

# Faith in the Trenches

Have I not  
commanded  
you?

Be strong  
& courageous

DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED

for the Lord your God  
will be with you

wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Homeschool  
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Worcester, Massachusetts

April 25-27, 2019

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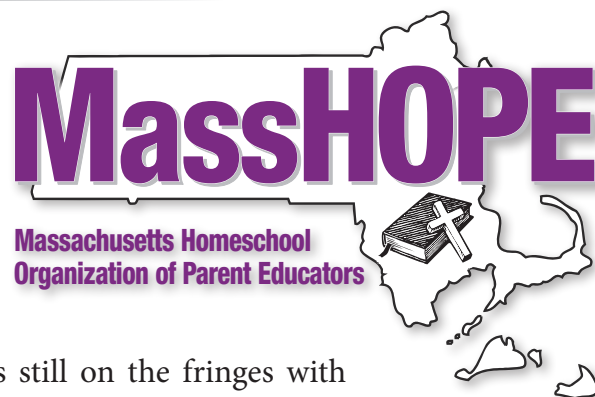
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This is MassHOPE's 30th convention. My, how the world has changed in that time. At our first convention you probably didn't know anyone that had a cell phone. You didn't have email, didn't know what the internet was, and probably didn't know anyone with a computer at home. Mark Zuckerberg was kindergarten age (Don't know if he attended).

Technology is not all that has changed. Homeschooling was still on the fringes with homeschoolers afraid to go out in the daytime in some areas. Today we can be thankful for all the resources that are available, technological and otherwise. When once almost everyone thought homeschooling was somehow weird and perhaps even illegal, today they are often likely to say, "Wow, I wish I could do that!" Oh, it has its challenges, but anything worth doing in life often has challenges.

Two things have not changed – God and human nature. God is faithful, as always, and human interaction is still a necessary component of life. Our convention remains just the place for up close and personal interaction with more folks sharing this homeschooling journey than you will find almost anywhere. We're so glad you are here, and we pray you will find inspiration, encouragement, refreshing, and practical information to help you keep "faith in the trenches."

- MassHOPE and TEACH-CT



## Hungry?

### Suggestions on where to eat ...

There is an onsite concession stand located in the back corner of the exhibit hall. There is also a lovely atrium with inexpensive food choices at the hospital across the street, as well as the hospital's cafeteria. Another option is to head to one of the several local restaurants and sandwich shops in the area. **If you go to UNO's, don't forget your ticket - MassHOPE will receive up to 20% of the sales from those tickets!**



**PLEASE NOTE:** The DCU Center security will NOT allow any food or beverage to be brought into the building without a note from a health care provider explaining your need due to a health condition.

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# Convention Schedule

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:30 a.m. Doors Open for *Pre-Registered Only*
- 8 a.m. Doors Open to the Public
- Exhibit Hall Opens
- 8:15 a.m. Opening General Session  
– Todd Wilson – *"This, We Believe!"*
- 9:30 – 3:15 Vendor Workshops
- 9:30 a.m. Session 1 Workshops
- 10:30 a.m. Session 2 Workshops
- 11:30 a.m. Session 3 Workshops
- 12:15 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Session 4 Workshops
- 2:30 p.m. Session 5 Workshops
- 3:15 – 5:30 Free Time - Shopping
- 5:30 p.m. General Session
- Graduate Recognition Ceremony
- Keynote address – Eric Ludy  
*"Raising William Wallace - Parenting with an Epic Outcome in Mind"*
- 7 p.m. General Session Ends

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:30 a.m. Doors Open for Pre-Registered Only
- 8 a.m. Doors Open to the Public
- 8:15 a.m. Opening General Session  
– Zan Tyler – *"Homeschooling: A Revival Movement"*
- 8:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens
- 9:30 – 3:15 Vendor Workshops
- 9:30 a.m. Session 6 Workshops
- 10:30 a.m. Session 7 Workshops
- 11:30 a.m. Session 8 Workshops
- 12:15 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Session 9 Workshops
- 2:30 p.m. Session 10 Workshops
- 3:15 – 5:00 Free Time - Shopping
- 5 p.m. Exhibit Hall Closes
- Convention Ends

### Courtesy Please...

While in sessions, please turn your cell phone off or put it into vibrate mode. If you do receive a call, please step out of the room to avoid disturbing others with your conversation.

*Thank you!*



### And one more thing...

We love babies and we're all about families, but if children under age four accompany you to workshops, please step out of the room if they become fussy or are making happy noises! Our recording equipment is very sensitive!

*Thank you!*



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Incoming messages will be posted on the bulletin board in the front lobby area near the MassHOPE booth.



# For Your Information

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## Who can go where, with what identification, while you're here with us at the DCU Center?

- Only those with name badges are allowed on the third floor. These include registered adults, children 12 years and up, children 2-4 years, and children registered for the Children's Program. NO exceptions!
- Children under 24 months do not have wristbands or name badges and may go anywhere with their parents.
- Children (ages 5-11) who are not registered for the children's program are given wristbands. They are restricted to the first floor and the overlook area of the second floor (at the top of the first escalator). They must be with an adult at all times AND are NOT ALLOWED on the third floor.
- Adults with wristbands have Exhibit Hall passes and are allowed only in the Exhibit Hall.

We try to make our event as family-friendly as possible by offering something for the teens and the children. Our primary goal is to encourage and enable home-schooling parents. Due to unpredictable space issues in the workshop rooms, it is necessary for us to make these restrictions. Thank you for understanding.

**Why do we not provide handouts?** In an effort to save money and prevent a lot of waste, we have asked you to print any handouts for the workshops of interest to you from our website. We simply cannot predict what the attendance will be for each workshop that has handouts; therefore, after spending over \$1,000 on copies each year and throwing about half of them away, we decided to be better stewards of our money. We will keep the handouts available on our website long after the convention, which is especially helpful if you are listening to a recording of a session.

**You may see someone taking photographs** - Photographs taken at this event may be published on our website, in *The Voice of HOPE* or other MassHOPE publications. MassHOPE does not provide compensation or royalties in conjunction with publication or use of these materials, nor does MassHOPE offer the opportunity to inspect or approve prior to publication of any photo, video, or audio recording taken by MassHOPE or those designated by MassHOPE to do so. Any photographs, video, or audio used by MassHOPE from this event will be used with the purpose of celebrating and promoting home education.

## A Special Thank You...

MassHOPE would like to thank all of those who help with the convention! We simply could not do it without a host of volunteers – before, during, and after. Specifically, we appreciate the efforts of the convention committee, ALL of the volunteers, and the DCU Staff/Security.

## LOST AND FOUND

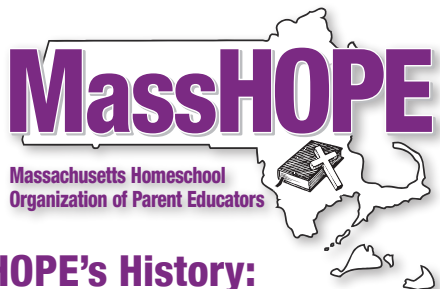
Please be sure to take your personal belongings home with you. Each year, we have quite a collection of items. Our **Lost and Found** area is at the Volunteer booth, in the registration area. If you discover that you did forget something once you get home, please call us!



## PLEASE NOTE!

Please use the escalator or stairs and save the elevator for those who have strollers or are disabled. *Thank you!*





## MassHOPE's History:

Massachusetts Homeschool Organization of Parent Educators (MassHOPE) began in 1989 as a response to the need for a biblically-based, statewide organization to inform, serve, network, and assist Christian homeschooling families.

## MassHOPE's Mission:

MassHOPE is a biblically-based ministry dedicated to promoting and safeguarding home education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by:

- Encouraging and equipping parents to educate their children at home
- Networking homeschoolers with homeschooling support groups and organizations
- Communicating information and issues relevant to home education
- Sponsoring events to benefit the homeschooling community
- Monitoring and responding to legislation affecting home education
- Developing leadership to serve the interests and needs of homeschoolers

## MassHOPE & TEACH-CT working together on this convention!

**We would like to welcome our friends from neighboring states!**

As the largest homeschool convention in New England, we realize many folks who attend come from outside Massachusetts. We encourage you to support your state organization's activities also.

**Connecticut:** The Education Association of Christian Homeschoolers (TEACH-CT) - [www.teachct.org](http://www.teachct.org)

**Maine:** Homeschoolers of Maine (HOME) - [www.homeschoolersofmaine.org](http://www.homeschoolersofmaine.org)

**New Hampshire:** Christian Home Educators of New Hampshire (CHENH) - [www.chenh.org](http://www.chenh.org)

**New York:** Loving Education at Home (LEAH) - [www.leah.org](http://www.leah.org)

**Rhode Island:** Rhode Island Guild of Home Teachers (RIGHT) - [www.rihomeschool.com](http://www.rihomeschool.com)

**Vermont:** No information for a Vermont organization is available at this time. If you're a resident of Vermont, we encourage you to visit [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) and click on your state for further info.

# MassHOPE's 2019 Graduation Ceremony

*You are cordially invited to join us at Holden Chapel, Holden, Massachusetts*

**June 8, 2019, 2 p.m.**

*Come, be encouraged in your homeschooling journey, and support our graduating seniors!*



# Hungry?



On April 25-27, UNO's Chicago Grill (1st floor

of the Hilton Garden Inn, across the street from the DCU Center) will donate up to 20% to MassHOPE on the orders of everyone who uses the MassHOPE ticket. If you preregistered, there may have been at least one ticket in your envelope with your name badge(s). You will need one ticket per check, and more tickets are available at the MassHOPE and the Registration booths. If you have a party of eight or more, you may want to call ahead: 508-421-9300. You can dine-in or take out, just remember to **use the ticket!** Thank you!

Other options for dining: other local restaurants, the food court and cafeteria at the hospital (across the street), and, as always, the concession stand onsite at the DCU Center (located in the back of the exhibit hall).

**Just remember, you cannot bring any food/beverage into the building without a doctor's note!**

## We Value Your Opinion!

We're looking for your feedback – Some great ideas have been the result of attendees' feedback. Please don't forget to fill out your convention evaluation form and either drop it in the box when you leave or return via mail.

**Mark your calendars!  
Next year's convention:  
May 7, 2020**

## Have you "liked" MassHOPE on Facebook yet?



Sometimes it may just be silly memes we post that will make you smile. Other times, you may find a helpful article or a word of encouragement. Someone may even post the same question that's been bouncing around in your head. Stay current with MassHOPE events and be part of our team. "Like" us today!

## Do you have strengths, talents, skills, or abilities that would be of benefit to MassHOPE?

We have jobs for folks who are detail oriented and would like to help. If that's you, please send an email to [info@masshope.org](mailto:info@masshope.org) to let us know.



***We need YOU! Thanks!***

## Session Recordings...

Can't decide on which workshop to attend during a session? Like what you heard and want to share it with someone else?

**----- NEW in 2019 -----**

### Two ways of purchasing recordings!

1) MP3 downloads to play on your device (the less expensive option) - See p.22 for details.



**OR**

2) CD's – Convention special (onsite only!)

**CD's - \$5 each**

**Buy 5 CD's, get the 6th one free!**

**Full set of CD's (all sessions) - \$199**

Stop by the Recording booth in the lobby to purchase CD's.



**Both CD and mp3 recordings will continue to be available after the convention, but at a higher price. Order them today!**



# Keynote Speakers



## **Eric Ludy** (Ellerslie Discipleship Training - booth #801)

Pastor Eric Ludy is the bestselling author of over twenty books with well over a million copies in print, including *The Bravehearted Gospel* and *When God Writes Your Love Story*. He is the lead instructor at Ellerslie Discipleship Training – a biblical training center in Colorado that draws students of all ages from all over the world. His messages present a powerful wake-up call for the church, challenging believers to return to triumphant, Bible-centered, Christ-empowered Christianity. Eric and his wife, Leslie have been married over twenty years and have six exuberant children. Visit Eric at [www.braveheartedchristian.com](http://www.braveheartedchristian.com).



## **Zan Tyler** (Zan Tyler, LLC)

Zan Tyler is an inspirational speaker and author, consultant for BJU Press and the Home School Legal Defense Association, and the founder of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS). For sixteen years, Zan worked with Christian publishers to develop home-school curriculum and resources. In 2015 she was presented with the Chris Klicka Award for her dedication and commitment to home education worldwide. She considers the twenty-one-years she and her husband, Joe, spent homeschooling their own three children from kindergarten through high school to be one of the greatest privileges of her life.



## **Todd Wilson** (Familyman Ministries - booth #802)

Todd Wilson is a dad, grandpa, writer, homeschool conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and down-to-earth realness have made him a favorite speaker all across the country and a guest on Focus on the Family. As founder of The Familyman and The Smiling Homeschooler, his passion and mission are to remind moms and dads of what's most important through weekly e-mails, podcasts, seminars, and books that encourage parents. Todd and his wife, Debbie, homeschool four of their eight children (the other four are homeschool graduates) in northern Indiana and travel America in the Familyman Mobile. [www.familymanweb.com](http://www.familymanweb.com)

*For more information about MassHOPE, or if you have further questions about homeschooling, please call us at 508-829-0973 or visit [www.masshope.org](http://www.masshope.org). We are here to promote and safeguard homeschooling in Massachusetts, to the glory of God!*

# Speakers

## **Faith Berens** (Home School Legal Defense Association - booth #108)

Following a 15-year career in public and private school education, in 2008 Faith transitioned to homeschooling her two children. In addition, to being a wife and mom, Faith is a worship leader, lover of books and coffee, and she serves as a Special Needs Consultant for Home School Legal Defense Association. In addition to speaking nationally and internationally on home educating students with special needs, she has been the guest of several homeschooling podcasts. Faith's articles have been published in several national homeschooling magazines.



## **Kathryn Dunfee** (Nature's Secrets - booth #308)

Kathy Dunfee acquired a deep reverence for the wonder and beauty of nature from spending her childhood "in the woods." She is passionate about engaging children of all ages in nature so they may experience its life-long source of refreshment. Kathy is a homeschool mom, wife, author, Mass Audubon teacher naturalist, pre-K teacher at Our Secret Garden in Newbury, Massachusetts and a nature study teacher at Plumfield Academy, a Charlotte Mason school in Danvers.



## **Sharon Fisher** (HomeWorks by Precept/BJU Press Homeschool - booth #206)

Sharon Fisher is a wife, mother, and grandmother who has a passion for encouraging homeschool parents to teach children with excellence and biblical worldview. She holds two Elementary Education degrees and has many years of full-time teaching experience in the elementary classroom and served as an elementary author for BJU Press. She has contributed to a variety of elementary educational materials and has presented workshops nationally and internationally on a variety of topics and teaching methods. She blogs and serves as Manager|Curriculum Specialist, Speaker Coordinator, Social Media for HomeWorks by Precept, a provider of excellent homeschool materials.



## **Allison Fitzgibbon** (RightStart™ Mathematics by Activities for Learning, Inc. - booth #112)

Allison Fitzgibbon earned her Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance with teacher licensure from Roanoke College in 2003. She has taught in public and private schools in several states and now teaches her two children at home. Allison is a military spouse and as a result moves frequently, living in five different states over the past ten years. Allison has recently founded a homeschool organization in Savannah, Georgia, that creates extracurricular opportunities for homeschoolers in her area. Allison enjoys hiking, camping, and board games. A native of Massachusetts, Allison is an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan.



## **Heather Frommack** (Home School Legal Defense Association - booth #108)

Heather is the Program Manager for the Educational Consultants at Home School Legal Defense Association. Speaker, teacher, writer and 18-year homeschooling veteran, she's graduated three of her five children with the partnership of her husband. Heather loves inspiring others through authenticity, relevance and humor. She's a dietitian with post-graduate work in biblical counseling, and currently pursues a master's degree in Educational Psychology. Her message is enriched by the "school of life", world travel, moving 15 times, and adopting their two youngest from Ethiopia eight years ago. Heather gratefully says, "Homeschooling is the most challenging and rewarding career I've ever had."



## **Donna Carlson** (Walk Thru the Bible) *Children's Program*

Donna received Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord when she was seven years old as her mother shared Jesus with her during a Kansas tornado. She had the blessing of growing up in a committed Christian home where her entire family was very involved in their local church. She graduated from Grace University, Omaha, Nebraska, with a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education and a minor in music. Next to her relationship with the Lord, her highest priority is her family. She has been a wife to Greg for 45 years and they are the parents of three adult sons.







### **Andrew Frye (Worldview Academy - booth #803)**

Andrew Frye and his wife, Terry, have two children and live in Grants Pass, Oregon. He is the chair of the social studies department at Grants Pass High School and an adjunct faculty member at Rogue Community College. He also serves as adjunct faculty at Pacific Bible College in Medford, OR. Andrew received a BA in History at San Diego State University and is a James Madison Fellow-Scholar with an MA in history and philosophy from Excelsior College. Andy is also a faculty member with Worldview Academy, a traveling leadership and apologetics summer camp for high school age students.



### **Paul Jordan (Worldview Academy - booth #803)**

Paul Jordan is a full time Teaching Pastor at Community Bible Church and part-time professor of Computer Science. Paul has a passion for teaching God's Word, whether from the pulpit or the classroom, and watching God transform people. He is the founder and a teacher at Community Bible Institute, where faculty train adults in hermeneutics, apologetics, Biblical studies, Christian theology, and worldview issues. Paul is a faculty member with Worldview Academy, a traveling leadership and apologetics summer camp for high school age students. Paul and his wife, Vicki, have two children and live in Easley, South Carolina.



### **John Lowrey (Covenant Eyes - booth #302)**

John Lowrey, a Covenant Eyes internet safety consultant, has spent his life with teens and their parents. As the founder of Teens Involved Ministries, he provided training and mission opportunities for young people all over the world. As a pastor specializing in youth ministry, John spent years working in both Christian and homeschool networks. He helped raise three foster sons that he homeschooled. Through his work at Covenant Eyes, John is passionate about helping parents protect their children online.



### **Joanne Miller (National Center for Biblical Parenting - booth #804)**

Mrs. Joanne Miller, RN, BSN, is a cofounder of the National Center for Biblical Parenting. She and her husband, Ed, have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. Joanne is a pediatric nurse, author, and speaker. She loves to provide parents with strategies that reach the hearts of their kids. Ed and Joanne homeschooled their children and have a passion for equipping, encouraging, and empowering homeschool families with the keys for success, both academically and in their relationships together.



### **Jessica Mura**

Jessica is the second child of six, homeschooled from the very beginning, and graduated from college. This experience provided her with a unique perspective on the highs, lows, pitfalls, highlights, challenges, and opportunities homeschooling brings. Now, as a busy pastor's wife and homeschooling mother of seven, she knows what homeschooling looks like from a parent's perspective as well. Based on her wealth of experience, Jessica understands what it takes to succeed, and has some great ideas about how to help families get off to an awesome start in homeschooling!



### **Monique Pappas (Creative Communications Art Studio - booth #314)**

Monique has loved art ever since she could hold a crayon. She earned a bachelor's degree in art education and an associate in psychology at Anna Maria College. She is the owner of Creative Communications Art Studio in Leicester, where she just celebrated their 20th anniversary. She and her husband, Michael, have been married for 20 years and have three children. They began their homeschooling journey in 2011 and they just graduated their oldest daughter, who is now in her freshman year at Gordon College.



### Brian Phillips (The Circe Institute)

Dr. Brian Phillips is the Director of Training for The Circe Institute (a classical education research institute) and the pastor of Holy Trinity Reformed Church in Concord, NC. He teaches literature at Belmont Abbey College, hosts “The Commons” podcast, and serves as a fire department EMT. He is the author/editor of multiple books, including *Sunday Mornings: An Introduction to Biblical Worship*, *The Space Between: A Guide to the Iliad*, *The Journey Home: A Guide to the Odyssey*, and *Tales of Wonder*. Brian and his wife, Shannon, have been married for nearly twenty years and homeschool their four children.



### Roy Speed (HS College-Bound - booth #113)

Roy Speed is a homeschooling dad with a passion for history and for Shakespeare. In the business world, he's an expert on writing in large organizations and a sometime lecturer on business writing at The Wharton School. For three decades he has created writing training for corporations—one of his programs has been translated into 17 languages and become required training around the world. For homeschoolers, Roy has taught literature, history, and writing; he is also the author of the forthcoming *Writer's Guide to Grammar*. His teaching challenges students and — even with subjects thought to be “dull” — inspires real passion.



### Scott Turansky (National Center for Biblical Parenting - booth #804)

Dr. Scott Turansky is a cofounder of the National Center for Biblical Parenting. He and his wife, Carrie, have five children and six grandchildren. Dr. Turansky is a pastor, author, parenting coach, and nationally-known speaker. He has dedicated his life to studying God's Word and the parenting process, and has developed many practical tools that equip families for success. Scott and Carrie homeschooled their five children and have walked along side countless homeschool families, providing tools and strategies to meet their individual needs



### Joe Tyler (Zan Tyler, LLC)

Joe Tyler spent thirty years in the corporate world as an information systems project manager. Most recently he served as the Operations Director for Apologia. He and his wife, Zan, have been married for 40 years and spent twenty-one years homeschooling their three children from kindergarten through high school. Ty is enjoying a sales career as a medical device salesman and John is a lawyer with the SC Housing Authority. Elizabeth is currently an executive producer with CBS LA. All three children attended college on a variety of scholarships. The Tylers have also been blessed with two wonderful daughters-in-law, a fabulous son-in-law, and six grandchildren.



### Krisa Winn (Home School Legal Defense Association - booth #108)

Krisa Winn holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Arkansas State University. For more than 20 years, she has been a classroom teacher, a private tutor, and early childhood intervention specialist. Throughout her career, students with attention deficit disorder, attachment issues, developmental delays, auditory processing disorder, sensory processing disorders, autism, and more have filled her class rosters and her heart. In 2012, Krisa joined HSLDA as an educational consultant. In addition to coming alongside her fellow homeschooling moms, Krisa enjoys singing, leading worship, and spending time with her husband and two young daughters.



# *Faith in the Trenches*

## 2019 Workshop Schedule

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

#### 8:15 a.m. – General Session

##### **This, We Believe! – Todd Wilson**

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, family, and parenting. Join funny guy and family man, Todd Wilson, as he sets the stage for a great homeschool convention and 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 for the world.

#### 9:30 a.m. – Session 1

##### **Ten Lessons I Learned on the Way to Jail – Zan Tyler**

When Zan Tyler was threatened with jail in 1984 for teaching her son at home, she was forced to count the costs of homeschooling and decide if it was really worth it. Zan learned powerful lessons about fighting for freedom, family, and faith that remain pertinent today. Our nation is at a crossroads where the liberties we often take for granted are at stake. We must all work to preserve our homeschool freedoms, while intentionally raising up a new generation of freedom fighters. This session will encourage and equip you with powerful principles to share with your children and teens.

##### **Embracing the Struggle: Encouragement for Weary Educators – Brian Phillips**

Bearing responsibility for the education of a child is a high calling, one that brings with it great challenge and the potential for great anxiety. In this talk, Brian Phillips looks to Scripture, Church history, and classic literature, drawing practical lessons to encourage the hearts of educators in the trenches. The struggle will continue, but there is strength available to face it.

##### **Developing a Plan for High School: Sample Four Year Plans – Heather Frommack**

How do you plan a program for your homeschooled high school student? What subjects do you teach and when? Do you follow a basic high school plan, a general college prep plan, or a rigorous college prep plan? How do you evaluate credits? Determine grades for a course? What about a transcript and diploma? If you are just beginning to think about homeschooling during the high school years, this seminar will help you organize your thoughts and begin laying the groundwork for a viable four-year plan.

##### **Building a Solid Math Foundation – Allison Fitzgibbon**

Who is going to build a house by starting with the walls? Without a solid foundation, those walls may hold up for a bit but eventually will come crashing down. Math is a lot like building a house. We need to start with a strong foundation and build up from there. It doesn't have to be hard! Come and see how easy it is to teach math.

##### **(For men only, please) Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World – Joe Tyler**

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

##### **Homeschooling: Seven Steps to a Great Start – Jessica Mura**

This workshop will help you know what to think about, what to do, and what decisions to make as you begin your homeschooling journey. With practical advice and real-life illustrations, you will be encouraged and informed. Whether you've already made the decision to teach your children at home, or are still considering, this workshop will answer the questions you're asking.

## **10:30 a.m. – Session 2**

### **Lies Homeschoolers Believe – Todd Wilson**

Your house is a disaster, your kids seem out of control, and you wonder how you'll ever make it through another day of school. Your "get up and go" has "got ten up and went". You used to think homeschooling was the best thing since sliced bread, but now you're feeling like burnt toast. Take heart - you're not alone! No one homeschools because it's easy. You do it because you believe it is best. But there are times when you need to be reminded once again why it's best. Join me as we do just that. You'll laugh and be encouraged in the toughest job you'll ever...love.

### **Motivate Your Child**

#### **– Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller**

Motivation is often an area of struggle in family life. Children tend to either be unmotivated, creating stress for parents, or "over-motivated" earning the label of "strong-willed." Come learn about the internal motivation system in your child's heart and gain tools for guiding that motivation in the right direction. If you're frustrated or discouraged with the typical reward and punishment strategies, you'll find this heart based, practical session to be inspiring and hopeful.

### **Laying a Foundation for Reading Comprehension in the Preschool Years – Faith Berens**

In this session, Faith discusses the ultimate goal of reading instruction: comprehension. She also explores various types of thinking and processing skills required for proficient comprehension. Faith shares tips, techniques, and strategies for developing the vocabulary of very young, as well as good habits of mind in order to lay a solid foundation for comprehension with our wee ones (up to age 5).

### **Why All Our Students Must Study Shakespeare**

#### **– Roy Speed**

This homeschooling dad has been teaching Shakespeare to homeschooled students for more than a decade; his online Shakespeare courses have transformed reluctant students all over the country into ardent Shakespeare fans. In this workshop he will show you six things no one ever told you about our

greatest writer. In the process, you will discover why no other writer in English is in the same league as Shakespeare—and why knowing and understanding Shakespeare is indispensable for all our students.

### **Nature's Secrets in Our Backyards and Beyond: Discovering the Wonders of Nature through Story, Music, Art, Imagination, and More! – Kathy Dunfee**

Kathy Dunfee acquired a deep reverence for the beauty and wonder of nature from spending her childhood in her backyard. She invites you to re-awaken your sense of childlike wonder by simply stepping outside your back door. Based on Charlotte Mason's approach to nature study, Kathy offers simple and practical "no-to-low-prep" ideas on how to engage children of all ages in nature through the language of poetry, literature, picture books, art, music, and adventures that enrich daily life. Nature Study is not a curriculum. It's a way of life. A way of seeing the wonder all around us.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):*

*Third Floor Prefunction Area*

### **Simple Tools with Eternal Results**

#### **– Classical Conversations**

Led by local Classical Conversations leaders, parents will be equipped with easily-implemented, practical learning tools that will engage life-long learners seeking truth, goodness, and beauty.

## **11:30 a.m. – Session 3**

### **Happy at Home: Four Elements of a Superb Preschool Experience – Zan Tyler**

The frenzied push for education begins earlier and earlier in our world of preschool-mania. Some parents pay consultants hefty sums to get their littles into just the right preschool. Others are putting their preschoolers on waiting lists years in advance—sometimes even while the child is still in the womb! So, what should a meaningful preschool education include? In this workshop, we will discuss learning theories, practical skills you can teach your children, and how to cultivate a love for books in even the most active child. Join Zan Tyler and learn why home is the ultimate preschool!



### **Charting Your Way through High School for College, Workforce, or Military – Heather Frommack**

Preparing your teens for their post-graduation goals requires advance planning. This seminar provides a timeline and checklist to ensure that important items are not overlooked! For parents of college-bound teens, discover tips for the application and financial aid process. For parents of teens headed directly into the workforce, explore job hunting and workplace skills. For parents of teens interested in a military career, learn about the military's homeschool enlistment policy and hear tips for applying to the service academies.

### **Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nuts and Bolts for Success, Part 1 – Krisa Winn**

This workshop offers practical resources, lists of materials, and curricula in order to help equip you as you work with a struggling learner in your homeschool. Ideas for designing a unique home instruction program tailored to your child's specific challenges will also be presented.

### **Math That Adds Up: It's Not Just About Numbers – Sharon Fisher**

How many times have you heard your child say, "I will never use this in real life?" Why are we teaching math that way? To teach with a biblical worldview means we are teaching subject matter to equip our children with skills they need to serve God and show love to their neighbors. Let's talk about teaching math that matters!

### **The Importance of Teaching Art to Your Child – Monique Pappas**

Have you ever wondered what the value is in art? Art magnifies the handiwork of our God, and His merciful blessings in allowing and equipping human beings to create and imagine beautiful things! Art is a motivator that inspires, uplifts, and develops "artistic confidence" that encourages all ages to have trust in their creativity and to be able to express their imagination. The Bible is full of artists with the most prominent being Bezalel in the Old Testament. Art is found in everything around you- from the classes you take in school to the beauty in the world God created.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):* *Third Floor Prefunction Area*

#### **Homeschooling with Usborne Books & More – Usborne Books & More**

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## **1:30 p.m. – Session 4**

### **What to Do When Your Plan Doesn't Go According to Plan – Todd Wilson**

Often OUR plans don't 'come together' as hoped; they fall apart, leave us dumbfounded and stunned. I've talked to plenty of homeschooling parents who were sold a plan. They followed it and later stood before me with tears in their eyes because the plan "didn't come together." Had they gotten the WRONG plan? Misread the instructions? While some of that may be true, I know NOW that sometimes our plans don't come together because God has a DIFFERENT PLAN. Join Todd as he takes an honest and humorous look at plans, why they fall apart, and what to do when they have.

### **Christ among the Pagans – Christians and Classical Education – Brian Phillips**

The Church father Tertullian famously asked, "What indeed has Athens to do with Jerusalem?" Many conclude that the answer is "nothing"; an answer which poses problems for classical educators who teach pagan literature from nearly every historical period. So, what are Christians to do with "pagan" stories? Should Christian students read such books? If so, how should Christian educators engage with such writings? This talk examines Tertullian's important question in light of Scripture and several classic writings, drawing principles for how Christian educators and their students can better interact with classic literature and ideas.

### **“HLEP! My Kid Can’t Spel” – Faith Berens**

In this session, Faith addresses the importance of spelling and presents the developmental stages of spelling. She also shares various strategies, techniques, and fun, hands-on, multi-sensory methods for spelling practice, as well as specialized spelling programs and strategies to help you transform “I can’t spell and I hate spelling” into “I can spell and I like it!”

### **Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay – Roy Speed**

Most students are taught writing in highly artificial forms, like the five-paragraph essay — a kind of writing no one in the real world ever produces. Roy Speed is a homeschooling dad who for nearly thirty years has taught writing to professionals in corporations. In the homeschooling world, his on-line writing courses and innovative methods have met with acclaim from students and parents alike. In this workshop he shares a fresh perspective both on our students’ needs and on traditional methods for teaching writing. He shows parents five critical writing tools most students never learn, but that are nonetheless *vital*.

### **Raising Courageous Kids to Confront a Sexualized Culture – John Lowrey**

Today’s kids are being exposed to pornography early (*think 8 to 11 years old*) — and our pop culture tells them it’s a healthy outlet for sexuality. Families will learn how to create a safe online space and encourage ongoing conversations that empower kids to not only look away from sexualized media, but also to confront our sex-obsessed culture. You can teach your kids to train their hearts and minds to be skillful, daring, and brave.

### **The Importance of Counting and Place Value – Allison Fitzgibbon**

Should we have our children count everything? What happens when they run out of fingers? And how in the world do we use counting with four-digit addition? Come to this workshop and learn effective and efficient ways to recognize quantities, understand place value, and master addition and subtraction.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):* *Third Floor Prefunction Area*

#### **A Good Book Will Take You (almost) Anywhere – C.S. Lewis Study Center**

Using Jacqueline Briggs Martin’s, “Snowflake Bentley”, workshop participants will discover how any good book, just as each creatively formed snowflake, is unique and offers abundant opportunities for exploration within a broad curriculum- science, literature, art, music, geography, virtuous living, and more-all launched from a single book! All ages welcome.

## **2:30 p.m. – Session 5**

### **Talk with Me: How Conversation Stimulates Learning – Zan Tyler**

In a traditional classroom environment, students have an average of eight to ten individual interactions with their teacher each day. In your home-school, these verbal interactions can number in the hundreds and greatly enhance the education your children receive at home. Zan Tyler shares how the simple and free tool of conversation can help your children replace boredom during lessons with a motivation to learn. Discover why parents make the best teachers and capitalize on these strengths. Explore strategies to minimize conflict in your home and promote camaraderie, enthusiasm, and learning with stimulating academics instead. Conversation is the key! Conversation IS core curriculum

### **Honor: The Key that Helps Our Kids Excel – Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller**

Many families have a strong emphasis on obedience, but God instructs children to learn to obey and honor. Come take a closer look at the biblical concept of honor. Honor is a relationship term that can change the culture in a home, teaching kids to consider the needs of others and take initiative to go beyond what’s expected. Learn how honor changes a person and how to help your child rise to new levels of maturity.

### **Essential Skills for Successful Teens: Study and Time Management – Heather Frommack**

The high school years are a prime opportunity to equip your teens with skills they will need for future success. If your teens are headed to college, the workforce, or the military, they will benefit from study and time management skills. This session provides parents with ideas to incorporate these skills into high school coursework and lists resources to help teens cultivate these essential skills.

### **Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nuts and Bolts for Success, Part 2 – Krisa Winn**

In this second half of Nuts and Bolts, Krisa addresses homeschooling and working, teaching multi-ages, scheduling the day, as well as practical teaching strategies to use regardless of your curriculum program. Multi-sensory teaching methods, direct instruction, modeled teaching, and “scaffolding” instruction are shared.

### **Reading Between the Lines – Sharon Fisher**

Can your child read between the lines or is she just decoding? How does your phonics instruction affect your child’s reading comprehension? What techniques can you use before, during, and after reading to help your child comprehend? How does the comprehension taught in reading instruction affect other subject areas?

### **Tissue Paper Landscapes – Monique Pappas**

*(Class will take place in the exhibit hall)*

In this landscape class for ages six years and up (even adults!), Monique Pappas, owner of Creative Communications Art Studio, will help us design and create a unique piece of art with tissue paper. Finished product will be 5” x 7” and something you’ll be proud to take home. Space is limited to 40 participants each day, and the cost is \$5 per participant. All supplies will be provided. If interested, please stop by Registration to see if there are any more openings.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):*

*Third Floor Prefunction Area*

### **Essential Oils - For What? - Essential Oils of JOY**

Essential oils have been used for centuries. Whether Aromatherapy external or internal, oils can trigger responses in our brains and bodies to send healing to our bodies.

## **5:30 p.m. – General Session**

### **Raising William Wallace: Parenting with an epic outcome in mind – Eric Ludy**

Often our aim for our children’s development is to see them “above-average” or “better than most.” But, when the Truth of our super-conquering Jesus Christ is infused into the training of our children, nothing short of “children that change the world” will do. In this session, Eric Ludy will pass along both a vision and a practical platform for beginning to think and parent with even greater boldness and purpose.



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# 2019 FRIDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Session / Time		South Hall	Ballroom South	Ballroom Center	Ballroom North	Room A/B	Room C/D	Room E	Vendor Workshops
General Session 8:15-9:15	This, We Believe! (19-01)								Ballroom Lobby, 3rd floor
<div> <div> <b>EXHIBIT HALL OPENS AT 8:00</b> </div> <div> <i>To order a recording (download or CD), please use the session number that follows the title in this grid. (See p.22 for download details and p.5 for CD's.)</i> </div> </div>									
Session 1 9:30-10:15	Ten Lessons I Learned on the Way to Jail (19-02)	Todd Wilson	Reckoning with Truth (19-03)	Embracing the Struggle: Encouragement for Weary Educators (19-04)	Developing a Plan for High School: Sample Four Year Plans (19-05)	Building a Solid Math Foundation (19-06)	For men only: Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World (19-07)	Homeschooling: Seven Steps to a Great Start (19-08)	
Session 2 10:30-11:15	Lies Homeschoolers Believe (19-09)	Zan Tyler	Lineage of Majesty (19-10)	Motivate Your Child (19-11)	Laying a Foundation for Reading Comprehension in the Preschool Years (19-12)	Why All Our Students Must Study Shakespeare (19-13)	Nature's Secrets in Our Backyards and Beyond... (19-14)		Simple Tools with Eternal Results
Session 3 11:30-12:15		Todd Wilson	Reliability of Scripture (19-15)	Happy at Home: Four Elements of a Superb Preschool Experience (19-16)	Charting Your Way through High School for College, Workforce, or Military (19-17)	Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nut & Bolts for Success, Part 1 (19-18)	Math That Adds Up: It's Not Just About Numbers (19-19)	The Importance of Teaching Art to Your Child (19-20)	Classical Conversations
Lunch break									Homeschooling with Usborne Books and More
FREE TIME FOR LUNCH AND SHOPPING - Pick up children!									
Session 4 1:30-2:15	What to Do When Your Plan Doesn't Go According to Plan (19-21)	Todd Wilson	Earn This (19-22)	Christ among the Pagans: Christians & Classical Education (19-23)	"HLEP! My Kid Can't Spell!" (19-24)	Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay (19-25)	Raising Courageous Kids to Confront a Sexualized Culture (19-26)	The Importance of Counting and Place Value (19-27)	A Good Book will take you (almost) anywhere
Session 5 2:30-3:15	Talk with Me: How Conversation Stimulates Learning (19-28)	Zan Tyler	Cultivating Our Relationship with Christ (19-29)	Honor: The Key that Helps Our Kids Excel (19-30)	Essential Skills for Successful Teens: Study and Time Management (19-31)	Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nut & Bolts for Success, Part 2 (19-32)	Reading Between the Lines (19-33)		C.S. Lewis Study Center
Shopping Time 3:15-5:30	Raising William Wallace - Parenting with an epic outcome in mind (19-34)								Essential Oils - For What?
General Session 5:30-7:00									Essential Oils of JOY

FREE TIME - Please pick up your children before 5:30. Exhibit Hall closes at 5:30.

# 2019 SATURDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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Session / Time	South Hall	Ballroom South	Ballroom Center	Ballroom North	Room A/B	Room C/D	Room E	Vendor Workshops
General Session 8:15-9:15	Homeschooling - A Revival Movement (19-35)  Zan Tyler							Ballroom Lobby, 3rd floor
EXHIBIT HALL OPENS AT 8:30								
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Session 6 9:30-10:15	Help! I'm Married to a Homeschooling Mom (19-36)  Todd Wilson	Ten Simple Proofs (19-37)  Eric Ludy	Understanding Attitudes in Children and How to Change Them (19-38)  Turansky & Miller	High School Transcript Clinic: Practical Help and Tips (19-39)  Heather Frommack	Deists or Devout? The Founders, Faith, and Freedom (19-40)  Andy Frye	Becoming a Tech-Confident Parent (19-41)  John Lowrey	Homeschooling: Seven Steps to a Great Start (19-42)  Jessica Mura	RightStart™ Math Card Games  RightStart™ Mathematics
Session 7 10:30-11:15	Raising Children to Be Intentional Christians in a "Whatever" World (19-43)  Zan Tyler	The Power to Do It... (19-44)  Eric Ludy	The Classical Educator as Lifelong Learner (19-45)  Brian Phillips	Reading Difficulties: Remediation Strategies and Techniques, Part 1 (19-46)  Faith Berens	Grammar for the Real World (19-47)  Roy Speed	Lighting a Fire vs. Filling a Bucket: The Heart of a Charlotte Mason Education (19-48)  Kathy Dunfee	You CAN Be a Great Math Teacher (19-49)  Allison Fitzgibbon	Managing Interruptions in the Homeschool Day  BJU Press Homeworks by Precepts
Session 8 11:30-12:15	Don't Tell Me What You Believe...LIVE It! (19-50)  Todd Wilson	Veritas: Defending Truth in a Postmodern Age (19-51)  Andy Frye	There's Hope! Understanding the Roadmap to Help Kids Thrive (19-52)  Turansky & Miller	Extracurricular Activities: Jazz Up Your High School Program (19-53)  Heather Frommack	Secrets from a Preschool Teacher (19-54)  Krisa Winn	How to Get Your Family Excited About Science (19-55)  Sharon Fisher	Connecticut Homeschooling: A Look to the Future (19-56)  TEACH-CT	Help, I am a Camper  Edge Camp
FREE TIME FOR LUNCH AND SHOPPING - Pick up children!								
Session 9 1:30-2:15	What's Next? Helping Your Children Choose the Best Route After Graduation (19-57)  Todd Wilson	Logos - A Reasoned Faith (19-58)  Andy Frye	Trivium & Trinity: Classical Education Beyond Dorothy Sayers (19-59)  Brian Phillips	Reading Difficulties: Remediation Strategies and Techniques, Part 2 (19-60)  Faith Berens	Teaching Math to Struggling Learners (19-61)  Krisa Winn	Teaching Writing Simplified (19-62)  Sharon Fisher	Fractions: Misunderstood by Most (19-63)  Allison Fitzgibbon	Making College Planning Resources Work for You  Gordon College
Session 10 2:30-3:15	Canon - Understanding the supernatural construction of the Scriptures (19-64)  Eric Ludy	Reaping the Whirlwind: Darwin, Scopes, & Evolution in History (19-65)  Andy Frye	Dealing with ADD: A Heart-Based Approach (19-66)  Turansky & Miller	How God Uses Our Weaknesses and Limitations as Homeschool Moms (19-67)  Zan Tyler	The College Admissions Process: The Homeschool Student's Guide (19-68)  Heather Frommack	Leaving a Legacy: The Vision of the Homeschool Dad and Husband (19-69)  Joe Tyler	Tissue Paper Landscapes Art Class (Exhibit Hall) (Limited space, 6 y.o. - adult, \$5, sign up at Registration)	
Shopping Time 3:15 - 5:00	EXHIBIT HALL CLOSURES AT 5:00. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE 5:00.							
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### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

#### 8:15 a.m. – General Session

##### **Homeschooling: A Revival Movement – Zan Tyler**

From teaching phonics to graduating teens, from refereeing fights to nurturing faith, our lives as homeschooling parents run the gamut from the very mundane to the very meaningful. In the midst of the mind-boggling demands of homeschooling and everyday life, we constantly need to remind ourselves that our work as homeschooling moms and dads has tremendous Kingdom significance. Using the lessons of Scripture and history, this workshop will expand your vision of how God is using the home-school movement, as well as your specific work as a homeschooling parent, to usher in spiritual and educational revival.

#### 9:30 a.m. – Session 6

##### **Help! I'm Married to a Homeschooling Mom – Todd Wilson**

It's a fact! The only thing tougher than being a homeschooling mom is...being married to a homeschooling mom! Dad, your wife needs your help. Come join me as we discuss how to support and assist our wives in the homeschooling journey. We'll also do a lot of laughing, as I encourage men to be encouragers of their homeschooling wives.

##### **Understanding Attitudes in Children and How to Change Them – Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller**

Grumbling, sarcasm, huffing, sighing, slouching, rolling eyes, ... Yes, we all see that stuff all too often, but what's the best way to address these subtle (or not so subtle) forms of resistance? Children can have bad attitudes about instructions, authority, schoolwork, and even about the family life itself. We know that treating the symptoms is not enough. Come join us for a heart-based look at attitudes and some practical tools for helping kids change from the inside out.

##### **High School Transcript Clinic: Practical Help and Tips – Heather Frommack**

Creating a high school transcript is a vital part of your teen's high school records—but it doesn't have to be hard! In this interactive, practical seminar, you'll create a transcript that can be used as a pattern when designing your own. The session will guide you through transcript essentials, evaluation of credit, grading guidelines and scales, and calculation of grade point averages (GPAs). In addition, you'll receive sample transcripts showing other formats for you to consider.

##### **Deists or Devout? The Founders, Faith, and Freedom – Andrew Frye**

A history teacher gives a reasoned and entertaining explanation of the Founders theological and philosophical world. In an age where the mood of the moment threatens founding principles, Andy gives a solid basis for understanding how the American Constitution is generally based on solid, transcendent ideas that correlate with a biblical worldview.

##### **Becoming a Tech-Confident Parent – John Lowrey**

Parents have tough questions. "What apps are safe? How can I know if my kids see bad stuff on Pinterest, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media? Can I be notified if someone e-mails or texts my teen a sexual picture or video? Help me protect the whole device!" If you're looking for answers to solve today's tech dilemmas, this session is for you.

##### **Homeschooling: Seven Steps to a Great Start – Jessica Mura**

This workshop will help you know what to think about, what to do, and what decisions to make as you begin your homeschooling journey. With practical advice and real-life illustrations, you will be encouraged and informed. Whether you've already made the decision to teach your children at home, or are still considering, this workshop will answer the questions you're asking.



## Saturday Workshops continued

**Vendor Workshop** (not recorded):  
Third Floor Prefunction Area

### **RightStart™ Math Card Games - RightStart™ Mathematics by Activities for Learning, Inc.**

Are you tired of flashcards? Use games to practice and review math facts. This workshop will show you effective math card games that are fun. Your kids will ask to practice their math facts! Come to discover RightStart Math card games to help your children learn their math!

## 10:30 a.m. – Session 7

### **Raising Children to Be Intentional Christians in a “Whatever” World (Worldview Training) – Zan Tyler**

Our children live in the midst of a secular culture, facing issues and moral dilemmas that we never had to deal with at their age. Because of this, startling percentages of those raised in evangelical homes are abandoning their faith as they move into adulthood. Training our children to develop strong biblical worldviews is crucial and one of the most important gifts we can give them. Teaching them to think biblically about all areas of life will equip them to become powerful thinkers, leaders, and communicators and will strengthen their faith as they face skepticism and opposition in today's world.

### **The Classical Educator as Lifelong Learner – Brian Phillips**

Parents and teachers trying to provide a classical education to their students are in the difficult position of providing what they did not receive themselves. That is, the overwhelming majority of classical educators were not classically educated themselves. So, what do we do? This talk explores how classical teachers and homeschooling parents can better prepare themselves to model and provide a classical education for their students by developing habits of lifelong learning.

### **Reading Difficulties: Remediation Strategies and Techniques, Part 1 – Faith Berens**

Do you have a student who is having reading difficulties? This session introduces the Five Pillars of Reading: phonemic awareness, phonics (decoding

and word recognition), fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Faith offers guidance for identifying the area and the level of your child's reading difficulty, and she also shares practical teaching tools, strategies, and techniques for remediating your child's reading struggles. Session 1 will address decoding and fluency problems. Session 2 will cover reading comprehension.

### **Grammar for the Real World – Roy Speed**

Traditional approaches to English grammar have neglected and obscured the subject's greatest benefit: effective writing. For nearly thirty years Roy Speed has been teaching grammar to writers of all stripes — from professional researchers to corporate managers and, most recently, homeschooling parents and students. He is the author of the forthcoming *Writer's Guide to Grammar*, and in this session he gives an eye-opening look at grammar principles that lead directly to important writing tools. In the process, he shows parents how grammar should be taught but seldom is.

### **Lighting a Fire vs. Filling a Bucket: The Heart of a Charlotte Mason Approach – Kathryn Dunfee**

Kathy began homeschooling armed with how-to books and award-winning curriculum thinking she would do all the teaching and her children all the learning. Charlotte Mason's writings completely transformed her approach. Kathy offers simple and practical ways to engage your children and yourself in a Charlotte Mason education by preparing a feast, laying down tracks (habits) for life to run more smoothly upon, and fostering an atmosphere of grace, truth, and beauty. God meets us in our weaknesses and failures, and we are changed. Charlotte Mason's profound yet practical methods light a fire in the hearts of both teacher and student.

### **You CAN Be a Great Math Teacher – Allison Fitzgibbon**

Maybe you struggled with math, so how do you choose a curriculum to avoid the same fate for your child? Maybe you are really good in math but are unsure how to teach it now? Should you include manipulatives or not? What DOES it take to be the best teacher for your child? Find out the science and the

## Saturday Workshops continued

art of teaching math. It is a science because much research has been done on how children learn, especially in math. It is an art because each child is different and lessons need to be tweaked. Come learn and be encouraged to become a great math teacher.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):*

*Third Floor Prefunction Area*

#### **Managing Interruptions in the Homeschool Day - BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precepts**

Managing interruptions can be overwhelming. We will discuss ways to prepare for those unforeseen interruptions during the homeschool day. They happen to all of us. There is a way to get through them and still be successful. Come join this session and be encouraged.

## 11:30 a.m. – Session 8

### **Don't Tell Me What You Believe...LIVE It!**

– Todd Wilson

There's a lot of talk about Christian worldview. Never before have Christian teens received so much training in developing a proper worldview. But something seems dreadfully wrong. The truth is...there doesn't seem to be much difference between "our teens" and "their teens." Honestly, there sometimes isn't much difference between "our adults" and "their adults." That's about to change. Join Todd as he talks about a very real, REAL Christian worldview. Todd isn't going to give you a list of dos and don'ts, but he will challenge you right where you live. Together, we just might change the world.

### **There's Hope! Understanding the Roadmap to Help Kids Thrive – Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller**

All children struggle, some academically, some socially, and many in their relationships at home. All children are unique and special, but God has answers to the challenges they face. Come take a closer look at how God changes people and learn to apply the same principles to the parent-child relationship. You will be encouraged and equipped as you understand the roadmap to change and the practical tools necessary. Find courage and hope as these heart-based strategies resonate with your heart.

### **Extracurricular Activities: Jazz Up Your High School Program – Heather Frommack**

Because all work and no play make Jack a dull boy, adding extracurricular activities to your high school program will increase your teen's enthusiasm and motivation during these years. Wisely choosing these activities provides opportunities for your teen to follow an interest, hone his talents, serve others, or simply enjoy new experiences. However, setting limits is important, too! Come and receive ideas and suggestions to consider as you explore many different extracurricular options.

### **Secrets from a Preschool Teacher – Krisa Winn**

Ever wonder what children can learn from playing make-believe, singing silly songs, or painting with finger paint? In this workshop, Krisa will explain how young children's play is their work. You will leave with practical ideas for providing a quality, early intervention preschool program for your little ones at home.

### **How to Get Your Family Excited About Science – Sharon Fisher**

Having trouble getting your child excited about science? Having trouble getting excited about science yourself? Get new vision and methods for teaching science with a biblical worldview in this workshop. Get ready to have some fun!

### **Connecticut Homeschooling: A Look to the Future – TEACH-CT**

Come join TEACH board members (new and experienced!) to hear about the recent legislative push for homeschool regulation in Connecticut, community building activities, and future plans. Get a look "behind the scenes" at our legislative work, leadership events, and learn how you can get involved to strengthen yourself and the homeschooling community in Connecticut.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):*

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### **Help, I Am a Camper - Edge Camp**

Helping parents and campers have a stress-free week, this workshop will give tips to look for when choosing the best camp for your teenager.

## **1:30 p.m. – Session 9**

### **What's Next? Helping Your Children Choose the Best Route After Graduation – Todd Wilson**

For years, you've probably felt the tension of "*what's next?*" for your children. There are all sorts of graduates who are stuck in the "what now zone" or discouraged from traveling a particular path. Put fears aside, look the cap and gown in the eye, and take an honest look at life after graduation. There is NOT a one-size-fits-all solution and the pressure from family members, peers, and experts can seem dizzying. God has a plan for your children, and part of that plan is that He's given them YOU to help guide them into their next phase of life.

### **Trivium & Trinity: Classical Education Beyond Dorothy Sayers – Brian Phillips**

Many Christian classical educators started on their journey through Dorothy Sayers's 1947 essay, "The Lost Tools of Learning," which, in recent decades, sparked interest in the Trivium (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) and an attempt to recover education as it once was. But, Dorothy Sayers's presentation of the Trivium was intended as a beginning, not an end. This talk looks into the Trivium, its educational significance, and its often overlooked theological connections.

### **Reading Difficulties: Remediation Strategies and Techniques, Part 2 – Faith Berens**

Do you have a student who is having reading difficulties? This session introduces the 5 Pillars of Reading: phonemic awareness, phonics (decoding and word recognition), fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Faith offers guidance for identifying the area and the level of your child's reading difficulty, and she also shares practical teaching tools, strategies, and techniques for remediating your child's reading struggles. Session 1 will address decoding and fluency problems. Session 2 will cover reading comprehension.

### **Teaching Math to Struggling Learners – Krisa Winn**

Does your student understand math concepts, but can't master multiplication facts? Do you have a child with a math phobia or even a learning disability in math? This workshop will include a broad spectrum of teaching strategies and resources that will equip you to present math in ways that go beyond suggestions in traditional teacher manuals.

### **Teaching Writing Simplified – Sharon Fisher**

One of the hardest things about teaching writing is figuring out how to grade it. Do you teach and assess the steps of the writing process? Does your child know clearly what you expect at every step? Is he motivated to write a clear message, or does he think the mechanics of spelling and grammar are all you really care about? Discover practical help to make teaching writing fun and effective.

### **Fractions: Misunderstood by Most – Allison Fitzgibbon**

Fractions are often misunderstood and feared by children and parents. Come to this presentation and find a better and clearer way of teaching fractions. Fractions are, dare I say, fun when they are taught the right way. What's the right way to teach them? Come and uncover the beauty and simplicity of fractions.

### **Vendor Workshop** *(not recorded):* *Third Floor Prefunction Area*

### **Making College Planning Resources Work for You – Gordon College**

This workshop will highlight resources for the college admissions process, identifying college fit, and developing a strong application profile. Learn how to access these resources and use them effectively.

## **2:30 p.m. – Session 10**

### **Canon – Understanding the Supernatural Construction of the Scriptures – Eric Ludy**

The authority of the Word of God is being openly challenged today, even from within the Church. Though this has been true in nearly every genera-



tion, it is possible to have confidence and boldness in the timeless, eternal, and flawless character of Scripture. In this soul-stirring message, Eric explains the Canon Test (which God gave Moses to prove the authority of His Word) and shows how this “canon” was used throughout Scripture and is now applied in our lives. The climactic reality is that Jesus Christ has fulfilled the Canon Test and has the divine right to rule and control our lives. This powerful message will leave you awestruck as you listen to how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament in perfection.

### **Dealing with ADD: A Heart-Based approach – Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller**

Do you suspect your child is struggling with ADD? Maybe it's confirmed, or maybe not but you just know. Join us and receive hope and encouragement through hands-on practical, biblical tools to help your child thrive. You'll learn to raise the character threshold enabling your child to do the right thing. Receive an Action Plan Worksheet with steps to develop a unique plan for your child. You'll leave this session with the hope and encouragement you desperately need.

### **How God Uses Our Weaknesses and Limitations as Homeschool Moms – Zan Tyler**

Do you ever have moments of panic when you wonder if you are failing to give your children everything they need to succeed in life? Do you secretly worry that you are really ruining them instead of blessing and equipping them? Do you wake up in the middle of the night plagued by the items on the to-do list that remain undone, knowing there isn't enough time in the day to accomplish them? Join Zan Tyler and share in the surprising delight of how God meets, redeems, and empowers us in the midst of our weaknesses, worries, and even catastrophes.

### **The College Admissions Process: The Homeschooled Student's Guide – Heather Frommack**

You're not just your teen's teacher; you're also his guidance counselor! Find out how to maneuver through the entire college admissions process—from narrowing down the selection of colleges to filling out college applications, applying for financial aid, and asking the right questions that will help you

discern whether your teen is spiritually, academically, and emotionally prepared for college.

### **Leaving a Legacy: The Vision of the Homeschool Dad and Husband – Joe Tyler**

Too often men in our age take on the tasks of husband, father, shepherd, principal, coach, and disciplinarian without the vision necessary to accomplish the goal. (What is the goal, anyway?) In this seminar we will define the goal and discover the divinely appointed means of achieving it. You may even learn the secret to making your wife deliriously happy, your home a quiet and peaceful kingdom, your children rich beyond measure, and your father-in-law in awe of your great accomplishments. Come join us in our discussion of the homeschool husband and dad.

### **Tissue Paper Landscapes – Monique Pappas**

*(Class will take place in the exhibit hall)*

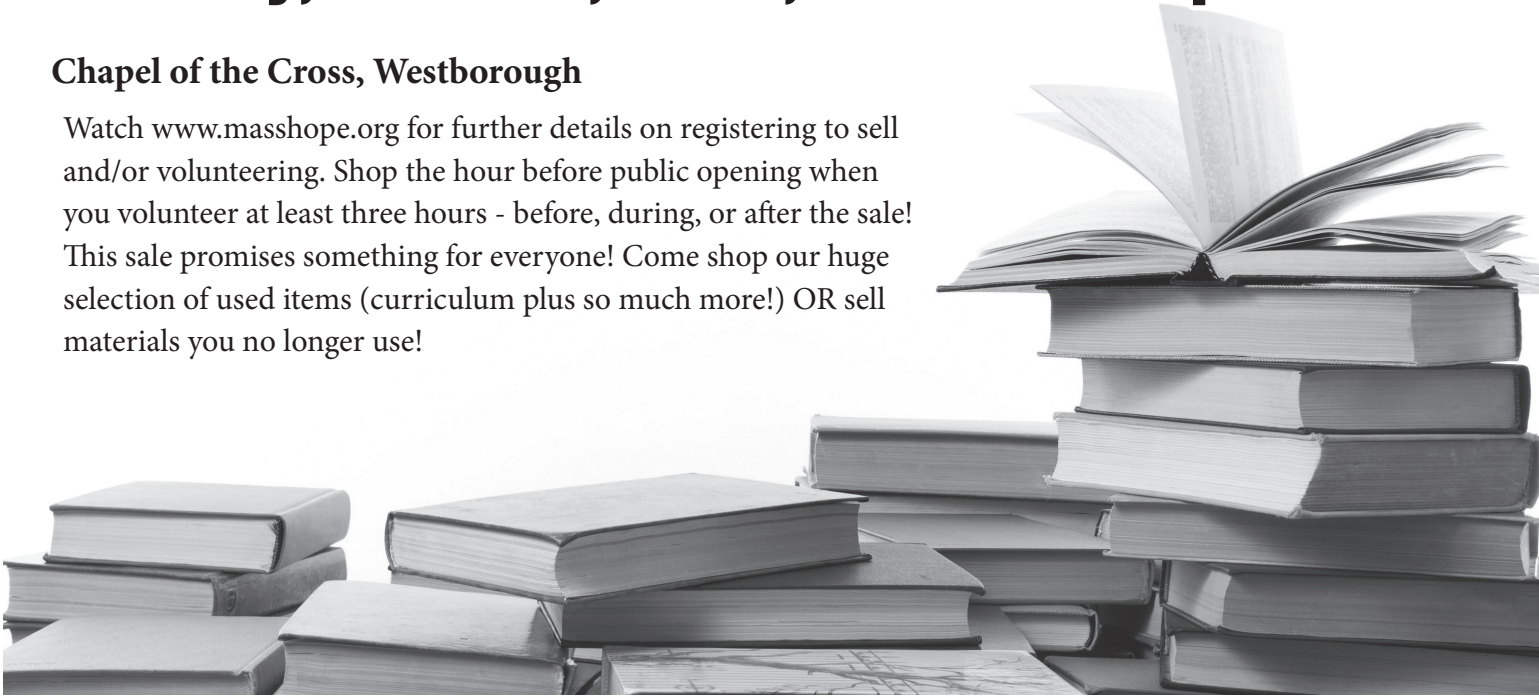
In this landscape class for ages six years and up (even adults!), Monique Pappas, owner of Creative Communications Art Studio, will help us design and create a unique piece of art with tissue paper. Finished product will be 5" x 7" and something you'll be proud to take home. Space is limited to 40 participants each day, and the cost is \$5 per participant. All supplies will be provided. If interested, please stop by Registration to see if there are any more openings.

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# Children's Program Schedule

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### Friday:

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

### Saturday:

Walk through the  
New Testament.



### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**9:00 a.m.** Children's Program opens for child drop-off

**9:30 a.m.** Children's Program morning session begins

**12:15 p.m.** Parents pick up children for LUNCH  
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# TEEN TRACK Schedule

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**Friday, April 26**

**9:30 a.m. – Session 1**

**Reckoning with Truth – Eric Ludy**

This message is an introduction to the facts that never fail, the Word that never returns void, and the Truth that truly does make the Christian free. Because in such a showdown, the Cross of Christ always proves victorious.

**10:30 a.m. – Session 2**

**Lineage of Majesty – Eric Ludy**

You thought genealogies were boring? Well, not after this message, you won't! Throughout world history, the Hebrews have stood unmatched in their maintenance of genealogies, lineage, and descent. God promised them that from their bloodline would come One who would rescue the world from sin. This "Deliverer" would be of the seed of the woman, born of a virgin, born in Bethlehem, and would be from everlasting. Well, this "Deliverer" has come. And just as promised, He was born of a virgin girl in Bethlehem, and He was no mere man. He was God born in the body of a man. Buckle your seat belt for this one!

**11:30 a.m. – Session 3**

**Reliability of Scripture – Paul Jordan**

Maybe the canon should have been closed after the first five books were written. What about after the Old Testament was finished? The New Testament? Should the Apocrypha be added? Is the Bible really the Word of God, or could it be that there are other sacred writings that we should follow? This talk will reinforce why we don't have a blind faith. The Scripture is the reliable, trustworthy, completed Word of God.

**1:30 p.m. – Session 4**

**Earn This – Paul Jordan**

How do we earn salvation? How do we keep it once earned? What must I do for God to be proud of me and approve of my works? What do I do about the shame and guilt I feel, even as a believer? This talk includes a hermeneutical study of Romans 8:31-39 and encourages followers of Christ in the total propitiation process.

**2:30 p.m. – Session 5**

**Cultivating Our Relationship with Christ  
– Paul Jordan**

Taken directly from Psalm 32, this presentation reminds us of the unique relationship we have with Christ and how to follow Him on a daily basis to gain security and confidence in whatever we may face. We don't have to, but we get to cultivate our relationship with Christ. Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship.

**Saturday, April 27**

**9:30 a.m. – Session 6**

**Ten Simple Proofs: Why we can have unshakable confidence in the Bible – Eric Ludy**

Scripture is under attack, and countless individuals, even within the Church, doubt the authenticity and supernatural construction of God's Word. This message examines ten simple proofs of the construction, preservation, and accuracy of the Word of God. It will supercharge your faith, give you greater confidence in the Word of God, and cause you to fall in love with Scripture all over again.

**10:30 a.m. – Session 7**

**The Power to Do It: Exchanging failure for victory in your daily Christian life – Eric Ludy**

The constant declaration of the Christian life should be "I can't, but God can!" Our lives were made to be inhabited by the living God, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to be used as a "glove" upon His hand. This enabling power of His life, called grace, supplies all we need for life and godliness. Grace is far more than a mere hug of God. In this life-changing message, Eric Ludy equips you with the spiritual tools to stop trying to manufacture the Christian life and instead let God do it in and through you.

**11:30 a.m. – Session 8**

**Veritas: Defending Truth in a Postmodern Age  
– Andrew Frye**

Sometimes it seems like Christians are almost the only ones who believe in truth as a "thing." But despite elaborate explanations, the flood of fake news, and trendy French philosophy, Andy explains why the postmodern emperor "has no clothes," and why Christians can humbly declare truth with confidence and grace.

**1:30 p.m. – Session 9**

**Logos: A Reasoned Faith – Andrew Frye**

Andy debunks the myth of blind faith and the myth of pure reason. We'll examine how presuppositions shape all of us and why the Logos of John 1 gives us a reason to reason at all. Along the way we'll hear about the three ways of thinking that are at war in Western culture and how they shape your worldview and your culture.

**2:30 p.m. – Session 10**

**Reaping the Whirlwind: Darwin, Scopes, & Evolution in History – Andrew Frye**

The evolution-creation battle isn't really about science – it's much bigger than mere fossils (as anyone who has listened to Dawkins and the other so-called "New Atheists" knows). They involve the way we see everything. Andy explores the truth and created myths behind Darwin's work and the infamous Scopes trial, and explores the forgotten social and historical effects of the popularity of the Darwinian worldview.



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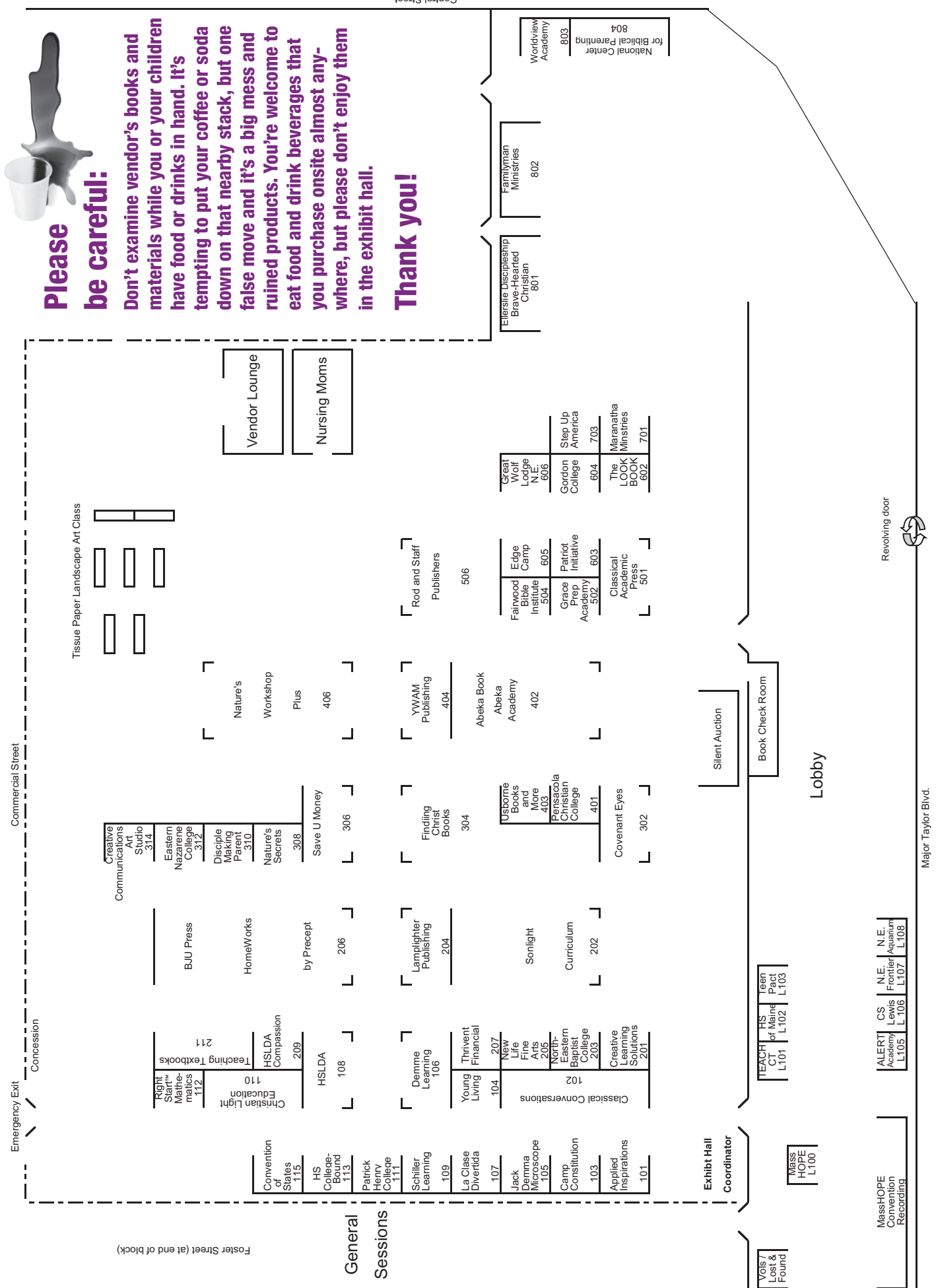
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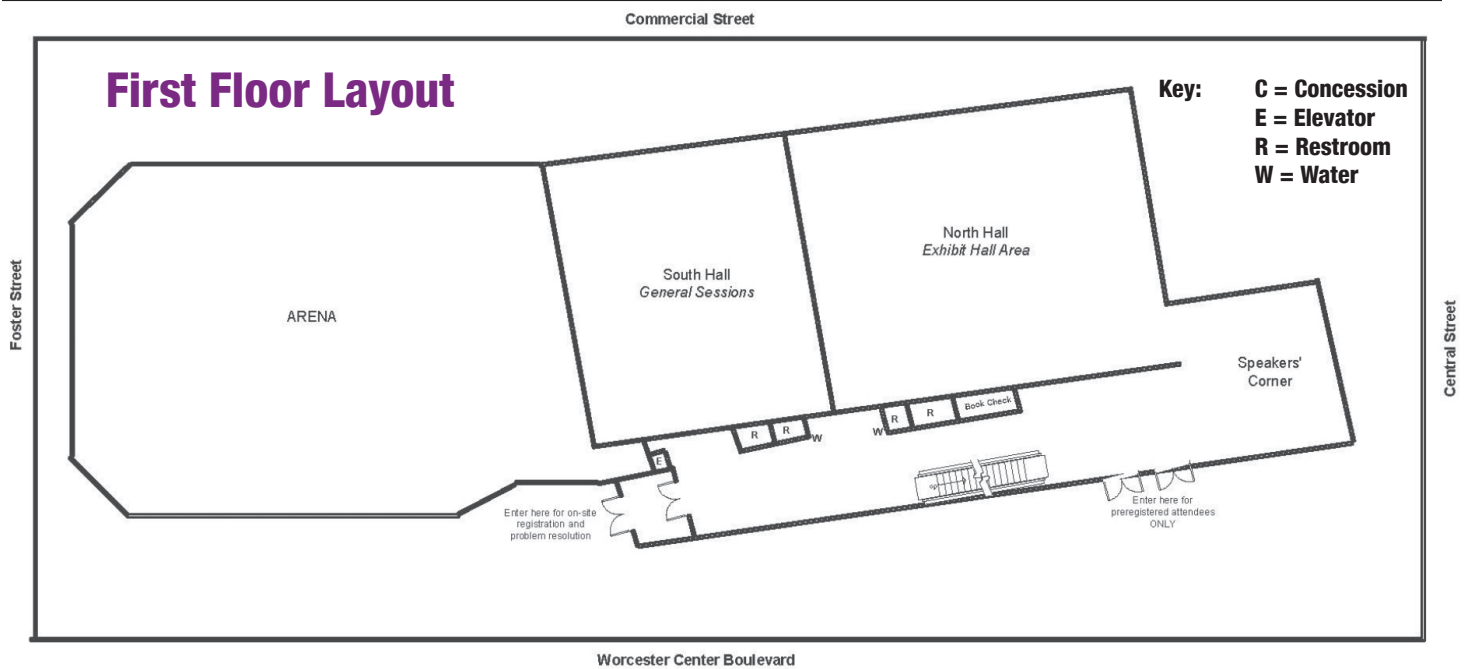
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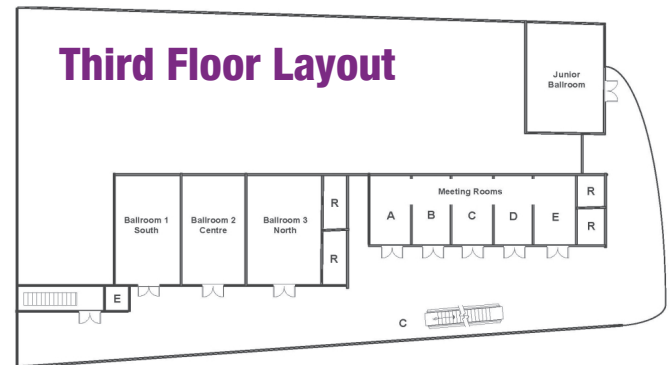
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Vendor workshops take place in the piped and draped area found in the lobby of the grand ballroom on the third floor.

Nursing Moms' area is located in the back corner of the Exhibit Hall on the first floor.

R & R area: on 2nd floor between escalators



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When shopping, we ask that you use some "Exhibit Hall etiquette." Many of the homeschool vendors are experts in their field and can explain various products for you in great depth. They have made a sacrificial effort to be at our conference, and we encourage you to take advantage of this timely opportunity to talk. When a vendor

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If you want to see a vendor return to our hall, we strongly urge you to buy from them this weekend!

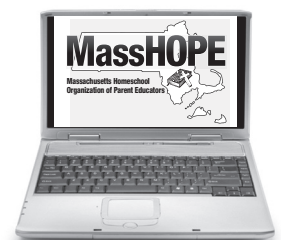


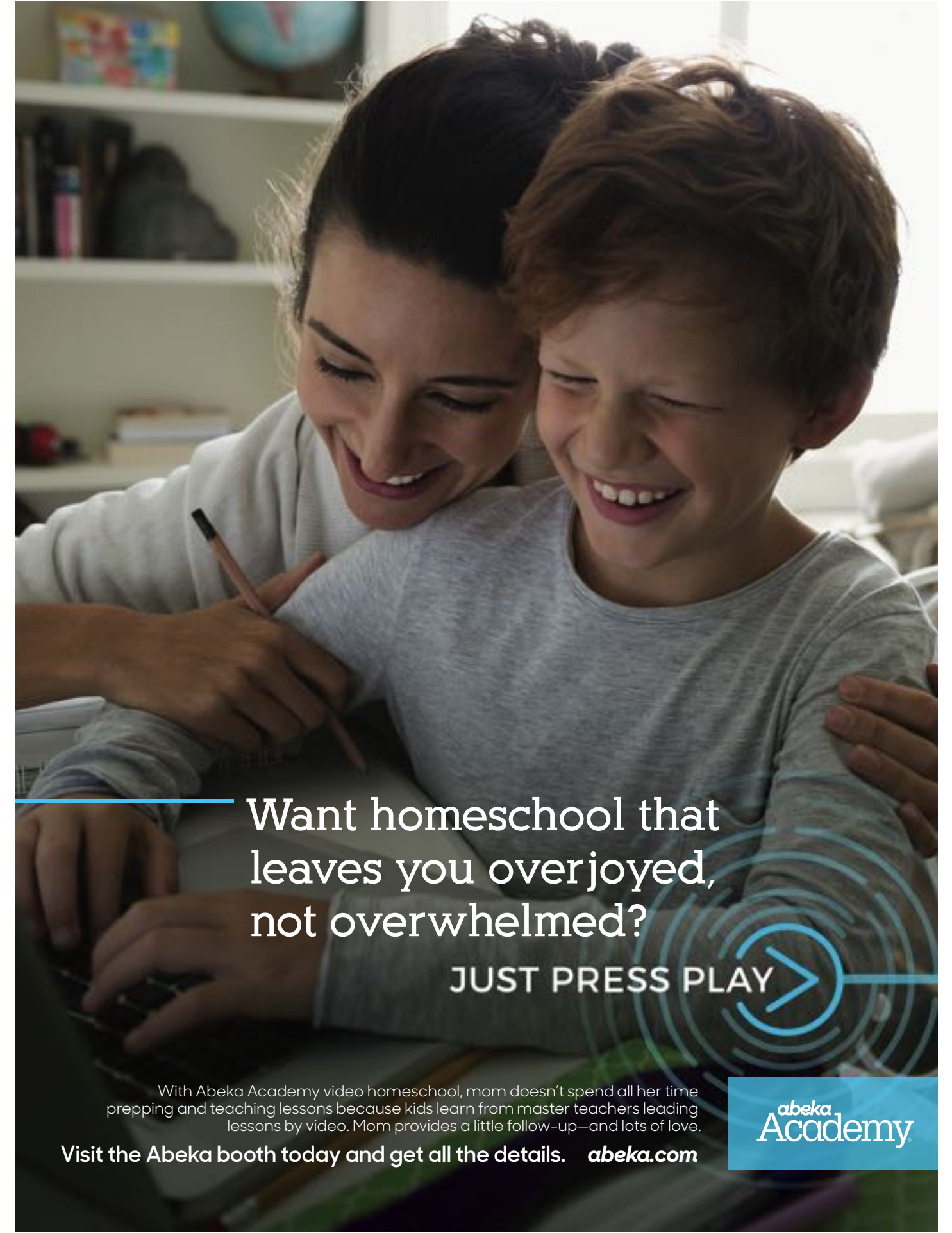
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