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## *Homeschool Convention*

**MAY 13-14, 2022**

Friday & Saturday

North Christian Church

Cheyenne, WY

**PRESENTED BY HOMESCHOOL WYO**



# Hello And Welcome,

Our theme **Deeply Rooted** conveys our desire for you, that you and your family would plant your roots deeply in the truth that comes only from our Lord Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:6-7 says, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." We are praying this prayer for each family that attends the Deeply Rooted Convention this year, that you will be **strengthened in faith and overflowing with thankfulness**.

Homeschoolers of Wyoming was founded in 1996 with a mission and vision to support homeschoolers across the state. We continue that work today, 26 years later! In 2020 we went through a name change and rebranding to become Homeschool Wyoming (Homeschool Wyo for short). We also added a new, private online platform for homeschoolers across the state to connect called, **The Homeschool Neighborhood**. We've got groups for everyone; each county has a group, several co-ops are using the platform to communicate with their members, we also have specialty groups for special needs, high schoolers, single parents, and more! We hope this friendly, online community will provide you meaningful connections with neighbors near and far! You can post about events, questions, resources, etc. It's free to join, we hope to see you in the Neighborhood soon!

Over the last 6 years Homeschool Wyoming has nearly quadrupled in partners and we are looking forward to a bright future, Deeply Rooted in our Lord Jesus Christ. We strive to **protect homeschooling freedom, to equip families to homeschool, and connect homeschool families in community**.

It is our mission to protect homeschool freedom in Wyoming, so that each family can direct and fund the education of their children with minimal governmental oversight. In providing access to many free resources and materials as well as a state convention, we equip Wyoming families to begin homeschooling and continue throughout the high school years. It is our vision to see the homeschooling community in Wyoming become **strong, vibrant, and connected**.

After 6 years of serving on the board, I will be retiring as Board President at the end of May and would encourage you, if you have a passion for furthering the mission and vision of Homeschool Wyoming to **get involved** today! It takes a whole lot of wonderful volunteers to put on a convention like this and to do what we do all year round. A **BIG thank you** to all who've helped this year for yet another great convention!!

Be sure to support our vendors in the vendor hall, make connections with new friends, help everyone feel welcome in our great community, and pray about where you might join in support of the homeschool movement.

Enjoy the conference! And blessings on your upcoming homeschool year!

*Lindsey Sears*

Lindsey Sears and the Homeschool Wyo Board of Directors



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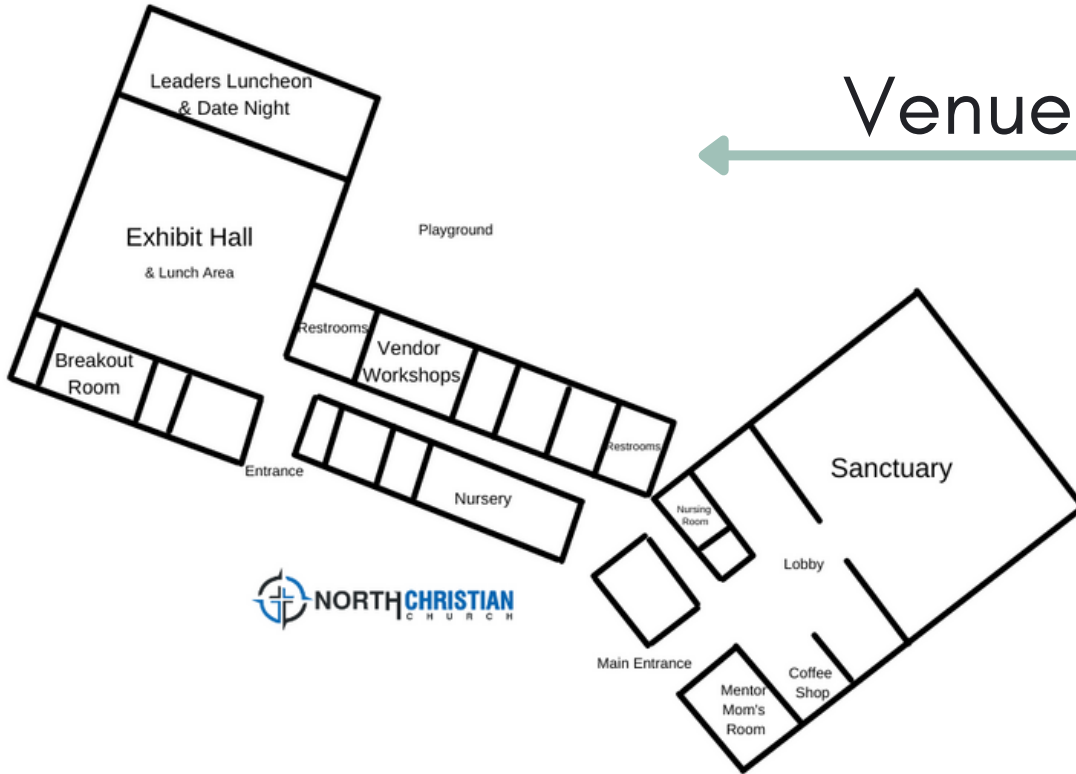
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The Homeschool Neighborhood is our NEW, private, online community created just for homeschoolers in Wyoming. With the growing concerns over online censorship and privacy, we wanted to create a safe space just for you and your groups! Join our statewide group as well as other local, and topic specific groups or start your own group with your co-op or friends!  
 It's FREE! Come and be our Neighbor today!  
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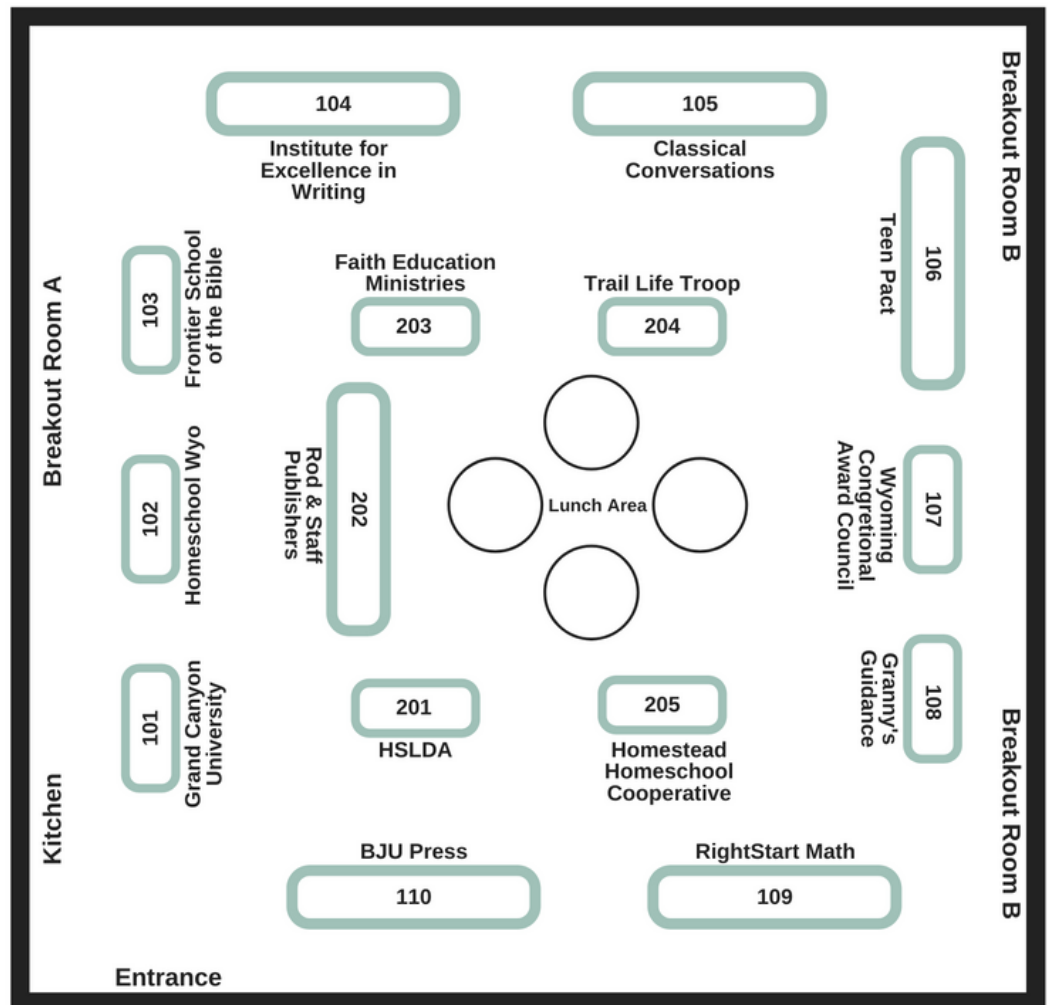
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## Exhibit Hall Map



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## SPEAKERS



### ANDREW PUDEWA

*Founder, Author, and Director of IEW*

Andrew Pudewa is the founder and principal speaker of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Presenting around the world, he addresses issues relating to teaching, writing, thinking, spelling, and music with clarity, insight, practical experience, and humor. His seminars for parents, students, and teachers have helped transform many a reluctant writer and have equipped educators with powerful tools to dramatically improve students' skills. Although he is a graduate of the Talent Education Institute in Japan (Suzuki Method) and holds a Certificate of Child Brain Development, his best endorsement is from a young Alaskan boy who called him "the funny man with the wonderful words." He and his wonderful, heroic wife, Robin, have homeschooled their seven children and are now proud grandparents of fourteen, making their home in Northeastern Oklahoma's beautiful green country.



### VICKI BENTLEY

*Educational Consultant with HSLDA*

Vicki Bentley is an author, speaker, educational consultant, and homeschool veteran with almost three decades of personal and professional experience in the world of home education. She has a heart for helping parents and seeks to equip them with practical wisdom and encouraging words, and presently serves as team leader for HSLDA's PreK-8th educational consultants.

She is the mother of eight daughters, foster mom to over 50, and grandma to 23 wonderful grandbabies and seven great-grandbabies (so far).

Alongside her husband Jim, Vicki has homeschooled 17 children since 1988 and has been a support group leader since 1991. She has served on the executive board and convention committee of the Home Educators Association of Virginia (HEAV) and has addressed state and national conventions, university teacher organizations, and many mothers' groups.

She is also the author of *My Homeschool Planner*, *Everyday Cooking*, *The Everyday Family Chore System*, *Home Education 101: A Mentoring Program for New Homeschoolers*, *High School 101: Blueprint for Success*, along with other homeschool and homemaking helps.





## MICHELLE CHRISTENSEN

*Sessions: Homeschooling in 4-Hours a Day & Deeply Rooted*

Michelle is the wife of a farmer, mother to five children, Granny to 8 grandchildren, follower of Christ, and... accidental author! God has led her from an unprepared teenage mom through the toddler years, the homeschooling years, the hard years and the good years to become the mother of five amazing adults.



## BRENNA LOWRY

*Session: On the Shoulders of Giants*

Brenna is married to Randy, serves on the Homeschool Wyo board, and has homeschooled their 5 children for the past 25 years.



## KEVIN SMITH

*Sessions: Date Night and You're Not Too Busy*

Kevin is a husband, father, pastor and avid weightlifter just to name a few things about him. He is passionate about his marriage and parenting well. Although he is a full-time preacher and Bible class teacher, if you met him in public, you might not realize he was a preacher.

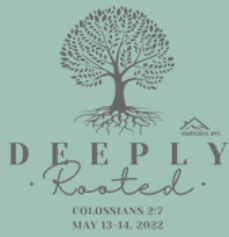


## TASSIE SMITH

*Sessions: Date Night & Homeschooling in Non-Ideal Situations*

Tassie is joyfully a servant of God, a wife, and a mother in that order. Her daughter says she's had more careers than Barbie. She's been a case manager, teacher, writer, missionary, not to mention a long-time homeschool mom (nearly 17 years). She is also the author of a women's Bible study book, "Women of Action," has another waiting to be published, and there's a novel sitting on her computer in its second draft.





# Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday	Sanctuary	Breakout Sessions	Vendor Sessions	Fellowship Hall	Kids Program at Berean	Nursery	Mentor Room
8:15 AM	Kids Drop Off & Shopping Time				8:15 - Drop Off	8:45 am - Drop off	
9:00 AM	Andrew Pudewa: However Imperfect				Shopping Open 8:30 am - 3:30 pm		10:15 am - 11:45 am
10:15 AM	Vicki Bentley: "Jump-Start" to Joyful Motherhood (Psalm 113:9)	Andrew Pudewa: 3 Best Things I Did as a Homeschool Dad					
11:15 AM	Vicki Bentley: Getting Started	Kevin Smith: You're Not Too Busy	Right Start Math: Why it Works				
12:00 PM	~ Lunch Break ~	Leaders Lunch: Vicki Bentley: LEAD with Joy and Town Hall Discussion					
1:45 PM	Brenna Lowry: On the Shoulders of Giants	Michelle Christensen: Homeschooling in 4-Hours a Day					1:45 pm - 3:00 pm
3:00 PM	Andrew Pudewa: Freedomship Education						
4:00 PM	~ Dinner Break ~				4:00 PM - Program Ends	4 pm - Nursery closed	
6:00 PM		Date Night				Kid's Movie Night: 6-8pm	
<b>Saturday</b>							
9:00 AM					9:15 AM - Drop Off	9:15 AM - Drop off	
9:30 AM	Michelle Christensen: Deeply Rooted	Andrew Pudewa: The Profound Influence of Music on Life	Don't School Alone: The Benefits of Community		Shopping Open 9:00 am - 2:45 pm		9:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45 AM	Andrew Pudewa: Cultivating Language Arts: Preschool through High School	Vicki Bentley: Exploring Curriculum Options					
12:00 PM	~ Lunch Break ~						
1:30 PM	Tassie Smith: Homeschooling in Non-Ideal Situations	Vicki Bentley: Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget	Navigating the College Journey with GCU				1:30 pm - 2:45 pm
2:45 PM	Andrew Pudewa: Conquering the Corrupt Culture				4 PM - Program Ends	3:45 pm - Nursery Closed	

## Friday

9:00 AM  
Sanctuary

### However Imperfectly: Lessons Learned from Thirty Years of Teaching Andrew Pudewa

In this talk, Andrew shares many humorous experiences (and painful lessons) he has learned over thirty years of teaching and homeschooling, including: It's hard not to do to your kids what was done to you; process over product; all kids are different; "progressive" education doesn't mean progress; what real "college and career readiness" is; and two secret keys to successful teaching. You will be challenged or reassured (or both!) but sure to leave with an expanded vision of your calling as a home educator.



### **Jump Start" to Joyful Motherhood (Psalm 113:9)** **Vicki Bentley**

10:15 AM  
Sanctuary

What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "joyful mother"? If you aren't sure this describes your perspective on motherhood right now, come learn six steps to guide you to the joyful path! We also discuss practical strategies to help us stay "tuned up."

### **The Three Best Things I Did as a Homeschool Dad** **Andrew Pudewa**

10:15 AM  
Breakout Room

While there are many, many things I could have done better as a homeschool father, there are three distinct things that I did try to do - as consistently as possible during our years of homeschooling- which, according to my wife, were the most helpful. Come and learn what these three things are, and glean some ideas for making your homeschool years the best they can be. Moms welcome as well!

### **Getting Started** **Vicki Bentley**

11:15 AM  
Sanctuary

Are you overwhelmed by all the homeschooling options? Not sure where to begin? In this workshop, Vicki walks you through a planning checklist to help you prepare for this homeschool journey (good planning is the key to any successful road trip)! Topics include research, goal-setting, getting supplies, scheduling, six tips for success, and more! Appropriate for parents with children of any grade level.

### **You're Not Too Busy** **Kevin Smith**

11:15 AM  
Breakout Room

A card-carrying member of workaholics anonymous, Kevin does his best to carve out time to spend with his family. But, hey, the church pays him to work, not to sit and watch TV or play video games all day. What can a hard-working parent do to spend time with their kids while helping model the Christian walk for them? Come join us as we talk about using our spare time, volunteer opportunities, and church meetings/events to bless our kids whether they are homeschooling or not.

### **RightStart™ Math: Why it Works**

11:15 AM  
Vendor  
Workshop Room

Have you heard the buzz about RightStart™ Math? Hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other curricula. We will 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 program!

### **Leaders Luncheon: LEAD with Joy** **Vicki Bentley**

12:00 PM

Leaders must be pre-registered to attend.

Join Vicki to hear four steps to joyful support group leadership. Elizabeth Dechert will encourage us with a tool she is using for homeschoolers in Freemont County. We will also enjoy fellowship and a townhall style discussion as time allows.

# Friday Continued

1:45 PM  
Sanctuary

## **On the Shoulders of Giants** **Brenna Lowry**

Isaac Newton once penned, "If we see further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." Come join Brenna as she explores the contributions that the giants of the Homeschooling movement, in our nation and great state of Wyoming, have made to ensure the freedoms we are enjoying. As we stand on their shoulders - what can we see? Your story matters. You are the giants for the next generation!

1:45 PM  
Breakout Room

## **Homeschooling in 4-Hours a Day** **Michelle Christensen**

Michelle homeschooled her five children with a schedule of four hours of academic work per day. Her family is proof that it CAN be done. She will explain the upside of keeping to that type of schedule and show you that it is possible to customize your homeschooling schedule in a way that fits your own lifestyle and creates a joyful atmosphere in your home. No matter your family dynamics, book work does not need to consume your entire day.

3:00 PM  
Sanctuary

## **Freedomship Education: Rebuilding Your Education Paradigm** **Andrew Pudewa**

Escaping the conveyor belt approach of institutional education by which most of us were shaped isn't easy, but it has to be done. For many parents, our greatest handicap as teachers is our own education- but it need not be so. In this inspiring and empowering session, you will not only come to understand the nature and purpose of today's educational system as it was originally conceived and designed, but you will see a shining alternative path, one that develops true thinkers, leaders, and communicators - so desperately needed in today's world

6:00 PM  
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Vendor Hall

## **Date Night** **Sponsored by: Hager Chiropractic** **Tassie Smith, Kevin Smith**

Married nearly 23 years, Kevin and Tassie Smith jokingly (ok...half-jokingly) say they only have one brain. During Date Night, they'll apply their brain to the question: How can homeschoolers have a fantastic marriage? Practical tips and solid advice abound in this positive look at marriage in the midst of homeschooling.



## **Movie Night for the Kids**

Parents attending Date Night are welcome to bring their kids with a snack to the Vendor Workshop Room where they will be lovingly cared for by responsible homeschool teens while they watch a movie.

### **Deeply Rooted** **Michelle Christensen**

9:30 AM  
Sanctuary

We all want our children to be well grounded, to have a solid foundation. We want them to have strong roots and be adults who can withstand the influences and pressures of this world. Michelle will use personal stories, analogies and humor to give you creative ideas on how to build relationships and heart connections with your children. She believes that it is vital for parents to intentionally teach their children to have their own faith in Christ so that they can grow to be like tall trees with deep roots that can withstand the storms of this world.

### **The Profound Influence of Music on Life** **Andrew Pudewa**

9:30 AM  
Breakout Room

Music has become such an ever-present influence in our daily lives that we seldom stop to consider what effect it has on us. But we must. As we have changed over the last hundred years from being music makers to music consumers, we have gradually lost control over, and even awareness of, our auditory environment. In what way is music beneficial to our bodies and minds? In what circumstances can it actually be harmful? Solid scientific research provides some astounding answers to such questions—indeed, facts that must not be ignored by today's parents and children.

### **Don't Homeschool Alone: The Benefits of Community**

9:30 AM  
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Workshop Room

Parents who homeschool are some of the most independent, creative, hard-working people out there. Classical Conversations believes God has gifted parents with the tools and talents needed to achieve their educational goals for their children. We herald the time-tested educational option of classical, Christian home-education. In this workshop, you will discover how homeschooling is EVEN BETTER in community!

### **Cultivating Language Arts: Preschool through High School** **Andrew Pudewa**

10:45 AM  
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Listening and reading well, speaking and writing clearly, thinking and debating effectively are abilities that most parents hope to cultivate in their children. With that goal in mind, Andrew will explore various environments and activities which will accelerate the development of these language skills, beginning with the youngest students and continuing into the high school years.

### **Exploring Curriculum Options** **Vicki Bentley**

10:45 AM  
Breakout Room

Drawing on her experience as a mom of 17 homeschooled students and a curriculum counselor for a statewide homeschool organization, Vicki shares the secrets to mapping out a successful course of study for your children. This workshop helps beginners to get a solid start in home education and encourages veteran homeschoolers to re-examine their goals and priorities. It also includes a basic overview of different teaching approaches.

## Saturday Continued

1:30 PM  
Sanctuary

### **Homeschooling in Non-Ideal Situations** **Tassie Smith**

"I can't homeschool because..." It's a thought we all share, though our reasons might sound different. Because my kid is neurodiverse/has a learning disability/is G/T; because I don't have a lot of money; because I don't have access to the perfect curriculum; because I don't have an Insta-worthy room to set aside to the purpose. Every family has its challenges! Come join us to talk about homeschooling victoriously in the real world where things aren't always perfect.

1:30 PM  
Breakout Room

### **Homeschooling on a Shoestring Budget** **Vicki Bentley**

Homeschooling doesn't have to cost hundreds of dollars per child. Vicki homeschooled seven at a time while their family was without a full-time income for four years, sometimes spending less than \$100 per year. In this workshop, she shares some of her secrets to homeschooling on a tight budget.

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Workshop Room

### **Navigating the College Journey with GCU**

The process of applying to college can be daunting for everyone, but for homeschool families it can be even more rewarding if you start early and do it right. At Grand Canyon University, we have a large homeschool student population and our previous student body president was a homeschool student! In this workshop, Callie Rafferty, a Homeschool Admissions Counselor, will walk you through how to start the college search process with confidence and how parents and students can prepare early for college. You will learn how to create a stellar homeschool transcript, how dual enrollment can save you much time and money on your undergraduate degree, and the different ways you can earn college credit before starting college classes.

2:45 PM  
Sanctuary

### **Conquering the Corrupt Culture** **Andrew Pudewa**

Today many of us have an intuitive sense that major changes are coming, that soon our world may be very different in ways not necessarily convenient or comfortable. But at the same time, we must wake up each day and live as though things will continue on pretty much as they are. Resolving this cognitive dissonance requires that we carefully contemplate our circumstances because we truly are in a culture war, fighting the "non-gospel" of aesthetic and moral relativism on three fronts - personal, familial, and social. What should our priorities be and how can we prepare our children to be culture warriors?

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