



2025 NDHSA Home Educators' Convention

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Years of
Fighting For
Homeschool
Freedom

February 6th–8th
Bismack Event
Center
Bismarck, ND

Daily Schedule



Friday

8:00 AM – Registration Opens
8:45 AM – Keynote Address
9:30 AM – Exhibit Hall Opens
10:30 AM – Workshop One
11:20– 1:00 PM – Lunch Break
12:00 – 12:45 – Exhibitor
Workshops/Special Needs Lunch
Discussion
1:00 PM – Workshop Two
2:15 PM – Workshop Three
3:30 PM – Workshop Four
6:00 PM – Exhibit Hall Closes
6:00–8:30 PM – Family Fun Night
7:30–8:30 PM – Mom's Dessert
Fellowship/Teen Game
Night/Single Adult Game Night

Saturday

8:00 AM – Registration Opens
8:45 AM – Keynote Address &
Hall of Fame
9:30 AM – Exhibit Hall Opens
10:30 AM – Workshop Five
11:20–1:00 PM – Lunch Break
12:00–12:45 PM – Exhibitor
Workshops/Adoptive & Foster
Parent Lunch Discussion
1:00 PM – Workshop Six
2:15 PM – Workshop Seven
3:30 – Closing Keynote &
Graduate Recognition
5:00 PM – Exhibit Hall
Closes/Convention Ends

“It was for freedom that
Christ set us free; therefore
keep standing firm and do not
be subject again to a yoke of
slavery.” Galatians 5:1 NASB

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Welcome to the 2025 NDHSA Home Educators Convention! We sincerely appreciate each of you for investing your hard-earned money to attend this event. As a board, we spend a great deal of time in prayer and preparation for this convention. Our hope is that your experience here will be encouraging for you and for others. We trust that the wisdom shared this weekend will guide you closer to Christ. This year's theme is "40 Years of Fighting for Homeschool Freedom." We are immensely grateful for the effort, time, and prayer that made homeschooling legal in North Dakota. However, our fight for freedom continues in new ways. It is essential that we stand firm as Galatians 5:1 instructs and remain prayerful and vigilant. We encourage you to visit the NDHSA booth and introduce yourself to our Board of Directors. We would love to meet you and hear any concerns or questions you may have. ~ Amber Sand, Convention Coordinator & NDHSA Board of Directors ~




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****A concession stand with a variety of snacks, food, and beverages will be available each day between Halls C and D. Hours: 11:00-1:30****

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO
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IN HALL B

STUDENT ART SHOW

2025 Silent Auction

- During the convention, attendees are welcome to place bids on items and are encouraged to check back often to raise bids to ensure they win the item(s) they are bidding on.
- Bidding Closes at 1 PM on Saturday.
- Pick up won items from 2:15 - 3:30 PM on Saturday. Items not picked up by 3:30 PM will be offered to next bidder



****Located in the Vendor Hall ****

CONVENTION HELPS

Name Badge

The name badge you received at check in is your admission to all areas of the convention and must be worn at all times. If lost, it can be replaced at the registration table.

Nursing Mothers' Lounges

For your privacy and convenience, there are two areas for nursing moms. One is located under the stairwell in the main floor lobby and one is located in Hall A, look for the signs.

Credit Cards

We are able to take credit card donations and payments at the registration table and Silent Auction booth.

Children

All children ages 5-10 are encouraged to attend the Children's Program in Hall A during the general sessions. Infants and children may attend workshops with their parents, but please be mindful of others attending the workshops. If your baby or child becomes noisy, please step out quietly and quickly. The sessions are being recorded and we want to provide high-quality recordings without noise distractions. We request that small children sit on parents' laps or on the floor until the workshop begins. They may then take any of the available seats

Distribution of Materials

Out of respect for our exhibitors who have paid for booth space and advertising, absolutely no unauthorized distribution of literature or materials or unauthorized promotion of businesses is allowed.

Free Book Table

There are several tables in the Upper Concourse lobby with FREE curriculum and books leftover from the Used Book Sale. Feel free to take home as many as you'd like.

Exhibit Hall Etiquette

Exhibitors are a key part of our convention, so we encourage you to plan ample time to visit the Exhibit Hall. You will find an array of some of the finest homeschool resources available. Exhibitor workshops will be presented each day as well. A schedule is available on the back cover. The presence of an exhibitor does not constitute an endorsement of their product or service. It is essential that you use discernment when making your purchases. We are grateful for the businesses who come and support the work of the NDHSA and provide our convention attendees with a wide variety of quality curriculum and resources to choose from. When an exhibitor takes the time and effort to explain a product or give beneficial advice, please buy the product from the exhibitor who took the time with you. Buying materials from the exhibitor who assisted you encourages the return of knowledgeable, well-established exhibitors to our annual convention.



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Keynote Speakers



Joe & Zan Tyler, Joe Tyler is President of Followers in Fellowship, an organization committed to advancing Christian education. Joe spent thirty years as an information systems project manager. Joe and Zan homeschooled their three children through high school. Joe is Chairman of the Board for the South Carolina Association of Independent Homeschools (SCAIHS). Zan Tyler speaks to the heart of Christian parents like few others. Zan's own homeschool journey began in 1984 when she was threatened with jail. She has spent the past three decades advocating for homeschool freedom, publishing curriculum and resources, and joyfully equipping parents to thrive in their homeschool journey. She is an uplifting speaker, author, and the host of the Zan Tyler Podcast, an encouraging and practical weekly podcast with a new episode each Wednesday.

Featured Speakers

Jared Dodd and his wife, Amy, started a ministry focused on family and discipleship in 2012. They currently reside in Texas where they homeschool their ten children. Jared travels the country speaking on apologetics, family, homeschooling, discipleship, etc. He currently has over ten books published, has three video series on Rightnow Media, and 10.8 a radio/ podcast show (The Blessed Family). He also has a video library on YouTube/Rumble. You can learn more about his family's ministry at JaredDodd.com.



Nancy Bjorkman, After being a homeschool skeptic, Nancy began homeschooling her four children in 1992, and saw it work. Now a mentor to homeschooling families, she has spoken at homeschool conferences in over 10 states where she is known for her enthusiasm, energy, and encouragement. Her favorite times are spent with her growing family including 9 grandchildren. She and her husband owned HEPPNER'S LEGACY, a homeschool store in Elk River, MN, for 18 years and now are learning what it's like to have more free time as they make the handoff to the new owners.



Brian Young an internationally known speaker and author, was a teacher and principal for ten years before becoming director of Creation Instruction Association and the Boneyard Creation Museum in Broken Bow, NE. He also serves as an instructor of many science courses for homeschooling families at MasterBooksAcademy.com, Brian has been speaking on the topic of creation and biblical authority doing debates at Universities, going into prisons, and sharing at churches, schools and camps around the world for over 29 years. He uses the Bible as the foundation for science and education.



Speaker Bios



Chuck Black, a former F-16 fighter pilot and tactical combat communications engineer, is the author of twenty-one novels. His heart is to equip and encourage families in their pursuit of Christ. He speaks at conferences across the United States and Canada. He is also an entrepreneur with sixteen patents and is currently the president and general manager for FlowCore Systems, a chemical injection automation company in the oil and gas industry. He is devoted to his wife, Andrea, and their six children and multiple grandchildren. Chuck and Andrea homeschooled their children for twenty-four years.

Lori Wentz is the Special Needs Coordinator for the NDHSA. As part of those duties, she frequently mentors parents one on one, as well as advocating for parents interacting with school districts. Over the years she has been a Parent Representative for Head-Start, a member of the RICC (Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee) on the local and state level and represented ND as a presenter at the National Alliance Conference.



Theresa Deckert has been homeschooling since 1986...before it was legal in ND! She and her husband, Jeff, served on the NDHSA Board of Directors for 17 years, and she was the Office Administrator from 2012-2021. Theresa has spent years lobbying for better homeschool laws in our state. Her four children were homeschooled from birth and are all married. She is now able to be more involved with her grandchildren through babysitting, teaching them piano, and helping with homeschooling. She's grateful for the 2019 legislation allowing others (grandparents) to be enlisted as tutors! Mrs. Deckert has much musical experience, she has spent 50 years as a private piano teacher and she is currently a keyboardist for the Devils Lake Community Orchestra.

Jackie Zuiderhof graduated High School from Arlington, SD. She has an undergraduate degree in Math Education from USD, a master's degree in English Language Learners from UND and an Educational Doctorate in Instructional Design and Technology from UND. She has travelled to about 30 countries and lived in 3 countries (Japan, Taiwan, and England). She taught high school math for 3 years and 6th grade math for 4 years. She is currently based out of Sioux Falls, SD, as the education specialist for the Army.



Carrie Woodruff is a homeschooling mom of 4 girls ages 13-22. She has successfully graduated two with the third graduating in May. Carrie loves serving God and her neighbor through her hobbies of gardening, baking, homeopathy, and piano.

*"You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make a good use of it."
- John Adams -*

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Free*

Speaker Bios



Karen Cameron Friesen is an educator, with a Bachelor's in Education and Master of Arts with a specialization in English instruction, and a licensed provider of the Arrowsmith Program. Karen homeschooled her five children over 18 years and continues to lead the homeschooling collective she founded in 2012. She believes that your brain is powerful, and the fine details make all the difference in helping you thrive. As a parent of children with additional learning needs, she saw the gaps in the typical education model for those who didn't learn the same way. Despite all the professional diagnoses, her family was left searching for lasting answers. Since being told that he had severe learning difficulties, Karen's son put in the work with the Arrowsmith Program. He's now opening doors to his exciting future as a full scholarship student athlete. As a parent, she's beyond thrilled for him, and wants the same for you.

Dennis Zmija currently serves as the Education Services Specialist for the Community Outreach Department at Navy Recruiting Command. He has a Master's in Education (MAEd) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), and holds an undergraduate degree in Workforce Education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Navy straight out of high school. He had the privilege of serving in a variety of locations around the world, with Iceland being a particular favorite. The Navy supported Dennis by funding three of his four degrees (from an Associate's to an MBA), along with several certifications through the Navy COOL program.



Heather Schwartz has been married for 37 years and is a mom to six children ages 20-36, having homeschooled them all the way through high school. She is also Nana to 12 grandchildren. Still passionate about her kids, but knowing that her role has changed, she will be sharing some thoughts and insights that have helped make the transition easier from full house to empty nest.

Dr. Seann Dikkers, is a husband and father of two homeschooled children. He currently works as the Chief Product Officer at Portals, developing support for new homeschooling families. He has worked as a middle school teacher, high school principal, researcher, professor, and authored books including Teacher Craft, Mobile-Media Learning, and Real-Time Research exploring the powerful impact of play, design, and project-based learning.



*"As a child I learned from the Bible to trust in God and not be afraid. And I felt the Lord would give me the strength to endure whatever I had to face. God did away with all my fear."
—Rosa Parks*



Speaker Bios



Lori Kenney, along with her husband of 38 years, Jeff, reside in west-central Minnesota. Together, they are parents to five children, four of whom they were blessed to adopt. After homeschooling their children for 22 years, Lori and Jeff now dedicate their time to a ministry called Lakes Area Adoption Support. This organization focuses on providing resources, encouragement, and an annual retreat specifically for adoptive mothers, offering support to families in similar journeys of adoption.

Andrea Black, wife of Chuck, mother of six and grandmother of multiple grandchildren, spent twenty-four years homeschooling her own personal Brady Bunch. When she ran out of children at home, she borrowed other people's and taught 5th & 6th grades at Trinity Christian School. With degrees in English and Speech/Theatre Education, she enjoyed coaching the local Christian school speech team for many years. She credits being an Air Force wife for challenging her to trust completely in Jesus while she waited for and supported her husband. Her love for her Savior gives her purpose and passion for a life lived in service to Him!



Kristin Durham, lives in Fargo ND with her husband, Troy, and their two youngest children. They have five grown children and have been homeschooling 23 years. Troy and Kristin both serve on the NDHSA Board as Directors.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."
—Ronald Reagan



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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, February 7th, 2025

8:45 - 10:00 AM

Keynote Address

Hall B

Joe & Zan Tyler - Homeschooling: A God-Centered Revival That Begins in Your Living Room

Answering God's call to teach your children at home can be exciting at first, but it's easy to lose sight of the vision when you find yourself overwhelmed by the demands of the homeschooling life: teaching phonics, preparing transcripts, refereeing fights, and—oh, by the way—making dinner too. But in the midst of the madness, we must constantly remind ourselves that our work matters because we're building God's kingdom! Come hear Zan Tyler share from history and God's Word. And catch a glimpse of how God is using your family—and the homeschool movement—to usher in spiritual, educational, and family revival in our nation.

Session 1

10:30 - 11:20 AM

Zan Tyler - Raising Children With a Biblical Worldview in a Hostile World

Hall B

Our children live in the midst of a secular, anti-Christian culture, facing issues and moral dilemmas we never had to deal with at their age. Meanwhile, startling numbers of young adults raised in evangelical homes are abandoning their faith. Training our children with a strong biblical worldview and deep spiritual roots is crucial to our mission as Christian parents and is one of the most important gifts we can give them. In this workshop you will gain insight on teaching your children how to think biblically about all areas of life, including academics. This will equip them to become powerful, faith-filled thinkers and leaders who can stand firm in the face of skepticism and opposition.

Theresa Deckert - Getting Started Homeschooling in North Dakota

PR Room 102

Mrs. Deckert will cover the North Dakota requirements for homeschooling. She will also give practical hints including suggestions for lesson planning and record keeping. This is the place to start if you are just beginning the home education journey or are just "checking it out."

Nancy Bjorkman - What's Your Story

PR Room 103

We don't often consider that figures from history, whose lives and accomplishments inspire and teach us today, were just ordinary people. It is likely they did not think they were "making history". In this workshop Nancy will remind us of how God is using even the most routine parts of our lives to write a story of His goodness and provision that we can and should share with our children and future generations. It will include encouraging stories from the lives of the Bjorkman family as God has carried them through both good times and hardship in their 40+ years of marriage and over 30 years of homeschooling experience. It will change your perspective on day-to-day life which may never seem "ordinary" again.

Brian Young - Creation Philosophy in Evangelism

PR Room 104

Many people believe creation is just a side issue to Christianity, not realizing that without creation and a young earth, Jesus becomes meaningless. See how street evangelism reflects the false gospel that has been preached by most churches today. The ungodly view this world and the Bible differently than the Godly do, and you will see how creation is the number one reason for this. Find out how to effectively witness. If this doesn't light your fire for evangelism, your wood is really wet.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Session 1 cont.

10:30 - 11:20 AM

PR Room 105

Midwife Panel - Home Birth and Midwifery 101

Curious about home birth? Come with your questions and be prepared to learn from experienced midwives.

Vendor Workshops

12:00- 12:45 PM

Eujeana Chism - BJU Press Homeschool/ Home Works by Precept

PR Room 102

Unravel the Frazzle

Eujeana will discuss different ways to get the time back so that you can enjoy some adventure time with your family. She will discuss ways to organize your time and lessons to keep your academics on track and still have time for other things that are so important to your family. So, join the discussion on organizing time, lessons, and activities to complete it.

Carla Cox - Sylladot - Reading Problem? Let's Fix It!

PR Room 104

Is your child experiencing reading difficulties? This workshop uses a question/answer format to tailor the content for your child's specific needs. After 42 years of experience, I have seen and fixed almost every reading problem imaginable. Come prepared with your questions. I want to help your child become a successful reader.

Session 2

1:00 - 1:50 PM

Zan Tyler - The Unexpected Adventure of Serving Others

Hall B

Do you want to energize your homeschool? Providing your children with creative opportunities to serve others is just what you need. In Zan's 21 years of homeschooling, nothing amazed her more than the adventures and blessings her family encountered by serving others together. In this session, Zan Tyler will show you how to build service projects into your school days and everyday lives. She'll also share practical service ideas. Be prepared to see your children come alive as they walk out the second most important command that God has given us by serving others in both small and big ways.

Joe Tyler - The Impact of Social Media on Our Daughters

PR Room 102

We are witnessing an alarming rise in the rates of depression and suicidal tendencies among teenage girls today. Is social media to blame? Join Joe Tyler as he takes a deep dive into the world of social media, examining the challenges that young girls face including body image issues, cyberbullying, and unrealistic beauty standards. With constant connectivity to smart phones, the threats of social media are lurking everywhere, even in places as seemingly innocent as chatrooms in Bible apps. Now is the time to help your daughters develop a biblical self-image, a vibrant faith, and practical strategies for successfully navigating the dangers of the digital age.

Lori Wentz - Special Needs: Social Skills for Every Child

PR Room 103

Social skills are important for all children to have in order to navigate our world. Let's talk about coping strategies to learn to handle transitions and social conflicts with peers. Plus, we can strategize ways to promote friendship opportunities for all of our children.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Session 2 Cont.

1:00- 1:50 PM

Brian Young- Mount Saint Helens

PR Room 104

See explosive evidence for creation that blows evolution out of the water and hear how this event still speaks to us today, both to encourage and warn us of coming judgments.

Jared Dodd - Homeschooling 101

PR Room 105

New to homeschooling? Looking for some practical tips? In this talk, Jared Dodd will discuss various ways to accomplish victory in home education, while at the same time reinforcing the biblical principles that must be present.

Session 3

2:15 - 3:05 PM

Zan Tyler - Overcoming Homeschool Burnout

Hall B

Homeschooling is demanding, and expectations—both our own and others’—can be a weighty burden. This often sets us up for intense feelings of failure and disappointment, especially when things don’t go according to plan. Even when we’re doing our best to follow God and love our families, we may suddenly find ourselves in the “fiery furnace” like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Join Zan Tyler for a refreshing talk that will set you free. We’ll cover what causes burnout, how to recover from it, and best of all, consider some simple but strategic steps to prevent burnout from happening.

Andrea Black -

PR Room 102

Homeschooling High School: Navigating the Social Minefield of High School

We took homeschooling one year at a time. Then before we realized it, we had six kids in high school—maneuvering, dodging, coaching, and organizing many facets of their high school extracurricular and social lives. The pull and pressure felt from church, homeschool co-ops, private school, public school, and peers can be intimidating and overwhelming. We discovered how important it was to have a clear vision for our family and for each child we launched into God’s kingdom work. Join me as I share lessons learned (from both successes and failures) to help you in your important role as a homeschool high school teacher and parent.

Heather Schwartz & Carrie Woodruff -

PR Room 103

Going Through the Change: From Full House to Empty Nest

Join Carrie & Heather, two seasoned and experienced homeschool moms, as they share tips and strategies to help maneuver the good, the bad, and the blessing of the empty nest.

Brian Young - Amazing Animals: Evidence of Divine Design

PR Room 104

Creation instructor, Brian Young, explores the animal kingdom, revealing the remarkable features of creatures like the giraffe, bombardier beetle, whale, dog, cuttlefish, and more. Discover how these intricate details and astonishing capabilities challenge evolution and highlight the Creator's hand. Through vivid examples and compelling arguments, Brian will showcase the natural world as a testament to the genius and power of Almighty God, inspiring awe and reinforcing belief in a divine creation.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, February 7th, 2025

Session 3 Cont.

2:15- 3:05 PM

Jared Dodd - The Power of the Meal Table

PR Room 105

The meal table is very dear to God's heart, and for a good reason. If you implement His heart and practice for the meal table, you will experience a blessing that will be carried out with your future progeny for generations to come.

Session 4

3:30- 4:20 PM

Joe Tyler - Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World - For Men Only

Hall B

Joe Tyler discusses the key issues dads face as we strive to instill a Christ-centered vision in our sons. Joe addresses the cultural pressures on our young men and shares practical advice for countering the culture and instilling a vision of purity in both our sons and daughters. Because of the frank and sensitive nature of this discussion, we request that only men attend.

Karen Cameron-Friesen -

PR Room 102

Approaching Additional Learning Needs from a Neuro-educational Perspective: Tools, Resources, and Prayer in Your Homeschool

Karen brings her experience as a parent of five (two with additional learning needs), a neuro-education specialist, and child of God, to help you experience more peace as you lead your children.

Explore how brain health and the science of neuroplasticity can profoundly change overall wellness and success. Learn practical techniques you can incorporate into your day, explore innovative resources, and be inspired by the changes possible when improving brain health. By identifying and strengthening the weak cognitive functions that underlie specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia, or the effects of ADHD, anxiety, Autism, and brain injury or brain fog, people of any age can experience success across all areas of life, including social-emotional well-being.

Nancy Bjorkman - Math Outside the Book

PR Room 103

This interactive workshop will cover the why's and how's of using games to bring math to life and increase understanding in students. We'll discuss how to use games to enhance any curriculum. We'll then dive into a highly visual and interactive review of games to use for specific goals, e.g., understanding number basics, mastering basic math facts, grasping the base-ten system, using multiple operations, and more. Let's play!

Brian Young - Noah Time Before

PR Room 104

Have you ever wondered how people could live to be 900 years old like the Bible tells us they did? Are we living in the same world today as Adam and Eve? These and many more questions will be answered as we explore the world before Noah.

Jared Dodd - The Story of Liberty

PR Room 105

The early church, the Magna Carta, the Reformers, and men like John Wycliffe; these are all parts of the Story of Liberty. If we are going to appreciate and replicate the precious gift of freedom, we must rightly understand her story.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Keynote Address

8:45- 10:00 AM

Joe & Zan Tyler - Marriage Lessons From Real Life

Hall B

Zan was Joe's best friend and ministry partner in college. He loved her and wanted to know how she felt about him. Even though they had never dated, Joe proposed out of the blue during their junior year—and Zan didn't speak to him for a month! In spite of this rocky start, the Tylers have thoroughly enjoyed more than 40 years of marriage. They've experienced abundant joys and triumphs and have weathered many storms. Among Joe's responsibilities at home, he is in charge of attitude adjustments and comic relief. Zan says, "Being able to laugh through the years has helped me survive things like threats of jail, the pressures of homeschooling, and the stress of life in general!" Enjoy this refreshing session of laughter and encouragement as Joe and Zan share candidly about the ups and downs of married life—including their biggest fight ever—while focusing on principles that have served to form the unshakeable foundation of their marriage. You'll learn how embracing the magnificent biblical vision of marriage is the key to a vibrant relationship

Session 5

10:30- 11:20 AM

Joe Tyler - Making an Impact: The Vision of a Homeschool Dad & Husband

Hall B

A mobile phone commercial features an NBA point guard trying to play basketball blindfolded. Because he can't see the goal, he's never sure if he's scoring. Too often, men take on the multifaceted roles of husband, father, shepherd, principal, coach, and disciplinarian without the vision necessary to define and accomplish their ultimate goal. With humor and real-world examples, Joe Tyler helps you define the goal and shares how to discover the divinely appointed means of achieving it. You may even learn the secret to making your wife deliriously happy, turning your home into a peaceful kingdom, ensuring your children are successful beyond measure, and placing your father-in-law in awe of your great accomplishments. Join Joe for a robust discussion of what it really means to make an impact as a Christian husband and dad.

Lori Kenney & Kristin Durham -

PR Room 102

Sound of Hope: A Discussion of Foster Care and Adoption

In this discussion, veteran foster and adoptive parents Lori Kenney and Kristin Durham will share their personal experiences and insights into the complex world of foster care and adoption. Drawing from their years of experience, they will guide us through key themes and scenes from the movie *The Sound of Hope* and discuss what can be learned from these real-life situations. The workshop is for individuals at any stage of the foster care or adoption process, whether they are just beginning to consider these paths or are already navigating the complexities of fostering or adopting children.

Nancy Bjorkman - Meal Management in an Age of Fast Food

PR Room 103

Explore many ideas for managing the daily chore of feeding your family, including the benefits and methods for bulk cooking and several strategies for meal planning and preparation. Nancy will teach about the savings seen in time, energy, money, and stress levels, as well as the increased nutrition and enjoyment in sharing hospitality with others. We will then look at the how-to's for getting it done and some of the resources available to get people on their way. Once you've tried it, you'll wonder why you waited.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Session 5 Cont.

10:30 - 11:20 AM

Brian Young - Bible Contradictions: Unveiling the Truth

PR Room 104

Explore common claims of biblical contradictions and discover how a deeper understanding of Scripture reveals the Bible's inerrancy. Creation instructor, Brian will examine these supposed contradictions and demonstrate that they stem from a lack of knowledge, not flaws in the Bible. Equip yourself and your children with the confidence to defend and understand the flawless truth of God's Word.

Jared Dodd - The Christian Life

PR Room 105

How would you define the Christian life? As our nation has more and more embraced a watered down gospel, it has led us to embracing a watered down Christian life. In this message you will discover a powerful, strategically clear, and biblical presentation of the Christian life that God has graciously offered to us in Christ.

Vendor Workshops

12:00 - 12:45 PM

Christina Rondeau - Classical Conversations - Experience the Classical

PR Room 103

Education Method

Experience Classical Education in action! We will model and practice the three arts of the trivium: grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. This interactive session will demonstrate how learning progresses throughout a student's life.

Sylladot - Reading Problem? Let's Fix It!

PR Room 104

Is your child experiencing reading difficulties? This workshop uses a question/answer format to tailor the content for your child's specific needs. After 42 years of experience, I have seen and fixed almost every reading problem imaginable. Come prepared with your questions. I want to help your child become a successful reader.

1:00 - 1:50 PM

Session 6

Hall B

Zan Tyler - Running the Homeschool Marathon: Ten Training Tips

Homeschooling is more like running a twenty-six mile marathon than a one-hundred yard dash. If you want to complete this race successfully, you must train in a way that builds strength, stamina, and vision and enables you to persevere until the end. Fellow homeschool-marathon runner Zan Tyler discusses lofty topics like how to create and sustain vision, but she also shares the down-to-earth need-to-know tips like pacing yourself, choosing curriculum, and developing homeschool mentors and friends. You'll come away with a plan that will enable you to run with endurance the race that lies before you.

Seann Dikkers - Play More

PR Room 102

It's easy to recognize how valuable play is to our children. They love it! It is not so easy to convince ourselves that play is actually learning too.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Session 6 cont.

1:00 - 1:50 PM

Nancy Bjorkman - Engaging Early Learners

PR Room 103

What should “school” look like for early learners? What things are developmentally appropriate for the younger ages? How do we keep our “Littles” appropriately occupied while homeschooling their siblings? This fun and informative session will provide a plethora of ideas specifically geared to engage your pre- and elementary-age children. Nancy will share resources, fun games, toddler tips, and easy activities, all designed to help parents think outside the box when it comes to “doing school.”

Brian Young -

PR Room 104

Pharaohs of the Bible: Unearthing the Truth in Egyptian Records

Delve into the fascinating intersections of biblical accounts and Egyptian history with Creation Instructor, Brian Young. Discover evidence of Joseph in Egyptian records, the Israelites in Egypt, and Pharaohs' interactions with Abraham, Moses, Josiah and more. Find out why this is a foundational subject for Christians as Brian will present archaeological findings supporting the Scriptures, challenging secular views, and emphasizing a Biblical worldview. Equip yourself with knowledge to teach your children the harmony between the Bible and historical evidence, reinforcing their faith.

Jared Dodd - Rites of Passage

PR Room 105

The goal of every Christian parent is to raise their children to be men and women of God. (not mere boys and girls). In this message we discuss practical ways to implement the ancient tradition of Rites of Passage. For many families, this is the ultimate building block for the maturing of their children.

Session 7

2:15 - 3:05 PM

Zan Tyler - The Power of Positive Words and Conversation

Hall B

Conversation is a potent tool that carries with it the power of life and death, and lays the foundation for deep and meaningful relationships. Conversation is an essential tool in discipling your children. Research even indicates that conversation increases intelligence in children and teens. In this workshop Zan Tyler reveals how you can utilize the simple—and free—tool of conversation to help your children become more motivated learners. Learn strategies you can take home and implement tomorrow to increase joy in learning and minimize conflict in your family, too. You'll come away convinced that conversation IS core curriculum.

Andrea Black -

PR Room 102

Homeschooling High School: Preparing Your High Schooler for the Next Step

Preparing your teen for their first steps out of your home is critical to their future success as a follower of Jesus Christ. We launched six children into the world, each one with completely different goals and aspirations. From college prep to apprentice opportunities, equipping your child with the tools to help them be successful is challenging and rewarding. I'll share examples and lessons learned from our journey as well as leave time to hear from other veteran homeschoolers so you don't feel alone in the critical mission to prepare your teen to launch.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Session 7 Cont.

Nancy Bjorkman - Language Arts in the Real World

PR Room 103

Get a fresh perspective on this subject that frequently frustrates or confuses homeschool parents. Gain insight into the natural sequence of language learning and explore developmentally appropriate tips and tools to enhance growth. We'll discuss the stages that are input or output, what's essential, and how to set goals for different seasons. Topics covered will include phonics, reading, penmanship, grammar, spelling, creative and formal writing, and literature.

Dennis Zmija & Jackie Zuiderhof - ASVAB, Scholarships, & Careers

PR Room 104

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Jared Dodd - The Spirit of the Age

PR Room 105

Nearly 50% of evangelical Christians agree with the premise that people are basically good. This simple statement has consequences that eventually unravel Christian liberty, morality, and the gospel itself. In this session we will expose this Spirit of the Age, and discuss how to equip our sons and daughters to fight against it.

Keynote Address

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Zan Tyler -

Hall B

Ten Lessons I learned on the Way to Jail: Empowering You and Your Kids to Stand for Freedom

When Zan Tyler was threatened with jail in 1984 for teaching her son at home, she was forced to count the costs of homeschooling and decide if it was really worth it. Zan learned powerful lessons about fighting for freedom, family, and faith—lessons we need again today! Our nation is at a crossroads where the liberties we've often taken for granted are at stake. We are one lawsuit, bad law, or treaty away from seeing our right to homeschool erode, and we must all work to preserve our freedoms while intentionally raising up a new generation of freedom fighters. This session will encourage and equip you with powerful principles to share with your children and teens.

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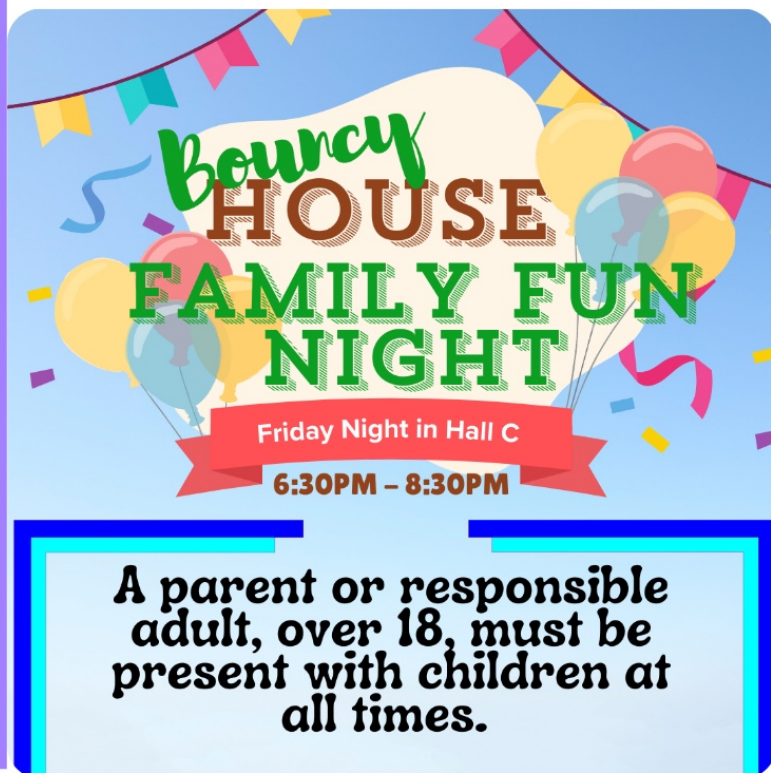
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Friday @ 12:00 - 12:45 - PR 103
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MIDDLE SCHOOL Sessions

FRIDAY

10:30-11:20 AM

Adventures In Storytelling Part 1 with Rinnah & Reanna Knight

1:00-1:50 PM

White Cross Bandage Making with LeAnn Lindteigen

2:15-3:05 PM

Science vs. Evolution with Luke Miller

3:30-4:20 PM

Knot Tying with Alora Woodruff

SATURDAY

10:30-11:20 AM

Adventures In Storytelling Part 2 with Rinnah & Reanna Knight

1:00-1:50 PM

How to Share the Gospel with LeAnn Lindteigen

2:15-3:05 PM

Plant Identification with Alora Woodruff

You do not need to pre-register for these. Show up early for the class of your choice as they fill up quickly.

PR 101

MIDDLE SCHOOL Sessions

FRIDAY

10:30-11:20 AM

Nutrition with Lori Slaubaugh

1:00-1:50 PM

Craft with Betsy Gross

2:15-3:05 PM

Beginning Music Theory with Theresa Deckert

3:30-4:20 PM

Find Your Blood Type with Lori Slaubaugh

SATURDAY

10:30-11:20 AM

Guided Painting with Betsy Gross - (Please wear appropriate clothing)

1:00-1:50 PM

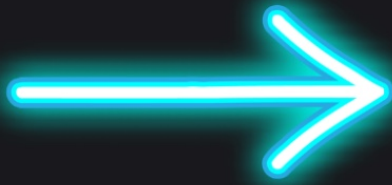
Science Proves God with Luke Miller

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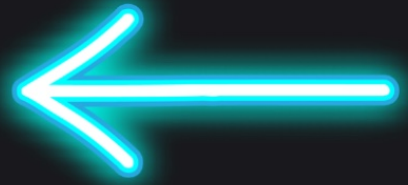
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2025 TEEN TRACK



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FRIDAY:

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

SESSION 1 - PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

SESSION 2 - FIGHTING APATHY

2:15 PM - 3:05 PM

SESSION 3 - DEFINING MOMENTS

3:30 PM - 4:20 PM

FREE PERIOD (FEEL FREE
TO ATTEND ANOTHER SESSION)

SATURDAY:

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

SESSION 1 - SIGNS OF THE TIMES

1:00 PM - 2 PM

SESSION 2 - CAREER FAIR SESSION

2:15 PM - 3:05 PM

SESSION 3 - REVELATION GENERATION

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Teen Track Session Descriptions

Friday/Session 1 - Practical Apologetics:

The deception of the Enemy in our modern world seems overwhelming at times, especially for our young people. Is there scientific evidence for God? Does faith deny logic and reason? Chuck tackles these challenging questions and offers solid answers through practical apologetics.

Session 2 - Fighting Apathy:

More than ever before, raising teenagers that care about their faith is hard, especially in a culture that is quickly becoming increasingly hostile toward Christians. When a child enters those confusing years, the enemy uses dozens of weapons to rob them of their faith. Spiritual apathy is insidious and perhaps the most destructive of all. Chuck and his wife raised six children in this age of technology, learning to fight back against teen apathy and ultimately helping their children's faith not only survive, but thrive.

Session 3 - Defining Moments:

Every person has a dozen or so defining moments in their life that have the ability to change their future. Many people don't recognize them or at the very least, don't allow them to significantly impact their lives like God has intended them to. Chuck shares life examples, biblical lessons, and encouragement on how to recognize and respond to your next defining moment so that you are blessed, the kingdom is advanced, and your future is filled with purpose.

Saturday/Session 1 - Signs of the Times:

Biblical prophecy is being fulfilled in our lives today. God gave Daniel a profound prophecy regarding the coming of Jesus Christ and our Lord rebuked the people for not knowing the time of His coming. During His ministry, Jesus warned us over and over again to watch for Him that we might not be ashamed at His second coming. This session will help believers understand the signs of our times and help them prepare for that great day. This cliff notes Bible study of the End Times explores the three most common interpretations of the second coming of Christ. Chuck's non-dogmatic interpretation aligns predominantly with the pre-millennial view, but he finds great value in carefully considering varying biblical views held by Christian Bible scholars that teach other end time perspectives. The primary focus for this session will be to help believers prepare for future challenging days that will test their faith. Scripture reference for this session will be Matthew 24 and Revelation.

Session 2 - Career Fair:

This is a great opportunity for teens to visit with business owners who may have opportunities for them for the future. A full list of the business owners attending will be in your convention bag.

Session 3 - Revelation Generation:

Twenty-six hundred years ago, three teenagers stood in defiance to a powerful king. In our world of entertainment-minded youth, are we doing enough to prepare them for the possibility of challenging days ahead? Chuck encourages parents and teens to 'Know What You Believe', 'Know What's Coming', and 'Know What You Will Do' so that if the day should come, we will stand and not bow!



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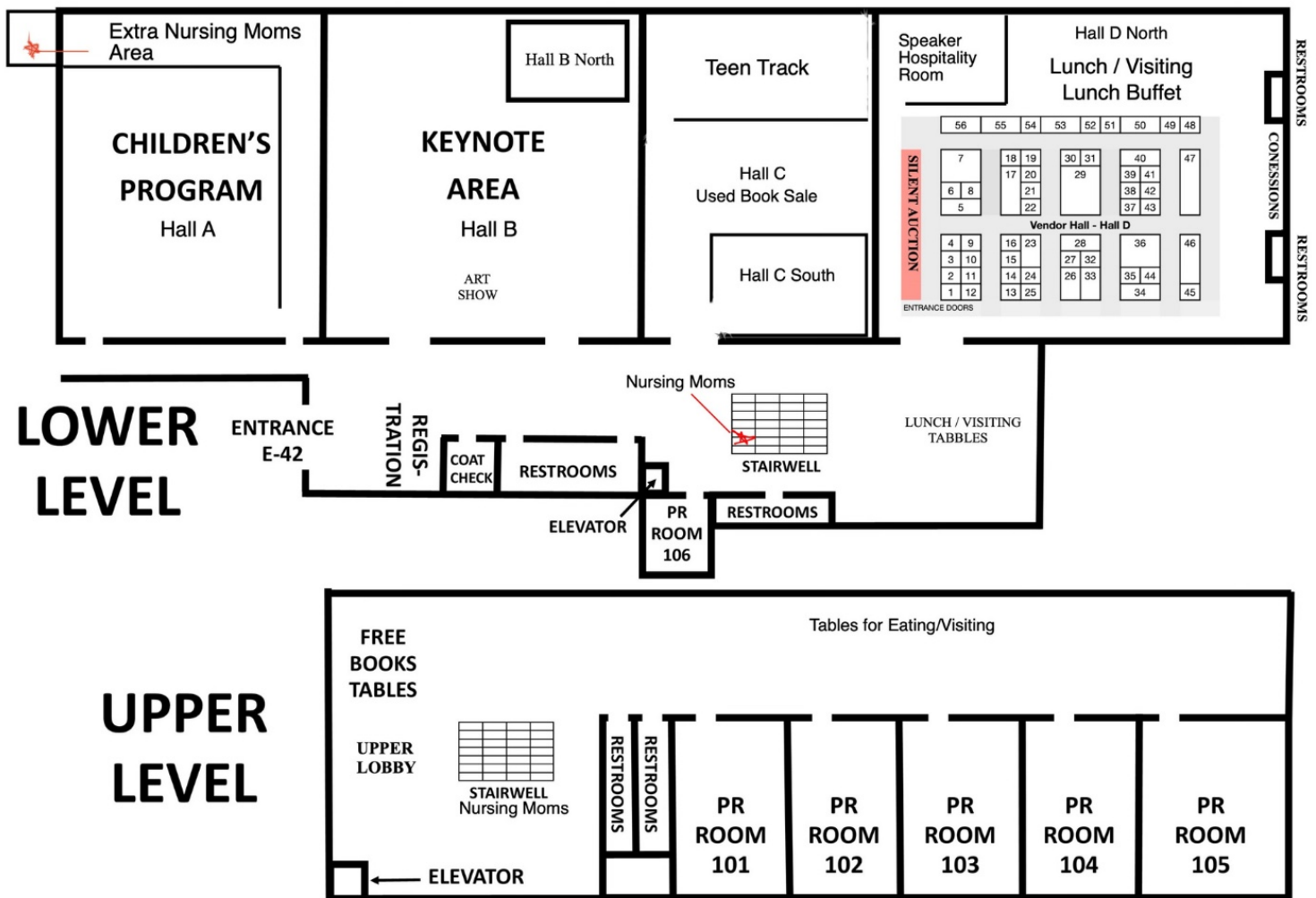
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10:30 -11:20 AM	Zan Tyler - Raising Children With a Biblical Worldview	Theresa Deckert - Getting Started in North Dakota	Nancy Bjorkman - What's Your Story	Brian Young - Creation in Evangelism	Midwife Panel - Home-Birth & Midwifery 101	Rinnah & Reanna Knight - Adventures in Storytelling	Lori Slaubaugh - Nutrition
12:00-12:45 PM		BJU Press Homeschool - Unravel the Frazzle	Special Needs Lunch Discussion (Bring Your Own Lunch)	Sylladot - Reading Problem? Let's Fix It!			
1:00-1:50 PM	Zan Tyler - The Unexpected Adventure of Serving Others	Joe Tyler - Impact of Social Media on Our Daughters	Lori Wentz - Special Needs: Social Skills for Every Child	Brian Young - Mt. Saint Helens	Jared Dodd - Homeschooling 101	LeAnn Lindteigen - White Cross Bandage Making	Betsy Gross - Craft
2:15-3:05 PM	Zan Tyler - Overcoming Homeschool Burnout	Andrea Black - Homeschooling High School: Navigating the Social Minefield	Carrie Woodruff & Heather Schwartz - Going Through the Change: From Full House to Empty Nest	Brian Young - Amazing Animals: Evidence of Divine Design	Jared Dodd - The Power of the Meal Table	Luke Miiller - Science vs. Evolution	Theresa Deckert - Beginning Music Theory
3:30-4:20 PM	Joe Tyler - Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World - For Men Only	Karen Cameron Friesen - Additional Learning Needs a Neuro-Educational Perspective	Nancy Bjorkman - Math Outside the Book	Brian Young - Noah Time Before	Jared Dodd - The Story of Liberty	Alora Woodruff - Knot Tying	Lori Slaubaugh - Find Your Blood Type

Saturday

	Keynote Hall B	Praire Rose Room 102	Prairie Rose Room 103	Praire Rose Room 104	Prairie Rose Room 105	Prairie Rose Room 106	Ages 10-13 PR Praire Rose Room 101
8:45-10:00 AM	HALL OF FAME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Joe & Zan Tyler: Real Life Marriage Lessons						
10:30 -11:20 AM	Joe Tyler - The Vision of a Homeschool Dad & Husband	Lori Kenney & Kristin Durham - Sound of Hope: A Discussion of Foster Care & Adoption	Nancy Bjorkman - Meal Management in an Age of Fast Food	Brian Young - Bible Contradictions: Unveiling the Truth	Jared Dodd - The Christian Life	Rinnah & Reanna Knight - Adventures in Storytelling 2	Betsy Gross - Guided Painting
12:00-12:45 PM		Foster & Adoptive Parents Lunch Discussion (Bring Your Own Lunch)	Classical Conversations - Experience Classical Education	Sylladot - Reading Problems			
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3:30-4:30 PM	Graduate Recognition & KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Zan Tyler - Ten Lessons I Learned on the Way to Jail						

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