

"So that they should set their
hope in God and not forget
the works of God, but keep
his commandments."
Psalms 78:6-7

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The importance of remembering our history is woven throughout our culture. Whether it is marking an important event (Independence Day), in recognition of a person who made a significant contribution to the world (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), or honoring those we view as heroes (Veterans Day), many of our traditions center around these holidays. In fact, your family probably has your own ways that you remember these and other important events and people.

The concept of remembering is not unique to our American culture. There are instances throughout the Bible where we find that God commands us to remember. In the Old Testament, we find that after the Israelites crossed the Jordan River with the Ark of the Covenant, God instructed Joshua to build a cairn with rocks to serve as a sign of what God did at that place, so that future generations would know and remember.

In the New Testament, Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples. The commemoration of Passover for these Jewish men was, what they thought, routine in marking the anniversary of the exodus of God's people from Egypt. However, Jesus declared a new covenant that night. He told those He dined with, "Do this in remembrance of me." Millions across the globe continue to participate in this symbolic ceremony as a result of this commandment.

That brings us to Psalm 78. It was written by Asaph, a Levite who was a musician in King David's Court. It details the history of Israel from Egypt to David. As you probably know, the Israelites weren't exactly the poster children for obedience to God. Despite the command to remember all that God had done for them, they continued to fail at this day and day again. When they forgot the faithfulness of God, it led to rebellion ... wrath ... repentance ... forgiveness ... repeat.

The opening verses of this chapter are a reminder to both the Israelites and us today that we need to not only remember the miraculous works of God, but "declare them to their children." But this wasn't just to help *them* remember. The command is to *teach our children* so "that they may **arise** and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." (ESV)

As homeschoolers, we aren't just teaching our kids how to read, or do fractions, or be able to recite all the state capitals in alphabetical order. No! We are discipling our children to have a genuine and deepening relationship with their Creator and Savior ... so that they will then disciple their children, who will disciple their children, who will disciple their children ... you get the idea. The ministry we are doing in teaching our children at home will have an eternal impact for generations to come!

The day-to-day and routine of being a homeschool parent is not easy. We've all wanted to throw in the towel at some point. It can be discouraging when we struggle, not only with the battles within our home, but also the arrows and darts the enemy throws our ways as our world becomes more perverse and turns further away from God.

Now, more than ever, it is important that we remember what God tells us in Psalm 78. We must be the example to the children God has entrusted to us, and **ARISE** and declare to them, "the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

We pray that you are richly blessed by your time this weekend as you seek to be filled with encouragement and equipped with knowledge as you follow the Lord's calling to teach and disciple your children.



many thanks

Many people have helped bring this event to you. We are grateful to all our volunteers who serve as part of the Convention team. Our heartfelt thanks go to these wonderful staff and volunteers who serve in so many capacities:

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Finally, we want to remind you that we are here to help and serve you in any way we can, year-round. We welcome you to the conference. We pray God encourages, strengthens, and equips you through this event.

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Rebecca Kocsis, John McGowan, Steve Murphy, Charity Silvers, and Andrew Vandever

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Website

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Digital Library

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Homeschool Directory

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CHEA'S Blog & Homeschooling 101 series

Our weekly blog offers encouragement, practical tips, and advice for homeschool families. The "Homeschooling 101" blog series is perfect for new homeschool families, featuring articles about how to get started, curriculum, recordkeeping, socialization, and more. You can find the blog on our website at www.cheaofca.org/blog.



Weekly E-Newsletter

Stay up-to-date by subscribing to "The CHEA Connection," where we share all the upcoming CHEA events and news, important legislative updates, and information and resources from many of our partner organizations. Just visit our website to sign up today.



Facebook Groups

Homeschool California is for those who are homeschooling or interested in homeschooling in California.

Working Homeschool Moms is an online support to moms who find themselves trying to balance the worlds of homeschooling and working.



Social Media


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Webinars

Throughout the year, CHEA offers webinars on a variety of topics. Free to participate live, we cover issues relevant to private Christian homeschooling families. Each October, we host our annual **Virtual PSA Filing Party** where our hosts walk attendees, step-by-step, through how to file the Private School Affidavit.

homeschool resources

MOMS NIGHT OUT

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Come enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and fantastic giveaways, followed by a humorous and heart-warming presentation. Ginger will uproot the insecurities and fears that keep us from living abundant, fulfilling lives and shining our brightest as children of God. Through laughter and tears you'll be inspired and challenged as she uncovers the treasures that await a life surrendered to Christ. Touching stories, spiritual insights, practical solutions, and possibly chocolate—this is an event you don't want to miss!

Friday, July 14

7:15 p.m.

South Sanctuary



DADS & DONUTS

Start your Saturday off with donuts and time with other homeschool dads, including:

Jay St. John

James Mason

Nathan Pierce

John McGowan

Andrew Vandever

... and more.

Saturday, July 15

7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY



Celebrate the Class of 2023 at CHEA's High School Graduation Ceremony!

Friday, July 14

7:15 p.m.

Main Sanctuary

General seating is available to convention attendees beginning at 7:05 p.m.

food & drink



KABOB EXPRESS (*Mediterranean, Burgers, Tacos*)

Friday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



MENUS & MORE INFO



BENJI'S COLD BREW COFFEE & PAP'S LEMONADE & HOT DOGS

Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



CHAPEL CAFE

Thursday & Friday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DADS & KIDS



MOVIE NIGHT

We invite dad to bring the kids for a fun family-friendly movie night! We will even provide the popcorn (and kettle corn)!

Movie Showing: *Hoodwinked*

Friday, July 14

7:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Answers to your questions

Tips and Advice

Prayer for your coming year

Walk through the Exhibit Hall

Homeschool Groups in your area

CHEA'S HOMESCHOOL HELP BOOTH

Experienced homeschool parents are available to assist you, no matter what stage of the homeschool journey you may find yourself in

behind the Exhibit Hall
in the back of the Main Sanctuary



GET IN THE GAME

Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15

Ages 5-12

Gym

\$70 for both days

This is our time to get off the bench and jump into the game. When we look at the world around us, we see a lot of loss and some discouraging things, but this is not the time to sit idly by. We need to follow our Coach and see what God has for us right here and right now.

Through engaging lessons, exciting games, and interactive activities, we will learn how God calls us to be part of His team, how He equips us for each play, the wins and losses of life, and ultimately, that He has the victory.

We can't wait to encourage you to GET IN THE GAME!

Medical Release Form

Each child attending the Children's Convention must have a completed medical release form when checking in at the Children's Convention. You will need to provide a printed/signed medical release form before you can leave your children at the Children's Convention.

Lunch & Snacks

No lunch is provided. Children will need to be picked up for lunch at 12:40 p.m. and returned at 1:40 p.m. If you would like your child to have any snacks during the day, you will need to provide them. Please be conscious of common allergens.

Children's Convention Check-In and Check-Out

If children are pre-registered for the Children's Convention, they may be checked in beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Children must be picked up at the conclusion of the day at 4:30 p.m. If your children are not pre-registered for Children's Convention, please visit the Registration booth. At-the-door registration may be available as space allows, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Are you new to homeschooling? We're so glad you are here! Here are some suggestions for you to get the most out of your Convention experience.

- ✓ Visit the Homeschool Help booth to talk with an experienced homeschooler to get answers to your questions, tips and advice, prayer, and help as you walk through the Exhibit Hall. You can also find out about homeschool groups located in your area.
- ✓ Visit the CHEA Store.
 1. Become a CHEA Member
 2. Purchase *The California Homeschool Manual: A guide to private home education in California* – this is the most important “getting started” book you can have as a home educator in California
- ✓ Visit the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) booth in the Exhibit Hall to become an HSLDA member, where CHEA members receive a discount.
- ✓ Visit the Family Protection Ministries (FPM) booth to find out more about the political climate and home education in California and how you can get involved in the legislative process.
- ✓ Attend some of the following workshops that we believe will be helpful for beginning home educators:

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
Homeschooling: A Strong Start	Friday	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Main Sanctuary East
Record Keeping & Lesson Planning	Friday	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Main Sanctuary East
Mission Possible!	Friday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Main Sanctuary East
Choosing Curriculum & Teaching Methods	Friday	4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	Main Sanctuary East
Legislative Update	Saturday	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Teaching Older Children with Younger Children at Home	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Scheduling the Feast of Subjects	Saturday	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Main Sanctuary East

new homeschoolers

Do you have a high schooler or will soon? Here are some suggestions for you to get the most out of your Convention experience.

- ✓ Visit the Homeschool Help booth in the front of the Exhibit Hall to talk with an experienced homeschooler to get answers to your questions, tips and advice, and prayer for all things high school.
- ✓ Visit the CHEA Store in the front of the Exhibit Hall
 1. Become a CHEA Member
 2. Purchase *The High School Handbook*
- ✓ Visit College Row in the Exhibit Hall
- ✓ Attend some of the following workshops that we believe will be helpful for home educators in the high school years:

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
A Pathway to Teaching Public Speaking	Friday	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	School of Ministry Room
Developing a Plan for High School	Friday	4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Middle School: Is It Any Different?	Saturday	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Main Sanctuary East
Catastrophic Geology	Saturday	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	School of Ministry Room
The Path to NCAA Eligibility: A D1 Athlete Journey	Saturday	3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Main Sanctuary West

HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCES

Scan the QR code to access resources from our Thursday evening presentation for preparing for life after high school.





HSLDA'S GENERATION JOSHUA

Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15
Grades 7-12
Mini Chapel
\$70 for both days

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Sponsored by Cedarville University

Don't you wish you were in charge? Do you want to make the rules? Now you can! Back by popular demand, we are pleased to offer this two-day interactive simulation experience for our teens, who have enjoyed the Generation Joshua workshops in the past.

This immersive simulation gives students a taste of what a legislator encounters when trying to draft and pass laws and resolutions at the federal level. Participants choose between competing priorities such as personal legislative goals, the goals of the party, and the professional agreements made with other members of Congress. Students begin by drafting legislation in a small committee and will progress to an official legislative session where they will have the chance to debate and vote on their legislation (and possibly get it passed!).

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Only teens registered for the Teen Convention are permitted in the teen workshops. At other times of the day, teens may attend sessions and visit the Exhibit Hall. CHEA will provide volunteer adult chaperones for the Teen Convention; however parents are responsible for their teen's safety and behavior during the Convention. We recommend that parents and teens read over the Convention materials together and arrange meeting times and locations. In consideration of all in attendance, we request teens follow these basic guidelines:

- Wear modest, casual clothing.
- Remain seated during the sessions.
- Do not loiter outside the rooms during sessions.
- Be attentive to the speaker.
- Turn cell phones to vibrate. If you need to use your phone, please step outside.

**GINGER HUBBARD**

Keynote Speaker
Booth #313

Ginger Hubbard, bestselling author of *Don't Make Me Count to Three*, *Wise Words for Moms*,

and *I Can't Believe You Just Said That*, speaks at women's events, parenting conferences, and homeschool conventions across the country, and co-hosts the Parenting with Ginger Hubbard podcast. Ginger is a veteran homeschooling mother of two children and stepmom to two stepsons. She and her husband, Ronnie, reside in Opelika, AL, where they enjoy working together from home.

A Biblical Model for Discipline, Session #1
No More Whining and Lying, Session #5
Moms Night Out, Fri. 7:15 p.m.
Reaching the Heart of Your Child, Sat. AM Keynote
How to Parent Without Provoking Your Children to Anger, Session #7
Taming Your Child's Tongue, Session #9

**HEIDI ST. JOHN**

Keynote Speaker
Booth #305

As a popular author and speaker, Heidi St. John has been speaking on marriage, family, and

cultural issues for over 15 years. She has a passion to encourage moms and set them free to boldly become who God has created them to be. Heidi has been married to her husband Jay since 1989. Together they have seven children and four grandchildren! They have homeschooled some of their kids all the way through high school and are finishing up with a couple at home. Heidi is the author of seven books, with a new book releasing this fall titled *MomStrong 365: A Daily Devotional to Encourage and Empower Everyday Moms*.

Culture Shock, Fri. AM Keynote
Prayers for the Battlefield, Session #2
Homeschool in Freedom & Find Joy, Session #4
Raised to Release, Session #6
Lessons from 30 Years of Marriage, Session #8
Like Arrows, Sat. PM Keynote

**KRISTI CLOVER**

Featured Speaker
Booth #216

Kristi Clover is a home organization and #momlife expert. She's also the author of *M.O.M. = Master*

Organizer of Mayhem and *Homeschool Basics*, the host of the Simply Joyful podcast, and a popular conference speaker. Her passion is to encourage families to find simple ways to bring more joy into their home and 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. Kristi lives in San Diego with her husband, Steve, and their five children.

Quitting the Comparison Game, Session #2
M.O.M. = Master Organizer of Mayham, Session #7

**NATALIE MACK**

Featured Speaker
Booth #219

Natalie Mack is an author, speaker, and experienced military home educator, with over 21 years of service

to military homeschooling families and support group leadership. She is known for her words of encouragement and advocacy for homeschooling, particularly during the journey from high school to college. Natalie is a mom of five: three college graduates, one college junior, and a 10th grader. She is now experiencing new adventures as her husband, a Navy chaplain, recently retired after serving for 34 years.

PCS & Homeschooling, Session #3
Developing a Plan for High School, Session #5
Homeschooling in the Military, Session #7
The Path to NCAA Eligibility, Session #9



JAMES MASON

*Featured Speaker
Booth #219*

Jim Mason joined HSLDA's litigation team in 2001, and after serving as vice president of litigation

and development for seven years, he became president of HSLDA in 2022. He has represented homeschooling families in a range of situations. Jim was instrumental in litigating the 2008 California case *Jonathan L.*, in which a state appellate court reversed its previous ruling that homeschooling was illegal. This put an end to years of controversy over the legal status of homeschooling. Jim and his wife Debbie homeschooled their children through high school and currently live in Virginia.

The Prodigal Son, *Session #4*
Dads & Donuts, *Sat., 7:00 a.m.*
Legislative Update, *Session #6*
State of the Homeschool Nation, *Session #8*



ANA WILLIS

*Featured Speaker
Booth #315*

Ana is a wife and homeschool mom of three who turned into a homeschool blogger.

She is also a women's pastor, co-owner of CharlotteMasonInspired.com, and a passionate Bible and Hebrew teacher. She loves helping homeschool moms find joy and fulfillment in their homeschool calling. Ana studied theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has a double bachelor's degree in Biblical and Jewish Studies from Israel College of the Bible. She is the founder of Hebrew for Homeschoolers.

Raising Children to Love God's Word, *Session #2*
Home & Homeschool on Autopilot, *Session #4*
Charlotte Mason Inspired Education, *Session #6*
Scheduling the Feast of Subjects, *Session #9*



EMEAL "E.Z." ZWAYNE

Featured Speaker

Emeal "E.Z." Zwayne is the president of Living Waters, the official spokesman

for the National Bible Bee organization, and a cohost of the National Bible Bee Game Show. He serves as an executive producer of the "Way of the Master" television program and all Living Waters films. A dynamic communicator, he speaks at conferences and churches nationally and around the world. E.Z. served as an associate pastor for several years. He and his wife, Rachel, have been homeschooling their five children for more than 20 years.

The Unfailing Sympathy of Christ, *Session #3*
Serving Like Jesus, *Session #7*
The Transforming Power of Encouragement, *Session #9*

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KIMBERLY AMADOR

Kimberly is a wife and mom of four – ages 3, 5, 7 and 9 – and currently serves as preschool co-coordinator at her local PSP. She was a full-time RN, turned stay-at-

home mom, turned homeschool mom, and now seeks to encourage other families to explore their God-given freedom found in homeschooling. She and her husband, Danny, share a vision to come alongside other families to raise the next generation, bold for Jesus.

Preschooling in Freedom, Session #1



TERESA FOLTIN

Booth #316

Teresa Foltin has a B.A. in English Literature and an M.S. in Student Affairs in Higher Education. Previously the director of

student activities at an American university in Germany, she is now a mom of five and has been homeschooling since 2004. She is interested in adoption, travel, horses, gardening, and reading.

Math--Does it Matter How You Teach?, Session #5

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RACHEL GOMEZ

Booth #101

Rachel Gomez has over 30 years of experience in special needs education. Her journey began working at a special needs program

for adults before homeschooling her own children, including her son with ASD. Answering the call to homeschool and focusing on ability instead of disability has given her a unique perspective. Rachel helps families by providing unique recommendations for play and therapy through educational products. She homeschools her three younger children while supporting her son's education at community college.

Charting Your Own Course, Session #1

Navigating Unique Challenges, Session #8



REBECCA KOCSIS

Rebecca Kocsis and her husband homeschooled all five of their children, graduating their youngest in 2006. They are now the proud grandparents of an ever-growing tribe of energetic boys and girls (12 to date) who are their greatest delight. Rebecca served for 15 years as a private school satellite program administrator and for several years on CHEA's Regional Advisory Board. Today, she is still passionate about private home education and helping families homeschool, serving on CHEA's board of directors.

Homeschooling: A Strong Start, Session #1
Mission Possible, Session #3



CALEB LASCH

Caleb is a recent homeschool grad who is a worship leader in the main and youth services at Calvary Chapel Santa Fe Springs. He has been a worship leader for six years. It is a tremendous blessing for him to help lead God's people into true and genuine worship of Him.

Worship, Sat. AM Keynote



DAVY LIU

Booth #218

Davy Liu identifies himself as a Chinese Forrest Gump. He struggled with making straight A's, but later found his life's calling in making straight lines. His artistic talent quickly led him to work for Walt Disney on classic films such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*, *Mulan*, and the *Star Wars* franchise. Davy is the founder of Kendu Kids. He is an innovative creator who brings stories of faith and hope to the world.

Biblical Worldview in Entertainment, Session #7



JOHN MCGOWAN

John is an attorney with a litigation practice in Los Angeles and is also an allied attorney

with Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom and parental rights. He and his wife, Juleene, are homeschooling their two boys, ages 14 and 15. John is especially passionate about CHEA's mission to protect the God-given right of parents to direct the education and training of their children.

Dads & Donuts, Sat., 7:00 a.m.
Legislative Update, Session #6



NATALIE NUÑEZ

Wife and mama to three crazy littles (ages 2, 4, and 6), Natalie always believed she would be an involved parent, but never imagined her motherhood journey

would include home education! Unofficially three years into homeschooling, Natalie is still learning what works for her family and what needs finessing. She is a preschool co-coordinator at her local co-op and loves coming alongside the mamas, building community, and celebrating the beautiful chaos of the little years.

Preschooling in Freedom, Session #1

speakers



MICHELLE PHORORO

Michelle has been part of the homeschooling community for 22 years. Having graduated three of her children, she is ready to begin the adventure again

with her four-year-old son. She has a B.S. in Child Development and an M.A. in Education from California State University, Fullerton. Currently, she enjoys leading her STEM preschool students as they explore their natural curiosity, while inspiring parents to find their unique style and purpose in their own homeschool journey.

4 the Love of Learning, *Session #3*



BETSY PIERCE

Booth #115

Betsy is a second-generation homeschooling mom of eight children, ages 1 to 16, and considers herself blessed beyond

measure to raise them. She and her husband Nathan met while at The Master's University and moved to Placer County when Nathan began his work at Family Protection Ministries, now a calling for the whole family. She has served the homeschooling community for many years at various levels and is looking forward to the first family graduation in 2024!

Record Keeping & Lesson Planning, *Session #2*
Preschool at Home - Learning is Fun!, *Session #9*



NATHAN PIERCE

Booth #115

Nathan began working at Family Protection Ministries (FPM) in 2002 to protect private homeschooling in California. He was

homeschooled himself from kindergarten through high school and received a B.A. in Political Studies from The Master's University. Currently, he serves as director and legislative liaison for FPM. He works behind the scenes at the state Capitol, meeting with legislators to advocate on behalf of homeschoolers. He and his wife Betsy are actively involved in their church and homeschool their own eight children.

Homeschool Advocacy, *Session #3*
Remembering Why, *Session #5*
Dads & Donuts, *Sat., 7:00 a.m.*
Legislative Update, *Session #6*



PENNY ROSS

Penny Ross taught her own three children at home from birth through high school graduation. She led the homeschool ministry at her church before opening

her own business. At Tools for the Home Educator in Torrance, CA, she mentors and coaches the next generation of homeschoolers. Penny's specialty is helping families determine their own homeschooling style and then assisting them in mapping a pathway to success. She is married to her college sweetheart, Greg, and together they delight in seven grandchildren.

Curriculum & Teaching Methods, *Session #5*
Middle School: Is it Any Different?, *Session #6*
Creative Scheduling for Working Homeschool Parents, *Session #8*

**JAY ST. JOHN***Booth #305*

Jay St. John is the executive director of Firmly Planted Family, a non-profit organization that focuses on encouraging families

to thrive within a biblical framework. A gifted worship leader and song-writer, Jay is also the homeschooling father of seven children and "Papa" to his grandchildren. In 2017, Jay and his wife, Heidi, opened the Firmly Planted Homeschool Resource Center which serves as a full-time homeschool support to families in the Portland/Vancouver area. Jay and Heidi have been married since 1989.

Worship, *Fri AM Keynote*

Dads & Donuts, *Sat., 7:00 a.m.*

Lessons from 30 Years of Marriage, *Session #8*

**RICHARD STEPANEK***Booth #214*

Richard was taught evolution in school and in church. He believed it until God opened his eyes at a Discover Creation seminar.

Rich joined Alpha Omega Institute as a full-time speaker in 1997 and has taught both in the U.S. and internationally. Rich has done extensive studies in Genesis and its relevance to the rest of Scripture and loves to teach on this topic. His wife, Sue, often travels with him in the ministry.

Catastrophic Geology, *Session #6*

**CHRISTA SVOBODA**

Christa always dreamed of having many children who she would school at home. Now she

has six, aged 4 months to 13 years. A second-generation homeschooler, Christa received her master's in elementary education and loved being a classroom teacher before beginning life with a new mission of motherhood. She recently hosted a podcast, Seek Wholly Living, where she had conversations with other expert moms who choose to pursue motherhood with hope, joy, and purpose!

A Family Team, *Session #1*

Teaching Older Children with Younger Children at Home, *Session #8*

**ANDREW VANDEVER**

Andrew is a computer systems engineer working at a tech company. He worked full-time for more than two years for a discipleship and creative

evangelism ministry before pursuing a career in technology. He is married to his wife, Jenny. Together they have two daughters. Both Andrew and Jenny were homeschooled and are now homeschooling their own girls. Andrew also serves on CHEA's board of directors.

Dads & Donuts, *Sat., 7:00 a.m.*

speakers



JENNY VANDEVER

Jenny Vandever, a second-generation homeschooler, has led in an array of homeschool-focused ministries over the past decade, with a focus toward

building Christ-centered community. Jenny is married to Andrew Vandever (CHEA's board of directors), who is her ideal "Amazing Race" partner and main cheerleader as she teaches their girls to write persuasive essays, multiply exponents, and locate Paraguay on a map.

Homeschooling on a Shoestring, Session #4



JULIE WALKER

Booth #309

Julie Walker, the chief marketing officer for the Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), was a schoolteacher and

homeschool leader for many years. She and her husband home educated their three sons. After their youngest son graduated, she returned to school, completing her MBA at Biola University. In 2007 Julie began working with IEW, and she most recently produced, directed, and helped to write the Structure and Style® for Students video courses. She currently hosts the popular Arts of Language podcast with Andrew Pudewa.

Teaching Public Speaking, Session #1



ROGER WHELOCK

Booth #212

Roger Wheelock is president of Greater Than I Ministries, a non-profit established to provide creative biblical worldview

teaching materials. Roger is an ordained pastor, worship leader, and songwriter with over 30 years of experience in Christian leadership. His passion is to help light a fire in Christians to lead our culture by applying the brilliance of the Word of God in every vocation and location of life; to know what we believe and to make a difference in this decaying world around us!

Modeling the Image of God, Session #4



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FRIDAY, JULY 14

Information & Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Children's Convention: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch Break: 12:40 – 1:40 p.m.)

Teen Convention: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch Break: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.)

Exhibit Hall: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Food Trucks: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. *(See page 7 for specific hours for each vendor)*

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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12:50 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

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4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

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Opening Keynote Session

Exhibit Hall Opens

General Workshop Sessions #1

General Workshop Sessions #2

Exhibit Hall Shopping & Lunch

Teen Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Children's Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Exhibitor Workshop Sessions

General Workshop Sessions #3

General Workshop Sessions #4

Children's Convention Ends

General Workshop Sessions #5

Exhibit Hall Closes

Moms Night Out with Ginger Hubbard

Dads & Kids Movie Night

CHEA's High School Graduation Ceremony

(Convention attendee seating at 7:05 p.m., first come, first served)

event schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Information & Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Children's Convention: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Lunch Break: 12:40 – 1:40 p.m.)

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4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dads & Donuts

Morning Keynote Session

Exhibit Hall Opens

General Workshop Sessions #6

General Workshop Sessions #7

Exhibit Hall Shopping & Lunch

Teen Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Children's Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Exhibitor Workshop Sessions

General Workshop Sessions #8

General Workshop Sessions #9

Children's Convention Ends

Exhibit Hall Closes

Closing Keynote Session

Friday


Parenting


New to Homeschooling

Middle School/High School

	South Sanctuary	Fellowship Hall	Main Sanctuary West	Main Sanctuary East	School of Ministry Room
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Workshop Session #1 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	A Biblical Model for Discipline <i>Ginger Hubbard</i>	A Family Team <i>Christa Svoboda</i>	Preschooling in Freedom <i>Kim Amador & Natalie Nuñez</i>	Homeschooling: A Strong Start <i>Rebecca Korcis</i>	A Pathway to Teaching Public Speaking <i>Julie Walker</i>
Workshop Session #2 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Prayers for the Battlefield <i>Heidi St. John</i>	Quitting the Comparison Game <i>Kristi Clover</i>	Raising Children to Love God's Word <i>Ana Willis</i>	Record Keeping & Lesson Planning <i>Betsy Pierce</i>	Charting Your Own Course <i>Rachel Gomez</i>
Exhibitor Workshops 12:50 - 1:30 p.m.	See Exhibitor Workshop Schedule				
Workshop Session #3 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	The Unfailing Sympathy of Christ <i>EZ Zwayne</i>	4 the Love of Learning <i>Michelle Phororo</i>	Homeschool Advocacy for the Next Generation <i>Nathan Pierce</i>	Mission Possible! <i>Rebecca Korcis</i>	PCS and Homeschooling <i>Natalie Mack</i>
Workshop Session #4 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Homeschool in Freedom and Find Joy <i>Heidi St. John</i>	Home & Homeschool on Autopilot <i>Ana Willis</i>	Homeschooling on a Shoestring <i>Jenny Vandever</i>	The Prodigal Son <i>James Mason</i>	Modeling the Image of God to Your Children <i>Roger Wheelock</i>
Workshop Session #5 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.	No More Whining & Lying: A Workshop for Kids <i>Ginger Hubbard</i>	Developing a Plan for High School <i>Natalie Mack</i>	Remembering Why <i>Nathan Pierce</i>	Choosing Curriculum & Teaching Methods <i>Penny Ross</i>	Math - Does it Matter How You Teach? <i>Teresa Foltin</i>
Friday Night Special Events 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Mom's Night Out <i>Ginger Hubbard</i>	Dads & Kids Movie Night	High School Graduation Ceremony		

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Saturday Morning Special Events 7:00 - 8:15 a.m.		Dads & Donuts Fellowship and Panel			
Morning Keynote 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Reaching the Heart of Your Child <i>Ginger Hubbard</i>			Legislative Update Nathan Pierce & <i>John McGowan</i>	
Workshop Session #6 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Raised to Release <i>Heidi St. John</i>	Legislative Update <i>Nathan Pierce & John McGowan</i>	Discovering a Charlotte Mason Education <i>Ana Willis</i>	Middle School: Is it Any Different? <i>Penny Ross</i>	Catastrophic Geology <i>Richard Stepanek</i>
Workshop Session #7 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	How to Parent without Provoking Children <i>Ginger Hubbard</i>	Serving Like Jesus <i>EZ Zwayne</i>	Biblical Worldview in Entertainment <i>Davy Liu</i>	M.O.M. = Master Organizer of Mayhem <i>Kristi Clover</i>	Homeschooling in the Military <i>Natalie Mack</i>
Exhibitor Workshops 12:50 - 1:30 p.m.	See Exhibitor Workshop Schedule				
Workshop Session #8 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Keep the Gas Tank Full <i>Jay & Heidi St. John</i>	Teaching Older Children with Younger Children <i>Christa Svoboda</i>	State of the Homeschooling Nation <i>James Mason</i>	Scheduling Tips for Working Parents <i>Penny Ross</i>	Navigating Unique Challenges <i>Rachel Gomez</i>
Workshop Session #9 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Taming Your Child's Tongue <i>Ginger Hubbard</i>	The Transformational Power of Encouragement <i>EZ Zwayne</i>	The Path to NCAA Eligibility <i>Natalie Mack</i>	Scheduling the Feast of Subjects <i>Ana Willis</i>	Preschool at Home - Learning is Fun! <i>Betsy Pierce</i>
Closing Keynote 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior <i>Heidi St. John</i>				

 Parenting

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ALPHA OMEGA INSTITUTE #214

An educational organization dedicated to teaching the Biblical and scientific evidence of creation

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP*

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**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP*

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Affordable college courses for high school & homeschool students

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**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP*

CHILDRENS HUNGER FUND POVERTY ENCOUNTER #310

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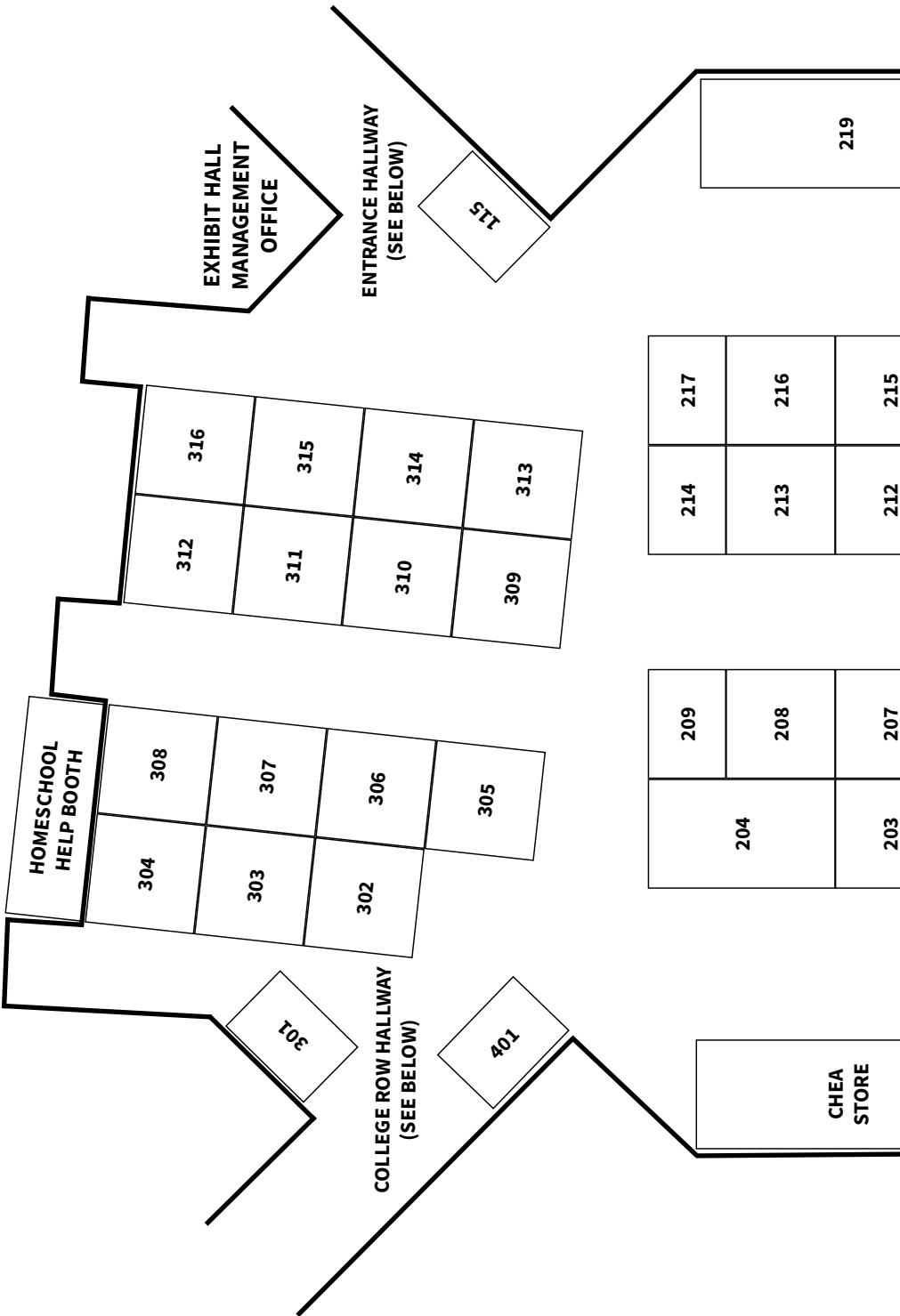
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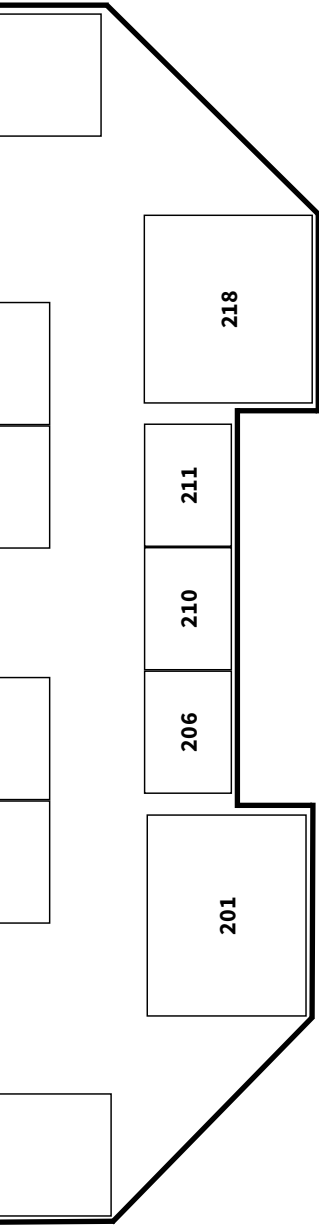
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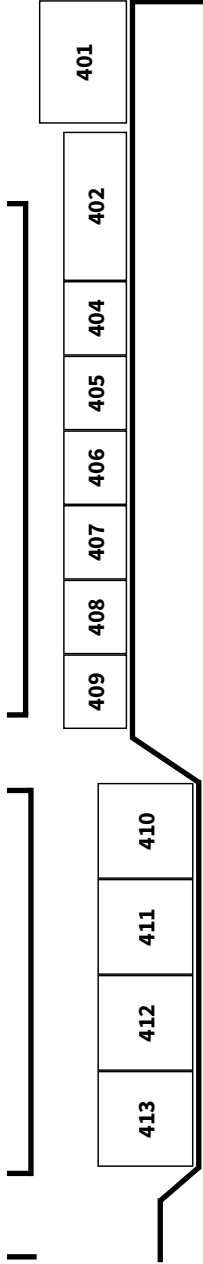
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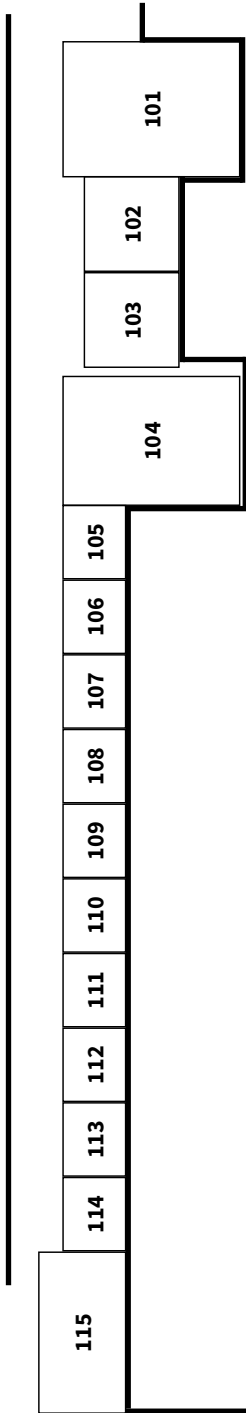


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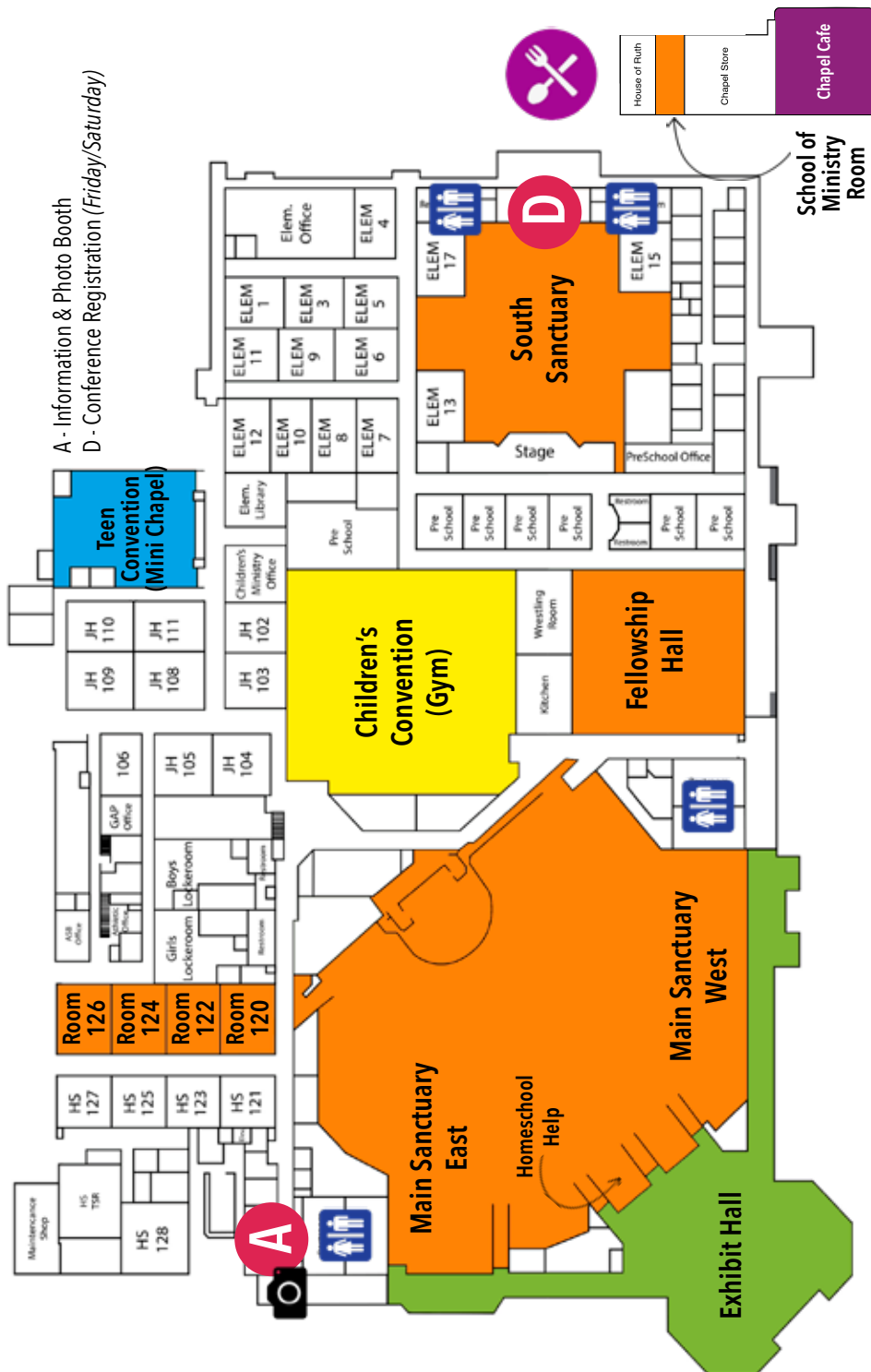
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FRIDAY, JULY 14

OPENING KEYNOTE

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Culture Shock: How to Equip Your Kids to Thrive in a Post-Christian Era

Heidi St. John, *South Sanctuary*

Many parents struggle to talk to their kids about the rapidly changing cultural landscape. We often forget that God's unchanging Word offers relevant answers to our most challenging questions. It's more important than ever to teach our children what God says about their worth, their sexuality, and their future. Heidi will challenge and encourage you as she speaks directly to the issues of the day and reminds you of your role in the midst of it all: to teach your children to walk in the Truth.

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

A Biblical Model for Discipline

Ginger Hubbard, *South Sanctuary*

Do you find yourself threatening, repeating your instructions, or raising your voice in an attempt to get your children to obey? Do you feel guilty because you know you should be faithfully training and instructing your children in righteousness but you aren't sure how? Through personal experience and practical application of Scripture, Ginger encourages and equips parents in the why, when, and how of biblical discipline.

A Family Team

Christa Svoboda, *Fellowship Hall*

A family is a beautiful gift from God when we are not losing it in the busyness of our culture. Christa has learned to prioritize the relationships in their home and the unity between she and her husband as they learn to balance his home life with an intense calling in law enforcement. You will leave this time encouraged in ways to safeguard your family from missing the best gifts of home for the good things of the world.

Preschooling in Freedom

Kimberly Amador & Natalie Nuñez, *Main Sanctuary West*

You've prayed and decided to homeschool your preschooler—so now what? What must be done to succeed? As first-generation homeschool moms, we're quite familiar with feeling inadequate and doubtful in our homeschooling journeys; yet, God has placed a calling upon each of our lives to steward this time with our children in faith and in freedom. This session explores how to ensure our hearts and minds are focused on what truly makes us free.

Homeschooling: A Strong Start

Rebecca Kocsis, *Main Sanctuary East*

Hey, are you new to this homeschooling thing? Not sure what to do first ... or second ... or third, for that matter? You are in good company. And what does a day in the life of a homeschool family look like anyway? Every first-time homeschooler has been there. In this fast-moving session, I'll help you lay the groundwork for your homeschool and walk through the steps you need to get you off to a strong start.

A Pathway to Teaching Public Speaking

Julie Walker, *School of Ministry Room*

Glossophobia, or a fear of public speaking, affects up to 75% of the population. Don't let your students shy away from this important skill! Starting with the simple task of memorizing and reciting poetry and moving into four public speaking models, this pathway presented by Julie Walker will help your middle- and high-school students speak up and speak well.

WORKSHOP SESSION #2

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Prayers for the Battlefield

Heidi St. John, *South Sanctuary*

Are you weary? Today's parents are up against a lot. We're shepherding children in a time when the war for their hearts and minds has reached a

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fever-pitch. And yes—the battle is real—but so is our God! Heidi offers hope and teaches parents how to pray for their kids at every stage of development. We'll get real about the struggle, but we won't focus on it. You're raising a special generation of warriors! Don't give up—you were born for this!

Quitting the Comparison Game

Kristi Clover, *Fellowship Hall*

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.

Raising Children to Love God's Word

Ana Willis, *Main Sanctuary West*

Why do the majority of Christian children leave the faith by the time they go to college? It's due to a lack of knowledge of God and understanding of His Word. Charlotte Mason makes it clear that the knowledge of God should take absolute priority in our homeschool. In this workshop, you'll receive a daily action plan to help your children study and fall in love with God's Word.

Record Keeping & Lesson Planning

Betsy Pierce, *Main Sanctuary East*

Many parents are intimidated by the administrative side of homeschooling. In this session we will discuss how to keep the required records for private homeschooling as well as what other records are recommended or just plain fun to keep. (Fun?! What? Come find out!) We will also discuss some approaches to lesson planning that are useful for various styles and methods of homeschooling.

Charting Your Own Course: Steps to Homeschooling Students with Special Needs

Rachel Gomez, *School of Ministry Room*

This workshop will aim to remove fear from the homeschooling equation. Attendees will learn about the homeschooling process, including the role of parents as the authority and decision-makers. Parents will gain an understanding of the benefits of homeschooling students with special needs, which will build their confidence and assurance.

WORKSHOP SESSION #3

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Unfailing Sympathy of Christ

Emeal "E.Z." Zwayne, *South Sanctuary*

Weaknesses! Not only do all of us have them, but they are often the greatest source of our disheartenment as Christians. Whether it's in our role as husbands, wives, children, or homeschooling parents, we are all often haunted by our shortcomings and besetting sins. Enter Christ—our High Priest who sympathizes with

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4 the Love of Learning

Michelle Phororo, *Fellowship Hall*

What are some creative ways to encourage the love of learning in your home? Find ways to lean into your child's natural curiosity as you explore the four types of learning styles. How do I identify my child's learning style? What is my teaching style? And why does it really matter? Maximize involvement and intuition by exploring a well-rounded education and discovering practical tips and tricks to enhance your homeschool environment.

Homeschool Advocacy for the Next Generation

Nathan Pierce, *Main Sanctuary West*

If private Christian home education is to survive in the future, we must pass on the vision of why it is important to be able to teach what we believe. If we don't impart to the next generation what matters most and why, then we have already lost. This talk focuses on passing on a passion for homeschool advocacy to future generations.

Writing a Philosophy of Education & Mission Statement: Mission Possible!

Rebecca Kocsis, *Main Sanctuary East*

As a new homeschooler, I was completely intimidated when asked about my philosophy of education and our family's mission statement. I had never been of the opinion that philosophy was practical. I thought, "What does that even mean?" Don't get me started on my worries over a mission statement. "We should have that, too?" As time went on, I realized that this wasn't as complicated or intimidating as it seemed—and they served as guiding principles as we made important decisions about our homeschool over the years.

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"Permanent Change of Station" (PCS) and Homeschooling

Natalie Mack, *School of Ministry Room*

Most military families relocate every few years. This frequent relocation means readjustment to new environments and forming new relationships. For homeschooling families, it also means considering how to continue homeschooling amid a PCS move. This workshop will offer practical ideas and tools to handle these transitions with grace.

WORKSHOP SESSION #4

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Homeschool in Freedom and Find Joy

Heidi St. John, *South Sanctuary*

Have you ever found yourself drawn to "formulaic" parenting? If your homeschool has lost its JOY, or if you are struggling to find time to disciple your children, in the midst of homeschooling, this session is for you. Listen in as Heidi shares three pitfalls of modern homeschooling and offers ways to guard against them and flourish—from diapers to diplomas!

Home & Homeschool on Auto-Pilot

Ana Willis, *Fellowship Hall*

Is trying to balance homeschooling with cooking, cleaning, laundry, and everything else you do leaving you completely overwhelmed and burned out? Thankfully, it doesn't have to be this way. In this workshop, you'll learn practical steps to put your home and homeschooling on autopilot, making your life way easier. Stop just surviving and start thriving!

Homeschooling on a Shoestring

Jenny Vandever, *Main Sanctuary West*

We all want our kids to have the best of everything – from education to extracurriculars, we don't want to skimp. However, our resources aren't always as plentiful as our best wishes. Thankfully, homeschooling doesn't have to cost a fortune. Come learn practical and affordable tips for giving your children quality, home-based education without breaking the bank.



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The Prodigal Son, the Forgiving Father, and the Power of Beholding

James Mason, *Main Sanctuary East*

We homeschooling parents invest a lot of ourselves in our children. When one of them strays, it is a painful, prayerful time. As one who has wandered himself, and one who has shepherded seven children through sometimes challenging times, Jim has a word of encouragement, reconciliation, and hope for walking through troubled times.

The Vital Need of Modeling the Image of God to Your Children

Roger Wheelock, *School of Ministry Room*

Hosea 4:6 says "My people perish from lack of knowledge." This refers to the intimate knowledge of our God: Who is He? What are His characteristics? And what does He require of us in order for us to be His image bearers, reflecting God's Holy character to our children and others around us. In this workshop, Roger Wheelock

details six major moral characteristics of God, and challenges parents to model these same qualities in all of life—especially at home.

WORKSHOP SESSION #5

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

No More Whining and Lying: A Workshop for Kids (and their Parents)

Ginger Hubbard, *South Sanctuary*

Yep, that's right, it's a session just for kids!

Through captivating stories and charming illustrations, Ginger tickles funny bones and reaches hearts with wisdom from God's Word about whining, lying, and teasing. Kids of all ages will laugh their way into learning the benefits of being obedient, self-controlled, and truthful seekers of God. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Developing a Plan for High School: Sample Four-Year Plans

Natalie Mack, *Fellowship Hall*

What plan would suit your high school student?

What subjects do you teach and when? This seminar will help you organize your thoughts and lay the groundwork for a viable four-year plan. You'll learn about high school credits, simplifying grading, and the fundamentals of recordkeeping—transcripts, extracurriculars, and diplomas.

Remembering Why: What God Tells Us About Education, Parenting, and Discipleship

Nathan Pierce, *Main Sanctuary West*

There's always a temptation to want to throw in the towel when facing the thought of another year (or another day) of homeschooling. As a homeschooling father himself, Nathan knows that some teaching days are very long, some budgets are very tight, some homes demand maintenance, and the same parents really need a good night's sleep! Come be reminded of why we homeschool and why it's worth enduring until we reap the reward at the end.

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Homeschoolers are free to embrace learning in any and every way possible. But that freedom can be overwhelming as you begin to realize the number and diversity of choices available. Penny will define terminology such as literature-based learning, classical education, the Charlotte Mason approach, “real” books, and more. Come learn how to apply your vision for education and the needs of your students to help narrow and clarify your curriculum choices.

Math – Does it Matter How You Teach?
Teresa Foltin, *School of Ministry Room*
Many people dislike math. The traditional approach of teaching mathematics does not work for most children. Children must truly understand in order to remember, especially those with learning challenges. We know that a deep understanding of concepts removes anxiety, lessens the burden of memorizing, and makes math more enjoyable. In this workshop, you will explore teaching strategies and techniques to help children learn and reduce math anxiety.

FRIDAY EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

12:50 - 1:30 p.m.

Workshop	Location
Homeschool Graduates and the New College Landscape Hildegard College In this workshop, Dr. Matthew Smith, president of Hildegard College, will share how to think about and prepare homeschooled students for today's colleges and universities.	Main Sanctuary East
The Foundation - Genesis Chapter 1 Alpha Omega Institute Creation proclaims God's great power and wisdom. The laws of science proclaim the necessity of a Creator. We will discover that Genesis is relevant for our lives today.	Main Sanctuary West
Physical Literacy and Moving to Learn Fastbreak Education Join us to discover what physical literacy is, learn how movement helps academic skill development, play some fun games, and get a chance to ask questions.	Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY, JULY 15

MORNING KEYNOTE

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Reaching the Heart of Your Child

Ginger Hubbard, *South Sanctuary*

Based on Ginger's best-selling book, *Don't Make Me Count to Three!*

There is far more to parenting than getting children to "act" right. We have to get them to "think" right and to be motivated out of a love of virtue rather than a fear of punishment. Ginger equips parents to reach past the outward behavior of their children and address the issues of the heart. Move beyond the frustrations of not knowing how to handle issues of disobedience and into a confident approach to raising your children.

WORKSHOP SESSION #6

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Raised to Release: A Workshop for Parents (or soon-to-be parents) of Young Adults

Heidi St. John, *South Sanctuary*

Jay and Heidi have raised four of their seven kids to adulthood—often in spite of themselves. It's tough to let your kids make their own decisions, especially when you're so used to doing it, right? What if you see them making an unwise choice? Homeschooling parents often struggle to release their teens to pursue God's plan for them, but it's crucial that we do. They will share tools that every parent on the precipice of releasing their child needs. Bring a notebook and get ready to enjoy this season of transition with your kids. Good things are coming!

Legislative Update

Nathan Pierce, John McGowan, James Mason, *Fellowship Hall*

Fresh from the battlefield, Nathan and John will update you on major current legislative battles threatening our private home education and parental rights! You will learn how God has been working through FPM & CHEA this year and

see the necessity of maintaining vigilance for battles that are on the horizon. As time permits, this perspective will broaden to the underlying worldviews and trends of our culture's war against the God-ordained family.

Discovering the Riches of a Charlotte Mason Education

Ana Willis, *Main Sanctuary West*

Your homeschool lessons don't have to be boring! In this workshop, you'll learn how to add various "spices" to elevate your kids' learning to a rich and tasteful feast. You'll also gain practical ideas to capture the heart of your child and help him or her fall in love with learning in a fresh new way!

Middle School: Is it Any Different?

Penny Ross, *Main Sanctuary East*

What do you need to cover now as the bridge between the academic foundations of elementary school and the more advanced coursework of high school? And how do the startling physical, mental, and emotional



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Catastrophic Geology

Richard Stepanek, School of Ministry Room
When Mount St. Helens erupted, it blew the top off evolutionary geology. The information gained from Mt. St. Helens has changed the way we view geological features in some of our national parks. Richard will discuss the formation of fossils, coal, petrified wood, etc. and present evidence revealing that they can be formed in a short time, not over millions of years.

WORKSHOP SESSION #7

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

How to Parent without Provoking Children to Anger

Ginger Hubbard, South Sanctuary
Does your child have a comeback for everything you tell him to do or always try and get the last word, even if it's mumbled under his breath? Does he become mad and lose control when

you discipline him rather than repenting? Or does he seem indifferent, giving the impression that discipline doesn't faze him in the least? Through biblical insights and powerful drama, learn how to avoid the snares of parent-provoked anger and raise emotionally healthy children.

Serving Like Jesus
Emeal "E.Z." Zwayne, Fellowship Hall
As homeschool families who are blessed to spend vast amounts of time with each other, God has given us plenty of opportunities to imitate the servant-heartedness of Jesus—the greatest servant in existence. In this session, we will discover what glad servanthood really looks like, and how we can become willing and joyful servants to our loved ones and the world as we follow in the footsteps of Christ.

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Biblical Worldview in Entertainment

Davy Liu, *Main Sanctuary West*

With modern-day entertainment, it is challenging to raise godly kids. Children's entertainment plays a powerful role in shaping the beliefs of our vulnerable youth, yet we let Hollywood stand as the primary children's content provider. Kendu Kids founder and former Disney animator, Davy Liu, has a vision to bring a fresh and creative perspective to the Sunday school stories. Through iconic visual story-telling, future generations will establish a biblical foundation they will not depart from.

M.O.M = Master Organizer of Mayhem

Kristi Clover, *Main Sanctuary East*

This fast paced workshop goes through Kristi's popular "Top Ten" list on how to bring more order and organization to your home and heart. This workshop goes through lots of very practical and applicable tools on how to get rid of the mayhem in your home—without getting rid of the kids (or your sanity). Moms of all ages and stages have loved this workshop and used its tips to bring grace and peace to their home.

Homeschooling Challenges and Solutions for Military and First Responder Families

Natalie Mack, *School of Ministry Room*

Many military and first responder families choose to homeschool. This session will give an overview of some of the reasons why many feel homeschooling is a better fit for their family, as well as examine some of the challenges and solutions to homeschooling that these families may encounter.

WORKSHOP SESSION #8

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Keep the Gas Tank Full and Other Lessons We've Learned from Thirty Years of Marriage

Jay & Heidi St. John, *South Sanctuary*

"Transparent. Honest. Funny. Real." That's what people say when they hear the St. Johns speaking about the ups and downs of their union. Join Heidi and Jay for an hour that will encourage and inspire you as they share wisdom from 23 years of homeschooling and 30 years of marriage. This workshop is rated "M" for marriage. Bring your spouse if you can!

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Teaching Older Children with Younger Children at Home

Christa Svoboda, *Fellowship Hall*

Teaching older children with little ones also needing to be cared for creates unique challenges. Christa grew up homeschooling as the oldest child of four children and experienced these challenges firsthand. Now with six children, baby to thirteen years old, she has been creatively working through this for many years. Christa will share practical advice, provide helpful perspective, and offer ways to have peace and productivity at home while educating children and pouring into your young ones.

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State of the Homeschool Nation Address

James Mason, *Main Sanctuary West*

A serious but entertaining look at HSLDA's recent cases and why they are important to you and your homeschool. You'll want to hear about the Case of the Miscreated Court, the Case of the Rotten Big Apple, and the Case of the Caseworker's Monumental Miscalculation. With over 15 years experience representing homeschooling families around the country, Jim has a unique, up-close perspective on trends, emerging issues, and what the future holds for homeschool freedom.

Creative Scheduling Tips for Working Homeschool Parents

Penny Ross, *Main Sanctuary East*

Homeschooling while working (whether full-time or part-time employment) is doable with some creativity, flexibility, and out-of-the-box-type thinking. Penny worked part-time throughout much of her time teaching her kids and has since consulted with many working homeschool parents. Gain encouragement, inspiration, and support as you discover how others have made it work.

Navigating Unique Challenges: Best Practices and Helpful Resources that focus on Ability instead of Disability

Rachel Gomez, *School of Ministry Room*

Parents will be empowered to confidently adapt curriculum, manage behavior, and be creative with extra-curricular activities. Attendees will learn to build positive relationships and create a supportive homeschool environment tailored to their child's unique needs.

WORKSHOP SESSION #9

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Taming Your Child's Tongue

Ginger Hubbard, *South Sanctuary*

Are you ever embarrassed or shocked by what comes out of your child's mouth? Based on her newest book, *I Can't Believe You Just Said That!*, Ginger provides a practical, three-step plan to reach beyond the behaviors of tongue-related struggles—such as lying, defying, and manipulating—to address your child's heart. After all, as Matthew 12:34 tells us, "the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

The Transformational Power of Encouragement

Emeal "E.Z." Zwayne, *Fellowship Hall*

The trials of life can often be extremely disheartening, but this session will help us discover that the greatest source of encouragement to our own souls comes from being used by God to encourage others. Amid the current homeschooling season of life that God has placed us in, we will dive deep and uncover what the Bible has to say about how we can become ready and eager encouragers toward those in our immediate circle of influence, and beyond.

The Path to NCAA Eligibility: A D1 Athlete Journey

Natalie Mack, *Main Sanctuary West*

Do homeschoolers receive athletic scholarships? This workshop focuses on how to successfully navigate the NCAA or NAIA eligibility journey with discussion about Core Course Worksheets, getting scouted, travel clubs, college bound summer camps, and the life of a D1 athlete.

Scheduling the Feast of Subjects

Ana Willis, *Main Sanctuary East*

Teaching Bible, math, history, science, reading, and writing keeps you busy enough. How can you make time for art, foreign language, literature, music, poetry, folk songs, hymn, Plutarch, and even Shakespeare too? In this workshop, you'll learn practical steps for teaching all this and more, through implementing Charlotte Mason's concept of spreading a feast of ideas.

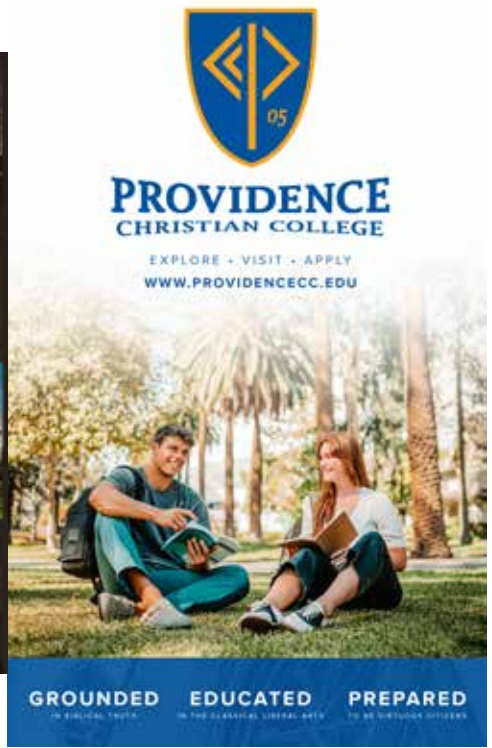
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Preschool at Home – Learning is Fun!

Betsy Pierce, *School of Ministry Room*

Are you eager to begin teaching your 2-5 year old? Do you feel pressure to begin "school" because everyone else is? The preschool years are precious and important for your child. We will discuss some styles and approaches and tips and tricks for teaching the littlest learners. We will discuss the importance of play, language development, chores, character, obedience, and socialization. Come get ideas how to thrive at home and love the little years before the ages of formal academics.

CLOSING KEYNOTE

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior

Heidi St. John, *South Sanctuary*

God says that our children have been given to us like "arrows in the hands of a warrior." The question is, do we see ourselves as warriors? Do we recognize the battle we are in? Are we passive or purposeful in the spiritual training of our kids? God desires that we train and sharpen our "arrows" so that they will be ready to fly when the time is right. Join Heidi as she offers personal insight and practical application on your role as parents.

SATURDAY EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

12:50 - 1:30 p.m.

Workshop	Location
Navigating Dual Enrollment Cedarville University Knowing when and how to start can be challenging. Join Stephen as he talks about starting the dual enrollment college journey.	Main Sanctuary East
Homeschooling with Neurodiversity in Mind KS Educational Therapy Learn how to provide children with learning differences the support they need to cultivate their unique strengths in a way that is mindful of their struggles.	Main Sanctuary West
Experiencing the Classical Educational Model Classical Conversations Experience Classical Education in action! Renaissance as a springboard, this interactive session will demonstrate how learning progresses throughout a student's life.	Fellowship Hall
Using Novels to Teach History Carol Kerney Books Novels can teach history. Explore methods to find and use novels to teach/reinforce social studies lessons. Use a model Study Guide from Carol Kerney Books.	Room 120
Saving Our Kids - Applying the Bible to Hot-Button Issues in Culture Greater Than I Ministries Teach your kids how to connect the dots between Scripture and the hot-button issues of today. Don't let them be deceived!	Room 122
The Medical Transcription Service is recruiting MTs to work from home! The Medical Transcription Service Learn about the reports we transcribe, earning potential, equipment needed, and more. Great for adults or teens, part- or full-time.	Room 124
Your Family's Health Made Simple - #1 Health Education Curriculum Simple Turn Discover how to train your kids to navigate all the health hysteria, and give them the tools necessary to be healthy, happy, and responsible human beings.	Room 126



Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 - July 31

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Select a summer reading challenge that works best for your family or each individual child. You could set goals for a certain number of books or pages, read for a predetermined amount of time each day, read through a series or specific genre, or complete a reading "BINGO." The choice is yours!
2. Read between June 1 - July 31 to meet the challenge your family selected.
3. Between August 1 - 8, after you have reached your reading goal, tell us your favorite book you read this summer and why it was your favorite (one per child) through an online form to be eligible for the prize drawing. Prizes will be awarded in each of three age groups: 5-8 years, 9-13 years, and 14-18 years. While anyone may participate in the summer reading challenge, only children of current CHEA members are eligible to receive prizes. Winners will be randomly selected, contacted, and announced no later than August 14.

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