodd.com](http://jaredodd.com). (361) 902-7267, [jaredodd.com](mailto:jaredodd.com), [doddclan7@gmail.com](mailto:doddclan7@gmail.com)

## Knowledge Box Central—Booth 192

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## Kristi Clover—Booth 206

Kristi Clover is a home organization and #momlife expert. She's the author of M.O.M.—Master Organizer of Mayhem and Homeschool Basics, an online course creator, and a popular conference speaker. Her passion is to help Christian women find sanity and joy in the throes of mom life. She shares her adventures in motherhood and home life through a variety of media that you can find at [KristiClover.com](http://KristiClover.com). Kristi homeschools her five children (2 launched and 3 to-go) in San Diego. [KristiClover.com](http://KristiClover.com), [hello@kristiclover.com](mailto:hello@kristiclover.com)



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## Lamplighter Ministries—Booth 188, 221

At Lamplighter we know that you want character-building content that brings you and your family closer to God. For more than 30 years, we've been collecting over 200 character-building stories that are built on the foundation of God's word. With Lamplighter books and audio dramas, you and your family are sure to enjoy hours of engaging stories that will leave you inspired to overcome challenges and experience a heroic partnership with God. (888) AGOSPEL, Lamplighter.net, mail@lamplighter.net

## Late November Literary—Booth 125

Late November Literary is quality fiction and nonfiction for the whole family. We publish a variety of genres sure to please each reader in your household. Our Learning Tree branch provides quality resources to help students read and write more effectively. Check out our booth and see what great books we have to offer! [latenovemberliterary.com](http://latenovemberliterary.com), [jbroyles@latenovemberliterary.com](mailto:jbroyles@latenovemberliterary.com)

## Liberty University and Online Academy—Booth 101

Located in Virginia, Liberty University is one of the world's largest Christian universities, offering over 300 programs of study, K-12 courses, dual enrollment, online, and residential courses. Here you'll meet students who know they can be and do anything. They celebrate uniqueness, stand up for others, put faith into practice, and apply what they learn to real-world situations, all while preparing to thrive in a career. Come join us and train as a champion for Christ. (866) 418-8741, [liberty.edu/online-academy/](http://liberty.edu/online-academy/), [LUOAdmissions@liberty.edu](mailto:LUOAdmissions@liberty.edu)

## Little Shoes Academy—Booth 37

Little Shoes Academy is a brand-new company run by twin sisters Melissa Jenkins and Kathy Lawson. We have over 60 years combined experience teaching in the public, private, university, and homeschool settings. Our goal is to help parents become the best educators for their children. We have a 36-week curriculum for pre-schoolers and many other supplemental items to help your educational journey succeed. We also offer a support system and community to help children thrive. [littleshoesacademy.com](http://littleshoesacademy.com), [littleshoesacademy@gmail.com](mailto:littleshoesacademy@gmail.com)

## Long Shot - From Homeschool to UNC Basketball—Booth 164

Leah Church is a homeschool graduate, a former UNC women's basketball player and current three-point world-record holder. She has been featured in Decision Magazine, The Gospel Coalition as well as on the Today Show, ESPN, and Sports Center. Leah has written an autobiography titled Long Shot, which is her testimony about making it to her dream school and becoming the first ever homeschooled women's Tar Heel basketball player. Her story inspires to always put Jesus first. 336-469-4761, [leahchurch.com](http://leahchurch.com), [leah.tarheel@gmail.com](mailto:leah.tarheel@gmail.com)

## Ming Creative Art Academy—Booth 32

MCAA offers high-level online art classes that stress creativity and outside of the box thinking over a foundation of strong technical skills. We offer both arts enrichment for ages 5-15 and college portfolio prep courses for older high school students. Stop by our booth with photos of your art for a free portfolio consultation! Private and group classes available. (626) 321-7679, [mingcreativeart.com/](http://mingcreativeart.com/), [info@mingcreativeart.com](mailto:info@mingcreativeart.com)

## Modern Woodmen of America—Booth 133

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal financial services company. We help with planning and preparing for the future

through life insurance, savings plans, retirement plans, and college planning. Together we can help you achieve your goals. We provide financial products to help members protect their families and their futures. We promote community impact through local volunteer projects that make a difference where members live, work, and play. (704) 408-8471, [modernwoodmen.org](http://modernwoodmen.org), [Lara.e.jones@mwarep.org](mailto:Lara.e.jones@mwarep.org)

## Mommy Journal—Booth 193

The Mommy Journal is one where you are encouraged to record your thoughts, feelings, and experiences as you journey through motherhood and homeschooling with the Mommy Journal: Homeschool Edition. Even if your children are grown and gone, reflect back on your journey and document the precious wealth of knowledge you have to share. In time, perhaps you'll be able to pass an invaluable collection of tips to your children, grandchildren and others you hold dear. 919/624-9742, [encourageandequip2200@gmail.com](mailto:encourageandequip2200@gmail.com)

## MyBrainDR Neurofeedback Centers—Booth 149

MyBrainDR's neurofeedback therapy offers benefits for children struggling with ADHD, learning disabilities, anxiety or autism. These conditions lead to challenges in attention, impulse control, and emotional regulation. Neurofeedback addresses issues by training the brain to strengthen healthy patterns. This non-invasive, drug-free approach enhances concentration, reduces impulsivity, and promotes emotional well-being, providing valuable support for parents and caregivers. (919) 721-4800, [mybraindr.com](http://mybraindr.com), [admin@mybraindr.com](mailto:admin@mybraindr.com)

## National Park Mystery Books - Buttonwood Books—Booth 116

Pre-teens will be drawn to National Park Mystery Books when looking for a fun adventure book. Parents will like them because they are safe reading with a Christian worldview and are filled with history, geography, and science. Each book has a different theme. They can be used as a travel and vacation guide when you are planning a trip with National Parks in mind. Mary has been to all 50 states and 61 National Parks enjoying adventures that sometimes show up in the plot. [Nationalparkmysteries@gmail.com](mailto:Nationalparkmysteries@gmail.com)

## NC Family Policy Council—Booth 3

NC Family is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving traditional family values. We are engaged in an ongoing battle to retain the Judeo-Christian values that serve as the foundation of Western civilization. These are the same values that supported the establishment of the United States and are embodied in the Ten Commandments and in our nation's founding documents. (704) 575-7345, [ncfamily.org](http://ncfamily.org), [tomk@ncfamily.org](mailto:tomk@ncfamily.org)

## NCHE—Booth 1

NCHE is the sponsor of the Thrive! Conference. North Carolinians for Home Education was founded in 1984 by homeschool parents in order to protect the right to educate their children at home. NCHE has advanced legislation that has made it easier for families to homeschool. NCHE continues to vigilantly watch our legislature for any threats to homeschooling. We also provide resources for families to make their homeschool journey a rewarding experience. [NCHE.com](http://NCHE.com)

## NCHE Additional Speakers—Booth 215

Conference speakers who do not already have a vendor booth share this booth in order to have a time to sell their product or talk to attendees.

## NCHE Athletic Commission (NCHEAC)—Booth 216

NCHEAC provides homeschool athletes, ages 11-18, the opportunity to participate on a team similar to what they could experience if they attended a private or public school. Our homeschool teams consist of only homeschooled athletes and are primarily coached by homeschool parents, many of whom have high school and/or college experience. Learn about the sports offered, the different leagues, participating teams and how to start a team. [ncheac.com/site](http://ncheac.com/site)

## NCHE Mentoring—In Piedmont Foyer

Experienced homeschoolers will be available to answer your homeschooling questions. The mentor table hours are 3:00-6:00 P.M. on Thursday, 10:30 A.M.-6:15 P.M. on Friday, and 10:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M. on Saturday.

## NCVPS—Booth 4

NCVPS's Virtual Advantage program strives to provide quality educational choices to students and their families. The Virtual Advantage is a supplemental program open to homeschool students desiring to take NCVPS courses à la carte while maintaining their homeschool status. Our 135+ courses include 17+ Advanced Placement, honors courses, nine world languages including American Sign Language, and visual arts along with a full catalog of core classes. (984) 239-6340, [ncvps.org/home-private-schools/](http://ncvps.org/home-private-schools/), [nonpublicstudents@ncpublicschools.gov](mailto:nonpublicstudents@ncpublicschools.gov)

## New Biology Clinic—Booth 24

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## New Growth Press—Booth 38

NGP is a Christian publisher that is passionate about teaching the good news of the kingdom to the next generation and has created an exclusive line of children and family products for homes, churches, and schools. Each curriculum, family devotional, and book has Jesus as its foundation and focus. Children are drawn to the fun and colorful illustrations and appealing story lines that teach them the Bible and reach young hearts with the lasting truth of the gospel. (336) 378-7775, [newgrowthpress.com](http://newgrowthpress.com), [customerservice@newgrowthpress.com](mailto:customerservice@newgrowthpress.com)

## Noble U School—Booth 207

Noble U offers both in-person as well as online classes (asynchronous) for grades 8-12. Classes include U.S. history, world history, civics, and Christian ethics. The instructor is Steve Noble, Christian talk radio show host and podcaster since 2007, homeschooling father of four (17-years), and teacher with Noble U since 2011 (1,000+ students). Steve knows how to hold an audience, and his talk radio show experience flows seamlessly into the classroom to add relevance. (919) 669-8293, [nobleuschool.com](http://nobleuschool.com)

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## **Oak Meadow—Booth 205**

Oak Meadow has offered innovative, creative, and independent learning materials for homeschooling families around the world for 45 years. Our academically-complete, creative, and well-rounded curriculum designed for homeschooling families and a distance learning school with teacher support. Oak Meadow offers secular, book-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum for preschool through high school. 802-251-7250, oakmeadow.com, info@oakmeadow.com

## **OT4Kids, Inc.—Booth 71**

OT4Kids “Keeping on Track” programs provide group training that teaches functional life skills. These groups implement sensory and behavioral strategies to provide training in areas of fine motor skills, gross motor skills, social skills, self-care skills, and independent living skills. These 3 hour weekly programs will be led by professionals with instruction provided in areas such as healthy eating, cooking, physical activity, music, art, gardening, and animal care. (336) 236-6546, ot4kidsinc.com, keepingontrack@ot4k.com, (336) 236-6546

## **PaperPie - formerly known as Usborne Books & More—Booth 5-6**

PaperPie—formerly known as Usborne Books & More shares high-quality educational and award winning products! PaperPie offers books, science & activity kits, puzzles and games from Usborne Publishing, Kane Miller Publishing, Learning Wrap-ups & SmartLab Toys. We also offer fundraising and income opportunities. We also do book fairs and online parties. Shelley@readgrowlearn.com, ReadGrowLearn.com or Jeanette: f2242.paperpie.com, Triadbooknook@gmail.com

## **Passersby Welcome—Booth 58**

Our W.I.L.D Living Book Guides are written to go along with quality living books, many of which are included in popular Charlotte Mason curricula. Lessons lead families to read time-tested books and enjoy a unit study with a Charlotte Mason flavor. Our Nature Rambles Series provides lessons to make nature walks simple and fun! We also offer homeschool consultations and coaching for families at any stage of their homeschooling journey. (864) 814-5709, passersbywelcome.com/, admin@passersbywelcome.com

## **Patrick Henry College—Booth 150**

The college was founded in 2000 with a vision to preserve America by educating the best and brightest Christian young people to take their place as future leaders of the nation and its culture. Patrick Henry College aims to prepare Christian men and women who will lead our nation and shape our culture with timeless biblical values and fidelity to the spirit of the American founding. (540) 441-8110, phc.edu, admissions@phc.edu

## **Pensacola Christian College—Booth 54**

Pensacola Christian College is a four-year, fully accredited, Christian liberal arts college that is empowering the next generation of leaders to influence their world for Christ. (850) 478-8496, pcci.edu, info@pcci.edu

## **Portals—Booth 166**

Portals is a literature-to-project based program designed to provide resources and support to educators who are seeking a Christ-centered education for their students. Portals provides curriculum selection and design for flexible daily K-12 lesson plans in all subjects, and a 9-5 call-in center with live support. Portals' goal is to save you time, so you can spend it building character, family, and faith. Learn more by visiting our website, or by calling (612) 356-7376. portalsacademy.com, info@portalsacademy.com

## **Positive Action Bible Curriculum—Booth 12-13**

The Bible is God's self-revelation, so we write our studies to magnify His majesty, His works and His nature. In each passage, we encourage students to look for how God reveals Himself, then delve into context, language, culture and application. We offer comprehensive pre-K to 12th grade Bible curriculum. (800) 688-3008, positiveaction.org, info@positiveaction.org

## **Rainbow Resource Center—Booth 167-174**

Rainbow Resource Center carries a wide range of curriculum, supplements, enrichment items, kits, games, and manipulatives for grades PK-12, covering all subject areas. We also offer free curriculum consultation via phone, email, or chat. (888) 841-3456, rainbowresource.com, info@rainbowresource.com

## **Records of History - Matthew McKenzie—Booth 57**

Much of our 20th Century history exists in a recorded format, including print, audio and video media. Such primary sources can serve as time machines that allow us to “relive” the past! If you want to move beyond the typical history textbook, Records of History offers resources to assist with this alternative/supplemental approach to discovering our shared past. RecordsOfHistory.com, mmmtagsfan@gmail.com

## **RightStart Mathematics—Booth 45**

RightStart Mathematics uses the AL Abacus to provide a visual, auditory and kinesthetic experience. The program lessons guide the teacher day-by-day and year-by-year, to help children understand, apply and enjoy mathematics while surpassing state standards. (888) 272-3291, RightStartMath.com, info@RightStartMath.com

## **Rise Indoor Sports—Booth 66**

Rise Indoor Sports is a state-of-art multi-sports facility providing support to homeschool families in North Carolina. Rise offers camps, clinics, leagues, PE classes, skills training, and fitness classes for homeschoolers. The facility also rents space to homeschool groups needing space for team practices, meetings, tournaments, and more. (336) 920-7473, riseindoorsports.com, lane@riseindoorsports.com

## **Robotics & Programming Classes, Camps & Curriculum—Booth 92**

In our online robotics & programming classes, students learn critical STEM skills in a fun and engaging way. Students get their own personal robot to keep. They work with both hardware and software which is invaluable when learning how computerized devices work. The skills they learn apply to robots but other electronics as well. Students gain knowledge, confidence, troubleshooting and critical thinking skills all in a fun, hands on way. Learn STEM. Learn the future. (828) 551-0750, homehackercamp.com, info@homehackercamp.com

## **Rod & Staff by Gospel Gems—Booth 202-204**

Rod & Staff, a conservation Anabaptist publisher, has been producing Bible based curriculum since 1958. We also publish activity books, coloring books and character-building storybooks for all ages. Take advantage of 10% discount on Rod & Staff curriculum at convention. (540) 810-4904

## **Rubies Girls' Club—Booth 177**

Rubies Girls' Clubs is an organization that has been designed to train girls, ages 8-18, to realize their true value, their unique design, and to become women of character that are truly “worth far more than rubies.” The beautifully designed curriculum has been built to offer you a start-to-finish camp and class

experience that can be easily adjusted to a variety of settings and skill levels. The initial box kit has everything needed to start a local club. (910) 987-3046, rubiesgirlsclubs@gmail.com.

## **School of Rock Greensboro—Booth 220**

Our music programs for kids in Greensboro are designed to get students on stage performing with the goal of building strong musical proficiency. Younger students at School of Rock Greensboro who have participated in the Rookies program can move to our Rock 101 music program once they're ready. Additionally, students (typically ages 8 to 13-years-old) can begin Rock 101 without any prior experience. (336) 600-4743, Greensboro.schoolofrock.com, Greensboro@schoolofrock.com

## **Simply Charlotte Mason—Booth 39-42**

Simply Charlotte Mason carries enjoyable curriculum, living books, and enriching fine arts for a Charlotte Mason-style education. simplycm.com, contact@simplycharlottesmason.com

## **Soaring Eagles Homeschool Co-op—Booth 200**

Soaring Eagles Systematic Phonics Program's reading, writing, and spelling program is based on the Orton-Gillingham method and is backed up by the science of reading. This method was created in 1935. It is a multisensory and systematic technique for reading instruction built to help dyslexic students, but this method also works for non-dyslexic students as well. It explicitly teaches the connection between letters and sounds in a fun way. (336) 596-7536, soaringeagles.mysite.com/, aowen76@outlook.com

## **Sonlight Curriculum—Booth 154-156, 185-187**

Sonlight is an easy-to-use homeschool program with complete lesson plans, schedules, and materials from preschool through high school. Sonlight is the complete literature-based, Christian homeschool curriculum that includes everything you need to teach your children: history, math, science, language arts and more! (800) 903-1675, sonlight.com, main@sonlight.com

## **Studies Weekly—Booth 49**

Studies Weekly is a customized, award-winning, standards-based core curriculum for K-8, founded on deep learning strategies that increase student knowledge and skills in social studies, science, and health & wellness. (866) 311-8734, StudiesWeekly.com, Marketing@StudiesWeekly.com

## **Take Time for Art—Booth 47**

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## **Teaching Textbooks—Booth 29-30**

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## **Trail Life USA—Booth 14-17**

Trail Life USA is church-based, Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring & discipleship journey speaking to the hearts of boys. Established on timeless values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys grades K-12 are engaged in a troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they are created. (321) 247-7761, trailifeusa.com, HomeOffice@TrailLifeUSA.com

## **Traiven's Pass—Booth 135**

"Once upon a time" is a phrase which often has the power to sweep us away to another world. The delight in the simple pleasure is timeless if the book is good. The Trimont Trilogy invites you to embark upon a journey into the medieval Kingdom of Calderon where deception has taken a stranglehold. Thankfully, there arise men and women who are willing to make the difficult decisions to follow the truth wherever it leads them. A captivating trilogy by author Jessica Marinos. TraivensPass.com

## **Turning Point USA—Booth 191**

Turning Point USA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Charlie Kirk. The organization's mission is to identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government. Turning Point USA believes that every young person can be enlightened to true free market values. (937) 524-3401

## **University of Mount Olive—Booth 36**

The University of Mount Olive offers various degree options in the School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences with 100% online, hybrid or seated class options. (910) 990-1927, umo.edu, RDavis@umo.edu

## **Veritas Baptist College—Booth 175**

Veritas Baptist College offers 100% distance learning for every degree program we offer. Students access the weekly lessons through the college's learning management system. Qualifying high school students are eligible to enroll in more than fifty college courses. Students may choose from most of our 100-level or 200-level courses each semester. Dual enrollment students may also enroll in select associate degree programs, giving them the opportunity to finish school. (812) 221-1714, vbc.edu

## **Virginia Soaps & Scents—Booth 103-104**

Virginia Soaps and Scents began as a single unit study project in 2007. We homeschooled our 9 children and a foster child for 30 years. The business became a part of our educational program and ultimately put our children through college, and we are still covering wedding costs! We are now in our 16th year and sell our products coast to coast via our web store and through our shows. We have grown to a full line of handcrafted bath and body products. va-soaps.com, richelle@va-soaps.com

## **Weston A. Price Foundation—Booth 106**

The Weston A. Price Foundation is a non-profit dedicated to teaching accurate nutrition information as per the research of the late Dr. Weston A. Price DDS and corroborated by others. We advocate for access to clean, raw milk, nutrient-dense foods, and health freedom while also connecting sustainable and regenerative farms and producers with the consumers they seek to serve. (70) 820-3333, westonaprice.org, info@westonaprice.org

## **Without Doors Curriculum—Booth 180**

Without Doors is a minimalist Charlotte Mason curriculum that includes a wide range of resources for the entire family. The preschool and kindergarten guides lay a solid foundation for a Charlotte Mason education. Early America, Modern America, United Kingdom, Ancient World, etc. each include coordinated lessons in Bible, history, geography, literature, and enrichment resulting in a rich immersive study. Without Doors sparks joy in education and inspires lifelong learning! withoutdoorscurriculum.com, withoutdoorscurriculum@gmail.com

## **The Write Journey—Booth 198**

Using relational instruction, The Write Journey desires to train and empower students and adults to become authentic communicators and writers who positively impact the world. Our program includes developing critical thinking and reasoning skills over opinion based responses as we study and respond to quality literature. (916) 696-1759, thewritejourney.net, info@thewritejourney.net

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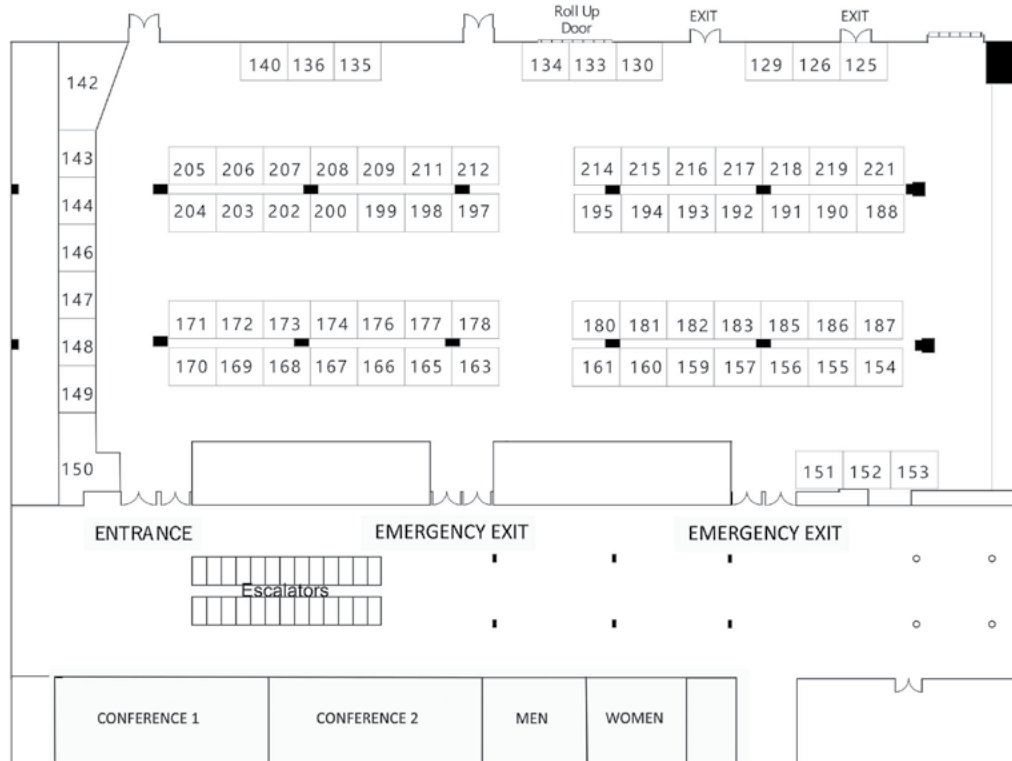
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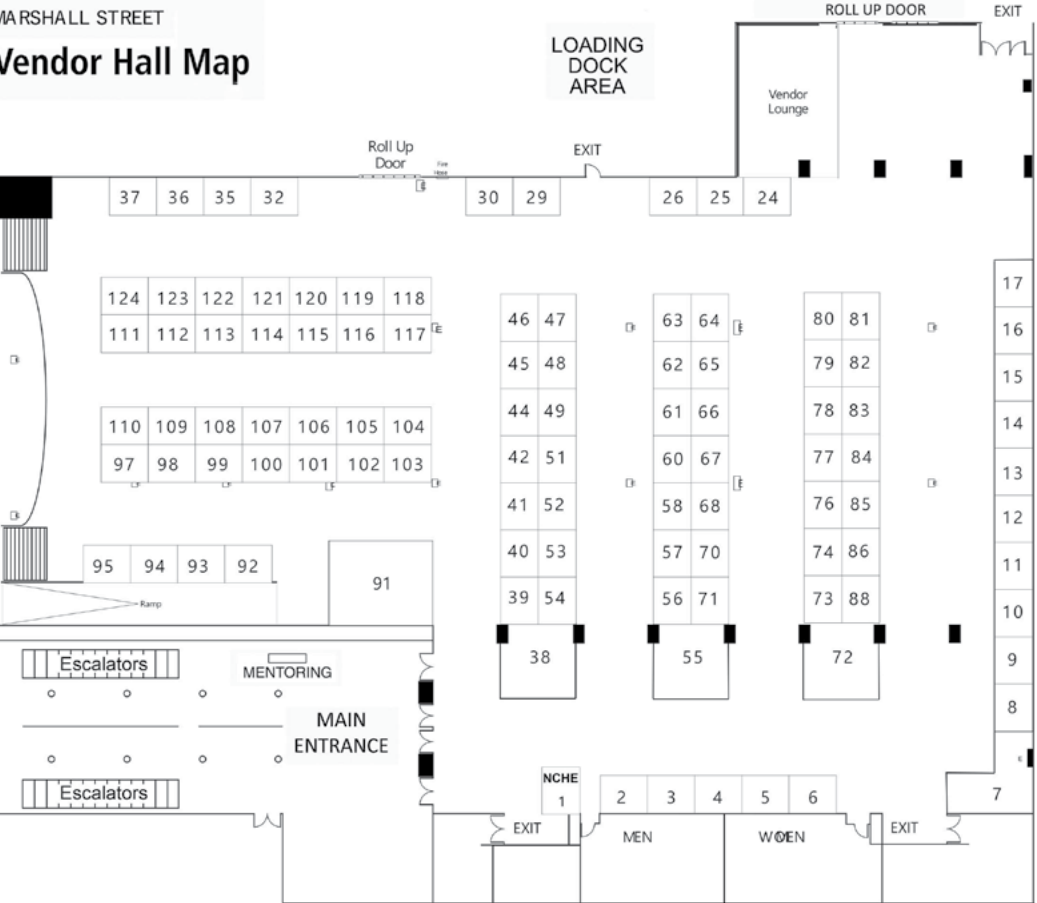


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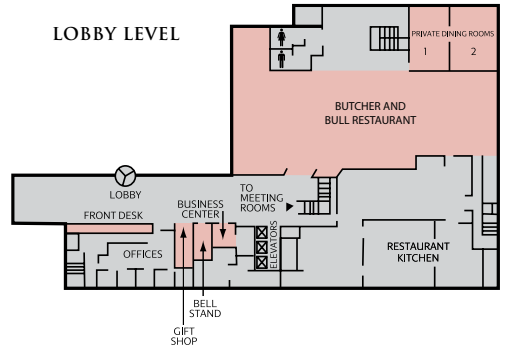
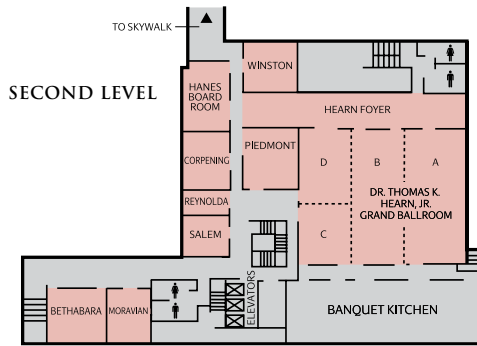
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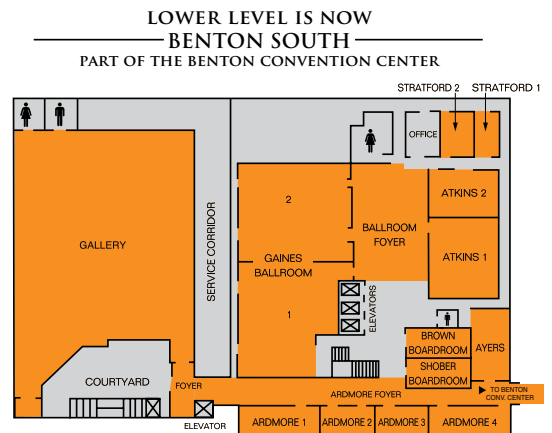
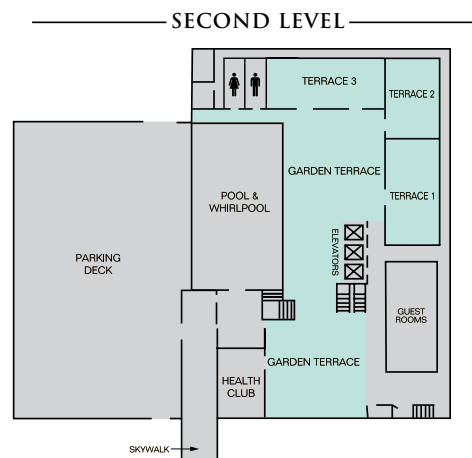
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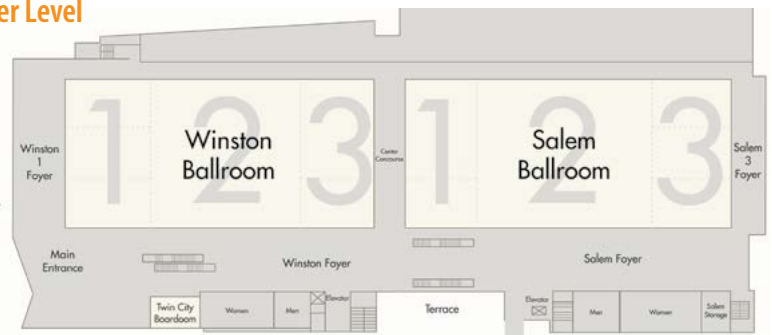


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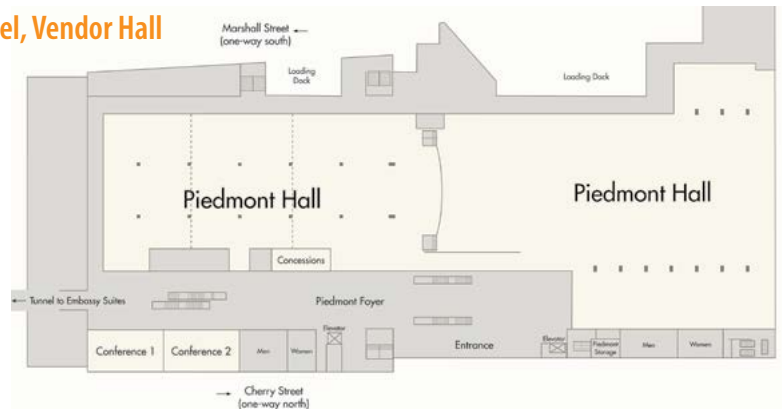
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