

Schedule of Events

	Coffee House	The Forge	Children's Chapel	Fellowship Hall
8:45-9:00	Welcome (Sanctuary)			Closed
9:00-9:50	"A Comparison of Two Educational Models: The Hebrew and the Greek" Al Bandstra (Sanctuary)			Used-Curriculum Sale, Vendors, and College Representatives
10:00-10:50	"Begin (or Keep Going) with the End in Mind" Jami Marstall	"Keep your Shopping to a Minimum" Theresa Hol	"Iowa Workforce" Teri Vos	
11:00-11:50	"A Theology of Christian Education" Al Bandstra	"Mothers are Born Persons Too!" Jami Marstall	Pending	
12:00-12:50	"How Does She Do...?" Mom Panel (Coffee House)			
1:00-1:50	"College Alternatives" Lori Heschke	"A Theology of Christian Education" Al Bandstra	"Gameschooling: Filling the Holes in the Curricula at the Table" Lefevre	
2:00-2:50	"Navigating the Connected Digital World Safely" Micheal Lauer	"Building Local Resilience in Uncertain Times" Maggie Laverman	"Cultivating Creativity" Lori Heschke	
3:00-4:00	"A River Runs Through It: Reclaiming a Vision for the Glory of God in all of Life" Pastor Michael Shover (Sanctuary)			

Session Overviews:

Al Bandstra

“A Comparison of Two Educational Models: The Hebrew and the Greek” This enlightening session is foundational for teaching our children to stand in awe of God and worship Him because of how they have been taught to understand the concepts they are studying. This session is the first lesson of the series “The Foundation of Christian Education” developed and used by Al Bandstra to train Christian teachers here and abroad to think, teach, and evaluate Biblically. Western culture is deeply influenced by the Greek educational model, but it’s the Hebrew model that gives direction to our educational practices so our students can know God and enjoy Him forever.

“A Theology of Christian Education” This is the second lesson of the series “The Foundation of Christian Education” developed by Al Bandstra to train and inspire Christian teachers to create and implement lessons with a deliberate and distinctive God-centered worldview. This stimulating session challenges the participants to Biblically examine their concepts of the origin, the purpose, and the meaning of the various subjects in their curriculum.

Theresa Hol

“Keeping Your Shopping to a Minimum” How many times do you find yourself at the grocery store per month? Over the course of several years, Theresa Hol has been able to get a (nearly) once-a-month shopping trip under my belt. With meal planning, knowing what you need, and knowing what you already have on-hand, I believe you can slim down your trips to maybe just the time you spend in the grocery store!

Jami Marstall

“Begin (Or Keep Going) with the End in Mind: Charlotte Mason Principles for the High School Years” Many of us begin homeschooling with an idea of what we want our children to know or do when they have finished their educational years in our homes. Looking at Charlotte Mason’s principles, we’ll consider the end we’re educating toward and how to make use of atmosphere, discipline, and life in homeschooling our teens. I hope this will be helpful for mothers laying a foundation or needing inspiration when the end is in sight.

“Mothers are Born Persons Too!” Home education is not just for our children. Mothers’ minds need to be fed with living ideas as much as their children’s. We’ll talk about how we’re created to seek knowledge, why becoming the lead learner in your homeschool is important, and how it can be done in the midst of a busy homeschooling life.

Teri Vos

“Iowa Workforce”

Micheal Lauer

“Navigating the Connected Digital World Safely” Our worlds are increasingly becoming more self service and connected via the internet and personal devices from the sea-change in remote work and learning. Join us as we review common risks and tips to stay safe and protected for your whole family.

Lori Heschke

“College Alternatives” Join Lori and explore career training options that don’t require a four-year degree. Together we’ll look at real life examples of college alternatives including vocational training, entrepreneurship, internship, missions, EMT training, apprenticeship, community college, and volunteering.

“Cultivating Creativity” What is creativity and what can we do to cultivate it in our kids – and in ourselves? Gather practical inspiration on how to nurture creative potential and flourish as image-bearers of our Creator God.

Maggie Laverman

“Building Local Resilience in Uncertain Times” National and global instability does not have to mean local inconveniences. Join Maggie Laverman to explore and discuss ideas for how to build both personal and community resilience using the concept of parallel economies.

Krystal Lefevre

“Gameschooling – Filling the Holes in the Curricula at the Table” Do you find yourself continually feeling as though certain subjects or concepts are not understood or get missed in the busy schedule? Join Ben and Krystal Lefevre as they share their family’s favorite board games separated by subject area. This would be a great time to add to next year’s Christmas list!

Pastor Michael Shover

“A River Runs Through It: Reclaiming a Vision for the Glory of God in all of Life” Christians often hear the dark words that Judgment begins at the house of God. But the opposite is also true: Blessings begin at the house of God. By restoring a vision of the centrality of Christian worship in the Church in the lives of Christians, Pastor Michael Shover will help parents see homeschooling as an aide to the worship of God.

Mom Panel

“How does she do...?” Join a group of varied-experienced moms as they informally answer the same questions as they apply to them. How does the mom of many keep her house clean? What about the mom of many littles? How does a homeschooling look for a mom with only high school students compared to a mom with students in each of the levels? And when do you get to the laundry in all these houses? Bring your questions as we have a fun, informal visit over the lunch hour to share our successes and failures and perhaps some fun ideas that would work in your home as well.