

## **BLOCK ONE** **friday** 9:00-10:00 AM

### **USING THE ROAR METHOD TO CHEW AND SPIT THROUGH CULTURAL LIES**

HILLARY FERRER | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

We are in a culture war and unfortunately, a lot of people are talking past each other. We are called to love but we are also called to stand firm. Using the ROAR method, parents and kids will learn how to identify the core message that is being said and analyze the message with grace and truth. Using four simple steps, parents can teach their kids how to interact with culture while remaining steadfast for Christ.

### **TODAY'S HOMESCHOOLING MOVEMENT TRENDS AND THREATS**

SCOTT WOODRUFF | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

New opportunities and new threats have arisen in the wake of COVID and the fraying of the American political consensus. The world has changed, and we must understand it so we can continue to fulfill our role as world changers. The family homeschool program should prepare young people for the world in which they will live, not the world in which their parents lived.

### **HIGH SCHOOL FUN! - ALL THE SUBJECTS WITHOUT ALL THE TEXTBOOKS**

DARA HALYDIER | **SALON C**

Textbooks have their place, but all textbooks and no fun make a lot of homeschoolers want to throw schooling out the window! Dara will share ideas about how to carry on the spontaneity of homeschooling fun through the high school years without compromising on the necessary knowledge needed to get into college. Having five boys in or through college, she has insight and experience about what is really required to attend college. She will inspire your creative genius to think outside the textbook box and enjoy the last few years your teenager will be home.

### **RAISING OUR GIRLS TO BE LADIES AND SHOWING OUR SONS WHAT A LADY LOOKS LIKE**

MONICA IRVINE | **SALON F**

Imagine what it feels like to watch your daughter continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of her life, because she knows she has endless potential and a great responsibility. She matures with a desire to be a voice for good and a contributor to making our world a better place. She seems fearless, yet uses great wisdom. She is courageous, yet humble. She is KIND. This Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your daughter needs to become this lady. You don't want to miss this. She needs you.

## **BLOCK TWO** **friday** 9:15-10:15 AM

### **NUTS & BOLTS OF HOMESCHOOLING (PART 1)**

SHARI MCMINN | **SALON A/B**

You've heard about the theory and vision of homeschooling, maybe researched books or websites, but how do you actually homeschool day-to-day? Homeschooling is a lifestyle not just an educational choice crammed into already busy lives. Veteran homeschool parent Shari Howard McMinn walks you through the ingredients of a successful homeschool, preparing your child and your home, prioritizing your life with a schedule and rhythmic routine, teaching several children simultaneously, and reviewing teaching methodologies and learning styles from which to choose curriculum that fits your family best. In Part 1 of this pair of workshops, enjoy Shari's humor and transparency while she shares her experience of a life well lived while homeschooling. This "just a farm wife" mom will answer general questions at the end.

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## **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE IN THE HOMESCHOOL**

DEBORAH WUEHLER | **SALON D/E**

Do your children know the biblical reasons they are homeschooling? Do they know why they don't participate in things other kids participate in? Do they have the tools they need for life to battle sin, defeat the enemy, and answer their peers and culture? Find out the importance of the Bible in the homeschool. It's as important as life and death!

## **HELP! CAN'T THAT CHILD HEAR ME? AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER**

DR. REBECCA SPENCER | **HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN**

After completing this session, the busy homeschool mom/teacher will not only understand the why behind Auditory Processing Disorders, but also have all of the assessments, checklists, activities, and resources for their own toolbox. Participants in this workshop will develop an action plan to get results that last.

## **PREPARING HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

CHANCE BEDELL | **HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING**

Navigating the transition from homeschooling to higher education can be difficult for many families. Most public schools have counselors who help with the countless details related to attending a college or university. Many homeschool families are anxious or nervous about the college process. The good news is that as a whole, homeschooled students statically are more prepared for college than any other form of high school education. The aim of this presentation is to provide information and a few tips and tricks across Academics, Financial Aid, and Extracurricular activities for navigating the transition from homeschooling to higher education.

# **BLOCK ONE** **friday** 10:30-11:30 AM

## **OOPS! MY CHILD'S NOT PERFECT!**

DARA HALYDIER | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

What does a godly child look like compared to a perfect child? Trying to raise a perfect child will lead to rebellion, low self-esteem and other problems, while raising a godly will lead to grace, joy, and freedom. How did God raise His kids? First came the law, then grace. We, as parents, need to start out with law and then move through faith to grace as our kids get older. Scriptural basis is Galatians 3:22-26 and 4:1-7. We will walk through aspects of the law that can be incorporated into our family (written out, concise expectations, rewards and punishments, etc.), and then we will give ideas of moving the child to grace as they mature and grow.

## **EXPLORING HOMESCHOOLING METHODS**

NANCY BJORKMAN | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

This engaging workshop will review several different teaching approaches found in homeschooling, and then help attendees identify resources and curricula to fit their family's particular style. Just getting started in homeschooling? Needing to refocus and redefine what homeschooling could look like for your family? Come benefit from Nancy's almost 30 years of experience, and enjoy her dynamic style.

## **SHUGOSHA MARTIAL SCIENCE SECURE KIDS PROGRAM**

JOHN ALBILLAR | **SALON C**

Come find out how martial arts can boost your kids' safety awareness. John will explain what to do if a car approaches your child, what to do if a stranger tries to force your kid in a car, what your kids should do if a stranger takes them to a secondary location, and how kids can MAKE an adult help if no one will. John will demonstrate escape and run techniques, verbal self defense, stranger danger, street skills and other self-defense techniques.

## MISSOURI HOMESCHOOLING 101

DANIELLE DENT-BREEN | SALON F

Thinking about or new to homeschooling in Missouri? Need a refresher on Missouri record keeping? Come learn about the laws related to homeschooling such as compulsory attendance, record keeping requirements, withdrawing your child from public school, how our law changes at age 16, and more. We will also discuss helpful suggestions for keeping your mandated records including lesson plans, journals, e-portfolios, and logging hours. This will be an informative and encouraging session for new and seasoned homeschoolers. Be informed and confident in your homeschooling adventure!

## BLOCK TWO **friday** 10:45-11:45 AM

### HOMESCHOOLING YOUR UNIQUE CHILD

SHARI MCMINN | SALON A/B

While God has created each of us uniquely, some of our children are so unique they can be more than challenging to homeschool. Whether adopted with a traumatic past, learning delayed with a variety of labels, highly gifted who seemingly live on another educational planet, or physically unable to participate in life like 'typical' children, homeschooling can work exceptionally well for these kids. Be inspired and encouraged that you, just an average parent, can become the teacher God has in mind, so your child can begin to thrive. Practical strategies for starting out and continuing the homeschool journey as your child ages into adulthood will give you guidance and wisdom for the marathon.

### HOW DO I TEACH SEX ED IN MY HOMESCHOOL?

SHANXI OMONIYI | SALON D/E

"I can't wait to tell my children all about the birds and bees!" said no parent ever. Why can it be so hard to have "the talk" with our children, especially if we spend every day with them homeschooling? Drawing from her own experience, MPE alumna Shanxi Omoniyi explores how her parents taught sex education in their homeschool with wisdom, grace and humility (along with a hefty dose of humor!). She also explores age-appropriate guidelines, starting from birth and going all the way into young adulthood. **NOTE: This workshop is intended for adults only.**

### TEACHING YOUR STRUGGLING READER

SUZANNE WANDLING | HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN

Is your child off the reading path you had charted for him/her? When children struggle to develop reading skills, it can create a sense of frustration. Learn the core areas of reading and how to identify gaps so you can strengthen your child's reading. Strategies and resources will be shared for parents to gain the confidence necessary to teach your child.

### MAKING THE JUMP: PREPARING FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM HOME EDUCATION TO THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

JOHN MCGEE | HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING

Walking through the transition from Home Education to College can be confusing and intimidating. We'll help demystify parts of that process such as college applications, financial aid, scholarships, and collegiate academics. We'll also equip you with the necessary tools to make the adjustment to dorm life and extracurricular activities. Our goal is to provide clarity for the many new areas you will face while considering higher education so your student can have the smoothest transition possible.





# **BLOCK ONE** **friday** 1:30-2:30 PM

## **HOMESCHOOLING A DIVERSE FAMILY**

SHARI MCMINN | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

In our modern culture, the elephant in the room that no one wants to publicly discuss is how we can live joyfully and peaceably with diversity. This important topic affects our homeschools in multiple ways including activities, curriculum, co-op groups, post-graduation choices, and reading lists. If in your own family you have a range of diverse members, it can get really complicated to have a unified vision for faith, family, and freedom. Oftentimes, diversity discussions are focused on race. But, diversity can and should also include age, career, cultural, economic, educational, ethnic, physical, political, religious, and social differences. Shari seeks to winsomely and honorably talk about embracing diversity with other homeschool parents. In doing so, we can then teach our children a Christian worldview on related hot topics such as abortion, equal rights, and religious censorship. For the sake of future generations, we need to stand for biblical truth in a world gone crazy with safe spaces and social media hate. Practical strategies and recommended resources are included, with time for general questions at the end.

## **SCHEDULES... HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO BE HAPPY**

MONICA IRVINE | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

Imagine your children waking up with an alarm clock, making their bed, completing their morning hygiene duties, saying their morning personal prayer, completing their morning chores without any verbal reminders from you? Imagine your family having the time for family devotion, family projects, family fun time, one-on-one time with each child, date night for you and your spouse, daily quiet time and chore time. Parents, these things are possible and possible without unreasonable efforts. They are possible when you place your family on a schedule and take advantage of the gift of routines. Don't miss this amazing Parenting Master Class by Master Motivator, Monica Irvine.

## **ASCEND TO NEW HEIGHTS ON YOUR HOMESCHOOL JOURNEY**

YVONNE STRACHAN | **SALON C**

Benefit from practical strategies on meal planning, home maintenance, scheduling, and organization designed to help you chart an achievable course that will keep you soaring throughout the year.

## **YOU CAN BE A GREAT MATH TEACHER**

REBECCA WALSH | **SALON F**

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 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.

## **BLOCK TWO** **friday** 1:45-2:45 PM

### **HOMESCHOOLING THE REBEL**

DEBORAH WUEHLER | **SALON A/B**

"I won't do it!" my child screamed after being asked to sit down and start the day's math assignment. "You will too!" I resolutely stated back. "I will not!" And thereupon ensued an all-out fight of wills. The strong-willed mother determined to win over the strong-willed child. This workshop is designed to give you helpful tips in dealing with a strong-willed child, how to nurture as well as homeschool this child, how to stay sane in the midst of anguish, and to give you hope for the future.

### **IS IT YOUR CALLING? BECOMING A LEGISLATIVE VOLUNTEER**

SCOTT WOODRUFF | **SALON D/E**

How would you like to make a law? I have done it, and I can tell you how! OK, that's a bit of an exaggeration, but it's no exaggeration to say that ordinary people can profoundly impact the course of bad ideas and good ideas in the state legislature. Silence is not an option. Will you become part of the team?

### **COLLEGE PREP 101: HOW TO USE YOUR TIME SO YOU CAN HAVE A LIFE**

MARK PRUITT | **TRUMAN - HOLIDAY INN**

Time Management is THE BIGGEST challenge for every student. Learn how to get more done in less time so you can have a blast in school.

### **THE DYSLEXIC LEARNER (IGNITING THE BRILLIANT DYSLEXIC BRAIN)**

DR. REBECCA SPENCER | **PERSHING - HOLIDAY INN**

Unlock your child's brilliance and discover some ways today to help your child succeed with joy! Teach struggling learners for the Win. Understand how your student's brilliant dyslexic brain functions, the why behind it, and what you can do right now to help! Focus on the child and how he or she learns. After completing this interactive session with Rocket Dog, the Fun-Loving Beagle, the busy homeschool mom/teacher will have easy to use exercises and tools for teaching dyslexic learners with a specific focus on reading and spelling. Walk away with a plan for engaging and unlocking the dyslexic learner every single day for success!

## **BLOCK ONE** **friday** 3:00-4:00PM

### **UNDERSTANDING THE ROOT CAUSES OF DOUBT**

HILLARY FERRER | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

Doubt is a master of disguise. Sometimes what we think is the problem, isn't actually the problem. Doubt does not necessarily mean your faith is weak. There can be a lot of other factors at play, some within your control and some which are not. Whether you struggle without doubt about God or have a friend who does, come discover 4 main areas where doubt gains a foothold. Learn to recognize the symptoms of each, how and develop strategies to identify and address the actual problem, no matter how it presents itself.

### **READING STRUGGLES & OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

DEBORAH WUEHLER | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

Good readers are not necessarily early readers. And, early readers don't always grow up to love reading. God designs each child differently as He deems fit for His purposes. Deborah Wuehler, Senior Editor of The Old Schoolhouse® Magazine, will talk about her own struggling readers and the practical things that helped them jump those hurdles. Deborah will show you how to have victory over your own obstacles as you keep your children home where they belong.

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## **DISCOVER! LEARN! FLOURISH! -- 3 STEPS TO UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO LEARNING & DOING**

CHARLES TIETGEN | **SALON C**

Is your homeschooling creating a relationship struggle in your house? You may find yourself asking questions like... Why does my child do things so differently? How can I avoid these power struggles? What will make my child feel more confident in himself or herself? The good news is that you don't have to stay stuck like this! Conative methodology is an untapped area for parents wanting to help their child accomplish his or her goals. Once you understand your child's natural instincts, you'll unlock an entire world of explanation & strategies. After the session, you will walk away with an understanding of the four Conative Action Modes and how they can have a profound impact on one's life. Each of the Kolbe Action Modes have distinct characteristics that we will discuss.

## **HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA IN POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE WAYS**

DR. BEVERLY PELL | **SALON F**

Awareness is key when using social media apps. There are many social apps to choose from and each app has potential pitfalls to be aware of. This workshop will give you practical strategies to communicate with your kids about why we use social media and how it serves us.

## **BLOCK TWO** **friday** 3:15-4:15PM

### **MO & KS LAW & RECORD KEEPING**

JACKLYNN WALTERS | **SALON A/B**

We will review Missouri and Kansas Homeschool Law, with an emphasis on how to implement the laws into your daily life as a busy homeschool parent. We will answer your many questions about record keeping. Our family has created a system that works for us as we balance fulfilling the law and the freedom to homeschool within that law. With integrity as our motivator, you will walk away from the workshop with practical tools to help you fulfill the requirements.

### **CREATING YOUR OWN ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE (TEACHING MULTIPLE AGES SIMULTANEOUSLY)**

STEVE LAMBERT | **SALON D/E**

No one has enough money in their bank account or enough hours in their day to teach 4, 3, or even 2 different curricula to different children. Learn the secret that will save you thousands of dollars and thousands of hours on your homeschool journey as you discover how to teach multiple ages simultaneously. Even tenured teachers with 25 years of experience don't know how to turn your home into a one-room schoolhouse.

### **EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS: STOP ENABLING & START COACHING**

SUZANNE WANDLING | **TRUMAN - HOLIDAY INN**

Are you feeling overwhelmed or burned out while teaching your children? Wondering how to stop enabling and begin empowering your children to develop initiative, independence, and follow through? You can do it through a coach approach. Gain practical tools to develop independence in skills such as studying, cleaning, or task completion so your family can experience more peace and calm.

## WHAT ABOUT THE MILITARY?

SHARI MCMINN | **PERSHING - HOLIDAY INN**

For more than 200 years, US military men and women have fought for our freedoms and allied with other nations to defend them against tyrants. Is the military still a worthy career choice? Are homeschoolers welcome in the military? Are Christians welcome? Shari Howard McMinn will discuss a daughter's perspective of her father's naval intelligence career, a mom's perspective of her son's marine experience, and her encouragement of another son's hopes for special forces service. Learn the practical aspects of a homeschool military prep education, health requirements and physical preparedness, studying for and passing the ASVAB test, military recruiting, boot camp rigors, MOS training, living conditions, and overall lifestyle benefits and challenges while serving our nation in the armed forces. It may or may not be right for your son or daughter, so come gather facts for further research and potential entry.

## BLOCK ONE **friday** 4:30-5:30PM

### FAST TRACK TO THE WORLD OF IDEAS

DR. JEFF MYERS | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

Five fake worldviews influence the minds and hearts of people today. Dr. Myers shares shocking data from a joint Summit/Barna Group study that reveals how dedicated Christians are influenced by these worldviews and then explains how to talk about and defend a Christian worldview in today's culture.

### ASK REAL MOMS

PARENT PANEL | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

Come hear a panel of veteran homeschool moms answer YOUR questions. These moms have years of homeschooling experience and are ready to bless you with their do's, don'ts, funny stories, & "from the trenches" perspectives. Questions were submitted prior to the conference via MPE's Social Media solicitation, to allow the panelists time to prepare thoughtful responses. Come to learn, leave encouraged!

### GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD? KIDS DO TOO!

HANNA SIMS | **SALON C**

Can you answer your kids' questions about God? If not, they may become spiritually disengaged. In this workshop, you will learn how to answer key questions to engage them with the truth — apologetics for kids!

### MAKING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION COUNT FOR THE LORD

BARRY PETTYJOHN | **SALON F**

There's no doubt our goal as parents is to raise our children to love Christ. Salvation is just one step in that process. Service is the next step. Come hear how can we utilize our time as parents and educators to teach our children to love God, not just in word, but also in deed.





## **BLOCK TWO** **friday** 4:45-5:45PM

### **ORGANIZING YOUR HOMESCHOOL**

JACKLYNN WALTERS | **SALON A/B**

Are you feeling overwhelmed at the thought of organizing your homeschool? The abundance of curriculum, books, paper, and all the extras that just seem to pile up. It seems like you will never tackle it! When chaos rules in the home, it can often result in a more stressed mom, spilling over into your family and homeschool. We will explore the major areas of chaos and how to tackle them with simplicity. Let's take control of the chaos and get organized!

### **RAISING WORLD CHANGERS**

STEVE LAMBERT | **SALON D/E**

We all want to see our children bring righteousness to Washington and holiness to Hollywood. Raising "Daniels" in a Babylon world requires intentional preparation for each child. Learn the one thing that will give your children the very best chance of becoming World Changers in an increasingly dark world.

### **WHAT KIND OF PARENT ARE YOU ANYWAY?**

SEAN ALLEN | **HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN**

Are you a right-side or left-side parent? Are you a strict disciplinarian or an anti-disciplinarian? Do you view yourself more as your child's master or their steward? Knowing the answers to these questions can go a long way towards identifying the strengths and - more importantly - the weaknesses behind the way you parent while also providing key insights into the heart of your child.

### **CAREER OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

ANITA MCGEE | **HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING**

Wondering what your teens' options are after high school? Want to help them explore career options? Come listen to military education specialist Anita McGee explain how the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery- Career Exploration Program (ASVAB-CEP) is a tool that can help your child be successful, whether they are military-bound or not. Listen as Anita explains how your students can get a boost in their career literacy, as well as find out more about test administration and post-test interpretation.



## **BLOCK ONE** **saturday** 9:00-10:00 AM

### **HOW YOU PERSONALLY CAN EQUIP THE NEXT GENERATION OF CULTURE-SHAPING**

DR. JEFF MYERS | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

Will the next generation of Christians engage the culture, stand for truth and fight against evil and injustice? In this session we'll talk about why now is one of the most critical times in history. God has provided astounding opportunities for us to be a blessing to all nations of the earth.

### **MARRIAGE MATTERS**

DARA HALYDIER | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

Romance, Passion, and Negligees - for too many homeschoolers these are things of the past. Dad goes to work, Mom is busy from sun up to sun down with the house and kids, and there are still obligations outside of the home such as getting kids to activities, volunteering at church, and meeting with friends. Everyone falls into bed exhausted! But marriage is still the bedrock of the home and must be nurtured! Dara will give you some creative ideas on keeping your marriage a priority and maybe even a little bit steamy.

### **SCIENCE & THE BIBLE**

DR. MICHAEL WINDHEUSER | **SALON C**

In "Science and The Bible," Dr. Windheuser provides parents with three strategies and suggested resources as an aid in helping their students think about the many apparent challenges to the truth of the Bible from vocal atheists and doubters. He places an emphasis on identifying specific resources which parents and students can access and digest to better understand some of the scientific and historical questions about the Bible which are frequently given as reasons not to believe.

### **RAISING OUR BOYS TO BE TRUE GENTLEMEN AND BEING AN EXAMPLE FOR OUR DAUGHTERS**

MONICA IRVINE | **SALON F**

Imagine what it will feel like, as you watch your son, even while they are young, be an example to those around him of what a true gentleman looks like, acts like and is. His focus is on others. He notices without effort when someone near him is in need, and then quickly acts. He guards his tongue knowing that his words have impact and his desire is to only have impact for good. He is kind to his family and understands that his example to his family is his duty as a son of God. He is a leader among his peers and although his standards are high, those in his presence do not feel judged by him, but accepted and valued. His goals are lofty, however he looks forward with anticipation to be a righteous husband and father one day. He is a true gentleman. This Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your son needs to become this gentleman. You don't want to miss this. He needs you.

## **BLOCK TWO** **saturday** 9:15-10:15 AM

### **NUTS & BOLTS OF HOMESCHOOLING (PART 2)**

SHARI MCMINN | **SALON A/B**

We continue the discussion of curriculum "outside the curriculum box" learning opportunities, what is deschooling for a child coming out of institutional school, special needs children, preschoolers, and creating a chore system. She wraps up this session with encouragement for finding joy for the journey and what her teens want you to know about homeschooling well. This is a jam-packed session with time for general questions at the end. Come enjoy her inspiring and humorous stories of farm life and large family living. You will leave with confidence that you, too, can successfully homeschool. Her years of wisdom along with recommended resources will equip parents for a strong start or get back on track with successful homeschooling.

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## **CULTIVATING UNITY BETWEEN SIBLINGS IN A LIFEGIVING HOME”**

NATALIE HABER | **SALON D/E**

Today’s culture would like for us to believe that it is normal for siblings to not get along. However, Jesus commands us to “love one another” and to “put others above ourselves.” The sibling relationship is the best place to begin teaching these principles. Natalie will share some practical ways parents might encourage their children in creating close sibling relationships.

## **HELP, I AM DROWNING IN THE IEP PROCESS!**

SUZANNE WANDLING | **HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN**

Does My Child Need an IEP? How do I write an effective, easy to implement IEP? Join Suzanne to wade through the IEP development process. Get simple and straightforward tools to create an IEP that will help your child grow and give you peace of mind.

## **SAVORING THE MOMENT—HOW TO ENJOY THE JOURNEY**

RHONDA MCAFEE | **HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING**

“You get one chance to raise your kids... no do-overs.” The Homeschool Journey is live-changing--especially for parents! Feel like your journey is a bit chaotic and a bit sour? Rhonda will help you squeeze the sweetness out of it. She will speak on how to act with intentionality, how to prioritize relationship building, and how to perform a DIY attitude adjustment. You will leave this workshop prepped and ready to savor your “homeschool journey moment” AND with instructions on the importance of changing and becoming children-like. (Matthew 18:3-5)

# **BLOCK ONE** **saturday** 10:30-11:30 AM

## **LINGUISTIC THEFT: HOW SOCIETY HAS REDEFINED WORDS TO PUSH THEIR AGENDA**

HILLARY FERRER | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

Our world is all about love, justice, tolerance, and equality — all of which sound really good. But often the world uses these Christian words to sneak in non-biblical ideas. Come to this session to learn about how linguistic theft works, how to spot when a buzzword is being used, and which buzzwords to be on the lookout for.

## **HOW TO HOMESCHOOL AND NOT JUDGE YOUR KIDS**

SCOTT WOODRUFF | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

How can a parent prevent his passion for his kids becoming righteous from turning him into his kids’ judge? There is a little judge sitting inside each of us that is just ready to jump out at the slightest provocation. On the other hand, while judges are good at judging, they are not good at healing. This session will help your head and heart embrace the idea of teaching and correcting kids without judging them.

## **CULTIVATING COMMUNITY IN YOUR HOMESCHOOL**

RAWNÉ PIERCE | **SALON C**

Are you heading into homeschooling but worried about still having social interactions? Maybe you’ve been homeschooling for a few years but haven’t found fulfillment in a tribe of like-minded homeschoolers. Classical Conversations celebrates learning with community!

## **IN PLAIN SIGHT: HOW ONE SCIENTIST VIEWS SCIENCE AND GOD'S WORD**

DR. MICHAEL WINDHEUSER | **SALON F**

In "In Plain Sight," Dr. Windheuser, a trained scientist, discusses what Science is, what being a Christian has to do with doing Science, and how the Christian worldview influences our understanding of the interpretations which come from Science and why this is important.

## **BLOCK TWO** **saturday** 10:45-11:45 AM

### **WHY KIDS WALK AWAY...AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT**

DR. JEFF MYERS | **SALON A/B**

Up to 70% of young adults raised in church drift away from their faith after graduation. What can we learn from the 30% who stay? Dr. Myers shares three observations to show how churches—and families—can create an atmosphere in which the faith of Millennials can remain vibrant and strong.

### **HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL**

NANCY BJORKMAN | **SALON D/E**

This very popular, interactive workshop will help to answer frequently asked questions about homeschooling through the high school years. We will consider course requirements, transcripts, record keeping, curriculum choices, dual enrollment opportunities, co-ops, CLEP and other testing options, resumes, career assessments, and more. Attendees will leave with the tools necessary and the confidence needed to homeschool through high school.

### **HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

SHARI MCMINN | **HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN**

Many families are finding out that a public school IEP is not providing the best education for their special needs child, and private Christian schools are unable to fund such a student's true educational needs. With homeschooling doubling, even tripling in the past few years, many families with children who have special needs are finding freedom in homeschooling, along with unexpected obstacles the average parent struggles to get past. Attending this workshop will equip you as a parent to work through the many labels a child may or may not have, how to find evaluators and services for needs beyond what a homeschool mom or dad can typically provide, and how to help your special child begin to thrive in a home-based education environment. Parents will be equipped with practical strategies, resource recommendations, and Q&A wrap-up.

### **THE WELL OF EDUCATION: DRAWING TRUTH**

JULIE DAVIS | **HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING**

This workshop begins with the history of education in America. How did it all begin in our nation? What was the purpose of education? Who was Noah Webster? When did education move away from Biblical principles? Where do we go from here? Let's rebuild Christian education from applying the powerful Christian education methods used by former generations. Join Julie Davis of Heartland Christian Homeschool Resource Center (HCHRC) to learn more about teaching from the heart to reach our families for Christ.



**HEARING & UNDERSTANDING GOD’S CALL ON YOUR LIFE**

DR. JEFF MYERS | **AMBASSADOR ROOM**

“Follow your dreams.” “Discover your passion.” “Take some time to find yourself.” The culture is full of hideous advice such as this that makes it harder, not easier, to find a sense of calling in life. We’ll examine the idea of “vocation” (from the Latin Vocare, “to call”) to discover those things that are so much a part of God’s design for us that they not only make a difference for others, they also return energy to us and make us feel more alive.

**EDUCATION: WHY THE TEACHER SHOULD BE YOU!**

DEBORAH WUEHLER | **LOBBY / COURTYARD**

If Godly children are the answer to the evils of the future, then Godly parents are the answer to the question of who should teach them. What do Godly parent/teachers look like? God desires parents that will teach the next generation not only academically, but most importantly, Biblically, so that the outcome is not only good for the society, but the church, the student, and our future generations. The best teacher—the most Godly teacher—that cares about your children and their future as much as you do—is you! YOU are the answer to who should be the teacher that will most positively affect our future. Deborah’s passion is to remind homeschool families that they are making the best educational choice possible when they choose to keep their children home where they belong.

**SO YOUR KIDS LIKE DINOSAURS**

KEVAN MYERS | **SALON C**

Dinosaurs are incredible creatures that take hold of children’s imaginations and stir them to want to learn more about science and the world we live in. Tragically, most children are taught to look at dinosaurs, and thus so much else, only from a secular evolutionary worldview. Trusting the shifting sand of man’s thinking is not wise. Why not consider the perspective of the One Who made the dinosaur? How can parents guide their children to build the true foundation for understanding these “terrible lizards”? Get equipped with answers and the Biblical perspective on these magnificent beasts!

**CREATING A FAMILY PLAN FOR COURTSHIP/DATING THAT IS SAFE, FUN AND MOST OF ALL, PURPOSEFUL**

MONICA IRVINE | **SALON F**

Parents, first...relax! Let’s remember that with God, all things are possible and let’s also remember, FEAR does not come from God. With that said, it’s time to get excited and look forward to the years that your children will begin the process of choosing their spouse. Imagine your children being committed to keeping themselves pure and chaste so that they can enter marriage without regrets and with great anticipation for intimacy designed between a husband and his wife. Imagine you and your children being able to openly discuss specific plans, real temptations, hopes and dreams with honesty and without inhibition. Parents, you can have this with your children, but creating a very specific family plan is essential. When do you start teaching your children the plan? As soon as they can talk and throughout their life. Listen to Master Motivator, Monica Irvine, as she walks you through principles and specific plans to create purpose and success. It is essential that you and your teens are completely united on the long term goal of remaining virtuous. Don’t miss this!



### **HOW THE SEX TALK HAS CHANGED**

HILLARY FERRER | **SALON A/B**

It is not a surprise that our culture is so confused about sex. As long as God has reserved for himself a people, those people have been tempted to disobey His mandates on sex. But how exactly did we get to where we are now, with dozens of different sexualities and genders? In this talk, Hillary will summarize parts 1 and 2 of the book *Mama Bear Apologetics Guide to Sexuality*. She will discuss the importance of God's sexual commands, and examine what sex, marriage, and gender were supposed to teach us about God. Next she will elucidate what is currently being taught to kids and how we as parents can begin preparing our kids to understand and live out God's plan for sex.

### **HOW TO BE A HYPOCRITE ... OR NOT! ESPECIALLY FOR DADS**

BILL WARD | **SALON D/E**

Parenting is a tough job. We all want to do our best raising our children "in the training and instruction of the Lord," but then we often stumble in the heat of the battle. Come learn how the principles of personal discipleship can set you free from unrealistic expectations and standards, and lead the discipleship of your children through what God is teaching you. Hear how these parents were delivered from being legalistic — how God unleashed their children to develop into unique and wholehearted followers of Jesus — and how God can do great things in your family, too.

### **YES YOU CAN!**

NATALINA EHLERS | **HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN**

If you have a child with a disability or special learning need, you have probably been told several times already, "There's no way you can homeschool a child with (fill in the blank). You need a professional who is trained and certified." You may feel inadequate, and you want the best for your child, so you start to think maybe they're right. Your doubts may waiver your commitment to homeschool. This presentation will show you that yes, you can homeschool your child who has extra challenges. We will walk through the process from the planning phase through teaching phase and discuss some the resources available to help you. You will walk out this session more confident that you are indeed the expert that your child needs.

### **ALONE, YET NOT ALONE: TIPS FOR SINGLE PARENTS WHO HOMESCHOOL**

MAUREEN WERNER & SHAWNA WRIGHT | **HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING**

Single parents face many challenges. Single parents who homeschool face yet another set of challenges. Is it possible to be successful at this task without a spouse in the picture? Maureen Werner and Shawna Wright team up today to answer a resounding YES to that question. Both have found God to be a Source of great strength, guidance, and wisdom, and though their stories are very different, they both testify to having experienced His goodness and care all along the way. In this session, you'll hear more about their families, their schedules, their lessons learned, as well as some tips and tricks they implement for making this all-important aspect of their family life work.



# BLOCK ONE **saturday** 3:00-4:00 PM

## **MO & KS HOMESCHOOL LAW**

SCOTT WOODRUFF | [AMBASSADOR ROOM](#)

Don't invite disaster. Nail down the homeschool law before another day passes, then you can move ahead confidently!

## **GRACEFULLY LETTING GO**

DARA HALYDIER | [LOBBY / COURTYARD](#)

You've raised them to know right from wrong. You've schooled them through history, math, reading, and science. You've driven them to practices and games, competitions and reward ceremonies. You've fed them, wiped their tears, and showed them the way. You have introduced them to Jesus and encouraged them to have a relationship with their Lord. Now it is time for them to fly on their own. How do you let them go? Are they ready? Are you ready? Dara will address concerns of teens as they enter the next phase of life called adulthood, and their parents as they face empty nest. There is a way to prepare your teen for what is to come and to prepare your heart for this different relationship with your child. Dara and her husband have homeschooled 5 boys who are successfully launched, but continue to be great friends and a real joy to their parents.

## **ANSWERING THE CALL: FAMILY FOREIGN MISSIONS: A JOURNEY OF FAITH**

ERIC HOLMERTZ | [SALON C](#)

How do you know if you are called? Does God call families? How can being a homeschool family uniquely equip you to GO? Where do I/We start? Challenges of the mission field. As a homeschooling family of 9, Eric will share their experience as missionaries to Uganda, East Africa, and how God directed their path. Be ready to be challenged.

## **HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH HARDSHIP**

DEBORAH WUEHLER | [SALON F](#)

Death, illness, finances, marriage struggles, catastrophes, struggling teens, rebellious and difficult children, discouragement, or that feeling you are failing at life. Hard things happen to homeschool families, but there is great hope in the midst of hard things. Deborah talks about ten years of hardships in her journey and shares the hope in the midst of the hard things, as well as tips on practical, simple homeschooling through them.



# **BLOCK TWO** **saturday** 3:15-4:15 PM

## **DISCERNMENT—LOVING GOD WITH HEART, SOUL, MIND, STRENGTH**

DR. JEFF MYERS | **SALON A/B**

Movies. Music. Television. Advertising. How can you respond intelligently and appropriately when they are confronted by secular thinking, without becoming cynical and hard-hearted? This seminar includes the wildly-popular “four deadly questions” that will help ensure that you are never taken captive by hollow and deceptive philosophies again!

## **WEAVING FAITH AND FACTS**

DR. MARTIN BARTHOLOW | **SALON D/E**

A brief discussion of the separation of faith and science in the enlightenment will introduce one of the problems of public school. Based on the presenter’s experience, the seminar will examine a Pendulum and card tricks to show why and how faith and science may be reintegrated. A final application will be the integration of Genesis One and intelligent design. If time is available, other ideas for students and parents to objectively attend classes will be included.

## **STRUGGLING LEARNERS**

PARENT PANEL | **HOLIDAY INN - TRUMAN**

You’re not alone. Join us for some real discussion from parents just like you who have faced the frustration and joy of struggling learners.

## **NUTRITION 101: CHOOSE LIFE!**

SERA JOHNSON | **HOLIDAY INN - PERSHING**

Learn how to train up a healthy generation in a world full of convenience food and harmful toxins using award-winning nutrition and health curriculum for all grades and ages as a health or science credit. Discover God’s good food, nutrients and aromatic plants that support optimal brain health, the body’s ability to eliminate harmful toxins, sensory integration and increased learning potential.

