

Friday - 9:00 to 10:30 AM – Keynote

Ballroom Dr. Brian Ray

Homeschooling Works and Increases Freedom

In spite of what logic and professional educators might tell you, homeschooling works. Educators and revolutionaries have talked for centuries about using state-run education to liberate people. Could it be that parent-led home-based education is the only deep and lasting way to free individuals, communities, and nations from control (even tyranny) by the powerful in a society? Dr. Ray, one of the world's leading homeschool researchers, explores this question while addressing topics such as whether the home educated learn as much academically as those in conventional schools, what God has to say about who should be educating (and indoctrinating) children, and more. You will see how homeschooling increases liberty for individuals, families, and nations.

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Ballroom Mary Schofield

Charter Schools: The Right Option for Your Home School Family?

When the Charter School law was passed in California in 1992, a few innovative programs attracted home schoolers. Now there are many home-school charter schools to choose from. Offerings vary from financial incentives to professional educational expertise to assurances of allowing home school parents to offer their children the best education available. This workshop presents the facts about what is allowed, what is not, and why Christian parents should think twice before signing up.

101A-C Teresa Moon

Teaching Your Children the Most Feared Activity: Public Speaking

Public speaking is actually ranked as the #1 fear of Americans. Sound familiar? What will be the result of our efforts to teach and train our students if they can't communicate the truths they have learned? That is exactly what this workshop is all about . . . giving our students tools necessary for communicating their ideas, beliefs and values to the culture in which they live. This workshop explores a variety of speaking styles, sharing interactive, fun and effective ways for you to plan Public Speaking education into every area of the curriculum.

106A-C Marcia Somerville

Elements of Writing Instruction – Part I

No matter what curriculum we choose, there are basic elements to teaching our children to write. By starting with a general, overarching set of goals and principles, we can see clearly where we want to go with writing instruction, and so use whatever curriculum we choose more effectively. Marcia will simplify and clarify goals parents should have when tackling the daunting task of teaching children to communicate effectively in written form.

102A-B *Marilyn Rockett*

Homeschooling at the Speed of Life

Life moves fast, and we all struggle to find balance and order in our homes and homeschooling. Ten "time minders" that help us get organized, with lots of encouragement and emphasis on the ability of ANY Mom to achieve balance in getting it all done. A new way of looking at organization with Marilyn's definition of organization from a biblical foundation.

105B-C *Shelley Noonan*

Beyond Beautiful Girlhood

Is your daughter prepared for life? Mothers, you know that your daughter's transition from beautiful girlhood to beyond beautiful girlhood can be the most frightening and exciting of times. Discover how to prepare your daughter in three key areas of her life. Shelley will give you encouraging examples and practical application to equip you to prepare your daughter for the day when she will manage her home, her life, and her spirit!

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Home Educated and Now Adults: Were the Criticisms True or False?

Dr. Ray's major new study examines the lives of 7,306 adults from across the United States who were homeschooled. This research, a long time in the making, focuses on these adults' general demographics, attitudes toward their own home-education experience, and success in life. Success was evaluated with respect to civic, social, educational, employment, and worldview traits. In many ways, they are very "normal." On the other hand, they are remarkably different than the general U.S. population. Generally speaking, the findings defuse many of the long-held negative criticisms of those who doubted homeschooling's benefits, whether practiced in the U.S. or in other nations. And the findings will likely be a great encouragement to those parents and advocates of home-based education over the past two decades.

101A-C *Teresa Moon*

How Do You Know What They Know?

Do you want to know whether your students are making progress? ...or how much they have learned? If we want excellence, we need something more than a relative comparison. We need to know exactly where our students are and how they are progressing toward the goal at any point in time. We need to be able to evaluate their progress without giving up more precious teaching and learning time!

106A-C *Marcia Somerville*

Elements of Writing Instruction – Part 2

Building (but not dependent) on the first session, this time we will be looking at how to grade writing. Using what we now know about key elements of sentences, paragraphs, transitions, reports, and essays, we will learn about how to actually grade our student's writing. The class includes practice in actually grading provided samples of student writing and gives general help with knowing where to start in evaluating our children's papers.

102A-B *Mary Schofield*

Teaching Grades 4-8

Once children have learned to read, the focus of their education may change. Is there more to homeschooling than reading a text and answering the questions at the end of the chapter? Is there a way to banish boredom and spark a desire to continue learning? Why is it that most children are anxious to "do school" at age 5 or 6, but at age 9 or 10, they hate it? How can we, as parent educators, avoid making education all fun and games, but keep our students motivated and eager to learn? Practical tips for the basic subjects will be discussed, including some curriculum recommendations.

105B-C *Marilyn Rockett*

Clutter, Clutter Everywhere and Not a Spot to Think

Clutter in our homes and lives is one of the biggest deterrents to our homeschools. We must deal with it before we can be most effective in our homes. Clutter strangles our lives in numerous ways – physically, aesthetically, emotionally, and spiritually. Practical workshop – how to rid your home of clutter and simplify your life. Come prepared to clean a closet mentally so you can take that information home and use it.

Friday – 3:00 to 4:00 PM

101 A-C *Betsy Ray*

Igniting the Fires of Your Mind

We all want our children to be excited about learning. That excitement can be caught from parents who are challenging themselves in new areas. Betsy will give ideas and relate her experiences that could make teaching more than just getting through the textbooks. She will encourage you to stimulate your thinking and give practical tips on how to relate topics in which you never thought you would be interested to ones that you have always loved and to the light of God's truth. You can lead your young people in making these relationships, forming a biblical worldview, and renewing their minds to impact their world.

106A-C *Scott Somerville*

The History and Future of American Education

The Massachusetts Puritans enacted the first compulsory school law in 1647 to make sure that every citizen of their new commonwealth could read the Scriptures. Today, second-graders in public schools can't do a book report on a Bible story. How did we get here from there? Where do we go tomorrow?

102A-B *Mary Schofield*

Junior High Needs

Junior High is a unique and special time of growing up. In order to take full advantage of these precious years, spiritual, physical and academic needs must all be considered. In this workshop, we will cover how parents can custom design their students' junior high years to help them to "grow and wax strong in spirit, becoming filled with wisdom; and having the grace of God upon them." (Luke 2:40)

105B-C *Shelley Noonan*

Manners Matter

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 families' best interest to put our best foot forward by polishing our manners to be a positive element in all 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!

Friday – 4:30 to 5:30 PM

101 A-C *Mitzi Wisely*

Homeschooling with Living Books

Literature has the ability to bring your homeschooling alive. This workshop will define what "living books" are. You will be shown how you can use "living books" to enhance what your children are learning. You will also learn where to find them and how to get them into your hands and home.

106A-C *Scott and Marcia Somerville*

Biblical and Classical Education

Part explanation (Marcia: What is classical education anyways?) and part exhortation (Scott: How to keep the biblical perspective while studying the classics), this session serves a variety of parents who are just beginning to consider adopting the classical model of education.

102A-B *Mary Schofield*

High School Overview

How do you decide what to study in high school? How do you know that your teen is learning enough (and of the right things)? How can parents continue a home-school lifestyle during the high school years? Must home-school students model their high school years after the institutionalized educational style of learning? Come and learn how to make your high school years special, wonderful, and complete as we discuss the overall plans needed to teach high school at home.

105B-C *James Stobaugh*

SAT Preparation for Christian Students

Doing their best on the SAT is one avenue God has before our children to prepare to be the kind of Christians who will change their world no matter what the obstacles. In light of the changes to the new 2005 SAT I, this workshop is especially relevant.

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Tell Me Again – Why Did We Start Homeschooling?

If we approach home education with a proper motivation, we are better equipped to handle the ups and downs inherent in the job of full-time teacher of our children. By assessing our real reasons for home schooling in the first place, looking forward to the common stumbling blocks, and anticipating our rewards, we can strengthen our resolve and build courage, enthusiasm, and courage.

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Homeschooling: Essential to the Natural Family

Twenty years of research and a pro-family worldview show that parent-led, home-based education is an essential function of the natural family, and that homeschooling clearly builds, strengthens, and advances the natural family (i.e., a husband/man, wife/woman, and children). On the other hand, institutional schooling, both state-run and private, inherently undermines the natural family and the benefits that it bestows on society. Research on the worldwide modern homeschool movement will be reviewed showing the academic, psychological, social, familial, civic, and long-term advantages that homeschooling gives to individuals, local communities, and to societies. Theory, research findings, and common sense maintain that homeschooling values parenting, increases family time, establishes a strong morality, enhances fertility, clarifies sexual identity, decreases several social ills, and reduces taxation. The audience will learn much about homeschooling, especially as it pertains to the natural family.

101A-C Teresa Moon

Coaching Cultural Communicators

In everyday conversations the lessons of rhetoric and communication often make the difference between a potent opportunity and a pointless disagreement. Given the dynamic power of public communication, Christians are the ones who should be the most excited about harnessing it and using it, as we are the ones with the truth, but many of us don't because we think we must travel overseas in order to make an impact on our world. However, there is a generation that needs to hear the Truth ... and they are in our own backyard. This workshop is dedicated to exploring the ways that our children can connect with pop culture and effectively communicate Christian values without compromise.

106A-C Mary Schofield

Preparing and Organizing for Effective Leadership - Support Group Leaders' Workshop -

Our leadership roles can become a burden by draining us of energy, tempting us into a prideful attitude, or pulling us away from our real priorities. While God will equip us for any position to which He calls us, it is important that we take the time to prepare ourselves for our work. Those we serve are blessed by our ministry, especially when we are orderly, confident, and servant-like.

102A-B *Marilyn Rockett*

Teaching Children Life Skills

How can we teach our children to clean their rooms and other impossible tasks? Teaching "life skills" and the skill of organization. Helping children set goals, finish projects, remember important things, and take responsibility for their own activities. Why it is important for their futures and how to do it. Applies to all age children but with an emphasis on starting them out when they are young.

105B-C *Shelley Noonan*

Mentoring Your Daughter

Join Shelley as she encourages and motivates moms to make the most of the time spent mentoring their daughters by sharing her own brand of practical wisdom. Discover four key components to maximize the time you spend with your daughter by building your relationship! Learn how to capture the moments and make them special. Glean information on various ways to mentor and resources to make the time you spend with your daughter unforgettable!

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Ballroom *Scott Somerville*

What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Homeschooling

Scott Somerville dared to ask 100 homeschool moms for their personal "wish lists," and was relieved to discover there is hope for homeschool husbands! These women weren't asking the impossible, nor were they looking for a whole new man; instead, they wanted their husbands to show their love in some practical, pastoral, and personal ways. Scott combines information with motivation for life-changing results!

101A-C *Teresa Moon*

I'm Sorry: Training Young Apologists

Their beliefs will be questioned. Their values will be criticized. Their faith will be attacked. The question: Will our children be ready? This workshop will address real life situations where we, and our students, are forced to defend what we believe. The art of defending our faith is fundamental to Christianity. We will acquire tools for helping our children to know what they believe, and how to talk about it.

106A-C *Betsy Ray*

Fruitful Preparation

The teenage years should be the beginning of the harvest as our young people come into their own. If we plan for the storms of life and prepare, we can build through these years with less frustration, wasted time, conflicts, and fruitlessness. We need to make the most of the time we have (Eph. 5:15-17). Betsy will help you consider and examine important principles so that you can prepare yourself physically and spiritually for situations that will arise.

102A-B *Panel: Mitzi Wisely, Moderator*

Making It Work

A panel of veteran homeschool moms will share their experiences in a light-hearted and open atmosphere. 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.

105B-C *Shelley Noonan*

Biblical Character Training for You and Your Child

Uncover the meaning of authentic Biblical Character Training. Home education is an efficient tool of the Lord to train not only your children's character but your own as well! Sharing homeschool experiences and lessons from Deuteronomy, Shelley will explore how God can use any situation to create characters of true worth. Based on the seven aspects in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Discover practical ways that you can incorporate this process in your daily lives and cultivate true Biblical Character in your children ... and in the process ... yourself!

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So Now He's a Teenager: Why Continue to Homeschool

Many parents finally fall prey to their own insecurities and critics' darts when their children reach age 14. They consider abandoning home-based and parent-guided education. The cacophonous voices of professionals, generations of institutional schooling, "public" school giveaways and enticements, personal misperceptions of reality, and the world's opinion about what is important muddy the waters. Dr. Ray focuses on key educational goals and philosophy (biblical), research findings, the importance of separating the state from education, and personal experience to inform, encourage, and rally parents' spirits and harden their resolve to continue homeschooling for the long term in order to reap the harvest of its excellent fruits.

101A-C *Marcia Somerville*

Tips for Teaching a Houseful

Are you trying to teach junior high or high school students and grammar school students, perhaps with one or two toddlers underfoot as well? Marcia's been there and done that! Marcia will seek to explain some overarching principles that will encourage you to keep a priority on making yours a quiet home as the foundation of your homeschool, looking at your children's development in three areas (academic, social, and emotional), and thinking of your children's development in terms of stages, not ages. This session is full of practical suggestions.

106A-C *Mary Schofield*

Designing Courses for Junior High and High School

Once decisions have been made about what to require for high school graduation, once the overall plan has been set, there is still much to do. How do you set up each course? Courses can be designed or modified by using prepackaged curricula, by using a variety of materials you already have on hand, or by outlining the course and finding materials to fit your needs. We will discuss these methods of course planning, and will also cover grading, keeping track of assignments with no stress, and record keeping.

102A-B *Colene Lewis & Heather Haupt*

Learning Through Play

Through play a child learns, develops creativity, builds independence, expands attention span, increases imagination, acquires a love of learning, enhances relationships, and has fun, too. Join this mother daughter duo as they share the art of teaching young children through play.

105B-C *Scott Somerville*

Principles for Principals

Fathers love to see their children thrive in the homeschool environment, but they often reap what others (their wives) have sown. Nobody knows this better than Scott Somerville, whose wife has taught their six children "forever." Come hear Scott share the principles that have changed him from a homeschooling couch potato to a real principal.

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Nurture and Admonition – Not Pain and Provocation

You want your children to be the best in academics, spirituality, and physical health. You also want to have godly compassion for your children. In striving to lead his wife and eight children to "greatness," however, Brian has found that he can fall into the sin of provoking them. He'll use scripture and experience to address the way to combine high expectations with justice, mercy, and love. Especially for fathers, but all are welcome.

101A-C *Marcia Somerville*

Which Class is Most Important?

New homeschooling mothers: What classes are you most interested in your child passing? Is the truant officer your biggest boogie man? How about the college admissions officer? Are you losing sight of eternal goals because temporal tasks scream for your attention? Marcia has designed this class in the spirit of Titus 2 (the older woman teaching the younger). Come and learn that Life Skills 101, Peer Evangelism 202, Citizenship 306, and Apologetics 403 should be the courses in which we should most desire our children to get a 4.0, as Marcia leads you through a morass of motives to which many beginning homeschool moms fall prey. Older moms, you may want to come and be re-inspired on why we are educating our children in the first place and reminded of the priority of educating for Heaven over educating for Harvard, as we seek the "Masters degree" that really counts: our Master's approval of a life well-lived. An inspirational talk on how we can keep these greater goals in mind.

106A-C *Mary Schofield*

Preparation for College

In this workshop we will cover what should be done during high school to prepare for college. Included topics are what courses to take in high school, college admissions exams, financial aid and scholarship information, when and how to apply, and choosing a college that's right for you.

102A-B *Marilyn Rockett*

Paper by the Pile

Help! I'm drowning in paper in this supposedly "paperless" computer world! I'm on everyone's mailing list! What paper do I keep, and what do I toss? Learn to make wise decisions about paper and what records to keep. Learn how to use Marilyn's unique and simple F SHARP system to control paper coming into your home, and set up her unique Archive for paper. Freebie forms available for attendees to workshop.

105B-C *Shelley Noonan*

The Total Mama Makeover

"Ooooooh, Calgon take me away!" Sometimes after a stressful day (week, month or year) of homeschooling, all we moms really need is to be taken away for some pampering. While "the works" at a spa might be out of the question for you, Shelley will instruct you in the application of an intensive three-part beauty treatment to work the knots out, and center the weary homeschool mom.

This Total Mama Makeover will help you:

- Revitalize your First Love - Energize your relationship with God!
- Rekindle your Love Life - Restoke the fire with your Husband!
- Refresh your Self - Invest in taking care of your Body, Mind and Spirit!