



BC CHEC 2010

Workshop Descriptions

April 30 & May 1, 2010

FRIDAY

Keynote A: (9:00 – 10:15)

David Hazell: God's Word Can Change How We Homeschool

What defines your school day? Is it the study of disjointed subjects with Bible as one of the subjects? Bible serves our family best when it is integrated into every part of our day. Learn how to maximize the power of God's Word by establishing it as the foundation of your homeschool. Ten minutes of "Bible time" before or after other classes can compartmentalize the Christian faith. Instead discover what happens when you integrate Bible and character development with geography, history, science, music, art and literature. By placing God's Word at the core, your family can be renewed through the power of His Word. You will go beyond just educating your children to raising up disciples ready to follow His call.

BLOCK B WORKSHOPS (10:30 – 11:30)

B1

Davis Carman: Give Me One Good Reason to Homeschool

Are parents really qualified to teach their children everything? What about socialization? These are just a couple of the concerns that make homeschooling seem impossible. But you know homeschooling is continuing to grow. More and more families are considering it and taking the plunge. What are the top reasons? In this session, Davis discusses the moral, academic, and practical reasons to homeschool, and helps dispel the myths we all tend to believe. When you finish this workshop, you will know that if there was ever a time to homeschool, it is now.

B2

Rachael Carman: Seven Simple Steps to Sanity

Ever feel like you are about to lose your mind as a stay at home mom. There is so much to do and so little time. How do you balance it all? How do you know what to do and what not to do? In this presentation you will laugh at yourself as you see how insane our culture is and how peaceful walking with God can be.

B3

Karen Effa: Learning Through Nature

Learning through nature is not a new concept. It was first spearheaded in the 1800's by a Friedrich Froebel and later incorporated into Charlotte Mason's educational system. It is now resurging in popularity due to the Waldkindergarten model coming out of Germany. To name just some of the benefits, education through nature stimulates curiosity, supports real-life experiential learning, physical coordination and improves health. With her own rich heritage of outdoor exploration, Karen will present on how to facilitate this type of learning. It's a highly rewarding but very inexpensive addition to your learning methods.

B4

Greg Bitgood: Are you Discipling or just Home Schooling?

Are we just following the crowd or do we have defining goals of why we educate? Do you understand the foundational differences between Christian Education and Public Education? Are you relying on curriculum, your DL school or the traditional way of doing school for your home education program. What are the different goals and thus how do these goals affect what we do in our programs and ultimately every day we educate our children? How you answer these questions will help determine a multitude of directions in your schooling decisions. If your goals are to disciple your children then you may find yourselves at cross purposes to the educational goals of our culture.

B5

Bev Rempel: Book Reports to Critiques (Writing for upper grades)

The What, Why and How to teach the book report or critique. Using the structural model empowers students to create well-developed and thoughtful reports. Inserting style enhances the model, creating a sophisticated and intelligent critique.

B6

Linda Kane: Home Educating Your Special Needs Child

Labels limit. Labels are dead ends. Labels will hold your child in bondage. Labels are nothing more than a symptomatic identification and classification. Labels are typically long lists of what an individual will not be able to do or accomplish. The prognosis of a label often becomes a self fulfilling prophecy. Whether the concerns derive from a Genetic Syndrome/condition, Brain Injury, Autism, or Learning Disabilities/Limitations.....Break free of labels. Come learn what can be done to reach beyond the limiting, negative effects of a label. Help your child overcome to reach their fullest, God given potential.

BLOCK C WORKSHOPS

VENDOR WORKSHOPS – no registration necessary

BLOCK D WORKSHOPS (2:15 – 3:15)

D1

David Hazell: Occupying Preschoolers while Teaching Older Children

Our children are precious gifts from the Lord but sometimes they can interfere with our human plans. Many homeschooling parents are in distress because they find their little ones seeking attention at all the wrong times. As the father of six children, David Hazell, along with his wife, Marie, have found creative ways to prepare these young “sponges” for school while keeping them creatively occupied at times when the parent needs to concentrate on the older ones. The workshop is full of practical suggestions for educational toys and common household items that can be used to educate and occupy young ones. Homeschooling with young ones can be easier than you think!

D2

Davis Carman: APPLES for the Teacher (Especially for Dads)

The gift of a fresh, shiny apple still represents respect and gratitude towards one's teacher. Why should it be any different for the homeschool mom? They typically carry the lion's share of the homeschool workload. To help them avoid burnout, husbands need to help their wife avoid feeling 100% of the homeschool responsibility. Your wife needs to hear "thank you" in many different ways and know for sure that you are engaged. In this session, Davis gives real and practical ideas for supporting your wife in the homeschool journey.

D3

Jim Weiss: Teaching History with G.A. Henty and Other Great Works

Master Storyteller and Recording Artist, Jim Weiss brings the works of the prolific G.A.Henty to life as he demonstrates how to best utilize the remarkable canon of Henty's historical classics in teaching history and language arts. Having recorded several of the Henty novels, Jim will share storytelling and critical thinking techniques that parents can immediately employ in making the Henty books a beloved family experience. In addition to Henty, Jim will reference several other authors and historical/literary pieces.

D4

Kathleen Cotter-Lawler: Care and Feeding of the Sprouting Mathematician

What is the best way to nurture a young mathematician? Plant a variety of sensory experiences. Feed the brain with visualization strategies. Understand place value with the "math way of counting." Grow the excitement with card games! Cultivate a love for math. Help your sprout flourish and thrive!

D5

Sarah Bennett: Organizing Your Year

Is it possible to have a productive year without becoming a slave to a schedule? Can homeschooling be fun, Christ centered and academically rigorous – at the same time?

Find out how to create long term plans, tackle short term planning and set up your learning environment in a way that maximizes your time and gives your family the flexibility needed to make the most of these precious years.

D6

Paul Farris: 2009 Homeschool Grad Data

The newest research on home educated adults in Canada has just been released. This study is giving us insight into some of the questions we have never before been able to answer; questions like, do home educated students keep their faith, do they participate in community activities, and many more. Join Paul Farris as he guides us through this exciting new research.

BLOCK E: Keynote

David Hazell: Exposed, Isolated or Insulated? How Should We Educate Our Children?

In today's society, our children are bombarded by peer pressure, self-centered ambitions, and harmful cultural expectations. It is very difficult to protect their precious minds as dangers lurk all around them. Even the best kids can be side-tracked from God's purpose. Biblical directives guide us to raising kids with eyes on Him and His work. Learn how we can insulate our children from evil and equip them to battle against it. Let us rather prepare them to spread God's Kingdom into a dark and needy world.

FRIDAY EVENING STORY NIGHT WITH JIM WEISS

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1, 2010

BLOCK F WORKSHOPS (9:00 – 10:00)

F1

David Hazell: Capturing Our Teenager's Spirit: Raising a Young Adult

History is full of examples of young adults who did amazing things for their families, their country, and for God. Why were these “teenagers” so equipped to make a difference at such a young age? Are our students capable of doing the same today? The key is to first understand what God expects of our young people. Learn why the term “teenager” should be replaced with “young adult” and how your young adults can be equipped to change the world for Christ.

F2

Rachael Carman: Attention-Compulsive Perfectionist Control-Freaks: C.H.I.L.L. O.U.T. As an obsessive-compulsive-perfectionist-control-freak herself, Rachael discusses how in many instances she is her own worst enemy when it comes to taking advantage of freedoms of home school. Are you tied to your plan? Do you shiver at the idea of change or adjustment? Are you missing out on significant moments because you are focused on the trivial? It's time to Chill Out and give control of it all to God-He is faithful

F3

Jim Weiss: The Art and Joy of Storytelling and Reading Aloud to Children

Who doesn't like to be read to? And who better to read to children than the people they love and trust most-their parents. This workshop will teach parents to make the very most of their precious read-aloud time with their children. At the heart of each story he tells, Jim Weiss' renowned ability to make even complex subjects comprehensible and memorable to young children is evident. This delightful and immediately useful workshop will help parents to: become even better readers; more clearly define their children's listening skills; facilitate the consideration of the freshness, outlook and interpretation of the stories they choose to read; and assist in using one's voice as an instrument with rewarding and dramatic results.

F4

Carrie Despres: Taking the Stress out of Elementary Foreign Language Studies

What are your expectations for a Second Language Student? What do most Second Language Programs offer? What does the Ministry of Education require? How can home school parents/students meet these and still have fun?

F5

Brenda Baradoy: Curriculum Choices to Suit Your Child's Learning Style

F6

Heather Larratt: Embracing Science Experiments – Literally

When was the last time you wanted to hug a science experiment textbook? If your answer was, "Never!" then this seminar is designed for you. Experiments are absolutely vital to a science education and they must be memorable. Everyone learns better by doing, and retention of science information is six times greater if the participants have fun! Its great when experiments work and its even better when they don't. Heather will take participants through her favorite five no-cost experiments suitable for your home education. Participants will do the experiments in the seminar and go home with the experiment outlines. Heather will explain the pitfalls to avoid when you are the science instructor. She will also offer her favorite website and book picks. If science and science experiments intimidate you, come and have the fun put back into exploring the science God designed.

BLOCK G WORKSHOPS (10:15 – 11:15)

G1

Rachael Carman: Teaching Your Children to B.L.E.S.S.

How do you practically teach your kids to bless one another? This talk teaches an easy to remember lesson with five specific ways that you and your kids can bless each other with words and actions.

G2

Davis Carman: Homeschool Castles

Castles of old were built to last for thousands of years. Many are still standing today for visitors to admire. What are we building in our family homeschools today? Is there a manual or blueprint to follow? Why are we doing this? Will the sacrifice be worth it? In

this session, Davis visits family past, present, and future analyzing trends and creating a vision for an exciting future worth working towards. All the reasons why God is moving in the homeschool community may be hard to understand in the context of present history, so it will take faith. We may not see all the fruit in our lifetime, so it will call for hope. Better start building now; your great-grand children will thank you.

G3

Linda Kane: Getting What you Teach to Stick

Does your child know something one day, and not the next? Are you constantly looking for new and different approaches teaching the same information? Is much of your teaching more accurately “re-teaching”? If you answered yes to these questions, this is the workshop for you. There is a reason the information is not “sticking”. Children who do not retain the information they learn are usually as frustrated as the parent teaching them. Learn the neurodevelopmental cause and what you can do to turn it around. You do not have to cope with the problem, you can eliminate it!

G4

Paul Farris: Christian World View

As a Christian home schooling parent you have made the decision to teach your children the necessary information to get a good start in life. You have recognized that the responsibility to raise your children belongs to no one but you, and you take this responsibility seriously. But what should you teach? What is the necessary world view for a Christian student trying to make a difference in their world? Paul discusses some of the elements that should be a part of every student’s training, and why it is important to have a world view at all. Paul was home schooled before attending the University of Western Ontario, obtaining his law degree and entering practice. He is now legal counsel for HSLDA Canada.

G5

Dianne Panio & Shandra Wiebe: Libraria: Curriculum Found!

Your library holds a treasure trove of valuable resources. Have you found out all the library has to offer? We will take you on an excavating adventure that will open your eyes to the wonders of Libraria..... free curriculum, HCOS unit studies, book sales, e-resources, and more. We will share money-saving ideas, show you how to get books that you can't find in the catalogue, and reveal what you can use to enhance your educational program. Come join us as we access information that few have uncovered before.

G6

Karen Effa: Connected Learning

If you have a resistant learner or are “curriculum-exhausted”, teaching multiple levels or love to be creative, then let Karen walk you through how to put together a personalized unit study (connected learning). The session will start off with gaining an understanding of your unique family paradigms which is foundational to crafting an individualized learning plan. This will be followed by a step-by-step presentation on the process. It's easier than it sounds and makes learning less stressful and more enjoyable in the long run.

BLOCK H VENDOR WORKSHOPS (No Registration Required): 11:45 – 12:30

BLOCK I WORKSHOPS (2:05 – 3:05)

I1

David Hazell: Equipping Our Children to Be Self-Motivated Christian Thinkers

What is the ultimate goal for our families? We all desire to give our children a Christian education that prepares them for the rest of their lives. One important aspect is teaching our children to become successful, independent, thoughtful Christians. We need to wean them from being spoon-fed and lead them to being internally motivated to learn for themselves. We must establish a foundation for self-motivated learning based on moral values. This workshop is designed to give you a path for guiding your children in their life-long process of education and discipleship.

I2

Davis Carman: Family – Our Best Apologia Ever

Apologia is a Greek word meaning “defend the faith.” In a society saturated with an evolutionary perspective, students need to be taught from a Biblical worldview. The statistics show that a very small percentage of born again believers have a worldview consistent with basic Christian doctrines. The internet, movies, music, books and other media heavily influence the thoughts, beliefs, and corresponding actions of young people. How can homeschool parents help their children stand firm with a solid Biblical worldview? Certainly one solution can be the use of good books and curricula including creation-based science curricula. The best way is by example in the context of family. Davis will explain how raising children in a family setting where Christ is worshipped and where the Word of God is the primary text can fulfill the great commission and result in generational faithfulness. Family is truly our best defense of the Christian faith.

I3

Natalie Sing: Lapbooking, Notebooking and Educational Scrapbooking

If you are interested in learning more about the wonderful learning opportunities that lie within Lapbooking and Educational Scrapbooking then this is the workshop for you. We will explore many different ways of using these types of learning. Together we will create a prototype lapbook for you to take home and apply with your students. Lapbooking, Notebooking and Educational Scrapbooking have so many applications to all subject areas and curriculums. If you are having trouble giving evidence of learning this is an inspiring way to show what you have learned. Come and join me for an informative, fun time as we explore Lapbooking, Notebooking and Educational Scrapbooking.

I4

Bev Rempel: Teach Writing Without Tears (Elementary Level)

Teaching writing is one of the most difficult areas of education. As a result many of us avoid the whole process and ‘hope for the best.’ There is a better way. Come learn some skills that you can take home and use the next day with your children and see immediate

results. *Excellence in Writing* teaches the structure of writing and provides numerous ideas of how to develop style. You will gain confidence in your ability to teach writing AND your children will enjoy writing!

I5

Kathleen Cotter-Lawler: The Five Miscalculations in Math

Do your children run and hide when it time for math lessons? When you explain a concept, do they give you the “deer in the headlights” look? Are they bored to tears with worksheets and flashcards? Come and recalculate your math experience! Learn the five most common mistakes when teaching math and bring back (or keep) the excitement!

I6

Linda Kane: Maximize your Homeschool Time

Auditory, Visual, or Kinesthetic Learning? Visualization or Conceptualization? Is math taking hours? Is reading just not clicking? Is spelling a nightmare? Is penmanship painstakingly slow? Children learn when their brains learn and are properly stimulated. By understanding some of the information processing factors that relate to learning, you can help your children learn more efficiently. In this session you will learn how learning occurs in the brain and how you can apply that information to the way you teach your children. You will learn how not to drive yourself crazy trying to fit each child’s separate learning types. Specific ideas will be presented for providing “input” of information into the brain for math, reading, spelling, and writing.

BLOCK J KEYNOTE: (3:15 – 4:30)

Rachael Carman: Soaring Beyond Survival

Homeschooling is not easy. As a matter of fact, sometimes it gets downright overwhelming. This can be a time when it is tempting to slip into survival mode. Homeschooling is the adventure of a lifetime and God will be your strength. It is not His will that you to just survive, He wants you to thrive. Come hear what it takes to soar like an eagle.