

Books & Beyond



*A Mid-Year Conference for
Homeschooling Parents*

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Friday

February 3, 2017

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

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

Saturday

February 4, 2017

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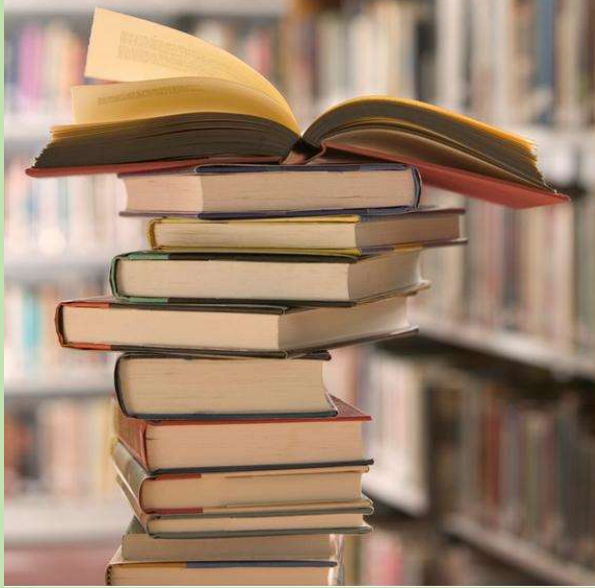
Friday Night Guest Speaker

Rachael and Davis Carman

Owners of Apologia Education Ministries

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Rachael Carman



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

Register at www.NearHim.com
Early Registration ends at midnight, January 7, 2017.

Cost for Friday

- \$8 pp includes desserts, encouragement and giveaways

Cost for Saturday

- \$30 pp and \$45 pc for NHE members
- \$35 pp and \$50 pc for Non-NHE members
- \$45 pp and \$60 pc after January 7th and at the door
- \$20 for single parents



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Please bring your own lunch on Saturday. During the extended lunch break, enjoy visiting our speaker tables located in the main lobby area. All speakers will also be available at their tables at the end of the day from 4:00 to 5:00.

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

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- Pre-registration deadline is January 7, 2017.
- Refunds (less the processing fee) will be issued on a case-by-case basis if requested before January 21, 2017.
- After January 21, Books and Beyond will not process refunds.

**Friday Evening
February 3, 2017
6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Desserts and Encouragement

You are invited to join us for empowering speakers, delicious desserts, fun giveaways, and encouragement – all in one location!



Desserts will be provided by Embellished Desserts and include Cinnamon Cannoli Cream Puffs, White Chocolate Toffee Cheesecake, Caramel Pecan Cheesecakes, Double Chocolate Truffles, and Carrot Cupcakes.

\$8.00 per person

- 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.

Friday Evening Speakers
An Evening of Encouragement
Rachael and Davis Carman
6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

Rachael and Davis will kick off our weekend encouraging parents with their talk entitled Trust in the Lord. Davis and Rachael will walk participants through Proverbs 3:5–6. Together, they will share insights into what it means to walk in the light of His Word every day. They will also provide plenty of practical applications for husbands, fathers, wives, mothers, and homeschool parents.

About Rachael

Rachael Carman had it going on—or so she thought. After surviving sixty-three months of pregnancy, countless sleepless nights, and 35,000+ diapers, this one-time control freak encountered God's grace. And she encourages you to do the same! In her books *How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?* and *How to Have a HEART for Your Kids*, Rachael challenges mothers to surrender their will and draw closer to their heavenly Father. She invites moms to join her in loving God passionately and worshiping him fully while sweeping up Cheerios, doing laundry, and planning dinner. You will be affirmed in your role as a mother as Rachael speaks of her struggles with perfectionism and



impatience and shares her challenges, failures, and victories amid the ever-changing seasons of life. Her honesty will surprise you, and her humor will put you at ease.

Rachael is not only a respected author but is also a sought-after speaker. She has been a speaker in over thirty states and seven countries. She has been married to her husband, Davis, since 1986. They have seven kids with whom they love to laugh. Together, their life has been a roller-coaster ride, with God at the controls. Rachael enjoys playing in the dirt, eating dark chocolate, and walking on the beach. She and Davis are the owners of Apologia Educational Ministries.

You can find Rachael online at www.RachaelCarman.com.

About Davis

Davis Carman got started on his homeschool adventure with a providential two-by-four on the side of his head. Twenty years and four graduates later, he hopes to share some of the lessons he's learned along the way to help other families enjoy the most successful, satisfying, and Christ-centered home school possible. His mission is to help homeschooling families learn, live, and defend the Christian faith. This is accomplished in part through his work as president of Apologia Educational Ministries, the #1 publisher of Creation-based science, Bible, and Language Arts curriculum with more than fifty #1 awards from homeschool organizations and media.

Davis is passionate about his family. He married Rachael in 1986, and God has blessed them with seven children. So far, four students have graduated from their home school. Of those, three are currently in college and one is a college graduate, married, and blessed with a daughter. Davis and his family live in Waxhaw, North Carolina, where they enjoy the homeschooling adventure of a lifetime, complete with

roller-coaster twists and turns and the occasional lazy river ride.

Davis isn't a perfect husband or father, but he loves being with his wife throughout the day and immediately available to handle disciplinary matters or to experience an extraordinary Deuteronomy 6 moment in the course of an ordinary day.

He has been honored to speak in over thirty states and seven countries as an advocate for home education. Additionally, he served twelve years on the board of North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE) and is the current North Carolina Ambassador for the Home School Foundation. He is also a founding board member of Homeschool Now USA.

Davis is the author of four illustrated children's books designed to instill a biblical worldview. *Good Morning, God* is based on Deuteronomy 6, and *A Light for My Path* is an ABC book based on Psalm 119. *In the Beginning* is based on the Creation account in Genesis, and his latest, *Psalms to Know Early*, is based on...you guessed it...Psalms.

He believes that if there was ever a time to homeschool, it is now! Davis blogs at www.HomeschoolCastles.com,



Saturday Workshop Schedule

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Saturday Keynote 8:45-9:45	How to Have a H. E. A. R. T. For Your Child <i>Rachael Carman</i>		
10:00-11:00	Soaring Beyond Survival <i>Rachael Carman</i>	Alive and Teaching: The Life Changing Power of Living Books <i>Tina Farewell and Cheryl Bastian</i>	Sensory Processing Disorder: The “Hidden” Learning Disability and What You Can Do About It Today! <i>Delia Poythress</i>
11:15-12:15	The Comparison Trap – Moms Need Each Other <i>Sherri Seligson</i>	Desirable Disadvantages <i>Davis Carman</i>	Break Free and Teach Your Kids With Wild Abandon <i>Holly Giles</i>
12:15-1:30	Lunch - Speaker Tables		
1:45-2:45		If This Is Homeschooling, Then Why I am I Always in the Van <i>Tina Farewell</i>	Hard is Good <i>Loisann Fowler</i>
3:00-4:00		Building Sibling Relationships <i>Connie Albers, Sherri Seligson & Cheryl Bastian</i>	Special Needs Moms Panel

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11:15-12:15	A Father's Legacy <i>Bob Farewell</i>	What College Professors Want and How Moms Can Prepare Their Writers in Middle and High School <i>Meredith Curtis & Katie Beth Nolette</i>	Math YOU Can Use Tomorrow (Ages 4-9) <i>Cheryl Bastian</i>
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Saturday Keynote – February 4, 2017

8:45 a.m.

Doors and registration open and check-in begins at 8:15 a.m.

Door prizes at 8:30 a.m.

How to Have a H. E. A. R. T.

For Your Child

Rachael Carman



In Proverbs 4:23, Solomon wisely wrote, “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” As we approach a heart relationship with our children, we need to focus our efforts on what really matters. As with so many things, the first step to having a heart is to wanting to have a heart. This lesson uses the word H. E. A. R. T. as an acronym to suggest what really matters from a Biblical viewpoint.

Saturday Workshop Session I: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Soaring Beyond Survival

Rachael Carman

Homeschooling is not easy. As a matter of fact, sometimes it gets downright overwhelming, and it can be tempting to slip into survival mode.

Homeschooling is the adventure of a lifetime, and God will be your strength. It is not His will that you just survive; He wants you to thrive. Come hear Rachael discuss what it takes to soar like an eagle.



Alive and Teaching: The Life-Changing Power of Living Books

Cheryl Bastian and Tina Farewell

We can work beside Florence Nightingale, fly with pilots in the Doolittle Raid, and

discover Narnia with Lucy and Peter through the incredible power of Story. Living Books introduce us to people and places – real and imagined – touching both hearts and minds. Book lovers Tina Farewell and Cheryl Bastian share their practical experience and favorite tools for developing an excellent Want-to-Read Book List, designed to shape a family's culture with a Museum of Memories while teaching the important skills of listening, comprehension, questioning, and conversation.

Sensory Processing Disorder: The "Hidden" Learning Disability and What You Can Do About It Today!

Delia Poythress

Do you ever wonder why your child just can't sit still or is so bothered by shirt tags and sock seams? In this workshop, you will gain a basic understanding of what sensory processing disorder (SPD) symptoms are and how they can make learning difficult. Whether your child has this diagnosis or not, you'll be able to add strategies to your repertoire that you can implement immediately to help decrease some of these behaviors throughout your homeschooling day. Empower your child to learn more effectively!



Championing the Family (Dads Only)

Mike Bastian and Dave Seligson

As dads, we do the best we can to



provide financially for our families. Are we required to do more than bring home the bacon? Our wives need us to intentionally nurture our relationship with them and together work out a family game plan where every family member can thrive. In this workshop, Mike Bastian and Dave Seligson outline some practical ways YOU can be committed to the game plan God has for your family.



The Sandwich Generation – Navigating a New “Normal” With Grace

Lucee Price

What exactly is a “Sandwich Generation” anyway? Miriam Webster Dictionary defines it as "a generation of people, typically in their thirties or forties, (and in my case fifties) responsible for bringing up their own children and for the care of their aging parents." For most, it is not “if” but “when” we will become responsible for our aging parents. This season of life can be fulfilling! It can also be extremely tiring as you navigate what this role reversal means in caring for your aging parent(s). Each story is unique and the journey individual, but there are some similarities in how you can lean into the Lord along the road. This workshop will focus on 4 opportunities: realistic boundaries, recognizing the ongoing grief process at each step, managing yours and others’ expectations and leaning fully into Biblical grace as both a noun and a verb. You CAN navigate this new “normal” with GRACE! Come to be refreshed and encouraged without adding another thing on your to-do list. I have walked the journey and want to come alongside you in yours.

The Homeschool Toolbox

Suzanne Nunn

Do you have a homeschool toolbox? Is it gathering dust? Is it possibly shoved somewhere in the corner of the garage? Do you even remember what was in that toolbox? Wait...maybe I should step back and remind you about what a fantastic collection of tools you had! Yes, that’s what we’ll do!

Whether you are a veteran homeschooler who needs to be reminded of all the necessary and valuable information we can collect and use in our homeschool toolbox, or a brand new homeschooler who needs to know how to create this beautiful resource, you are sure to pick



up some new and exciting tools from this workshop. Suzanne is a veteran homeschool mom who serves as Chairman of Florida Parent-Educator's Association (FPEA). Together, with Suzanne, you will examine the valuable tools of the homeschool trade and walk away with a renewed "can-do" feeling of excitement for your journey. After all, it's just no good to try to create something when you don't have the right tools!

Saturday Workshop Session II: 11:15 – 12:15



The Comparison Trap – Moms Need Each Other

Sherri Seligson

The Internet has opened up so many avenues for homeschool moms, giving us access to curricula, educational information and helps, and lots of virtual support. Although this is helpful, whenever we visit a fellow homeschooler online, we often see her at her best: kids working diligently on the couch, elaborate dioramas of epic battles, etc. And we often hear the same thing when we engage with local moms, too. All of this "perfection" can make us feel like we don't measure up. Comparing hinders us from engaging, so it is crucial for us to get past those paralyzing feelings and begin to support and encourage each other, especially in person. Because the enemy works to divide us, as sisters in Christ, we must come alongside one another for mutual support. It may not take a village to educate your children, but moms need that village of support as the body of Christ.





Desirable Disadvantages

Davis Carman

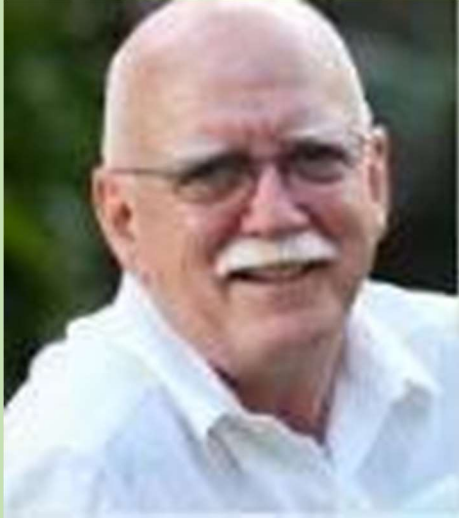
Most school systems think the answer to their problems is a more money, certified teachers, and standardized testing. They debate these issues and wax philosophic trying to find the magic bullet to get the average student scores to move ever so slightly up the charts. Without all the “benefits” afforded by public and private schools, how in the world can homeschools ever have a chance to succeed? Just like David seemed like no match for Goliath, what appear to be disadvantages for homeschooling families can prove to be in our favor and therefore quite desirable. What are they? Come and hear out about eight of them.



Break Free and Teach Your Kids With Wild Abandon

Holly Giles

Have you ever noticed that children are fearless in their curiosity? Their wonder of the world inspires their daily pursuits. Many times as adults, the fearless turns to fear of failure, not measuring up and falling behind. Our wonder turns to insecurity because we believe we are not pin-worthy or social enough in this trendy world. Holly shares inspiring stories of her pursuit to break free, keep her family close, and follow God's design for education with wild abandon.



A Father's Legacy

Bob Farewell

The biblical analogy of farmers sowing – then reaping the results of their sown seeds – helps us understand the awesome power and privilege of influencing the lives of others. We continuously sow seeds into one another's lives – seeds of truth or lies, seeds that give courage or fear, seeds of honor or disrespect, seeds of selflessness or greed, contentment or envy, self-discipline or gluttony and lust. Weed seeds bring death to people and relationships; good seeds bring life, cementing relationships. Join Bob Farewell as he shares seed-sowing stories and offers you insight on how you can be a seed planter to sow lifetime relationships with your children.



What College Professors Want and How Moms Can Prepare Their Writers in Middle and High School

Meredith Curtis & Katie Beth Nolette



Katie Beth, homeschool grad, former English professor at UCF, and her, Mom, Meredith, mother of four homeschool grads and a junior in high school, will equip parents and teens to work together for excellent writing and have fun in the process. Katie Beth will share the essential ingredients high schoolers need to be successful in college English classes. Meredith will share applicable ways homeschooling moms can accomplish this often daunting and dreaded instruction. Workshop will include practical tips for writing college registration and award-winning college application essays.

Math YOU Can Use Tomorrow (Ages 4-9)

Cheryl Bastian

Do you remember setting an alarm clock and anticipating the ring? Or, counting the coins in your piggy bank? How about using Daddy's tape measure? In this workshop, Cheryl walks you through everyday real math tools that make little learners (ages four through eight) tick! She explains a bit about curriculum and developmental acquisition of math concepts, but spends most of the workshop offering activities you can use immediately to make math measurable and memorable. The activities are purposeful and introduce little learners to essential math vocabulary and foundational concepts and skills – gently and naturally – through every day, engaging experiences. When math is real and applicable it is understood.



Saturday Workshop Session III: 1:45 - 2:45



If This is Homeschooling, Then Why am I Always in the Van?

Tina Farewell

Field trips and activities can be terrific learning tools, but they sometimes get in the way of what God calls us to do. We must discern between adult peer pressure to “do everything” and God’s plan for our families. The best learning takes place in a calm, peaceful environment. Tina’s practical workshop helps you identify busy-ness versus effectiveness and teaches you how to de-clutter your life both inside and outside the home.



Hard is Good

Loisann Fowler

Typically, the school year begins with stacks of fresh, clean paper awaiting creative marks, new-to-you books practically screaming to be opened and eager minds within bustling bodies anticipating the start. Like at the start of a race, when considering a year of home schooling there are knowns, things as a parent you can foresee and expect. In your training and preparation, you've learned what to expect and maybe that there is some amount of predictability in the tried and true experiences of the past. The challenge arrives with the unknowns, the unpredictable events; especially when they roll in like a freight train headed for the cliff. Let us consider when life is no longer orderly and predictable; when it becomes messy and hard. This workshop will reflect on what it means to continue when there is no end in sight and the hard only grows harder. After 32 years of marriage and 26 years of home schooling, Loisann is convinced that in God's economy Hard is Good. Psalm 119:71

Keeping Your Family Cyber Safe

Kevin Urichko

The Internet is part of everyday life for you and your family members. You're online. Your kids are online. And, there is an increasing ability to be on mobile devices.

Just as the Internet makes it easier for your family to accomplish everyday tasks, it also opens the family to access content which could negatively influence the family. In this workshop, Dr. Kevin Urichko—father of two and pastor at Northland Church—offers parents practical tips for keeping your family cyber safe. In addition, Dr. Urichko will provide helpful



pastoral resources, should your family find itself compromised by the cyber world.

Interests = Credit in Middle and High School

Mike and Cheryl Bastian



Photography. Equine health. Nutrition. Landscaping. God has woven unique interests and giftings into our children. Those distinctive qualities can be used to maximize learning in academic courses as well as electives. In this session, Cheryl offers suggestions and give parents tools they can use to discover how God might be growing the gifts and interests He cultivated in their children to impact future career paths. (Parents of middle school learners are encouraged to attend.)



C.H.I.L.L. O.U.T.

Rachael Carman

As an obsessive-compulsive- perfectionist-control-freak herself, Rachael is sometimes her own worst enemy when it comes to taking advantage of the freedoms of home school. Are you too tied to your plan? Do you shiver at the idea of change or adjustment? Are you missing out on significant moments because you are focused on the trivial?

Join Rachael for a lesson on how to chill out and turn control over to God.

Saturday Workshop Session IV: 3:00 – 4:00

Building Sibling Relationships

Connie Albers, Sheri Seligson, and Cheryl Bastian



Will my children EVER be friends? Some days we ask this question, knowing it is possible, but wondering if it will ever happen. This workshop will be presented by three moms with over 60 years of varied parenting methods and teaching styles. Though different in approach and experience, all three women have a heart to help parents raise children who not only love their siblings, but choose to spend time with one another, even after they leave home. Connie Albers, Sherri Seligson, and Cheryl Bastian will team up to offer practical tips from their mothering experiences, tips you will be able to implement immediately. Come be encouraged as you endeavor to grow friendships between siblings. Sibling friendships are possible.

Special Needs Moms Panel

Have you felt like you are the only parent dealing with the struggles you face daily with children who learn and live differently? This special panel is offered for parents of children who learn differently. The panel will consist of parents who have walked the journey. Their experiences vary from visual impairments to sensory processing and physical challenges. If

you are a parent nurturing a child of special needs, this panel Q & A is for you. Come and be encouraged.



Apples for Teacher (Just for Dads)

Davis Carman

The gift of a fresh, shiny apple still represents respect and gratitude towards one's teacher. Why should it be any different for the homeschooling mom? They typically carry the lion's share of the homeschooling workload. To help them avoid burnout, husbands need to help their wife avoid feeling 100% of the homeschooling responsibility. Your wife needs to hear "thank you" in many different ways and know for sure that you are engaged. In this session, Davis gives six real and practical ideas for supporting your wife in the homeschooling journey.

Parents, Look Up From Your Paperwork!

Rich and MaryLou Graham

When you first began homeschooling, did you expect to have a lively, creative, environment where the love of learning flourished and giftings were nourished? But now? Are you feeling bogged down in lesson plans, co-op forms, and transporting children to their activities? Come be refreshed in this workshop as award-winning authors Rich and Mary Lou Graham encourage you to create a homeschool environment where your children's talents flourish and loving others is paramount. You'll also get to hear the Graham's daughter, Stephanie, share a teen's perspective on homeschooling and living an abundant life. Don't just



complete each day by checking off your to-do list. Moms and dads, come be inspired to whole-heartedly trust God as you raise your children to be world changers!



Hands-on Reading Instruction Workshop (Ages 4-9)

Kim Andrescik

Although a quality reading curriculum provides an effective foundation for instruction, parents who adapt their instruction to meet the specific needs of their child will see greater reading growth and enjoyment while homeschooling. Active engagement requires hands and minds. While hands are moving and working, minds should be questioning, sorting through sensory input and making connections, allowing for full engagement in the task – manually and mentally. This hands-on reading instruction workshop covers the building blocks of reading (the alphabetics – phonics and phonemic awareness; fluency and automaticity; vocabulary; comprehension) and includes demonstrations of dozens of active engagement “tools” parents can use to spark excitement and add rigor to reading/language lessons.

Stop by the Speaker Tables throughout the day to talk to our presenters and look at their materials.

All speakers will be available at their booths on

Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00

after the last session.

Find Speaker Tables in the main lobby area.

Workshop Presenters (In Alphabetical Order)



Connie Albers

What began with a simple question from her husband, Tom, “Would you prayerfully consider homeschooling?” began a journey that changed their family legacy forever.

After raising five children and homeschooling for 21 years, Connie continues to share with parents across the country how they can cast a vision for their family and accomplish their goals in order to

finish well. All five of her children have the honor of being University of Central Florida Knights. Three have graduated and two are currently enrolled. Together they are working in the college ministry at their church and leading weekly bible studies in their home. Strengthening families, helping others identify their God given strengths and encouraging and challenging moms is something she is passionate about. Connie helps build, engage and empower you, your family and your business. She has seen the forest, walked through the woods and come out on the other side. Sharing the principles of building strong relationships with the people God has allowed you to do life with is her personal goal. You can subscribe to her blog at www.ConnieAlbers.com to get updates on her new book or join her on Facebook; Twitter; Pinterest; Instagram.

Connie will present *Building Sibling Relationships* with Cheryl Bastian and Sherri Seligson.

Kim Andrescik

Kimberly Andrescik has been an elementary teacher for twenty years, homeschooling her twins since 2010. She pursued a Master's degree in Reading Instruction and Curriculum and worked as a Reading Specialist in Seminole County Public Schools working with 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 Rob for over twenty years. In her spare time, you can find her curled up with a great book, planting flowers, or working out at the YMCA.



Kim will present *Hands-on Reading Instruction Workshop (Ages 4-9)*.



Cheryl Bastian

Cheryl Bastian can't remember a time when she wasn't teaching. What started with making her brothers play school evolved to job shadowing and tutoring as a high school student. Through experiential learning, Cheryl's passion for education grew. She completed post-secondary coursework and internships while attending Illinois State University, first as a special education major and then continuing in early childhood education. Concerned she would miss once-in-a-lifetime milestones in her children, Cheryl decided to leave the classroom and bring learning home. Twenty-four years of homeschooling, eight children – ages twenty-seven

to toddler – allow Cheryl and her husband Mike to journey alongside families at many stages of parenting and learning, from toddling to turning tassels. Together, Mike and Cheryl coach parents through life and learning as annual evaluators and consultants. As a magazine columnist, blogger and speaker, Cheryl enthusiastically encourages parents to be intentional, real, and relational as they aspire to raise life-long learners. Her resources are available at Celebrate Simple www.cherylbastian.com.

Cheryl will present *Building Sibling Relationships* with Connie Albers and Sherri Seligson, *Interests = Credit in Middle and High School* with her husband, Mike Bastian, *Alive and Teaching: The Life-Changing Power of Living Books* with Tina Farewell, and *Math YOU Can Use Tomorrow (Ages 4-9)*.



Mike Bastian

Mike Bastian has been married to Cheryl for 28 years and is the busy dad of eight children, ages 26 to 1. They began homeschooling in 1993. Mike is a veteran middle school history teacher and an FCA Huddle Coach serving the same school for 28 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 as well as encouraging teens and young adults to define and refine their God-given interests and talents. He is active in his church as well as the homeschool community where he enjoys walking alongside parents as a homeschool evaluator and encourager.

Mike will present *Interests = Credit in Middle and High School* with his wife, Cheryl Bastian and *Championing the Family* with Dave Seligson.



Meredith Curtis

Meredith Curtis, pastor's wife and homeschooling mom of five amazing children, has been married to her college sweetheart for 33 years. She loves Jesus, leads worship, homeschools, writes, mentors ladies, and, sometimes, even cooks dinner!

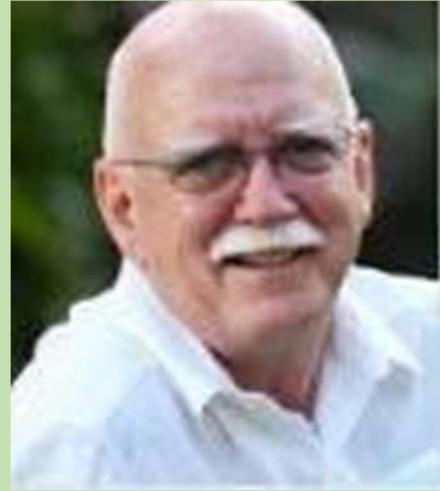
She is the author of *Joyful and Successful Homeschooling*; *Quick & EZ Unit Study Fun*;

Teaching Literature in High School with Classes You Can Use; *Jesus Fill my Heart and Home*; *Economics, Finance, and Business Class*; *Murder Mystery Literature & Writing Class*; *Travel to London Unit Study*; *God's Girls Talk about Boys, Courtship, Dating, and Marriage*; *God's Girls Beauty Secrets*; *A Wise Woman Builds*; and more books, Bibles studies, high school classes, and unit studies. Meredith wants to encourage homeschooling families to be joyful and successful in their homeschool adventures, from birth all the way to high school graduation! Visit her at her websites: joyfulandsuccessfulhomeschooling.com, meredithcurtis.com, finishwellcon.com, or on Facebook.com/[meredithlcurtis](https://www.facebook.com/meredithlcurtis).

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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 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 *A Father's Legacy*.



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.

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Loisann Fowler

Love of learning. Heart for health. Passion for truth. Loisann Fowler and her husband homeschooled their five children from kindergarten through high school (26 years!). All who wanted to continue their education attended the university of their choice, one with an interim 5-year Marine career. Having led Bible studies, taught Sunday School and even swimming lessons, she served with Classical Conversations for 7 years and now teaches several science courses with Apologia



Online Academy. She and husband Randy call Orlando, FL home, where, when not teaching home schoolers Loisann enjoys spending time with her growing family, training for and competing in triathlons, gardening, traveling and encouraging home schooling mothers. When she began homeschooling most friends and family had never heard of such a thing. Now she has a heart to share her experience to help other parents along the journey with their own families. And even though she treasures her BS from Auburn University (War Eagle!), Loisann is convinced only the Word of God can prepare us for the hardness of life, at the heart of which is God's goodness.

Loisann will present *Hard is Good*.



Holly Giles

Holly Giles has been making her trail in homeschooling for ten years. She is the author of *Blaze New Trails*, motivational speaker, and writer. She walks alongside her husband, Curtis, of twenty-two years and their two sons. They can be found in Florida's great outdoors when the weather is good discovering natural treasures. Holly loves to share her real life adventures in her blog, www.thegilesfrontier.com. She is passionate about encouraging other families to enjoy the journey alongside their children, even when the trail is muddy!

Holly will present *Break Free and Teach Your Kids With Wild Abandon*.



Rich and MaryLou Graham

Rich and Mary Lou Graham are award-winning authors that speak with refreshing candor and biblical insight. They have 7 children and 3 grandchildren. Rich and Mary Lou enjoy hanging out with friends and family, going to the beach as often as possible, and sharing God's love everywhere they go. Mary Lou cringed when Rich asked her to teach their children at home, but now, after over 20 years of homeschooling, they both know it's been one of the best decisions they ever made.

*Rich and MaryLou will present **Parents, Look up From Your Paperwork!***

Katie Nolette

Katie Beth is a homeschool graduate, a summa cum laude graduate from Stetson University with a degree in English and in Spanish in 2007, and summa cum laude from UCF with a master's degree in English. She taught English for four years at UCF. Katie Beth is passionate about seeing teens and college students rooted in their faith so that they don't fall away after graduating high school. To this end, she has spent the past nine years investing in teens as a teen leader and through one-on-one discipleship and just this past year started a young women's Bible study at UCF. Katie Beth is currently married to Zack Nolette, a homemaker, and the mother of two children.



Katie will present *What College Professors Want and How Moms Can Prepare Their Writers in Middle and High School* with her mother, Meredith Curtis.



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 *The Homeschool Toolbox*.



Delia Poythress

Delia Poythress, OTR/L gives all glory to God for the lessons she has learned through the successes and, yes, struggles experienced while homeschooling her children. Before being called to the homeschooling path, she began a career as a pediatric occupational

therapist. Little did she know how she would one day draw on that knowledge to educate her own children! She and her husband, Bryan, have homeschooled their four blessings from the beginning. She continues part-time employment as a pediatric occupational therapist and is fascinated with all things related to God's design for learning. She enjoys encouraging other parents that are following God's call to homeschool, by sharing strategies she has learned as both a pediatric occupational therapist and fellow homeschooling mom.

Delia will present Sensory Processing Disorder: The "Hidden" Learning Disability and What You Can Do About It.



Lucee Price

Lucee Price is married to an awesome husband, father and lover of Jesus, Rick. Together they have been homeschooling for over 13 years and live in Florida with their good-natured yellow lab and their curious cat. She and Rick have two inspiring daughters, one graduating high school this year, the other in middle 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 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 9 years including Director of the K-7th Co-op, Special Events Coordinator, Vice-President and President for 2 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 12 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 *The Sandwich Generation: Navigating a New "Normal" With Grace*.



David Seligson

Dave Seligson is grateful for his faithful wife, Sherri, their 29 years of marriage, and their four children. He has led his family in the homeschooling adventure for the past 21 years. During this time, he has experienced the importance of the father's role in discipling 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 *Championing the Family* 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 21 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.

Sherri will present *The Comparison Trap – Moms Need Each Other* and *Building Sibling Relationships* with Connie Albers and Cheryl Bastian.



Kevin Urichko

Pastor Kevin Urichko began working at Northland in 1991. He currently serves as Executive Pastor but has ministered primarily through pastoral care and counseling over the years. Kevin enjoys the practice of spiritual direction - listening to people share the concerns and opportunities they face, then applying the Gospel of Jesus Christ with guidance from the Holy Spirit, to their lives. His studies began at Boston University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and World Religions. He earned his Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry degrees from Reformed Theological Seminary. Kevin serves on the board of several local counseling ministries. He and his wife, Linda, have been married since 1991 and have two children, Kristen and Isaac.

Kevin will present *Keeping Your Family Cyber Safe*.



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 Road,
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 Ave.,
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

