



Conference & Curriculum Fair



*I have No Greater Joy than this, to hear
of my Children Walking in the Truth,
III John 1:4*

March 10-11, 2023

Indian Hills Community Church

1000 S. 84th St.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Featuring:

- Joe & Zan Tyler -- Authors, Speakers and Homeschool Consultants
- Krisa Winn -- HSLDA Special Needs & PreK-8th Educational Consultant
- Brian Young -- Creation Instruction Association



Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

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You are graciously invited to attend . . .

The NCHEA's 36th Annual Conference and Curriculum Fair (C&CF). The ultimate purpose of the C&CF is to bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ in all that is said and done. We hope that the workshops and keynote sessions serve to be a witness to the lost, encouragement to the downtrodden, provide fellowship for believers, and a time of rest for weary parents.

Why should you attend? Come to . . .

- ♦ Be inspired and encouraged by our speakers
- ♦ Shop the exhibit halls and see what's new
- ♦ Meet and have fellowship with other like-minded home-educating parents
- ♦ Mentor new homeschooling parents
- ♦ Learn about homeschooling and parent-led education
- ♦ Enjoy "couple time" away from home and children
- ♦ Be blessed

Sincerely,

**NCHEA Board, Officers, and Conference
Committee**

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 10

8:30 a.m.

Registration Begins

8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Open for
Shopping

9:30 –10:30 a.m.

Opening General Session

11 a.m. Navigating the
Exhibit Hall*

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Workshop Sessions

2:15-2:45 p.m.

Exhibitor Workshops

5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Close

7–8:30 p.m.

Open to the Public

Keynote Session followed
by Graduate Recognition

** For new conference
attendees. Meet at
11 a.m. for a fun
orientation session in
Room 1422-23.*

Saturday, March 11

8:30 a.m.

Registration Begins

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Open for
Shopping

9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Workshop Sessions

10:15–10:45 a.m.

Exhibitor Workshops

Noon–1:15 p.m.

Support Group Leader
Luncheon**

3:30 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Close

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Closing General Session

*** Support Group Leaders
join us for an informational
and inspirational session.
RSVP on the Registration
Form. Bring your own
lunch or preorder on the
Registration Form.*

Questions?

Call after 6:00 p.m.

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Janell Papke ♦ cjpapke@yahoo.com ♦ (402) 580-1374

Michelle Pietzyk ♦ mdpietzyk@gmail.com ♦ (402) 480-1347

Pre-Registration & Payment

Save \$\$\$ with NCHEA membership and early registration!

Pre-registrations must be received by **February 6, 2023**. When your online registration is received, you will get an email confirmation. Please save this confirmation as your record of registration. If you do not have an email address, your canceled check will be your confirmation. Confirmation notices are not mailed.

Each individual or couple that pre-registers will receive one C&CF syllabus at check-in. The syllabus contains outlines and resources. Additional copies may be reserved in advance on the registration form for \$15. Individuals or couples registering at the door receive a syllabus while supplies last.

For quick and easy registration go to www.NCHEA.org.

C&CF Information

Pre-Registration

Save \$\$\$ when you register by February 6, 2023! Register online at www.NCHEA.org. Please save your online confirmation as record of registration. Or your canceled check is your confirmation.

Lodging

Take advantage of the NCHEA special lodging discount. Spend time with other families.

Comfort Suites, 331 North Cotner Blvd.

Call (402)325-8800 for reservations. Ask for the NCHEA room block to receive the discount. Reservations must be made by February 12, 2023.

Fairfield Inn, 8455 Andermatt Dr.

Call Fairfield Inn at (402) 325-6400. Ask for the NCHEA room block. Reservations must be made by Friday, February 17, 2023.

Staybridge Suites, 1501 N. 86th St.

Call (402) 484-6000 for reservations. Ask for the NCHEA room block to receive the discount. Reservation must be made by February 7, 2023.

Exhibit Halls

Your C&CF registration includes unlimited access to the Exhibit Halls featuring publishers, textbooks, and teaching materials. **There is no discount to attend only the Exhibit Halls.**

Free Friday Night

Know someone curious about homeschooling? The Friday evening keynote session is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Invite your interested friends, family, church members, and your neighbors to see the results of home education. All ages are welcome.

Solicitation

No unauthorized solicitation or distribution of material is permitted at the C&CF or in the parking lot.

Children/Teens

For their safety and security, children/teens attending the conference with their parents must remain with a parent at all times. "Children" is defined as persons under the age of 18 years. Adult children in the home who want to attend must pay and register for the conference.

On-site childcare is not available. A room is available to change diapers, nurse babies or for mothers to have quiet time with their babies.

Coffee Shoppe

Do you need a break? Join us in the Coffee Shoppe in Room 1422-23 to enjoy some relaxation and catch up with friends. Specialty coffee and snacks are available for purchase.



Volunteers

The C&CF is planned and conducted by homeschool parents like you. This undertaking requires many volunteers. Prayerfully consider volunteering. Please check the box on the registration form marked "volunteers" or call Kathleen Lenzen at (402) 423-4297, Janell Papke at (402) 580-1374, or Michelle Pietzyk at (402) 480-1347.

Refund Policy

No refunds or adjustments are made at the C&CF. All refund requests must be made in writing by March 1. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope when requesting a refund.

Food

Food and drink are NOT permitted in the church, except in the Coffee Shoppe. Water is allowed in a sealed container. Friday and Saturday lunch orders will not be available this year. Enjoy a meal offsite with your friends!

Exhibit and Advertising

Advertising in the syllabus and exhibitor space is available. For information, contact NCHEA@NCHEA.org. Advertising and exhibiting is at the discretion of the C&CF committee and denials are without comment.

Calls

The church does not sponsor this event and no calls should be directed to Indian Hills Community Church.

Photos and Video

When you attend/enter the NCHEA C&CF, you will be entering an area where photography, videography, and/or audio recording may occur. By entering the event premises, you consent to photography, audio recording, video recording and its/their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of the same to be used for the purposes of print, news, web casts, promotional purposes, telecasts, advertising, inclusion on websites, or any other purpose as required by the NCHEA, its affiliates, or its representatives.

Take the Conference Home!

Pre-purchase MP3 downloads of all the workshops for just \$45. You will receive an email prior to the start of the conference with your download code.

Please note the code expires 60 days.

Special Activities

Support Group Leaders Lunch

Thank you for all that you do! Saturday from Noon-1:15 p.m., join us for a great time to connect with other leaders and encourage one another--Room 1101-1102. Please bring your lunch or preorder a sack lunch on the Registration Form.

Graduate Recognition

Sign your senior up for Graduate Recognition. The Keynote Session and Graduate Recognition are open to the public.

Visit

www.NCHEA.org

for the graduate questionnaire, fees and information. For questions, contact:

Janell Papke at cjpapke@yahoo.com

Kathleen Lenzen at nchea@nchea.org

Michelle Pietzyk at mdpietzyk@gmail.com

Dyslexia Screening

March 10-11

The Nebraska Dyslexia Association is screening children of all ages. Screening takes 90 minutes and the fee is \$40. Appointment times are 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. both days and 3:30 p.m. on Friday. To schedule a screening, contact Kathy Johnson at kathy.simplistic-solutions@gmail.com with your first and second choice of screening times. Mail checks to: Nebraska Dyslexia Association, PO Box 6302, Lincoln, NE 68506

Shop to Win!

Support our exhibitors by purchasing your materials at the C&CF. Enter to win a \$100. Bring your receipts to the NCHEA table. Receive one entry for every \$25 purchase. (Ex. \$25=1 ticket, \$50=2 tickets, etc.)

Find Your Local Support Group

Stop by the NCHEA table in the lobby to find our information about local support groups and connect with people in your area. If you are a support group leader, please stop by the table and mark your group on the map. If you have not given us your support group information, please send it to Kathleen Lenzen at NCHAEA@NCHEA.org.

Kids and Teen Conferences

March 10-11

Kids and Teens once again have
their own fun and educational conferences
during the C&CF.

See pages 15 and 17 for registration information!

Featured Speakers

Joe and Zan Tyler

Authors, Speakers and Homeschool Consultants



When Joe and Zan Tyler began homeschooling in 1984, the State Superintendent of Education threatened Zan with jail. For the next eight years, the Tylers battled for homeschool freedom and the establishment

of landmark homeschool legislation in South Carolina. In 1990, Joe and Zan founded the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS), Joe as a founding board member and Zan as its president for ten years. Joe currently serves as the Chairman of the SCAIHS Board. Joe also serves on the Board for Excelsior Academy—a large homeschooling co-op that the Tylers founded. Joe and Zan enjoy speaking at homeschool conferences nationally and internationally. They have been married for forty years and spent twenty-one years homeschooling their three children from kindergarten through high school. All three children attended college.

Joe is the President of Followers in Fellowship, a 501c3 organization committed to preserving and advancing Christian education by supporting homeschool groups. He spent thirty years in the corporate world as an information systems project manager. Most recently Joe served as the Operations Director for Apologia.

As a popular author and speaker, Zan's passion is to encourage parents to raise children who love the Lord, understand their callings in life, and become active citizens who understand the principles of freedom that undergird our American heritage. She currently works with BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precept. For sixteen years, Zan worked with Christian publishers to develop homeschool curriculum and resources. Zan is passionate, uplifting, and relatable.

As a prolific author, Zan is best known for her book *7 Tools For Cultivating Your Child's Potential*. You can find her and the Zan Tyler Podcast at zant Tyler.com.

Krissa Winn, BSE

HSLDA, Special Needs & PreK–8th Educational Consultant



Krissa Winn holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Arkansas State University, and an associate degree in Practical Theology from Christ for the Nations Institute. For more than 20 years, she was a classroom teacher in both private and public-school

settings. She has also worked as a private tutor, an early childhood intervention specialist, and as an academic language therapist in training, working with students who have dyslexia.

Throughout her career, she has had many opportunities to work with children with various special needs. Students with attention deficit disorder, attachment issues, developmental delays, auditory processing disorder, sensory processing disorders, and autism (among others) have filled her class rosters and her heart.

Krissa joined Home School Legal Defense Association as an educational consultant in 2012, and she continues to serve in that capacity. She offers resources, support and guidance to parents who are homeschooling children with special needs. In her free time, Krissa enjoys singing, playing piano, leading worship, and taking walks.

After almost 23 years of marriage, Krissa and her husband Bryon were blessed with the birth of their first child, Grace. Three years later, their second miracle baby, Karis Joy, was born. The Winn family is currently homeschooling in their home in South Arkansas.

Brian Young

Creation Instruction Association



Brian Young, an internationally known speaker and author, was a teacher and principal for 10 years before becoming director of Creation Instruction Association and the Semisaurus Mobile Creation Museum. He has been speaking on the topic of creation and Biblical authority for 25 years, debating at universities, going into prisons, and sharing at churches, schools and camps around the world. He uses the Bible as the foundation for science and education.

Workshop Speakers

Mikaela Betka, OD, FCOVD

Dr. Mikaela Betka graduated from Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry in 2015 and completed a residency in developmental vision and neuro-optometric vision rehabilitation in 2016. Dr. Betka is the co-founder and behavioral optometrist at inSIGHT Vision Performance Center. She is an expert in binocular vision and visual processing deficiencies and loves to help patients of all ages achieve their best possible vision. Her goal is to give patients the skills that they need to be successful in school, work, sports, and life.



Nancy Bjorkman

After being a homeschool skeptic, Nancy began homeschooling her four children in 1992, and saw it work. Now a mentor to homeschooling families, she has spoken at homeschool conferences in over 10 states where she is known for her enthusiasm, energy, and encouragement. Although busy as a bookstore owner and speaker, her favorite times are spent with her growing family (grandkids - yeah!). She and her husband own HEPPNER'S LEGACY, a homeschool store in Elk River, MN, where they minister to the unique needs of families year-round, and where parents say, "Come for the books. Stay for the Therapy.™"



Kathleen Cotter Clayton

Kathleen is the daughter of Dr. Joan A. Cotter, author and creator of the RightStart™ Mathematics program. She is one of the first children to grow up under the RightStart principles. Kathleen has a degree in Home Economics and a minor in Business from the University of Minnesota and has two Masters Degrees from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Kathleen and her husband Steve have six adult children and six delightful grandchildren. Kathleen is responsible for curriculum development, marketing, and sales.



Gretchen Garrison

When Gretchen Garrison started homeschooling in 2008, she and her husband, Kyle, had four kids six and under. At that point, she did not anticipate how slowly and quickly the journey would go - they graduated their first senior in the spring of 2021. Back in 2013, she started her blog, Odyssey Through Nebraska, to help her family study and travel Nebraska that school year purposefully. The blog continued and has resulted in three books so far. Detour Nebraska: Historic Destinations and Natural Wonders was published in the fall of 2017. In 2020, both A History Lover's Guide to Lincoln and 100 Things to Do in Lincoln Before You Die became available. Gretchen and her family live on an acreage just west of Lincoln.



Dara Halydier

Dara Halydier is a national speaker, author of Practical Proverbs Series and other books, the executive director of Abiding Truth Ministry, mother of five home-grown boys, and grandma of eleven beautiful children. Dara has learned life's lessons the hard way - experience! The lessons she shares come from truths that she has learned from dealing with chronic pain and many surgeries due to a disability, from having moved over thirty times, having four boys with learning disabilities (ADHD, Asperger's, dyslexia, dysgraphia), having homeschooled for 21 years, and having overcome a past of abuse and shame to proclaim God's grace, forgiveness, and freedom. Dara teaches with humor, wisdom, and vulnerability as she reaches out to encourage and equip the next generation.



Monica Irvine

Monica specializes in etiquette and professional instruction to help ensure the success of each individual both personally and professionally. She has written five books on etiquette including Raising a Generation of Ladies and Gentlemen and A Schedule Makes for a Happy Family. She speaks to thousands of parents, educators, professionals and children every year.



Dr. Diane C. Marti

Dr. Diane C. Marti is the owner of Complete Autism Resources & Solutions, PC, LLO and is known for her work through Williamsburg Behavioral Psychology. She has offices located in both Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Marti received her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December 2008 with a specialty in School Psychology. She has over 26 years of clinical experience and enjoys working with "systems" (e.g., schools, families, support systems). She specializes in diagnostic assessments for individuals of all ages with Autism Spectrum Disorder and has a special research interest in diagnosing adults and women on the autism spectrum. Dr. Marti has presented on numerous topics related to the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder at the Nebraska ASD Network State Conference in 2013, 2019, 2020 and 2021. She has recently collaborated on development of content for a grant funded by the CARES Act with the Autism Society of Nebraska, "Stay Safe Self Advocate", a project to educate and provide tools to individuals on the Autism Spectrum Disorder regarding COVID-19. Dr. Marti takes a "strength-based" approach as an effective way to work within the talents and interests of individuals on the spectrum and strategies to build from these strengths to address challenges and needs.



Tyler Morten

Tyler is a father of five. He has a passion for all-things tech. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a major in Management Information Systems. He currently works in the financial industry and is a co-founder of two Lincoln-area tech startups. He helps serve at his local church in the technology area. He is also on the board of directors for the NCEA.



Timothy L. Price

Having been in church (Christian Missionary & Alliance) since three weeks of age and traveled the world in work, Timothy has observed expressions of faith from Charismatics to Mennonites. Being a forever-student, Scripture and history have taught Timothy that we do not learn as much from either as we ought. As a writer, since 2005, Timothy seeks to stir thought and encourage believers in their walk with Christ by drawing from both to find empowerment in order to share it. His training was with The Navigators, Omaha Bible School, and YWAM - Discipleship Training. He is the husband of Pam, for 33 years, a father of two, and a grandpa.



Kurk Shrader

Kurk is a retired business/English teacher who is currently serving as the Executive Director for the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation. A true Aldrich enthusiast, he has made it one of his personal goals to create Aldrich Foundation Resources and make them easily accessible to teachers and students. Kurk and wife Kristyn live near Elmwood, have two children, and five grandchildren.



Workshop Schedule

Danna Swartz

Danna and her husband Patrick have volunteered with NCHCA for more than 10 years. They are both involved with teaching their children and work professionally as educators at Clarkson College and corporate training facilities. They love to work with new homeschool families to help equip them for the mission ahead.



Teen Conference

Adam Lloyd Johnson

Dr. Adam Lloyd Johnson earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has taught for the Rhineland School of Theology in Wolmersen, Germany, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. His own ministry is called Convincing Proof and he also serves with Ratio Christi, a university campus ministry. He is the author or editor of several published works including *A Debate on God and Morality: What is the Best Account of Objective Moral Values and Duties?*, co-authored with William Lane Craig, J. P. Moreland, and others. His next book, *Divine Love Theory: How the Trinity is the Source and Foundation of Morality*, will be published in 2023 by Kregel Academic. You can learn more about Adam and his work at www.convincingproof.org



Timothy Schmidt

Timothy Schmidt is a father of four and a graduate of The Master's Seminary. He has served as the preaching pastor in Firth Bible Church since 2008. Through a variety of outlets, his passion to train young people to defend their beliefs has been growing since his own days of standing firm in the faith when he was a student at UNL in the mid 90s.



Friday, March 10

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Homeschooling—A God-Centered Revival That Begins in Your Living Room Zan Tyler, Auditorium

From teaching phonics to graduating teens, from refereeing fights to nurturing faith, our lives as homeschooling parents run the gamut from the very mundane to the very meaningful. In the midst of the mind-boggling demands of homeschooling and everyday life, we constantly need to remind ourselves that our work as homeschooling moms and dads has tremendous significance in building God's kingdom. Using the lessons of Scripture and history, this workshop will expand your vision of how God is using the homeschool movement, as well as your specific work as a homeschooling parent, to usher in spiritual, educational, and family revival—and to preserve our American heritage.

11 a.m.-Noon

Raising G-Rated Sons in an R-Rated World Joe Tyler, Auditorium

Joe discusses the key issues dads face as they strive to instill a Christ-centered vision in sons. Joe addresses the cultural pressures on young men and shares practical advice to counter the culture and instill a vision of purity in sons and daughters. Because of the frank and sensitive nature of this discussion, we request that only men attend.

Origin of Man and Cavement Richard Stepanek, Chapel

Nebraska Patriotic Places: Former Forts and Military Monuments Gretchen Garrison, 1101-1102

Forts helped stabilize Nebraska territory for early settlers. From the beginning, Nebraska has been influenced by patriotic people. Learn more about those whose names live on in various ways. Join Gretchen, a Nebraska enthusiast, as she shares more about military monuments and other Nebraska locations that celebrate our patriotic heritage.

Math-Does It Matter How You Teach? Kathleen Cotter Clayton, 1404

Many people dislike math because of the way they were taught. The traditional approach of teaching mathematics does not work for most children. We now have new information on how to foster learning. Children must truly understand in order to remember, especially those with learning challenges. We know that a deep understanding of concepts removes anxiety, lessens the burden of memorizing, and makes math more enjoyable. In this workshop, you will explore some teaching strategies and techniques to help children learn, reduce math anxiety, and show them the beauty and joy in math.

Navigating the Exhibit Hall 1422-1423

New conference attendees can join us for a fun orientation session about conference vendors and speakers. Discover

great tools for getting the most out of the conference. Join us in the **Coffee Shoppe** to kick off your weekend at the conference.

Raising our Daughters to be Ladies and Showing our Sons What a Lady Looks Like **Monica Irvine, 2210**

Imagine what it feels like to watch your daughter continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of her life, because she knows she has endless potential and a great responsibility. She matures with a desire to be a voice for good and a contributor to making our world a better place. She seems fearless, yet uses great wisdom. She is courageous, yet humble. She is KIND. You watch her as she exercises true empathy for those in need and although she holds herself to high standards, she never places herself above others. She has been taught by example of what a true lady is and she looks forward to one day being that example to her family. She is truly a lady. Parents, this Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your daughter needs to become this lady. You don't want to miss this. She needs you.

Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nuts and Bolts for Success (Part 1) **Krisa Winn, 2430**

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

1-2 p.m.

How Talking with Your Children Can Stimulate Learning **Zan Tyler, Auditorium**

Relaxing and enjoying your children is an important part of homeschooling. Focusing on conversation with your kids is an important key to that. Conversation is also an essential tool in providing a rich educational experience. In the traditional classroom environment, students have an average of eight to ten individual interactions with their teacher each day. In your homeschool, these verbal interactions can number in the hundreds and greatly enhance the quality of education your children receive. Zan shares how the simple and free tool of conversation can help your children replace boredom with a motivation to learn. Explore strategies to minimize conflict in your home and promote camaraderie, enthusiasm, and joy in learning. Conversation is the key! Conversation IS core curriculum.

The Dating Methods **Brian Young, Chapel**

Many Christians think the earth is old based upon the dating methods. Once you see the process and understand the assumptions that must go into the science, you won't ever doubt the Bible and a young earth again. It is this very topic that brought Brian Young back to believing in God's infallible Word rather than man's fallible wisdom.

High School Fun! – All Subjects Without All the Textbooks **Dara Halydier, 1404**

Textbooks have their place, but all textbooks and no fun makes a lot of homeschoolers want to throw schooling out

the window! Get ideas about how to carry on the spontaneity of homeschooling fun through the high school years without compromising on the necessary knowledge needed to get into college. Having five boys in or through college, she has insight and experience about what is really required to attend college. She will inspire your creative genius to think outside the textbook box and enjoy the last few years your teenager will be home.

Teaching Struggling Learners at Home: Nuts and Bolts for Success (Part 2) **Krisa Winn, 2430**

In this second half of "Nuts and Bolts for Success," Krisa addresses homeschooling and working, teaching multi-ages, scheduling the day, and practical teaching strategies you can use regardless of your curriculum program. Krisa explains multi-sensory teaching methods, direct instruction, and modeled teaching.

Ready, Set, GO! Homeschooling in Nebraska **Danna Swartz, 1101-1102**

How to start, where to find curriculum, when to school, and what a typical day looks like are some of the areas discussed. Get an understanding of Rule 13 and gain valuable information for your homeschool journey. This workshop is a MUST for new homeschoolers.

Engaging Early Learners **Nancy Bjorkman, 2210**

What should "school" look like for early learners? What things are developmentally appropriate for the younger ages? How do we keep our "Littles" appropriately occupied while homeschooling their siblings? This fun and informative session will provide a plethora of ideas specifically geared to engage your pre- and elementary-age children. Nancy will share resources, fun games, toddler tips, and easy activities, all designed to help parents think outside the box when it comes to "doing school."

2:15-2:45 p.m.

Exhibitor Workshops

Enjoy some great Exhibitor Workshops during this session!

3-4 p.m.

Life in the Fiery Furnace: How to Heal and Prevent Homeschool Burnout **Zan Tyler, Auditorium**

Homeschooling places great demands on parents and leads to great expectations. This combination can set us up for an intense sense of failure and disappointment. Homeschooling doesn't always go according to our plans. Even when we are doing our best to follow God and love our families, we may find ourselves in the "fiery furnace," like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Learn the causes of burnout and shares ways to avoid them. Get many practical tips for simplifying your life. Develop a biblical vision for what you are ultimately trying to accomplish in your children's lives through homeschooling—a vision that will sustain you through the hard times and difficult days that are sure to come.

The Stars: God's Word in the Sky **Brian Young, Chapel**

In almost every ancient culture the names of the stars were recorded, yet the Bible says "God calls each star by name." Do you suppose the names God calls them are the names that are preserved? When we closely examine them, it seems that they are. In asking the question of whether Israel had heard the message of Christ, it states in Romans "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Did they not hear? Of course they did: 'Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world'" (Rom 10:17-18). I used to think it must have been the prophets that gave the "Word of Christ" to Israel until I realized that this was a quote from Psalm 19 declaring that the "words" and "voice" was from the heavens. See how each constellation gives a clear message of Christ as well as His return. This is NOT astrology, but simply Christ's creation declaring His glory.

Vision & Learning **Mikaela Betka, 1101-1102**

20/20 vision means you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance. However, it does not mean that you have perfect vision. Visual acuity gives no meaning about what a person sees. If your child is not achieving their full potential academically, struggling with written reading comprehension, skips lines or words when reading, reverses words or letters, or avoids reading or near work, this presentation is for you. There are more than 17 visual skills that are needed for efficient vision and learning. Children struggling with binocular vision or visual processing disorders often will not complain about symptoms because they are unaware that they visually experience things any differently than their peers. In this course, we will learn about these skills, the signs and symptoms of a visual processing disorder, and what can be done to help them be successful.

Teaching Reading, Writing, and Pioneer History with Bess Streeter Aldrich Resources **Kurk Shrader, 1404**

The Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation is committed to providing a number of FREE resources to help the next generation enhance their reading/writing skills, explore pioneer history, and learn about Nebraska Hall of Fame author Bess Streeter Aldrich. Come learn about all the ways you can challenge your students while working within a small budget: short story contest, traveling trunks, novel unit of study for A Lantern in Her Hand, botany lessons, children's literature exhibit, and field trips at the Aldrich House.

Thriving in Degenerating Times **Timothy Price, 2210**

Many feel wickedness and cultural antagonism are closing in upon them from every side. Social media bans people and cultural pressure is applied to believers socially on an increasing basis. So many do not know what to do: how to exist, minister, and do what they feel God wants them to do in this degenerating environment. Fortunately, there are heroes who have gone before us who give us clues, encouragement, and inspiration for just such a time as we see unfolding before us. Be a part of this powerful workshop that will help you and your family begin to charge hard once again instead of walking on eggshells.

Developing and Drafting SEPs (Student Education Plans) **Krisa Winn, 2430**

Does your child have a learning disability or severe special needs? Have you pulled your child out of public school where he used to have an IEP (individual education plan)? Learn the purposes and benefits of writing an SEP (student education plan), the homeschool version of an IEP. This workshop provides guidance on drafting an SEP. Look at sample student education plans and receive a template of a Student Education Plan, as well as a resource list of books that will assist in drafting a homeschool student education plan.

7-8:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker Joe Tyler, Auditorium

followed by **Graduate Recognition**

Join us in celebrating the hard work of graduates and their families after the Keynote Address. This Keynote Address is free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 11

9-10 a.m.

Is Homeschooling Freedom Fragile? **Zan Tyler, Auditorium**

When Zan Tyler was threatened with jail in 1984 for teaching her son at home, she was forced to count the costs of homeschooling and decide if it was really worth it. Zan learned powerful lessons about fighting for freedom, family, and faith that remain pertinent today. Our nation is at a crossroads where the liberties we often take for granted are at stake. We are one lawsuit, law, or treaty away from watching our freedom erode. We must all work to preserve our homeschool freedoms, while intentionally raising up a new generation of freedom fighters. This session will encourage and equip you with powerful principles to share with your children and teens.

So You've Decided to Home-School Your Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder! Now What? Strategies and Tools to increase the homeschool educational success for your ASD student.

Dr. Diane C. Marti, Chapel

Get an overview of educational, emotional and behavioral strategies that may be beneficial to both you and your homeschooled ASD student. Specifically, areas associated with executive functioning deficits, sensory-processing challenges and ways to structure the homeschool day to avoid "getting stuck" will be addressed. In addition, tools to assist with managing challenging behaviors will be provided. This presentation will have a strong over-lap for students diagnosed with AD/HD, so families home-schooling children with AD/HD may benefit from this information as well.

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How to start, where to find curriculum, when to school, and what a typical day looks like are some of the areas discussed. Get an understanding of Rule 13 and gain valuable

information for your homeschool journey. This workshop is a MUST for new homeschoolers.

Raising our Boys to be True Gentlemen and Being an Example for our Daughters

Monica Irvine, 1404

Imagine what it will feel like, as you watch your son, even while they are young, be an example to those around him of what a true gentleman looks like, acts like and is. His focus is on others. He notices without effort when someone near him is in need, and then quickly acts. He guards his tongue knowing that his words have impact and his desire is to only have impact for good. He is kind to his family and understands that his example to his family is his duty as a son of God. He is a leader among his peers and although his standards are high, those in his presence do not feel judged by him, but accepted and valued. His goals are lofty, however he looks forward with anticipation to be a righteous husband and father one day. He is a true gentleman. Parents, this Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your son needs to become this gentleman. You don't want to miss this. He needs you.

Teaching Math to Struggling Learners

Krisa Winn, 2430

Does your student understand math concepts, but can't master multiplication facts? Do you have a child with a math phobia or even a learning disability in math? This workshop includes a broad spectrum of teaching strategies and resources that will equip you to present math in ways that go beyond the suggestions found in traditional teacher manuals.

10:15-10:45 a.m.

Exhibitor Workshops

Enjoy some great Exhibitor Workshops during this session!

11 a.m.-Noon

Raising Children to Be Intentional Christians in a Hostile World

Zan Tyler, Auditorium

Our children live in the midst of a secular culture facing a host of issues and moral dilemmas that we never had to deal with at their age. Because many children are not prepared to counter this culture, startling percentages of those raised in evangelical homes abandon their faith and beliefs as they move into adulthood. For this reason, training our children to develop a strong biblical worldview is one of the most important gifts we can give them. Teaching them to think biblically about all areas of life equips them to become powerful thinkers, leaders, and communicators. Most importantly, it also gives staying power to their faith as they face opposition. Zan provides practical answers to the following questions:

- What is a biblical worldview and why is it crucial for my children?
- How can I teach worldview—especially if I don't understand it myself?
- How can studying the life of Daniel change my teenager's life?

Our goal as Christian homeschoolers must be bigger and broader than turning out kids with exceptional talent and high SAT scores. By incorporating worldview training, we can better equip them to use their gifts to impact the world for Christ, help others by solving real problems, and bring glory to God in the process.

Why Creation is Important

Brian Young, Chapel

Evolution is a clear answer to why the moral fabric of our society is unraveling. See how evolution is the main cause of abortion, homosexuality, divorce and compromise among many churches. This workshop will logically expose how evolution strips away the foundation of Christianity by making the death of Christ a meaningless event. Logically, if evolution be true, Christ is not who He says He is.

Teaching Our Kids about the Internet

Tyler Morten, 1101-1102

In this workshop, learn strategies to help your children develop Internet and technology habits to help keep them safe online. Enjoy a short Q and A session.

God Didn't Make a Mistake

Dara Halydier, 1404

This is our personal story of raising five boys with various needs. Let Dara encourage you that God has a purpose for your child just like he/she is and that God did not make a mistake! She will cover how to accept each child and their individual challenges and how to help them reach their potential. Dara and Tracy raised two boys with genius IQs and homeschooled them successfully! One of these children also had ADHD, dyslexia, and Asperger's syndrome. The other three boys were of average intelligence and successfully graduated in spite of dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADD and ADHD. Each is on a very unique path, but all are becoming the men that God created them to be. They have good self-esteem and are excited about life and love and follow God. What more could a parent ask for?

Language Arts in the Real World

Nancy Bjorkman, 2210

Get a fresh perspective on this subject that frequently frustrates or confuses homeschool parents. Gain insight into the natural sequence of language learning and explore developmentally appropriate tips and tools to enhance growth. We'll discuss the stages that are input or output, what's essential, and how to set goals for different seasons. Topics covered will include phonics, reading, penmanship, grammar, spelling, creative and formal writing, and literature.

Motivating the Reluctant Learner

Krisa Winn, 2430

Could you use some encouragement and strategies to help re-ignite your student's love of learning? If so, this session is for you! There are many factors that impact a child's motivation level—stress, executive function, nutritional needs, media usage, and more. With a little bit of theory and a whole lot of practical application, Krisa equips parents with the tools they need to tap into their child's God-given gift of curiosity.

Noon–1:15 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP LEADER LUNCH

Meet in Room 1101-1102 for lunch and fellowship.
PRE-REGISTRATION is required.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Leaving a Legacy: The Vision of the Homeschool Dad and Husband

Joe Tyler, Auditorium

A cell phone commercial features an NBA point guard trying to play basketball blindfolded. Because he can't see the goal, he's never sure if he's scoring. Too often, men take on the tasks of husband, father, shepherd, principal, coach, and disciplinarian without the vision necessary to define and accomplish the goal. In this session, Joe Tyler helps define the goal and shares how to discover the divinely appointed means of achieving it. You may even learn the secret to making your wife deliriously happy, your home a quiet and peaceful kingdom, your children rich beyond measure, and your father-in-law in awe of your great accomplishments. Come join us in our discussion of what it really means to leave a legacy as a Christian husband and dad.

Do Aliens Exist?

Brian Young, Chapel

Do they really exist or are they deceiving spirits? What does the Bible say about them?

Calming Stormy Behavior

Krisa Winn, 2430

Emotions that go from 0 to 100 in no time at all, little problems that turn into full blown meltdowns, tantrums that leave their mark on the rest of the day—these behaviors and others are stressful to all involved and have derailed many a school day. In this session, discover practical ideas for teaching your child self-regulation, explore ways to prepare your homeschool environment for success, and consider strategies to head-off difficult behaviors. You'll leave with the resources you need to come alongside and calm your student.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pulling in the Same Direction: A Family Vision for Homeschooling

Joe and Zan Tyler, Auditorium

Whether we are teaching phonics or physics, refereeing sibling squabbles, or teaching our children eternal truth, we constantly need to remind ourselves that our work as homeschooling moms and dads has tremendous Kingdom significance. Just like adults, children and teens need vision to stay focused and energized. Do your kids know why you homeschool them? Do they share your vision for this innovative, spiritually powerful education you are giving them at home? Is your marriage withstanding the pressures that come with homeschooling? Join Zan and Joe as they share powerful principles and practical suggestions for creating a family vision for homeschooling that enables you to all pull in the same direction.

2023 NCHEA Adult C&CF Registration Form

Send in this form or register online **BEFORE FEBRUARY 6** at www.NCHEA.org

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____
Wife (first) _____ (last) _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____
E-mail _____ E-mail _____

NCHEA Member Benefits

Please consider becoming a member to help support the NCHEA and to enjoy these benefits below.

| | Pre-Registered Member* | Pre-Registered Non-Member | Walk-in Non-Member |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Membership | \$25.00 | n/a | n/a |
| Individual/Couple C&CF Registration | \$40.00 | \$70.00 | \$85.00 |
| Family C&CF Registration | \$75.00 | \$105.00 | \$120.00 |
| Conference MP3 Recordings | \$45.00 | \$65.00 | \$65.00 |
| Kid's Conference: 1 st Child | \$40.00 | \$45.00 | n/a |
| Kid's Conference: 2 nd & Additional Children | \$30.00 | \$35.00 | n/a |
| Teen Conference: 1 st Teen | \$40.00 | \$45.00 | n/a |
| Teen Conference: 2 nd & Additional Teens | \$30.00 | \$35.00 | n/a |

Pre-Registered Members will also receive a coupon to be used at the C&CF Coffee Shoppe.

Total Potential Member Savings (w/ 2 children or teens)

\$60.00

***PLEASE NOTE: You must pay for a new, renewed, or extended membership with your C&CF registration to take advantage of the Member Benefit.**

NCHEA Membership:

____ Yes, I want to sign up for a **new, renewed, or extended NCHEA Membership?** \$25/family \$ _____

***You must pay for a new, renewed, or extended membership with your C&CF registration to take advantage of the NCHEA Member Benefit**

Would you like to receive the **NCHEA News and Legislative Alerts** via _____ E-mail or _____ U.S. Mail? (Choose one)

C&CF Registration:

Individual/Couple C&CF Registration

\$ _____

(Pre-Registered Member \$40; Pre-Registered Non-Member \$70; Walk-in Member \$55; Walk-in Non-Member \$85)

Family C&CF Registration (parents & children of your immediate family)

\$ _____

Names of Children: _____

(Pre-Registered Member \$75; Pre-Registered Non-Member \$105; Walk-in Member \$90; Walk-in Non-Member \$120)

Support Groups

____ Yes, I am a member of a local support group. Support Group Name: _____

____ Yes, I am a support group leader. Leadership Position: _____

____ Yes, I am a Support Group Leader, and will be attending the Leader Luncheon on Saturday.

____ Yes, I would like to preorder a sack lunch for the Luncheon on Saturday. \$7/lunch \$ _____

C&CF Syllabus - ____ Yes, I want an extra Syllabus for \$15.00 each, includes sales tax.

\$15/syllabus \$ _____

Conference MP3's - ____ Yes, I want to pre-purchase the C&CF MP3 set* (\$45 Pre-Reg. Members, \$65 Non-Members)

\$ _____

*(MP3 set includes both Friday & Saturday sessions. MP3 pricing includes sales tax. MP3s will be available for downloading during and after the C&CF.)

Donations

____ Yes, I am donating to the NCHEA. NCHEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (donations are tax deductible). \$ _____

Volunteering at the Conference

Total \$ _____

Yes, I want to volunteer: ____ Fri a.m. ____ Fri p.m. ____ Sat a.m. ____ Sat p.m.

Grandparent – A non-home educating grandparent may attend free with a paid family member's registration.

Grandparent Name: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Mail this form (postmarked by February 6) and your check made payable to NCHEA to:

Jeff Bennett, C&CF Registrar, 2408 S. 18th St, Lincoln, NE 68502

Credit card payment can be made by registering online at www.NCHEA.org. When you pre-register and pay **online**, you will receive an email confirmation. Your canceled check will be your confirmation. Checks postmarked after February 6 will not be processed and can be picked up at the C&CF. All refunds subject to \$5 cancellation fee and providing a self-addressed stamped return envelope mailed to Nick Lenzen, 2610 Winchester South, Lincoln, NE 68512. No C&CF refunds after March 1, 2023.

NCHEA Kids Conference



“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” These words of Jesus recorded in Matthew chapter 5 provide us with a command which results in the privilege of glorifying our Father in Heaven. During the Kids Conference this year, your students will be taught the importance of being a light for Christ during the storms of life through Bible lessons, music, skits, game time, and crafts.

March 10 and 11, 2023

Friday: Check-in 8:00 a.m., Conference 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: Check-in 8:00 a.m., Conference 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Kids Conference Location: Capitol City Christian Church, 7800 Holdrege, Lincoln, NE

Register online at www.NCHEA.org

NCHEA 2023 Kids Conference Registration Form

March 10 and 11, 2023, Capitol City Christian Church, 7800 Holdrege St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Send in this form or register online BEFORE FEBRUARY 6 at www.NCHEA.org

Parents/Guardians must:

- 1) Pre-register and attend the 2023 NCHEA Adult Conference.
- 2) Pre-register/pre-pay for each child by mailing the registration below OR register online at www.nchea.org. **No registration is permitted on site of the NCHEA Kids Conference!**
- 3) Submit a signed hard copy of the Medical Permission/Release form and Release and Indemnification Agreement form (Forms*) prior to registration deadline or completing a combined form online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ttbzfe43> prior to registration deadline. (*Forms can be found on NCHEA.org)
- 4) Provide a sack lunch and two (2) snacks each day for each child (ages 5 – 12) registered. No refrigeration available.
- 5) PLEASE NOTE: these two guidelines from the church facility:
A) No "red" drinks allowed (or any deep color that would stain carpet if spilled).
B) No shoes that will scuff or leave marks on the gym floor.

Schedule

Friday

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Check-in

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Dismissal

Saturday

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Check-in

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Dismissal

Parents are welcome to check on their children at any time. Only a parent or authorized individual may remove a child from the care of the Kids Conference staff. Please remember - children may NOT accompany parents returning to the daytime NCHEA Conference. Your prompt adherence to the time schedule above is appreciated!

REGISTRATION (Postmarked by February 6th). (Registrations include sales tax)

If the parents are NCHEA Members*: \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling.

If the parents are not NCHEA Members: \$45 for the first child and \$35 for each additional sibling.

***Parents must join or renew NCHEA membership with their 2023 Adult Conference Registration.**

| Child | Age | M/F | \$ | Child | Age | M/F | \$ |
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| 1. | | | \$ | 4. | | | \$ |
| 2. | | | \$ | 5. | | | \$ |
| 3. | | | \$ | 6. | | | \$ |
| Total | | | | | | | \$ |

Kids Conference T-Shirts – Child sizes- S, M, L, XL

| Kid Conference T-Shirts / Child Sizes – S, M, L, XL | Size | Quantity | \$10 each (incl sales tax) | Total Due |
|---|------|----------|----------------------------|-----------|
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Parent(s) Name(s), phone, and U.S. mail and email addresses:

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____

Wife (first) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Refund Policy: No refunds after March 1, 2023. All refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Nick Lenzen, 2610 Winchester South, Lincoln, NE 68512 when requesting a refund.

Mail this Registration Form, the Medical Permission and Indemnification Forms (postmarked by February 6) and your check made payable to NCHEA to: Tina Gould, Registration Coordinator, 1655 Harwood St., Lincoln, NE 68502
Please direct your questions to: Tina Gould, Registration Coordinator at (402) 438-3466 or kidsconfregist@nchea.org

NCHEA Teen Conference

Does God Exist?

Your teen will have a great time spending two days delving into God's word, learning from their instructors, and interacting with fellow attendees. This conference will be led by Timothy Schmidt and Adam Lloyd Johnson.

Register online at www.NCHEA.org

Conference is at Indian Hills Community Church,
1000 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Schedule

Friday: Check-in 8:30 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday: Check-in 8:30 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Parents should meet their teens in the south lobby of the church.

Speakers

Timothy Schmidt and Adam Lloyd Johnson

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20

Parents/Guardians must:

- **Pre-register for the parent C&CF.**
- **Pre-register and prepay for each teen online or with enclosed form.**
- **Provide lunch if meals are not prepaid. (no refrigeration available)**
- **Send a signed copy of the online Medical Release Form and Indemnification Agreement prior to March 1, 2023, to Jean Bennett, 2408 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502.**

NCHEA 2023 Teen Conference Registration Form

March 10 - 11, 2023, Indian Hills Community Church, 1000 South 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Send in this form or register online BEFORE FEBRUARY 6 at www.NCHEA.org

Parents/Guardians must:

- 1) Pre-register and attend the 2023 NCHEA Adult Conference.
- 2) Pre-register/pre-pay for each teen by mailing the registration below OR register online at www.nchea.org. **No registration is permitted on site of the NCHEA Teen Conference!**
- 3) Submit a signed hard copy of the Medical Permission/Release form and Release and Indemnification Agreement form (Forms*) prior to registration deadline or completing a combined form online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ttbzfe43> prior to registration deadline. (*Forms can be found on NCHEA.org)

Schedule

Friday

8:30 a.m. – Check-in

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teen Conference

Saturday

8:30 a.m. – Check-in

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Teen Conference

Parents should meet their teens in the south lobby of the church.

Parent(s) Name(s), phone, U.S. mail, and email addresses:

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____

Wife (first) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Teen(s) – Name(s) _____ M/F _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

REGISTRATION (Postmarked by February 6th). (Registrations include sales tax)

If the parents are NCHEA Members*: \$40 for the first teen and \$30 for each additional sibling.

If the parents are not NCHEA Members: \$45 for the first teen and \$35 for each additional sibling.

***Parents must join or renew NCHEA membership with their 2023 Adult Conference Pre-Registration.**

Teen(s) with Parents who are NCHEA Members:

First Teen Registration of NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$40.00 \$ _____

Additional Teen(s) Registrations of NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$30.00 each \$ _____

Teen(s) with Parents who are not NCHEA Members:

First Teen Registration of Non-NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$45.00 \$ _____

Additional Teen(s) Registrations of Non-NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$35.00 each \$ _____

Lunch:

Yes, I am purchasing lunch for Friday and Saturday for each teen at \$14 per teen \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Refund Policy: No refunds after March 1, 2023. All refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Nick Lenzen, 2610 Winchester South, Lincoln, NE 68512 when requesting a refund.

Mail this Registration Form, the Medical Permission and Indemnification Forms (postmarked by February 6) and your check payable to NCHEA to: Jean Bennett, Teen Conference Registrar, 2408 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502

Questions: Jean Bennett at (402) 875-3109 after 6:00 p.m. or jaben460@gmail.com

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as Joe's parents and my parents provided opportunities for Ty, John, and Lizzy to be involved in projects that I would not have had the time for or access to. On many occasions my mother took us to Charlotte to visit her mother in a nursing home. During the course of our visits, the children often spent meaningful time with other people in the facility as well. The boys delivered Thanksgiving meals to needy families with my dad for many, many years. Through Joe's parents, all three children had the opportunity to help with their church's very large day camp and to serve as counselors at a camp for the underprivileged. Lizzy worked with them for several years on Operation Christmas Child. This project, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, focuses on helping children in war-torn or impoverished countries during the holidays.

For six years we were involved in tutoring in an inner-city outreach program sponsored by Joe's parents' church. This required about three hours once a week. Tutoring is a great avenue for service because it is so desperately needed in today's world with the rising number of functionally illiterate adults and children. As homeschooling parents, we already know how to tutor. We don't have to learn any new skills—just employ the ones we already have! We can also model for the families we're involved with the necessity of parental involvement in the lives and education of their children. Each of our three children began tutoring with me and then moved on to tutor individually, as they grew older and more confident.

Opportunities to serve others are endless; we just need to creatively look for them. Teens have a variety of options open to them, based on their interests and gifts. Once they are old enough to drive, they are free to become involved in ministries and organizations without your having to get them there or be there all the time. You still need to thoroughly check out the organizations your teens are involved in, to make sure they are reputable and your teens will be safe. I know teens that have been involved in the Special Olympics, Joni and Friends, Meals-on-Wheels, and prolife organizations—just to name a few options. Many churches and homeschool support groups also have formalized

service programs and mission trips in which your children and teens can participate.

Think about your children's giftings and interests. How would they most enjoy serving others? What talents could they use to benefit others? What are your giftings and talents? Do you love to cook, do yard work, or organize? Are you a nurse, doctor, techie, teacher, builder, or all-around hard worker? As a family, use your natural abilities, talents, and training as the basis for your volunteer work. Getting your children involved with you takes longer, and the end result may not be as pretty, but you will be participating in raising a generation of servants whose priorities are God's priorities. And your children will truly be a blessing to others. As an added benefit, you will discover together that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive. ✝

Zan Tyler and her husband, Joe, homeschooled for 21 years, teaching all of their children from kindergarten through high school. When she began homeschooling, the state superintendent of education threatened her with jail. Zan and Joe founded the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools, and Zan served as its president for ten years. Zan is the host of the Zan Tyler Podcast, as well as a prolific author, an inspirational speaker, and a tireless advocate for homeschool freedom. She works with BJU Press Homeschool and HomeWorks by Precept. She worked in Christian publishing and curriculum development for 16 years. In 2015 she was presented with the Chris Klicka Award by HSLDA for her dedication and commitment to home education worldwide.

Graduate Recognition

Attention Seniors!

Join us for the Graduate Recognition during the NCHEA Conference and Curriculum Fair on March 10 in Lincoln.

Register by February 6 for this wonderful evening at

www.NCHEA.org

Why attend the Conference & Curriculum Fair?

Come to . . .

- ♦ Be inspired by our speakers
- ♦ Shop the exhibit halls and see what's new
- ♦ Renew your vision for home-based discipleship
- ♦ Meet and fellowship with other like-minded home-educating parents
- ♦ Get refreshed and conquer "burnout"
- ♦ Share your experiences with those new to homeschooling
- ♦ Browse and evaluate curriculum
- ♦ Better understand the benefits of parent-led home education
- ♦ Mentor new homeschooling parents
- ♦ Learn about homeschooling and parent-led discipleship
- ♦ Spend "couple time" away from home
- ♦ Be blessed