

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Ainsworth, Joyce

Change Your Mind and Love Your Body – Many of us struggle with finding a healthy balance in our lifestyles, and most of us struggle with food or other compulsive behaviors to fill the void in our lives. I know I did. But change is possible! Come be challenged to Change Your Mind and learn to Love Your Body in a healthy, balanced way. We will talk about practical ways to overcome unhealthy behavior patterns that are holding you back from being healthy, whole, and free. It is possible to change the pattern of your life. Choose today to Change Your Mind and Love Your Body!

Better Food Choices for Life! – What to eat ... that is a question I get asked at every seminar and conference. I am a regular girl who—by the grace of the Lord—has achieved a remarkable weight loss of over 150 pounds. But the real success has been in developing a plan to maintain my new lifestyle in a simple, practical, and easy enough way for anyone to follow. This workshop will help build your own strategy for being successful at real and lasting life change. Come be encouraged to seek and develop a solid plan that will be simple, practical, and easy to follow for the rest of your LIFE!

Barber Jeff

The Mississippi Legislative Process and Hot Button Issues – How does a bill become law in Mississippi? Are there legislative issues home educators should be concerned about? What is MHEA's legislative approach? These questions and others will be addressed in this workshop led by attorney and MHEA Board Member Jeff Barber.

Barber, Jeff & Lisa

Home Education: Where to Begin – Are you interested in educating your children at home? Have you been homeschooling a few years and wonder if you're missing something? Are you aware of the requirements to home educate legally in Mississippi? Are you familiar with the philosophies of education so you can make more informed curricula purchases? Can you identify your children's learning styles as well as your own? Could you use a list of resources to point you in the right direction? Could you use some general encouragement in your home educating journey? Jeff and Lisa will address these issues and many more. You don't have to be a beginner to attend!

Crowe, Preston & Jennifer

Homeschooling with the Help of Others – As the homeschooling population continues to grow, more opportunities to join hands with other like-minded families. This workshop will focus on two ways to work together in educating your children—homeschool support groups and cooperative learning. Learn how to lean on each other for moral support to academic achievement! We are better together!

Homeschooling with the Heart of Christ – Sometimes, amidst the ABCs and 123s of getting school accomplished, we can forget why we homeschool in the first place. For many, homeschooling is part of a bigger calling to make disciples, beginning with our children. This workshop will help us live “on mission” in our communities and around the world. Serving together as a family or with a group of families is a hands-on way to keep our focus in the right place.

Easley, Marilyn

Building the Framework for High School and Beyond – Marilyn will share ideas on how to get your junior high and senior high students ready for the years beyond homeschooling, including how to lay the framework for your students' success, which tools you will need to accomplish that, and how to put on those finishing touches. She will cover topics

such as high school courses, graduation requirements, record keeping, transcripts, college admission, GPAs, AP courses, ACT/SAT tests, CLEP tests, and more.

Endraske, Emily

The 5 Ws of Dating with a Biblical Worldview – Emily Endraske, a 2014 homeschool graduate, will share biblical insights as well as her experiences on the purpose of dating. After struggling herself with how to date in today’s modern world while still guarding her heart, Emily will encourage young adults (and their parents) to consider such topics as dating for the purpose of marriage, deciding when you are emotionally/spiritually/financially ready to date, and evaluating whether someone is viable as a good life partner. Come hear Emily’s tips on how to know when someone is ready to date, how to apply biblical principles to dating relationships, and ways to make wise relationship choices.

Endraske, Kim

What is a “Drill Book” and How Can I Make One? – As a busy homeschooling mom of four, Kim Endraske saw the need for something academic that she could have a child work on independently. She also saw the need for repetition to help her children memorize basic facts and concepts. Come learn how you can create a customized, reusable drill book for your own students with minimal effort and easy-to-find supplies.

Working with Speech, Language, or Reading-Struggling Learners – Kim Endraske received her undergraduate degree in Education of the Hearing Impaired. Now after homeschooling for 18 years, teaching English online, and counseling her sister who homeschools her son with Down Syndrome, Kim will share some practical tips on working patiently with your child who struggles with speech, language, or reading skills.

Why Homeschool? Ten Blessings of the Homeschooling Lifestyle – Are you considering homeschooling, but haven’t made up your mind? Are you burnt out and find yourself wondering, “Why am I doing this anyway?” Come be encouraged by Kim Endraske, veteran homeschool mom of four, and her oldest daughter Emily, a homeschool graduate—

how they learned to see God's great blessings in the midst of the busyness of their homeschooling journey.

Leaving a Legacy – The Memphis homeschooling community has been rocked in recent years by the passing from earth to heaven of four homeschooling moms in the past four years. How can we take these tragedies and be encouraged to leave a legacy of faith to our children? Kim Endraske, a former atheist and veteran homeschooling mom of four, will reflect on the legacy left to her by her family heritage. Together, we will consider how we can pass on to our children the truth of the Scriptures and our own personal testimonies.

Garneau, Stephanie

RESTing in the Redeemer – Do you ever grow weary in your homeschooling? Join Stephanie as she unpacks what it means to REST in your Redeemer. You'll walk away ready to

Relinquish control

Exchange expectations

Stop comparing

Trust that God is faithful to finish the good work He began in you and your children.

Kilpatrick, Danny

Simple Machines – Having a farm and three sons opened Danny's eyes to the need for educating young men on how mechanical devices work. Danny uses his years of experience—along with hands-on demonstrations and real-life applications for geometry and mathematics—to explain how simple machines that were developed thousands of years ago have helped men work smarter.

Moms' Panel

Study and Structure – You will definitely enjoy hearing this panel of seasoned homeschooling moms discuss the whys behind their favorite curricula and the hows of the specific schedules in their homes. If you are interested in discovering new resources and broadening your horizons, this is the workshop for you! A question-and-answer time will follow the presentations.

Phillips, Maureen

Life Instruction – “Take fast hold of INSTRUCTION, let her not go; keep her; for she is thy LIFE. Hear INSTRUCTION, and be wise, and refuse it not.” As homeschooling parents, it’s our job to educate our children. We need to instruct our children and prepare them for life as adults. Do we only want smart and successful children, or do we want them to be wise and successful? What is our main focus in our home instruction program? What are our priorities for LIFE? Maureen shares thoughts on how she and Randy attempted to prepare their children for LIFE for 30-plus years and how she continues to do so without him.

Scott, Amanda

Learning Gap or Learning Difference? – One thing homeschool parents wonder is if their children are falling behind in areas because they’ve not taught something well, or if there’s something more going on that may need further attention. Amanda and her family have been faced with these same daunting questions throughout their own homeschooling journey. Having dealt with dyslexia, ADHD, and Auditory Processing Disorder in her own home and in the public school setting, she understands the anxiety that comes with the What Ifs. She has teamed up with her children’s private therapist—Molly Quinn Clay, Speech Pathologist—to provide an opportunity to talk through some of those concerns together.

Smith, Mike

Homeschooling and Parental Rights: Freedom Under Fire – Parental rights and religious freedom are the two pillars of parents' constitutional rights to teach their children at home—but can they withstand a new threat to homeschool freedom? In this session, Mike explains how homeschool freedom was established and reveals why it's still in jeopardy.

Remembering the Reason, Renewing the Vision – This session offers a general overview of the challenges, burdens, and benefits of homeschooling from a veteran homeschool father and leader. Addressing the potential homeschooler, the new homeschooler, the veteran homeschooler, and all homeschoolers in between, Mike outlines the success of homeschooling in academics and socialization, describes legal and legislative advances, and concludes that homeschooling families have earned the right to be left alone. He reminds listeners of the benefits of homeschooling and offers some practical suggestions for relieving the pressure on the homeschooling family, especially Mom.

The Angry Child: What Ticks Johnny Off? – Have any of your children demonstrated a tendency toward anger or a bad temper? If so, this session is essential for you. Anger is a God-given emotion and did not come about as a result of the Fall. However, the Bible says, “Be angry, and sin not.” This talk addresses anger from a biblical perspective, focusing on the positive and negative aspects of anger. Mike also delineates the five steps that lead to rebellion.

What Can Dads Do to Make Mom Successful in Homeschooling? – Almost every father has heard that he must lead his family spiritually, physically, and in every other way. However, many fathers will tell you that no one has ever shown them **how** to effectively lead their children, especially in the area of spiritual development. Mike presents encouraging and practical tips to fathers for becoming a leader in the home and a helpful participant in the homeschool program. He also offers suggestions to men on being more effective husbands. Mike candidly shares his many failures and a few successes. This session concludes with a list of the six things homeschooling mothers have identified as the primary ways their husbands can be more effective in the family's homeschool program. In one father's words, “Inspiring and convicting—thanks for the straight talk!”

How Do We Measure Success in Homeschooling? – Many parents in the midst of homeschooling wonder how they can determine whether they are successful or not with

their children. Mike explains in very clear and decisive terms how you can measure the success of your homeschool program. Drawing on biblical texts and principles, Mike encourages homeschooling parents who are facing a lack of confidence or the fear of failure.

VENDOR – BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precept

Unravel the Frazzle – Eujeana will discuss different ways to get the time back so that you can enjoy some adventure time with your family. She will discuss ways to organize your time and lessons in order to keep your academics on track and still have some time for other things that are so important to your family.

VENDOR – East Mississippi Community College

Homeschoolers and the Community College – This is simply a question-and-answer session for parents and students about what the community college offers homeschoolers.

VENDOR – Guitar 360 Method

Guitar Lessons? LOL! In our busy schedule? – This workshop will show you (1) How you can fit self-paced, bite-sized lessons into your busy schedule, (2) How to spot the right guitar curriculum for your child, and (3) How not to break the bank! Music lessons should be all about developing your child's musical confidence, freedom, and creativity. A proven solution now streaming to a device near you!

VENDOR – Notgrass History

Your Child Can Learn History with Notgrass – Notgrass History offers history, government, civics, and economics. Our curriculum gives students a rich, meaningful study from a Christian worldview. It is easy to use for both the teacher and the student. We provide narrative lessons, full-color photographs and illustrations, primary source documents, and hands-on activities to create engaging learning experiences.

VENDOR – ROCK International

The Many Ways to God in Man's Viewpoint – The biblical record captures a historical journal of man's ingenious and creative attempts to engineer a way for sinful man to somehow get back in good with GOD after the Fall. It seems man still tries some of these approaches. This history lesson uses many visual aids. Learn the Bible in a slightly different way. Highlights KING of GLORY resources.

The Tabernacle of Moses Points to Christ – The tabernacle is a huge visual aid from GOD to man. It's trying to tell us something. What is it saying? Many people are confused about the Ten Commandments. So when God gave them to Moses, He also included this huge visual aid to help communicate even clearer. Come learn how it speaks of CHRIST.

VENDOR – William Carey University

How to Pay for College – Karen Golson works for financial aid at William Carey University, and she will explain the total financial process, how to apply for federal financial aid as well as private endowed scholarships.