

Workshop Descriptions-Friday

8:30-10:00 AM General Session

Zan Tyler: Homeschooling: A God-Centered Revival That Begins in Your Living Room

Answering God's call to teach your children at home can be exciting at first, but it's easy to lose sight of the vision when you find yourself overwhelmed by the demands of the homeschooling life: teaching phonics, preparing transcripts, refereeing fights, and—oh, by the way—making dinner too. But in the midst of the madness, we must constantly remind ourselves that our work matters because we're building God's kingdom! Come hear Zan Tyler share from history and God's Word. And catch a glimpse of how God is using your family—and the homeschool movement—to usher in spiritual, educational, and family revival in our nation.

10:30-11:30 AM Session 1

Bill Jack: WHATEVER!

"Whatever is the meaning of life?" "Whatever happens when one dies?" "Whatever is your highest value?"-- questions that demand more than a "Whatever!" answer. The "Whatever!" answer of Secular thinking dampens and even squelches serious thought and attempts at engaged conversation in our culture. The "Whatever!" of Secularism even invades the church. Rather than be discouraged, take heart in God's command in Deuteronomy 12:32.

Cathy Heckendorn: Homeschooling for the Heart

When you're done homeschooling and the dust clears, what is the one thing that will matter most? Grades? Curriculum choices? Career path? When it's all said and done, isn't the one thing you want most the one thing you truly can't control—to spend eternity in heaven with your children? Since we can't control that, what are we to do? How can we be content pointing them to Christ every day while not becoming a Bible thumper? Join Cathy as she shares the victories and heartache of parenting in the real world and learning to let go and let HIM take the lead with our children.

Lt. Kyle Woods & Det. Kathryn Lucero: 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 Kathryn Lucero 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 workshop will discuss common online trends, social media pitfalls, pornography, and current resources.

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Joanna Miszkief: How to Build a Strong Moral Foundation in Your Children

As homeschool parents, we are often concerned with our child's educational foundation. We wonder such things as, "Am I teaching everything they will need to succeed in this world?" However, there is more to education than just teaching academics, a LOT more. Have you ever wondered what is the best way to teach moral truths in such a way that your child makes them his own? The Lord has called us to raise up children and to train them in the way they should go. This includes teaching and instructing in topics such as purity, faithfulness, finances, technology, pornography, apologetics, and so much more! This workshop is designed with three things in mind. First, we will brainstorm a list of things that we feel are important to teach our children. Second, I will talk about Moral Maturity and what age is best to start teaching these topics. Finally, and this is where I will spend most of my time, we will discuss the HOW. We all know we should teach these things but struggle with when and how to teach them. This is especially intimidating with the hard topics such as pornography or sexual purity. In this section I will be covering some VERY effective and engaging ways to cover even the trickiest of subjects in a way that your child will learn and take the messages to heart! Come and learn how you can be the most instrumental part of developing your child's Moral Foundation in a way that will help them to bring glory to the Lord!

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.

Monica Irvine-The Etiquette Factory: Raising Confident, Generous, & Compassionate Ladies Requires Purposeful Parenting

Come and Learn How to Give Your Daughters what is Becoming a Rare Commodity...Honor. 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 great responsibility. She matures with a desire to be a voice for good and a contributor in making our world a better place. She seems fearless, yet uses great wisdom. She is courageous, yet humble. She is KIND. You watch her as she exercises true empathy for those in need, and although she holds herself to high standards, she never places herself above others. She has been taught by example of what a true lady is and she looks forward to one day being that example for her family. She is truly a lady. Parents, this Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your daughter needs to become this lady.

1:00-2:00 PM Session 2

Zan Tyler: Cultivating Your Child's Strengths, Gifts, and Purpose

C. S. Lewis said, "There are no ordinary human beings"—including your children! In this session, Zan Tyler will get you started on a treasure hunt to discover the unique gifts, strengths, and purpose that God has given each of your children. We'll explore learning styles, spiritual gifts, and other dynamic tools to help you cultivate your child's potential. You will be inspired by the power and grace God has granted your family in shaping the identity and nurturing the future of your children.

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Bill Jack: Counterfeit Reality

The biggest and most enduring Counterfeit Reality of all time is most cleverly foisted upon people through film. See how moviemakers convey a secular worldview to the public...in the blink of an eye! Keep in mind Colossians 2:8, and keep focused on Bill Jack's media examples and use of technological illusions. Otherwise, you may lose sight of True Reality.

Lanny & Marilyn Johnson: Dinosaurs-What We Do Know and Don't Know About Dinosaurs

We can study the fossils of dinosaurs and come up with a hypothesis (an educated guess) about their color, how they acted or behaved, and even what they ate. Today, most of what is being taught about dinosaurs is taught as truth, not as a hypothesis. With an emphasis on distinguishing between imagination and observational science, subjects include fossils (what they can tell us), artwork versus fact, looking at some dinosaurs and current stories about them, and what sharp claws and teeth mean.

Joe Tyler: Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World (Men Only)

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

John Kinzer-Noah Webster College: George Washington Carver: Scientist, Educator, Man of God

In this workshop we will consider the life of George Washington Carver, the famous "Scientist of Tuskegee." Born a slave in 1864, Carver faced every obstacle in his life, but when he was 10 years old, he became a follower of Christ and that changed everything in his perspective and understanding of life. By his faith in God, Carver overcame bankruptcy, prejudice, many difficulties and eventually became a great scientist. Henry Ford believed Carver was the greatest living scientist, perhaps even greater than Thomas Edison. We will see how his experiences, learning from nature, his keen powers of observation, and a life of prayer helped him through hard work and diligence and resulted in a very fruitful impact with his life. Materials about biblical principles, teaching science to your students, the life of Carver, and other materials will be available.

Meleny Ortega, MSED-Freedom Awaits, LLC: Breaking the Stranglehold of Debt

Feeling weighed down by debt? Breaking the Stranglehold of Debt is a transformative workshop designed to help you regain control of your finances and start living the life of freedom you deserve. Learn tips and tricks to pay off your debt quickly and get practical resources to create and maintain a budget that works for you.

2:30-3:30 PM Session 3

Zan Tyler: Ten Lessons I Learned on the Way to Jail

When Zan Tyler was threatened with jail in 1984 for teaching her son at home, she was forced to count the costs of homeschooling and decide if it was really worth it. Zan learned powerful lessons about fighting for freedom, family, and faith—lessons we need again today! Our nation is at a crossroads where the liberties we've often taken for granted are at stake. We are one lawsuit, bad law, or treaty away from seeing our right to homeschool erode, and we must all work to preserve our freedoms while intentionally raising up a new generation of freedom fighters. This session will encourage and equip you with powerful principles to share the families you serve.

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Cindy Duell: Homeschooling Well: Mission, Maturity, and Mercy

We all have those moments when we wonder what we're doing, why we're doing it, and how we can possibly know whether we're doing it right. Homeschooling is not something that most of us were trained or educated for – and some of us were surprised to find ourselves doing it at all! – so how do we know when we're on the right course? What does it mean to "homeschool well"? Let's use the concepts of Mission, Maturity, and Mercy as our guideposts, for our students and for ourselves!

Monica Irvine: How Do I Stop Worrying About My Kids So I Can Have Peace?

Parents, there literally is a process and a plan to help us stop worrying so much about our children. I promise there is. We can live with more peace and hope despite our current circumstances and even despite our children's current choices. Come and listen as Monica discusses what she learned years ago that helped her so much. No, it's not going to stop all the worrying, but it will reduce your worry and give you tools that will allow you to take action steps so that you can feel peace. Don't miss this. It truly will help.

Sandy Cannon: Highschool & Beyond

I thought the biggest homeschooling milestone would be getting all of my children reading. As high school approached, I realized I was sadly misinformed. My three adult children have all taken different paths. Their high school years were opportunities to prepare them for the unknown. This workshop is designed to help you navigate some of the basics of high school and what comes after.

Deborah Burns-The Medical Transcription Service: Medical Transcription Career 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.

Mindy Brouse-BiblioPlan: All Together Without Mom Losing Her Mind

Are you longing to find ways to bring all your children together at the table? Spend time with Mindy Brouse as she shares helps for teaching history and more across multi-age levels using a classical and Charlotte Mason approach. Learn how to organize and utilize history, literature, Bible, and geography for the entire family.

4:00-5:00 PM Session 4

Bill Jack: Simple Tools for Brain Surgery

Non-Christians seem to have the advantage in our culture. We, as Christians, are sometimes intimidated by or even afraid to talk with many atheists, new-agers, evolutionists, and other Wizards. Too often, we fear we won't have answers to their tough questions. Be encouraged. Learn four killer questions that will help to destroy the Wizards' secular thinking that is encasing the minds of friends, relatives, and others. Learn to destroy the Wizards' sloppy, secular arguments without destroying the person.

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Lanny & Marilyn Johnson: Dinosaurs and the Bible

Evolution teaches that the dinosaurs died out 65 to 70 million years ago and that man has only been around for 200,000 to possibly 3 million years. Therefore, according to evolution, man and dinosaurs never lived together. This presentation challenges that idea using descriptions of dinosaurs in the Bible and other evidence of man and dinosaurs living at the same time. A real favorite with all ages.

Sandy Cannon: You've Got the Power: Liking Your Kids & Recognizing Choices You Have

God equips us to do the work He gives us. The daily choices we make as we raise our children are powerful. Take a step back and recognize the choices you make and the fruit that results. If you are struggling to enjoy your children, consider making a few different choices.

Roger & Sue Farr: Looking Back on Homeschooling

The presenters completed official homeschooling 15 years ago. Now, their three 30-somethings are training their own children, and many life lessons are so clear to all of us now! Join us as we, Roger and Sue, share valuable life lessons our entire family learned from homeschooling, living internationally, serving God, gaining the most from universities and graduate schools, successes and failures, internships, military service, courtship, marriage, ministry, missionary service, and child training. Through it all, God has been gracious to teach us as individuals to know His love and to honor Him. We pray that sharing our lessons learned will encourage, inspire, and motivate you on your own homeschooling journey.

Julie Zimmerman-Healing Hearts Ministries, International: Equipping Teens for the Battle

This workshop will address the needs of today's youth who are currently on the front lines of the culture battle. 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.

Randy White-John Nelson Darby Academy: Online Homeschool Education: Pros and Cons

"*Online Homeschool Education: Pros and Cons*" explores the benefits and challenges of digital homeschooling. This workshop examines curriculum choices, student engagement, parental roles, and academic outcomes. Participants gain insights into whether online homeschooling is a good fit for their family and how to navigate its unique opportunities.

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Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

8:30-9:45 AM General Session

Bill Jack: The Biblical Basis for True Authority

What is a Christian to do when evil seems to be winning? What is the biblical response—especially when one is a student in a secular institution—when a person in position of authority begins to further evil and avenge good? How does one maintain respect for the position of authority without obeying evil commands?

10:00-11:00 AM Session 1

Zan Tyler: The Unexpected Adventure of Serving Others

Do you want to energize your homeschool? Providing your children with creative opportunities to serve others is just what you need. In Zan's 21 years of homeschooling, nothing amazed her more than the adventures and blessings her family encountered by serving others together. In this session, Zan Tyler will show you how to build service projects into your school days and everyday lives. She'll also share practical service ideas. Be prepared to see your children come alive as they walk out the second most important command that God has given us by serving others in both small and big ways.

John & Cathy Heckendorn: Marriage Matters....Well, Duh!

I bet if asked what our most important relationship is, after God, we would say our marriage. Yet, how many of us put most of our effort into maintaining that relationship? With the demands of work, raising children, homeschooling, volunteer service, extended family, and friends, who has time? Right? John and Cathy like to say they are the poster children for how to take a struggling marriage and let God transform it. Come spend an hour laughing, crying, and maybe even nodding your head as they share some of the struggles and triumphs of making your marriage matter while you are in the trenches.

Steve Thornberg: Fun Ways to Include 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 solid 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.

Jason Gates: Interrogation: The Art of Effective Questioning

Want to teach your kids to drive you crazy by asking really annoying questions? You do, actually, because your kids will frequently run into unclear communication both outside and inside the church. Part of our responsibility as parents is to ensure they're well-equipped to stand firm for truth, while helping others to understand it, and this workshop will help you help them build some of the skills needed to do just that. We'll talk through how you can use different kinds of questions effectively in dialogue to either clarify something, make a point, or redirect a conversation.

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Kevin Lowrie-Class 101: 5 Ways to Pay for College

5 actionable items for unschooled families to prepare their students for college:

1. College lists
2. College visits
3. Resume/Portfolio building
4. Rigor of Curriculum and SAT/ACT tests
5. Scholarship searches

These are things every family can do to prepare students for a successful college journey.

Deahdra-Lynn Atencio-RightStart Mathematics: Unlock the Puzzle With RightStart Math

Have you heard the buzz about RightStart Math? Come hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other programs. We teach children that a real mathematical problem is like a puzzle, that math is more than memorization, and that math is fun. Come and learn what's special about our math curriculum!

11:30-12:30 PM Session 2

Zan Tyler: The Power of Positive Words and Conversation

Conversation is a potent tool that carries with it the power of life and death, and lays the foundation for deep and meaningful relationships. Conversation is an essential tool in discipling your children. Research even indicates that conversation increases intelligence in children and teens. In this workshop Zan Tyler reveals how you can utilize the simple—and free—tool of conversation to help your children become more motivated learners. Learn strategies you can take home and implement tomorrow to increase joy in learning and minimize conflict in your family, too. You'll come away convinced that conversation IS core curriculum.

Bill Jack: Where's Waldo

Perched high on the sides of the Alps in northern Italy, a small band of believers faced extinction. This remnant of committed Christians sprang from a group of twelfth century Christian laymen in southern France and eventually sent rippling effects around the world. What made this small band such a force and a threat to the established church? What can modern-day Christians learn from them?

Roger & Sue Farr: Living by Principles

Some people make decisions because of how they feel at a particular moment. Others ask their friends or just go along with whatever the crowd yells. Still others wait until a good answer is obvious and then jump that direction. All of that is exhausting, frustrating, and non-transferable. God designed the best way to make decisions: live according to biblical principles. Roger and Sue will explore how to find godly principles in Scripture, how to make those into practical boundaries, and how to apply those in daily life. We will be clear, direct, practical, and positive.

Joe Tyler: The Impact of Social Media on Our Daughters

We are witnessing an alarming rise in the rates of depression and suicidal tendencies among teenage girls today. Is social media to blame? Join Joe Tyler as he takes a deep dive into the world of social media, examining the challenges that young girls face including body image issues, cyberbullying, and unrealistic beauty standards. With constant connectivity to smart phones, the threats of social media are lurking everywhere, even in places as seemingly innocent as chatrooms in Bible apps. Now is the time to help your daughters develop a biblical self-image, a vibrant faith, and practical strategies for successfully navigating the dangers of the digital age.

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Cheryle & Rick Harbaugh-Irlen Center Albuquerque: Irlen Syndrome Impact on Homeschoolers

Clients usually come to the Harbaughs' testing facility because of a significant reading deficit. However, Irlen syndrome can also cause issues with writing, math, headaches/migraines, light sensitivity, and depth perception issues. All these issues can be quickly resolved using the Irlen technology.

Debbie Bonzon-Baber Animation, Inc.: Traditional Animation Foundations

We will be looking at the foundation principles of traditional, hand-drawn animation, using paper and pencil, and incorporating this into your homeschooling or for future animators!

2:00-3:00 PM Session 3

Bill Jack: Seven Habits of Highly Suppressive People

Why do people reject the reliability of the Bible? It is not the common objections that people give. Rather, it is because they "suppress the truth in unrighteousness." (Romans 1:18) Christians should be able to answer those objections. Christians should also be able to recognize the seven habits that people develop in suppressing the truth which are listed in Romans 1:21-23. Come see these seven habits come to life through interviews with non-Christians on a college campus. Learn how you, too, can give a defense of your faith in gentleness and reverence. (I Peter 3:15)

Lanny & Marilyn Johnson: The Biblical Flood and What Happened to the Dinosaurs

This talk deals with Noah's flood. Subjects include conditions on Earth before the flood, age of man before and after the flood, size of animals before the flood, the Ark (size of the boat and how many animals it could hold), who built the Ark and why, could dinosaurs fit on the Ark and what happened to them, a promise (rainbow), and a message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Monica Irvine: Schedules...Helping Our Children to Be Happy

Imagine your children waking up with an alarm clock, making their bed, completing their morning hygiene duties, saying their morning personal prayers, and 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 your children, date night for you and your spouse, daily quiet time, and chore time. Imagine reducing your errands by 50%! How much time would that give you to do other things? 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.

John Kinzer: American Liberty and the Value of the Individual

Let's learn why the individual person is so valued by God, and how American liberty protects and affirms the value of each individual person. In this workshop we will see how this principle of individuality was planted in Washington's life, and we will identify the key principles needed for a Constitutional Republic to function. You will be amazed how God uses individuals, like you and me, to advance and protect the liberties of our American Republic. Join us as we learn how these principles are displayed in Washington's life and in his character. There's a reason he is known as "the Father of His Country."

Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

Daniela Byers-Classical Conversations: 5 Tools to Help Your Children Think Well

Discover the tools that teach your children how to think well and develop understanding of any subject, topic, or trade. We will model these tools allowing you to experience them yourself! Think of it as Classical Tools 101.

3:15-4:15 PM Closing General Session

Zan Tyler: Life-Giving Lessons From Noah's Ark for Your Homeschool Journey

As a young mom, Zan Tyler's encounter with powerful truths from the story of Noah's ark (Hebrews 11) defined and empowered her 21-year homeschool journey. The lessons she learned kept her afloat through times of fatigue, self-doubt, loneliness, and persecution, and taught her to trust God with her family's welfare. Noah's ark has amazing implications for us as homeschoolers today, even down to the materials used in its construction. And, like Noah, we live in an age that is often hostile towards God. In this workshop, Zan will share seven principles that can give you vision, energy, and staying power for your own homeschool voyage in these perilous times.