

# Workshop Descriptions-Friday

## 8:30-10:00 AM General Session

### **Todd Wilson: This, We Believe**

Dads and moms, in all the busyness of life and swell of expert advice, we've forgotten the fundamental truths of homeschooling and family. In short, we've forgotten why we do what we do. We have plenty of "how to's" but have forgotten the "why to's" and it evidences itself in our lack of joy of homeschooling, family, and parenting.

## 10:30-11:30 AM Session 1

### **Durenda Wilson: Nurturing Sibling Relationships**

This is THE most popular topic she speaks on! Most of us didn't factor into the equation just how much sibling conflict would be part of our homeschooling days! It can be exhausting! As homeschooling parents, we have a unique opportunity to nurture sibling relationships among our children. Find out practical ways to do this and what an IMPORTANT part of our homeschooling it really is!

### **Cheri Kay Sessions: You Can Homeschool Your Neurodivergent Learner—and We Can Help!**

Unpack the frequently asked questions of how to homeschool struggling learners and those who learn differently. Be encouraged and equipped as Cheri Kay shares diagnostic checklists for struggling learners, discusses common roadblocks homeschooling parents face (and how to navigate around them), and gives strategies for achieving success with your children who learn differently.

### **Aaron Gruben: Chivalry: Going Beyond the Open Door**

So much more than acting politely, Christian chivalry was invented to teach manly endurance and sacrificial love. In this workshop, we'll examine the rich historical roots of the timeless code of chivalry, starting at its inception in the Middle Ages. We'll discuss a summary of historic, medieval chivalry, encapsulated in 10 useful commandments that the world desperately needs to see again today.

### **Cindy Puhek: Beatitudes of Parenting**

Beatitudes of Parenting – One of the beauties of Matthew 5:3-12 is its applicability to different life situations. In this talk, Cindy applies the principles contained within the beatitudes to parenting. This talk is based on an article written by Cindy Puhek that was selected by Crosswalk.com.

### **Steve Thornberg-Alpha Omega Inst.: How to Incorporate Biblical Creation in Your Curriculum**

Incorporating biblical creation into your curriculum can be intimidating for both newbie and veteran homeschoolers but is essential to provide a foundation for trusting every word of the Bible. In this presentation, ideas of how to seamlessly incorporate creation into your curriculum will be discussed. Easy, intuitive approaches that fit your style of teaching provide your children with the foundation they need to be able to counter the evolutionary lies and believe in and defend biblical creation.

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## **Julie Zimmerman-Healing Hearts Ministries, Intl.: REAL ANSWERS for REAL LIFE from GOD'S WORD**

Healing Hearts Ministries International began in 1988 and has become an international organization focused on Gospel-centered, grace-driven ministry that offers hope and healing in Jesus Christ through God's Word to those who have been broken by sin. The ministry's Youth Division was formed in 2010 to respond to the ever-increasing heart cry of young adults needing help with their most difficult mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual struggles. We believe that their deepest needs can only be met through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word, the Bible. This workshop will address the needs of today's youth who are currently on the front lines of the culture battle, and have not been given the tools to fight the false ideologies of the day. As parents, church lay leaders, and mentors, you can equip yourselves to disciple the teens of this generation with the only weapon that can stand against the cultural lies facing them, the sufficiency of God's Word.

## **1:00-2:00 PM Session 2**

### **Todd Wilson: Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad**

You may not crack open a book, work through a curriculum, or call it school, but it's your job to train your children. Join me as we look at the trials, triumphs, and tribulations of training our children. Now don't worry, I won't make you feel guilty or give you a 46-point outline, but I promise to tell it straight and to encourage you in the best job there is - fathering.

### **Durenda Wilson: Homeschooling with Littles: Why You Can Do It and Ways to Make It Work**

Many moms wonder how in the world they can homeschool with little ones in the house. It often seems counterproductive or even impossible. Durenda had 8 kids in 13 years, so she spent many years homeschooling with littles in the house. In this session, she shares both the whys and hows of home educating with a full house!

### **Jason Gates: Everyday Apologetics: Incorporating Apologetics Training into Your Weekly Family Rhythm**

Is apologetics only for super-Christians? Nope, it's for everyday believers like you and me. Come hear an overview of the concept of apologetics, followed by a discussion of various tools and practices you can incorporate into your weekly routine to prepare you and your kids to defend your faith in everyday life. One day your kids will no longer be under your protective care and will be facing the full force of the world's attacks on their beliefs. Our aim in this workshop is to help you prepare them both to stand firm and to train others to do the same.

### **Nicole Radigan: Being Re-enchanted by Fairy Tales**

What are some of your favorite fairy tales? Cinderella? Sleeping Beauty? Rapunzel? Come learn more about classic stories like these: why it's so important to read them to your kids, how God speaks to our hearts through them, and why the Grimm brothers, CS Lewis, and JRR Tolkien believed they were important.

### **Deborah Burns-The Medical Transcription Service: Work at Home as a Medical Transcriptionist**

The Medical Transcription Service is actively recruiting MTs to work from home! There's a huge demand for good medical transcriptionists. It's a great job for teens or adults, part- or full-time. Discover a step-by-step guide to what medical transcription is, medical transcription versus medical billing & coding, earning potential, equipment needed, the reports we transcribe, and more.

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## **Adelaide Olguin-Talkbox.mom: Foreign Language Success for Any Age**

Would you like part of your homeschool journey to be speaking another language or two? Not just memorizing vocabulary and doing grammar drills. But you feel a little lost, stuck, overwhelmed, or like you might fail? I've got you! Whether you're brand new to a language, a native speaker, or a parent with a bachelor's degree in a language, I'll show you how to start talking in another language with your family from day one.

As a homeschool mom who has layered in multiple foreign languages throughout our homeschool journey—from the baby to the teen—I'll show you how easy and fun this process can be so that your dreams can come true too! Success at any age will transform your family's life into connecting with and helping others in this new language.

## **2:30-3:30 PM Session 3**

## **Todd Wilson: How to Be a Great Wife Even Though You Homeschool**

Are you having trouble finding the time and energy to meet the needs of your husband after a hard day of homeschooling? Maybe you've forgotten what his needs are. Would you like your husband to take a more active role in homeschooling? Maybe your husband refuses to be involved in training your children. Join me as we look at your role, not as a homeschooling mom, but as a homeschooling WIFE. Your husband will thank you for coming! The discussion will be led by a real husband of a homeschooling mom.

## **Cheri Kay Sessions: Motivating the Reluctant Learner**

Could you use some encouragement and strategies to help reignite your student's love of learning? If so, this session is for you! There are many factors that impact a child's motivation level—stress, executive function, nutritional needs, media usage, and more. With a little bit of theory and a whole lot of practical application, Cheri Kay equips parents with the tools they need to tap into their child's God-given gift of curiosity.

## **Lt. Kyle Woods & Det. Vince Harrison of APD: Raising Children in a Digital World**

Parenting children in today's online world can seem like an overwhelming task. Wrapping your house in tin foil and going "off the grid" is unlikely to produce desirable results. Trusting tech giants to have your children's best interest in mind is equally unwise. Lieutenant Kyle Woods and Detective Vince Harrison of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office have investigated internet crimes against children since 2014. They offer real-world advice for today's parents from both a law enforcement and a parenting perspective. This block will discuss common online trends, social media pitfalls, pornography, and current resources.

## **Rich Stepanek: The Fear of the LORD Is the Reason—Genesis Pt. 1**

Is it because the book of Genesis and His creation are true? The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10). As we study the laws of science, they proclaim the necessity of a Creator. God proclaims His great power and wisdom in His creation (Romans 1:20), and this should instill the "Fear of the LORD" in all of us! This is why we homeschooled for over 20 years and our children are all homeschooling. In this session we will have an introduction to the Book of Genesis chapter one and some of the science happening during each day of creation. We will discover some of His great power and wisdom.

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## **Rio Lucero-City of Albuquerque Aquatics Div: Beginning First Aid and CPR**

Demonstration of the lifesaving and life skills learned working as a lifeguard for the city of Albuquerque. Demonstrations of CPR, lifeguarding, and First Aid equipment.

## **John Kinzer-Rio Grande Enrichment Studies: Shaping the Christian Character of Your Students Using the *Little House on the Prairie* Books**

In this presentation, Mr. Kinzer will demonstrate how to teach literature in an interesting and insightful way, presenting the biblical principles and ideas of Christian character, property, and self-government as they are illustrated in *Little House on the Prairie*. Join us as we learn about the western movement in America and the character of a Christian family learning to plant themselves and settle in a wilderness in the 1800s. Several methods of teaching character exhibited in Literature are presented. You will be provided many effective teaching ideas, and guidelines, and projects for producing a student notebook.

## 4:00-5:00 PM Session 4

## **Durenda Wilson: Keeping Your Marriage Healthy Throughout the Seasons of Homeschooling**

Homeschooling is more than just an educational choice, it's a lifestyle. Each season brings new challenges that can deeply affect the marriage relationship. Parents sometimes sacrifice a healthy marriage on the altar of homeschooling without even realizing it. Darryl and Durenda have been married for 34 years and homeschooled all 8 of their children from the beginning. They purposed to keep their marriage strong and are now enjoying the fruit of those efforts. In this workshop, Darryl and Durenda share what it looked like to make their marriage a priority through each of the seasons of homeschooling.

## **Cheri Kay Sessions: Developing and Drafting an SEP (Student Education Plan)**

Have you pulled your child out of public school where he or she used to have an IEP (Individual Education Plan)? In this workshop, you'll learn the purposes and benefits of an SEP, the homeschool version of an IEP. You'll receive guidance on drafting your own SEP, explore sample plans, obtain your own template, and leave with a resource list of books to set you and your student up for success.

## **Homeschool Grad Panel:**

So you sacrifice to homeschool your children, sacrifice of time, a second income, material things? Will your homeschool graduated adult be able to be successful in the "real world"? These are all questions every homeschool parent has asked and prayed about. Come listen to a panel of homeschool graduates and functioning adults and hear what their experiences were and what they see as the pros and cons of homeschooling from the perspective of the student.

## **Rich Stepanek: A Message from Our Great-Great-Grandfather Adam—Genesis Pt. 2**

Was the information in Genesis just fairy tales or was it all recorded by eyewitnesses and passed down from generation to generation in written form? The Book of Genesis is true history. Directly and indirectly, all science, Christian doctrine, and events happening today, and in the future, have their roots in Genesis. Genesis is relevant for us today. There is often much confusion about chapter two of Genesis. Some people believe this is a second creation story. As we examine God's Word, we will discover this is not another creation story, but a more detailed account of day six of creation. God's focus is on the creation of man and the events happening in the Garden of Eden.

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## **Daniela Byers-Classical Conversations: Experience the Classical Education Model (while learning about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World)**

Experience classical education in action! We will model and practice the three arts of the trivium: grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. Using the Seven Wonders of the ancient world as a springboard, this interactive session will demonstrate how learning progresses throughout a student's life.

Attendees will be entered into a raffle for a copy of Leigh Bortin's *The CORE: Teaching Your Child the Foundations of Classical Education*.

## **Laurie Ross-Brennan-Laurie Ross-Brennan, LLC: Sensory Tips To Keep Students Happily on Task**

Laurie Ross-Brennan is a Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP) who owns a private practice with 22 SLPs who treat all ages of clients with any type of speech and language disorder. Laurie is the only provider of Auditory Integration Training (AIT) in NM. She was the 2012 Employer of the Year, awarded by the New Mexico Professional Business Women Association.

Successfully addressing sensory needs helps a person to focus, concentrate, follow directions, and finish work. Learn tips to implement immediately to help a student and educator stay on task. An overview of every sensory system and ideas to address each system in order to bring about a calm, focused student will be discussed.

# Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

## 8:30-9:45 AM General Session

### **Durenda Wilson: Homeschooling: Purpose or Performance**

We all have clear reasons that we decided to homeschool, but as we continue on this journey, the lines can become blurred. It can be so easy to get caught up in how our kids (and we) are (or aren't) performing when it comes to homeschooling. But what if that isn't actually what we are called to? Mastery can be important. God talks about becoming skilled and the importance of diligence. But what if we are giving up purpose and exchanging it for performance?

## 10:00-11:00 AM Session 1

### **Todd Wilson: Get REAL!**

Are you convinced that every homeschooling family except yours is great? Do you believe the lie that others are more organized, better prepared, have smarter kids, are wiser parents, and have a child in the national spelling bee? Well, let me set the record straight...that's not the way it is! The truth is most moms feel inadequate. Homeschooling moms fear that they're letting their kids down in their education and in example. They feel like their house is out of control, their children are beasts, and the sizzle has left their marriages. Join us as we unleash the power in being REAL. You'll never be the same again.

### **Cindy Puhek: Homeschooling During Crisis**

Homeschooling under normal circumstances is challenging, but homeschooling when life is difficult can seem impossible. In this talk, Cindy talks about her own experience of homeschooling during a cancer diagnosis and explains some strategies to keep homeschooling running when life turns upside down. She also explains why she is very glad she continued to home educate when life was difficult.

### **Cheri Kay Sessions: Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nuts and Bolts for Success—Pt. 1**

This workshop offers practical resources, lists of materials, and curricula to equip you as you homeschool a struggling learner. Cheri Kay presents ideas for designing a unique home instruction program tailored to your child's specific challenges.

### **Steve Thornberg: Experiencing Creation Through Tours and Field Trips**

Field trips and tours are an exciting and fun way to instill an awe for God's creation and confidence in the accuracy of the Bible. Field trips can be as simple as a hike or picnic and observing the incredible aspects of creation all around us, or they can be more planned outings like touring Yellowstone or Costa Rica. Evidence of biblical creation is all around us and this talk highlights the beauty and complexity of God's wonderful creation.

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## **Ann Hamblin-Step Up With Ann: A Four-Step Approach in Learning Grammar and Essay Writing**

Individuals have studied grammar and writing since they were old enough to learn; yet, each subsequent year those same individuals must relearn the same rules or the same definitions they had previously learned because they still do not understand how to use grammar or how to develop the writing process. Step Up with Ann is a complete online proofreading course and a writing course that uses a “common-sense” approach to learning. This workshop is designed for parents of 12-year olds and older (including college students). How are these courses appropriate for such variation in age? The answer is simple: These courses are built upon mastery of skill, not grades! Grammar is grammar regardless of the grade level; an essay is an essay regardless of one’s classification. Oftentimes parents are unsure how to help their learners understand grammar or writing outside of a text. This workshop will allow the parent to become the student; he or she will experience a “hands-on” simulation of how to use the four-step grammar and writing approaches to understand these skills. At the end of the workshop, the parent will possess an awareness of how the four-step proofreading approach guides the learner in the identification of grammatical errors; in addition, the parent will have a clearer understanding of the essay and its organization and development using the four steps. A valuable by-product of using these approaches is the building of critical thinking skills. There is nothing “rocket science” about these approaches; they are practical, involve common sense, and provide an understanding of the importance proofreading is to communication through writing. (A writing rubric will be provided to those in attendance.)

## **Benjamin Myers-ActorsBible: Dad Directed Interactive Family Devotions**

Learn why family discipleship is important and how to easily incorporate role-play into your family Bible time to engage your whole family dramatically!

### **11:30-12:30 PM Session 2**

## **Todd Wilson: Raising Politically Incorrect Pink and Blue Kids in a Purple World**

All children are created equal. Girls and Boys have equal importance and significance, but there are certain responsibilities that we need to train our boys and girls differently. It’s not archaic or about inequality; it’s Biblical parenting and our children need us to prepare them for the future. Join Todd as he tackles this sticky topic and combines laughter, truth, and practicality together for a vital topic in today’s wacky and purple world.

## **Durenda Wilson: The Sky’s the Limit: Homeschooling High School**

These final years seem full of pressure and can feel intimidating. Every parent wonders if their kids will be prepared for college, if they missed something or if their child will measure up. In this workshop, parents are encouraged to take a step back and think about what education should really look like at this age. Durenda is in her 15th year of homeschooling high schoolers and will share how she turned her children’s interests and experiences into high school credits and how combining subjects can help keep your high schooler motivated. She will also share the importance of parents moving away from a dominating role and more toward the role of a coach during this season.

## **Cheri Kay Sessions: Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nuts and Bolts for Success—Pt. 2**

In this second half of “Nuts and Bolts for Success,” Cheri Kay addresses homeschooling and working, teaching multiple ages, scheduling the day, and practical teaching strategies you can use regardless of your curriculum program. Cheri Kay also explains multi-sensory teaching methods, direct instruction, and modeled teaching.

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## **Aaron Gruben: One Million Tales of Adventure: Tips for Making History Interesting**

This workshop will discuss tips for making history fun for your homeschool student – and you too! Catch a passion for history and discover ways to make it part of your family life. We'll explore many practicalities of studying history and introduce a smorgasbord of resources you can use.

## **John Kinzer-Noah Webster College: New Mexico Geology: Backdrop for God's**

### **Beautiful Creation**

New Mexico is perhaps the best state in the U.S. for the study of geology with great variety, and exposed rocks and landforms to see geology easily. Mr. Kinzer gives an overview of NM geology and the key features of each region of the state. Important locations for study of volcanoes, landform study, and rock & fossil collecting are located for your next fieldtrip! A non-scientist will enjoy this presentation as you see NM differently and understand better how God's Creation will draw you into a closer love and appreciation for God and how God loves us, takes care of us, and provides rocks and fossils to amaze and intrigue us! Sign up for one of the College's Family Geology Trips later in the summer.

## **ActorsBible Experience:**

Discover the ActorsBible Experience – An Immersive Family Devotion Journey! Sign up for a time slot at the ActorsBible Booth, located on the stage in the Exhibit Hall. An ActorsBible Experience starts every 15 minutes.

## 2:00-3:00 PM Session 3

## **Durenda Wilson: Sustainable Homeschooling**

We all begin our homeschool journey with high hopes, but it often doesn't take long before we realize that some things simply are not working. We find ourselves and/or our kids in burnout mode. At the same time, we are confronted with the fear that we may somehow fail our children if we let go of something. Learn the importance of creating a sustainable homeschooling life unique to your family, bring joy back into your homeschool days, and help equip yourself to go the distance!

## **Jason Gates: Worldview Analysis: Tools for Identifying, Analyzing, and Refuting Counterfeit Worldviews**

Over the past few centuries, faulty and destructive worldviews have permeated our culture to the point where many in the church today don't even notice them. If you've been wondering why so many young people wind up leaving the faith after they leave the home or why the actions of so many believers and churches are at odds with Scripture, this is a large part of the explanation. Your child's worldview is largely solidified by age 13 or so and must be refined and tested in the years between then and when they strike out on their own. In this workshop, we'll present an overview of the concept of worldview, followed by an introduction to three tools you can use to identify, analyze, and then refute the counterfeit worldviews you encounter in everyday life.



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## **Cheri Kay Sessions: Accommodations: What Every Homeschooling Parent Needs to Know**

This workshop addresses a crucial but frequently misunderstood topic related to special needs homeschooling. In this content-rich workshop, Cheri Kay explains the difference between accommodations and modifications, describes 504 Plans, and answers homeschooling parents' most frequently asked questions regarding the best ways to support learners who benefit from accommodations.

## **John Kinzer: The U.S. Constitution & Madison, Jay, & Hamilton**

Have you ever wondered why America is different from any other nation? How has God shaped our history? This seminar helps parents and teachers grasp important biblical ideas that have shaped history and civil government and which molded the minds of men and advanced liberty in America. We will learn biblical ideas of three key men in the Constitutional Convention. Teaching resources are on display. You will learn three methods to teach history and government to your student.

## **Eduardo De Avila-Club Z: Finding Your Professional Calling**

During the workshop, the students will gain insight into their preferences, strengths, and personal interests. This knowledge is crucial in selecting a career path that aligns with their aspirations. By learning about this concept, they will empower themselves to make informed decisions and create a fulfilling future. The students will understand the importance of this process and how it can positively impact their lives.

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## **3:15-4:15 PM Closing General Session**

## **Todd Wilson: Choose the Hard Things or How to Keep Going When You Feel Like Giving Up**

Homeschooling is hard, parenting is hard, and marriage...well, that's way hard. And that's OK and even normal. The trouble is we don't like hard. We want easy, fast, and cheap, and at the same time we want successful results.

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