

# Books & Beyond



*Encouraging Families  
Educating the Next Generation*



*Sea of Connections*

**Friday**

February 22, 2019

6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Doors and registration open  
at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

February 23, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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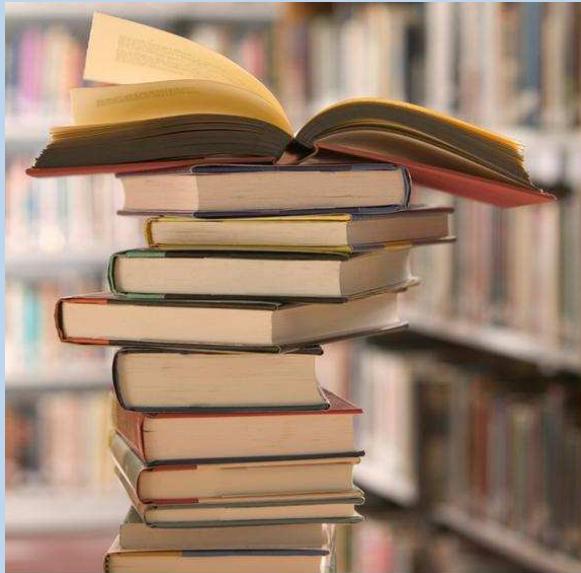
**Friday Night Guest Speakers**

Mike and Cheryl Bastian

**Saturday Keynote Speaker**

Dan Marcone

Seasons Counseling Orlando



**Northland Church  
530 Dog Track Road  
Longwood, FL 32750**

## **Register at [www.NearHim.com](http://www.NearHim.com)**

Early Registration ends at midnight, February 1, 2019.

### **Cost for Friday**

- \$12 per person, includes dinner
- \$7 single parents, includes dinner
- \$7 per person, includes drinks only

### **Cost for Saturday**

- \$25 per person and \$40 per couple for NHE members
- \$30 per person and \$45 per couple for Non-NHE members
- \$45 per person and \$60 per couple after February 1
- \$20 for single parents



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Please bring your own lunch on Saturday. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Chick-Fil-A lunches are available for pre-order on the NHE website until February 20, 2019. Choose from options and pre-pay. Meals will be delivered to Northland.

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**Online registration is required with payment through Pay Pal. If registering by mail, complete a registration form online and mail the registration fee to:**

Lucee Price  
520 Webster Street  
Lake Mary, Florida 32746

- Please make your check out to Lucee Price with Books and Beyond in the MEMO.
- Pre-registration deadline is February 1, 2019.
- Refunds (less the processing fee) will be issued on a case-by-case basis if requested before February 8, 2019.
- After February 8, Books and Beyond will not process refunds.
- Venmo payments will be accepted @Lucee-Price.

**Friday Evening  
February 22, 2019  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Dinner and Encouragement**

You are invited to join us for encouraging worship, an empowering speaker, delicious food, fun giveaways, and fellowship – all in one location!



Dinner will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill in Oviedo and will include Chicken Marsala, Cavatappi Pomodoro, Caesar salad, Focaccia Bread, tea, and coffee.

\$12.00 per person

**Jaron Brownell** is a singer, songwriter, and musician who has led worship for over 21 years. He has a passion and a gift for creating an atmosphere of intimate and authentic worship. He currently serves as the worship pastor for New Covenant Assembly in Casselberry. Join us as he leads us in a time of worship.



- Childcare (birth through 5th grade) offered 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Pre-registration is required - \$6.00 per child.
- Nursing babies welcome to attend with mom.
- Registration and childcare open at 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Mike and Cheryl Bastian  
6:45 to 9:00 p.m.**



**Set Your Sails: Intentional Family Living**

Sometimes it's hard to see beyond the day-to-day of books, assignment, grades and attitudes to the horizon of relationships, life skills, and legacies. Join Mike and Cheryl Bastian, co-founders of Books and Beyond, as they encourage parents to

set their S.A.I.L.S toward intentional family living, authentic relationships, and empowering young adults who are future-ready. Life's adventure together is more than peculiarities and problems. It's about potential and possibilities. Come, set your S. A. I. L. S. with us!

**About Mike**

Mike Bastian has been married to Cheryl for 30 years and is the busy dad of eight children, ages 29 to 3. They began homeschooling in 1993. Mike is a veteran middle school history teacher and an FCA Huddle Coach serving the same school for 30 years. He has participated in recreational and competitive sports since he was a child. As a dad, Mike coached baseball, Little League through high school, for fifteen years. Mike has a heart for helping parents mend and build relationships with their children

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## Saturday Keynote – February 23, 2019 8:30 a.m.

**Doors and registration open and check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.  
Door prizes at 8:15 a.m.**

### Anchoring the Emotional Climate In Your Home *Dan Marcone*



Children today are more anxious than ever. It is important as a parent to build your emotional toolkit (and understand your own triggers) to help your child through difficult emotions.

We'll explore what contributes to negative interaction patterns and how to respond in a way that will improve the connection between you and your child. Dan will also address how we can repair those moments of disconnection when our initial reaction is out of stress or anger.

## Saturday Workshop Schedule

Doors open at 8:00. Door Prizes at 8:15.	The Rink		
Saturday Keynote 8:30-9:30	Anchoring the Emotional Climate in Your Home <i>Dan Marcone</i>		
9:45-10:45	Empowering the Strong Willed Child <i>Dan Marcone and Michelle Brownell</i>	Social Media Today: New Apps Need New Tools <i>Connie Albers</i>	The Dad Connection, Part I <i>Mike Bastian and Dave Seligson</i>
11:00-12:00	What You May Not Know About the Homeschooling Law <i>Brenda Dickinson</i>	What You May Not Know About the Homeschooling Law <i>Brenda Dickinson</i>	The Dad Connection, Part II <i>Mike Bastian and Dave Seligson</i>
12:30-1:30	An Alternate Road to Success Through Career and Technical Pathways <i>Brenda Dickinson</i>	The Five Love Languages for Parenting and Learning <i>Kim Andresicik</i>	Getting Connected: Understanding What Statute Requires and Why Our State Organization Matters to YOUR Family <i>Suzanne Nunn</i>
1:45-2:45	Raising Siblings Who Stay Great Friends <i>Pat Weslowski</i>	Cultivating Mom Connections <i>Holly Giles and Kristen Drake</i>	Making Learning Connections With Living Books <i>Bob and Tina Farewell</i>
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11:00-12:00	College Admission Mythbusters <i>Pat Weslowski</i>	God's Unfolding Love: Celebrating Your Family Even in the Hard Times <i>Bob and Tina Farewell</i>
12:30-1:30	The Value of Non- Traditional Learning Connections <i>Holly Giles</i>	Fun (and Easy) Ways to Include Science in the Elementary Years <i>Sherri Seligson</i>
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## Saturday Workshop Session I: 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.



### Empowering the Strong Willed Child

*Dan Marcone and Michelle Brownell*

Do you have a child – or children – who are intense, love to push boundaries, break limits and question everything? Parenting and homeschooling this type of child can be challenging and exhausting. They make great adults, but they are hard to parent. We are raising world changers and strong leaders – *and with that responsibility comes a need for a paradigm shift of control to connection*. Rather than feeling like we are constantly fighting against our children, we can encounter what it looks like to come alongside and connect with our child. Come rediscover what there is to love about that child and learn some strategies on how to reduce the tension and build connection. Dan will be teaching the neuroscience and why it's effective, and Michelle will share from a parent perspective her firsthand experience with this approach.

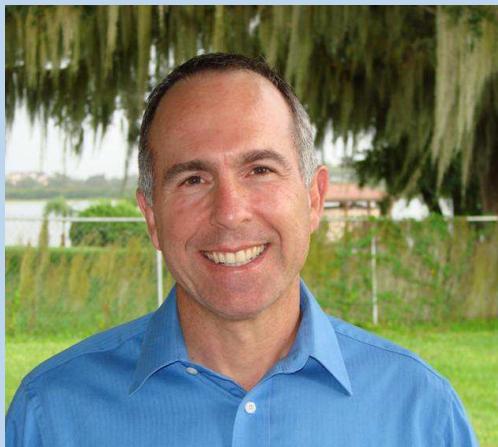


### Social Media Today: New Apps Need New Tools

*Connie Albers*

There is a cultural shift taking place that is stimulating new ways of thinking, communicating, and parenting children. Today many parents are dealing with generational opportunities, and they need help navigating these new social media waters. In this entertaining and interactive session, Connie

tackles the world of apps and social media in a way that prepares you to confidently navigate this uncharted territory with wisdom and knowledge. The days of “one size fits all” and “treat every child the same” are gone as we are learning to understand the needs and desires of the child. As more and more Gen Ys, AKA Millennials, become parents, they are influencing and even changing family cultures- including the way we engage with others and conduct family meetings. More than ever, effective parenting is critical to effectively navigate this ever-evolving landscape. Parents need tools to help them create a safe home environment of generational harmony, productivity, creativity, innovation, as well as enabling children to create a positive social footprint. In this session, Connie will share how to teach your child the qualities needed to lead and grow this new generation of technology talent.



### **The Dad Connection, Part I**

*Mike Bastian and  
Dave Seligson*



The connections Dads make inside and outside the home are essential to the well-being of the family. These connections will look different for every Dad and are also dependent upon Dad's educational goals and expectations and how he believes those goals and expectations should be met. Join Mike Bastian, Dave Seligson and participating Dads to flesh out what your unique connections might look like in your family. Whether you find yourself traveling often, providing the bulk of educational instruction, or supporting your wife as she cares for the family, Mike and Dave invite you to be a part of this two-part workshop.

## Casting Your Vision For YOUR Family's Educational Journey

*Heather Cline and Lucee  
Price*

No matter what educational pilgrimage our families are pursuing--home school, hybrid, private or public—sometimes we forget the who and why of it all. Who is God calling our family to be? Why are we on this journey? The questions and worries plague us daily. Are we doing the right thing? Are we at the right school? Are we doing too little or too much? Our heads are spinning, leaving us feeling lost, overwhelmed, and not knowing what direction we are headed or even why we went that way to begin with. Join us as we talk about the importance of a vision and inspiring ways that you as individuals, parents, and families can seek God's vision for your journey together.



## Life Skills Middle and High Schoolers Need and How to Award Credit For Them

*Cheryl Bastian*

The middle and high school years are pivotal to young adults knowing their why: who they are, what they believe, and what value they bring to their communities. When given the time and resources, homeschooleders have an edge up--there's time to ponder and process these questions.

Cheryl empowers parents in this workshop with ready-to-use ideas and real-life experiences which foster personal growth in high schoolers and prepare them for life...while earning high school credit. If you're looking for ways to keep intentional, real, and relational learning alive in high school, this topic will interest you!



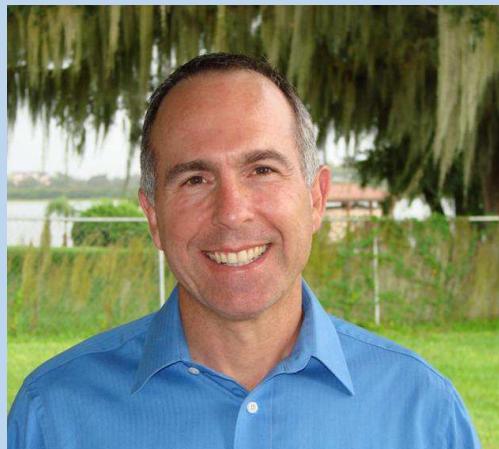
## Saturday Workshop Session II: 11:00 – 12:00



### What You May Not Know About the Home Education Law

*Brenda Dickinson*

Come hear Brenda Dickinson, your home education lobbyist who has fought for homeschooling rights and freedoms in the state of Florida for the past 34 years, explain the reasoning behind each part of the home education statute, including the requirements and the rationale behind those requirements. Brenda will also share how and why parents should stay informed to ensure those freedoms remain.



### The Dad Connection, Part II

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or supporting your wife as she cares for the family, Mike and Dave invite you to be a part of this two-part workshop.

## College Admission Mythbusters

*Pat Weslowski*

Homeschooled students do not have a brick and mortar guidance counselor. Between not knowing *who* to ask, in addition to not knowing *what* to ask, homeschoolers are often at a disadvantage. In this workshop, we will identify and debunk myths that often surround the college admissions process while providing the information you *do* need to know!



## God's Unfolding Love Story: Celebrating Your Family Even in the Hard Times

*Bob and Tina Farewell*

Bob and Tina know hard. They also know God's perfect faithfulness. Since the tragic loss of their adult son in 2018, the Farewells are discovering how God continues to write their family's Love Story, especially in the midst of tremendous grief. Bob and Tina invite you to journey with them through ways God is using their most challenging chapter of life to fashion their connectedness--toward Him, their family, and the people God places in their path.

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## Saturday Workshop Session III: 12:30 - 1:30



### An Alternate Road to Success Through Career and Technical Pathways

*Brenda Dickinson*

Not everyone needs a 4 year+ degree. There are many careers that can lead to high skill, high wage jobs beginning in high school. Come hear about industry certifications, as well as AA and

AS degrees in career and technical fields that may be of interest to your student. This information is like finding a hidden treasure. It is buried and unless you know where to find it, you may miss it! Brenda will help you find those gems.

## The Five Love Languages for Parenting and Learning

*Kim Andrescik*

Deep-down, unconditional love. Every child needs to hear, see, and feel it. Every child (like every adult) expresses and receives love best through one of five communication styles. If your language is different from your child's, you can learn to meet their deepest emotional needs through discovering their love language. In this workshop, Kimberly walks parents through the five love languages so they can understand not only how they express love but how their children may be receiving love. The practical information gained in this workshop has the ability to make your family relationships stronger, your home more enjoyable, and your discipline easier.





## **Getting Connected: Understanding What Statute Requires and Why Our State Homeschool Organization Matters to YOUR Family**

*Suzanne Nunn*

Current chairperson of the Florida Parent Educator's Association, a state-wide homeschooling organization, Suzanne brings her knowledge and experience and shares information to help you begin and continue homeschooling in Florida. A long time homeschool mom, she shares her heart with you and her goals of serving all homeschoolers in Florida with up to date information and encouragement. She will explain the benefits and services the state organization offers and invite you to utilize this important resource in your family's homeschooling journey. Stay up to date with her podcast, FPEA Connects, on the Ultimate Homeschool Radio Show found on iTunes.

## **The Value of Non-Traditional Learning Connections**

*Holly Giles*

Holly shares personal stories about what her family and educational life looks like day-to-day as they learn and live together. This workshop will include how to incorporate out-of-the-box learning into everyday life, for all seasons of home education, even into high school and what that might look like on paper.





## Fun (and Easy) Ways to Include Science in the Elementary Years

*Sherri Seligson*

With all the pressure of teaching young learners the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, it is very easy for us to feel like we are dropping the ball on subjects like science. Have no fear! Did you know that all children are scientists? Indeed, it is one subject that you won't have to do a song and dance to pique their interest! This workshop will give you helpful tips and practical ideas to infuse science into activities *you are already doing* in your day. As a bonus, we'll do a couple hands-on activities and even a dissection (a fruit dissection, that is). Come join me for fun and exciting science encouragement!

## Saturday Workshop Session IV: 1:45 – 2:45



## Raising Siblings Who Stay Great Friends

*Pat Weslowski*

Having raised (and homeschooled) 9 children, with an 18 year age spread from youngest to oldest, it is a blessing to see them continue to stay close to one another now that they are all adults. Although my husband and

I cannot take all the credit for making this happen, we are aware that some of the decisions we made positively impacted our children. We made mistakes, have a few regrets, and made some family policy changes along the way, but our hope and prayer continually has been that our children would grow up to love God, love family and love others. In this workshop

I will share ideas with you for how to raise siblings who will remain close friends.



## Cultivating Mom Connections

*Holly Giles and Kristen Drake*

Discover why connecting with other moms is important in your parenting journey. Join Kristen and Holly as they share their

personal story of how they cultivated an authentic mom connection and then offer you practical tips on how to foster and build meaningful mom relationships which will uplift you on your mothering journey.

## Making Learning Connections With Living Books

*Bob and Tina Farewell*

Is education in your home sometimes monotonous, lacking energy and vibrancy? Living Books--from picture books to classics--could be the key to refreshing and revitalizing your family. For over thirty years Bob and Tina Farewell, have been advocates for making learning connections through family discussions and reading aloud great literature. In this workshop they offer a menagerie of reading possibilities for all ages from the thousands of books they've read and reviewed, first as parents and owners of Lifetime Books and Gifts, and now as grandparents sharing literary treasures with the next generation. This workshop is sure to encourage and renew your family's joy and vision!





## How My Homeschooling Made All the Difference

*Josh (home grad) and Cheryl Bastian*

Homeschooling can provide significant advantages for graduates to be future-ready. In this session, Josh Bastian, home grad, and his mom share practical ways for homeschoolers to capitalize on the unique learning environments and experiences families have available to them. These opportunities not only can be counted for high school credit but give young adults the ability to gain the skills needed for life beyond graduation.



## Finding the Best Fit for YOUR Family – Three Moms, Three Different Paths

*Heather Cline, Cindy Floyd, and Sarah Margheim*

Although many parents possess a similar commitment to homeschooling, they live out their commitment through various philosophies, practices, and methodology. Homeschooling families today utilize a wide variety of

choices to help them best meet the needs of each individual child. No path is the best for everyone, and this workshop will highlight the different options these moms have used over the years. Each one has graduated at least one student through the county or a structured hybrid homeschool program and are still busy homeschooling their others. Each mom will give a brief description of the methods that have worked for her children, and the rest of the workshop will run as a Q and A Panel. These veteran moms will answer questions on any aspect of homeschooling.

## **Closing Session: 3:00 – 4:00**

### **Navigating the Waters Together: Where Do We Go From Here?**

#### *Panel of Speakers*

At the end of the day, we will come together as a group to discuss concepts presented throughout the conference. As you ponder what you have learned, write any questions you have and place them in the marked location. Some of our speakers will be answering your questions in a panel format.

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All speakers will be available at their tables on  
Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00  
after the closing session.

Find Speaker Tables in the main lobby area.

Prayer available with Kristen Drake in a prayer  
closet set up near  
Holly Giles' Speaker Table

## Workshop Presenters (In Alphabetical Order)



### Connie Albers

With nearly 30 years in homeschooling as a wife, mother of five, mompreneur, and inspirational leader, Connie Albers is one of the homeschooling community's most beloved experts. Her first-hand expertise and personal understanding of the challenges of balancing life, learning, and love of family has made her a trusted advisor with an outreach ministry that seeks to encourage and empower other women in the high calling of motherhood. Connie is the proud mother of five University of Central Florida Knights, all of whom earned scholarships. Professionally, Connie is a speaker, author, social media strategist, and owner of ConnieAlbers.com. For more information on her new book *Parenting Beyond the Rules: Raising Teens with Confidence and Joy* email Connie at connie@conniealbers.com.

Connie will present *Social Media Today: New Apps Need New Tools*.



### Kimberly Andrescik

Kimberly Andrescik has been an elementary teacher for 20 years, including a decade serving in public and private schools, and homeschooling her twins since 2009. She pursued a master's degree in reading instruction and curriculum and worked as a reading specialist in Seminole

County Public Schools helping children who struggled with reading. She is passionate about helping homeschooling families learn the skills necessary to make reading fun. Kimberly has been married to Robert for 22 years, and together, they have led Financial Peace University and Loving Our Kids on Purpose classes for hundreds of participants. In her spare time, you can find her curled up with a great book, planting flowers, riding bikes with her family or working out at the YMCA.

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**Josh Bastian**

Josh Bastian graduated from home education in 2008, from UCF Burnett Honors College in 2012, and from Rollins College in 2015 with a Professional Masters in Business Administration. Josh works full time as a Product Analyst and is the CFO for P4H Global, a non-profit organization partnering with nations to create sustainable growth through professional development.

Josh will present *How My Homeschooling Years Made the Difference* with his mother, Cheryl Bastian.



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Mike will present *Set Your Sails: Intentional Family Living* with his wife, Cheryl Bastian and *The Dad Connection, Parts I and II* with Dave Seligson.



### **Michelle Brownell**

Michelle has been married to software designer and worship pastor Jaron Brownell for 23 years. Together, they parent and homeschool their two children whom they were blessed with through the miracle of adoption.

Michelle is amid her 9<sup>th</sup> year of homeschooling. Both of her kids Tyler, age 13, and Keira, age 10, are considered twice exceptional – being both gifted and having learning challenges that include ADHD and Dyslexia. Michelle is founder of Northland's Moms4Moms Ministry. She has served on the board of both the NHE co-op and as President of NearHim Home Educators. Currently, she serves on the Books & Beyond Team as well as the CFHE Used Curriculum Sale Team. She is passionate about coming alongside parents to help them advocate for and connect with their children through this homeschool journey. When she is not busy homeschooling, you can find her alongside her husband remodeling their fixer upper home,

enjoying weekend family game nights, working as CFO for the family business (while drinking lots of coffee), learning new teaching strategies, mentoring and encouraging moms and recharging by reading & listening to a library of podcasts. You can connect with her on Instagram @we\_are\_motherhood

Michelle will present *Empowering the Strong Willed Child* with Dan Marcone.



### **Heather Cline**

Heather Cline is a home school graduate. She and her husband graduated from Grace Home Schoolers in 1996. They have had the privilege of teaching their three children at home and have partnered with the International Community School, Circle Christian School and NearHim Home Educators. Her oldest

graduated from Circle and attends college; the other two are in the 10th and 8th grade. Heather believes that God has made everyone Creatively Unique and has enjoyed inspiring others to use theirs. She is very involved in Christian theatre and art and is blessed to be serving with the Books & Beyond team for many years. She loves sharing about her home school journey as a student and now as a parent/teacher. She hopes to encourage and come along side parents and families as they are on their educational journeys.

Heather will present *Casting Your Vision for YOUR Family's Educational Journey* with Lucee Price and *Finding the Best Fit for YOUR Family – Three Moms, Three Different Paths* with Cindy Floyd and Sarah Margheim.



### Brenda Dickinson

Ms. Dickinson and her late husband, Craig, were pioneers in the present-day home education movement. She successfully home educated her two children from kindergarten through high school. She has served as an advisor, consultant and mentor to parents and has lectured on various home education topics. She became the President of the Home Education Foundation after the death of her husband in 1993. As a result of her work on their behalf in the Florida Capitol, home education students enjoy participation in dual enrollment, Bright Futures Scholarships, extracurricular activities, and the Florida Virtual School.

Brenda will present *What You May Not Know About the Home Education Law* and *An Alternate Road to Success Through Career and Technical Pathways*.



### Kristen Drake

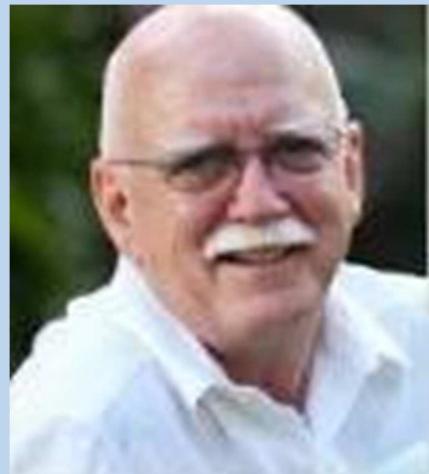
Kristen Drake has been married to her husband, Derek, for 23 years. They have 5 children ages 15, 12, 5, 4 and 3. They were able to adopt their 3 littles in June 2018, whom they had been fostering since 2016. The Lord called them to adopt while praying one morning in her prayer closet back in September of 2015. Kristen is thankful for her family and knows that God's plans are bigger than just this adoption – the start of what God has in store. She believes God has so much for us. It's a passion in her heart to

hear from the Holy Spirit and to live out what we were always intended for – receiving and spreading the love of God to others. A recent favorite verse is Matthew 22:37, LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Kirsten looks forward to connecting and reconnecting with each one of you at Books and Beyond. She invites you to come to the prayer closet she will have available where she is excited for the privilege to be able to pray alongside of you for Gods' will to be done in and through your lives and to bless you to rise up and know that you are loved.

Kristen will present *Cultivating Mom Connections* with Holly Giles.

### **Bob Farewell**

Bob and Tina Farewell began home education with the birth of the first of their five children in 1983. Though they planned to do “school at home,” God intervened by rapidly growing their business, Lifetime Books and Gifts, allowing their family to enjoy a lifestyle of learning and to travel, explore, read, think, and discover. Beginning 1989, Bob and Tina traveled around the United States for at least six months each year speaking to thousands of families and hosting retreats, conferences, and workshops. After eighteen years of successful business and ministry, the Farewells sold their business to the Gus and Shirley Solis family to continue the Lifetime legacy. Bob and Tina own Bringing Dads Home, a business and ministry designed to help families succeed in their family, homeschooling, and entrepreneurial adventures. Bob is passionate about not only



his wife Tina, but also about being in the woods, working with his hands, traveling, hunting, and fishing with his children; and about public speaking on many subjects.

Bob will present *God's Unfolding Love Story: Celebrating Your Family Even in the Hard Times and Making Learning Connections With Living Books* with his wife, Tina Farewell.



### Tina Farewell

Bob and Tina Farewell married in 1979 and began home educating with the birth of the first of their five children in 1983. Though they planned to "school at home," God intervened by rapidly growing their business, Lifetime Books and Gifts, allowing their family to enjoy a Learning Lifestyle and to travel, explore, read, think, and discover.

For 18 years, the Farewells ministered to home educators through their business, traveling America half the year, speaking and counseling families, and hosting retreats and conferences. Tina is the author of the widely acclaimed *Always Incomplete Resource Guide*, an enormous annotated guide to the finest Living Books and curricula for home educators. Today, Tina loves living life with her dynamic husband, playing and reading with their seven grandchildren, collecting books, and cooking with her children and grandchildren. She delights in encouraging young women by sharing the trials and joys of womanhood and pointing them to Christ. Not afraid of being raw and transparent, Tina brings a message of love, courage, joy, and hope.

Tina will present *God's Unfolding Love Story: Celebrating Your Family Even in the Hard Times and Making Learning Connections With Living Books* with her husband, Bob Farewell.

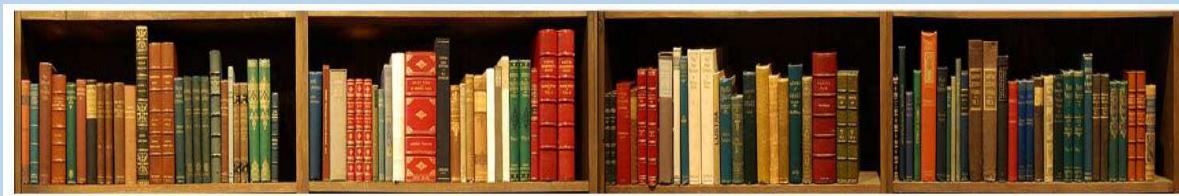


### Cindy Floyd

Cindy Floyd is the mom of 4 wonderful children ranging in age from 22 to 13. Motivated by a desire to provide the best education for her oldest son with special needs, she started homeschooling in 2001 and has continued with all of her children. Her two oldest children have

graduated from high school and are attending college working toward their degrees. She has a senior in high school who is dual enrolled full time and a son who is in seventh grade. Currently, Cindy serves on the board for NearHim Home Educators and is the director of their co op. Homeschooling in community has given Cindy the opportunity to live out her calling of teaching. She has a heart for students and finding ways to help them learn that are out of the box and suited to their individual needs. In her spare time, she stays up late reading books and is busy helping plan her daughter's wedding.

Cindy will present *Finding the Best Fit For YOUR Family – Three Different Moms, Three Different Paths* with Heather Cline and Sarah Margheim.





### Holly Giles

Holly is a wife, mother and storyteller. She has a passion for helping families discover their own learning style and use it to nurture their children's God-given gifts. The importance of a strong family relationship is woven in each message. Holly gleans from her own life with boys, embracing the outdoors and navigating the challenges of a special needs child, to tell stories, woven with humor, that are sure to encourage the weariest of souls. Nature is her springboard to inspire you to a more abundant life at home. Holly is the author of *Blaze New Trails*, creator of the Learning Lifestyle Revival, and opens her home and life to you at [thegilesfrontier.com](http://thegilesfrontier.com). Holly co-hosts the popular podcast Roadschool Moms Radio each week with Mary Beth Goff. They banter about their own experiences in parenting and home education.

Holly will present *The Value of Non-Traditional Learning Connections* and *Cultivating Mom Connections* with Kristen Drake.



### Dan Marcone

Dan Marcone was born in upstate New York to first generation Italian parents, and was raised in southern Florida. He played football in high school and then served as an Airborne Ranger in the U.S. military for two years before marrying Amy, his best friend and wife. After completing undergraduate studies in New Orleans, Dan directed a youth ministry in North Georgia. While working with adolescents and

their families, Dan discovered his passion for counseling, which led him to return to school, graduating with a Masters of Mental Health Counseling from Reformed Theological Seminary. After serving as Director of Counseling for the Adolescent Life Coaching Center, Dan co-directed Journeys Counseling Center and later founded Seasons Counseling in March 2014. In his spare time, Dan is devoted to studying new interventions, therapies and the latest research and trends in the field. The physiology and neuroscience behind trauma diagnosis and healing has been a main focus of intense study with application in his practice. Outside of work, Dan loves hanging out with his wife, three grown children and new granddaughter. His areas of specialization include trauma and/or abuse (emotional, physical and sexual), relationships, personal development, codependency, anxiety, depression, parent training, and teen issues.

Dan Marcone will present *Anchoring the Emotional Climate in Your Home and Empowering the Strong Willed Child* with Michelle Brownell.



### Sarah Margheim

Sarah Margheim has been married to her cousin's cousin, Jeff, for 24 years. Together, they have 4 children, ages 10 to 22, and have been homeschooling them for 18 years, their oldest a graduate of the University of Central Florida. Sarah has a degree in English Education and has been a teacher both in the public schools for 3 years and in local co-ops for 10 years. Currently, she is President on the board for NearHim Home Educators and a member of the Books and Beyond Team. She loves sharing her passion for literature with students and coming alongside other homeschooling parents to encourage them in their endeavor.

Outside of homeschooling pursuits, she spends her time hanging out with family, drinking tea, reading books, and watching British detective shows.

Sarah will present *Finding the Best Fit For YOUR Family – Three Different Moms, Three Different Paths* with Heather Cline and Cindy Floyd.



### Lucee Price

Lucee Price is married to an awesome husband, father and lover of Jesus, Rick. Together they have been homeschooling for over 15 years and live in Florida. She and Rick have two inspiring daughters, one studying at the University of Florida, the other in high school. After earning her Bachelor's degree in Limnology (study of freshwater lakes, marshes and wetlands) in 1996 from the University of Central Florida, Lucee became employed as the Lakes Manager locally, where among other things, she also sat on the Florida Lake Management Society Board as a Treasurer for 3 years and then as their Administrative Assistant for another 3 years. The main focus of the society was to hold state-wide conferences to educate and connect folks making a difference in aquatic environments in Florida. Lucee has been involved in children's ministry since 1999 alternating between BSF International Children's Leader and Children's Ministry Director for their church. In this homeschool season of life, she has enjoyed leadership with NearHim Home Educators for 10 years including Director of the K-7th Co-op, Special Events Coordinator, Vice-President and President for 3 separate terms. Lucee's passion also includes volunteering inside the Jail and Prison ministry in her church to bring worship inside as well as facilitating the "Thinking 4 A Change" Cognitive Behavioral

change classes to inmates inside and to transitional parolees outside the system. Lucee absolutely loves mentoring students! She has taught homeschool classes for 14 years using Apologia Science and Constitutional Literacy curriculum as well as leading elementary classes at their co-op. She speaks to groups on the opportunities in 4-H, time management, and helps to organize and implement workshops regarding co-ops, homeschool law and transcript course writing. Her personal mission statement is "To Inspire, Equip and Connect people to that which will grow them closer to Christ."

Lucee will present *Casting Your Vision for YOUR Family's Educational Journey* with Heather Cline.



### **Suzanne Nunn**

Suzanne has a passion for homeschooling and for helping to equip others who want to homeschool their children. After 13 years of teaching in public and private school, serving as a peer mentor to new teachers and co-writing several curriculums, Suzanne was called to begin a homeschooling journey with her own children. With more than 10 years of successful homeschooling experience, Suzanne's passion to help others begin and succeed in their homeschool journey has been realized as she has served in leadership with her local homeschool support group and is now serving as Chairman of the Board for Florida Parent Educators Association. Suzanne enjoys speaking to families and reminding them that God has placed them right where they are for a purpose. She is passionate about encouraging them to just "dive in" and embrace these moments, trusting that God will work all to His glory.

Suzanne will present *Getting Connected: Understanding What Statute Requires and Why Our State Organization Matters To YOUR Family.*



### **David Seligson**

Dave Seligson is grateful for his faithful wife, Sherri, their 31 years of marriage, and their four children. He has led his family in the homeschooling adventure for the past 23 years. During this time, he has experienced the importance of the father's role in disciplining and educating his children and desires to encourage other fathers to engage their children in this way. An engineer, David runs a small company from home and teaches science classes to homeschooled high school students. He regularly meets with men to encourage them to pursue their wife and children to strengthen their families.

Dave will present *The Dad Connection, Parts I and II* with Mike Bastian.

### **Sherri Seligson**

Before Sherri Seligson was promoted to the position of "mother," she worked as a marine biologist at Walt Disney World's Living Seas pavilion in EPCOT Center, collecting and maintaining coral reef animals, focusing on fish nutrition and marine predator care. She completed research on shark behavior and was the first individual representing Walt Disney World to have research published. Sherri is the author of Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Marine Biology* text and



curriculum and a source book for helping high school students receive high school credit while completing internships. Sherri and her husband, David, have been homeschooling their four children for 23 years, graduating two who earned full scholarships to college. Sherri has a very motivated heart for teaching students the importance of studying God's creation and equipping them to give an answer for their faith. She speaks at conventions where she loves to encourage other moms on their homeschooling journey. Visit Sherri at [www.sherriseligson.com](http://www.sherriseligson.com).

Sherri will present *Fun and Easy Ways To Include Science in the Early Years.*



### **Pat Weslowski**

Pat Weslowski is an author, speaker, and homeschooling mother of 9 who is now the Homeschool Specialist at Bryan College in Dayton, TN. After homeschooling her 9 children for the past 32 years, she is finally finished!

Pat has a heart for helping parents find joy in their homeschooling experience and, for that reason, loves teaching workshops in order to encourage and equip parents for a fun and successful homeschool experience. Pat is the host of a podcast entitled "Homeschooling Co-op Style," writes a blog, and has authored numerous unit studies for homeschooled students. Pat has also written a free E Resource to help parents plan for a successful high school experience: [www.bryan.edu/ebook](http://www.bryan.edu/ebook)

Pat will present *College Admissions Mythbusters and Raising Siblings Who Stay Great Friends.*

## **Hotel and Travel Information**

Books and Beyond is conveniently located between two airports: Orlando International Airport and Sanford-Orlando International Airport.

Books and Beyond will be held at Northland Church,  
530 Dog Track Road, in Longwood.

### **Local hotels include:**

Hampton Inn & Suites, 161 North Douglas Avenue,  
Altamonte Springs, 32714, 407-331-0220

Embassy Suites- Orlando North, 225 Shorecrest Drive,  
Altamonte Springs, 32701, 407-834-2400

Hilton – Altamonte Springs, 350 Northlake Blvd.,  
Altamonte Springs, 32701, 407-830-1985

Residence Inn, 270 Douglas Avenue,  
Altamonte Springs, 32714, 407- 788-7991

Homewood Suites, 290 Southhall Lane,  
Maitland, 32751, 407-875-8777

### **Food and Essentials (within two miles of the church):**

Aldi  
Applebee's  
Steak N' Shake

Target (Starbucks inside)  
Wawa Market  
Subway