



Christian Home Educators Association
of California

WALKING IN *freedom*

A large, thick, blue cross graphic that serves as a background for the word 'freedom' in the title.

PSALM 119:45

I will walk about in
FREEDOM,
for I have sought out
your precepts.

**CHEA's Parenting &
Homeschool Convention**

MAY 15-17, 2025
AT BIOLA UNIVERSITY, LA MIRADA

join the fight for HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM



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OR UPGRADE**

COME MEET OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT!

Defender and Warrior members receive up to two 30-minute consultations with our Special Education Consultant, Melisa Stark. Come by the Homeschool Help booth to say "hello" during her Meet & Greet times (between consultations) this weekend. You can even schedule your first consultation!

Thursday, May 15: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 17: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**Christian Home Educators
Association** of California

welcome

Welcome to CHEA's 40th Annual Parenting & Homeschool Convention! All of us at CHEA are thrilled you are here! We understand the commitment it takes to make time in your busy schedules to attend. Our prayer is that you will be strengthened in your conviction to home-educate and that the Lord will lead and guide you in the direction, upbringing, and discipleship of your children.

This year's theme is Walking in Freedom, taken from Psalm 119:45: "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts" (NIV). As you navigate the Exhibit Hall, select workshops, and fellowship with like-minded families, remember what a privilege and blessing it is to homeschool your children freely, without government interference. This freedom isn't always guaranteed, and we remain in a constant battle to preserve this liberty for generations to come. We encourage you not to take this freedom for granted.

Walking in freedom is a direct result of seeking God's precepts—His laws and His Word. You will walk in freedom when you diligently seek the Lord and His Word for direction on homeschooling, parenting, and family life! True freedom comes from being obedient to God and His Word. Modeling this for your children is one of the most important aspects of your homeschool journey. The time passes quickly. Whether you're just beginning or graduating your last student, make every moment count. Be good stewards of the time the Lord has given you to raise your children, remembering that you aren't just raising children but future adults! I heard a quote a few months ago that really resonated with me, "When you teach your children, you are teaching your children's children." You aren't just "homeschooling;" you are creating a legacy!

If this is your first time attending, we understand it can be overwhelming—please know we are here to help! Visit the Information Booth with any questions or plan a time to talk with one of our Homeschool Consultants. These experienced homeschool moms and dads have successfully navigated the homeschool journey and are eager to share their knowledge with you and encourage you.

Did you know CHEA is more than just a convention? We are here for you year-round! CHEA is a statewide organization that has been serving homeschool families since 1982. Our sole purpose is to support you on your homeschool journey as you raise and disciple your children. You can connect with us through our website, by calling or emailing our office, on social media, or by reaching out to our educational consultant. Please see below for all the ways you can connect with us 365 days a year!

As you see CHEA staff members, board members, or regional advisory board members, please say "Hi!" We would love to meet you personally, talk with you, pray with you—we are here for whatever you need.

Enjoy your weekend, make a new friend, and remember you were called for such a time as this. Walk in freedom and seek God's Word for direction on your homeschool journey.

In Christ's Service,
Angela Lasch
Executive Director



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many thanks

Many people have worked hard over the past several months to bring this Convention to you. We are so grateful to all our volunteers who serve as part of the Convention team. We want to particularly acknowledge the contributions of the following staff and volunteers:

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Also, many thanks to our family members (you know who you are) who serve as part of the Convention team.

Finally, we want to remind you that we are here to help and serve you in any way we can, year-round. We welcome you to Convention. We pray God encourages, strengthens, and equips you through this event.

FOR CHEA OF CALIFORNIA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rebecca Kocsis, Angela Lasch, John McGowan, Steve Murphy, Nathan Pierce, Charity Silvers, and Andrew Vandever

USE OUR HASHTAGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE CONVENTION!

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WEBSITE

Home to all of CHEA's homeschool information, events, downloadable forms, the CHEA Store, and more, you can find what you need, no matter where you find yourself in your homeschool journey. Just visit us at [cheaofca.org](https://www.cheaofca.org).



DIGITAL LIBRARY

A perk of CHEA membership, our Digital Library includes recordings from many of our virtual events and webinars as well as free PDF downloads. New content is added regularly.



HOMESCHOOL DIRECTORY

Are you looking for a homeschool community near you? Check out CHEA's Homeschool Directory, which includes support groups, PSPs, and service providers across the state who serve homeschool families. Visit www.cheaofca.org/homeschool-directory to get started.



CHEA'S BLOG & HOMESCHOOLING 101 SERIES

Our weekly blog offers encouragement, practical tips, and advice for homeschool families. The "Homeschooling 101" blog series is perfect for new homeschool families, featuring articles about how to get started, curriculum, recordkeeping, socialization, and more. You can find the blog on our website at www.cheaofca.org/blog or cheaofca.org/homeschooling-101.



WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Stay up to date by subscribing to "The CHEA Connection," where we share all the upcoming CHEA events and news, important legislative updates, and information and resources from many of our partner organizations. Just visit our website to sign up today.



FACEBOOK GROUPS

Homeschool California is for those who are homeschooling or interested in homeschooling in California. Working Homeschool Moms is an online support to moms who find themselves trying to balance the worlds of homeschooling and working.



CHEA CALIFORNIA HOMESCHOOL PODCAST

The CHEA California Homeschool Podcast delivers inspiration, practical guidance, and community connection for families dedicated to private Christian home education.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Whatever your social media app of choice, you can find CHEA. We're on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

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WEBINARS

Throughout the year, CHEA offers webinars on a variety of topics. Free to participate live, we cover issues relevant to private Christian homeschooling families. Each October, we host our annual Virtual PSA Filing Party where our hosts walk attendees, step-by-step, through how to file the Private School Affidavit.

MOMS NIGHT OUT

with *rachel zwayne*



Friday, May 16

7:15 p.m.

Lehman Conference Room

Rachel Zwayne and her oldest daughter, Julia, can't wait to spend an evening with you all sharing about their homeschool experience as mother and daughter. They'll talk about some of their fondest memories, recount humorous stories, and encourage you with all that the Lord has done in their lives through home education. Don't miss this special night that will be sure to stir your heart and motivate you in your journey with your own precious children!

Loads of fun, giveaways - and chocolate too!

DADS BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



Start your Saturday off with breakfast and time with other homeschool dads!

Grab your breakfast at Cafe Biola and then join your fellow homeschool dads in the Kim Conference Room as you fellowship and share your experiences.

Saturday, May 17

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Kim Conference Room

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY



Celebrate the Class of 2025 at CHEA's High School Graduation Ceremony!

Friday, May 16

7:15 p.m.

Biola University's Calvary Chapel

General seating is available to Convention attendees beginning at 7:05 p.m.

FOOD & DRINK

CAFE BIOLA

Each meal at Cafe Biola features numerous options that will appease both choosy eaters as well as those with dietary restrictions and allergies. From pizza, to the sandwich and salad bar, to comfort food, to the grill, to soups, to the "chef's table," and the array of desserts (including the soft-serve ice cream machine that's always a hit!) and more, no one will leave hungry. Go back as many times as you want to try a little bit of everything prepared by talented and creative chefs. Drink stations include milk, juices, tea, coffee and a soda fountain.

HERITAGE CAFE

Juicery & Coffee Bar. The menu includes a curated selection of acai bowls, fresh squeezed juices, gourmet sandwiches, artisanal salads, and infused water. They also proudly serve your favorite Starbucks beverages.

Cafe Biola Meal Times:

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Heritage Cafe Hours:

Thursday, May 9: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DADS & KIDS



GAME NIGHT

While Mom's away, the dads and kids will play! Here's a chance for the dads and kids to have fun spending time together while the moms have a chance to fellowship. There will be a variety of games for kids of all ages.

And there will be snacks, too!

Friday, May 16

7:15 p.m.

Kim Conference Room

Answers to your questions
Tips and Advice
Prayer for your coming year
Walk through the Exhibit Hall
Homeschool Groups in your area

CHEA'S HOMESCHOOL HELP BOOTH

Experienced homeschool parents are available to assist you, no matter what stage of the homeschool journey you may find yourself in.

in front of the Exhibit hall



Thursday, May 15, Friday, May 16, & Saturday, May 17
Ages 4-12
Talbot East (Lower Level)
\$45 (One day); \$70 (Fri & Sat); \$95 (Thurs, Fri, & Sat)

Presented by 20-year children's event production veteran, Giant Cow Ministries, your child will experience Christ-centered drama, music, interactive memorization, kid comedy, life lessons, and much more. They will also get a chance to participate and compete with their team in group games, relay races, obstacle courses, and craft & art projects.

Lunch & Snacks

No lunch is provided. Children will need to be picked up for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and returned at 12:50 p.m. If you would like your child to have any snacks during the day, you will need to sign them out.

Children's Convention Check-In and Check-Out

Children should be checked in and out of Children's Convention at Talbot East. Check-in, and Registration, if available, opens at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday and 8:10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Children must be picked up at the conclusion of the day (Thursday at 7:15 p.m., Friday/Saturday at 6:10 p.m.) If your children are not pre-registered for Children's Convention, please visit Children's Convention Check-in and Registration. At-the-door registration may be available as space allows, on a first-come, first-served basis.

	Check-In	Lunch Pick-Up	Return	Pick-Up
Thursday, May 15	1:45 p.m.	---	---	7:15 p.m.
Friday, May 16	8:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	6:10 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	8:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	6:10 p.m.

Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17
Ages 12-18
Moats Auditorium (Business Building)
\$75 for both days

The theme of the teen convention program is "Live Deliberately". Teens will also have the opportunity to use some of those leadership skills they're learning in practical ways.

Everyone participating will get their own TLC t-shirt to wear throughout the Convention. Teens who register will be divided into two groups. One group will serve in the morning and attend the special teen sessions in the afternoon, and the second group will attend the special teen sessions in the morning and serve in the afternoon. Many families and teens alike love this program.

We also have some additional service opportunities on Thursday afternoon and Saturday evening.

All participants will receive a certificate for the total number of hours they serve throughout the Convention, including any additional hours they contribute. Great for high school transcripts and college and job applications.

Teen Leadership Core is an experience like no other. Your teen will love it!

Teen Convention Guidelines

Only teens (ages 12-18) registered for the Teen Convention are permitted in the teen workshops. At other times of the day, teens may attend sessions and visit the Exhibit Hall. CHEA will provide volunteer adult chaperones for the Teen Convention; however parents are responsible for their teen's safety and behavior during the Convention. We recommend that parents and teens read over the Convention materials together and arrange meeting times and locations. In consideration of all in attendance, we request teens follow these basic guidelines:

- Wear modest, casual clothing.
- Remain seated during the sessions.
- Do not loiter outside the rooms during sessions.
- Be attentive to the speaker.
- Turn cell phones to vibrate. If you need to use your phone, please step outside.

TLC SESSION TIMES

Unbound Leadership Enrichment

Service Opps

Child Con

Thursday Training

Thursday Serving

Live Deliberately
a teen track by unbound



MORNING

AFTERNOON

8:00 - 11:30am

1:30 - 5:00pm

8:00 - 12:00pm

1:00 - 5:00pm

8:10 - 11:40am

12:50 - 6:10pm

11:00am

1:45 - 7:15pm

HOMESCHOOLING NUTS & BOLTS MINI-CON

Thursday, May 15

2:00 - 4:20 p.m.

Mayers Auditorium

Are you just starting out in your homeschool journey and looking for the basics on how to get started? Have you been homeschooling for a few years but wanting some help and encouragement in any of these areas? If so, this Mini-Con is for you!

This Mini-Con is included with your All Access Family Registration to CHEA's Parenting & Homeschool Convention. However, you also have the option to only attend the "Nuts & Bolts" Mini-Con.

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Laying a Foundation, *Penny Ross*

2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Essential Recordkeeping for the Private Homeschooler, *Betsy Pierce*

3:35 - 4:20 p.m.

Choosing Curriculum & Not Breaking the Bank!, *Kristi Clover*

4:30 p.m.

Join the "Intro to Homeschooling Mini-Con"

INTRO TO HOMESCHOOLING MINI-CON

Thursday, May 15

4:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Mayers Auditorium/Pavilion (Exhibit Hall)

Are you considering homeschooling? Exploring your options? Feeling lost or overwhelmed? This FREE Intro to Homeschooling Mini-Conference will provide you with information about how to legally educate your children at home in California, encouragement to make the right decision for your family, and an opportunity to speak with publishers and browse curriculum in the Exhibit Hall.

Part I - Keynote Session

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Delivering Truth. Combatting Error., *Jack Hibbs*

Part II - Keynote Session

5:40 - 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to Home Education, Community & Homeschooling, *Nathan Pierce, John McGowan, and Angela Lasch*

Part III - Exhibit Hall Preview

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Are you new to homeschooling? We're so glad you are here! Here are some suggestions for you to get the most out of your Convention experience.

- ✓ Visit the Homeschool Help booth to talk with an experienced homeschooler to get answers to your questions, tips and advice, prayer, and help as you walk through the Exhibit Hall. You can also find out about homeschool groups located in your area.
- ✓ Visit the CHEA Store.
 1. Become a CHEA Member
 2. Purchase *The California Homeschool Manual: A guide to private home education in California* - this is the most important "getting started" book you can have as a home educator in California
- ✓ Visit the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) booth in the Exhibit Hall to become an HSLDA member, where CHEA members receive a discount.
- ✓ Visit the Family Protection Ministries (FPM) booth to find out more about the political climate and home education in California and how you can get involved in the legislative process.
- ✓ Attend some of the following workshops that we believe will be helpful for beginning home educators:

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
Delivering Truth. Combatting Error.	Thursday	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Mayers Auditorium
Introduction to Home Education	Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Mayers Auditorium
Laying a Foundation	Thursday	2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Mayers Auditorium
Essential Recordkeeping for the Private Homeschooler	Thursday	2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Mayers Auditorium
Choosing Curriculum & Not Breaking the Bank!	Thursday	3:35 - 4:20 p.m.	Mayers Auditorium
Precious Preschool - Loving the Littlest Learning Years	Friday	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Kim Conference Room
Creating Your Homeschool Mission Statement	Friday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Lehman Conference Room
Homeschooling with Multiple Ages	Friday	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Kim Conference Room
What Type of Homeschooler Are You?	Friday	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Mayers Auditorium
Legislative Update	Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Ethel Lee Auditorium
The Four Language Arts	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Crowell Hall

PARA LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE EDUCACIÓN EN EL HOGAR

¿Quieres, o estás actualmente, educando en el hogar? Este año podemos ofrecer interpretación simultánea en español para nuestra Mini-Conferencia gratuita de introducción de Educación en el Hogar que sera el jueves por la noche. También estará disponible durante el resto de la Conferencia de Crianza y Educación en el Hogar de CHEA para las charlas impartidas por nuestras oradoras de las sesiones de apertura y algunas otras sesiones también. Tendremos tiempo en nuestra mesa de ayuda de educación en el hogar donde también podrá obtener respuestas a sus preguntas en español individualmente con padres veteranos que educan en el hogar.

Do you want to—or are you currently—homeschooling? This year we are able to offer simultaneous translation in Spanish for our Free Thursday night Intro to Homeschooling Mini-Con. We will also have it available during the rest of CHEA Parenting and Homeschooling Conference for talks given by our keynote speakers and some other sessions. We will have times in our Homeschool Help booth when you can get your questions answered in Spanish one-on-one with veteran homeschool parents as well.

new homeschoolers

Do you have a high schooler or will soon? Here are some suggestions for you to get the most out of your Convention experience.

- ✓ Visit the Homeschool Help booth in front of the Exhibit Hall to talk with an experienced homeschooler to get answers to your questions, tips and advice, and prayer for all things high school.
- ✓ Visit the CHEA Store in front of the Exhibit Hall
 1. Become a CHEA Member
 2. Purchase *The High School Handbook*
- ✓ Attend the College & Vocational Fair (Thursday, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.) or visit the many college booths in the Exhibit Hall
- ✓ Attend some of the following workshops that we believe will be helpful for home educators in the high school years:

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
The Success Crisis: Why Misunderstanding Success is Destroying our Young Adults	Thursday	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Crowell Hall
Is Your Student College Bound?	Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Crowell Hall
Homeschooling Gen Z: How They Think & Why It Matters	Friday	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Mayers Auditorium
High School—The Final Lap	Friday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Kim Conference Room
Navigating Changing Relationships through College	Friday	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Lehman Conference Room
How to Pay for a Christian College	Friday	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Lehman Conference Room
Homeschool Models that Heal Gen Z Misattachments	Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Crowell Hall
What You Really Need to Know: What a Student Should Learn Before Launch	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Calvary Chapel
Technology from Toddlers to Teens	Saturday	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Crowell Hall

HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCES

Scan the QR code to access resources from our Thursday evening presentation for preparing for life after high school.



LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL MINI-CON

Thursday, May 15 | 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

SUB Courtyard/Crowell Hall/Pavilion (Exhibit Hall)

Parents and their teens are invited to attend this FREE, fun, informative evening on navigating high school and beyond. There are many different pathways open to homeschooled students after high school, and our goal is to give you an overview of several of them.

Our desire is to show parents that not only is it possible to homeschool through high school, but you can be successful and prepare your student for whatever God may have for him or her after graduation, including college. Teens are encouraged to come to learn more about the possibilities as well as the college admissions process.

NEW THIS YEAR! The College & Vocational Fair is a free event in the afternoon before the sessions begin. It will feature representatives from many vocational schools and colleges and universities who will be happy to meet you, give you literature about their particular school, and answer your individual questions.

This entire event is FREE and open to the public, though registration is required.

Part I - Keynote Session | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The Success Crisis: Why Misunderstanding Success is Destroying our Young Adults, *Jonathan Brush*

Part II - Keynote Session | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Is Your Student College Bound?, *Penny Ross*

Part III - Exhibit Hall (including colleges) | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



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high school highlights



Jonathan Brush
Featured Speaker

A homeschool graduate, the President and CEO of Unbound, and homeschool dad of seven, Jonathan has spoken for over 10

years to parents and students nationwide about effectively preparing young adults for life, the excitement and adventure of raising a family, maximizing higher education options, and how to be extraordinary at ordinary things. An enthusiastic speaker, he consistently provides new perspective and practical advice. For nine years he was Director of Admissions for a private college and has since worked in non-traditional higher education for over a decade.



Kristi Clover
Featured Speaker

Kristi Clover is a home organization and #momlife expert. She's also the author of M.O.M.=Master Organizer of Mayhem, the host of the

Simply Joyful podcast, and a popular conference speaker. Her passion is to help Christian women find sanity and joy in the throes of mom life. She loves to share about her adventures in motherhood and home life through a variety of media that you can find at KristiClover.com. Kristi lives in San Diego with her husband and their five children.



Pastor Jack Hibbs
Featured Speaker

Pastor Jack Hibbs is the Founding Pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills. Jack's teachings are heard on many international

radio stations throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Australia. He is a sought-after conference speaker and serves on several national executive boards, including the Family Research Council, a nationwide advocacy group defending America's faith, family, and freedom. Pastor Jack and his wife have been married for over forty years and authored the book Turn Around At Home – Giving A Stronger Spiritual Legacy Than You Received.



Amber O'Neal Johnston
Featured Speaker

Amber O'Neal Johnston is an author, speaker, and Charlotte

Mason homeschooling mama who blends lifegiving books and a culturally rich environment for her four children and others seeking to do the same. She recommends we offer children opportunities to see themselves and others reflected in their lessons, especially throughout their books. Amber is also the author of Soul School and A Place to Belong, a guide for families of all backgrounds to raise kids to celebrate their heritage, community, and the world. Find more resources on HeritageMom.com.

speakers



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Dr. Renton Rathbun
Featured Speaker

Renton is an engaging speaker on biblical worldview and apologetics. Having taught at both

secular and Christian universities for over two decades, he relates to parents and students well. He and his wife homeschooled their oldest son and are now homeschooling their two littles. Renton has spoken for many homeschool venues, as well as several podcasts, all across the nation. He holds five postgraduate degrees, including a PhD in apologetics from Westminster Theological Seminary. He is presently the director of the Center for Biblical Worldview in Greenville, SC.



Pastor Art Reyes
Featured Speaker

Pastor Art Reyes is the Senior Pastor at Calvary Chapel Downey. He has a passion for the

exposition of God's Word and a desire to see lives transformed because of it. He strongly believes that home education is an excellent way to train up the next generation. He serves the Lord joined by his wife, Briana, and their three children whom they currently homeschool, Caleb, Micah, and Moriah.



Rachel Zwayne
Featured Speaker

Rachel was born and raised in New Zealand. At the age of 14, her father's ministry (Ray Comfort / Living Waters) relocated

to Southern California, where she eventually met her husband and became the mother of five children. She finds great delight in encouraging other women in their role as mothers, wives, and homeschoolers by speaking at conferences and retreats, as well as through her online ministry, "Joyful Mothers." Rachel and her husband live in Southern California and are now enjoying being grandparents.



Carrie De Francisco

Carrie De Francisco is a wife and "retired" homeschooling mom of two homeschool graduates. She is the host of the popular podcast, Coffee

with Carrie Homeschool Help, speaker, and author of several books, including Just Breathe (and Take a Sip of Coffee): Homeschool in Step with God. Through her consulting services, books, blog, and podcast, she helps moms simplify their homeschooling one step at a time, one day at a time, and one cup of coffee at a time.



Jodi DiPaola

Jodi is a veteran homeschool mom of four. She began her homeschooling career because she has a passion for letting kids just be kids,

exploring their interests and passions through natural discovery and free from unnecessary burdens. They live on a ranch in Southern California. She is also an avid fan of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit and agrees with Bilbo Baggins that, "It is no bad thing to celebrate a simple life."



Dr. Lisa Dunne

Dr. Lisa Dunne is a dynamic author, speaker, lifelong homeschooler, and the founder of Chula Vista Christian University, a mentor-driven, faith-based,

debt-free model of higher education. She is passionate about the transformative power of education, the primacy of the local church, and the stable family as the cornerstone of healthy culture. As an expert in Gen Z educational methodology and psychosocial development, she helps pastors and parents partner together to launch church-based academic support centers. Learn more at CVCU.us.



Dr. Douglas Frank

Dr. Douglas G. Frank is a world-renowned physicist and Nobel Prize nominee in chemistry. He has done extensive

consulting, inventing, and technical manufacturing. He helped establish a special school for extraordinarily gifted youngsters in Ohio and served as the Math & Science department chair for twenty years. Dr. Frank is widely known for his informative and engaging presentations on a wide range of topics, including the complementary relationship between science and faith.



Dr. Julie Goodman-Bowling

Dr. Julie Goodman-Bowling serves as Professor of Anthropology at California Baptist University, is an author, and passionate

speaker. For nearly 17 years, she has inspired, instructed, and mentored students in the areas of culture, culture change, and identity formation from an anthropological and distinctly Biblical perspective. As a wife and homeschooling mama of three amazing little ones, she encompasses family, ministry, and work – engaging life in layers.



Dr. Christy Mathews

Dr. Christy Mathews fondly recalls being homeschooled and attending CHEA Conventions with her mother throughout the 90s. Homeschooling served her

creative and entrepreneurial streaks well. She has built a career in Christian higher education, and as an adult entrepreneur, she co-founded Hildegard College in Costa Mesa and started a consulting business for education and coaching entities. Dr. Mathews lives in Upland with her family, enjoys outdoor adventures, and serves as a deacon in her local church.



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John McGowan

John is an attorney with a litigation practice in Los Angeles and is also an allied attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's largest legal

organization committed to protecting religious freedom and parental rights. He and his wife are homeschooling their two teenage boys. John is especially passionate about CHEA's mission to protect the God-given right of parents to direct the education and training of their children, and he serves as Vice President of CHEA's Board of Directors.



Betsy Pierce

Betsy is a second-generation homeschooling mom of eight, ages 3 to 18, and considers herself blessed beyond measure. She and her husband met

at The Master's University and moved to Placer County in 2004, when Nathan began working at FPM. She has served the homeschooling community for years at various levels, graduated her oldest child, and loves to encourage and be encouraged by other moms as we all walk the road of education and discipleship through homeschooling.



Nathan Pierce

Nathan began working at Family Protection Ministries (FPM) in 2002 to protect private homeschooling in California. He is a homeschool graduate

himself and received a B.A. in Political Studies from The Master's University. Currently he serves as Executive Director and Legislative Liaison for FPM and on the CHEA Board of Directors. He works behind the scenes at the State Capitol, meeting with legislators to advocate on behalf of homeschoolers. He and his wife homeschool their own eight children.



David and Shirley Quine

God has given David and Shirley a shared life, passion, and ministry. Their passion is to equip the next

generation to "stand firm" in Christ in the 21st century. Together, they created Cornerstone Curriculum, a homeschool curriculum that assists parents in discipling their children. David has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction design, and Shirley is an early childhood education specialist. The Lord has given them the blessing of 50+ years of marriage, nine wonderful children, and sixteen grandchildren.



Penny Ross

Penny taught her own three children at home from birth through high school graduation. She led a PSP at her church and now runs Tools for the Home

Educator, an independent consulting business. She offers encouragement, support, and training through consultations, coaching, webinars, and workshops. Her specialty is helping families clarify their homeschooling goals and assisting them in mapping a pathway to success. Penny is married to her college sweetheart, and together they delight in seven grandchildren.



Caleb Schroeder

Caleb Schroeder is a California pastor, homeschool graduate, and speaker who holds two Master's degrees in Math Education and Biblical Studies. He was a public

educator for 18 years before becoming a Senior Pastor. As an educator, homeschool graduate, and homeschool dad of six, he has a passion for home education and discipleship. He is a popular keynote and homeschool practicum speaker. He was also a cast member in the documentary, Schoolhouse Rocked: The Homeschool Revolution.



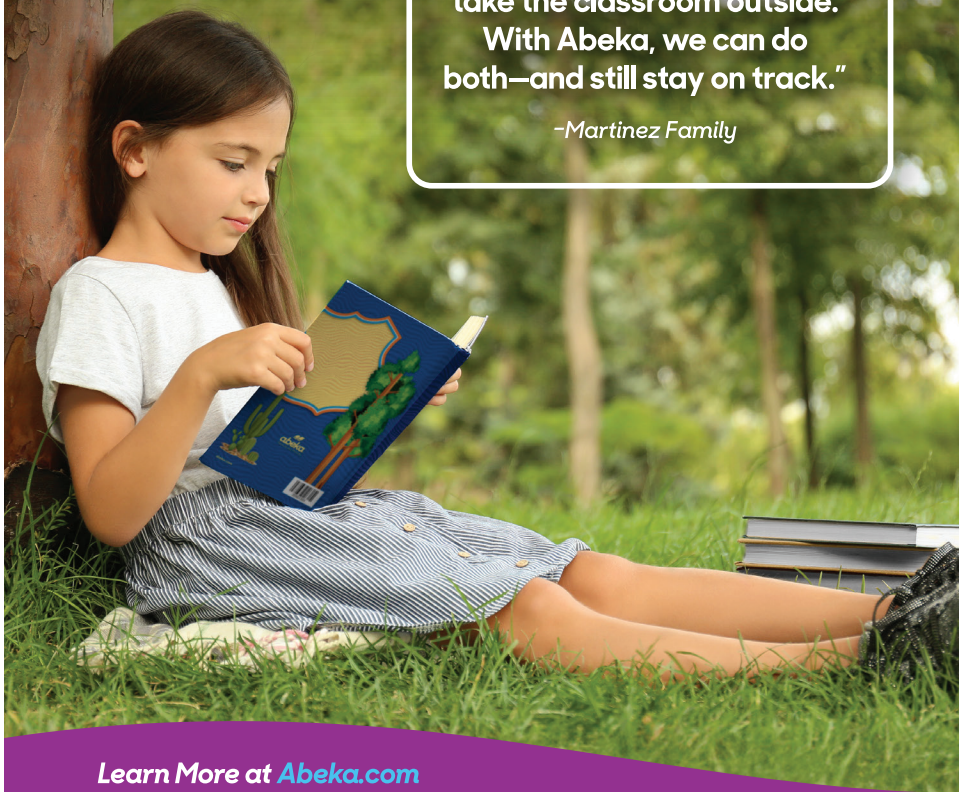
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Leah Schroeder

Leah Schroeder is a product of a homeschool education. She went on to receive a degree in Liberal Studies-Teacher Education from The Master's University.

She has been married to Caleb for 21 years, and they have six children, one of whom is a homeschool graduate. She and her husband serve at Faith Community Church of Palmdale, where they met. She loves encouraging mothers to endure through the challenges and delights of homeschooling, to the glory of God!



Vicki Stormoen

Vicki has been privately homeschooling since 1994. She and her husband have nine children, seven of whom have graduated from Heritage Christian

School, a Southern California PSP. She is still homeschooling her remaining two children through HCS, where she currently serves as principal. Vicki also teaches homeschool literature and writing classes and was a Classical Conversations tutor. She is passionate about the vision of private Christian homeschooling as a means to raise a godly generation.



John Paul Thureau

With experience in both teaching and teacher development, John Paul has taught a wide range of subjects across both the Humanities

and STEM. He also brings over a decade of experience in coaching youth sports. JP holds an M.A. in Humanities and Classical Education and now works with Classic Learning Test, helping parents determine what constitutes meaningful assessments for their children. JP and his wife homeschool their six kids (three school-aged) in Santa Paula.



Brian Villanueva

After graduating college, Brian Villanueva spent 10 years as a software engineer before starting a family.

He and his wife have homeschooled their 3 daughters from day 1: the oldest is in college and the other 2 are close. Brian now teaches civics, philosophy, and robotics at their Christian homeschool co-op and uses his IT background to help other families navigate technology effectively and safely. He and his wife just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.



Julie Walker

Julie Walker was a schoolteacher and homeschool leader for many years. She and her husband home educated their three sons. After their youngest son

graduated, she returned to school, completing her MBA at Biola University. In 2007 Julie began working with IEW, where she has produced, directed, and helped to write many IEW video-based programs, including the Structure and Style® for Students video courses. She currently hosts the Arts of Language podcast with Andrew Pudewa.



Roger Wheelock

Roger is President of Greater Than I Ministries, a non-profit established to provide creative biblical worldview teaching materials. Roger is an

ordained pastor, worship leader, and songwriter with over 30 years experience in Christian leadership. His passion is to help light a fire in Christians to lead our culture by applying the brilliance of the Word of God in every vocation and location of life; to know what we believe and make a difference in the world around us!

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

Registration: 1:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Children's Convention: 1:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Information: 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Premium Members Only Preview: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Spring Leadership Conference

Registration/Check-In Opens

College & Vocational Fair

Homeschooling Nuts & Bolts Mini-Con

Intro to Homeschool Mini-Con: Session I

Life After High School Mini-Con: Session I

Biola Cafe Open for Dinner

Intro to Homeschool Mini-Con: Session II

Life After High School Mini-Con: Session II

Children's Convention Ends

Intro to Homeschool Mini-Con: Session III

(Exhibit Hall)

Life After High School Mini-Con: Session III

(Exhibit Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Information & Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Children's Convention: 8:10 a.m. – 6:10 p.m. (Lunch Break: 11:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.)

Teen Convention: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Lunch Break: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Exhibit Hall: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Biola Cafe Open for Breakfast

Opening Keynote Session

Exhibit Hall Opens

General Workshop Sessions #1

Biola Cafe Open for Lunch

Exhibit Hall Shopping

Children's Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Teen Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Exhibitor Workshop Sessions

General Workshop Sessions #2

General Workshop Sessions #3

General Workshop Sessions #4

Biola Cafe Open for Dinner

Children's Convention Ends

Exhibit Hall Closes

Moms Night Out with Rachel Zwayne

Dads & Kids Game Night

CHEA's High School Graduation Ceremony

(Convention attendee seating at 7:05 p.m., first come, first served)

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Information & Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Children's Convention: 8:10 a.m. – 6:10 p.m. (Lunch Break: 11:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.)

Teen Convention: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Lunch Break: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Exhibit Hall: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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6:10 p.m.

Biola Cafe Open for Breakfast

Dads Breakfast Fellowship

Morning Keynote Session

Exhibit Hall Opens

General Workshop Sessions #5

Biola Cafe Open for Lunch

Exhibit Hall Shopping

Children's Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Teen Convention Lunch Break (on own)

Exhibitor Workshop Sessions

General Workshop Sessions #6

General Workshop Sessions #7

Exhibit Hall Closes

Closing Keynote Session

Biola Cafe Open for Dinner

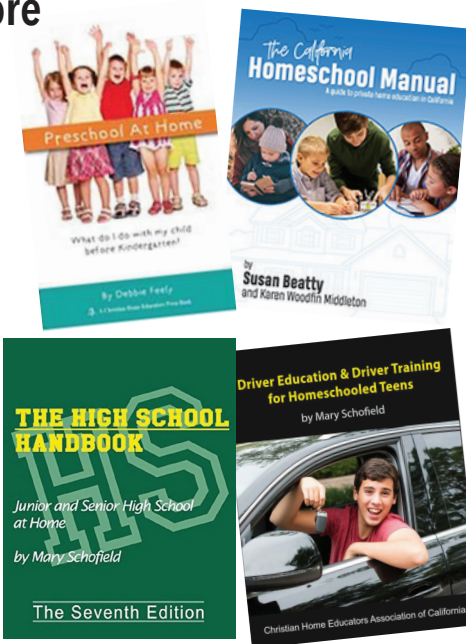
Children's Convention Ends

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event schedule

workshops

THURSDAY	SUB Courtyard	Crowell Hall	Mayers Auditorium
	2:00–4:00 p.m. College & Vocational Fair		2:00–2:45 p.m. Penny Ross Laying a Foundation
			2:45–3:30 p.m. Betsy Pierce Essential Recordkeeping for the Private Homeschooler
			3:30–4:20 p.m. Kristi Clover Choosing Curriculum - & Not Breaking the Bank!
			4:30–5:30 p.m. Pastor Jack Hibbs Delivering Truth. Combatting Error.
		4:30–5:30 p.m. Jonathan Brush The Success Crisis: Why Misunderstanding Success is Destroying our Young Adults 5:30–7:00 p.m. Penny Ross Is Your Student College Bound?	5:30–7:00 p.m. Nathan Pierce, John McGowan, Angela Lasch Introduction to Home Education

Parenting Focus

New Homeschoolers be sure to check these out

Junior High or High School Focus

FRIDAY	Ethel Lee Aud.	Calvary Chapel	Mayers Aud.	Crowell Hall	Kim Conf. Room	Lehman Conf. Rm	Rose 002
Friday Morning Keynote	Amber O'Neal Johnston Relational Living, Learning, and Loving						
#1 10:30	Rachel Zwayne Profound Impact of a Mother's Influence	Penny Ross A Customized Education	Dr. Renton Rathbun Homeschooling Gen Z: How They Think & Why It Matters	Dr. Lisa Dunne Climate Change: How Your Communication Climate Impacts Your Child's Success	Betsy Pierce Precious Preschool - Loving the Littlest Learning Years	Roger Wheelock Biblical Worldview of Education Is Vital	Dr. Douglas Frank Making Science Memorable and Fun
#2 2 pm	Jonathan Brush Rebuilding Western Civilization: Call to Bigger Vision	Dr. Renton Rathbun What Should a Bible Program Look Like When We Homeschool?	Carrie de Francisco Homeschooling for FREE (Well ... Almost Free)	Caleb Schroeder Homeschooling is Discipleship	David & Shirley Quine High School–The Final Lap	Vicki Stormoen Creating Your Homeschool Mission Statement	Jodi DiPaola Math Games: Laughter & Learning All in One
#3 3:30	Rachel Zwayne Top 10 Tips for the Homeschool Mom	Amber O'Neal Johnston Sparkling Curiosity & Delight in Childhood	Carrie de Francisco Homeschooling with Dyslexia: It's a Gift	Nathan Pierce Raising Our Children to be Discerning in a World of Error	Betsy Pierce Homeschooling with Multiple Ages	Dr. Julie Goodman-Bowling Navigating Changing Relationships through College	Julie Walker Writing Across the Curriculum
#4 5 pm	Jonathan Brush The Importance of Taking Action & Doing Real Things	GRADUATION REHEARSAL	Betsy Pierce What Kind of Homeschooler Are You?	Caleb & Leah Schroeder Homeschool Fatigue	Kristi Clover Making Your Homeschool Days Special with Traditions & Fun!	John Paul Thureau How to Pay for a Christian College	David & Shirley Quine Bringing Together Great Masterpieces of Art & Biblical Truth

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SATURDAY	Ethel Lee Aud.	Calvary Chapel	Mayers Aud	Crowell Hall	Kim Conf. Room	Lehman Conf. Rm	Rose 002
Saturday Morning Keynote	Pastor Art Reyes Beyond Textbooks: The Discipleship Journey of Home Education						
#1 10:30	Nathan Pierce & John McGowan Legislative Update	Amber O'Neal Johnston Books as Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors	David & Shirley Quine Math--According to Abbot & Costello	Dr. Lisa Dunne Homeschool Models that Heal Gen Z Misattachments	Dr. Julie Goodman-Bowling Navigating Working Outside the Home While Homeschooling	John Paul Thureau To Test or Not to Test? That is the Question!	Dr. Christy Mathews How to Become (or Raise) a Redemptive Entrepreneur
#2 2 pm	Amber O'Neal Johnston Delighting in the Early Years	Jonathan Brush What You Really Need to Know: What a Student Should Learn Before Launch	Rachel Zwayne What's Influencing Your Parenting as a Mom?	Julie Walker The Four Language Arts	Penny Ross Homeschooling ... When Life Intervenes	Vicki Stormoen A Closer Look at the Junior High Years	Dr. Renton Rathbun Calling All Men! We Need a Better Definition for Servant Leadership
#3 3:30	Caleb & Leah Schroeder Homeschooling for a Stronger Marriage	Jonathan Brush Principles Based Parenting: You Don't Need a Formula, You Need a Foundation	Kristi Clover Training Kids to Help (Without the Whining!)	Brian Villanueva Technology from Toddlers to Teens	Penny Ross Home Educating A High-Energy Kid	Roger Wheelock Vital Need to Relate His-Story (History) to Today's World	Nathan Pierce Charter Schools - Opportunity or Hidden Stumbling Block?
Closing Keynote 5 pm	Dr. Renton Rathbun How to Create Thinking Habits in Our Children: WV Down to the Lesson Plan						

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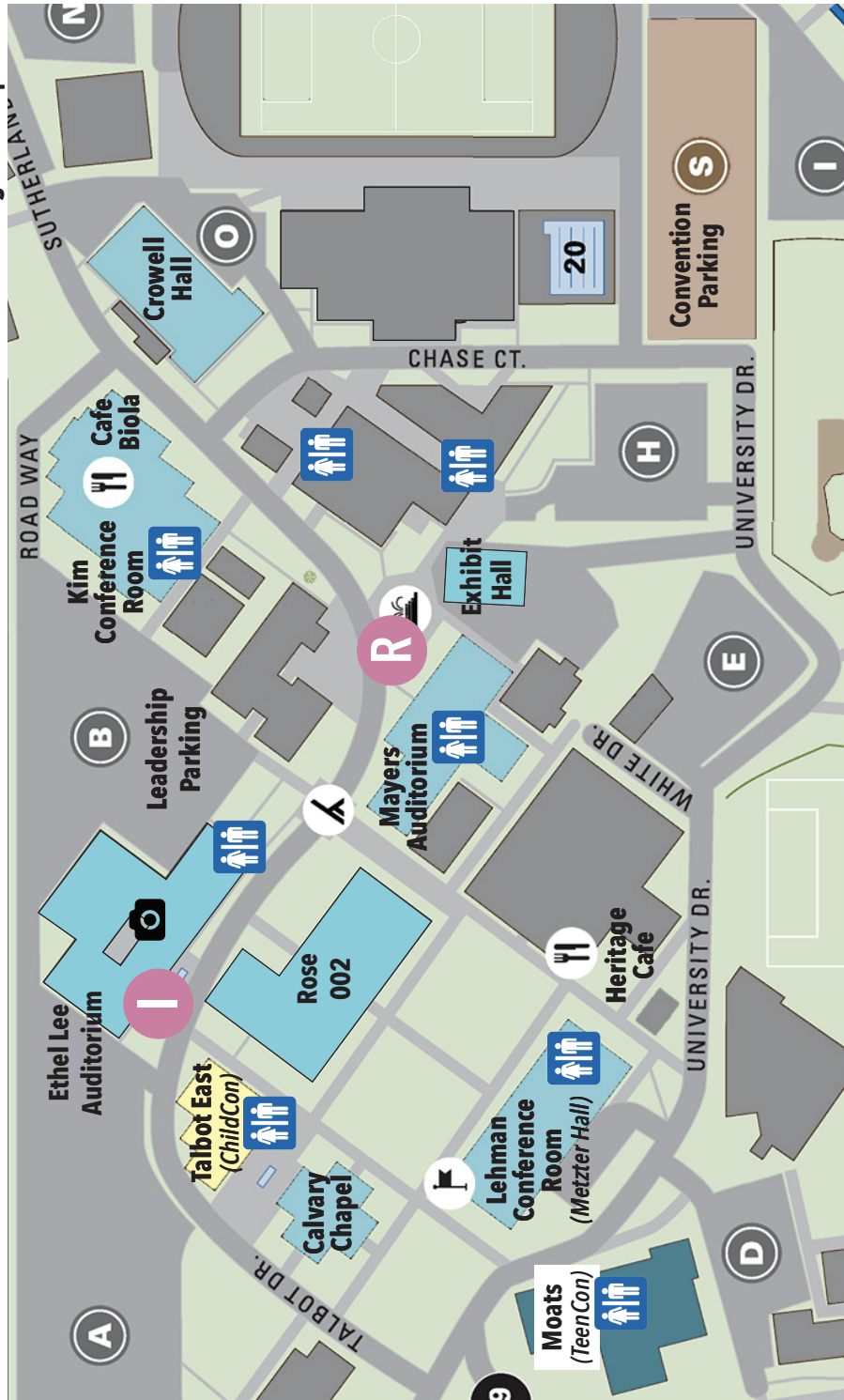


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NUTS & BOLTS MINI-CON

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Laying a Foundation

Penny Ross, *Mayers Auditorium*

What shapes your education vision? What matters most to you as a parent and a teacher? The more that you think through why you are homeschooling, the better you can establish some guiding principles for your journey. Those principles will help you make important homeschooling decisions both now and in the future, as well as lay the groundwork for writing a Philosophy of Education or Mission Statement. (If those terms sound intimidating, then this is the workshop for you!)

2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Essential Recordkeeping for the Private Homeschooler

Betsy Pierce, *Mayers Auditorium*

Benjamin Franklin forgot paperwork when he declared death and taxes to be the only certainties in life. But you don't need to be afraid of drowning in documents. Betsy has kept her school records for thirteen years and will walk you through the mandated records we are required to maintain as private homeschoolers and briefly touch on a few popular methods for lesson planning and keeping track of your child's learning.

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Choosing Curriculum - & Not Breaking the Bank!

Kristi Clover, *Mayers Auditorium*

Discover how to confidently choose the right homeschool materials—without draining your bank account! With so many options, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. You'll learn a simple approach to picking curriculum that fits your family's unique learning and teaching styles, budget, and interests. We'll also explore creative ways to homeschool without formal curriculum, using real-life resources and flexible tools that keep things simple and affordable. Walk away with a clear strategy, fresh ideas, and confidence to teach your children with joy and peace.

INTRO TO HOMESCHOOLING MINI-CON

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Delivering Truth. Combatting Error.

Pastor Jack Hibbs, *Mayers Auditorium*

Parents often wonder if they're equipped to guide their children's education. This workshop reveals how home education provides a unique opportunity to ground your children in biblical truth while helping them discern cultural messages that contradict Scripture. Discover practical approaches to create a learning environment centered on God's Word, and gain confidence that with His guidance, you are fully capable of leading your children's educational journey.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Intro to Home Education

Angela Lasch, **John McGowan**, **Nathan Pierce**, *Mayers Auditorium*

Making the decision to educate at home is only the first of many decisions. This session lists the options, defines them, and offers criteria for deciding which one is right for your family. This is the perfect opportunity to investigate home education with no cost or obligation.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Preview Pavilion (Exhibit Hall)

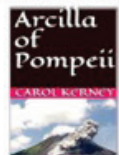
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2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

College & Vocational Fair, SUB Courtyard

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The Success Crisis: Why Misunderstanding Success is Destroying our Young Adults

Jonathan Brush, *Crowell Hall*

Many love to beat on the current young generation for their lack of work ethic and say they will never be "successful." What if learning to thrive - defined as owning your purpose, serving others through healthy relationships, and living with resilience - was far more important than becoming successful - defined as being rich, famous, and/or powerful? What if becoming successful actually runs directly against what is necessary to thrive? What would we need to understand and do to equip our children to thrive instead of be successful?

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Is Your Student College Bound?

Penny Ross, *Crowell Hall*

If you think your student might be headed to college, this workshop will provide an introduction and overview to the process. We will discuss the basics of higher education including the different types of schools (community college, UC, CSU, private college, Christian college, Bible college, and vocational school), admissions guidelines for homeschoolers, and a short primer on financial aid.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Preview

Pavilion (*Exhibit Hall*)

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WORKSHOP SESSION #1

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Profound Impact of a Mother's Influence

Rachel Zwayne, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

The influence that a mother can have over her children is profound. Homeschooling provides even more opportunities for her to impact the lives of the precious souls God has entrusted into her care. Rachel will explore specific areas of focus and highlight how intentionality can translate into massive effectiveness. You will learn how to inspire your children to love and serve the Lord and others with every fiber of their being.

A Customized Education

Penny Ross, *Calvary Chapel*

Homeschool parents do not need to teach every subject themselves. How do you determine which subjects would be best taught by you at home and which ones could (or should) be outsourced? And how do you determine the pro's and con's of a group class, tutor, co-op, online class, or video program for a particular subject or situation? Penny will help you sort through all these questions to determine what's right for your family.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

OPENING KEYNOTE

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Relational Living, Learning, and Loving

Amber O'Neal Johnston, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

Interacting with living books, things, and people. Learning amid the mundane. Loving our family, friends, and community well. These are the relational aspects of home that fuel growth and contentment. Home education blurs the lines between home and "school" and offers a unique opportunity for connection with and among our children. When we approach our days as opportunities for relationships to flourish (and be tested), we're able to experience the fullness of educating our children at home. This session will guide parents in curating a home atmosphere rooted in relational living, learning, and loving.

Homeschooling Gen Z: How They Think & Why It Matters

Dr. Renton Rathbun, *Mayers Auditorium*

Young people continue to consent to and even affirm culturally acceptable sin. Sometimes we think, "My kids will never get tangled up in that." But do we understand enough to know how to protect them? We will discover the root of the thought process that has groomed Gen Z into doubting God, redefining Christianity, and ultimately walking away from the faith. We discuss three biblical principles to respond with as we educate, train, and prepare this generation for a world that hates God.



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Climate Change: How Your Communication Climate Impacts Your Child's Success

Dr. Lisa Dunne, Crowell Hall

What seeds of discontent from your own childhood are bearing a harvest in your home? In *The Secret Garden*, author Frances Hodgson Burnett tells the story of a young orphan and her cousin. Raised without godly discipline and steeped in narratives of unforgiveness, both children ultimately make peace with their past, allowing hope to enter their hearts and love to enter their lives. The power of forgiveness sets them free from a life of bondage. Don't let your past determine your children's future.

Precious Preschool - Loving the Littlest Learning Years

Betsy Pierce, Kim Conference Room

Congratulations! You have a precious preschooler and you have decided homeschooling is the direction for your family! Whether you are excited and eager, overwhelmed by the enormity of the road ahead, or just want some ideas of how to begin with a good foundation, this session will help. Betsy will lay out a vision of a fun and doable approach to teaching the littlest learners, and encourage you to look with joy on this season of school.

Biblical Worldview of Education Is Vital

Roger Wheelock, Lehman Conference Room

Carefully crafted, wicked ideas are attacking us from all sides and our children will fall if not fully equipped to discern God's truth from the enemy's propaganda. Beginning in the home and church, our families must learn to see the world through the eyes of God, and to understand the times we're in. This presentation will prepare you with the tools you need to not merely survive, but to thrive in our tumultuous culture.

Making Science and Math Fun & Engaging

Dr. Douglas Frank, Rose 002

Nobel prize nominated scientist Dr. Douglas Frank will share some hints and tips for engaging your students in their science studies.

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WORKSHOP SESSION #2

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Rebuilding Western Civilization: A Call to a Bigger Vision

Jonathan Brush, Ethel Lee Auditorium

What if the homeschool movement was about more than education, but was the training corps for those whose mission is to take and hold the cultural anchors of our civilization? What if we understood that this army doesn't build walls and fortifications to keep the barbarians out, but builds homes and communities that lower the bridge, open the gates, and invites those outside in, to a better world? This session will challenge you to think big, think long, and join the mission.

What Should a Bible Program Look Like When We Homeschool?

Dr. Renton Rathbun, Calvary Chapel

Although many homeschool in order to teach their children from a biblical perspective, surprisingly, many homeschoolers are not engaging the Bible with the same rigor and attention as they do other subjects. This presentation demonstrates that all these issues can be overcome when we develop an intentional, biblical worldview of Bible curriculum, in its scope, relevance, and rigor.

Homeschooling for FREE (Well ... Almost Free)

Carrie De Francisco, Mayers Auditorium

Carrie shares how to teach PreK-4th grade for free (or for almost free), keep God and His Word at the center of your studies, protect your child's childhood from academic overload, and more. This session will help you keep the WONDER years WONDERful, and on a budget! If you are a parent of a PreK-4th grade student, a family on a strict budget, or a homeschool mom wanting to simplify her schedule, this workshop is for you.

Homeschooling is Discipleship

Caleb Schroeder, Crowell Hall

How is each dad uniquely equipped as the spiritual leader of his family? What are the unique roles that God has given parents to fulfill as they bring up children "In the way they should go?" How does this work for single parents? Practical advice for discipling children at all stages will be given. This seminar will also answer the question: "How can I disciple my children when I don't have a Bible degree?"

High School--The Final Lap

David & Shirley Quine, Kim Conference Room

In the Book of Hebrews, we are challenged to "run with endurance the race that is set before us ..." Running a race is difficult. In many ways, homeschooling is like a race in which we pass the baton of Truth to the next generation. High school is the final lap. Be encouraged as David and Shirley share insight from the Word of God on how to finish strong!

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Creating Your Homeschool Mission Statement

Vicki Stormoen, *Lehman Conference Room*

What is a Homeschool Mission Statement and why do you need one? In this workshop, we will discuss the importance of having a homeschool mission statement for your family, how it can help you during the school year, and how to put one together. We will look at some sample mission statements for inspiration with the goal of leaving this talk with new inspiration and a clear target for fulfilling your homeschooling goals.

Math Games: Laughter and Learning All in One

Jodi DiPaola, *Rose 002*

Bring joy to your math lessons with games. Engaging and exciting math card games will teach math and reinforce the facts. Instead of solitary and isolating worksheets, games create a social, interactive experience where children of all skill levels can learn together. Join us for a fun-filled

workshop where we'll show you how to play some addition, multiplication, and fraction games to boost math skills, promote critical thinking, and infuse learning with laughter and joy.

WORKSHOP SESSION #3

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Top 10 Tips for the Homeschool Mom

Rachel Zwayne, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

With 25 years of experience, Rachel is delighted to share what she has learned on her journey through all the joys and challenges of homeschooling. Her desire is to put wind in your sails and free you up to truly enjoy all the amazing benefits of education at home. Come and be encouraged towards trusting the Lord as well as implementing wise and practical tips. You are sure to come away with an excited heart!

Sparking Curiosity & Delight in Childhood

Amber O'Neal Johnston, *Calvary Chapel*

When children show strong abilities in one area or another, the adults in their lives often encourage them to pursue hobbies and careers that play off those strengths. That may certainly be an advantage, but sometimes the strategy can leave children feeling incomplete. We'll explore a path that supports academic growth while sparking curiosity in childhood. Learn how to spread an inspiring feast of ideas and come alongside your kids as they dive deeply into the passions and interests that make them come alive!

Homeschooling with Dyslexia: It's a Gift

Carrie De Francisco, *Mayers Auditorium*

Did your child have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad (homeschooling) day ... again? Whether your child is dyslexic, has attention issues, or is just a late bloomer, homeschooling parents often feel inadequate. Dyslexia is not a deficiency; it is a gift. Kids with dyslexia learn differently, so they need to be taught differently. Carrie shares the struggles, challenges, triumphs, and miracles she experienced homeschooling her dyslexic child, as well as possible teaching strategies.

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Kristi Clover



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Raising Our Children to be Discerning in a World of Error

Nathan Pierce, *Crowell Hall*

With eight children in their home, Nathan and his wife do a lot of explaining about what is going on in the world. It can be tempting to give short answers, but doing so shirks our responsibility to train our children in discernment. Studying and growing in discernment is something that we need to model for our children as well as mentor them in. How can we do this in a world that is so confusing?

Homeschooling With Multiple Ages

Betsy Pierce, *Kim Conference Room*

How do you teach high school when the baby needs to eat, the toddler needs a nap, and the 8-year-old slips outside the moment your back is turned? It would be easy to teach multiplication if only you could focus for 10 minutes! As a mother of a large family, Betsy will share her experiences, successes, and failures of homeschooling multiple ages at the same time, including practical ideas for scheduling, household management, and curriculum approaches.

Navigating Changing Relationships through College

Dr. Julie Goodman-Bowling,

Lehman Conference Room

Becoming an adult changes one's relationships with their parents, church, and friends. Additionally, learning how to communicate with maturity, especially with professors and potential employers, is a critical part of establishing dependable relationships. In this discussion, we explore some helpful tools to guide students in how to navigate their new-found independence, establishing church relationships, and navigating changing relationships as distance and life-stage affect how students engage with parents and friends.

Writing Across the Curriculum

Julie Walker, *Rose 002*

Imagine integrating writing instruction into your Bible, history, or science lessons, helping your students become better writers while deepening their understanding of the subject matter. This is not only possible; it is highly effective! Writing about a subject solidifies the content, making it an ideal teaching strategy. Learn a systematic approach to help you incorporate writing into nearly any content area.

WORKSHOP SESSION #4

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Importance of Taking Action & Doing Real Things

Jonathan Brush, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

In a bygone time, plans were paramount, caution was king, and deciding was marked by deliberation. In that world, knowledge trumped experience. We don't live in that world anymore. In our world, iteration is better than planning, action holds the throne, and deciding is marked by doing. Knowledge is still necessary, but knowledge without experience holds little value. This session will teach you how to adapt to this new world and use project-based education to train students to take action for the real world.

What Kind of Homeschooler Are You?

Betsy Pierce, *Mayers Auditorium*

There are as many different approaches to homeschooling as there are families wondering what all the fancy terms mean. Who is this woman Charlotte Mason? How can education be classical? In this session, Betsy will give an overview of some of the most popular approaches to homeschooling. This will help parents get a feel for what method might be a good fit for their family and help direct curriculum choices and priorities.

Homeschool Fatigue

Caleb & Leah Schroeder, *Crowell Hall*

How do you keep going when it seems like you are going nowhere? In this workshop, Caleb & Leah will talk about maintaining endurance through all the various stages of child development from infant to teen and will emphasize both practical and spiritual implications.

Making Your Homeschool Days Special with Traditions & Fun!

Kristi Clover, *Kim Conference Room*

Homeschooling is more than lesson plans—it's the beautiful, messy, memory-making moments in between. We all know the pressure of trying to "keep up" with academics, but homeschooling is about more than just lessons—it's about family culture. If you want to add more joy and creativity to your homeschool, I'll share practical and simple ways to create lasting traditions that make your homeschool days meaningful, faith-filled, and fun. You'll walk away with easy-to-implement ideas your kids will beg to do again.

How to Pay for a Christian College

John Paul Thureau, *Lehman Conference Room*

This workshop explores ways to make the private college experience affordable. Topics will include the college search process, how to maximize institutional scholarships, and how to find outside scholarships. The discussion will also include an introduction to the financial aid process, along with real talk about expenses, long-term financial considerations, and critical questions to ask.

Bringing Together Great Masterpieces of Art & Biblical Truth

David & Shirley Quine, *Rose 002*

Great art has endured over time due to the artists placing Biblical truth onto their canvas. Through the study of art, we can see God's majesty and the beauty of His creation. In a similar way to great literature, art masterworks can take us on a journey to significant historical places and times where they come to life and leave lasting impressions upon our memories. However, the visual nature of art inspires and teaches us in ways that words alone cannot.

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FRIDAY EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

1:00 - 1:40 p.m.

Workshop	Location
Multi-Age and Multi-Grade Without Mom Losing Her Mind <i>BiblioPlan</i> Are you longing to teach your children together? Mindy Brouse will share helps for teaching across multi-age levels using a Classical and Charlotte Mason approach.	Mayers Auditorium
5 Tools to Help Your Children Think Well and Develop Understanding <i>Classical Conversations</i> Discover the tools that teach your children how to think well and develop understanding of any subject, topic, or trade. We will model these tools allowing you to experience them yourself!	Crowell Hall
Teaching Outside the Textbook <i>Ironwood Camp</i> Teachable moments are part of teaching and parenting. This interactive workshop will show you how stars, animals, and plants become teachable moments to steer children to see and think biblically.	Calvary Chapel
RightStart™ Fractions <i>RightStart Mathematics</i> Fractions are fun when they are taught the right way. Discover the beauty and simplicity of fractions using RightStart™ Math.	Rose 002
Protecting the Eyes and Ears of Your Child <i>The Garden Cartoon</i> Children are God's greatest gift. Navigating screens is tough—are all programs bad? This workshop helps parents discuss the best measures to safeguard our most vulnerable.	Kim Conference Room
Remarkable Prenatal Science Educational Tools for K-12 Students <i>Education Resource Fund</i> Teach children about the sanctity of human life. View direct video of living preborn babies and learn about free Education Resource Fund web-based curricular materials.	Lehman Conference Room
EZ+1: The IEW Method of Teaching <i>IEW</i> Teaching students to write well is possible and enjoyable! IEW's approach works for all ability levels. The Structure and Style® method instills confidence and competence.	Ethel Lee Auditorium

SATURDAY, MAY 17

OPENING KEYNOTE

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Beyond Textbooks: The Discipleship Journey of Home Education

Pastor Art Reyes, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

In a world that seems increasingly hostile to biblical values, how can families make a lasting difference? Your dedication to raising your children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord is a light in today's world. In your homes, you are shaping not just minds, but hearts for God's kingdom. This keynote will inspire and affirm your God-given mission as you stand firm in biblical truth.

WORKSHOP SESSION #5

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Legislative Update

Nathan Pierce and John McGowan, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

Fresh from the battlefield, Nathan and John will update you on major current legislative battles threatening our private home education and parental rights! You will learn how God has been working through FPM & CHEA this year and see the necessity of maintaining vigilance for battles that are on the horizon. As time permits, this perspective will broaden to the underlying worldviews and trends of our culture's war against the God-ordained family.

Books as Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors

Amber O'Neal Johnston, *Calvary Chapel*

When children lack occasions to examine similarities and differences between themselves and others, they miss out on valuable opportunities for recognizing the shared humanity that binds all people together. A mirror is a story that reflects your own culture and helps build your identity, a window is a resource that offers you a view into someone else's experience, and a sliding glass door invites you to enter another's world. We will examine the use of all three types of books in our homes as we educate our children.

Math—According to Abbot & Costello

David & Shirley Quine, *Mayers*

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While practice may make perfect, learn from Abbot and Costello why practice doesn't make understanding! Although a child may get every problem on a math page correct, that does not ensure he or she has any idea of what it means. Learn from David how to instill meaning into each math lesson.

Homeschool Models that Heal GenZ Misattachments

Dr. Lisa Dunne, *Crowell Hall*

Today's students are known as the most anxious, depressed, suicide-ideation-prone generation in U.S. history. What can we do to turn the tide? Through her work in universities over the last 20 years, Dr. Dunne has honed an educational methodology that helps inspire trust, build relational connectedness, and nurture critical-thinking skills. You will find practical ways to add these strategic elements of hope and healing to your homeschool. Get a free copy of Dr. Lisa's book, *Guide on the Side*, when you attend this workshop!

Navigating Working Outside the Home While Homeschooling

Dr. Julie Goodman-Bowling,

Kim Conference Room

My colleague Yvonne Thai (homeschool mama, author, and teacher) and I may offer some wisdom from our experiences as being full-time working mamas and homeschoolers. We address how we prioritize, organize, and balance our callings - a primary calling (wife and mother) and secondary calling (teaching). We'll share how rewarding both experiences are, but also how the danger of immediate gratification from work can be tempting; homeschooling and investing in my family is for the long-term ... and results take time.

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To Test or Not to Test? That is the Question!

John Paul Thureau, *Lehman Conference Room*

Testing does not need to be an anxiety-ridden experience. How can you utilize assessments in an edifying way and benefit tangibly from the results? This workshop will address questions related to testing and assessments, their benefits and limitations, and how to use them in your homeschool. The impact and prevalence of testing in society will be considered, along with common terms related to testing and college admissions.

How to Become (or Raise) a Redemptive Entrepreneur

Dr. Christy Mathews, *Rose 002*

Dr. Mathews will share pathways for becoming a Christ-centered entrepreneur and will discuss lived experiences and insights from homeschool families pursuing entrepreneurial pathways.

WORKSHOP SESSION #6

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Delighting in the Early Years

Amber O'Neal Johnston, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

At the end of the day, your goal is for your child to progress from sleeping on your couch to being an adult sleeping on their own couch. What does a student really need to learn between ages 16 and 22 to be ready for "real life"? Many focus on academics, but you need more than academic ability to be equipped for adulthood. This session is based on over 20 years of watching young adults launch and carefully observing what does and doesn't work.

What You Really Need to Know: What Students Should Learn Before They Launch

Jonathan Brush, *Calvary Chapel*

Although many homeschool in order to teach their children from a biblical perspective, surprisingly, many homeschoolers are not engaging the Bible with the same rigor and attention as they do other subjects. This presentation demonstrates that all these issues can be overcome when we develop an intentional, biblical worldview of Bible curriculum, in its scope, relevance, and rigor.

What's Influencing Your Parenting as a Mom?

Rachel Zwayne, *Mayers Auditorium*

Being aware of what influences our parenting is extremely important. This message will touch on common influences—both positive and negative—that impact Christian mothers. Rachel will challenge us to evaluate where we turn for advice and if we're being unintentionally influenced by the wrong sources. She will seek to encourage us in the right direction so that we can experience confidence in our parenting.

The Four Language Arts

Julie Walker, *Crowell Hall*

When asked what the language arts are, many list numerous subjects: spelling, phonics, grammar, copywork, composition, etc. However, it's much simpler! For those adhering to the classical model, ascribing to a Charlotte Mason method, or just seeking a commonsense approach, language arts can be distilled into four core components: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Attending well to the first two eases the process of teaching the latter two. Learn to focus on the most important things in the limited time you have.

Homeschooling ... When Life Intervenes

Penny Ross, *Kim Conference Room*

Don't fall into the trap of thinking a quality home education can only happen under ideal life circumstances. It is possible to homeschool while you provide care for a beloved family member or friend, deal with an ongoing illness yourself, lose your spouse to death or divorce, or undergo other major turmoil. We'll explore ways you can stretch and flex to meet the demands on your time and energy without shortchanging your children's education.

A Closer Look at Middle School

Vicki Stormoen, *Lehman Conference Room*

The junior high years provide a unique two-year "gift" where parents can develop a two-fold vision for their students that involves both looking back at the elementary years and filling in any gaps, as well as intentionally preparing their students for the high school years ahead.

In this session, we will look at how to effectively accomplish both of those goals to set 7th and 8th grade students up for success in their final years of homeschooling.

Calling All Men! We Need a Better Definition for Servant Leadership

Dr. Renton Rathbun, *Rose 002*

We need strong, reliable men, husbands, fathers. At the heart of Biblical leadership in the home is a hierarchy of a love for God. The higher the level of responsibility and the weight that accompanies decision making in the home, the greater the temptation is for men to either become like a child to their wife or become a bully in the home. We will discuss practical, biblical acts of headship in the home, and how to make a real difference in the next generation.

WORKSHOP SESSION #7

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Homeschooling for a Stronger Marriage

Caleb & Leah Schroeder, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*

Oftentimes homeschool parents put their marriage on the back burner due to the hectic life of being a homeschool family. This session will focus on why a healthy marriage is the most important element of an effective education. It will offer practical advice for how to maintain a healthy marriage in the midst of the organized chaos of home education.

Principles Based Parenting: You Don't Need a Formula, You Need a Foundation

Jonathan Brush, *Calvary Chapel*

Ever notice everyone has a specific opinion about how you should, or shouldn't, raise your children? There's no magic formula to parenting, but there are principles, things that are true no matter what. If you understand those principles then, since we are made in the image of an infinitely creative God, there are an infinite number of ways you can teach your children those principles, reflecting your unique skills and family. This session will give you the foundation to build your own parenting plan.

Training Kids to Help (Without the Whining!)

Kristi Clover, *Mayers Auditorium*

You weren't meant to carry the whole load alone—your kids can help (they might just need a little training). In this uplifting and practical session, you'll discover how to gently and consistently train your kids to take ownership of age-appropriate tasks. We'll explore strategies for building responsibility, cultivating a family team mindset, and handling pushback without turning into the drill sergeant. You'll walk away with fresh motivation and tools to create a more peaceful, cooperative home.

Technology from Toddlers to Teens

Brian Villanueva, *Crowell Hall*

How do you safely introduce the web, smartphones, social media, and AI to your children? The Internet is an amazing tool with a very seedy underbelly. Learn how to use internet technology without having it use you. This workshop demonstrates web filtering and phone tracking tools to keep your kids and teens safe(r) online. Because today's online harms can migrate into the offline world.

Home Educating a High-Energy Kid

Penny Ross, *Kim Conference Room*

Do you have one of those kids who can barely sit still – even to eat? Then how is he or she supposed to learn to read, do long division, or write essays? We'll discuss practical tips and tools for working with kids who have an overabundance of energy and for incorporating movement into their daily learning routine.

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Vital Need to Relate His-Story (History) to Today's World

Roger Wheelock, *Lehman Conference Room*
George Orwell said, "The most effective way to destroy a people is to deny and obliterate their understanding of their own history." French writer and communist supporter Milan Kundera wrote: "The first step in liquidating a people is to erase its memory." If we don't know our history, we won't know the context of our lives today, and we won't understand God's purpose for us in the future. Viewing history through God's eyes is unfathomably valuable and relevant for today.

Charter Schools - Opportunity or Hidden Stumbling Block?

Nathan Pierce, *Rose 002*
You probably know homeschooling families who have left the fold of Private Homeschooling for the perceived advantages of joining a charter school. Perhaps you yourself have even wondered if it wouldn't be a solution to some of the challenges you're facing. So, what are some of the important issues Christian parents should consider before making any decision to enroll their children in a charter school?

CLOSING KEYNOTE

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
How to Create Thinking Habits in Our Children: Worldview Down to the Lesson Plan
Dr. Renton Rathbun, *Ethel Lee Auditorium*
Let's face it, biblical worldview has been ethereal for too long. If biblical worldview is to have any legitimacy, it must be practical. In this talk, we develop the lost art of reading, writing, and arithmetic in our teaching. We establish that every subject taught in the home involves these three skills. We then develop how Worldview work is at the heart of 1) organizational thinking in reading, 2) critical thinking in writing, and 3) conductive thinking in arithmetic.

workshops

SATURDAY EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

1:00 - 1:40 p.m.

Workshop	Location
Standardized Testing Designed for Homeschoolers <i>Classic Learning Test</i> Learn all about the Classic Learning Test (CLT), how it stands out from other tests, and how to strengthen your homeschool education with in-depth analytics.	Crowell Hall
Work from Home as a Medical Transcriptionist <i>The Medical Transcription Service</i> Medical transcriptionists are in demand! Discover a flexible career with no age restrictions. Learn what medical transcription is, earning potential, equipment needed, and more.	Mayers Auditorium
Dinner Made Easy for Busy Homeschoolers <i>The Dinner Solution</i> Save time, money, and stress with prep-ahead meals. Learn an easy system for planning, shopping, and filling your freezer—a sanity-saver for parents juggling school, meals, and life.	Kim Conference Room
Equipping the Whole Family: Faith, Health, Leadership, and Community <i>WeShare</i> Explore faith-based tools for family health, youth leadership, and homeschool community-building through WeShare by UHSM, IGNITE, and 10:10 Academy.	Ethel Lee Auditorium



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2025

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in your area!*

High School Online Mini-Con | August 4 & 5, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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- Homeschooling Through High School–You Got This! – LaNissir James
- Big College News–Homeschooled Wanted–No Accreditation Necessary! – Jean Burk
- The Skills You Need to Live Life Well – Jonathan Brush
- The Path to NCAA Eligibility – Natalie Mack

Summer Leadership Conference and Homeschool Freedom Day | Late Summer

Join CHEA and FPM as we bring these timely and encouraging events to the Oceanside/ San Diego area in late summer. Look in your Connection emails for more details in the upcoming weeks.

PSA Filing Party (Webinar) | October

Our annual online party at the beginning of October! Lots of fun and support as we go through page by page, and you'll have your Private School Affidavit done and filed by the end of the evening.

Redding Regional Mini-Con | November 8 and Central California Mini-Con | November 14

- Zan Tyler will be the Featured Speaker at both of these events!
- Several workshops on a wide range of topics, for wherever you might be in your homeschooling journey.
- Moms and Dads Panels were so popular last year we'll be doing them again.
- Nathan Pierce will also be joining us.

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