

Friday

8:30-9:15

[Israel Wayne](#) – *Homeschooling: Preference or Conviction?*

Why do you homeschool? When your children are grown, what will define success for you? What is a Biblical philosophy of education? This workshop will help you to focus on what is really important. Israel will share with you what has helped his family avoid burnout and frustration in the many years of homeschooling.

9:30-10:15

[Chap Bettis](#) – *Gospel Truths that Homeschoolers Forget*

We believe in the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. So why do so many of our homeschools not reflect that gospel? Why having started in the Spirit, are we now homeschooling in the flesh? Come be reminded of the gospel truths we forget. You will leave encouraged!

[Dr. Lainna Callentine](#) – *The Electrifying Nervous System (Interactive Workshop for paid registrants. Space permitting, room will be open for those who would like to observe this workshop.)*

Thinking, crying, breathing, running, skipping, singing, smiling, itching, and sneezing — all of these activities have one thing in common, your brain. Tipping the scales at a mere 3 pounds, it is the integral organ of your body. This interactive, engaging workshop will pick your brain and transport you into the fascinating and complex world of brain anatomy and physiology. See an actual brain dissection. Dr. Callentine brings the brain to life, drawing you into the world of neuroscience as only a doctor can. Each paid registrant will receive a certificate for lab hour documentation and will take home a science kit to continue to pick their brains at home.

10:30-11:15

[Susan Kemmerer](#) – *Homeschooling Distractible Kids Who Don't Like School*

You've been blessed with this amazing bundle of energy. He has spent the first years of his life climbing anything vertical, "shooting" anything that moves, turning every serious moment into a wrestling match – and doing it all at top speed. And now you want to put a book in his lap and convince him that reading word lists and adding columns of numbers is fun??? Yeah, right. Homeschooling is the PERFECT learning environment for this child! Susan, a mother of nine children (including 7 wiggly boys) shares with you ideas on how to homeschool these distractible little bundles of energy (who'd rather be doing anything other than school) in such a way that you'll be enjoying and utilizing their boundless energy instead of quenching their fire. And, of course, we'll look at our own heart issues which are so quick to well up and spill out on those energetic little heads. This is a grace-filled workshop that will keep you laughing.

Sarah & Grace Mally – *Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends*

Many parents say that one of their biggest struggles in home schooling is the bickering and fighting that occurs between their children. In this session, Sarah and Grace Mally, co-authors of the book *Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends*, will share how they have worked through pride, offenses, and irritations in their relationship, and learned to become best friends. This presentation, including ideas, insights, stories, and personal testimonies, is recommended for the entire family.

Sue Pruett – *An Introduction to the Methods of Miss Charlotte Mason*

Whether you are new to homeschooling, or a veteran of many years, the methods of Miss Charlotte Mason are worth checking into! In this seminar, Sue Pruett will introduce you to the gentle, natural, successful methods developed over a century ago by a woman dedicated to seeing that every child receive an excellent education. Sue will hit the highlights of a CM education in this introductory session.

Linda Crosby – *Curriculum: How Do I Choose?*

When embarking upon this exciting journey of home education, figuring out which curriculum to choose for your child can seem daunting. In this very practical workshop, Linda will give an objective overview of the different learning styles and help you understand the most common teaching approaches including textbook, living books, unit studies, classical, Charlotte Mason, eclectic, unschooling, and more. Let Linda help you narrow down your choices and take the guesswork out of choosing curriculum. This workshop will boost your confidence in making educational decisions for success in your homeschool.

Jeannette DiLouie – *Novel Writing 101*

Every aspiring novelist knows about the basics: setting, dialogue, character, plot. But there are even more foundational aspects of writing, little-known though they are, that can make a creative world of difference.

Piercing Word – *Intro to Acting*

Four Piercing Word team members will dramatically present the Book of Jonah. We will then interactively discuss and engage participants in the fundamentals of acting and introduce acting exercises.

11:30-12:15

Israel Wayne – *The Power of Affirmation*

When you are trying to inspire and motivate children, there are two forces that are often exerted: Positive and Negative Reinforcement. In this session, Israel explains the importance of affirmation as a way to inspire and motivate your reluctant child. Drawing from practical and Biblical examples, this session will help you to keep those important relational connections as you are attempting to impart knowledge.

David Fessenden – *Teaching Professional Writing Techniques to Your Student*

This workshop introduces methods that professional editors use to teach writing techniques to publishing staff, and how these methods can be applied in a homeschooling environment.

Barb Beideman – *Getting Started — Homeschooling*

Are you new to homeschooling or new to Pennsylvania? Are you thinking about homeschooling at some point in the future? Do you have questions about what homeschooling might look like and how to get started? This session is designed to encourage and equip you to homeschool your children. Topics include: Why homeschool?, how to get started in PA, a typical day, curriculum, record keeping, testing, portfolios, and evaluations. There will also be time for questions.

Chap Bettis – *The Disciple-Making Parent: Raising Your Children to Love and Follow Jesus Christ*

Isn't the reason we homeschool to disciple our children? Unfortunately, we can become so busy educating them that we forget to disciple them. In our time together, we will think about: why young people walk away from the faith, why they stay, and what we as parents should focus on. Come learn how to keep the main thing the main thing.

Dr. Lainna Callentine – *Sports and the Christian Worldview...Can the Two Coexist?*

Sports can be an excellent tool to help train your child. Through healthy competition, one can foster key character traits in the development of a child. Dr. Lainna Callentine, a pediatrician, and her husband, D.R. Callentine — both former Division I Big Ten Scholarship athletes — will share the impact sports has made on their lives and the lives of their children. They will discuss sports competition, encouraging your children, recreation vs. competitive play, and college recruiting. Come to this interactive session and hear about the good, the bad, and the ugly of sports.

Tomorrow's Filmmakers – *Christian Filmmaking 101*

Why are films so powerful? How does a film impact the culture? In this talk, we learn just how powerful films can be and how to use them for God's glory.

12:30-1:15

Susan Kemmerer – *I Quit!*

"I Quit," you've decided. You can't quite discern whether God wants you to homeschool or not. Maybe you're burned out, fed up, feeling inadequate, or just plain tired of it all. But, whatever the reason for quitting, deep in your heart, you're still wondering, "Maybe I should stick with it." In this workshop Susan Kemmerer, a homeschool mom of 25+ years, looks at numerous reasons why moms quit homeschooling, as well as some solutions to those things that rob you of your joy and motivation to homeschool. If you're looking for reasons to continue when you've got nothing left to give, then this workshop is for you.

Harold Mally – *Learning From Dad*

When Dad teaches, that's the "ultimate education!" Children respond most to what they learn from Dad. He is the most influential authority in their life. He is the pacesetter, protector, and provider of the family. What is the most important thing for a Dad to teach? How can a busy Dad find the time? This session will encourage fathers by giving them added vision and useful tools. It will address the essentials that fathers need to teach and will provide practical help, encouragement, and ideas. This session, taught by Harold Mally, is for fathers only.

Andrew Lewis – *Introduction to American Government for the Christian Statesman*

How do you prepare your child for leadership in the civic realm? What does it mean to be a Christian statesman? Come and hear this introduction and overview of the American system of government, including our founding documents and a synopsis of how our government works on both a state and federal level, from this homeschool graduate who ran for office.

Linda Crosby – *Integrating Art Throughout Your Curriculum*

Picasso claimed, "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." Does your homeschool dust need to be washed away with some invigorating art ideas? Come and glean from Linda Crosby's 30+ years of art education. Knowing that art captures the visual learner, entertains the kinesthetic learner, and awakens language learning skills, Linda determined to use art in every area of their homeschool to meet the varied needs of her children. Through her humor and life experiences, she will inspire you to branch out and experiment with art history, techniques, supplies, and ideas.

1:30-2:15

James Mason – *State of the Homeschooling Nation*

What is the current temperature on homeschooling in the United States? Come hear from HSLDA's senior counsel as he gives a compelling and sometimes humorous report about the cases HSLDA has been working on, and why they are important for you and for homeschooling!

Bonita Greiner – *Organize, DeClutter and Find Time*

Unless you live in a mansion, we all know the challenges (with having scads of homeschooling resources, library books, and science or art projects in our home) of keeping our physical home in order...but is the answer a larger home, or is it managing the space that we already have? A humorous session aimed at helping the most disorganized person learn how to de clutter one's home and take back control of one's life, possessions, and time. A recovering 'Messie' will reveal her 10 secrets to setting limits, getting rid of unneeded treasures, and learning to appreciate relationships over things.

Sue Pruet – *Nature Studies – the Natural Way*

Nature Studies sound so wonderful – and intimidating, don't they? We are blessed to have a wonderful guide for us in Miss Charlotte Mason! She advocated getting children into the out of

doors every day, in all kinds of weather and in all kinds of spaces. Whether you have no yard of your own at all, or you have acres of land right outside your door, it IS possible to give your children an excellent education about God's creation. Join us at this session to discover how!

Chap Bettis – *No Tears Family Devotions*

Family Devotions can become the Holy Grail of Christian family life. Have family devotions consistently and you are a "good example." Admit that you fail... and well let's just say you are a second class Christian family. While family devotions is not the magic bullet of discipleship, there is something beautiful about Dad, Mom, and children opening the Word of God together. In our time together, you will learn what to aim for in family devotions, the rewards, and strategies for conducting "No Tears Family Devotions."

Dan Wooster – *Robotics & God Adventure Workshops (repeat sessions both Friday and Saturday, 1:30-4:15)*

Explore the complexities of God's creation with Camp Infinity's Robotics & God workshop. This program for grades 3-12 is 3 hours long. Availability is limited. During the program, you will get a close-up introduction of how robots work using the LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3. Together with a small team of other participants, you will get hands-on experience building and programming a robot to respond to light, touch, distance, recognize colors or execute other programmed commands. This provides students with an excellent exposure to STEM. Camp Infinity's mission is to teach STEM from a strong biblical worldview. Past participants will be challenged and inspired as they build upon what they've learned and take their robots to a higher level of complexity.

2:30-3:15

Susan Kemmerer – *Preparing Your Outside-the-Box Kid for an Outside-the-Box Future*

Doesn't it seem that there's only one legitimate path to success nowadays? Graduate from high school, go to college, and graduate with a degree you'll most likely never use, accumulating a mountain of debt in the process. But, Moms, you homeschool BECAUSE you think outside the box. there are SO MANY options available to you! You're already providing a unique education for your uniquely-crafted child. Don't stop now! Your child can be wildly successful with OR WITHOUT college. Susan, whose six adult sons all followed non-traditional career paths and are wildly successful, will offer help, brainstorm ideas, and show you that homeschooling outside the box toward the future is an exciting endeavor. Have faith; be courageous!

Mally Family – *Will Our Generation Speak? A Call to Be Bold with the Gospel*

How do we get a witnessing conversation started? What if someone asks a question we can't answer? What if we feel scared? How can we articulate the truth of the gospel with boldness, confidence, clarity and accuracy? In this session, Sarah and Grace Mally, together with their father Harold, share practical tips, ideas, and stories about how to effectively communicate the gospel to those around us. We only have one life to live, and it goes by quickly! Today's

Christian home school youth are in a position like Esther. God has raised them up “for such a time as this.” We need to work together and encourage each other. The question is, “Will our generation speak?”

Barb Beideman – *Creating Your Own Unit Studies*

The goal of this session is to share the joy of designing and teaching unit studies. Learn how this unique approach to teaching uses real-life experiences, books, games, projects, and other resources to encourage students to deeply explore topics and to become life-long learners. Discover ways to integrate subjects to make learning more meaningful and fun. Realize the wealth of knowledge to be gained through unit studies as well as easy methods of constructing them.

Linda Crosby – *Ideas for Scheduling and Planning*

“If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.” ~ Benjamin Franklin. As a homeschool parent, it is imperative that you have a plan in place for the success of your homeschool. Veteran homeschool mom, Linda Crosby, will show you how to lay out your year, month, week and day with schedules that will allow for flexibility in your homeschool. This practical session will get you started on the right foot with a workable schedule to keep you aimed in the right direction at the areas that are most important to you. Linda will present a variety of schedules to give you planning ideas, as well as helpful hints for dealing with interruptions, housework and chores, keeping the toddler occupied, fitting it all in, eliminating time stealers, setting goals for your child, plus more. Come join Linda and plan to succeed!

Piercing Word – *Intro to Memorization & Creating a Memorization Plan*

A Piercing Word team member will dramatically present an entire Psalm. We will then interactively discuss and engage participants on the “why’s” and “how’s” of memorizing scripture, challenge the participants to memorize an entire chapter, and help them create a plan to do so.

3:30-4:15

Israel Wayne – *Pitchin’ a Fit: Overcoming Angry and Stressed-Out Parenting*

Everyone struggles with anger on some level, but when anger is a frequent occurrence with your children, over time, it will damage your relationships and hinder your effectiveness. Are you tired of being stressed out, and ready to have a peaceful atmosphere in your home? Learn how in this important workshop.

David Fessenden – *A Fly on the Wall in a Publishing House*

This seminar takes you on a “fly’s eye view” of how publishing decisions are made, and gives you some tips on what you can do to get your material off the slush pile.

Sue Pruett – *Side by Side Business*

Do you need to earn some extra money to meet your family's needs? Do you dream of bringing Dad home? Larry Pruett was able to come home in 2013. He and Sue will discuss the joys and challenges of running a family-based business.

Dr. Lainna Callentine – *Ask the Pediatrician and Advocating for Your Child*

Do you have questions about your child's health and development? One of the lines of defense in the health of your child is the pediatrician. She or he generally serves as a gatekeeper to more advanced care, making referrals to medical and therapeutic specialists as needed. Navigating the waters and advocating for your child through the healthcare system can be a daunting task. Learn how to navigate these waters and effectively advocate for your children. Ask the questions that you have been too afraid to ask.

Tomorrow's Filmmakers – *How to Get into Filmmaking*

If you want to be a filmmaker, where do you start? Should you spend a lot of money? Should you start with what you already have? In this talk, we learn what the best route is to take when getting into film.

7:00 PM – Mom's Night Out

Linda Crosby – *Laughing in the Midst of Mothering*

Linda's heart is to build up moms and help them find humor and God's purpose in the most important calling on earth – motherhood. Linda vividly shares her amusing struggles and triumphs as a busy homeschooling mom. Homeschooling can be a lonely time for moms, but it doesn't need to be! From the baby stage through high school, learn to find the true source of joy and how to choose joy! Following examples from God's Word, Linda prepares mothers to face their daily tasks with peace and joy in their hearts and homes.