



2024 Session Descriptions

Session 1 (9:20-10:20am):

Encouragement and Practical Tips for Family Devotions (Manny & Sarah Johnson)

We must battle for the hearts of our children and the strength of our families. Join us as we look at the importance of gathering around God's word each day. Please join Manny and Sarah Johnson as they share some of their favorite ideas and resources from their family devotion time with their seven children.

How to Homeschool – panel discussion/Q&A (Martha Clarke, Elizabeth Kawasaki, Ashley Kosem, Eva Hallock & Valerie Hensley)

The purpose of this panel is to address all things homeschool! Panel members will share what motivated them to homeschool, how they got started, and what a typical day is like. They will also answer questions about homeschool regulations, methods, curriculum, reporting requirements, and whatever else you want to know and can get to in the timeframe. Questions can be presented the day of or emailed in advance to Martha Clarke at cookiemartha5@gmail.com.

Practical Charlotte Mason (Tiffany Bennett)

Who was Charlotte Mason? What is the Charlotte Mason method? Can I really implement it in my own modern day homeschool? Join us to discuss these and more, with a particular focus on using the Charlotte Mason method throughout the elementary years. We will touch on the importance of living books, narration, nature study, habit training, handicrafts, art, poetry, teatime, hymns & folk songs, and more.

Session 2 (10:25-11:25am):

A Family on Mission (Sarah & Preston Smith) - *Sanctuary*

It is possible, even during the bustling years of raising children, to participate in God's mission to take the Gospel to every person and nation. You don't even have to travel very far! Preston and Sarah Smith will share about their various experiences doing mission work as individuals and as a family, which includes international, domestic, and even right here in the Ohio Valley. If you've ever wanted to make missions a priority in your family, but weren't sure where to begin, join them for a conversation and bring your questions too!

The Struggling Learner – panel discussion (Tiffany Boles, Dana Houchins, Sara Klempa, Esther Nemuras)

Homeschooling a struggling learner amplifies the concern expressed by virtually all parents: Am I failing my child by keeping them at home? Having experience with ADHD, anxiety, autism, dyslexia, epilepsy, physical impairments, Tourette's, and more, this panel of homeschool moms will offer advice, direction, and encouragement for educating your struggling learner. If you have questions related to a particular struggle or need, feel free to email them ahead of time to Tiffany Boles at kipani4jc@aol.com, or just bring them to the workshop.

Session 2 (10:25-11:25am) continued:

Supplementing Your Curriculum with Field Trips & Unit Studies (Margot Brown)

Learn strategies for implementing field trips and unit studies to enrich your curriculum and meet your teaching goals. Learn the how-tos of planning a unit study to fit your needs and how to shop for and plan field trips.

Setting the Spiritual Stage in Your Home (Ian Thornton)

You and your family have been created to set a stage for the world to see and meet Jesus. By accepting this responsibility, you make an enemy who desires to see you fail and his tool kit is full of fear, frustration, and distraction, just to name a few. But God. In this interactive workshop, **WE** (yes... me and you!) will discuss the tactics of the enemy, how to recognize those tactics (telling stories and hopefully laughing!) and how to defeat those things that keep us from fulfilling the purpose God has given us.

Session 3 (1:30am-2:30pm):

Homeschooling High School – panel discussion (Jennifer Vickers, Martha Clarke, Holly Krupinski, Amanda Parsons, and Gretchen Wright)

Do you have a current or rising Junior or Senior high schooler? Are you starting to worry about what comes next (and how to get there)? Listen to experienced homeschool high school panelists discuss credits, requirements, transcripts, college applications, scholarships, and all things high school related. Got questions? Bring them the day of or email them ahead of time to Jennifer Vickers at jbanksvickers@gmail.com.

Schedules and Planning and Bears! Oh My! (Christa King)

Are you stressed or not sure where to begin? Feeling frustrated with time? Looking to make some changes? You are not alone. Planning your school and scheduling your day can be an overwhelming hurdle, but you don't need to go in search of a Wizard. Instead, seek God first, and then embrace the uniqueness of your home and your children. There are so many options for what your day could look like. In this session, we will think outside the box and discuss various ways you can approach scheduling and planning vs the traditional scheduling methods.

Staying Focused Through the Trial (Julie Fitzsimmons)

Loss of a loved one, serious illness, job loss, personal tragedy – if you haven't already, it's likely you will experience at least one of these during your homeschool journey. So, how do you hold your homeschool together when you can barely hold yourself together? In this session, we will investigate God's purpose for these trials, not just for our homeschool, but for our lives. We will use God's word to evaluate and refine our focus so that it is easier to stay focused through the trial.

Homeschool Dads – discussion group (Brian Vickers)

This session will be a casual and informal time for homeschooling (or future homeschooling) Dads to share their experiences, questions, and concerns. Come to be encouraged and inspired by other men who have been in similar shoes! Email questions or potential discussion topics ahead of time to Brian Vickers at bvickers329@comcast.net or just bring them the day-of.