

2015 Conference Workshop Schedule

G	General Interest to All Parents
T	Teens
B	Beginners and Inquirers
L	Parents of Struggling Learners
Y	Parents of Young Children Preschool to Early Elementary
O	Parents of Older Elementary Age (may include middle school)
P	Parents of Teens (and possibly teens)
D	Dads
M	Moms

Conference Workshops

Leaders Session Thursday 1:15-2:15

Dr. Debra Bell, **Twenty-first Century Homeschooling: What Leaders Need to Know**—Homeschool demographics are changing and so are homeschool practices. The digital age and technology have lowered the barriers, contributing to the worldwide expansion of homeschooling. But this century's homeschoolers have different motivations, expectations and needs. This session will explore these changes and equip you with the knowledge and resources that will help you steer your organization through these changing waters. Content is drawn from Debra's dissertation study of 450 homeschool families and her experience from twenty-plus years of leadership in several homeschool organizations. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #1

Session 1 Thursday 2:30-3:30 P.M.

G John Stonestreet, **How We (mis)Handle the Scripture: Teaching the Bible Biblically**—It's not enough to use the Scripture; we must also handle it rightly. In this session, John walks through some common bad habits in how we read and teach the Bible and then offers a framework for understanding and teaching it to our students. (Room A) CD/MP3 #2

T G J. Warner Wallace, **The Cold-Case Reliability of the Gospels**—Are the Gospels reliable accounts of the life, ministry and death of Jesus? In this presentation (utilizing examples from his investigative work), Jim examines the reliability of the Gospels in a broad overview of his book, *Cold-Case Christianity*. This session will teach the difference between direct and circumstantial evidence as it makes a four pronged case for the reliability of the eyewitness Gospel accounts. Participants, after applying the template jurors use to confirm the reliability of the Gospels, will emerge with greater confidence in the reliability of the accounts. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #3

G Jim Weiss, **George Washington, Role Model: Teaching American History**—America's remarkable Founding Fathers all agreed that George Washington was the greatest of them all. What personal characteristics set him apart? How did Washington's choices affect the situations and the people around him? How can we use his example to teach our children to identify and use their unique gifts and to make wise, ethical decisions? In this inspiring session, Jim Weiss tells true stories of the man who led a revolution, refused a crown, played an essential role in writing and ratifying the Constitution, permanently shaped the American presidency and our system of government, and then left it all behind for a private life. Here is an analysis of Washington that will serve as a lifelong, useful inspiration to your and your children. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #4

P Kathryn Gomes, **Six Secrets of a Successful College-Prep Math Program**—High school math at home can be an intimidating endeavor. How are you going to teach your kids algebra, trigonometry or even calculus? Further, will they be prepared by the time they graduate for college-level work? In this session, Kathryn provides practical solutions to some of the common pitfalls of teaching math at home. She also shows you how to harness the strengths of homeschooling to create a competitive high school program. Whether your child is STEM-minded or focused on the humanities, you'll leave this session with a concrete four-year plan. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #5

G B Kristen Eckenwiler, **Seven Things about Homeschooling I Have to Keep Re-learning**—Whether you are a beginning homeschooler, or a seasoned veteran, you have core truths that call you back to your greatest success. Join Kristen as she shares her personal list of seven insights she wishes someone had told her about homeschooling. Her passion for homeschooling and encouraging spirit are sure to help you move forward with renewed enthusiasm. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #6

O P T Diane Allen and Marjorie H. McIlvaine, **Online Instruction: The New Frontier**—Online education is exploding! It can work hand-in-glove with homeschooling, or it can be an expensive error and a time-waster. What are the pros and cons? Some classes are free, and some are costly—what's the difference? Are they worth the cost? And maybe the most important question—can we go to class in our jammies? Between them, Diane and Marji have homeschooled nine children, and both have graduated their last student. Their experience with online instruction extends from the parent side to the teacher experience. They have seen the pros and cons from both sides. They can offer information only a handful of people can. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #7

Y James and Tanya Dickens, **Striving Past the Culture of Mediocrity**—Our kids need our support and encouragement but not to their detriment. If we're not careful, we can unintentionally set our kids up for failure. Our homeschools should challenge our children to do their best in whatever activity they choose to pursue and to set high, yet achievable standards for themselves that far exceed average expectations. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #8

G Angela Highsmith Armstrong, **Getting Unstuck! Moving from Surviving to Thriving!**—Are you working hard and getting things done but still feeling like giving up? Or maybe you've finally "surviving," but you still don't feel satisfied and aren't sure where to go from here. Stop grinding your wheels and find out how to get your homeschool moving in the right direction again. Angela will share strategies on how to move from just surviving to thriving. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #9

Session 2 Thursday 4:00-5:00 P.M.

D Steve Lambert, **For Men Only**—Literally, this workshop is for men only. We'll deal head on with adult topics as we talk about how you can provide the kind of support and atmosphere that will help your wife become the teacher she was called to be—and how to help your children become the men and women they were called to be. At age sixty-five, veteran homeschooler Steve Lambert shares the straight and sometimes not-so-pretty truth that we men need to hear. The truth is simple: How you interact with your wife and your children, and how you carry yourself, will have a tremendous impact on your children and your grandchildren. (Room A) CD/MP3 #10

T G J. Warner Wallace, **Belief That vs. Belief In**—In this workshop, you will discover the power and confidence of evidence. What is the difference between believing *that* something is

true and actually trusting *in* it? Jim describes how to deepen one's confidence and trust in the Bible and Christian worldview. This session utilizes several pieces of equipment from Jim's law enforcement career (including his bullet proof vest) to illustrate the difference between belief that and belief in. Participants will be encouraged to take an additional step of commitment and trust as they learn the important relationship between evidence and confidence. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #11

G Debra Bell, **Eight Reasons Kids Learn Best at Home**—If we started with what the research tells us about how kids learn best and built a school from the ground up, we'd build a home! Learn the critical factors that help explain why homeschooled kids succeed—and what you can do to keep the windows of wonder open in your home. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #12

G Andrew Kern, **What Is Christian Classical Education (and How Do I Do It)?**—Is it just another passing educational fad, or does it express something essential? Is it only for a select few, or is it for everybody? Arguing that Christian classical education is for everybody who wants an education, this presentation strives to define what the words mean and to provide initial (often surprising) guidance on how to bring it home. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #13

P Debbie Mason, **Homeschooling High School**—The thought of teaching high school can be intimidating for many homeschoolers, causing them to question their competence. Debbie will show you how you can accomplish this challenging task. She will cover topics such as what to do before high school starts, what courses your student needs and where to get them, what the law says and how to deal with co-ops and testing. She will touch on what to do along the way to prepare for college. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #14

G B Kevin McClain, **Homeschooler Identities: Looking at Research**—You are a homeschooler, sure, but to what degree is homeschooling part of your identity? Research indicates that the significance placed on the role of parent-educator by homeschoolers varies greatly. This workshop looks at sociological research focused on the homeschooler's identity as a way to discuss and evaluate the diversity that exists within the homeschool movement. This information is useful for developing one's own practices and understanding the practices of others. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #15

T P Jonathan Paul Shockey, **If Considering Military Service, Prepare for Battle**—Whether to satisfy a desire to serve in the military or to attain personal development and future benefits, volunteers need to prepare to meet requirements and to increase chances of serving as envisioned. Preparation is especially needed if the applicant desires to be a special operator or a commissioned officer, and even more so if the hope is to obtain an ROTC scholarship or an appointment to a military academy. This seminar will identify the requirements associated with many of the options available and will suggest preparations that will increase a home-educated student's chances of achieving specific aims. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #16

M Y O Janice Campbell, **Become the Mom You Want Your Children to Remember**—Before we ever begin homeschooling, our children are learning life lessons from the way we live. Join me to consider timeless ideas from Charlotte Mason and others on developing noble character, good habits and helpful routines, not just for children, but also for parents. Learn to focus on things that truly matter in order to become the mom you want your children to remember. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #17

Session 3 Thursday, 5:20-6:20 P.M.

G T John Stonestreet, **Same-Sex Marriage: What Now?**—More people now live in states with same-sex marriage than those that live in states without it, and with this social revolution

comes a lot of questions for people who adhere to the biblical definition of sexuality and marriage. In this session, John offers a framework to understand the issue, as well as answers to many of the practical questions we all now face. (Room A) CD/MP3 #18

G Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson, **What Makes “Christian” Parenting Christian?**—We long to parent from hearts of love for our Christian faith, but are we missing the heart of our Christian faith in our parenting? In this workshop, you will learn how to bring that faith into your parenting. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #19

P Dara Halydier, **Gracefully Letting Go: Preparing You and Your Teen for the Next Step**—You've raised them to know right from wrong. You've schooled them through history, math, reading and science. You've driven them to practices and games, competitions and ceremonies. You've fed them, wiped their tears and showed them the way. You have introduced them to Jesus and encouraged them to have a relationship with their Lord. Now it is time for them to fly on their own. Are they ready? Are you ready? Dara will address concerns of teens and their parents as they enter the next phase of life called adulthood. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #20

B Charles Nettles, **Getting Started and the Homeschool Law**—Deciding to homeschool is a big decision for a family and you will have many questions. Where do I begin? How do I start? What does the law say? Do I need a classroom? Do I have the ability to teach my children? Will they listen to me? *Yes*, you can homeschool successfully! These and many other questions will be answered by a veteran homeschool dad. This workshop is designed to help you get off on the right foot with your homeschool. Come learn from our experiences! (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #21

M Debbie Crawford and Joanne Giff, **Single, but Not Alone!**—This workshop is for moms who, due to unforeseen circumstances in their lives, are now single and struggling with all of the trials and challenges that come with the decision to homeschool. Debbie and Joanne are going to share their stories about God's hand on their lives, and encouragement, and ideas for ways to homeschool as a single parent. The focus will be on moms. Also, we will have a Q&A time to learn more about what is needed by single parents. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #22

P T Brian Wasko, **The Most Fascinating Discussion of Grammar in the History of the World (or Your Money Back!)**—There is perhaps no subject more intrinsically boring than grammar. Maybe that's why students don't get it, and we hate teaching it. In this workshop, you'll learn that grammar *ain't* so hard, and that it can actually (sometimes) be (sort of) fun(ish). Brian will answer the most common questions: why we should teach it, when we should teach it and how we should teach it. Plus, you'll get to take the World's Trickiest Grammar Quiz. But wait! There's more: Brian will reveal the secret that guarantees that your students will never make a grammar error in their writing again! How can you pass that up? (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #23

G Jessica Frierson, **Order in the Heart, Order in the Home**—In order to homeschool effectively, there must be order in the home. With a household of eleven, Jessica has had the opportunity to learn by necessity how to keep (relatively) clean clothes on the children, get three healthy meals each day, have school time and still stay sane (again, relatively speaking). From the age of two, her children are assigned a weekly chore. Whether training one child or a houseful, you will find helpful ideas in this workshop on how to organize your home, life and homeschool. The heart of this workshop is to teach how to reach the hearts of your children in order for them to become self-disciplined, considerate, responsible, individuals who pursue God. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #24

Thursday Keynote 7:30-9:00 P.M.

G Steve Lambert, **Raising World Changers**—Do you want your children to achieve something greater than simple academic proficiency? Are you shaping lives that can impact our culture? Do you pray for your children to accomplish greater things than you've accomplished? Do you have gifted children who have unimaginable potential? Veteran homeschooler Steve Lambert brings thirty-five years of experience to bear on the subject of how to help your children to change their world. Learn how to pass the baton to the next generation with hope and expectancy in a world that grows darker by the day. (Room A) CD/MP3 #25

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

G T Jon Erwin, **Teaching Your Kids to Dream**—“*Dream big. Dream bold. Dream the impossible.*” These are the words my father constantly reaffirmed as I grew up. In an age of fierce competition and a rapidly changing world, it's never been more important to instill in our kids an early belief that they can pursue and achieve their dreams. In this session, Jon will go over how his parents didn't give him his dreams but supported the ones he had, why homeschoolers have a unique competitive advantage in the marketplace and how we have unprecedented opportunities as Christians in the workplace. He'll also share his dream for the future of the Christian film business. (Room A) CD/MP3 #26

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

O P John Stonestreet, **About the “Talk”: Preparing Students for a Culture of Sexual Brokenness**—We live in a sexually broken culture that is claiming a lot of victims. Is it possible to help students be sexually whole? In this session, John walks through some must-know facets of our culture and offers guidance for mentoring students with truth, hope, and goodness. (Room A) CD/MP3 #27

T G J. Warner Wallace, **The Cold Case for God's Existence**—Is there enough evidence to conclude that we are living in a universe created by a personal God as described in the Bible? Jim examines lines of evidence from the Cosmological Argument, the Teleological Argument and the Axiological Argument. This session will demonstrate the circumstantial case for the existence of God. Participants will learn how to make three cases for God's existence and respond to common objections. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #28

G Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson, **How to Raise a True Believer Instead of a Pharisee**—We all long for obedient children, but is mere obedience the goal of truly Christian parenting, or is there something more? In this workshop, you will learn about the different types of obedience and the one true obedience that matters. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #29

T P Kathryn Gomes, **Homeschool to Campus: Ten Things You Should Know Before You Leave Home**—Based on interviews with other homeschool graduates, this seminar will help you prepare for the great transition from home to a secular, Christian or community college campus. Learn from the experiences of others and get a more realistic picture of what the transitional years ahead might hold for you. Here are the important practical, social, academic and spiritual skills to focus on now so that you are prepared. Bonus: Kathryn also throws in her perspective on dating, courtship and choosing a spouse! (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #30

G Debbie Mason, **Avoiding Burnout**—Burnout is a common problem for homeschooling moms. If we want to thrive and persevere in homeschooling, we need to avoid this syndrome. Debbie will explain what it is, what causes it, its symptoms and how to prevent or remedy it.

(South Main 3) CD/MP3 #31

L Y O Kristen Eckenwiler, **Do You Have a Struggling Reader?**—Does your son or daughter seem to be faltering in her or her efforts to learn to read? Is it the curriculum? Is it you? Based on current research, Kristen and her husband have designed this workshop to help parents better understand the most essential elements of the reading process, along with those critical ingredients that must be emphasized to produce a successful, capable reader. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #32

B Mike and Ronda Marshall, **Choosing Curriculum**—Whether you're a rookie or have been teaching for a few years, choosing curriculum can be daunting. A former curriculum junkie will share experiences to help you avoid wasting money on things that won't work for you. How do you make sense of all the choices and find the best options for your family? If you want to maximize your homeschool dollars and end up with the best materials for your child, join us for this session. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #33

G Mark Fox, **How to Raise Kids To Be Best Friends**—Mark and Cindy Fox have raised six of their seven children to adulthood, with their youngest closing in fast at nearly sixteen years old. All seven are best friends today and enjoy close fellowship, but it wasn't always that way. Mark and some of his adult children will share how God worked in their family to develop good relationships that will last a lifetime. You will hear stories of how they dealt with the inevitable sibling rivalries and conflicts and how they learned to love and serve each other in a busy homeschool. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #34

Session 5 Friday 12:30-1:30 P.M.

T Jon Erwin, **How to “Break In”—Getting a Job in the Entertainment Business**—Many young homeschoolers have a dream of working in the film business as an actor or filmmaker. In fact, they have a unique competitive edge to work in film—if they know how to use it. In this session, we will explore the fastest and most effective path into the business, how to stay strong as a Christian and how to develop character traits that will make you indispensable. (Room A) CD/MP3 #35

P T J. Warner Wallace, **Who’s Waiting for Your Kids?**—Why do so many young people walk away from Christianity in their college years? What are the challenges they will face in college? Is there something we can do as the Church to help young people hold on to the truth? In this presentation, Jim illustrates the challenge facing young college-aged Christians. This session will also provide an important and unique approach to addressing the dilemma. Participants will learn how to protect themselves and their children from being unduly persuaded by the errant secular worldview. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #36

G Debra Bell, **Education by Design: Understanding God’s Blueprint for Your Child**—The human brain is the most complex creation in the universe, and it is hard-wired by God for learning. In the same way that aerobic exercise keeps our hearts healthy, intellectual activity keeps our brains healthy. This session provides an overview of how our brain processes and organizes information and the individual differences we should recognize and accommodate in each of our children. We will look at ways to build conceptual understanding and talk about the three essential ingredients necessary for optimal learning. By the end of the session, you will have a deeper understanding of God’s eternal purposes in His design of each of your children. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #37

D Jim Weiss, **The Loving Father: The Why and How of Dads Telling Stories**—In an age in which children receive many competing and confusing messages, stories are among the

greatest gifts that a father can give his child. Long before Jim Weiss turned his passion for telling stories into a profession, he told stories to his own child. A generation before that, Jim and his brother listened to stories from their father and grandfather. The results were a lifelong love of reading, an unquenchable thirst to learn, a passionate ability to listen, and a profound sense of passing along the central beliefs of those who came before us. In this session meant especially for dads, Jim will share his own experiences and demonstrate clear ways to transmit our beliefs and credos, as well as show our children how much we love them through the stories we share. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #38

M Cathy Barnett, **Let's Get Organized!**—Feeling overwhelmed with the clutter and chaos? Do you wish you could just hire a maid to handle the laundry or vacuum the floors? Do you lose valuable time hunting for things that have been misplaced? We all know that it is hard to keep a house clean and neat when we are homeschooling with all the projects and everyday messes. As a mom of ten, Cathy will share some strategies that will help you conquer the clutter and find a sense of peace in your home. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #39

B Diane Allen and Mari Fitz-Wynn, **Elements of Style: How to Homeschool in the Twenty-first Century**—Are you confused while considering or contemplating homeschooling your children? This workshop is designed to help guide parents in making the decision to homeschool. We will discuss the variety of pathways available to help families make solid choices and arrive at their destination. Tradition—techie—tutors: What is the right fit for your family? What fits your lifestyle, your budget or your education goals? This workshop, presented by two veteran homeschool moms, will provide guidance, suggestions and recommendations on what's available to help you to become skilled, satisfied and successful with homeschooling in the twenty-first century! (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #40

P Dr. Brent J. Aucoin, **Preparing Your Children for College-Level History Courses**—A history professor who has taught at a large state university and currently teaches at a Christian college provides advice on how homeschooled students can best prepare for and successfully complete college-level history courses. In addition, this workshop examines the advantages and disadvantages of majoring in history and the career prospects for those who do so. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #41

L Angela Wilkinson, **Learning Differences: Teaching to Your Child's Unique Learning Style**—One of the freedoms of homeschooling your children, is that it can be completely individualized in an excellent learning environment. Learn how to identify your child's primary learning modality and incorporate interventions, strategies and curriculum choice to best address your child's unique learning style. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #42

Session 6 Friday 2:00-3:00 P.M.

T John Stonestreet, **Discovering God's Will: How to Know What to Do with Your Life**—What should I do with my life? What does God have planned for me? The journey of pursuing God's will must take into account who He's made us to be, where we live, and our closest relationships. In this session, John helps students pursue a life, not just a living. (Room A) CD/MP3 #43

T G Jon Erwin, **The Importance of Storytelling**—Dan Pink, in his book *A Whole New Mind* points out that our brains are literally wired for story. Is it any wonder that over 60% of the Bible is in story form? In this session, learn the basic parts of a story and why stories have such an incredible emotional impact. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #44

G Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson, **Good Parenting in, Good Kids Out**—Are parents ultimately responsible for the salvation of their children, or is that a burden no parent should carry? If we believe that God saves our children, then how does that affect the focus of our parenting? If our focus is not fear for their souls, what should it be? (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #45

P Dara Halydier, **High School Fun! All the Subjects without All the Textbooks**—Textbooks have their place, but all textbooks and no fun makes a lot of homeschoolers want to throw schooling out the window! Dara will share ideas about how to carry on the spontaneity of homeschooling fun through the high school years without compromising the necessary knowledge needed to get into college. Having five boys in or through college, she has insight and experience about what is really required to attend college. She will inspire your creative genius to think outside the textbook box and enjoy the last few years your teenager will be at home. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #46

M B Amanda Wares, **The Girlfriend's Guide to Homeschooling or "All the Things No One Tells You"**—You've read the books, researched curriculum, talked to other homeschool parents—you're ready, right? Or maybe you've started homeschooling and discovered that the reality doesn't necessarily match up to what you thought. Should you quit? Come, be encouraged from a mom who has been there, done that, and is still homeschooling after ten years! (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #47

L Y O Kristen Eckenwiler, **Strategies to Teach a Struggling Reader**—By request, this workshop is offered to provide practical application of the five key elements of reading discussed in the workshop, "Do You Have a Struggling Reader?" Whether you attended the earlier workshop or not, you will be blessed by learning about teaching strategies and innovative activities that not only give you fresh ideas for more effective teaching but will also help you better understand the essentials for reading success. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #48

G Kelly Rogers, **"We're in the Army Now!" Homeschooling and the Military Life**—Military moves, deployments, missing friends—can we homeschool in the military environment? You certainly can! See how home education is very advantageous to the military life, and explore the many ways you can discover the benefits of travel, a relaxed schedule, forging new friendships and realizing the richness in new locations you will visit. We will cover the benefits of home education while enjoying the advantages of the military lifestyle. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #49

6 G T D. Kevin Brown, **Why Don't They Believe Like I Do?**—Can our children grow up in a homeschool environment and still reject what we've taught them? The answer is: yes. How does this happen? Why do some children reject biblical teaching and develop an unbiblical worldview and what can we do about it? We'll identify those factors in this session and look at ways to equip our children to be able to combat and overcome the attacks on a Christian worldview. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #50

Session 7 Friday 3:30-4:30 P.M.

G Steve Lambert, **Becoming Your Child's Favorite Teacher**—Conflict creates heartache for both student and teacher. Is every day a battle? Has your school become a struggle of wills? While there are no magic formulas, veteran Steve Lambert offers some ideas to help you and your student forge a positive relationship so that learning can flourish and you can enjoy one another's company. Steve and his wife began homeschooling thirty-five years ago, and he brings the freedom that comes with age and perspective. You'll find hope for the journey and ideas for

your daily routine. Learn to make homeschooling the joyous experience you dreamed it could be. (Room A) CD/MP3 #51

T G J. Warner Wallace, **Cold Case Resurrection**—Why should we believe that Jesus truly rose from the dead? Aren't there other more reasonable explanations? In this presentation, Jim examines abductive reasoning and provides a template for examining the Resurrection of Jesus. This session will examine the competing explanations for the resurrection and provide guidelines for inferring to the most reasonable conclusion. Participants will develop a proper understanding of the difference between possible and reasonable as they embrace important critical thinking skills. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #52

G Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson, **Practical Help for Christian Parents**—In this workshop, Elyse and Jessica will give you practical helps to share the gospel with your children in every day circumstances. Sharing the gospel is more than devotional; it is the very core of all that we should be doing with our children. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #53

T P Kathryn Gomes, **Five Ways God Used Homeschooling to Strengthen My Faith and Prepare Me to Engage the World**—There will always be a math lesson, science project or research paper clamoring for your immediate attention. But are you seeing the bigger picture? How is God using homeschooling to work in your child's heart? In this session, Kathryn shares how God used homeschooling to build her faith and develop her character. Drawing on examples from her own life, she'll bring a fresh reminder of how the challenges that your child is facing today are preparing him or her for a life of service in God's kingdom. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #54

M Laurie Lollar, **Homeschooling in the Furnace**—Homeschooling can be stressful even under ideal conditions. But when the storms of life hit, it can feel impossible. Laurie wants to encourage you in persevering through the most painful trials of life and share how to prove God's grace in the unexpected disasters, both great and small. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #55

G Caryn Hommel and Marjorie H. McIlvaine, **Foreign Language and Homeschooling—the Adventure Begins!**—From kindergarten through high school, foreign language study can be an effective and fun part of your homeschool. Marji and Caryn will give you the tools to figure out which methods of teaching are used by the various curricula so you can make an educated choice and avoid expensive mistakes. We will talk about the common questions homeschoolers have: What should you look for in a curriculum? What level of proficiency can you expect? Is my kindergartner too young? How can we handle high school credit? Why isn't my child speaking the language? Come experience some of the different methods and learn about a revolutionary approach homeschoolers often overlook. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #56

L O Elizabeth Macdonald, **Struggling Readers—Fonts, Color and Visual Stress**—Do your children struggle to read for prolonged periods, struggle with tracking, suffer from headaches, complain of moving text or generally dislike reading? They may be one of the 5% of the population who suffer from visual stress. In this hands-on workshop, Elizabeth will walk you through the causes of visual stress, provide you with useful hints and tips for alleviating the symptoms and give general advice to make reading more comfortable. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #57

G Mark Fox, **How to Do Church Where Homeschoolers Thrive**—Can a church survive and even thrive if it doesn't separate families at the front door? Where do homeschoolers go and what do they do if they desire a church that supports age-integration in its ministries, believes fathers need to be equipped to lead their homes and encourages vibrant worship and missions?

Mark has pastored the same church for twenty-eight years and will share what he believes are the essentials of a healthy, thriving church. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #58

Session 8 Friday 4:50-5:50 P.M.

G T John Stonestreet, **Living What We Believe: How to Connect Belief and Behavior**—It's one thing to know the right answers, it's another to live consistently. In this session, John explores what it means to cultivate virtue in the next generation. (Room A) CD/MP3 #59

G T Jon Erwin, **The Incredible Influence of Film and Television**—Did you know that more people buy movie tickets in America than all sporting events and concerts combined? Did you know ten movie theaters opened in China today? Did you know that entertainment is America's second largest export? In this session, we will go over the incredible global power of the entertainment industry and how we, as Christians, can harness it to share the gospel worldwide. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #60

G Debra Bell, **Cultivating a Love for Learning in Our Homes**—A love for learning is a blessing God has for His children—a blessing that is meant to enrich our lives, give us purpose and draw us into a quest to know the Creator. This workshop will give you a biblical foundation for safeguarding a child's natural curiosity and joy of discovery; and will suggest ways to approach homeschooling that keeps these important elements alive and growing in your child. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #61

G Matthew McDill, **How to Stop the Fighting in Your Home**—Are you fed up with the ugly talk and fighting in your home? It's amazing that it is easier to be polite and patient with those outside the family than those we love the most! A major part of preparing our children for life is teaching them how to interact with others. In this session, we will apply biblical conflict resolution principles to the relationships in your home. You will receive practical tools for teaching your children to handle conflict (and practicing it yourself!). (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #62

P Hal and Melanie Young, **Passing the Baton**—It makes no sense to pour our lives into homeschooling only to stumble at the finish line. Passing the baton of Christian adulthood to our children can't happen overnight. Hal and Melanie talk about this critical time in our children's lives and how to transition from the Benevolent Dictator our eleven-year-olds need to the Trusted Advisor of our adult children. Let's all finish well and prepare our sons and daughters to be servants of the Most High, even when we can't make them anymore! (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #63

P T Michele Wilcher, **College Preparation and the Homeschooled Student**—This workshop will cover the basics of college selection, admissions, financial aid, the homeschool transcript and the various options for acquiring college credit while in high school. A college preparatory handbook will be emailed to all in attendance. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #64

G James and Tanya Dickens, **The Thrill of a Thriving Marriage**—Why settle for a run of the mill marriage? A successful marriage is within your reach and well worth the effort. This workshop will discuss keys to developing a thriving marriage relationship rather than one that simply endures. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #65

L Angela Wilkinson, **Let's Modify!**—Everything is good, but not everything is right. The basis of modifying curriculum is to make use of whatever it takes for a student to internalize a concept. Sometimes what you think will work, doesn't. Don't give up—take courage! Come learn different approaches and modifications for success that will make modification of curriculum easier for you! (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #66

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

G T John Stonestreet, **Have We “Lost” the Culture? God’s Command to Be People of Hope**—It’s tempting to look at everything happening in the world and despair. We may want to escape or capitulate, but Christians are called to truth and hopeful engagement. This session offers a practical theology of culture that can guide families as they raise the next generation to make a difference in the world for Christ. (Room A) CD/MP3 #67

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

G Steve Lambert, **You *Can* Do Unit Study**—Everyone talks about the magic of unit study as if it were the key that could unlock the learning kingdom. But doesn't it require creativity, preparation and resources? Isn't it easier to just let them use a stack of textbooks and workbooks? How will I know that I've covered everything? You'll learn which subjects are appropriate for unit study, how to create your own unit studies easily and inexpensively. And you'll leave with the confidence that you and your student can make the homeschooling journey into something more joyous and less tedious than what you've been experiencing. (Room A) CD/MP3 #68

T G J. Warner Wallace, **The Case for Truth**—In a relativistic, pluralistic world, how can we claim anything is objectively true? In this presentation, Jim investigates the nature of truth and tolerance. This session will examine alternative theories of truth and provide a “truth test” to illustrate the difference between material truth claims, moral truth claims and metaphysical truth claims. Participants will learn how respond to relativism in their culture as they come to understand the classic definitions of truth and tolerance. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #69

G Debra Bell, **The Six Traits of Great Writing**—From academic papers to creative writing, from poetry to prose, great writing has these six characteristics. Once you know what they are, you will know how to respond to and assess your child’s writing at every stage in the process. Rubrics and other handouts from the *Writers-in-Residence* program will be provided. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #70

P T Matthew McDill, **Ten Ways to Teach Your Children to Know God’s Will for Their Lives**—How can you know God’s will for your life? Many Christians want to know God’s will for their lives, but feel unsure how to discern it. Our children have their whole lives in front of them. They have the opportunity to avoid many mistakes and live for Christ. You can give them the understanding and encouragement necessary to know and follow God’s direction and calling. Come learn ten basic biblical principles for discerning God’s will that you can pass to your children. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #71

Y B Amanda Wares, **Homepreschooling: What to Do with Our Smallest Students**—When does homeschooling really begin? Do you need a curriculum to homeschool your preschooler? Do you need some advice on keeping those busy little guys occupied while you are schooling the older kids? This workshop will be a practical look at these youngest members of our homeschool. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #72

P Andrea Daley, **High School Smorgasbord**—Big family or small, whether high school is on your plate right now or just on your radar, this talk is for you! Glean from the wisdom and experience a mother of ten—everything you need to know for organizing and planning your child’s high school years. We will discuss topics ranging from organizing credits, dual-enrollment, GAP year, college, transcripts, SATs, application essays, to what you can expect emotionally as your senior leaves for college. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #73

G B Dee Black, **Legal Issues Affecting North Carolina Homeschoolers**—This workshop addresses the most frequent legal problems that HSLDA assists our North Carolina member families with each year and how to avoid them. It also addresses the effect of the changes to the law that were enacted in 2013 by the North Carolina General Assembly. (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #74

G L Dara Halydier, **Raising Exceptional Children: Geniuses to Those with Learning Disabilities**—Let Dara encourage you that God has a purpose for your child just the way he/she is and that God did not make a mistake! She will cover how to accept each of your children and their individual challenges, and ways to help them reach their potential. Dara and Tracy raised two boys with genius IQs and homeschooled them successfully! One of these children also had ADHD, dyslexia and Asperger's syndrome. The other three boys were of average intelligence and successfully graduated in spite of dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADD and ADHD. Each is on his own unique path, but all are becoming the men that God created them to be. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #75

Session 10 Saturday 12:30-1:30 P.M.

T John Stonestreet, **Amused to Death: Living in a Culture of Perpetual Distraction**—Entertainment, entertainment, entertainment. It dominates everything. But there's more at stake than just what we see and hear. In this session, John clarifies how entertainment culture changes how we think and know; and then offers a way to thinking and living well amidst all the noise. (Room A) CD/MP3 #76

G T Dr. Marcus Ross, **Noah's Ark: Where Scripture Meets Geology**—Do creationists believe in plate tectonics? What do they think about Pangaea? Get up-to-date on the current views and research about Noah's Flood and how it relates to the geological features around us and the topics covered in our science books. Dr. Ross will present key biblical parameters and provide a crash-course on catastrophic plate tectonics. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #77

G Hal and Melanie Young, **Ballistic Homeschooling: The Art of Teaching Boys**—Is your son bouncing off the walls—or is he driving you there, dear teacher? Find out why Thomas Jefferson wrote at a standing desk, how a white board can turn on a light bulb and why in the world your son does the things he does in school. Make home education more fun for everyone and equip your boy with the knowledge he needs for manhood. Here is real-life advice from parents who have homeschooled six boys at the same time. (South Main 1) CD/MP3 #78

G Kathryn Gomes, **What Our Mom Did Right; What Our Mom Did Wrong**—What will your kids think about homeschooling when they're adults? Now that Debra Bell's four kids have grown up, graduated and started families of their own, her oldest daughter reflects on her experiences and those of her siblings. In this tell-all session, Kathryn shares six things she's grateful for and four that she would go back and change. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #79

L Y O Kristen Eckenwiler, **Teaching the Learning Disabled Child**—A learning disability presents many unique challenges to any teacher as they search for the most effective way to teach their child. Based on solid research, the teaching strategies and adaptations Kristen and her husband present in this workshop have been shown to effectively meet the needs of students who struggle with various learning disabilities. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #80

P Robert M. Nelson, **NC Community College Opportunities for Homeschoolers**—This seminar includes a review of the Career and College Promise (CCP) program available to high school students in North Carolina. Special attention will be given to admission criteria, costs and transfer of credit to senior institutions. A brief overview of college transfer options will be

discussed as it relates to the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). Robert will leave time for questions and answers. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #81

O P Robby Stanley, **Kitchen Table Science: From Catapults to Giant Air Zookas**—From catapults and giant smoke shooting air zookas to bullwhips and jet-powered ping pong ball shooters—what can you use to make science interesting at home on a budget? Veteran teacher, science demonstrator and homeschooling parent Robby Stanley will show you some of his favorite science demonstrations and *makes* that you can create at home to liven up your science lessons. Free project plans and more for attendees! (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #82

M Y O Janice Campbell, **Be the Learner You Want Your Child to Become**—Homeschooling moms have a unique opportunity to learn not only what we missed in school but also anything we've ever wanted to know. Join me to learn how you can model a learning lifestyle that will speak louder than words. We'll talk about personal learning goals, strong study skills, keeping a commonplace book, cultivating a beautiful memory and more. No matter what you study—genealogy, horticulture, Latin or art—your children will benefit from seeing exactly how to make learning a lifelong joy. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #83

Session 11 Saturday 1:50-2:50 P.M.

T G J. Warner Wallace, **The Cold Case Problem of Evil**—How can we reconcile the existence of an all-powerful, all-loving God with the tremendous evil that we see in our world? In this presentation, Jim examines five forms of evil (moral evil, natural evil, bodily evil, theistic evil and Christian evil). This session will examine the Christian response to these forms of evil and their relationship to an all-powerful, all-loving God. Participants will better understand the role of evil and how to respond to those who cite evil as an objection to God's existence. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #84

G Debra Bell, **Developing Motivation and Interest in Kids of All Ages**—This seminar covers the importance of intrinsic motivation and interest in learning. Research shows motivation to be an inherent characteristic of young children. However, studies indicate that most students in a traditional setting show a steady loss in academic motivation during the time they are in school. Homeschooling is an antidote to this decline. Learn practical ways to help your children and teens develop and retain motivation and enjoyment in academic pursuits. (South Main 2) CD/MP3 #85

P Debbie Mason, **Parenting the Homeschooled Teen**—Debbie will share ideas for parenting homeschooled teens. As our children grow into and through the teen years, the way we parent them changes. We want to keep a good relationship with them but we don't want to be an irresponsible parent either. The letting go process is hard but necessary. (South Main 3) CD/MP3 #86

P T John Smoak, **Teaching Critical Life Skills through Entrepreneurship**—Teaching teens to start and operate a business will help them learn valuable life skills: work leads to earning money, creativity, financial skills, organization skills, customer service, etc. Entrepreneurship ties together all of the previously learned core educational competencies into practical application. (Room B-D) CD/MP3 #87

B Mike and Ronda Marshall, **Getting Off to a Great Start**—Are you new to homeschooling or within your first three years? Homeschooling is an adventure, a new lifestyle and a journey like no other. Feeling nervous and unsure is completely normal. Come learn the things that we wish we had known when we began homeschooling twenty years ago. This

seminar covers the basics of homeschooling, the common pitfalls for beginners, and includes important tips to get off to a great start! (Room E-G) CD/MP3 #88

Y O L Brian and Susan Jerby, **Adoption and Homeschooling: One Family's Experience**—

Adoption is becoming more prevalent, especially among homeschooling families. Many are adopting school-age children and worry about how to educate a child who is behind academically and who very often doesn't understand our culture and language. We have found that homeschooling is *the* best way to integrate your new child(ren) into the family. We give reasons that homeschooling is the best fit for the adopted child and their adoptive family, as well as some methods to integrate the new child into the family and achieve education at the same time. (Gaines Ballroom) CD/MP3 #89