



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

Homeschooling 101 – 7:00-8:30pm

Homeschooling 101 – Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives

(This session is open to the public, with no admission fee.)

Considering homeschooling? Not sure where to begin? This workshop will cover the basics on how to get started homeschooling in Iowa. We'll offer a brief presentation of the Iowa homeschool legal options and a comprehensive overview of the essentials of home education. There will be a time for interaction and questions.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021

Keynote Address 8:15-9:45am

Becoming MomStrong – Heidi St. John

Today's mothers are living in challenging times. We're facing things that our mothers could never have imagined. From Internet predators to the rise of domestic terrorism to the discovery of GMO's BPA's and STD's... our lives are vastly different than the generation before us. Many moms are struggling with fear of the future and worry about raising children in today's culture—but God says loud and clear, "Do not be afraid! Be strong and courageous!" Mom, you have a mission. Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to raise the next generation of teachers, doctors, judges, police officers, grocery store clerks, attorneys, nurses—and parents. Yes! You are raising the next generation of parents. Look around. It doesn't take very long for one generation to hand the baton to the next, and as mothers, we've got to be ready to prepare our children for whatever they may face as followers of Jesus Christ. Heidi will challenge as she talks about what it will take to "Become MomStrong" —drawing on truths from God's Word to answer the tough questions this generation of kids is asking and prepare moms to meet the challenges head-on.

Start Homeschooling Special Track 8:15-9:45am

Iowa Homeschool Legal Requirements – Scott Woodruff – 8:15-9:00am

This session covers everything you need to know about your state's homeschool law so you can homeschool with confidence. It includes a thorough presentation of the basics with plenty of time for questions.

Homeschooling for Beginners – Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives – 9:15-9:45am

Our Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives, seasoned homeschooling moms with lots of experience, will give the "real life" version of how to home educate. Insider tips and helpful resources will be included.

Workshop Session I – 10:00-11:00am

The Power of Family Worship – Rob Rienow

At the heart of the Christian family is "family worship" (Deuteronomy 6:7). God uses these moments of prayer and Scripture to transform our hearts, renew our minds, and bless our families. But it isn't easy! The enemy actively works to keep prayer and Scripture out of our homes. This workshop will give you practical, creative, and "doable" ways to make family worship more consistent, meaningful, and enjoyable for everyone in your family.

Exploring Learning Styles for Effective Instruction – Nancy Bjorkman

Gain a fresh perspective on how your children's actions and attitudes help you discover their natural bent, so you can plan strategies that will help them grow into the person they were created to be. We'll peel back the layers to reveal pieces of the puzzle that go beyond the usual "auditory, kinesthetic, and visual" discussions. This workshop will provide you with insight into a variety of ways you can effectively teach to various learning styles in your children.

Getting Through the Toughest Day of Your Life – Scott Woodruff

Sooner or later, we all have it: the most absolutely horrendous day of our lives. Maybe it's a whole week! You know the story: Job goes through terrible suffering, God responds, and Job's fortunes are restored. But there's more to the story. In this session, Scott reveals the powerful, hidden tools within Job's story that can help you not just survive, but overcome, when your day of testing comes. It could turn out to be your finest hour.

SPECIAL SESSION: LICENSED TEACHER COURSE [10:00-11:30am] – Orientation, Exhibitor/Speaker

Collaboration Project Training & Teacher Panel Q&A – Julie Naberhaus

This workshop is for conference attendees who have also registered with Heartland AEA for the professional development activity providing license renewal credit. It will include a brief orientation as well as important training for the new exhibitor/speaker collaboration project option that can be applied toward required hours. We'll also have interactive Q&A time with an experienced teacher panel.

TEEN TRACK: Will Our Generation Speak? A Call to Be Bold with the Gospel – Josiah & Grace (Mally) Moffitt

How do we get a witnessing conversation started? What if someone asks a question we can't answer? What if we feel scared? How can we articulate the truth of the gospel with boldness, confidence, clarity and accuracy? In this session, Josiah and Grace will share practical tips, ideas, and stories

about how to effectively communicate the gospel to those around us. We only have one life to live, and it goes by fast! Today's Christian youth are in a position like Esther. God has raised them up "for such a time as this." The question is, "Will our generation speak?"

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Catching the Lure of the Bible: Hook, Line, & Sinker – Winona Maxon, Water in the Word

Learn how to catch a young person's full attention in desiring to learn about the Bible while following Luke 2:52. Hopefully attending this workshop with the author will lure you to be excited about utilizing this text to its full potential. Because of my educator background while writing this book I purposefully wrote to hook-up your student's natural curiosity with becoming skilled in reading comprehension and writing. Many questions are baited with open-ended discussion with no limit where the interest and discourse can take you.

Exhibitor Workshop Session – 11:45am-12:45pm

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Is Homeschooling Taking Over Your Life or Is It Your Lifestyle? – Sharon Fisher, Bob Jones University Press/HomeWorks by Precept

How would you like to be able to spend more time with your family and less time planning lessons and pulling materials together? Do you want more flexibility? Would you like lesson prep streamlined while providing academically excellent materials that are child-friendly and adaptable to your child's needs and your family homeschooling dynamic?

Workshop Session II – 1:00-2:00pm

Hope for the Overwhelmed Mom – Heidi St. John

Parenting. It's exhausting and exhilarating. Frustrating and fascinating. Like all things that are God-breathed, it's a Kingdom building exercise. It's a masterful strategy, this idea of using all night feedings and miscarriage and labor and teenagers (see how teens and labor go hand in hand?) and even homeschooling to teach us to trust the heart the Father. But that's exactly what God wants you to learn to do. Join Heidi St. John for an hour of encouragement and inspiration that will lift you up and remind you of the WHY of homeschooling.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRACK: The Essentials of Homeschool Special Needs – Peggy Ployhar

Homeschooling is the ultimate individualized education plan, so it's not a wonder why parents of special needs children consider this educational choice. In this talk, Peggy Ployhar, the CEO of SPED Homeschool covers what it takes to get started homeschooling, avoiding and conquering common pitfalls, and how to homeschool special education through high school. This talk is filled with practical advice from the trenches of homeschooling for 18 years and working for over a decade as a special needs homeschooling consultant.

Engaging Early Learners – Nancy Bjorkman

What should "school" look like for early learners? What things are developmentally appropriate for the younger ages? This fun and informative session will provide a comprehensive overview of teaching methods specifically geared to pre- and elementary-age children. Nancy will share resources, fun games, toddler tips, and easy activities, all designed to help parents think outside the box when it comes to "doing school."

Essential Skills for Teens: Study and Time Management – Carol Becker

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

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Creation Story: Preparing Homeschooled Students for University Science – Dr. Ken Wolgemuth, Reasons to Believe

As a Christian geologist, I will discuss three topics with which all students should be familiar when headed to a college or university. (1) The processes of plate tectonics that move continents over geologic time, and how we understand the age of the earth. (2) Radiocarbon dating as a wonderful tool to determine the ages of bones, wood, and charcoal, and how that affects biblical archaeology. (3) Ice cores that display God's gift of 10,000 years of stable climate for the flourishing of mankind.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Unit Studies: How to Use What your Child Wants to Know About to Teach What They Need to Learn About – Brandy Champeau, Exploring Expression

Every child has a passion. Maybe its horses, dragons or Minecraft. This workshop will show you the steps I take to turn a single book, topic, or passion and craft a multi subject unit study. I will give you an actionable strategy for how to leverage your child's individual interests to make their learning adventures more fun, easy and natural.

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: Iowa-Themed Lapbooks – Sara Carothers

(Advance registration with extra fee required)

"I've heard of lapbooks but have no clue how to start one." Come and make one with Sara! She will walk you through the process of making a basic lapbook about the state of Iowa, talk about the benefits, and share resources that will make the process fun and easy for everyone. You will see examples for various ages and topics, as well as a couple versions of an Iowa one too. Get inspired as you learn the steps to making an interactive resource for your visual/hands-on learner.

Special Needs Track Sponsor Session – 2:00-2:15pm

Homeschooling and Dyslexia – Kara Wishman, Decoding Dyslexia Iowa

Kara Wishman, with Decoding Dyslexia Iowa, will give a few pointers for parents whose children are struggling to read/spell during the homeschool day, and how you can see dyslexia bring difficulties across subject areas. The talk will be short, but it is in hopes of starting a conversation within the homeschool community that all kids won't just pick up reading when they're ready, and there are active steps parents must take to help their struggling children.

Workshop Session III – 2:30-3:30pm

Helping Your Children Become Best Friends in Christ – Rob Rienow

Has God blessed you with multiple children? God places a high priority on sibling relationships and Satan wants to destroy them. This message will equip you with a compelling Christian vision and practical, daily steps to help your children become best friends in Christ, and advance His Kingdom together.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRACK: Customizing Curriculum for Students' Special Needs – Peggy Ployhar

As the CEO of SPED Homeschool, and the former Special Needs Team Lead for the Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) and former Special Needs Coordinator of MACHE (Minnesota Association of Christian Home Educators), Peggy Ployhar speaks to one of the most frequently asked questions she receives: “What curriculum would be best to teach the unique needs of my child?” Whether you have a child who has a specific diagnosis or one who just struggles in one area of school or another, Peggy addresses in this talk how to take the curriculum you already own, or plan to use, adjust it to meet the specific needs of your child, and consequently dissolve the struggles you are currently seeing in homeschooling your unique child.

20 Principles of a Charlotte Mason Education – Galadriel Miller

Do you have a philosophy of education? Know it or not, we all do. But what is it? And do our methods line up with our philosophy? We will take a look at Charlotte Mason’s philosophy of education and how her methods and practices all jive together.

Public School to Homeschool: What I Wish I Would Have Known – Candice Dugger

Leaving a traditional educational model can bring about many fears, anxiety's, and lots of self-doubt. This real-talk workshop will discuss many of the unexpected hard truths you may be facing. We will discuss the challenges you will face, while providing resources and encouragement for the beautiful journey ahead.

TEEN TRACK: Drama & Improvisation – Natalie Ogbourne

In this informative and interactive workshop, we will explore why drama matters and what its potential place is in the life of the believer. With that as a base, we’ll get to work on stage techniques, a few rules of improv, and—most fun of all—a few improv activities.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Preparing for College – Dana Blomberg, Faith Baptist Bible College

Preparing your student for college doesn't have to keep you awake at night. An hour with our team will give you an overview of what to expect from considering your college options, enrolling in classes, paying for college, and making the most of this time without losing your mind.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Jordahl Academy

Come hear Jordahl Academy’s Dr. Cynthia Knight share the exciting ways that this innovative school can meet the unique needs of your student.

Workshop Session 4 – 4:00-5:00pm

The Power of Godly Influence – Heidi St. John

Did you know that you have influence? You do! The question is, what you are doing with the influence that God has given you? You have influence with your children, your friends, family, co-workers. What are you doing with it? How is your faith influencing those around you? In this powerful presentation, Heidi will share six character traits of leaders who have successfully navigated the ups and downs of leadership and used their influence to make a difference in the lives of those around them. Your legacy is already being built. What will it be?

SPECIAL NEEDS TRACK: Post-Homeschool Transition Planning for Special Needs Students – Peggy Ployhar

Any parent knows a student's learning goes beyond basics academics. But, parents of special needs students are even more aware of this truth. Successful post-homeschool transitioning of a special needs student requires planning. In this talk, Peggy Ployhar, the CEO of SPED Homeschool, takes parents of special needs homeschooling students through a plan that helps them be intentional in setting up a transition plan that will ready their student for life beyond homeschool.

Teaching Math without Losing Your Children and Your Sanity – Galadriel Miller

Math. As educators, the very word strikes fear into many of us. Whether we hate or love math, it can be hard to know how to best teach it to our children. As we consider each young person in our charge, we want their feet to be set on a firm foundation. And even more than that, we want them to see that math declares the glory of God! In this session, we will look at several sample math lessons. These lessons will be based on Richele Baburina's extensive research into Charlotte Mason's method of teaching mathematics. In math, we see Charlotte's method, based on her principles, continuing just as consistently as in all other subjects. And praise the Lord that even in math, we are all students of His, guided by His Holy Spirit!

Homeschool Recordkeeping, Evaluations, and Portfolios – Carol Becker

Keeping good records doesn't need to be time consuming nor burdensome—it actually saves you time and effort in the long run. In this workshop, you'll learn how and when to track your student's progress through high school.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Five Areas Defeating Christian Young Men – Harold Mally, Tomorrow's Forefathers

Will our sons give in to defeat or will they walk in victory as the Christian leaders of tomorrow? This session will share biblical answers to five areas which are defeating many Christian young men. It will help parents be equipped with answers and tools to help their sons be valiant for Christ. Harold will share practical ways to encourage our sons to be strong for the Lord in their youth, to avoid rebellion during the teen years, and to have direction for their life and ministry.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: The Self-Publishing Journey – Caitlin Hodnefield

Have you ever dreamed of writing your own book and getting it published? It may seem like an impossible journey, but really anyone with the willingness to put in the time and effort can fulfill their dream of becoming a published author. Find out the basics from someone who has already been through this adventure! Join author Caitlin Hodnefield as she gives you tips on how to chase your writing dreams.

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: Sensory Bins – Stacy Schuurmann

(Advance registration with extra fee required)

Feeling intimidated by all the extravagant sensory bins out there? We'll let you in on a little secret...they're not actually that hard to make! Come learn about the many benefits sensory play has to offer for early learners and how to effectively use sensory bins in your homeschool. This Make & Take will give you with the inspiration to create engaging bins and provide a plethora of ideas of what to fill them with. Stacey & Annie will guide you step by step guide in building a sensory bin to take home for your little learner.

Special Meal Event: Couples' Dinner – 6:30-8:30pm

(Advance registration with extra fee required)

Visionary Marriage – Rob Rienow

Marriage is wonderful. Marriage is hard. Marriage is Kingdom ministry. The health of the family overflows from our marriage relationship. Every couple needs hope and help from God's Word. Don't miss this evening of laughter and encouragement. Dr. Rob Rienow will share the Scriptures that God used to renew and strengthen his relationship with Amy. Strengthening your marriage may be the best thing you can do for your homeschooling mission.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021

Workshop Session V – 8:15-9:15am

Your Family and God's Plan – Rob Rienow

God wants to use your family, with all your struggles and challenges, to make a difference in the world for Christ. Throughout the Scriptures, God gives His people a "multi-generational Great Commission." This message will encourage your entire family to expand your vision for how the Lord can use your family to bless the world and build His Kingdom.

Overcoming Doubt (Your Greatest Homeschool Enemy) – Peggy Ployhar

Doubt is the number one enemy of all homeschoolers. So, it stands to reason that overcoming doubt is the key to homeschool success. Peggy Ployhar, the CEO of SPED Homeschool, has 18 years' experience battling doubt in her own homeschooling endeavors. But, instead of letting those doubts creep in and destroy her homeschool, she learned with each battle just how much God's grace and truth provided strategies for conquering her doubts. This talk is filled with biblical fighting strategies to equip every homeschooling parent to do battle head-on with their own doubts so they can overcome them and homeschool victoriously.

Homeschooling: The Big Picture – Nancy Bjorkman

Come and discover, or discover anew, a bigger vision of what homeschooling can be for your family. Find encouragement as you reconsider your goals and put into perspective the pieces of the puzzle. We'll talk about both academic and non-academic objectives, and practical ways to fit it all together to help you and your children find out who they were created to be.

Raising Entrepreneurs – Candice Dugger

Do you have a child who wants to start a business or is passionate about a cause? In this workshop we will discuss strategies and ways to help your child bring their dreams to reality while integrating the process as part of your homeschool journey.

TEEN TRACK: Singleness, Purity & Relationships – Andrew & Sarah (Mally) Hancock

Young people often have many questions as they think about their future and look forward to meeting their future spouse. How should they prepare for marriage? What tools will help them discern God's will? What should young people do while they are waiting? How can they wisely navigate relationships in this sinful world? In this workshop, Andrew and Sarah Hancock will share about the importance of trusting the Lord and following His ways not the world's ways. Weaving in their own story of how God

brought them together after many years of singleness, they will share lessons God taught them along the way and discuss key principles in relationships. For parents and teens.

Workshop Session VI – 9:30-10:30am

Visionary Fatherhood – Rob Rienow

Fatherhood is a special calling. God entrusts immortal souls into our care so that we might do all in our power to help them love and follow Jesus. In order to encourage faith in our children, we need to be encouraged with God's love for us. In this workshop, Dr. Rob Rienow will equip you with a practical plan for trusting God as a father, and helping your children do the same.

Defending Home Education Against Allegations of Abuse – Scott Woodruff

One day a terrible parent in your state may do something criminal to a child—and the media may push the narrative that because the child was homeschooled, more restrictions should be placed on homeschooling families. This session will analyze some real-life situations where this has actually happened and equip you to give a compassionate, commonsense answer when family, friends, coworkers, or the local media assert that the problem is not enough homeschool regulations. This presentation requires a projector screen and an audio connection.

Christian Values in an LGBT World – Josh Bingaman

As a homeschool family, you know that the world has become increasingly hostile to the Christian faith. Why is the world like this and how did it get there? How do we prepare our families to engage in the secular world? How do we raise our kids to have a lifelong faith? Join us for our workshop to discuss these questions and more!

Leadership in a Digital World: How to Prepare Your Children – Candice Dugger

Today's generation is facing new challenges online and need tools to combat bullying, cyberbullying, and gaming bullying. We will talk about what makes a strong leader and unpack the issues facing this generation as they work and interact online.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Can Handwriting Instruction Really Improve My Child's Reading? – Cathy Angel and Ali Roemhild, Making Reading Heavenly

Are you teaching handwriting to enable your child to become fluent? Did you know fluent handwriting will increase both spelling and reading skills? Does your child's spelling match their reading ability? Do you have your children writing sentences each day? Are you using games to entice your child to want to learn? If you are answering "No," to any or all of these questions, you need to attend our workshop! Research proves that handwriting, spelling, and reading are interconnected. Explicit instruction in these areas is essential for maximum benefits! If there is no motivation to learn, a child just goes through the motions. Providing challenging activities and games will be the key to jump-start even the most reluctant learner.

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: Nature Journaling – Galadriel Miller

(Advance registration with extra fee required)

God has so much to teach us through studying His creation, yet sometimes it feels intimidating to incorporate nature study into our homeschool. Where do we begin?

Come be encouraged and equipped with simple and practical ideas for studying nature with your children. In this make and take, we will do some nature study together and practice painting in our notebooks. No artistic skills required! (It's actually kind of therapeutic.) You will also take home a simple nature study field kit and a basic understanding of how to incorporate nature study into your homeschool. We want to breathe life into each child's school day, no matter what their "bent." Appreciate beauty. Think like a scientist. Praise God for it all!

Special Meal Event: Brunch & Learn – 9:30-11:00am

(Advance registration with extra fee required)

Q&A with Heidi St. John

Have a question you'd like to ask our amazing keynote speaker, Heidi St. John? Here's your opportunity! After registered attendees have made their way through the breakfast buffet line and enjoyed their meals, they'll have a chance to hear Heidi's off-the-cuff responses to their questions.

Exhibitor Workshop Session – 10:45am-11:45pm

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Classical Conversations – Melisa Weaver, Classical Conversations

Homeschooling can be lonely and isolating, but it doesn't have to be. Join us to learn how home educating in a community of like-minded families can bless you. Explore with us the powerful impact that home educating with a community can have on your family.

Workshop Session VII – 12:30-1:30pm

Raised to Release – Heidi St. John

Jay and Heidi St John have raised four of their seven kids to adulthood—often in spite of themselves. It's tough to let your kids make their own decisions, especially when you're so used to doing it, right? What if you see them making an unwise choice? Homeschooling parents often struggle to release their teens to pursue God's plan for them but it's crucial that we do. Join Jay and Heidi as they share tools that every parent on the precipice of releasing their child needs.

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND TRACK: Developing a Plan for High School – Carol Becker

What plan would suit your 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? This seminar will help you organize your thoughts and lay the groundwork for a viable four-year plan. You'll learn about high school credits, simplifying grading, and the fundamentals of recordkeeping—transcripts, extracurriculars, and diplomas.

Language Arts Charlotte Mason Style – Galadriel Miller

In an age when college professors are saying that our students can't write, we are keenly aware of the importance of language arts in our child's education. But with all its different components, language arts can start to confuse us, overwhelm us, and end up exhausting our children. We buy yet one more supplemental workbook, just to make sure we aren't leaving any gaps. Charlotte Mason took a very refreshing and different look at language arts that goes along with how God wired children to learn and to write. Each lesson is short, taught in a very specific way, yet fits in with the method as a whole, giving

the child a solid language arts foundation. When they graduate, we want our children to have something to say and to be able to say it well.

SPECIAL SESSION: LICENSED TEACHER COURSE: Curriculum Dilemmas – Sara Carothers

This workshop is for conference attendees who have also registered with Heartland AEA for the professional development activity providing license renewal credit. Rainbow Resource consultant Sara Carothers will help you find solutions to homeschool curriculum issues. She will present her favorite “problem solving” products, with both supervising teachers and the families they serve in mind.

TEEN TRACK: Cellphone Photography and Content Creation – Sadie Desaulniers

Digital content has never been easier or more fun to create! Cell phone cameras, editing apps, social media ... the ability to produce and share in the digital art form is plentiful! But, what do you do with those images once you create them? And how do you get better pictures within the limits of cell phone camera? In this session, Sadie will be sharing some practical tips and principles of photography, as well as some of her own philosophy of social media and how we can use the platforms at our disposal as tools to share art and creative content that is meaningful, impactful, and important.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Being Extraordinary at the Ordinary – Matthew Roche, Unbound

Our world expects so little from students, especially college-aged students in today's day and age. In the workshop, we will address how we can change that stereotype and take back a western civilization that is crumbling. Matthew will talk about the significance of remaining engaged in a local community, creating an impact that really works, and how we can reverse the negative effects we see in our culture.

High School & Beyond Track Sponsor Session – 1:30-1:45pm

Help for Your College Search – Greg Van Dyke, Dordt University

The college search and admission process can seem complicated and overwhelming. It doesn't have to be! Hear how Dordt University can help you navigate and succeed as you step through this important process.

Workshop Session VIII – 2:00-3:00pm

Healing Family Relationships – Rob Rienow

Every family needs forgiveness, because every family is filled with sinful people. In this message, Dr. Rienow shares essential principles in the Bible toward equipping your family with a fresh vision for grace, mercy and forgiveness – for hurts old and new.

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND TRACK: High School Transcript Clinic – Carol Becker

Creating a high school transcript is a vital part of your teen's high school records. In this interactive, practical seminar, you'll create a transcript that can be used as a template when designing your own. The session will guide you through the essentials of transcripts, how to evaluate credit, steps to simplify grading, and how to calculate grade point averages (GPAs).

Incorporating “Mom Care” into Your Homeschool Schedule – Peggy Ployhar

You know the saying, “If mama ain't happy, ain't no one is happy.” But, how is a homeschooling mom to care to herself to the point of “happy” when she can barely take care of the house, teaching her kids, and sometimes even attempt juggling a full or part-time job? The answer is creative planning and a

focused perspective. In this talk, Peggy Ployhar, SPED Homeschool Founder and CEO and recent cancer survivor will share her own story of near burnout and how that experience led her to many realizations about how and why it was so important to prioritize her own care to keep everything balanced in her home as well as how she creatively plans to ensuring self-care into her busy working and homeschooling schedule. You will come away with new resolve as well as creative ideas for incorporating self-care into your own busy homeschooling schedule.

Working and Homeschooling: How Can I Possibly Make This Work? – Candice Dugger

Do you want to homeschool, but also need to balance working? This workshop will take a look at hands-on strategies to help you balance work and homeschooling.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: Strength Begins at Home: US Army US Army Tools and Programs for Homeschool Students and Parents – Dr. Susan Larson & Dawne Divine, U.S. Army

Learn about free, online achievement, enrichment, and career tools including March2Success and ASVAB-CEP. These programs support all students and families regardless of military interest or eligibility.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP: The Financial Concepts that Changed our Family Legacy – Vance Westerkamp & Gabrielle Lusk, Primerica Financial Services

This Family Financial Workshop is a 1-hour workshop for your family members starting as young as teenagers. During this workshop, we will teach your entire family important money concepts, including how to get (and stay) out of debt and become financially independent. We really do believe that there is no greater gift to give your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren than an education about money.

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: Meal Planning – Tamara Pool

(Advance registration with extra fee required)

Homeschool parents aren't just planning dinner - they are planning menus for each meal, everyday, and snacks in between. Come learn how healthy meal planning can be streamlined for one household manager and still efficient and effective with family involvement.

This workshop will help you recognize and manage the tension of daily and seasonal meal planning with extra tips for holiday preparations, meals-on-the-go, and social gatherings. You'll walk away with a planning binder and access to online resources to guide you as your plan grows with each season of parenting.

High School & Beyond Track Sponsor Session – 3:00-3:15pm

Faith & You – Dana Blomberg, Faith Baptist Bible College

Hear about this fully-accredited Baptist Bible college & seminary dedicated to preparing men and women for God's calling on their lives. Find out how Faith Baptist Bible College undergraduate, seminary, and online courses can prepare you for life and ministry and equip you to go "With the Word to the World." Celebrating 100 years in 2021!

Workshop Session IX – 3:30-4:30pm

Prayers for the Battlefield – Heidi St. John

Are you weary? Today's parents are up against a lot. We're shepherding children in a time when the war

for their hearts and minds has reached a fever-pitch. And yes—the battle is real—but so is our God! Come spend an hour with mother of seven, Heidi St. John as she offers hope and teaches parents how to pray for their kids at every stage development. We'll get real about the struggle, but we won't focus on it. You're raising a special generation of warriors! Don't give up—you were born for this!

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND TRACK: Charting Your Way Through High School for College, Career, or Military – Carol Becker

Consider a Guidance Counselor's perspective for each year of high school! For college-bound teens, this includes entrance tests, applications, and financial aid information. Students headed directly into the workforce can benefit from career aptitude testing, exploring training opportunities, and building a resume. Learn about the military's homeschool enlistment policy and advice for applying to the service academies.

The Charlotte Mason Art of Standing Aside – Galadriel Miller

Charlotte Mason exhorts teachers to learn "the art of standing aside". We need to give our children the space to grow and encourage them to make their own connections. But how do we do this? What is helpful and what is a hindrance? How can we be sure we are not doing the work of a child's education for him or talking too much? Or on the other hand, what if we aren't doing enough? These questions are important ones to ask, and we may need to re-evaluate often, praying for God's guidance to exercise this 'wise passiveness' as we lead our children to do the work of their own education.

Preserving Homeschool Freedom in Iowa – Bill Gustoff

Join Bill Gustoff, our Homeschool Iowa lobbyist, as he provides an update on the past legislative session and how Homeschool Iowa has been advocating for freedom for homeschooling here in Iowa. Learn about key issues and bills that have been crucial for homeschoolers in our state. Bill will explain how our Homeschool Iowa Advocacy Team is dedicated to promoting homeschool freedom and monitoring threats to homeschooling liberties in our state.

TEEN TRACK: How to Make a Difference in Your World – Josh Bingaman

The past year has been a crazy time with pandemic shutdowns, riots, and increased division. Our world needs healing and peace. How do we make that happen? How do we make a difference in our world? Join us as we discuss how to develop yourself and shape a better world.

Helping Daughters Expose Lies and Seek Truth – Sarah (Mally) Hancock

Many girls try to change their wrong actions, but never learn to discern the wrong thinking behind the actions. As girls learn to identify lies which are the root issues behind struggles they face and replace them with truth, they will see how God's Word will transform each area of their lives as the truth sets them free! In this session Sarah will include many stories, illustrations and practical tips for both mothers and daughters as she discusses topics such as a girls' emotions, purity, an understanding of who God is, and a proper view of who we are in light of the truths from Scripture.