



Heart of Illinois Convention for Home Educators

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Homeschooling: Equipping for Eternity

“...that the next generation
might know them, the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children, so
that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.’

Psalm 78:6-7 (ESV)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Stonestreet



John Stonestreet is Executive Director of Summit Ministries in Manitou Springs, CO and a Fellow of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview.

John speaks and writes about worldview and culture, with specific interest in what it means to be faithful to the Gospel in light of competing definitions of truth and humanness. He speaks to thousands of students, parents, and educators annually, is a frequent guest commentator for radio and web programs, leads various worldview and educational collaborative initiatives, and is on the teaching faculty of Bryan College, as well as several college prep programs. John holds degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (IL) and Bryan College (TN), and is the co-author of *Making Sense of Your World: A Biblical Worldview* (Sheffield, 2007). He and his wife, Sarah, have three daughters. They live in Colorado Springs, CO.

Keynote Friday 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Why Students Walk Away from Their Faith (and what we can do about it...)

Studies show that nearly 50% of students reject their faith in college, and 70% will no longer attend church after they leave home. Why is this happening? What can we do about it? Based on years of research and his experience working with students and parents all over the US, John Stonestreet will explore five reasons students walk away from their Christian faith. Suggestions will also be made as to how we as parents, teachers, and mentors can prevent this from happening.

Keynote Saturday 8:30am-10:00am

A Biblical Worldview: What is Worldview? Why Does it Matter?

This seminar is a basic introduction to the concept of worldview, with an emphasis on why worldviews matter, and how they impact our lives as individuals and as cultures.

Welcome
We are excited to announce the 22nd Annual Heart of Illinois Convention of Home Educators hosted by the Association of Peoria Area Christian Home Educators (APACHE). This year's theme is *Homeschooling: Equipping for Eternity*. APACHE is blessed to encourage you as you persevere in your homeschooling journey.

APACHE is a local organization that promotes home education throughout Central Illinois. We offer events and networking opportunities for families to encourage and further their home education efforts.

Many volunteers work together to provide this quality convention. We pray it will encourage and bless you, as well as provide vision as you raise the future generation. Our convention offers practical ideas from many speakers and vendors who collectively provide you with information to make your Homeschool most successful.

New this year is a time of Worship and Wisdom with featured speaker, Norm Wakefield. We believe this will be a great kick-off to your 2011 convention experience.

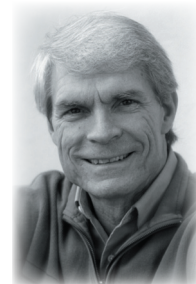
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Featured Speakers

Norm Wakefield

Norm is founder and executive director of The Spirit of Elijah Ministries, International. He and his wife, Alma, have four children (three married) who are walking with Jesus, and fourteen grandchildren. They began homeschooling in 1984 and are still involved in homeschooling their grandchildren. Norm has been a keynote and conference speaker at state and international homeschool conventions since 1992. Norm and Alma live in Bulverde, TX.



God has given Norm a pastor/teacher's heart to teach

how the gospel applies to all relationships and circumstances in life. His knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Scriptures, coupled with his homeschool experience, enables him to specifically speak to the many challenges homeschool parents, children, and young adults face on a daily basis. What makes Norm unique is that he speaks from his heart to the hearts of his listeners with a reliance on the Spirit and presence of Jesus Christ. You'll find his messages biblical, practical, inspirational, and encouraging.

Jay Wile

Jay learned about his love for chemistry when his dedicated parents gave him his first chemistry set. Many stink bombs and a few explosions later, he was hooked! Although he loved chemistry, he also had many other interests. For a while, he thought about becoming a concert pianist, but unfortunately, his fingers were not long enough (no kidding!). As he finished his high school years, he became extremely intrigued with the theater and began to pursue a career in acting. Partly because he had learned the science behind some of the special effects of the plays in which he performed, Jay eventually went back to his first love - chemistry.

He attended the University of Rochester in upstate New York to study chemistry, and while he was there, he began work on nuclear chemistry experiments. He became so fascinated with nuclear chemistry, he remained at the University of Rochester and earned a Ph.D. in that field. For several years, Dr. Wile did research in the field under the auspices of the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. His research led to several grants and many publications. While doing research, he served as an assistant professor of chemistry.

Dr. Wile's love of science is demonstrated by the many awards he has won for excellence in teaching and research. He has also presented numerous lectures on the topics of Nuclear Chemistry, Christian Apologetics, Homeschooling, and Creation vs. Evolution. He has published more than 30 articles on these subjects in nationally recognized, peer-reviewed journals, and has 9 books to his credit, most of which belong to the award-winning *Exploring Creation* series for junior high and high school science courses.



Session Leaders

Ray & Donna Reish



Ray, and his wife of twenty-six years, Donna, have been homeschooling their seven children (currently ages nine through twenty-four) in Indiana for over twenty years. Ray has co-authored speech and debate materials and dozens of homeschool workshops. He operates Training for Triumph, a writing, speaking, cottage class teaching and publishing business with Donna and their five oldest children. Training for Triumph writes and produces a character-based, all-in-one language arts/composition program titled *Character Quality Language Arts*. Ray enjoys challenging and encouraging dads to be servant leaders in their homeschools.

Donna and Ray will graduate their fourth home school student this spring, with three more students still learning at home. In addition to homeschooling their seven children, Donna, with her husband, Ray, has co-authored speech and debate materials as well as dozens of homeschool workshops. Donna has written thirty language arts and composition books for two homeschool providers, including the character-based, all-in-one language arts/composition program *Character Quality Language Arts*. She shares in the operation of their family-owned publishing business, Training for Triumph, which produces writing, speaking, and cottage class teaching materials.

Josh Reish



Joshua is the oldest child of Ray and Donna Reish and a homeschool graduate. He holds a BA in History, testing out of the entire degree except for two classes where no tests were available. Joshua has co-authored speech and debate materials with his family and is a typesetter/editor for *Character Quality Language Arts*, his family's character-based, all-in-one language arts/composition program. Joshua is married to a young lady who was also homeschooled through graduation. He enjoys teaching cottage classes through his family's business, Training for Triumph, and speaking to home school audiences.

Sue Pruett



Sue, a.k.a. "The Charlotte Mason Girl," is married to her best friend, Larry. She is mama to five blessings. She and Larry have homeschooled for eleven years, and have the stories to prove it! Sue has been involved in encouraging and equipping fellow homeschoolers on their homeschool journey for nine years. She loves speaking, writing, and praying over the phone with a friend in need of encouragement. Sue's desire is to help fellow homeschoolers be successful in giving their children an excellent education.

Session Leaders

Thomas Clark

Thomas is a life-long teacher of mathematics and science, with 45 years experience at all levels - from elementary through adult. He began his career with twelve years of classroom teaching, including a year of graduate study, then served five years as the State Mathematics Supervisor for the Indiana Department of Education. In subsequent years, Thomas was commissioned to author several mathematical resources for the Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Co. and the Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. His unique awareness of the needs of both teachers and students is a combination that helped him win the IUPUI Chancellor's Award, the Purdue Chancellor's Award, and the Purdue School of Science Faculty Teaching Award. He is founder of VideoText Interactive, a company specializing in bringing the textbook to life through technology. The company's first major program, *Algebra: A Complete Course*, has been acclaimed by homeschoolers worldwide, and the newly released program, *Geometry: A Complete Course* is already receiving strong reviews.



Jeannie Bauer

Jeannie has spent the past 25 years working to solve the puzzle of how to be the mom, and is grateful that God promised, *...My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness* (2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV). Before she became a mother, Jeannie taught elementary and secondary special education in both public and private schools. After discovering the joys of serving as a wife and mother, she turned her love for learning homeward. Navigating the waters of parenting and home education has been the most challenging, overwhelming, and satisfying job Jeannie could ever have. She's reminded daily, *...with God all things are possible* (Matthew 19:26 NIV). As she nears the end of her second academic career, Jeannie hopes to provide encouragement to moms who are about to step into the water of homeschooling - or racing into the rapids. Jeannie promises laughter and tears as she honestly shares her strengths and weaknesses as well as her successes and difficulties as a homeschool mom.



Rachel Gudeman

Rachel began her career teaching geometry and AP calculus in the traditional classroom. Her passion for students and teaching made her decision to stay home with her own children a difficult one. When her oldest was ready for kindergarten, a half-day program at the school hardly seemed worth dragging the two younger siblings out on a daily basis, so she and her husband decided to try home schooling "for just one year." God had other plans. Ten years later, they are still home schooling. Rachel now uses her passion for math and science education to encourage parents and help them develop math and science programs that work for their families. She also has the joy of teaching math and science classes to homeschoolers in the Peoria area. She and her husband, Karmon, live in Morton with their four children: Rebekah, Hannah, Seth, and Isaiah.



Session Leaders

James & Stacy McDonald



James, husband, father of ten, and grandfather, serves as pastor of Providence Church in Morton, Illinois. A graduate of the University of Idaho (BSME), James is on a lifelong quest to complete his Master of Divinity. He is currently enrolled at The North American Reformed Seminary. James and his family moved to Central Illinois in 2006 from Southeast Texas, where he served as pastor of Crown and Covenant Presbyterian Church. The McDonald family lives on “two acres of heaven in the middle of nowhere Illinois” where they spend their spare time raising a few chickens, adventuring in the woods and cornfields, and reading good books.

Stacy, pastor’s wife to James, is also a homeschool mother, grandmother, conference speaker, and author of the life-changing books *Passionate Housewives*, *Desperate for God*, and *Raising Maidens of Virtue*. While traveling with her family, Stacy has taught women around the globe about issues relating to serving as a wife, mother, homeschool teacher, and chastity. Visit her at www.yoursacredcalling.com.

Melanie Hexter



Melanie and her husband, Matthew, have homeschooled their six children since 1998. Melanie loves to connect Christian homeschoolers with each other and to excellent resources. From her passion she launched *Home School 101*, a public workshop for families considering homeschooling in central Ohio. Melanie is the columnist of “Beginning Home-schooling” for *Home School Enrichment* magazine. Melanie has also written curricula titled *The Chronicles of Narnia Unit Study*, *U.S. National Parks Unit Study*, and *Head to Heart: A Bible Study for Children*, all available for immediate download as e-books from www.lemiloepublishing.com.

Angela Beddingfield



Angela Beddingfield, wife for 12 years and mother of 3, holds a Bachelor of Science in Bible and Elementary Education from Baptist Bible College. With her state teaching certificate from Missouri and gifted licensure from Indiana, Angela has homeschooled all three of her kids since 2004. She is currently working toward earning her Master’s Degree in Educational Psychology / Gifted Education from Purdue University where she teaches at their Gifted Education Resource Institute. She has taught missions work in Nicaragua, Honduras, and Hungary. Angela speaks at ladies’ conferences, retreats, and banquets along with leading the ladies’ ministry at Cedar Hills Baptist Church in the Dunlap area. Angela has also been teaching piano for 13 years and has done private tutoring.

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Worship and Wisdom with Norm Wakefield

(Friday 9:15am to 10:15 am)

We invite you to join us for an opening time of worship with featured speaker, Norm Wakefield. As homeschooling parents, it is easy to get entangled by the educational responsibility of homeschooling our children, when in reality our greatest desire is to “train them up in the way they should go”. This session will be focused on the need for us parents to be renewed and refreshed in our walk with the LORD, to set our hearts and minds aright, before we begin the

educational decision making necessary for the upcoming year of homeschooling. Norm will be leading us in a time of worship and sharing pearls of wisdom learned through his home-educational experiences. We promise you will be encouraged and blessed in this special session dedicated to seeking God in worship and the Word.

Charting Your Homeschool Path: The Keys to a Successful Homeschool Convention

(Friday 10:30am - 11:30am)

Whether this is your first homeschool convention or you are returning and still battling that overwhelmed feeling, we invite you to join us for this workshop. In this introductory session, you will meet veteran homeschool families who have a passion to help YOU succeed in your homeschooling journey. We will present an overview of resources/curriculum, recommend workshops to meet YOUR needs, and conclude with tips on successful navigation of the Exhibit Hall. There will be ample time to answer questions and we will even have a guided tour of the Exhibit Hall. Space is limited, so please pre-register for this workshop on your registration form.

Session 1 - Friday - 12:30pm-1:30pm

(V) 1. A Biblical Vision for Education: What is a Disciple? ~ John Stonestreet

Christian education is more than education in a Christian environment. In fact, it isn't a Christian education unless it confronts students with a Christian worldview. This seminar provides a model for education that is distinctly Christian, beginning with Christian assumptions, governed by Christian methodology, toward Christian ends.

(M) 2. What's a Mom to Do With Teen Sons? ~ Norm Wakefield

How does a mother cope with the transition of her little boy becoming a man? What is her role? What can she do to avoid alienating her son as she gives instruction? Answers to these questions and more!

(A) 3. Why I Believe In a Young Earth ~ Jay Wile

The age of the earth is a controversial topic, even in the Christian community. While Dr. Wile is a young-earth creationist, he does not take that position as a result of theology; instead, he thinks that belief in an ancient earth, and even belief in God-driven evolution, is not contrary to Scripture. Nevertheless, he thinks that the bulk of the scientific evidence points to a young earth. Dr. Wile will discuss both the theology and the science behind his view. Quoting some of the earliest church fathers, he will show that a view consistent with an old-earth has existed long before science began to focus on the concept of an ancient earth. He will also share specific instances in which orthodox Christian theology replaces the obvious, literal translation for a passage of Scripture with a less literal interpretation. These points in combination, Dr. Wile will show that while a young-earth view is consistent with an orthodox interpretation of Scripture, an old-earth view is as well. He will then discuss some scientific philosophy and evidence that has led him to a young earth view.

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(A) 4. Homeschooling Your High Schooler ~ Ray and Donna Reish

After graduating three students from their family's homeschool, Ray and Donna Reish will explain many aspects of homeschooling high schoolers which they have found to be successful, including mentoring, training toward a student's bent, helping young teens be successful, training teens to serve, and more. Donna will touch on transcript writing as well.

(A) 5. Teaching Literature ~ Joshua Reish

Do names like Shakespeare, Milton, and Longfellow intimidate you as a teacher? Is it really necessary for your students to study literature? In this workshop, Joshua Reish will explain why the study of literature is important for all students, and more importantly, how you can teach literature with confidence.

(A) 6. An Introduction to the Methods of Miss Charlotte Mason ~ Sue Pruett

Whether you are new to homeschooling or a veteran of many years, the methods of Miss Charlotte Mason are worth your time! Sue will introduce to you the gentle, natural, successful methods developed over a century ago by a woman dedicated to seeing that every child receives an excellent education.

(Y) 7. Student Challenge ~ Rachel Gudeman

Bring your friends and prepare to be challenged. The tasks are new this year, but we'll still have lots of fun. Students will work in teams to create, build, or complete given tasks. Everything is provided, just bring your A-game 'cause the rewards of winning are just as sweet as last year.

(GS) 8. Before You Begin: Learning Styles and Love Languages ~ Jeannie Bauer

Focused and driven or scattered and apathetic? Tidy or a train wreck? Expressive? Solitary? Persnickety? One of the benefits of home education is seeing the 'student' as an individual of special value and gifts, but how do we make sense of our kids when often we don't even understand ourselves? Explore two of the keys essential to unlocking your child's bent. Utilizing the principles of Cynthia Tobias and Gary Chapman, learn how to take stock of yourself and your child so you can more effectively love them and teach them.

(A) 9. Teaching Mathematics with Art! (or is it Teaching Art with Mathematics?) ~ Tom Clark

In this educational and entertaining workshop, Tom will explore the natural and logical connections between mathematics and art. He will investigate mathematical principles and show how they are related to, and illustrated by, artistic applications. Likewise, he will explore several artistic concepts and show how they are based on mathematical ideas. Of course, throughout, the importance of language and communication will be stressed, as these must play a key role in understanding both areas.

Session 2 - Friday - 2:30pm-3:30pm

(V) 10. A Vision for Impact: Calling, Culture, and the Kingdom: What Should I Do with My Life? ~ John Stonestreet

A better question is "Who Am I?" A secular education teaches students to make a living. A Christian education teaches students to make a life. The long, lost concept of a *calling* on one's life is explored here, including clear, Biblical teaching of how this concept applies beyond occupational ministry. Unlock a student's vision and watch him change the world!

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(S) **11. Life with Amanda ~ Norm Wakefield**

Norm shares lessons he and Alma have learned while educating Amanda, their now 27 year-old daughter who has Down's Syndrome. They will share insights regarding how to face the challenges of working with a special needs child as well as resources that may encourage and assist.

(Y) **12. Be Open-Minded, but Don't Let Your Brain Fall Out! ~ Jay Wile**

One of the most important steps in critical thinking is to look at all sides of an issue. It's very easy to get trapped by false ideas if you continue to look at an issue from only one side. At the same time, however, it can be uncomfortable (and sometimes dangerous) to read the viewpoints of those with whom we disagree. How does a Christian deal with this tension? Dr. Wile will first discuss why it's so important to look at an issue from many different sides, then he will explain how to avoid the pitfalls that can result. Those interested in serious investigations of theological, scientific, or political issues are strongly encouraged to join this workshop.

(D) **13. The Successful Home Schooling Father ~ Ray Reish**

Ray Reish shares several components that have, in the eyes of his wife and children, made him a successful home-schooling father. Fathers everywhere can be successful in their homeschooling efforts when they learn to die to themselves and serve their families as opposed to ruling them.

(A) **14. The Timed Essay/The Five Paragraph Essay (for SAT and Other Quick Writing Preparation) ~ Donna Reish**

Donna Reish teaches parents (or teens) how to write a strong SAT or other timed essay including how to practice at home, what graders are looking for, the importance of organization, time management techniques, building a background of knowledge, and more.

(A) **15. How to Teach Without Using a Book ~ Joshua Reish**

Does learning stop when the math, science, and English textbooks are set down? From learning how to tie shoes, to being able to change the oil in a car, to how to get along with your sister, most learning is done away from the textbooks. In this workshop, twenty-four year old homeschool graduate, Joshua Reish, will show you how you can make the most of all the teaching opportunities God brings along every day. This session includes many anecdotes and examples of "delight directed," "teachable moments," and "disciplinary learning" that occurred in Joshua's life as a homeschool student, as well as basketball statistics, critical thinking, and much more.

(A) **16. The Extras that Aren't Extra ~ Sue Pruett**

Music, composers, artists, handcrafts, folk songs, hymns, foreign languages, free reading, poetry... Do these studies sound like the always-just-out-of-reach icing on the curriculum cake? Do you feel you have too much else to do, and you just can't fit in all these 'fun' studies? Are these just special treats reserved for the super-organized mom sitting next to you at your homeschool group? Well, Sue Pruett will encourage that you CAN incorporate these and give your children the excellent education you desire for them! These subjects are just as vital as history, math, and science to your curriculum! Learn how you can have the icing on the cake and feed it to your children - even first thing in the morning! (Now whose mother ever told them to have dessert first?!)

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(V) 17. **Counting the Cost: Preventing Homeschool Dropouts ~ James McDonald**

In public school, it is the student who drops out. In homeschool, it is often the parents. Those of us in the trenches with you know that homeschooling is not always easy. Join James as he explores the reasons why families choose to homeschool and the reasons why some give up. This is a must for frustrated parents - or those wishing to support other homeschooling families.

(A) 18. **Math for the Faint of Heart ~ Rachel Gudeman**

The heart beats a little faster and the palms begin to sweat when the topic of math arises in homeschooling. Algebra can make even the veteran home educator weak in the knees. But God is completely aware of your mathematics ability and has called you to homeschool anyway. This workshop will give you recommendations, a few tips, and a whole lot of encouragement with your math curriculum.

(V) 19. **Why I Do What We Do ~ Jeannie Bauer**

Home Education is so much more than curriculum, test scores, and lessons. Let's discover why homeschooling is the perfect fit for developing Christ-centered people. We'll cover the basics of fostering a lifelong-learner attitude in your child and discuss practical tips to help you focus on the important (not the urgent), so your children will be successful and you will avoid burnout. Whether you're just getting started or have several years of homeschooling behind you, Jeannie wants to share with you her struggles and successes, heartaches and high-fives, so you can be encouraged to complete the work God has begun in you.

Session 3 - Saturday - 11:00am-Noon

(V) 20. **Christianity and Culture: For What Are We Responsible? ~ John Stonestreet**

Should we withdraw from culture? Should we become "relevant" to culture? What does it mean to live as a Christian in today's world? Using the Apostle Paul's teaching and actions, in light of the overall message of Scripture, John will share our responsibility to culture and the individuals in it.

(V) 21. **Curse of the Standard Bearers ~ Norm Wakefield**

The easiest way to parent is to give your children standards to live by; however, it can be the most destructive. Without realizing it, parents may make their identity more about the standards by which they live than about a relationship with Jesus Christ. Norm will share the pitfalls of being a "standard bearer" and the blessing of being a "true image bearer."

(A) 22. **Why Homeschool THROUGH High School? ~ Jay Wile**

Homeschooling parents are often faced with a difficult decision when their children reach high school age. Typically, the parents feel they are just not able to teach the more demanding courses that are required at the high school level. As a result, many parents feel they must send their children to public or private school for a proper high school education. In this seminar, Dr. Wile will use data gathered from many different sources, including his own experiences, he will demonstrate that homeschooled students are better prepared academically, and better socialized, than their publicly- or privately-schooled counterparts. These facts allow Dr. Wile to make a compelling case that the best thing for a homeschooled student is to stay in homeschool, regardless of the parent's academic abilities.

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(GS) **23. So You're Gonna Home School ~ Donna Reish**

Donna will encourage the beginning homeschoolers, give you information you need to begin homeschool successfully - and enjoy their children at home. In this helpful session, using statistics and studies, she will explain why homeschooling is superior. Then she will explain the top ten things new homeschoolers need to know and/or do, such as: setting up

a homeschooling schedule, choosing activities wisely, teaching like Jesus, keeping records, and much more.

(A) **24. Loving the Real America ~ Joshua Reish**

What does it mean to be patriotic? Of course, it is more than putting your hand over your heart during the National Anthem and waving a flag on the fourth of July; but, what? In this presentation, Joshua Reish, a homeschool graduate with a BA in history, will take you on a whirlwind journey through American history. Along the way you will learn about true patriots, some famous and other unknown and the legacies they left for us. Get ready to learn and take your place in this journey that is America—and be equipped to help your students love the real America as well.

(A) **25. Nature Studies – the Natural Way ~ Sue Pruett**

Nature Studies sound so wonderful – and intimidating - don't they? We are blessed to have a wonderful guide for us in Miss Charlotte Mason! She advocates getting children into the out-of-doors every day, in all kinds of weather, and in all kinds of spaces. Whether you have no yard of your own at all, or you have acres of land right outside your door, it IS possible to give your children an excellent education about God's creation. Join us at this session to discover how!

(D) **26. Tending the Garden: How to Support Your Homeschooling Wife** **~ James McDonald (For Men Only)**

Often, the burden of homeschool teaching falls on the mother. Using the analogy of tending a garden, James will list ways a homeschooling husband must lead and shelter his wife. The way a husband protects, nourishes, and supports his wife can be the difference between success and failure.

(M) **27. The House that Mom Built ~ Stacy McDonald**

There are so many ways we, as mothers, can either build up or, in contrast, tear down our own homes. As mothers, we have the choice each day whether or not we're going to be an influence for Godly growth and joy in our homes. In this workshop, Stacy will discuss some of the qualities of a wise woman, and just what makes her wise.

(A) **28. Identifying and Avoiding the Trouble Spots in Math ~ Tom Clark**

Join Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive, and author of *Algebra: A Complete Course* and *Geometry: A Complete Course*, as he offers an entertaining and educational session designed to help you discover the reasons behind the difficulty of several traditional trouble spots in math. Topics discussed will be determined by the audience and may include: division of fractions and multiplication of decimals (using those mindless rules), long division, story problems, positive and negative numbers, and numerous others, all of which seem to indicate that mathematics is just naturally "difficult."

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(A) 29. **The Ladder of Learning: Teaching Children Across a Wide Age Range ~ Melanie Hexter**

As parents of multiple children, do you worry about how you can possibly teach different levels and different subjects to all your children simultaneously? Melanie Hexter will present a variety of practical ideas to help you competently add younger ones' learning to an already crowded, daily academic schedule of the older children. Freedom for Mom is included!

Session 4 - Saturday - 2:00pm-3:00pm

(Y) 30. **Amusing Ourselves to Death: Living Faithfully in a Culture of Distraction ~ John Stonestreet**

Finally, a seminar for parents and students together that takes seriously the issue of entertainment and media, dealing honestly with both parental concerns and students' questions. Not only does this seminar expose the worldviews at work in entertainment today, but faces seriously such questions as: "Where do we draw the line?", "Should a Christian listen to secular music?", "What is a Christian band?", "What is going on in popular culture?" This seminar confronts these questions straight on and provides the Biblical foundations for your family to develop a strategy for engaging the culture for Christ, right where it is the loudest.

(D) 31. **Tearing Down the Walls ~ Norm Wakefield**

When someone criticizes us or accentuates our weaknesses, it can be hard not to put up a wall of protection and close our hearts to them. This happens more often with the people closest to us. You'll learn what the Apostle Paul called a "divine weapon" for the tearing down of walls.

(A) 32. **"Teaching" the Junior High & High School Sciences at Home ~ Jay Wile**

In this seminar, Dr. Wile will explain how any parent can help his or her children learn science at the upper levels. As a former University and high school teacher, Dr. Wile is a staunch advocate of homeschooling a student all the way through the high school years. He agrees that most parents do not have the ability to teach the high school sciences at home, but he also contends that this is not a problem. By the time a homeschooled student reaches high school, he or she should have the ability to learn independently, or with the help of another. Thus, Dr. Wile admonishes the parent to learn the subject right along with the student. With both the parent and the student helping each other learn, an upper level science experience can be equally rewarding for both! In order to help the homeschooling parent plan his or her science curriculum, Dr. Wile will provide study timelines for both the science-oriented and the non-science-oriented student. In addition, he discusses the mathematical skills needed in order to maintain the proposed timeline.

(D) 33. **Teaching the Bible to Your Children Without Pressure ~ Ray Reish**

Ray will give homeschool dads the courage to dig into the Bible with their families - without a Bible degree or the pressure that they aren't doing it right! Ray will share dozens of fun and non-pressuring ways the Bible has been brought into his homeschool over the past twenty years - and how to make God's Word and its teachings the center of your

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(A) **34. Homeschooling Preschool and Kindergarten ~ Donna Reish**

Donna will share some surprising news about preschoolers and kindergarteners. The first skill they should be taught is obedience! She explains how to follow an order, in teaching this age, that focuses on the truly important things, how to enjoy these years, and more.

(A) **35. Teaching Your Child with Living Books ~ Sue Pruett**

You know that “Living Books” are vital to an excellent Charlotte Mason education for your children. You may wonder, however, what IS a “living book?” Is any book at my local library a living book? How can I tell? In this hour, Sue Pruett will define what a living book is, share examples of living books, and give you a guide on how to evaluate a book to determine if it is genuinely a living book. She will also share with you exactly how to use a living book in your child’s education, and how EASY it is to use living books.

(A) **36. Introduction to Gifted Education ~ Angela Beddingfield**

Do you have a child who absorbs materials as fast as you can give, has the capacity to work ahead of his/her average grade level, or is even bored with their current education level? Perhaps you have a child who struggles with interest in and motivation for their grade level work. You may be teaching a gifted student! Many parents homeschool gifted students. Some are aware of their child’s gifted ability while others have yet to identify this. In either case, this session will offer parents information and guidance in understanding the realm of gifted teaching and learning. Gifted students are special needs students who benefit from a learning environment geared towards their learning styles and capacities. Come to this session to get an in depth introduction for identifying, teaching, and learning styles of your gifted learner. If you have a child who has already been identified as gifted, or you have a student you think may be gifted, this session will be a help to you. Also, don’t miss the follow-up session, Homeschooling the Gifted: Resources, Ideas, & Helps.

(Y) **37. You Don’t Need a Calculator to Build a Pyramid ~ Rachel Gudeman**

“When are we ever going to use this?” The time is now. There won’t be any paper or pencils as we discover how math principles can be used to build, create, and construct. No experience necessary. Warning: participants may engage in laughter and fun while learning about math topics.

(A) **38. UH, OH! The Fractions Are Moving In! (There goes the neighborhood!) ~ Tom Clark**

Since algebraic fractions are a much more complex form than arithmetic fractions, the memorization of the operational techniques generally taught in arithmetic simply will not hold in Algebra. In this instructional workshop, Tom will humorously explain, in detail, the “reasons behind the rules.” Now students can develop a clear, conceptual approach to working with fractions - without a reliance on meaningless shortcuts and tricks - preparing them to be much more successful when working with algebraic relations.

(V) **39. Begin with the End in Mind: Homeschooling with Purpose ~ Melanie Hexter**

You may know tomorrow’s lesson plans, but do you know where you want your children to be when they graduate from your homeschool? How can you lead them toward the goal if the finish line is uncertain? Melanie’s husband, Matthew, formulated their family’s purpose statement: “Live Every Moment In Light Of Eternity.” Then they named their homeschool “LEMILOE Academy” in its honor. In this workshop, Melanie will explain how they use their purpose to make intentional choices for their family and their homeschool. Fathers are especially encouraged to attend.

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(V) **40. Marriage and Society: Where it Fits in God's Plan and Why It's Worth Defending ~ John Stonestreet**

In this seminar, John talks about the ways in which the traditional view of the family is best for society and individuals alike, about God's original plan for marriage and family, and about the consequences a deteriorating image of marriage and the family are having on our culture today.

(V) **41. Revival in America ~ Norm Wakefield**

America is in great need of a spiritual revival. How does the home education movement figure into a coming revival? In this message, Norm will express God's heart and vision for revival and how God can use the homeschooling movement to transform families, churches, cities, states, and a nation. It is vital that parents see how God wants to use you to express His heart as you build a Godly legacy for the next generation.

(Y) **42. Ask The Beasts ~ Jay Wile**

In this seminar, Dr. Wile will talk about Job 12:7-10, which begins by commanding the reader to "Ask the beasts." In his view, this Scripture is telling us that we must study nature to fully understand God. While God's divine revelation (the Bible) is clearly more detailed and precise than His natural revelation (creation), both are necessary to have a full and complete understanding of God. He will give a bit of history to show you that this was the motivation for many of the great scientists of the past, and some great scientists of the present. He then draws from fields such as astronomy, microbiology, zoology, and botany to share at least a bit of what science tells us about God.

(A) **43. Teaching Reading ~ Donna Reish**

Donna's Master's work is in reading specialist, but she learned how to teach reading by "doing the stuff." In this workshop, she will help build confidence in the homeschooling mom to teach her children to read, including developing prereading skills naturally in preschoolers, what readiness to learn to read is, and what it is not. She will share the basics of reading instruction, phonics versus whole language, how to build comprehension skills, choosing reader, and more.

(A) **44. Writing with Style ~ Joshua Reish**

Co-author of several books in the *Meaningful Composition* series, Joshua will instruct parents (and/or junior high and high school students) in the fine art of writing stylistically. Joshua will instruct in the area of writing that many writing programs do not tackle, such as the exact word for the job, the perfect sentence, conciseness, imagery, literary devices, meaningful prose, and more.

(A) **45. Language Arts - Naturally, the Charlotte Mason Way ~ Sue Pruet**

"What do you do for English?" "How do you teach spelling?" "What grammar program do you use?" "What do you do for reading?" Until she began using Charlotte Mason's methods, which she's used throughout her eleven years of homeschooling her children, questions like these used to throw her. "I worried I wasn't doing all I should do for my children in these various subjects." Because the Charlotte Mason method does not closely resemble a standard school curriculum, some people aren't sure how it will teach English, spelling, or grammar. In this session, Sue will show how she teaches all her children with the gentle, natural methods that Miss Mason developed, and how it has benefited-

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benefited them in all their educational endeavors. You would be amazed at just how much can be accomplished with a few simple exercises – like creative writing, for example. Join her this hour to learn how to cover all these subjects, and more, without driving you or your children mad!

(A) **46. Homeschooling the Gifted: Helps, Ideas, & Resources ~**

Angela Beddingfield

Homeschooling a gifted child is vastly different than that of homeschooling your average child. Just as a delayed student has special needs and adaptations, the gifted learner also has very distinct learning patterns and needs. With the gifted population being a smaller population, as well as a less talked about and addressed population, finding resources and guidance for your gifted child can be difficult. This session will offer many resources, techniques, styles, ideas, and overall helps in homeschooling your gifted learner. We will be sharing information from how and where to go for testing and identification to enriching the gifted high school student. How do you know if your child is gifted? What do you do with a student who is finishing high school curriculum at age 14? Does your child know that he/she is gifted or feel as though they are different from their peers? Should gifted students go to college earlier? We will be answering these questions and more in this helpful session for parents working with gifted children.

(A) **47. Patterns for Planning and Paperwork ~ Jeannie Bauer**

From start to finish, custom-fitting high school to your student can seem daunting, but is central to successfully educating your teen. *Foundational* is a typical course of study tailored to your child's unique, God-given shape. Learn how important it is to fit high school to the interests and strengths of your teen. Uncover how to turn everyday activities into "credits." Investigate how to best utilize the resources in your community. Explore how to end up with a transcript that truly reflects your student's one-of-a-kind style. Discover the pattern for homeschooling your high schooler.

(A) **48. Simplifying Algebra for the Hesitant Learner ~ Tom Clark**

Because Algebra is primarily the study of equations and inequalities, it's essential that students understand the basic concepts necessary to solve them. It's not uncommon, however, to find students who simply don't believe they can do this. Join us as we develop a questioning approach which is applicable to all of these basic relations, and which has proven to have significant impact on achievement - even for students who consider themselves "mathematically challenged." We'll actually discover the five simple analysis questions students need to ask in order to "undo" all of the complications they may encounter, and we'll demonstrate mastery of that strategy.

(M) **49. Finding Balance: Homeschooling in a Large Family ~ Melanie Hexter**

In a large homeschooling family, there's often not enough "Mom" to go around. Melanie will present an honest peek into her daily life, homeschooling six children ages sixteen to one. She will discuss teaching and discipleship, meeting emotional needs, keeping up with running the household, and having time for the Lord and herself.

Schedule of Events

Friday

8:30 am	Registration/Vendor Hall Open
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Worship and Wisdom with Norm Wakefield
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Homeschooling 101 Vendor Workshops 1
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Session 1
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Shopping
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Session 2
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Shopping
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Vendor Workshop 2
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner/Shopping
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Keynote (Ven. Hall Closed)

Saturday

8:00 am	Registration Opens
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Keynote (Ven. Hall Closed)
9:00 am	Vendor Hall Opens
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Shopping
11:00 am - Noon	Session 3
Noon - 2:00 pm	Lunch/Shopping
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Session 4
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Shopping
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Session 5 (Ven. Hall Closed)

Convention Instructions

Vendor Hall

Please note: You must register for the convention to enter the Vendor Hall.

Shop-Shop-Shop...

Friday - 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

There will be absolutely no access to the Vendor Hall except during these hours, so please plan accordingly.

Vendor Representatives

An impressive group of Christian organizations, publishers, and businesses that serve and support the Homeschool community will participate in the convention as Vendors. Take advantage of this opportunity to save shipping charges on materials you need. Some Vendors also have convention specials for further savings. Vendor representatives are a tremendous resource, many of whom are homeschooling families who have already faced the myriad choices before you. Bring your questions concerning various products and glean from this collective group of experts.

Children

Children under 12 will not be permitted.

Nursing infants 12 months and younger are welcome; however, we request that parents with infants sit in the back of the room near an exit and leave the session if the infant becomes noisy. A private room for nursing mothers will be available, but there will be no other childcare facilities offered.

Refund Policy

If you are unable to attend the convention after prepayment has been made, please send a written request for a refund to:

APACHE
P.O. Box 5203
Peoria, IL 61601-5203

Requests postmarked on or before March 19 will receive a full refund. Requests postmarked after March 19, 2011 will receive a 50% refund.

Hotel Information

For your convenience, listed here are representative hotels convenient to the Peoria Civic Center. Many of these have shuttles that will take you to the Civic Center to avoid additional parking charges. Please call the hotel in advance to confirm that they offer this service.

DOWNTOWN

Hotel Pere Marquette
501 Main Street
Peoria, IL 61502
(309) 637-6555 or (800)
447-1676
www.hotelperemarquette.com

Staybridge Suites
300 W. Romeo B. Garret Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
673-7829
www.staybridge.com

Mark Twain Hotel
225 NE Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 676-3600
www.marktwainhotel.com

Holiday Inn City Center
500 Hamilton Boulevard
Peoria IL 61602
(309) 673-2500
www.holidayinn.com

EAST PEORIA

Stoney Creek Inn
101 Mariners Way
East Peoria, IL 61611
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www.stoneycreekinn.com

Embassy Suites
101 Conference Center Drive
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-0200
www.hilton.com

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East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-4969
www.holididayinnexpress.com

Fairfield Inn and Suites
200 Eastlight Court
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-4100
www.marriott.com

NORTHWOODS MALL

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www.jamesoninns.com

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1812 w. War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61614-6728
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www.comfortsuites.com

Red Roof Inn
1833 W. War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
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www.redroof.com

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Questions? Contact: Registration Coordinator, 3611 E. Cedar Point Dr., Chillicothe, IL 61523
or call (309) 589-1307

Email: info@apachecentralillinois.org

For general information about APACHE: www.apachecentralillinois.org

Registration Information

Please read before filling out form!

We are unable to make exceptions to convention policies or registration fees. Please do not ask for exceptions.

Registration Forms

Complete one registration per family. For registration purposes, a family consists of a married couple or single parent, dependent children and grandparents. Widows and widowers are free.

Early Registration

Registrations postmarked by March 19 will receive a discounted admission. Registrants will pick up their name/registration badges at the registration counter on the day of convention. **Early registrants will be eligible for special prizes - see website for details.**

Late / Walk-In Registration

Registrations postmarked March 20 or later will be processed at regular admission prices. Registrants will pick up their name/registration badges at the registration counter on the day of convention.

Youth

The \$10 youth rate applies only to children ages 12 and older who are living with and attending with their parents. Youth are expected to conduct themselves in a mature, respectful manner. Maximum cost per family for youths is \$30. Graduated students 18 and older will pay the full adult price.

Working Scholarships

In the event you require funding assistance to attend, APACHE offers a limited number of working scholarships. You may earn a scholarship by volunteering 6 hours prior to and during convention. This time may be split between an attending couple. Scholarships are available on a first come/first served basis. On your registration form, please check: "I want a Working Scholarship," and pay your full registration fee in advance. After you have performed your service, you may pick up your refund at the registration counter.

Work Assignment: Prior to the convention, you will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator with information about your assignment and time(s) of service. The Volunteer Coordinator will make two attempts to reach you by phone. If we cannot reach you, the next person on the list will be contacted.

Volunteers

Through the years - the Association of Peoria Area Christian Home Educators - have worked hard to provide challenging and motivating conventions experiences. To ensure another successful convention in 2011, we are dependent upon volunteers. Would you please prayerfully consider volunteering 1-2 hours of your time to help make this year's convention a success?

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Registration Form

Volunteering & Scholarship

I want to volunteer: ☐

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Attending Father's Name: _____

Attending Mother's Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone 1: (_____) _____ Phone 2: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____@_____ . _____

Name of Youth Attending: (Children under 12 will not be permitted to attend)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Name of Grandparents Attending: (Free with paid registration): _____

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Early

(Postmarked on or before March 19)

Late / Walk-In

(Postmarked after March 19)

Two Day Pass: APACHE Subscriber (spouse free)

\$50.00

\$60.00

Two-Day Pass: Non-Subscriber (spouse free)

\$60.00

\$70.00

One Day Pass (Spouse Free)

\$35.00

\$45.00

Youth (applies to each youth up to \$30 per family)

\$10.00

\$10.00

Grandparent (not homeschooling)

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FREE

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Make check payable to APACHE. Photocopy or detach this form and mail to: APACHE Convention Registration
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Please indicate the number of people attending each workshop. (You are not bound to these choices.)

Friday Workshops

Session 1 (12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

Session 2 (2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

____ Worship and Wisdom
9:15 am to 10:15 am

1. ____ A Biblical Vision for Education
2. ____ What's a Mom to do with Teen...
3. ____ Why I Believe in a Young Earth
4. ____ Home Schooling Your High Sch...
5. ____ Teaching Literature
6. ____ An Introduction to Charlotte Mason
7. ____ Student Challenge
8. ____ Before You Begin: Learning Styles...
9. ____ Teaching Mathematics with Art!

10. ____ A Vision for Impact...
11. ____ Life with Amanda
12. ____ Be Open-Minded, but...
13. ____ The Successful Homesc...
14. ____ The Timed Essay/The...
15. ____ How to Teach Without...
16. ____ The Extras that Aren't...
17. ____ Counting the Cost...
18. ____ Math for the Faint of Heart
19. ____ What I Do What We Do

____ Homeschooling 101
10:30 am to 11:30 am

Saturday Workshops

Session 3 (11:00 am – Noon)

Session 4 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Session 5 (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

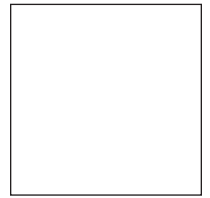
20. ____ Christianity and Culture: For What...
21. ____ Curse of the Standard Bearer
22. ____ Why Homeschool Through High...
23. ____ So You're Gonna Homeschool
24. ____ Loving the Real America
25. ____ Nature Studies – the Natural Way
26. ____ Tending the Garden: How to...
27. ____ The House that Mom Built
28. ____ Identifying and Avoiding Trouble...
29. ____ The Ladder of Learning: Teaching...

30. ____ Amusing Ourselves to Death...
31. ____ Tearing Down the Walls
32. ____ Teaching JH and HS Sciences
33. ____ Teaching the Bible w/out Pressure
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Psalm 78:6-7 (ESV)

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