

Workshop Descriptions

July 21-22, 2006

Friday 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Keynote: A Homeschoolers' Vision for Christianity and Culture. *Doug Phillips*

Are we training our children just to get a good job and make money? There are many voices calling us in a multitude of directions. God has called us to seek His kingdom first. This session will present a biblical vision of impacting our culture for God's glory. When we have a kingdom vision we can address the details of life with fervor and purpose

Friday 11:00 to 12:00 AM

Breakthrough Leadership – Four Steps to Cultivating Your Child's Leadership Ability. *Jeff Myers*

Discover the four areas of life that all successful leaders carefully cultivate. Learn practical strategies to help identify and unleash your child's leadership gifts so he can make a difference in the world for Christ.

Discovery Learning Fosters Critical Thinking. *Jessica Hulcy*

Scientific evidence supports discovery learning as one of the primary keys to developing critical thinking skills in children. Showing professional video footage of her teaching a group of five to seven-year-olds, Jessica Hulcy, co-author of KONOS Curriculum and homeschooling mom of 23 years, demonstrates how easy it is for parents to employ discovery techniques allowing them to break out of the "tell and regurgitate" rut so many parents find themselves locked into. Critical thinking techniques can and should be applied at all levels of learning and in all subjects to produce thinking adults.

Charting Your Family's Course. *Vicki Bentley*

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. Includes a basic overview of different teaching approaches.

Don't Miss the Gift in This Child. *Carol Barnier*

Have you ever heard someone say "All children are gifts from God" only to roll your eyes and think... "Ha! They don't know what goes on in my house!" If you don't look for God's gifts, you may be missing some of His best. Come laugh and be encouraged to see just what God had in mind when he designed your child. Learn how to see your child through God's spectacles and how to stay focused on God's vision of your child...not the world's.

History and Geography through Literature. *Maggie Hogan*

So many books – so little time! Biographies, historical fiction, exciting read-alouds: there is nothing quite like a great book to capture the flavor of a place or event. How do you choose them and how can you fit them into your day? Come and get some great tips to both keep you on track and to glean as much as possible from your reading. Whether teaching chronologically, by unit study, with living books, or textbooks; this workshop will provide loads of practical and inspiring ideas!

Friday 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Discovering Your Child's Gifts: Cultivate Your Child's God-Given Identity. *Jeff Myers*

A child's God-given gifts are a secret source of inspiration for learning and influence in life. Discover how to recognize your child's motivated abilities, cultivate his God-given gifts, and avoid the cultural traps that the culture uses to distort his identity.

The Wise Woman's Guide to Blessing her Husband's Vision. *Doug Phillips*

The Christian community is full of dear ladies discouraged because their husbands lack vision to lead the family with gusto. In some cases, the men are simply overwhelmed with present responsibilities. In other cases, they lack a biblical framework for household leadership. Often wives cry out, "Help, my husband just doesn't get it," or, "I want more children, but my husband says 'no,'" or even, "My husband is nervous about home schooling." But, too often, wives contribute to the problem through a wrong response. Wise women will desire to bless their husband's vision by embracing the specific affirmative and negative biblical commands given to them for this very purpose. Those who do will become a sanctifying influence on their household, grow in spiritual maturity, and become God's vehicle for their husband's spiritual revival. This workshop is meant to encourage both wives and husbands with the principles and the practicalities for men and women growing in family vision for the Lord.

Getting Kids to Help at Home: Training in Diligence and Thoroughness. *Vicki Bentley*

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.

Empowering the Shy Child. *Carol Barnier*

God has wonderful plans for this shy child of yours. But to see them, you'll have to drop the world's view of this child as a defective child and instead start to unravel the gifts God has placed in this unique and precious family member. Come and learn this different perspective that celebrates the qualities in this child. Go home with many practical suggestions to use right away in empowering this child with the knowledge of their real value.

Ancient Civilizations: History Starts Here. *Maggie Hogan*

What were the Ancient Civilizations and why are they important? Can we teach thousands of years of history in one year? Ancient Civilizations have had a great impact on life today (think current events). Learn to teach history chronologically, Biblically, and in-depth. If you've ever been tempted to skim through this time period because you never learned this stuff yourself, be encouraged! You can teach this subject by learning right along with your students. Fun, fast-paced workshop includes an outline for developing a solid course, with ideas for literature, resources, projects, and much more.

Friday 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Hungering for God: Imparting Spiritual Principles to Children. *Jeff Myers*

It's not just Bible knowledge, but the ability to apply wisdom to every area of life. Here are time-tested techniques, starting with toddlers, for answering kids hard questions about God, teaching Bible themes, and helping kids apply God's truth to life.

Why and How to Use Good Literature. *Mitzi Wisely*

In this workshop, Mitzi Wisely will draw on her 15 years of experience and research to define "good literature". She will also give you great tips on where to find and how to use "good, wholesome literature" in your home school.

A History of Home Education. *Carol Shippy*

A new chapter in the history of American education was begun in the 1980's called homeschooling. However, there is the story of what came before homeschooling that will help you understand why this movement was a necessary swing of the pendulum back to the principle of the primacy of parents in the lives of their children. Travel with me back to the foundational years of our country and we'll explore the economic, political, and pragmatic reasons that homeschooling is the fastest growing educational alternative today. You will come away with a firmer conviction that homeschooling is not just about education, it is about the centrality of the family to society.

Mentoring your Daughter from Beautiful Girlhood to Winsome Womanhood. *Shelley Noonan*

Join Shelley Noonan as she encourages and motivates you to spend your TIME mentoring your daughter. Discover four key components in making the most of the time you spend with her. Learn how to capture the moments and make them special. Glean information on various ways to mentor and resources to make the time that you spend with your daughter unforgettable!

Friday 4:00 to 5:00 PM

The Blessed Marriage *Doug Phillips*

Once upon a time in America children looked forward to marriage and parents actively trained their children to be good husbands and wives. Today, we live in an age in which marriage is mocked and belittled. Even within the Christian community most have embraced an unbiblical view of marriage that demeans the beauty and nobility of this holy union. Some Christian parents are compensating for the challenges in their own marriages by sending wrong messages to their children. They do this by advocating an unbiblical view that singleness is preferable to marriage. The greatest tragedy is that these children grow up unprepared for marriage, and without having ever witnessed a really positive example of biblical marriage. In this significant message, Doug outlines what the bible teaches on marriage, offers a historical perspective on some of the great Christian marriages throughout history, and documents what the Scriptures teach about building a joyful, Christian marriage. (This is a psychology-free talk.)

Multi-level Teaching. *Vicki Bentley*

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

Teaching Your Child to Read... Made Easy. *Carol Barnier*

Relax. It's easier than you think. This workshop will walk you step-by-step through a simple and easy-to-use method based on phonics and fun combined in a simple game that kids will ask for day after day. The game is learned in one minute but will grow with your child through years of learning. All the materials for this method will cost you less than \$2.00

Academically Gifted – Elementary & Middle School Years. *Maggie Hogan*

Do you have a gifted child? (Not sure? Come anyway!) Would you like ideas, resources, encouragement, and suggestions for making teaching easier? Gifted children learn differently – what are you doing to meet your child's needs? This workshop will cover much territory: identifying giftedness and recognizing traits (both positive and not so positive!), choosing curriculum, and looking ahead. These children may be a challenge – but they are also a blessing! You'll leave this one with a new understanding of the *gift* of your bright child.

Saturday 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Keynote: Generations of Influence: How to Start a Legacy of Four Generations. *Jeff Myers*

Explore the tremendous spiritual power of "four generations" and discover the world-changing legacy you can have on the lives of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hear stories of how past generations did it, and what we can learn from them.

Saturday 11:00 to 12:00 AM

How to Think Like a Christian. *Doug Phillips*

Have you ever wondered if there is a distinctively Christian approach to teaching math, grammar, history, etc.? Doug answers these and similar questions in this important introduction to Christian apologetics and the true meaning of a biblical worldview. This talk is appropriate for adults and high school students. It is especially important that home educators understand a Christian theory of knowledge and education if they hope to train their children to "take every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ." Doug will

discuss: Can academics be theologically neutral? What is the role of logic in a Christian worldview? Do facts speak for themselves? How may we defend the Bible? Lastly, how do we answer the problem of evil?

Jessica's Gems for Beginners. *Jessica Hulcy*

What inside tips would a teacher of 29 years and a home schooling mom/teacher of 24 years share with moms just beginning to home school? Come hear Jessica Hulcy, co-author of KONOS Character Curriculum, share her wealth of practical advice and information in her hilarious Jessica-style on what she personally recommends young moms do and not do when they begin homeschooling. Be enlightened and encouraged and entertained...all at the same time.

Organized, Well Almost! Time Management for Busy Moms. *Vicki Bentley*

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

HELP! How Do I Teach this Highly Distractible Child: Part 1. *Carol Barnier*

Part 1 of a two-session workshop designed to help not only families with ADHD children, but also those whose children are simply fidgety. How do you teach a child with an impossibly short attention span? This home schooling mom of a supercharged, highly distractible child shares the practical tips that turned their home schooling from an exercise in pain and frustration to one of pleasure and success. Topics include, putting motion into learning, making math fun, the unique difficulty with writing and decreasing distractions. This workshop also includes a thought provoking commentary on "What was God thinking?" when he put such qualities in your child. Come and learn practical tips that you can start using Monday morning!

Forming and Maintaining Homeschooling Support Groups, Co-ops, and Associations. *Harry Beeson*

In the confusing world of tax law and legal liability, homeschool organizations could benefit from a well-drawn road map. In this session, Harry will explain the formation and maintenance of potentially beneficial corporations. In doing so, he will address the advantages versus disadvantages; dealing with the IRS and the state; legal issues for groups who do not incorporate including liability for directors, officers and board members; and how to minimize liability through proactive measures. Any leader of a homeschooling organization --large or small-- will benefit from hearing this session.

Entrepreneurs at Home. *Maggie Hogan*

Raising a creative student? Have a teen? Looking for home income possibilities? The Bible has much to say about money: from how to earn it to how to save it. Are you including real life applications of Biblical career and money concepts in your homeschool? It is truly amazing how many different ways there are to make money from home, while all the while reaping great benefits in the way of Bible study, organization skills, banking, sales, marketing, and the list goes on! This workshop is especially helpful for those who want to think outside the box in their educational pursuits. Homeschooling doesn't always have to COST you money – sometimes it can make you money, too!

Saturday 1:00 to 2:00 PM

The Visionary Father's Role in Home Education. *Doug Phillips*

The defining crisis of our day is the disintegration of the family. Much of this crisis can be directly attributed to the failure of men to enthusiastically embrace the responsibilities associated with their high calling as husbands and fathers. The greatest need in the home schooling movement today is for fathers with a life vision and a burning passion for their families. In this encouraging message, Doug Phillips will discuss in very practical terms the father's role in home education, including the biblical mandate that husbands treat their wives as beloved helpmeets, co-laboring with them on a divinely inspired mission for the Lord Jesus Christ. He will communicate a vision of the joy of fatherhood by drawing from Scripture and his own personal experience as a boy who was mentored and disciplined by a loving father.

Organizing Your Home. *Nancy Nemitz*

Nancy Nemitz has home schooled four children and now runs her own successful professional organizing company, Create the Space. She will talk about home office organization, give you a step-by-step plan for organizing a room, and tips on organizing a home school room. Nancy will share her experiences in working with home school families and answer your questions.

High School Pt.1 Building a Framework: Strategies for High School Success. *Vicki Bentley*

You have laid the foundation; now it's time to envision the house! We will discuss goal setting, graduation requirements, an overview of high school planning, and sketching out the courses and the plan. Q&A.

HELP! How Do I Teach this Highly Distractible Child: Part 2. *Carol Barnier*

This is part 2 of a two-part session. See part 1 for the full workshop description.

Teaching Reading: A panel of experienced moms. Panel: Moderated by *Mitzi Wisely*

A panel of experienced homeschool moms share information about the curricula they used to teach beginning reading. Panel members will discuss strengths and weaknesses as well as their own experiences with their chosen reading programs.

Confessions of a Real Mom. *Maggie Hogan*

Are you the type to plan ahead? Do you have lists for daily activities . . . or even a list of things for which you need to make a list? Or do you find yourself disorganized and short on teaching time? Be encouraged by a Real Mom, not the Martha Stewart of homeschooling. One who admits to running to Wal-mart for underwear when the laundry pile over-whelmed. . . one who's been married to the same wonderful man for 25 years, but who simply forgets to cook dinner. How does one keep on track with teaching when one is organizationally challenged? Doing our best in homeschooling is important so we do need to figure it out! Come hear "10 Strategies for Successful Homeschooling" from a very Real Mom.

Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Thirsty for the Truth: Raising Kids Who Want to Live Rightly. *Jeff Myers*

The popular culture coaxes children into an almost irresistible foolishness. Is your family strong enough to resist? These strategies equip kids to discern right from wrong, prefer what is right, avoid Satan's counterfeits, experience heart renewal, and reach out to a culture that needs Jesus.

Courtship Concepts: Moving Beyond Clichés to Principled Applications. *Tom and Colene Lewis*

Join Tom and Colene as they share the distinctions of "courtship" vs. "dating" and the how and why to instill these concepts into our children's hearts and minds. Learn practical and reasonable solutions for the modern day dilemma with an emphasis on bridging the generations. The Lewis family have lived and taught these principles for over ten years. This session is appropriate for parents of any aged children as well as teens.

High School Pt.2: High School Construction Tools: Course Work and Credits. *Vicki Bentley*

In this workshop, Vicki will walk you through building on your course descriptions, choosing specific materials to meet your goals, scheduling & lesson planning, recordkeeping, and credits, grades/GPA. We'll also discuss how to document and give credit for less conventional studies, and how to incorporate life skills and independent studies into your program. Q&A.

Manners Matter. *Shelley Noonan*

Like it or not, people judge you by your manners. All of us want to be liked and accepted and it is in our homeschool family's best interest to put our best foot forward by polishing our manners to be a contributing element to our relationships. Knowing the rules of the game lets children feel comfortable and allows them to focus on the more genteel aspects of social contact. Learn why manners are important, the art of the first impressions, the hidden communication of body language, and helpful ways to teach your children that Manners Matter!

Making it Work. Panel Moderated by *Mitzi Wisely*

A panel of veteran homeschool moms will share what they wish they had known when they started out. They will discuss their personal home schooling styles, curriculum choices, scheduling, teaching several grade levels, and other nitty-gritty details about how they make homeschooling work in their individual circumstances. You'll be challenged and encouraged that you can do this too, as real moms who live in the real world share their joys and struggles.

Preparing for the AP Language Arts & History Exams. *James Stobaugh*

The AP exam is an untapped resource for homeschoolers. After discussing when and where AP exams may be taken, this workshop looks at the substance of the AP tests and also examines test taking strategies. Participants will discover that a solid Language Arts/History course and other interventions that Dr. Stobaugh will discuss will reward the student with a great score!

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Rites of Passage: Rituals that Make the Passage to Adulthood Unforgettable for Teens. *Jeff Myers*

Jeff interviews wise parents to find out how they helped their children become successful adults. Learn practical, memorable, uncomplicated strategies that draw parents and teens together and establish a foundation for successful adulthood.

Uniting Church and Family. *Doug Phillips*

Within Christianity two extremes predominate. The first pits the local church against the family by segregating children from their parents and allowing youth culture to drive ministry activities. The second reacts to this crisis by rebelling against the authority of the local church. The first group has actually introduced false philosophies and evolutionary notions into their church structure, and the second has responded in frustration to what they perceive as an attack on the family. In this talk Doug demonstrates that God desires the church to become a child-friendly, father-reinforcing meeting that supports and builds family life. Similarly, the family is to grow as it places itself under the authority and shepherding of the local church. The local church is not meant to be a business, a bureaucracy, or a base for youth activities, but neither is the family meant to be an island.

High School Pt. 3: "Finishing" Touches Graduation and Beyond. *Vicki Bentley*

Ah - graduation! Preparing for college admission and/or apprenticeship, military service, or other options: Transcripts and resumes, reading lists, essays, portfolios. Vicki will translate the acronym maze of AP courses, CLEP tests, SAT/ACT exams, the PSAT/NMSQT, and other exams. Q&A.

Creation of a Homeschool Co-op. *Carol Barnier*

Follow the ups & downs, the mistakes and the rewards of the first two years of a now-thriving homeschool co-op. Learn how to start, what questions to ask, what costs you can expect, what policies you need up front, and what surprising things human behavior will add to the equation.

Moms and Dads Teaming up in the Home School. *Mike and Alice Deltenre*

Gain practical "how-to's" for achieving optimum success in your home school as Mom and Dad learn their biblical roles for a prosperous home school experience. Michael and Alice candidly share from their 13 years of home schooling and how they 'learned' the benefits (and blessings) of working as a team.

Musical Composers for Dummies! Music History for the Musically Challenged. *Maggie Hogan*

This is a fast, fun, integrated approach to history and music for those of us who never learned this stuff. Knowing something about classical music is important for a well-rounded education. But it had better be interesting or the kids will snooze! Hear tidbits about famous composers and see a cool method of remembering who composed when. A list of important composers, their place in history, and more will be on hand-outs.

Teen Creation Seminar: *Mike Snavelly*

Part 1: The Pillars of Evolution.

In this session we define “science”, and illustrate it through several experiments. In the light of true science, the four main concepts that the theory of evolution is based upon are examined and shown to be faith-based rather than science-based. The purpose of this session is not only to show that science does not support Darwinian evolutionary theory, but also to give Christians some “tools” to help them understand the issues more clearly.

Part 2: The Flood.

Understanding the flood (the purpose, the causes, the aftermath & the evidence) is very important to the understanding of a biblically sound creation model. This session covers all the basics about this event, and also includes a video and PowerPoint presentation on the “Hydroplate Theory”, which is the most biblically and scientifically accurate portrayal of the flood event that we have seen.

Part 3: Aunt Lucy.

If humans have been evolving from ape-like creatures for millions of years, there should be a substantial number of clear bones that could be used as evidence of this. What evidence is there? As it turns out, not much! In fact, the “evidence” is stunningly sparse, being limited to a few fossilized bones. However, many of these are misinterpreted and exaggerated, and some are outright fakes. This session exposes much of this.

Part 4: Ancient Civilizations.

This session contrasts the evolution model with the creation model from a historic standpoint through a look at what many ancient cultures were able to accomplish. It contrasts some of these civilizations to our own.