

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 Workshop Schedule

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

G Dr. Kathy Koch, Frustrated, Perfectionistic Kids: Guiding and Changing Their Behavior—Are your children easily frustrated by their mistakes—even small ones? Do they give up too quickly when something is hard? Do they resist taking risks? Do they want everything to be easy and is getting them to put forth effort like pulling teeth? Learn what contributes to these frustrations and what to do. Ideas will be practical, realistic and relevant to all ages. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #2

G Karen DeBeus, Called Home: Finding Joy in Letting God Lead Your Homeschool—Guess what? You are not in charge of your homeschool, and knowing that brings freedom! When we truly surrender our homeschool to the One who called us to this journey, we can find joy and success in our journey. The hardest times in my homeschool were the years I tried to do it in my own strength. Learn to surrender each detail to the One who called you. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #3

L Eve Hullette, Teach Math to a Child with Learning Challenges—Teaching is not for the faint of heart. Mix in a child with learning challenges, and you may end up becoming very discouraged and possibly, ready to throw in the towel. Be encouraged, you are *not* alone. Whether your child has been diagnosed with a learning challenge or simply doesn't get math, come to this workshop to learn some teaching strategies and techniques. Help your child overcome those learning challenges and succeed in math. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #4

GP Matthew McDill, Nine Ways to Help Your Children 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 nine basic biblical principles for discerning God's will that you can pass to your children. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #5

G Andrew Kern, Why Should Christians Embrace Classical Education?—For over

twenty years, a growing number of Christian home educators have adopted the classical approach to education. Should you? Have you? What is classical education? Why are Christians from so many backgrounds and educational philosophies embracing it? Andrew Kern has been researching, practicing and advocating Christian classical education for over twenty years. See if you agree with his convictions! (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #6

BG Diane Allen, **The DNPE, the Law and the Average Homeschool Family**—Many people are fearful of the DNPE, but there is nothing to fear. DNPE's motto is: We make true school choice possible by serving and supporting the non-public school community. Another way they serve and support is by answering questions about homeschool law and administrative policy. In fact, some days they answer 300 questions! You probably have some questions yourself. With her experience as the past director, Diane Allen will discuss the legal requirements and policy for homeschooleds and answer common (and not so common) questions while demystifying the department and alleviating your concerns. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #7

DT Mark Fox, **Time Management for Men: How to Get It All Done**—Well, you will never get it all done! That's what heaven is for. But how do we stay on track each day, week and month to do the important things? We are all busy, and often the important things give way to the urgent. Mark will share from his own experience, his own triumphs and failures, how he has managed to (mostly) do what is important. He will share some big picture ideas as well as some practical, everyday habits you can develop in order to feel more like you are riding the wave instead of buried under it. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #8

TG John Stonestreet, **Amusing Ourselves to Death: How to Handle a World of Entertainment**—Hollywood, television, pop music, gaming, social media—we live in a world of glowing rectangles clamoring for our attention. When should I turn it off? Why should I turn it off? What are the lies media tells me in this culture? John offers clarity here right where our culture is loudest. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #9

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

P Debbie Mason, **Homeschooling High School**—The thought of teaching high school can be intimidating for many homeschooleds, 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. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #10

GL Danielle Papageorgiou, **The Power of a Label**—Lazy, slow, depressed, fearful, angry, rude, disabled—bright, funny, gifted, faithful, diligent, kind, intelligent. Which set of labels would you like to have? Words have power, and how we use them matters profoundly. But often we allow the perception of others (including so-called experts) to influence us in the labels we put on our children, rather than asking God, "Who is this child?" Instead of employing negative labels, we must learn to see our children as who they are to become, not as who they are now. But rather than just turning to positive labels, we must help them to find their gifts. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #11

O Hal and Melanie Young, **Parenting Pre-Teens**—It comes as a surprise, but the years from nine to twelve can be some of the most challenging of all. Long before voices crack or body shape changes, you have to cope with distractedness, tears, outbursts of anger and the "nobody loves me" blues. Somebody's got to be the adult around here. Hal and Melanie have been through this with eight children, and they share how to survive and make the teen years great! (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #12

M Dana McDill, **Choosing Rest in the Midst of the Chaotic Fun of Homeschooling**—Rest!? Seriously? How in the world are you supposed to rest in the midst of piles of laundry, meals, homeschooling, outside activities, curriculum decisions, teaching older children while trying to keep your toddlers from swinging from the ceiling fan, not to mention the expectations of others, especially extended family? Maybe one day in a different season of life, right? No! You can choose rest now! Dana wants to help you see how you *can* choose rest in the midst of all the chaos of daily life and homeschooling and actually enjoy it! Dana will be open about her challenges. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #13

G Todd Wilson, **Choose the Hard Things**—Homeschooling is hard, parenting is hard, and marriage, well, that's way hard. Trouble is we don't like hard. We want easy, and at the same time, we want successful. But the truth is that good things are hard and hard things are good. Sadly, most people don't ever experience the good because they can't handle the hard, and all they end up with is a pile of regrets. Here's the good news: you can handle the hard. During this hour, you'll laugh with Todd as he shares how to embrace the hardness while keeping your eye on the joy, so that you experience God's best for you. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #14

B Amanda Wares, **Help for New Homeschoolers**— New to homeschooling or considering homeschooling? This workshop is for you! We will break down the NC homeschool law, discuss pulling children out of brick and mortar school and go over first steps in your homeschooling journey, including the daunting topic of choosing curriculum! Bring your questions and concerns, and we will figure all this out together! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #15

TP Bryan Davis, **An Author's Journey**—Author Bryan Davis will share his publishing journey, how he dreams up imaginative stories, and an overview of how to get published. This is an inspirational and informative talk for aspiring writers of all ages. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #16

GT Sherri Seligson, **A Scientist's Showcase of Creatures That Defy Evolutionary Theory**—The more we learn about the creatures of Earth, the more we begin to see the intricacies that do not fit with the theory of evolution. We are beginning to see clear scientific evidence that points to a Creator. This fast-moving, high-energy workshop will cover several organisms whose features defy evolution. As we study dolphins and sharks to glow-in-the-dark bacteria, we'll see how science is learning that all creation is far from simple. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #17

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

G Dr. Kathy Koch, **Instill Hope: Motivation Matters**—For many reasons, your children may not be as motivated as you'd like them to be. After sharing briefly about common causes so you can talk with your children about them, Dr. Kathy will share strategies you can use to get and keep each child engaged. Academic growth and obedience can both increase. Learn how to compliment so children will continue doing what's good. Learn how to correct and not criticize. Learn what makes change more likely. The numerous practical ideas for all ages will encourage and strengthen you. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #18

G Karen DeBeus, **Bible Based Homeschooling: Building a Firm Foundation**—I have often said that I don't care if my children know all the math and science in the world; if they don't know God, then I haven't done my job. What good is it to acquire knowledge without first having godly wisdom? Call me an underachiever, but what does it matter to be successful in the world's eyes, but not God's? Who defines success? I may be an underachiever by the world's standards, but I am not looking for worldly achievement. My desire is to make disciples—and that, my friends, is eternal gain. We build our homeschool on the Bible (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #19

OP Monica Irvine, **Raising Our Boys to Be Gentlemen**—Parents, this is such an important workshop if you are raising boys and girls! We've got to do all that we can to help our boys understand that these life skills will directly impact every part of their life, both personally and professionally. These skills change lives and contribute to happier, healthier and more stable relationships. These skills are essential for true success. However, we also must ensure that our daughters know what a gentleman looks like so they will know how to find one someday. Dads, you will be so grateful you attended this as well. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #20

P Paul J. Maurer, **Being a Big Fish in a Small Pond**—It is commonly assumed that going to an elite college or large public university are the best options for high school students. However, there is compelling evidence that there may be a better option: being a big fish in a small pond. This option offers a range of life-impacting benefits not seen at elite or large university settings. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #21

YO Jay Wile, **Teaching Elementary Science Using History as a Guide**—Science is usually taught in one of two ways. The spiral approach has students survey many topics each year, eventually revisiting previously-studied topics to go into more depth. The immersion approach spends an entire semester (or year) on one subject, covering it in depth. In this seminar, Dr. Wile discusses a different method for teaching science in the elementary years: covering science topics chronologically. Science was learned in a chronological sequence as early scientists developed ideas that were tested and improved by later scientists. Teaching science this way has several advantages, which Dr. Wile will discuss. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #22

GLT Glenna Toney, **Processing, Fluency, Automaticity and Working Memory**—Parents work hard presenting information, practicing, reviewing and repeating, yet, the student seems not to remember how to complete a task. Parents think, we just did this last week. Or, the student can complete the academic task, but it takes hours to complete one lesson. Parents think, we will never get all of this work done. Parents become frustrated and concerned; students become frustrated and discouraged. Everyone is upset, and it is time to take a break. Sound familiar?

Glenna will review issues involving visual and auditory processing, the importance of fluency and automaticity and the need for working memory. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #23

GT **Mark Fox, How to Conquer Your Fear of Public Speaking**—Student, teacher, businessman, politician or anyone else: if you can begin to conquer the fear that is always at the top of the list of "man's greatest fears," wouldn't you want to? Mark has taught public speaking for twenty-five years, has written a handbook on the subject and has had the joy of leading several thousand university and homeschooled students to confidence and competence at the podium. Come and hear how you can harness the power of public speaking in your own life! (Gaines) CD/MP3 #24

TG **John Stonestreet, Marriage: Does It Even Matter Anymore?**—Marriage was once considered the most important institution in any society, but not anymore. A recent survey found that the majority of young people think marriage is irrelevant. In a culture that wants to redefine marriage and replace it with cohabitation, how can Christians make the case for marriage? John will walk through this with clarity, equipping students to defend this God-designed institution. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #25

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

Phil Tuttle, **The Reality**—The progression is: Times are tough; we're in a mess; things have never been this bad before; not even God can fix this; we have no hope. Many Christians are living without any hope other than the hope that Jesus will return and rescue us soon. Some of our overwhelming problems show no sign of getting better. What happens to a culture when Christians lose hope? In what respects do you think Christians are called to preserve the hope and optimism of society? In what ways can you speak words of hope and promise into the lives and circumstances of those around you? (See series introduction in Phil's bio.) (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #26

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

John Stonestreet, **Four Cultural Shifts Parents Need to Understand and How to Navigate Them**—To understand the loud and disturbing issues on the surface of our culture, we need to understand the significant ways our culture has shifted in recent decades. In this session, John will identify and describe four shifts that dramatically shape the world our students live in today. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #27

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

G **Penny Mayes, Visualizing History, Increasing Reading Comprehension and Independent Learning Through Visuals and Hands-on Projects**—This workshop explains how visual images and hands-on experiences increase reading comprehension and independent learning. In addition, it suggests ways homeschoolers can incorporate hands-on activities and experiences into their homeschool day. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #28

G **Karen DeBeus, Simple Homeschool: Have Less Clutter and More Joy**—Karen will encourage you to get rid of the distractions and hinderances that can derail your homeschool

efforts and steal your joy. She will talk about what she feels is the remedy to chaos and clutter in homeschool and in life: Jesus. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #29

YB Hal and Melanie Young, **Homeschooling from the Beginning**—When do you get started and what do you do first? We've had precocious readers, and we've had late bloomers, but every one of them has benefited from being homeschooled from the beginning. Learn to relax and introduce your little ones to the joy of learning in a gentle and realistic way that will prepare them to succeed academically. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #30

P Andrea Daley, **High School Smorgasbord: The Practical**—Whether you are in the midst of high school or it's just on your radar, this talk is for you! Glean from the wisdom and experience of a mother of ten (five in college and five still at home) on a variety of subjects. Reviewing your parenting goals, organizing and planning your child's high school years, credits, transcripts, SATs, dual-enrollment and considering a gap year are just a glimpse of what you will hear. Andrea offers you encouragement and practical suggestions you can take home to your school. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #31

OP John Stonestreet, **Preparing for the Talk: Preparing Students for This Sexually Broken World**—Having the *talk* (about sexuality) with our children is difficult enough, but in this current culture of brokenness, it's even more daunting. We live in the wake of the sexual revolution, and parents need to understand the ways that has shaped the context in which our kids mature, develop relationships, marry and have children. John will shine light on the cultural darkness in a way that will help you help your children embrace one of God's greatest gifts. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #32

G 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. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #33

GT Phil Tuttle, **The Parallels**—Scripture doesn't tell us anything about Josiah's handlers or how long he had them, but it does tell us from the start of his story that he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. It also tells us that in the eighth year of his reign—when he was sixteen—he had some kind of spiritual awakening. He began to seek God. Where did that influence come from? The Bible doesn't tell us, but I believe it must have come from someone in Josiah's life. Could you have a similar impact on someone's life? (Gaines) CD/MP3 #34

GT Dr. Kathy Koch, **How Are You (or Your Kids) Smart and Why Does it Matter?**—When teens know how they are smart, they'll be confident to put forth effort. They'll more easily engage in academic tasks and have positive thoughts about their future. When parents know how their children are smart, they can better choose curriculum, teaching methods, and assignments that will be motivational and positive. Knowing which of the 8 smarts are our strengths is a win-win. These *smarts* are relevant to teaching, learning, spiritual growth, friendship, behavior and careers—so you'll make many applications of these ideas to your lives. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #35

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

G Dr. Kathy Koch, **Focus Children's Thinking to Increase Learning and Decrease Frustration**—When children don't focus or don't know what to focus on, they become frustrated and less motivated, and so do you. Learn how to focus their thinking so they know what to think about, what to think with, and why. The practical and realistic planning model will increase learning and decrease everybody's frustration. Ideas are relevant for all ages and content areas. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #36

OP Monica Irvine, **Schedules—Helping Our Children to Be Happy**—One of the absolute greatest gifts we can give our children is a schedule. Studies show that keeping our children on a schedule and creating routines produces stability, calm, trust, discipline and most importantly, happiness. Yes, we're busy. Yes, we don't want to be burdened down with trying to stay on schedule. But wait, you've got to come and see and hear why scheduling gives us the freedom to have fun and to accomplish great things. You will walk away from this workshop with wonderful ideas to implement in your family schedule. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #37

G Katie Dugdale, **Creating a Culture of Homeschooling**—After nine years of homeschooling, Katie realized that homeschooling is not just something they do. It is what drives the culture of their home. Their homeschool is so much more than the work done around the table. Every aspect of their day from make believe to caring for their animals, from driving activity to activity to listening to Adventures in Odyssey, provides opportunity to dive deeper into learning. The beauty of homeschooling is the atmosphere we as parents are able to foster. What does it look like to stretch our children beyond the curriculum to discover a love of learning? (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #38

G Durenda Wilson, **Why You Don't Need to Know Everything to Give Your Kids a Great Education**—Have you ever wondered how in the world you can cover everything in order to give your kids a great education? What if you aren't particularly good at math or writing? Guess what? It doesn't really matter. All you need are some basic tools in your homeschooling tool box, and you'll be on your way! (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #39

G Todd Wilson, **Get Real!**—Are you convinced that every homeschooling family except yours is great? Do you believe the lie that others are more organized, better prepared, have smarter kids, are wiser parents, and have a child in the national spelling bee? Well, let me set the record straight—that's not the way it is! The truth is most moms feel inadequate. Homeschooling moms fear that they're letting their kids down in their education. They feel like their house is out of control, their children are beasts, and the sizzle has left their marriages. Join us as we unleash the power in being *real*. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #40

GB Marji McIlvaine, **NC Achievement Testing—Mystery No Longer!**—NC requires annual standardized testing for homeschooled students. Which test shall I choose? What are the differences in all the tests? Is one better than the others? What do the results mean? Can my child fail? We will cover all the major testing options, the differences in the tests, the pros and cons of each, getting info from the results, as well as tips for preparing your children for testing in order

to equip you to make the best choice for your family. Note: This is not about the college tests (SAT, ACT) but the testing required by NC law. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #41

TP Robert Nelson, **Preparing for College in a Changing Secular Environment**—This workshop will address the liberalization of higher education and ways that those who hold Judeo-Christian values can navigate the changing political landscape in secular institutions. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #42

GT Steve Noble, **Foundations of Freedom**—Teaching the Constitution and Civics is no longer held in high esteem in our nation, which is why I began teaching "Foundations of Freedom" back in 2011. This workshop provides an overview of how our nation was founded, what principles it was founded on, how our government is supposed to work, and our place in the whole picture as Christian citizens of the Kingdom of God as well as the United States of America. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #43

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

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. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #44

G Sherri Seligson, **When You Have a Child Who Is Not Driven**—Most of us have at least one of these children. They take extra time to complete every lesson, if they complete them at all. It's time to encourage these children to take up their own responsibilities. We are not encouraging hard work for the goal of becoming a millionaire; we encourage working diligently for the Lord, using the gifts He has given us for His good! Come be encouraged that our occupation is one that is appointed to us. We'll go over suggestions to encourage those less-than-enthusiastic children and gain a better perspective of what is really going on. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #45

Y Tami Fox, **Homeschooling with Babies and Toddlers**—Are you homeschooling older children and have babies and/or toddlers in the home? Come to this session to learn strategies for scheduling and planning to meet the needs of your little ones while also meeting the educational needs of your older students. This workshop is geared to giving you ideas on things to do with your little ones. If you have preschoolers and below, this session is for you. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #46

GP Matthew McDill, **Ten Essential Topics for Discipling Your Children**—More than anything else, Christian parents desire for their children to have a dynamic personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We know that God has given us the amazing privilege of helping our children to follow Jesus. Unfortunately, most parents today were never disciplined or do not feel equipped to effectively disciple their children. In this session, we will cover ten essential topics to be sure and include in the discipleship of your children. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #47

G **Jay Wile, What I Have Learned about Homeschooling Over the Past Twenty-Two Years**—Dr. Wile learned about homeschooling when he was teaching at Ball State University. He started experiencing students who were superior to their peers and found out that they were homeschool graduates. He studied the literature to see what research was being done on homeschooled students, he started working with homeschooling families, and he kept track of homeschooled students after graduation. This talk represents a survey of what he has learned . Dr. Wile will discuss what research tells us about homeschooling, the amazing things that homeschool graduates are doing, and the wisdom that homeschool graduates have shared with him. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #48

B **Amanda Garner, Six Steps to a Successful Start**—So you've taken the plunge and decided to start! Now what? Seasoned homeschool mom, Amanda, will share tips and tricks to get you started on the right foot, as well as survival skills for making it to the finish line of graduation! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #49

GT **Phil Tuttle, The Generations**—The men of the tribe of Issachar stood out with a special understanding of the times. They didn't just know Scripture; they knew how the news of the day fit into it. They saw why Israel had been struggling. They had perspective. Generations respond to situations differently whether Builders, Boomers, GenerationXes, or Millennials. Each group needs to be fully appreciated. What have you received from previous generations that has been valuable to you? In what ways have you departed from the pattern of previous generations? What have you learned that you feel is important to pass on to the next generation? (Gaines) CD/MP3 #50

TP **John Stonestreet, Right Answers Are Not Enough: Connecting Belief with Behavior**—Having all the right answers is not the same as having a biblical worldview. The question is how can we help our students live what they claim to believe? How do we integrate head knowledge and heart knowledge? Looking to the past, John offers a vision of cultivating virtue in the face of a culture of distraction and temptation. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #51

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

G **Steve Noble, The Ugly Side of Homeschooling**—After fourteen of homeschooling, our family has been through plenty of ups and downs. Many (if not most) of us had visions of a loving, peaceful and focused homeschool environment where we made music, arts, crafts and beautiful memories together—only to find out that achieving a homeschool “Nirvana” was a lot more difficult than we could have imagined. I take an open and brutally honest look at seven of the biggest heart challenges in homeschooling and what the Bible offers us in terms of hope. The seven areas are: human depravity, peer pressure, perfectionism, anger, sibling strife, burnout and faith. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #52

M **Karen DeBeus, Real Homeschool: Trading in Pinterest-Perfect for Real Life**—We are not called to follow the world, but to follow Jesus. Yet everywhere we look today, the world screams at us to make things look a certain way or do things picture-perfectly. Unfortunately, this has infiltrated our homeschool, too. Let's talk about striving for His standards and not the world's in our homeschool and in life. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #53

P Robert 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. An overview of college transfer programs will be discussed as it relates to the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). Robert will leave time for questions and answers. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #54

Y Durenda Wilson, **Unhurried Homeschooling: Why We Need to Slow Down**—In world that is moving at warp speed, it's easy to forget that kids are still kids. Their needs haven't changed—they need time to explore and experiment with the real world around them, to absorb life through all their senses, to process their thoughts at their own pace. All of these are crucial in laying a firm foundation for higher learning, but this *takes time*. Learn why this is so important and how to protect and defend your kids childhood. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #55

G Todd Wilson, **Irresistible Parenting**—A pandemic has struck families across the country with full force. Children of well-meaning, God-fearing parents have walked away from their parents and God. Some fatalists say, "Well, that's the chance you take with children. You do your best and then spin the wheel." Others say, "Obviously, there must be a flaw in our parenting model." Others shrug their shoulders and cross their fingers. There's a better way. Come be encouraged as Todd explains reasons for the pandemic, gives you hope and points you to a *secret weapon* that assures your children will love you, God, and everything you hold dear. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #56

GP Marji 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 will discuss foreign language teaching (and learning) methods to help you choose curriculum—an educated choice can help you 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? What about high school credit? Why isn't my child speaking the language? Come learn about a revolutionary approach then make your choices, go home and have *fun* with your kids! (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #57

GT Rhea Perry, **Home Business 101: Education to Create Financial Freedom**—Owning a home business is one way for entrepreneurs to implement their leadership abilities and serve others while furthering the Kingdom of God. So how can you encourage your students to become godly business people? Learn the secrets of entrepreneurial education that result in financial freedom in this delightful session. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #58

TG Dr. Kathy Koch, **The Power Technology Has Over Character and Behavior**—Dr. Kathy is pro-technology, but she's not pro what technology is doing to young people's behaviors and attitudes. Many teens admit to being frustrated by things like their own impatience and self-centeredness. Many admit they're tempted to give up when anything is hard. Parents can struggle with the same things. Teens and parents tell Dr. Kathy they want to change, but it's hard. Yes, it

is, but, it is possible. Learn about the power technology has to influence your minds, hearts, and beliefs so that you can change your attitudes and actions. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #59

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

G Katie Dugdale, **How Unschooling Saved Our Homeschool**—When Katie's daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor, her family was uprooted and sent 500 miles away to St. Jude Hospital. Upon arrival, she encountered a chatty mom who said she should put her other kids in school because homeschool and cancer are just too hard. Thankfully, she had been gradually adopting an unschooling approach to school. The flexibility that unschooling allows saved her homeschool. It equipped her children to flourish in an impossible situation. She will share practical steps to deconstructing a classroom mentality and how to bolster your homeschool to stand firm in life's waves. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #60

P Sherri Seligson, **What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up? Giving Your Children a Vision for the Future**—Homeschooling parents hold the unique position of being both parent and educator. This situation presents us with the opportunity to observe our children's strengths and abilities and can give clues to their potential careers. Though students do not have to choose a career path before they turn sixteen, research has shown that parents have a phenomenal influence when they help their children identify where their God-given gifts and interests lie. Learn how you can guide your children and inspire them to do great things! (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #61

OP Monica Irvine, **Raising Our Girls to Be Ladies**—Do our daughters know how special they are, and are they confident enough in this truth that they will one day only accept the hand of a gentleman? Our society is teaching girls that being a lady is a thing of the past. This is *false!* Today's young ladies need to have conviction in what it means to be a lady, as they have an amazing opportunity to be examples. Bring your daughters and learn what being a lady is all about. They will walk away excited to learn these skills. This is not just for moms—dads should come, too. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #62

M Dana McDill, **Losing Your Way on the Journey**—The journey of homeschooling is good, but it's not easy! Many of us start our homeschool journey excited with great visions and goals. Then the reality of the daily grind of homeschooling and all its challenges hits, and our excitement goes from a blazing fire to a mere spark. Dana wants to encourage you to stay the course and to remember why you started. After homeschooling for many years, she needed this reminder to refocus. Let's go back and remember and renew our excitement! (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #63

D Todd Wilson, **Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad!**—You may not crack open a book, work through a curriculum, or call it school, but it's your job to train your children. Join me as we look at the trials, triumphs, and tribulations of training our children. Now don't worry, I won't make you feel guilty or give you a forty-six point outline, but I promise to tell it straight and to encourage you in the best job there is—fathering. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #64

G Ronda Marshall, **Secrets of Endurance: Successful Co-ops and Tutorials**—If you are finding yourself lacking motivation in your homeschooling and wonder if you can make it to the end, come and learn how co-ops or tutorial programs can help you. This seminar focuses on the benefits and challenges of co-ops and tutorials and how to organize and set up large to small ones. This session includes practical how-tos such as how to start, what questions to ask, what costs you can expect and what policies you need up front (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #65

GT Phil Tuttle, **The Word**—Social reform is rarely sustainable without spiritual renewal. There is a real difference between behavior modification and character transformation. Problems are relatively easy to identify, solutions are harder. Do you believe God is raising up a Josiah generation to find those solutions? Why do you think engagement with God's Word is the most important key to spiritual growth? Are there any changes you feel that you need to make to ensure that biblical truth gets into your heart? If so, what steps can you take to make those changes? (Gaines) CD/MP3 #66

TG John Stonestreet, **Same Sex Marriage: Clear Thinking on a Controversial Issue**—Same-sex marriage is legal. But is it right? And can Christians make the case for marriage without being a bigot? In this session, John will carefully walk through one of the most controversial issues of our culture, without sacrificing truth or love. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #67

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

Todd Wilson, **This, We Believe!**—Dads and moms, in all the busyness of life and swell of expert advice, we've forgotten the fundamental truths of homeschooling and family. In short, we've forgotten why we do what we do. We have plenty of how-tos but have forgotten the why-tos, and it evidences itself in our lack of joy of homeschooling and parenting. Join funny guy and familyman, Todd Wilson, as he sets the stage for the best year ever as he brings us back to the basics of what we believe about family and homeschooling. You're not going to want to miss this. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #68

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

G Dr. Kathy Koch, **Improve the Fruit by Identifying the Root**—Discover roots of learning, motivation and behavior issues so you can efficiently meet children's needs with solutions that work. Discover why kids are struggling so you can make changes that will more likely result in permanent improvements. Would you be surprised to know that every problem can be assigned to one or more of just five root issues? It's true! Come and be refreshed with this practical problem-solving approach. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #69

OP Sherri Seligson, **Why Teaching Science Is a Critical Part of Education (Even for Poets)**—It is a parent's nightmare. As the teen years approach, the impending need to tackle science often creates fear for students and parents alike. This workshop will not only take the fear out of teaching science but will create excitement and enthusiasm for everyone. If you enjoy learning about cool creatures in the oceans, how sound works, and about the fascinating world of fireworks, then you can definitely get excited to learn along with your students. Get ready to meet your inner science geek and help prepare your teens for the future. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #70

YO Jeff Ertzberger, **Thirty Tech Tools to Teach Reading, Writing and Literature**—This session will provide an overview of thirty plus technology tools, mostly free, that help foster literacy across all ages and content areas. Participants will be shown each tool and provided with an example of how the tool could be used in a homeschool environment. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #71

P LeAnn Gregory, **You Are Your Student's Best Guidance Counselor**—Most parents know their children better than they know themselves. We are in a unique position to help guide our students academically, socially and spiritually. But, often, we feel ill-equipped when it comes to high school guidance and preparing our teens for the next step, whether it be college, apprenticeships, a gap year or the workforce. How do we encourage and motivate our kids to plan for the future? In this workshop, you will learn the five most important steps you can take to equip your student to make informed decisions about their career path and life after high school. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #72

G Jay Wile, **Homeschooling: The Environment for Genius**—In 1957, psychologist Dr. Harold McCurdy investigated the lives of twenty well-known geniuses. He wanted to find out if there was something about their childhoods that made them become geniuses. In the end, he found three things that all of them had in common while growing up. What's fascinating is that these three elements are typically present in the lives of modern homeschooled children. In this talk, Dr. Wile will present the details of the study and its conclusions, and he will give anecdotes and practical advice that will help you incorporate these elements into your homeschooling experience. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #73

B Jessica Frierson, **Homeschool How-Tos**—You asked for it, here it is! A workshop to help take you to the next step in your homeschool. Are you registered with the state, but don't know where to go next? Stuck in a rut and need some help out? How to set up a lesson plan, organize your school day, deal with babies and toddlers, choose curriculum, motivate the unenthusiastic learner, and meet the state requirements will be among the subjects covered in this interactive session. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #74

GT Phil Tuttle, **The Pillar**—What is the pillar that we lean against? What does leverage have to do with our Christian walk? A pillar is not a title you have, or necessarily a role in which you serve; it is the way you live. In what ways have you experienced God's Word as the "lever" in your life that changed the way you thought, felt and lived? How would you fill in the blanks in this quote adapted from Eric Liddell in *Chariots of Fire*? "I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me _____, and when I _____, I feel His pleasure." (Gaines) CD/MP3 #75

TG John Stonestreet, **What to Do with the Rest of Your Life: How to Determine God's Will**—What should I do with my life? Who should I marry? Is college God's will for me? In this session John will offer some clear and hopeful thinking about how students can discover God's purposes for their life. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #76

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

DG Shawn Curtis, **Family Worship as a Cornerstone of Home Education**—Family worship takes place when the household breaks from the routines of normal daily life and gathers together for a time of deliberate and purposeful worship of God; it's the cornerstone of education in our household. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #77

G Karen DeBeus, **Homeschool: Prepare for Life Not Just a Test**—How are we teaching our children to live in the real world? By living in it daily! We are preparing them for life, and most importantly, equipping them spiritually. Come and learn about real life lessons to teach your children. Often the best lessons we learn are not in a plan book but in real life. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #78

L Hal and Melanie Young, **Surviving Struggling to Read**—What do you do when it's not that easy? When reading isn't happening when you thought it would? Our son didn't learn to read well until he was eleven (writing and spelling came even later), but now he's excelling in college. This encouraging session discusses how to keep hope alive for both you and your struggling learner, how to help them through the social struggles and embarrassments that come with being a late reader, when and where to get help, and how this trial can ultimately bless your child. We'll talk about the struggle and give you hope for the future! (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #79

M Debbie Crawford and Joanna Giff, **Restoring the Nest: Encouragement to Prioritize Your Relationship with Your Children in a Single Parent Homeschool**—Our children are our legacy, and we want to protect their present and future well-being to the best of our ability. It feels like a daunting task in a single parent homeschool. Let us encourage you on your faith journey as you trust the Lord with your quest to gain your bearings and prioritize meaningful time outside of academic responsibilities. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #80

G John Stonestreet, **How (Not) to Read the Bible: Handling the Scriptures with Our Children**—The Scriptures are at the center of following Christ, yet Christians often develop bad habits in how they use them. In this session, John walks through ways not to use the Bible, before offering a way forward that is sound, biblical and true. (Salem 2) CD/MP3 #81

G Amanda Garner, **A Shelter in the Storm: Homeschooling through Difficult Seasons**—Whether it's a health crisis, unemployment, aging parents, a difficult child, suffering loss or simply burnout, you need a safe place to shelter until the storm passes. Join Amanda as she shares her own story and offers compassion and hope for staying the course of homeschooling during difficult seasons. (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #82

GT Rhea Perry, **Five Home Business Projects that Teach Financial Literacy and Create Income**—Learn the fundamentals of five proven home businesses your family can start part-time that could possibly bring your dad home like the Perrys did. They don't require college. In fact, most home businesses don't. Learn how to work toward a simple lifestyle of freedom and financial security. (Gaines) CD/MP3 #83

TP Grayson Marshall, **How to Go to College Debt-Free**—This seminar is a condensed version Grayson's book, *Knock Out College*. He starts by discussing the problem with student debt in America and transitions into the solution. He discusses his experience applying to and

testing out of college as well as the time and monetary benefits. He uses his personal stories as well as some of others who have experienced the same issues. We'll also do a side by side comparison of traditional public and private college costs to programs like Lumerit and Unbound to his process of doing it yourself. At the end, there will be a short Q&A. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #84

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

G Dr. Kathy Koch, **Maximize the Genius Qualities in Your Children**—It's very probable that you and your children are blessed with many of the 12 qualities shared by great geniuses like Edison, Einstein, Franklin and Bach. Dr. Kathy will share the encouraging list (e.g., curiosity, playfulness, imagination). She will share the list (you'll probably be surprised), define the qualities and share how we can encourage these qualities in our children. (Winston 1) CD/MP3 #85

M Sherri Seligson, **Am I Ruining My Children? What I Wish I Knew as a Homeschool Mom**—We may all wonder if by homeschooling our children, we are causing them to miss out. We're pretty sure the seventh-grader down the street is up for a Nobel Prize, and everyone else is receiving a full-ride scholarship to Princeton when we haven't even *begun* to cover thirteenth-century humanities! *Relax*. This workshop will talk you down from the ledge—or at least encourage you that homeschooling *is* the *best* for your children. Join Sherri for a humorous and informative discussion as she shares how she went from stressing over teaching everything to trusting in the path God had for her children. (Winston 2) CD/MP3 #86

GT Jeff Ertzberger, **Protect Your Digital Presence—How to Keep Yourself and Your Identity Safe Online**—This workshop will offer practical advice for parents and teens living in the digital age. Until a few years ago, most people never thought about their information online. Today, with more and more major companies having their information compromised, it seems that no one's information is safe. This session will provide practical steps that parents and teens can take to protect passwords, home networks, personal information, banking information, online identity, social networking, educational searches, and more. (Winston 3) CD/MP3 #87

P Andrea Daley, **High School Smorgasbord: The Emotional**—You don't normally come to a conference to hear about emotions. *But* this is the real stuff you'll need to deal with if you have a high schooler. Embrace the wisdom and experience of a mother of ten (five in college and five still at home) on subjects such as parenting through adolescence, character training through the older years, relationships, preparing yourself to let go (which starts long before graduation and involves struggle and heartache). You're not alone so don't hide from your emotions during this phase of schooling—embrace them with Andrea as she offers you encouragement and practical suggestions. (Salem 1) CD/MP3 #88

BG Diane Allen, **Basic Rules of a Record Retention: From Kindergarten to College**—Diane Allen, past DNPE director, actively homeschooled for twenty-three years and graduated three students into college. Imagine her surprise when she learned that she had made several common mistakes in maintaining her students' valuable homeschool records. In this workshop, she shares her mistakes and how you can prevent future complications. (Note: We are seeing a

trend towards basic high school records being required during the hiring process many years after the high school graduation, even for those with college degrees. You must prepare *now* for this future requirement so your graduate is not caught off guard) (Salem 3) CD/MP3 #89

GT Phil Tuttle, **The Future**—Have you ever played in a game of football? Did you play on the offense or defense or both? Think about that in the context of living the Christian life. Most football teams that have the greatest success have a balanced team, a strong defense and a strong offense. Why do you think Josiah's successors did not follow in his footsteps? What were the ultimate consequences of their disobedience? Which of the three legacy choices do you think you most need to take practical steps to change in your life: finishing well, preparing for death, or investing in the next generation? Why? (Gaines) CD/MP3 #90

G Todd Wilson, **Raising Dangerous Sons in a Safe World**—Let's face it! Most men today are yellow-bellied weenies. They may drive fast cars, collect souped-up power tools, and carry big black Bibles, but they're weenies. They flex their biceps and proclaim their faith, but when the going gets tough, they play it safe. Truth is: God wants your sons to leave the safe waters and live dangerously. He wants your sons to trust dangerously, work dangerously, and love dangerously. But, that doesn't come naturally. Everyone around them keeps repeating, "Play it safe." Here's a secret: dangerous living leads to joy, family happiness, and real success while safe living results in worry, family failure and heartache. (Pavilion) CD/MP3 #91