

MICHIGAN'S 40TH ANNUAL
**Inspirational Networking
Conference for Homeschoolers**



INCH

May 9-11, 2024

BUILDING
the Future!

1 Corinthians 3:10b-11

“Each one must be careful how he builds. For no one can build on a foundation other than what has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.”



MICHN

Michigan Christian Homeschool Network

GENERAL INFO

EMERGENCY NUMBER/CELL PHONES

PLEASE MAKE SURE CELL PHONES ARE SILENCED DURING SESSIONS. IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY WHILE AT THE CONFERENCE, PLEASE CALL 517-481-5994.

DO YOU HAVE LEGAL QUESTIONS??

VISIT ATTORNEYS DAVE & STEVE KALLMAN AT BOOTH 102 TO HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING HOMESCHOOLING LEGALITIES IN MICHIGAN ANSWERED!

YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN UNDER 12 SHOULD BE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THEIR PARENTS AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD ROAM THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING ALONE. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS IN BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND TAKE YOUR CHILDREN OUT IF THEY BECOME DISTRACTING.

SECURITY/IDENTIFICATION

IT IS NECESSARY THAT NAMETAGS & LANYARDS ARE WORN AND VISIBLE WHILE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AND SECURE EVENT, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY WHETHER SOMEONE IS A CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT.

SPEAKERS & EXHIBITORS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VIEWS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS OF OUR EXHIBITORS AND SPEAKERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY SHARED BY INCH.

NURSING MOMS/FAMILY ROOM

WE HAVE SET ASIDE ROOMS FOR BOTH NURSING MOMS AND PARENTS WITH ENERGETIC LITTLE ONES. THE NURSING ROOM IS LOCATED NEAR THE MICHN BOOTH, AND THE FAMILY ROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. SANCTUARY SESSIONS CAN BE HEARD IN THE FAMILY ROOMS.

PRAYER ROOM

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALL THROUGHOUT THE INCH CONFERENCE, PEOPLE ARE COVERING YOU IN PRAYER? THAT'S RIGHT! WE HAVE PEOPLE PRAYING FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, THE SPEAKERS, AND EVERY ASPECT OF THE CONFERENCE ALL DURING INCH. THIS YEAR, WE ARE ALSO OFFERING A ROOM SPECIFICALLY FOR PRAYER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRAY ALONE IN THIS QUIET SPACE, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU AND/OR OVER YOU, PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PRAYER ROOM FOUND ABOVE THE SE CORNER OF THE SANCTUARY, UP THE STAIRS NEAR THE RED ENTRANCE. THE PRAYER ROOM WILL BE OPEN DURING THE ENTIRETY OF THE CONFERENCE. IT IS OUR GREAT JOY TO COME BEFORE THE FATHER ON YOUR BEHALF!

THANKS FOR COMING TO INCH!

We're so thankful that you chose to take this time and make this investment into the spiritual development of your family! MICHN's primary purpose is to partner with God in His work of drawing people to Himself in order to conform them into the image of his only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. To accomplish this end, we have invited speakers and exhibitors to encourage and equip you in your walk with Christ and in your work of training your children to know Him so that as they grow, they won't depart from His ways. It is our hope, our prayer, and our trust, that this weekend will be a transformational time and a tremendous blessing to you and your family. May it result in your love for God and your family being increased and strengthened! May the Lord bless you as you lay a firm foundation for your family, built upon your faith in the Lord and the freedom He gives us to follow Him in the training of our children for His glory! We pray you leave refreshed and renewed in your resolve to live for Him and train your children to do the same!

MIKE WINTER - MICHN PRESIDENT

2024 INCH SPEAKERS



Carla Fuller

HSLDA - High School



Brant Hansen

Radio Host & Author



Jared Henderson

Gertrude App & Programmer



Given Hoffman

When the Rock Speaks



Karri Iverson

The Mystery of Science



Shanda Jacobs

This Devoted Life



Dave Kallman

Great Lakes Justice Center



Steve Kallman

Great Lakes Justice Center



Phylcia Masonheimer

Every Woman A Theologian



Mary Morgan

National Parks Mystery



Kathie Morrissey

Character Corner



James Muffett

SSI & CTV



Andrew Pudewa

Institute for Excellence in Writing



Cheri Kay Sessions

HSLDA - Special Needs



Kim Sorgius-Jones

Not Consumed



Dr. Carol Swain

Author, Speaker, Professor
& Political Scientist



Kevin Swanson

Founder of Generations



Paul & Gena Suarez

The Old Schoolhouse Magazine



Ann Troast

Without Doors Charlotte Mason



Joseph Tuski

Protect Life Michigan



Sarah Villanueva

Seed Dream



William Wagner

Salt & Light Global



Aaron Wentz

Michigan School of
Apologetics



Mike Winter

President of MICHN &
Author of Man Up!



Ginny Yurich

1000 Hours Outside

WHO & WHAT IS MICHN?

THE MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL NETWORK, FOUNDED IN 1984 AS INCH - THE INFORMATION NETWORK FOR CHRISTIAN HOMES AND REBRANDED IN 2019 AS MICHN (PRONOUNCED LIKE "MISSION"), IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST HOMESCHOOL ORGANIZATION SERVING MICHIGAN FAMILIES.

OUR VISION

EVERY MICHIGAN FAMILY WHO CHOOSES TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME HAS THE RESOURCES, SUPPORT, AND OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEED TO DO SO WITH EXCELLENCE.

OUR MISSION

ENSURING HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN SO THAT IT CAN BE A PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO FREELY PASS ON THEIR VALUES AND FAITH, TRAINING THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH HOME-BASED, PARENT-DIRECTED, PRIVATELY-FUNDED HOME EDUCATION.

OUR METHOD

ENCOURAGING, EQUIPPING, AND EMPOWERING MICHIGAN'S HOME EDUCATORS THROUGH:

- **CONFERENCES/EVENTS** (INCH, DAY AT THE DOME, MOM'S RETREAT)
- **COMMUNICATION** (WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, E-NEWSLETTERS, ETC)
- **CONNECTING** (NETWORKING HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES, GROUPS, & LEADERS)
- **CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP** (LEADERSHIP SUMMITS AND RETREATS)
- **CONSISTENT VOICE IN THE CAPITOL** (PROTECTING HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM)

OUR FOCUS

ALTHOUGH WE DESIRE TO SERVE ALL HOME EDUCATING FAMILIES IN MICHIGAN, MICHN PARTICULARLY FOCUSES ON ASSISTING CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES WHO DESIRE TO RAISE AND LAUNCH MATURE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

- **FAITH** - PROMOTING CHRISTIAN HOME DISCIPLESHIP
- **FAMILY** - PROTECTING THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY
- **FREEDOM** - PRESERVING OUR HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM

WHY DO WE NEED MICHN?

MAYBE YOU'VE WONDERED WHY MICHIGAN HOMESCHOOLERS NEED A STATE ORGANIZATION? MANY OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED THE FREEDOM TO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN AT HOME. IT IS A BLESSING AND A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT THAT MICHN HAS BEEN FIGHTING TO PROTECT FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS. THE BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO PROVIDE MANY BENEFITS TO HOMESCHOOLERS ACROSS MICHIGAN:

- **MICHN (FORMERLY INCH) WAS A KEY PLAYER IN THE BATTLE FOUGHT TO MAKE HOMESCHOOLING LEGAL IN MICHIGAN**, CULMINATING WITH THE SUPREME COURT DECISION IN 1993 WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO FREELY HOMESCHOOL YOUR CHILDREN TODAY IN MICHIGAN WITHOUT GOVERNMENT REGULATION. (PEOPLE VS DEJONGE - [HTTPS://LAW.JUSTIA.COM/CASES/MICHIGAN/SUPREME-COURT/1993/91479-5.HTML](https://law.justia.com/cases/michigan/supreme-court/1993/91479-5.html))
- **MICHN HAS BEEN INFLUENCING THE LEGISLATURE ON BEHALF OF HOME EDUCATORS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1984**, PROTECTING YOUR RIGHT TO EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME.
- **MICHN WORKS CLOSELY WITH OTHER STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS** TO STAY INFORMED AND TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS UPDATED ABOUT ISSUES THEY NEED TO KNOW. WE WORK WITH:
 1. **HSLDA** (HOME SCHOOL LEGAL DEFENSE ASSOCIATION)
 2. **DR. BRIAN RAY OF NHERI** (THE NATIONAL HOME EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE)
 3. **THE ALLIANCE** (NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATION LEADERSHIP)

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WHY JOIN MICHN?

WE MUST STAND TOGETHER

TO PROTECT THE HARD-WON HOMESCHOOL RIGHTS WE HAVE TODAY. MICHN IS YOUR VOICE IN THE LEGISLATURE, PROVIDING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGEABLE REPRESENTATION AT THE CAPITOL

WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS AND DONATIONS HELP TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE THOUSANDS OF HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES.

YOU DONT HAVE TIME TO READ THROUGH 6,000 PAGES

OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS EACH YEAR. MICHN MONITORS LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY, PURSUES LEGISLATION THAT BENEFITS HOMESCHOOLERS, AND FIGHTS PROPOSALS THAT WOULD RESTRICT YOUR FREEDOM TO EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN.

YOU NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALONE

ON THIS WONDERFUL, WACKY, AND BLESSED JOURNEY OF HOMESCHOOLING. YOU ARE PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT ENCOURAGES AND HELPS ONE ANOTHER, AND YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO CALL FOR ACCURATE INFORMATION.

3 WAYS TO SUPPORT MICHN

YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH US MEANS WE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE ADVOCATING FOR MICHIGAN FAMILIES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

1.

BECOME A MEMBER!
JOIN AT [MICHN.ORG](https://michn.org)

2.

DONATE
[MICHN.ORG/DONATE](https://michn.org/donate)

3.

VOLUNTEER
[MICHN.ORG/CONTACT-US](https://michn.org/contact-us)

MICHN MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

FREEDOM FRIEND - \$45/YR

- Support Michigan's Homeschool Freedoms
- Receive Legislative updates
- Get 10% discounts on all Events
- Receive a Special Homeschool Resource

FREEDOM DEFENDER - \$150/YR

- Support Michigan's Homeschool Freedoms
- Receive Legislative updates
- Get a 15% discount on all Events
- Receive a Special Homeschool Resource
- Get a Ticket & Early Access to the Used Curriculum Sale

FREEDOM SUPERHERO - \$300/YR

- Support Michigan's Homeschool Freedoms
- Receive Legislative updates
- 1 Free Adult All-Access Pass to INCH
- Receive a Special Homeschool Resource
- Exclusive MICHN Merch
- Ticket & Early Access to our Used Curriculum Sale



SCAN HERE TO JOIN TODAY!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE MICHN EVENTS!

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2024



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2025



THURSDAY - SATURDAY
MAY 15-17, 2025



FRIDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 10TH, 2024

- 8:30-9:30AM KEYNOTE #2 & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES - GINNY YURICH WITH DAVE AND STEVE KALLMAN
- 7:45AM-5:00PM TEEN LEADERSHIP CORPS
- 9:30AM-7:00PM EXHIBIT HALL OPEN FOR SHOPPING
- 8:15AM-12:15PM GIANT COW CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE
- 9:45-10:45AM BREAKOUT SESSION #1
- 11:00AM-12:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION #2
- 12:00-1:30PM LUNCH & SHOPPING
- 1:15-5:30PM GIANT COW CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE
- 1:30-2:30PM KEYNOTE #2 - THE HEART OF HOMESCHOOLING - KEVIN SWANSON
- 2:45-3:45PM BREAKOUT SESSION #3
- 4:00-5:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION #4
- 5:00-7:00PM DINNER & SHOPPING
- 7:00-8:00PM KEYNOTE #4 - UNOFFENDABLE - BRANT HANSEN
- 8:00-9:00PM FAMILY FUN NIGHT - REGIONAL MEET UPS, BOUNCE HOUSES & DESSERT!

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 11TH, 2024

- 7:45AM-2:00PM TEEN LEADERSHIP CORPS
- 8:15-11:15AM EXHIBIT HALL OPEN FOR SHOPPING
- 8:15AM-12:10PM GIANT COW CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
- 8:30-9:30AM SPECIAL SESSIONS #5- MOMS & MUFFINS / DADS & DONUTS/ GEOLOGY OF MICHIGAN
- 9:45-10:45AM BREAKOUT SESSION #6
- 10:45-11:15AM LAST CHANCE SHOPPING
- 11:00-11:15AM BUY IT HERE DRAWINGS - SANCTUARY
- 11:15AM-12:00PM CLOSING KEYNOTE - WHAT MY LIFE HAS TAUGHT ME - DR. CAROL SWAIN



CONFERENCE RECORDINGS

SO MANY SESSIONS... SO LITTLE TIME!

WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE HOME SOME OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN AT INCH THIS YEAR!

**CONFERENCE ATTENDEE
SPECIAL PRICING:**

\$3.00/SESSION
\$45 FOR CONFERENCE SET

MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE END OF THE DAY ON MAY 11TH

**NON-ATTENDEE
PRICING:**

\$4.00 PER SESSION
\$89 FOR CONFERENCE SET

CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE



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PURCHASE
RECORDINGS

PURCHASE RECORDINGS AT:

ALLIANCERECORDINGS.COM

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FRIDAY NIGHT KEYNOTE & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SANCTUARY - 7:00-8:00PM

UNOFFENDABLE WITH BRANT HANSEN



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OUTDOORS - 8:00-9:00PM

DESSERT - FELLOWSHIP - FUN!!



Join us after our Friday Evening Keynote for a Family Fun Night!! We will have ice cream sandwiches and popsicles available. Weather permitting, there will be multiple blow ups to play on outside of the green entrance. We will dismiss the keynote attendees by regions so you can meet other homeschoolers near you!

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REGIONAL MEETUPS DURING FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!

TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF APOLOGETICS

**NEED CONFIDENCE SHARING YOUR FAITH?
WANT ANSWERS TO HARD QUESTIONS??
DESIRE TO MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT FOR CHRIST?**

We are excited to have Michigan SOA as our TLC program this year. During the conference, they will split their time between sitting in sessions and serving in various aspects of the conference. We love our teens and could NOT run our conference without them!



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Mount Hope Church & Exhibitor Map

Page 7 & 8 maps can be read as one continuous map of the venue.

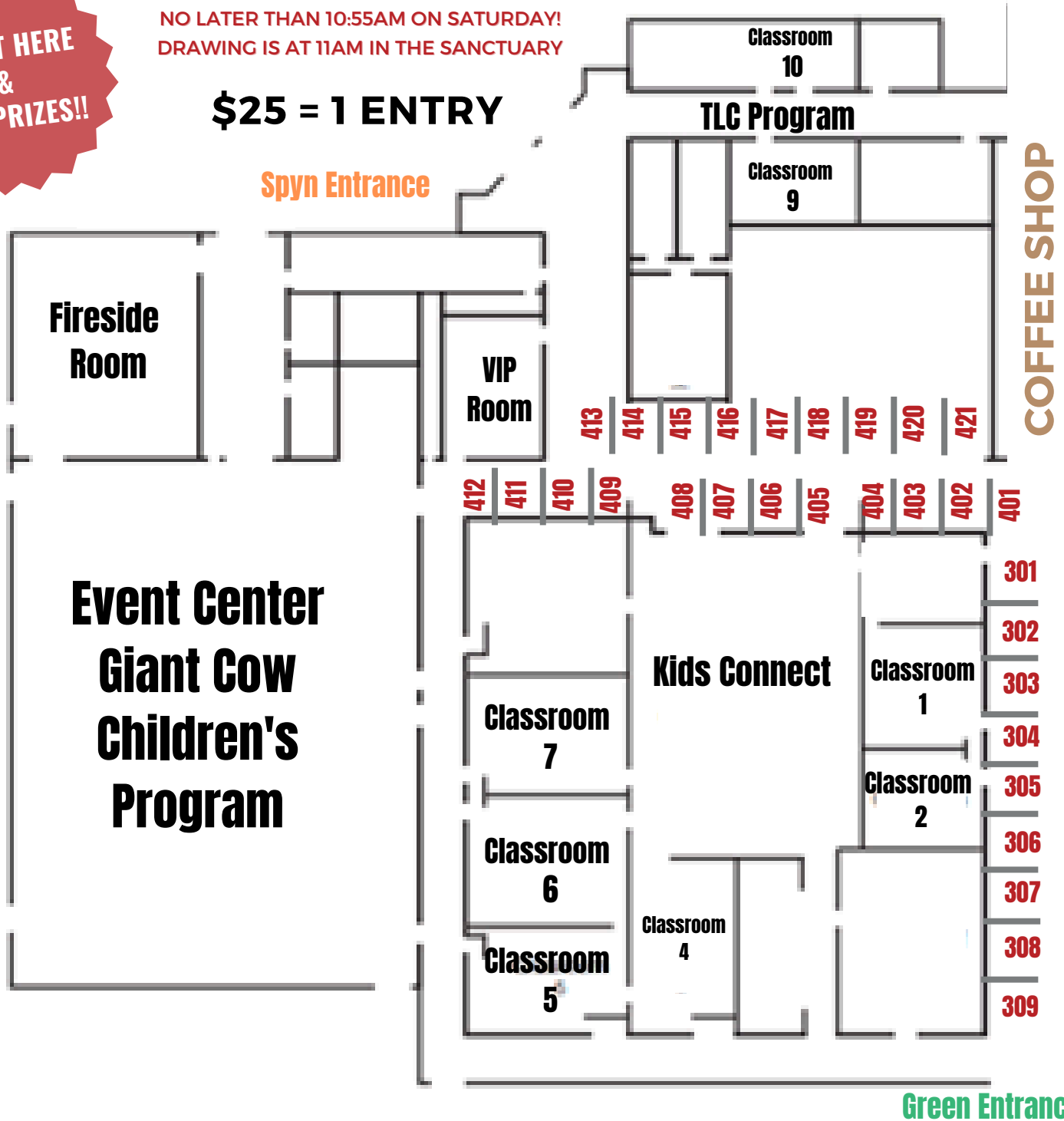
Black = Room Names **Red = Exhibitor Booth Number** (Exhibitor list on page 9)

BUY ON-SITE FROM THE INCH CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS
& BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR PRIZES!

BRING YOUR RECEIPTS TO THE MICHN BOOTH (#100)
NO LATER THAN 10:55AM ON SATURDAY!
DRAWING IS AT 11AM IN THE SANCTUARY

**BUY IT HERE
&
WIN PRIZES!!**

\$25 = 1 ENTRY



Blue Entrance

Northwest Chapel & Studio A Upstairs
Please Use Stairs near Blue Entrance

Yellow Entrance



COFFEE SHOP

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
9:00AM-12:00PM



COFFEE & DESSERT TRUCK

FRIDAY
11:00-2:00PM
OUTSIDE GREEN ENTRANCE

Red Entrance

FRIDAY FOOD TRUCKS

OUTSIDE THE EXIT BESIDE THE CHAPEL (GREEN ENTRANCE)



LUNCH:
11:00-2:00PM

Green Entrance

Food Trucks - Friday - 11:00-2:00pm
Family Fun Night - Friday - 8:00-9:00pm

Exhibitor List & Booth Numbers

BOOTH	EXHIBITOR	BOOTH	EXHIBITOR
120-121	1000 Hours Outside- Ginny Yurich	303	National Park Mysteries - Buttonwood Books, LLC
305	Acquainting Agriculture	402	No Fear Cafe
409-410	BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precept	504-505	Northwest Treasures
407-408	BookShark	508-515	Not Consumed-Kim Sorgius-Jones
100	Brant Hansen	214-216	PaperPie Learning formerly known as Usborne Books
119	Carol Swain	222	Parenting for Purity
110	Cathy's Discovery Toys	506	Peace Insurance Group
201	Classical Conversations	217	Pilgrim Institute
405	Distinctive Music Studios	401	Revolution Against Evolution
203	Drawing Adventures by Bob Jaruzel	224	RightStart Mathematics
503	Emmaus Worldwide - Bible Curriculum	415-417	Rod & Staff/ Truth and Life
418-419	Every Woman A Theologian-Phylcia Masonheimer	210-211	Royal Fireworks Online Learning
307	Family Life Radio	209	Seed Dream-Sarah Villanueva
106	Fruitful Bough Ministries	112	Share Healthcare
219	Gertrude- Jared Henderson	221	SimplyFun Affiliate Rachele Karteczka
212-213	GooGenius, LLC	105	Spectrum 8 Sports
102	Great Lakes Justice Center- Dave & Steve Kallman	104	Student Statesmanship Institute
413	Great Lakes Learning Academy	403-404	Teaching Textbooks
202	Home School Music Association	301-302	The Character Corner-Kathie Morrissey
103	HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)	208	The Mystery of Science-Karri Iverson
507	I Express Learning Solutions	206	The Old Schoolhouse Magazine-Paul & Gena Suarez
306	I Heart Spanish	412	This Devoted Life-Shanda Jacobs
501-502	Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)- Andrew Pudewa	308-309	tinkrLAB
113-118	Kevin Swanson- Founder & Director of Generations	304	Turning Point USA
420-421	Lamplighter Ministries	218	When the Rocks Speak-Given Hoffman
406	Las Lengüitas	220	Without Doors
223	MAN Up!-Mike Winter	207	Women At Risk, International WAR Chest Boutique
101-102	MiCHN (Michigan Christian Homeschool Network)		
111	Michigan Homeschool Field Trips		
411	Mossy Living		
204	MRK Books		

Kid's Faith & Fun Classes

FRIDAY CLASSROOM 2 - NO ADDITIONAL COST!

9:45-10:45am - Fiction Writing Techniques - Given Hoffman

11:00am-12:00pm - Flash Fiction Writing - Given Hoffman

2:45 - 3:45pm - Dinosaur Hunters - Patrick Nurre

4:00-5:00pm - Handcrafts - Ginny Yurich

SATURDAY

8:30-9:30am - Geology of Michigan - Patrick Nurre

9:45-10:45 - 4 Simple Words to Defend Your Faith - Patrick Nurre

AGES 8-9 NEED A PARENT WITH THEM
 AGES 10-12 NEED TO BE SIGNED IN & OUT
 AGES 13 & UP ARE FREE TO COME AND GO



2024 INCH KEYNOTES

KEYNOTE #1 THURSDAY EVENING - 7:00-9:00PM

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS

During our opening keynote, various conference speakers will be given the chance to present their passions and speaking topics for the weekend. It is a fun, fast-paced evening that will serve as a great introduction to the speakers for all attendees!

KEYNOTE #2 FRIDAY MORNING - 8:30-9:30AM

GINNY YURICH

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

In a rapidly changing world, it can be both scary and confusing to shepherd our kids through their years of homeschooling. Learn tried & true methods that will give you confidence and wisdom when you feel stuck or lost.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dave and Steve Kallman from Great Lakes Justice Center will be giving a brief update concerning the latest legislation moves regarding homeschool freedoms. Dave Kallman represented the families who fought to win homeschool freedom in Michigan in the 1990's and his son, Steve Kallman, currently serves on the MICHN Board



GINNY YURICH



DAVE KALLMAN



STEVE KALLMAN

KEYNOTE #3 FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:30-2:30PM

THE HEART OF HOMESCHOOLING - KEVIN SWANSON

Taking the conventional school paradigm and pressing it into the homeschool context doesn't work. Saul's armor didn't fit David well. What makes homeschooling so much more powerful than conventional schooling? Kevin Swanson gets to the heart of effective homeschooling here... relationships... discipleship... faith... knowing God and rejoicing in His awesomeness!



KEVIN SWANSON

KEYNOTE #4 - FRIDAY EVENING - 7:00-8:00PM

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BRANT HANSEN

KEYNOTE #5 SATURDAY MORNING - 11:15AM-12:00PM

WHAT MY LIFE HAS TAUGHT ME... - DR. CAROL SWAIN

Dr. Swain tells her story about growing up in abject poverty and going on to earn five degrees and teach at Princeton and Vanderbilt universities. She reveals her major life lessons learned and how that all fits together in today's divisive world.



DR. CAROL SWAIN

THANK YOU TO PROMISE AG'S WORSHIP TEAM FOR BLESSING US BY LEADING IN WORSHIP BEFORE EACH KEYNOTE!

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1 - 9:45-10:45AM



SANCTUARY

MAKING TIME FOR THE WORD AS A HOMESCHOOL MOM PHYLICIA MASONHEIMER

Home education is a full time job in itself; add on top of that the normal tasks of tending a home and little hearts, and where have the hours gone?! Making space for spiritual growth is hard, but essential. Our kids need parents grounded in the Word of God, but we need the time to get there! This session teaches you how to create time for the Word in the margins, pray consistently and creatively, and model an ever-deepening faith in the busiest of seasons.



CHAPEL A

SPELLING AND THE BRAIN ANDREW PUDEWA

Many children have difficulty learning to spell, but the difficulty may not be with the student. Often parents and teachers feel ill-equipped to help students who are not natural spellers. Join Andrew Pudewa to learn how spelling information is most efficiently stored in the brain, to gain greater insight into the nature of spelling and neurological function, and to be better equipped to teach students how to spell.



KIDZ CONNECT

THE ONCE A YEAR PLAN - TAKING THE OVERWHELM OUT OF HOMESCHOOL PLANNING - KIM SORGIUS-JONES

So you've got a box full of unused planners and half-erased lesson plan books. Trust me, you're not alone! From curriculum to the daily schedule, there is a simple way to plan your whole school year in just ONE week. Reclaim your Sunday nights and your sanity by joining veteran homeschool mom, Kim Sorgius-Jones, for this practical session.



VIP ROOM

SCIENCE IN THE KITCHEN, SCIENCE IN THE BATHROOM, SCIENCE IN THE CAR - KARRI IVERSON

Baking cookies creates a mixture; making ice cubes changes the state of matter, and feeding the dog is an opportunity for a biology lesson. Science, and the opportunities to teach it, are everywhere around us. Learn practical tips for keeping your eyes open to the many ways God has designed our lives and the science to back it up, whether you're in the kitchen, bathroom, yard, or car. Join veteran homeschooling mom and the author of the Mystery of Science series, Karri Iverson, to learn tips and tricks for putting it all together.



NORTHWEST CHAPEL (UPSTAIRS)

MAKING MATH & SCIENCE MEANINGFUL KEVIN SWANSON

Kevin Swanson obtained his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering, but he would be the first to tell you he didn't like science very much (as taught in secular college). Here, he expresses his passion to making mathematics and science meaningful to our children by bringing it back into a God-centered view. This presentation will radically change your view of these subjects, and help you to understand the right worldview foundations for these subjects.



STUDIO A (UPSTAIRS)

MEN: LEADING THE HOME MIKE WINTER

Male leadership has been and continues to be assaulted by the culture. The recent television show 'Shiny Happy People,' is just the most recent barrage against male headship in the home. Indeed, men have sinned against God and their families, but that doesn't remove God's mandate for men to lead their homes. Is this really God's mandate? How can men spiritually lead their homes if God has commanded such? Let's talk about it together.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1 - 9:45-10:45AM



CLASSROOM 1

SIBLING SQUABBLES IN THE CLASSROOM **KATHIE MORRISSEY**

Sibling rivalry and squabbling is something we all deal with every day. It can be very frustrating as well as discouraging! It's important that we teach our children how to respond to conflict God's way. Don't let the arguing and strife disrupt your home. Find out what some of the most common causes are, and learn some practical Biblical solutions to the problem.



CLASSROOM 2

FICTION WRITING TECHNIQUES **GIVEN HOFFMAN**

Given Hoffman will share five major techniques used to improve fiction writing and make stories better crafted and more engaging. The techniques she will cover are: how to use Show Don't Tell to bring a story to life, how to correctly understand and use Point of View, how to transform a story from Passive to Active structure, how to fully engage the reader using The Five Senses, and how to strengthen a story by removing Un-Needed Words.



CLASSROOM 4

POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION - HELP, HEALING, & HOPE **SHANDA JACOBS**

If you are struggling with postpartum depression or know someone who is, this is for you! Shanda personally experienced postpartum depression with three out of four of her pregnancies, and she shares practical insight and HOPE for those who are also walking this road. Her husband James will join her and offer a man's perspective on supporting and loving your spouse through the sometimes hard season following the birth of a baby. You will leave feeling encouraged and have a better understanding of what postpartum depression is, as well as how to move forward helping yourself or someone you love.



CLASSROOM 5

GOD OR CAESAR? **JAMES MUFFETT**

A timely presentation on the proper role of government through the lens of scripture.



CLASSROOM 6

HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL - YOU GOT THIS! **CARLA FULLER**

As a parent homeschooling a teen (or thinking about it), you may have doubts about your ability . . . and your sanity. Come and be encouraged as you discover a long-range perspective for teaching your teen that is filled with hope, faith, and joy!



CLASSROOM 7

THE ART OF JOYFUL HISTORY LESSONS **ANN TROAST**

Charlotte Mason emphasized the importance of learning the history of our native country, a neighboring country, and the world. I'll share helpful resources and tips on how to integrate geography, literature, art, music, movement, and nature study into your history lessons — resulting in a joyful education. "Our aim in education is to give a full life." -Charlotte Mason

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2 - 11:00AM-12:00PM



SANCTUARY

PREPARING HOMESCHOOL CHILDREN FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE GINNY YURICH

Gone are the days when people would choose a career and stick with it for life. Many careers these days last less than three years and the majority of 20-year-olds will have four career changes within that decade. In fact, it is likely that the careers they will have, haven't even been invented yet. How are we supposed to prepare our homeschooled children for a world that we can't predict? Learn research-backed ways to ensure your homeschooler is prepared for an uncertain future.



CHAPEL A

ADDRESSING THREATS TO HOMESCHOOL FREEDOMS IN MICHIGAN DAVE & STEVE KALLMAN

This session will be presented by Great Lakes Justice Center Attorneys Dave & Steve Kallman. In the 1990's, Dave Kallman represented the families who fought bravely to win our homeschool freedom here in Michigan. He will be giving us a thorough outline on how to currently homeschool in Michigan legally. His son, Steve Kallman, will also be presenting with him. Steve currently serves on the MICHN board as legal counsel.



KIDZ CONNECT

WHAT TO TEACH - A SIMPLE PLAN FROM PRESCHOOL TO GRADUATION KIM SORGIUS-JONES

Are we teaching the right things at the right time? Will there be gaps if we teach outside the box? This session is all about fostering a love of learning and creating a flexible, interest-driven curriculum all while meeting the academic needs of your kids and keeping the important things in focus.



VIP ROOM

I'LL DO IT LATER, I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO TEACH IT, AND OTHER EXCUSES - KARRI IVERSON

Can you overcome self-doubt and lack of experience to teach the harder subjects like pre-algebra, chemistry, or English literature? Instead of putting it off, find out what your options are! Karri Iverson, veteran homeschooling mom and author of The Mystery of Science series, will share how she's used resources available to teach her kids through high school.



NORTHWEST CHAPEL (UPSTAIRS)

WORLDVIEWS MATTER: GETTING THE RIGHT WORLDVIEW IN HISTORY, SCIENCE & LITERATURE - KEVIN SWANSON

Will Christian curriculum look any different from public school curriculum when it comes to subjects like history, science, and literature? As the author of most of the Christian Family Discipleship Curriculum provided by Generations, Kevin Swanson discusses the fundamental and radical differences a Christian worldview provides in these subjects.



STUDIO A (UPSTAIRS)

RAISING CHRISTIAN CHILDREN MIKE WINTER

How can we faithfully obey God's command to raise children in the way they should go? Will it work? God's command means God expects us to do our part as faithfully and diligently as possible with His help by the power of the Holy Spirit. What can we do and should we do to provide the best probable outcome for producing children who love God, are good people, and are good citizens of our nation?

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2 - 11:00AM-12:00PM



CLASSROOM 1

WINNING THE HEARTS OF YOUR CHILDREN KATHIE MORRISSEY

The most important thing we can do as we raise our kids is strive to win and keep their hearts! When we have their hearts, we are able to influence them and their values. That is one of the main reasons many parents feel led to home school their children - so THEY can be the ones influencing their children's values. When we fail to win their hearts, or that heart connection becomes weak, our kids will often begin to look to their friends for relationship, and no longer be open to our teaching. Kathie will share some things to avoid that often lead to losing their hearts, and then give 6 key things to help you win & keep their hearts.



CLASSROOM 2

FLASH FICTION WRITING GIVEN HOFFMAN

In this talk, Given Hoffman will teach the building-block principles of story development and three-act-structure, using the tools of goal, conflict, and resolution. Every story from the typical children's book to huge blockbuster movies are created using these three fundamental principles of story development.



CLASSROOM 4

HOMESCHOOLERS IN BUSINESS: EXPLORE AI TO 10X YOUR PRODUCTIVITY- GENA SUAREZ

Join homeschool mom and business leader, Gena Suarez, as we delve into the dynamic world of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Discover how AI can enhance the homeschooling experience and ignite business ideas for both teens and parents. This interactive workshop will introduce you to the origins and fundamental applications of AI, showcasing exciting tools for crafting custom educational projects and initiating teen-led business ventures, giving several examples. We'll also discuss the ethical aspects of AI, ensuring responsible use, and explore what the future holds for AI in our daily lives. Whether you're just starting to explore AI or are keen to integrate it into your homeschool and business practices, this session will equip you with the knowledge and inspiration to harness AI's full potential. Come prepared to be inspired and leave with actionable insights that could spark your next business endeavor!



CLASSROOM 5

SOWING AND REAPING ACROSS GENERATIONS JAMES MUFFETT & JOE CECIL

An inspiring Biblical and historical perspective of God's faithfulness in the past, present, and future, and a compelling look at the scriptural charge to be salt and light in our society. James will be joined by Joe Cecil, current president of Student Statesmanship Institute, for this powerful presentation.



CLASSROOM 6

DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL: SAMPLE 4 YEAR PLAN CARLA FULLER

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



CLASSROOM 7

TEACHING STRUGGLING LEARNERS AT HOME: NUTS & BOLTS FOR SUCCESS CHERI KAY SESSIONS

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

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3 - 2:45-3:45PM



SANCTUARY

BLESSED ARE THE MISFITS BRANT HANSEN

If you've ever felt like you don't fit into American church culture... Brant Hansen has been there, too. Join Brant as he explores modern Christianity, the beauty of being different, and the astonishing goodness of God. American church culture can feel designed for extroverted, emotional people -- so what does that mean for the rest of us? The good news is that the Good News is for all. Maybe "spiritual" doesn't always look like we expect. And maybe those of us whose lives aren't full of amazing or emotional spiritual stories, or those of us who struggle to be social, confident, or happy -- "misfits," really -- have a beautiful place in God's kingdom too.



CHAPEL A

READING STRATEGIES FOR THE STRUGGLING READER OR NONREADER ANDREW PUDEWA

As schools have made reading their new god, they believe that producing good readers will solve all their academic problems. As a result, many children—the dyslexic, the easily distracted, the auditorily challenged—are left behind in the rush to improve test scores. What schools do not know (but what many parents and teachers discover) is that reading is not simply being able to rapidly decode symbols with the eyes. With humor and insight, Andrew Pudewa shares stories and strategies for helping students who need to engage the cognitive processes of reading but who are more likely to excel through a wider variety of practical, creative, and imaginative approaches.



KIDZ CONNECT

INTEGRATING THEOLOGY INTO HOMESCHOOL PHYLICIA MASONHEIMER

Theology, for Christian homeschoolers, isn't just another school subject. It's a lifestyle! Theology affects every subject, and every subject reflects an aspect of Christian theology. Learn how to integrate theology into your homeschool without becoming preachy, legalistic, or burdening your kids with long theological tomes.



VIP ROOM

IT STARTS WITH THE DADS AND PASTORS PAUL & GENA SUAREZ

Calling all pastors, fathers, and homeschool advocates! Join Paul Suarez with The Old Schoolhouse® Magazine as he unveils The Pastor Plan Initiative (PPI), a groundbreaking nonprofit aimed at guiding evangelical churches and Fathers worldwide to prioritize Christian education. Backed by alarming statistics, Paul will shed light on the staggering 87% of Christian youth abandoning their faith post-public school education. With homeschooling emerging as the fastest-growing form of education, Paul offers a beacon of hope and a tangible solution for churches and families alike.



NORTHWEST CHAPEL (UPSTAIRS)

THE HISTORY OF HOMESCHOOLING IN MICHIGAN DAVE AND STEVE KALLMAN

Michigan has not always enjoyed the freedom to homeschool like we have today. Join attorneys Dave and Steve Kallman as they give a thorough review of the hard fought legal battle that has given us freedom to school and disciple our children at home.



CLASSROOM 2

DINOSAUR HUNTERS PATRICK NURRE

This is a fascinating look at how human nature has driven the search and discovery of dinosaur fossils. We will look at some of the intriguing people who have been driven to find these creatures, and the strange directions they took because of their worldviews.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3 - 2:45-3:45PM



STUDIO A (UPSTAIRS)

INTERNET SAFETY 101: SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR NON-TECH PARENTS **JARED HENDERSON**

Internet safety is a serious issue, but most parents feel overwhelmed, unqualified, and out of control when it comes to navigating the digital world with their kids--unsure of where to begin or how to effectively protect their family online. But it doesn't need to be this way. Despite the seeming complexity of the issue, there are plenty of simple, practical steps that any parent can take to drastically improve their children's online safety. In this session, we will cover numerous, specific techniques you can start implementing today--most of which require essentially zero technical expertise. We'll also cover common mistakes most parents make, and how to fix or prevent them. You'll come away with a sobering perspective on the seriousness of your role in protecting the hearts of your children as well as a new sense of empowerment that even you can take control of your family's digital safety.



CLASSROOM 1

HOMESCHOOLING AS A SINGLE PARENT **SARAH VILLANUEVA**

Discover insider tips on the most important tactics to homeschool your children successfully as a single parent. Learn how to quiet the skeptics and thrive with the unique opportunities homeschooling presents. Sarah, a ten-year homeschooling mother (who homeschooled as a single mother) will show you practical applications of prioritizing, simplifying and collaborating. You too can step away from fear and step into the boldness and authority Christ gives to homeschool your children.



CLASSROOM 4

LEARNING WHILE VACATIONING IN THE NATIONAL PARKS **MARY MORGAN**

Mary calls Lansing, Michigan, home, but has a desire to travel across America, exploring natural wonders in our national parks. She has been in all fifty states, stopping to visit sixty national parks. Experiences while traveling prompted Mary to write the National Park Mystery Books, with ten titles in the series. Now that she has two grandchildren, taking them on mystery trips to a national park is the perfect vacation.



CLASSROOM 5

CREATING NEW AND HEALTHY COMMUNICATION **GIVEN HOFFMAN**

Looking for ways to teach communication in the midst of a busy life? In this talk, Given Hoffman shares practical steps for training your child in communication, no matter what age they are. Be empowered to enjoy your child while growing their ability to communicate.



CLASSROOM 6

GARDENSCHOOLING **GINNY YURICH**

"All knowledge is rooted in wonder." - Sharon Lovejoy. Add wonder to your school year by gardening with kids. Learn how gardening will help your kids learn and will add joy and excitement to your school year. You'll come away with lots of project ideas and inspiration.



CLASSROOM 7

YOU CAN HOMESCHOOL YOUR NEURODIVERGENT LEARNER **CHERI KAY SESSIONS**

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

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #4 - 4:00-5:00PM



SANCTUARY

HAVE YOUR CHILDREN BEEN WITH JESUS? KEVIN SWANSON

How do you know if your children have been with Jesus? It was clear that those men who had been disciplined by Jesus had been with Him. But how would you know? The discipleship program of Jesus is quite different than that provided by the world. Jesus trains in faith, prayer, and the Word. Are your children in Jesus' discipleship program?



CHAPEL A

PEN AND PAPER - WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS ANDREW PUDEWA

Recent years have seen an enormous increase in the use of technology in education for even the youngest students. But is technology really the cure-all that many believe it to be? While traditional skills such as cursive penmanship are seen as unnecessary in the modern world, the actual research tells a different story. Join Andrew Pudewa to learn the compelling reasons to read paper books instead of electronic devices, handwrite instead of type, teach cursive instead of printing, and grab a pen instead of a pencil. Discover how to unleash creativity that goes beyond technology.



KIDZ CONNECT

HOSPITALITY AS EVANGELISM PHYLICIA MASONHEIMER

Evangelism is a scary word for many of us. We imagine door to door visits, handing out tracts, or street preachers with a megaphone. But what if evangelism was something you did naturally, in your own home, every week? Hospitality is a biblical command, but many of us forget it's also one of the best ways to love people well and show them who Christ is. Modeling a lifestyle of hospitality to our kids sets them up for a habit of diverse social experience and selflessness. Learn how to cultivate the habit of hospitality and how it equips us for evangelism in this session.



VIP ROOM

PLAN PEACE, HAVE JOY - INFUSING JOY INTO YOUR HOMESCHOOL SHANDA JACOBS

Do you feel like joy is missing from your home and homeschool day? Do you find yourself frazzled and running on fumes? We are going to discuss practical things we can do to infuse joy into your day through habits, systems and intentionality. Planning peace into your day will reap abundant joy! As Proverbs 12:20 says, "Those who plan peace have joy."



NORTHWEST CHAPEL (UPSTAIRS)

DON'T MESS WITH OUR KIDS! PARENTAL RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK WILLIAM WAGNER

Through a Biblical worldview lens, Professor Wagner looks at the unalienable right of parents to direct and control the upbringing of their children- especially in regards to their education.



STUDIO A (UPSTAIRS)

WRANGLING YOUR FAMILY'S TECH: A GUIDED TOUR OF PHONES, FILTERS, & PARENTAL CONTROLS JARED HENDERSON

In this session, we'll take a guided tour of the current landscape of tech that homeschool parents need to know about in order to keep their kids safe in an increasingly internet-connected world. We'll cover iPhones, Androids, tablets, computers, online classes, internet filters, parental control apps, screen time, social media, home networks and more. You'll get both a high-level overview of the dangers, tools, and decisions you'll need to grapple with, as well as some opinionated advice and recommendations from a computer programmer homeschool dad. We'll also cover how to test your family's current internet safety, common mistakes most parents make, and how to evolve and adapt your family's tech security as your kids age and technology continues to change.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #4 - 4:00-5:00PM



CLASSROOM 1
DEALING WITH SASS
SARAH VILLANUEVA

Do you have a child that needs to have the last word or grumbles under their breath? In this workshop Sarah will share approaches that have worked with her children from ages 1-18 that gave a super fast turnaround in the sass department. They are easy and work in most any situations. Keep your sanity and peace in tact while teaching your child to be respectful and obedient.



CLASSROOM 2
HANDCRAFTS
GINNY YURICH

This is a hands-on class! You will leave with a few projects in hand. Handcrafts are great for hand-eye coordination as well as for synaptic growth. Learn about the benefits of handcrafts and actually try some! Kids and adults welcome!



CLASSROOM 4
THE SORDID HISTORY OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION
GENA SUAREZ

Literacy in early America was at its highest until the responsibility for education was stolen from parents by the government. When nineteenth-century Massachusetts parents resisted new mandates to hand their children over to government schools, they were met swiftly with threats of violence. The long arm of the law won the battle by physically enforcing attendance, and literacy rates dropped like a rock after that. Where did education begin in the first place, and how did it end up on its downward trajectory of today?



CLASSROOM 5
DEFEATING THE AFTERNOON SLUMP: 15 MINUTES TO PRODUCTIVE AFTERNOONS - ANN TROAST

Do you feel like productivity ends after your morning lessons? Are you discouraged with the afternoon slump that hits before dinner? Learn how efficient, intentional scheduling can make all the difference for your family. Be inspired to integrate a simple 15-minute activity into your schedule to defeat the afternoon slump and revive your children's love for learning! "Brisk work and ample leisure and freedom should be the rule of the Home School. The work not done in its own time must be left undone." -Charlotte Mason



CLASSROOM 6
HOW TO TEACH YOUR CHILD TO LEARN INDEPENDENTLY
KIM SORGIUS-JONES

You can't do everything, but did you know that you shouldn't even try? In this session, you'll learn how independent learning decreases burn out, helps students excel, and equips them for life. This workshop will give you the tools to guide your child as they gradually transition to learning independently, whether you have preschoolers or high schoolers!



CLASSROOM 7
TACKLING TRICKY HIGH SCHOOL ISSUES: HOMESCHOOLING TEENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - CHERI KAY SESSIONS

This workshop addresses some of the challenges associated with teaching struggling or atypical learners at home in the high school years. Do you have questions such as "How do I award my teen with special needs a diploma?" or "What do I do when my teen with dyslexia can't read high school-level material?" This workshop discusses alternative coursework, specialized curricula and learning materials, assistive technology, transcript options, possible graduation guidelines, high school programs for special learners, and post-high school options. It will also offer tips for navigating the process of applying for testing accommodations for College Board tests.

SPECIAL SESSIONS #5 - SATURDAY 8:30-9:30AM



MOMS & MUFFINS

SANCTUARY

WHAT ABOUT ME? - GINNY YURICH

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In this session we delve into the concerns about losing ourselves when we dive into the homeschool life. We cover the misconceptions about the personal drawbacks homeschooling would appear to have in regards to our own personal growth and well-being. Learn how you can be a homeschool mom and thrive beyond your imagination, all at the same time!



DADS & DOUGHNUTS

KIDZ CONNECT

THE MEN WE NEED - BRANT HANSEN

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The world needs real men, real bad. And there are all sorts of conflicting ideas and messages about what a "real man" is (and is not). Is a real man one who hunts, loves sports, grills meat, fixes cars, and climbs mountains? Sure, sometimes. But that's not really the point of being a man and it's not the purpose for which men were made. Into our cultural confusion, Brant Hansen paints a refreshingly specific, compelling picture of what men are made to be: "Keepers of the Garden." Protectors and defenders. He calls for men of all interests and backgrounds (including "avid indoorsmen" like himself) to be ambitious about the right things and to see themselves as defenders of the vulnerable, with whatever resources they have. Delivered with Brant's signature humor, The Men We Need session will explain the essence of masculinity in a fresh, thoughtful, and entertaining way, as Brant takes a look at God's purpose for dads and sons -- giving men, and young men, a concrete vision for masculinity that's energizing, inspiring, and life-giving for everyone around them.



FAITH & FUN KIDS CLASSES

CLASSROOM 2

GEOLOGY OF MICHIGAN

PATRICK NURRE - NORTHWEST TREASURES

Discover, perhaps for the first time, the geology of your own state, using the book of Genesis as a framework.



LEADER LUNCH

FRIDAY | 12:15-1:15PM | FIRESIDE ROOM

INSIDE EVENT CENTER

CALLING ALL HOMESCHOOL LEADERS & PASTORS - WE WANT TO TREAT YOU TO LUNCH!

Paul & Gena Suarez
The Old Schoolhouse Magazine

We will discuss some ideas on how churches, pastors, and homeschool leaders can partner together and collaborate to create a stronger network of homeschoolers in the state of Michigan over lunch. Please join us - our treat!

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS - SATURDAY

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #6 - 9:45-10:45AM



SANCTUARY
COUNTERCULTURAL LIVING
DR. CAROL SWAIN

What relevance do Jesus' teachings have for contemporary life? Find clarity on tough questions in the Bible regarding life, marriage, race, gender, materialism and education.



CHAPEL A
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: PLANTING FRUITFUL GARDENS
(HOMESCHOOLS) IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD
KEVIN SWANSON

Faith, family, and freedoms have faded in Europe and the Americas. But God has given us a tremendous opportunity now — islands of freedom and culture unlike anything we've seen. He appears to be using homeschooling as a catalyst for good things. How can your family plant fruitful, beautiful gardens at such a time as this? How does the Gospel of Jesus Christ break through in our homes?



KIDZ CONNECT
ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN YOUR HOMESCHOOL
GINNY YURICH

Learn the steps needed to venture into entrepreneurship in your homeschool and also what the long-term benefits are of trying new things and even of failing! This session will be helpful for student or adult entrepreneurs.



VIP ROOM
YOU ATE WHAT??
KARRI IVERSON

Nothing fascinates kids like learning about the digestive system and where their food goes! Join veteran homeschooling mom and the author of the Mystery of Science series, Karri Iverson, to learn how to teach exciting anatomy by including experiments, dissections and pure observation.



NORTHWEST CHAPEL (UPSTAIRS)
CULTIVATING LANGUAGE ARTS - PRESCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
ANDREW PUDEWA

Listening and reading well, speaking and writing clearly, and thinking and debating effectively are abilities that most parents hope to cultivate in their children. With that goal in mind, Andrew Pudewa explores various environments and activities that accelerate the development of these language skills, beginning with the youngest students and continuing into the high school years.



STUDIO A (UPSTAIRS)
CYBER SAFETY CASE STUDY: HOW I KEEP MY FAMILY SAFE ONLINE (AND
HOW YOU CAN TOO) - JARED HENDERSON

As a homeschool dad responsible for my family's internet safety, I've got a major advantage over most parents: I've been a professional computer programmer for nearly 20 years. And I literally wrote my own parental controls app because I wasn't satisfied with the available options. Not everyone can (or will want to) replicate all the steps I've taken, but sometimes just hearing a detailed breakdown and retrospective can help parents gain valuable insights and inspiration to tailor their own approach to internet safety for their families. Join me as I delve into a case study of the specific measures I've tried (and rejected) over the years, and get a detailed description of how one homeschool family has navigated internet safety with kids ranging in age from 7 to 18. We'll cover parenting issues, home network, parental controls, phones, and more.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS - SATURDAY

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #6 - 9:45-10:45AM



CLASSROOM 1

TEACHING APOLOGETICS TO YOUR KIDS **JOSEPH TUSKI**

Prolife apologetics; how to defend the prolife position.



CLASSROOM 2

4 POWERFUL WORDS TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH **PATRICK NURRE**

There are four words that if understood correctly will help you to navigate the debate that rages around Genesis, our origins, and the Flood. These four words will help your children be better apologists for the Faith.



CLASSROOM 4

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT CLINIC: PRACTICAL HELP & TIPS **CARLA FULLER**

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



CLASSROOM 5

DEVELOPING & DRAFTING AN SEP - STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN **CHERI KAY SESSIONS**

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.



CLASSROOM 6

GET OFF THE COUCH: HELPING YOUR KIDS BECOME **DISCIPLINED WORKERS - KIM SORGIUS-JONES**

Do your kids "forget" to do their chores? Is their schoolwork just a box that gets sloppily checked off? Do you feel like they'll never take initiative? If you're looking for the magic pill to help your kids get off the couch and work hard, this isn't the session for you. But if you want practical ways to kick laziness to the curb, be sure to join us as we learn how to encourage and nurture our kids to be disciplined and responsible workers.



CLASSROOM 7

HOW TO OBSERVE SABBATH AS A HOMESCHOOL FAMILY **PHYLICIA MASONHEIMER**

Under the new covenant, Christ is our Sabbath rest. But we still need physical rest, all the more in an ever-hustling culture. Add to this the demands of homeschooling and parenting, and we're left wondering where rest fits in! This session teaches you that rest never "fits in"; you plan your life around it. Learn how to observe a day of rest as a Christian, homeschooling family without becoming legalistic; what activities to integrate into a restful day; how to observe sabbath with shift work; and more.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE - MAY 10, 2024

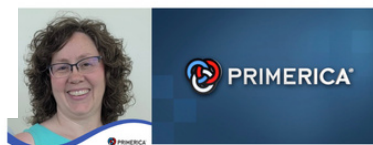
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Sanctuary	MORNING KEYNOTE	Making Time for the Word as a Homeschool Mom Phylcia Masonheimer	Preparing Homeschool Children for an Uncertain Future Ginny Yurich	FIRESIDE ROOM 12:15-1:15pm Special Lunch Session for Leaders Paul & Gena Suarez	LUNCH & SHOPPING	Blessed are the Misfits Brant Hansen	Have Your Children Been wth Jesus? Kevin Swanson	Dinner & Shopping	KEYNOTE - BRANT HANSEN	FAMILY NIGHT
Chapel A		Spelling & The Brain Andrew Pudewa	Addressing the Threats to Our Homeschool Freedoms Dave & Steve Kallman			Reading Strategies for the Struggling Reader/Nonreader Andrew Pudewa	Pen & Paper - What the Research Says Andrew Pudewa			
Kids Connect		The Once A Year Plan - Taking the Overwhelm out of Planning Kim Sorgius-Jones	What to Teach: A Simple Plan for Preschool through Graduation Kim Sorgius-Jones			Integrating Theology into Homeschool Phylcia Masonheimer	Hospitality as Evangelism Phylcia Masonheimer			
VIP Room		Science in the Kitchen, Bathroom & Car Karri Iverson	I'll Do It Later, I'm Not Qualified to Teach It, & Other Excuses Karri Iverson			It Starts with the Dads & Pastors Paul Suarez	Plan Peace, Have Joy Shanda Jacobs			
Classroom 1		Sibling Squabbles Kathie Morrissey	Winning the Hearts of Your Children Kathie Morrissey			Homeschooling as a Single Parent Sarah Villanueva	Dealing with Sass Sarah Villanueva			
Classroom 2		Fiction Writing Techniques Given Hoffman	Flash Fiction Writing Given Hoffman			Dinosaur Hunters Patrick Nurre	Handcrafts Ginny Yurich			
Classroom 4		Postpartum Depression Shanda Jacobs	Homeschoolers In Business: Explore AI Gena Suarez			Learning While Vacationing in the National Parks Mary Morgan	The Sordid History of Compulsory Education Gena Suarez			
Classroom 5		God or Caesar? James Muffet	Sowing & Reaping Across Generations James Muffet			Creating New & Healthy Communication Given Hoffman	Defeating the Afternoon Slump Ann Troast			
Classroom 6		Homeschool Through High School Carla Fuller	Developing a Plan for High School Carla Fuller			Gardenschooling Ginny Yurich	How to Teach Your Child to Learn Independently Kim Sorgius - Jones			
Classroom 7		The Art of Joyful History Lessons Ann Troast	Teaching Struggling Learners at Home Cheri Kay Sessions			You Can Homeschool Your Neurodivergent Learner Cheri Kay Sessions	Tackling Tricky High School Issues Cheri Kay Sessions			
Northwest Chapel (Upstairs)	Making Math & Science Meaningful Kevin Swanson	Worldviews Matter: Getting the Right Worldview in History, Science & Literature Kevin Swanson		The History of Homeschooling in MI Dave & Steve Kallman	Don't Mess with Our Kids - Parental Rights Under Attack William Wagner					
Studio A (Upstairs)	Men: Leading the Home Mike Winter	Raising Christian Children Mike Winter		Internet Safety 101: Simple Solutions for Non-Tech Parents Jared Henderson	Wrangling Your Family's Tech Jared Henderson					
Event Center	Childrens Program - Giant Cow 8:15am - 12:15pm			Childrens Program - Giant Cow 1:15pm - 5:30pm						
Classrooms 9 & 10	TLC - Teen Leadership Corps - 7:45am - 5:00pm									
Exhibitors (Chapel B & Hallways)	OPEN FOR SHOPPING - 9:30am - 7:00pm									

SATURDAY SCHEDULE - MAY 11, 2024

Times:	Session #5 8:30-9:30am	Session #6 9:45-10:45am	11:15am-12:00pm
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Sanctuary	Moms & Muffins: What About Me? Ginny Yurich	Countercultural Living Dr. Carol Swain	
Chapel A		For Such a Time as This - Planting Fruitful Gardens Kevin Swanson	
Kids Connect	Dads & Doughnuts: The Men We Need Brant Hansen	Entrepreneurship in Your Homeschool Ginny Yurich	
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