Fort Wayne Area Home Schools' 35th Annual Home Education

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Expo Preview:

Friday, May 3, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

First Assembly of God Church
1400 West Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Please enter through door 15

Orientation Meeting, Workshops and Curriculum Share
(No Exhibit Hall)

Resource Expo:

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Workshops Allen County War Memorial Coliseum 4000 Parnell Avenue Fort Wayne, IN 46805 Expo Hall IV Use the Arena & Expo Center Entrance.

Check out the fantastic lineup of speakers and workshops for 2019!

Admission:

\$5.00 (Adults and Teens) \$2.00 (ages 3-12) \$15.00 (Maximum per family) Price includes admission for both days. There is also a \$6.00 parking fee for Saturday.

EXHIBITORS

Abeka

Accelerated Christian Education

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BJU Press / Homeworks by Precept

Bott Radio Network

Brett Sloffer

Bussick Orthodontics By the Way Books

Character Ink

Christian Light Education

Classical Conversations

Compass Financial

Cornerstone Lady Warriors Basketball

Creations Beauty School

Discovery Toys

Easy Grammar Systems

Family Time Game

Familyman Ministries - Todd Wilson

Famous Hoosiers, Inc.

Fort Wayne Area Home Schools

Fort Wayne Children's Choir Fort Wayne Crusaders Baseball

Fort Wayne Guard Basketball Fort4Fitness

Give Hear

Good Steward Books

Hand in Hand Therapy

Heartland Sings!

Home School Legal Defense Association

Huntington University

Indiana Association of Home Educators

Institute for Excellence in Writing

Indiana Vision Development Center

Ivy Tech Community College

Jason Davis Music Service

Keepers at Home/Carlisle Press

Kitchen Specialties and Granary

Kroeker Homeschool Academy

Little Green Schoolhouse Books

Little House Site Tours

Saturday, May 4

Math-U-See

Memoria Press

Northside Homeschool Coop

Olivet Nazarene University

Pizza Hut of Fort Wayne

Purdue University — Fort Wayne

RightStart Mathematics

Roller Dome

Specialty Tutoring

Take Action Test Prep

Taylor University

Teaching Textbooks

The Bookshelf

The Character Corner

Thomas Wegmann & Eddie the Eagle

Trail Life USA

Trick Geography

Truth & Life Ministries

United Art & Education

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne

Young Living

FWAHS reviews the invited exhibitors but does not necessarily endorse every product or philosophy they offer. Parents are urged to use discernment in selecting materials.

The following products and services should be available from the exhibitors listed above:

ABC's of Handling Money God's Classic literature

Way

Abeka Online Video Streaming

ACE self-instructional curriculum

American Language Readers Art programs

Bibles Biblical Money Management

Biblical Worldview Education

BJU Press Distance Learning **BOSCH Kitchen Tools**

Character training materials

Church-based scouting

Choral programs Christian Light Homeschool Plus

Classical Conversations groups

College exam preparation

College information High school via correspondence

Educational games

Employment opportunities

English, history, and math tutor

Essential Oils

Family health and wellness

Field trip ideas

Films and Filmmaking Geography programs

Give, Save & Spend

Homeschool activities and events Musical instrument lessons

Homeschool competitions

Homeschool co-ops

Homeschool gym classes

Homeschool legal membership

Homeschool orchestra

Homeschool sports teams HSLDA Online Academy

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Insect guides

Kindertown

Latin, logic, and speech classes

Literature-based language arts

Math manipulatives

Math-U-See

Parent coaching Phonics materials Phonetic Zoo Spelling Plexus Wellness Products

Rod and Staff

Science in the Beginning (Wile)

Spelling-U-See

Teaching Textbooks CD math

Teaching the Classics

Teaching Writing: Structure and

Used books and curriculum

RESOURCE PACKETS

Attendees will receive a resource packet of catalogs and brochures from many companies and colleges. You may take them home and browse through them at your leisure. One packet will be provided to each family.

Refreshments may be purchased in the exhibit hall. There will be a concessions area and a roaming refreshment cart.

Exhibit hall family accommodations include:

- Mother's Area with rocking chairs and changing table
- Children's Corner with vendor sponsored activities

WORKSHOPS

First Assembly of God Church 1400 West Washington Center Rd.

Friday, May 3

Time:	Room 37 A+B	Room 37 C	Rooms 40-41
6:00 p.m.			Curriculum Share
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Freedomship Education: Rebuilding Your Education Paradigm Andrew Pudewa Escaping the conveyor belt approach of institional education by which most of us were shaped isn't easy, but it has to be done. For many parents, our greatest handicap as teachers is our own education — but it need not be so. In this inspiring and empowering session, you will not only come to understand the nature and purpose of today's educational system as it was originally conceived and designed, but you will see a shining alternative path, one that develops true thinkers, leaders, and communicators - so desperately needed in today's world.	Looking Back 31 Years As a Homeschooling Parent - What I Would Do Differently Kathie Morrissey Kathie shares some thoughts from her heart as she looks back over her last 31 years of homeschooling. She will candidly share 8 things she would do differently, and then a few things she is glad she did, and would gladly do again if she had it to do over. Learn from a veteran some things you can do to make your homeschooling years even better.	6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Area homeschooling parents will have their curriculum items on display and will be available to answer your questions from the consumer point of view. K-12 curricula will be represented. Whether you're just beginning or looking for something new, you can benefit from the information that will be shared. If you are looking to purchase curriculum at the Expo on Saturday, this may be a chance to talk to a mom who has used what you are considering. (Come and go as you wish.)
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	When YOU Go from Teacher to Student Todd Wilson Like you, when we began our homeschooling journey we asked ourselves, "Will we be able to teach them all they need to know for success?" There were so many options and subjects to teach them. They were loaned to us knowing almost NOTHING and we were expected to fill up their noggins and prepare them for adulthood. Little did we know then that homeschooling turned out to be not only what we taught them but what THEY taught US. Never would we have believed how God would use homeschooling to teach us what He needed us to know as parents, homeschoolers, and His children. Join Todd for an intimate time of sharing and laughing at the lessons his children taught him. His hope is that you'll start to view your homeschool day less as a time to teach and muscle through but as a time to learn and enjoy.	Orientation Meeting Jeff & Amy Minard This meeting's purpose is to provide new and prospective homeschooling parents with the basic information needed to begin educating their children at home. Topics will include Indiana's homeschool requirements, procedures for transferring a child from a public school, state and local support organizations and the basics of choosing curriculum and getting started. A brief time will be given for questions.	

Speakers

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Jeff and Amy Minard are homeschooling six of their eight children, ages 4 through 17 (two have graduated). While they are far enough down the "homeschooling road" to have learned many things that work well (and some that don't), the beginning days are still fresh in their minds. They hope to share their enthusiasm for home education with parents who are just catching the vision for teaching their own children at home.

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Saturday, May 4

Located down the hallway from Expo IV

Speaker Workshops

Time:	Appleseed Room A	Appleseed Room B	
Workshop I 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Nurturing Competent Communicators Andrew Pudewa Many parents think that good readers will naturally become good writers. Others think that writing talent is just that — a natural ability — some have it; others don't. Both are myths. History and modern research show very clearly how good writers have developed. What are the two most critical things you can do as a parent to develop a high level of aptitude from a young age through high school? With humor and insight, Andrew will share the two easy but unbelievably powerful things you can do to build language patterns and nurture competent communicators in your family.	10 Organization and Productivity Practices That Made My 32 Years of Homeschooling Successful! Donna Reish Donna brings you the best of her productivity, organization, and scheduling tips and practices to make your next school year be all that you want it to be Trouble getting everyone going in the morning? Schedule too rigid or too loose? Littles fighting for your attention while you're trying to teach the	
Workshop II 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Invasion of the Conviction Snatchers Todd Wilson Do you have a child who doesn't want to be homeschooled, in-laws who don't understand your reasons for homeschooling, a spouse who isn't sold on the idea, or a guilt complex reminding you that you have no business homeschooling your children? Those nagging, sometimes-silent disapprovals can crush a person under the weight of guilt and despair. You sometimes feel like a wave tossed to and fro, because in your heart of hearts you feel God would have you homeschool but then again, the arguments against it are almost drowning you. Join Todd as he goes face to face with the naysayers and shows you how to address their concerns, questions, and logic of why you shouldn't homeschool your children.	to home school their children - so they can be the ones influencing their children's values. When we fail to win their hearts or that heart connection becomes weak, our kids will often begin to look to their friends for relationship, and no longer be open to our teaching. Kathie will share some things to	
Workshop III 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.	Conquering Corrupt Culture by Raising Christian Communicators Andrew Pudewa Today, many of us have an intuitive sense that major changes are coming, that soon our world may be very different in ways not necessarily convenient or comfortable. But at the same time, we must wake up each day and live as though things will continue on pretty much as they are. Resolving this cognitive dissonance requires that we carefully contemplate our circumstances because we truly are in a cultural war, fighting the "non-gospel" of aesthetic and moral relativism on three fronts - personal, family, and social. What should our priorities be, and how can we prepare our children to be "culture warriors"?	Family UnityJust a Dream That Can't Be Achievedor Something We Homeschoolers Can Truly Cultivate in Our Homes? Donna Reish Donna presents this family unity workshop with beliefs, tips, and action steps that can make family unity a reality in our homes. She delves into tips and foundations for family unity in every step of parenting—from what we permit in the toddler and preschool years to how we can help our elementary kiddos love and respect each other to training teens' hearts to be turned to and deeply care about their siblings. From the practical (expectation explanations) to simple but powerful wording ("how does that make him feel?") to laying a foundation for the family as the center of our lives, Donna presents passionate, purposeful, productive ideas that worked in their family resulting in a family unity that did and continues to move her to tears.	
Workshop IV 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	I mile of regrets. Here's the good payer you can handle the hard. In fact, if you're food	Homeschooling is more about discipling than academics. We are investing in eternity as we prepare our children to serve God. There is no higher calling. Many times we forget this and other truths, and get distracted from our purpose and goals of homeschooling. Kathie will give 10 key things every homeschooler should remember. You will be encouraged and inspired as she	
Workshop V 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.	Teaching Boys & Other Children Who Would Rather Make Forts All Day Andrew Pudewa Children like to do what they can do, they want to do what they think they can do, and they hate to do what they think they cannot do. If you want excited and enthusiastic children who learn well, you must understand these key laws of motivation, and focus on the essential requirement of relevancy. If it matters, children will learn it, and if it doesn't, they won't. This session will enlighten you with specific ways to find and create relevancy for children, even when they have no apparent interest.	Orientation Meeting Jeff & Amy Minard This meeting's purpose is to provide new and prospective homeschoolers with the basic information needed to begin educating their children at home. Topics will include Indiana's homeschool requirements, procedures for transferring a child from a public school, state and local support organizations and the basics of choosing curriculum and getting started. A brief time will be given for questions.	
Workshop VI 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.	Life After Graduation Todd Wilson For the last twelve years, you've probably felt the tension of "What's next?" for your children. You hoped the dilemma would solve itself, but it didn't. In fact, there are all sorts of homeschool graduates who are stuck in the "what now zone" or were discouraged from traveling a particular path. It's time to put your fears aside, look the cap and gown in the eye, and take an honest look at life after graduation. There is NOT a one-size-fits-all solution and the pressure from family members, peers, and experts can seem dizzying. Should they go to college or try a college alternative, do a gap year, start their own business, stay at home, get a job, travel the worldjoin a monastery?! Don't be afraid, God has a plan for your child, and part of that plan is that He's given them YOU to help guide them into their next phase of life. Join Todd as he takes a bold and straightforward look at "Life after Graduation". We'll look at the options, discuss the pros and cons, and take the FEAR out of graduation remembering along the way that every child's path is different.	Engaging Truth Brett Sloffer Today, Western culture is "progressing" and changing drastically and at an increasingly rapid rate. Our culture's foundation of objective truth, reality, and morality have been exchanged for a world of seemingly countless competing worldviews and a "truth" that is subjective, fluid, and ever-changing. How did we get here? And, more importantly, how should a Christian respond and live in the midst of this current cultural climate? In this workshop, Brett will not only introduce himself and his high school teaching ministry, but he will explain why theology and apologetics are absolutely vital for the Christian to be an intimate disciple of Christ and an effective ambassador who engages the modern culture and world with the truth in order to fulfill the Great Commission.	

Vendor Workshops

Located along the north wall of Expo IV Saturday, May 4

Time:	Vendor Workshop A	Vendor Workshop B		
Workshop I 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	RightStart TM Math: Why it Works! Rachel Anderson	God's Way of Handling Money vs. The World's Way Janet Smith (Compass Financial)		
	Have you heard the buzz about RightStart TM Math? Hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other curricula. We will teach children that a real mathematical problem is like a puzzle, that math is more than memorization, and that math is fun. Come and learn what is special about our math program!	We have found that most people are not aware that there are 2,350 verses in the Bible that talk about money and that there is a big difference in the way God has shown us in His Word how to handle money and the way most of us do. We will explore the differences in this workshop and show you how to teach this to your children.		
Workshop II 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Fun Ideas for Teaching Grammar Effectively Dr. Wanda C. Phillips (Easy Grammar Systems)	Experience Excellence in Writing Jill Pike (IEW)		
	The author of Easy Grammar and Daily GRAMS will share fun ideas and strategies that enhance mastery learning. Dr. Phillips will cover strategies for teaching specific concepts as well as general ideas for memorable learning.	Come and discover award-winning Excellence in Writing, a method of teaching composition that really works. Using this program, students of all ages will learn to write stories, reports, and essays with style. This workshop will give you an overview of the program and show you how you can get started.		
11:50 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	Lunch Break		
Workshop III 1:00 - 1:50 p.m. Workshop IV	"Teaching" the Junior High & High School Sciences at Home Dr. Jay Wile (Berean Builders) In this workshop, Dr. Jay L. Wile explains how any parent can help his or her children learn science at the upper levels. As a former University teacher and a former high school teacher, Dr. Wile is a staunch advocate of homeschooling a student all the way through the high school years. He agrees that most parents do not have the ability to teach high school sciences at home, but he also contends that this is not a problem. By the time a homeschooled student reaches high school, he or she should have the ability to learn independently or with the help of another. Thus, Dr. Wile admonishes the parent to learn the subject right along with the student. With both the parent and the student helping each other learn, an upper level science experience can be equally rewarding for both!	Entertainment: The Most Powerful Teaching Tool Nathaniel Mervar (Because of Jesus Films) Entertainment. We are constantly exposed to it and affected by it in ways we don't even begin to comprehend. How does a Christ follower navigate this treacherous realm, much less use it as a platform to advance God's Kingdom? How does one biblically prepare one's children to enter a world where entertainment has become the most effective teaching tool to draw us away from God? Vileness is rampant; how do we prepare a generation to "put nothing evil before our eyes" as the Psalmist says? Entertainment has an immense potential for good. Yet, how do we redeem something which has torn into the very moral fabric of our society and played a huge role to the indifference we see to God's word today? Thankfully, Scripture has the answers. God is the Master Storyteller and stories are meant to be powerful, even Jesus taught in parables. Together, by His power, it is time to learn from the Word how to seize this platform for today and this generation. Meeting Your Child's Needs Through Individualization		
2:00 - 2:50 p.m.	Sara Spath (Take Action Test Prep) This workshop is for parents and teens. ACT expert, Sara Spath, will share tips and techniques from her ACT Prep Weekend Bootcamp. Learn shortcuts and test patterns that will save time on all types of questions. This workshop will focus on why and how students should prepare for the ACT. Discover the predictability and learnability of the ACT. Gain insight into the test's content and format. If you have kids in high school, you can't miss this workshop about preparing them for the ACT.	Robert Logan (Accelerated Christian Education) Who are we to say that all children should learn the same way? God wants each individual to use the strengths and talents He has given them to achieve their special calling in life. Find out how different minds work		
Workshop V 3:00 - 3:50 p.m. Reading is foundational to learning. We first learn to read, and then we are expected to read to learn. Many children who have difficulty with reading seem to do well when material is read to them — so, the problem is not one of intelligence! The problem is the method of information acquisition. When information is presented visually, the individual struggles; but when the material comes to them through auditory channels, they seem to fare much better. Such children are often labeled as being "auditory learners" and their curriculum is selected or altered to accommodate this less efficient method of learning. Reliance on auditory presentation and information at the expense of visual processing serves as an enabling behavior that many parents engage in thinking that they are helping their child. In fact, such enabling results in handicapping the child unless action is taken to establish a visually dominated approach to learning. This workshop will highlight the reading process and review the importance of vision in the reading performance. Attendes will receive several tools to help them assess the role a vision problem may be playing in their child's reading difficulty.				

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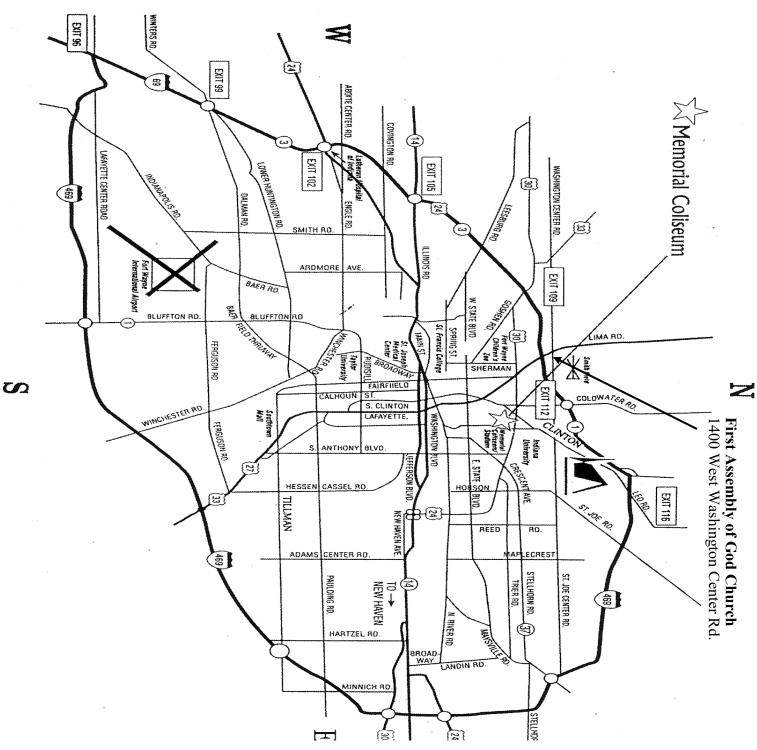
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Donna Reish is a curriculum author of over 100 language arts and writing books, blogger (homeschooling, teaching, language arts, health, and weight management), teacher at Character Ink locally and online, and veteran homeschooler of 32 years. She and her husband Ray manage Character Ink Press---small press publishing company, blog, local cottage class provider to over 170 students, Half Day Homeschool program, and private tutoring service. Donna and Ray have been married for 38 years, have seven children, six kids-inlove, and five grandchildren. They enjoy working together; encouraging parents and students; spending time with their adult kids and continuing to invest in them spiritually, practically, and emotionally; ballroom dancing; teaching and practicing Intermittent Fasting and healthy supplementation; exercising together; and teaching, teaching, teaching!

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Brett Sloffer is a theology teacher who is in his fifth year teaching full-time high school Biblical theology and world religions at Lakewood Park Christian School in Auburn, Indiana. Brett earned a B.A. in Pastoral Ministry and New Testament Greek from Taylor Fort Wayne and M.Div. in Biblical Languages (Hebrew and Greek) degree from Grace Theological Seminary. Brett is also on staff at his home church, Christ Community Church (Churubusco), where he is a part-time worship pastor and also serves in various other ways. Brett and his wife Britney, who is a full-time hospice chaplain, have been married for nearly 12 years. God has blessed them with two beautiful daughters, Hadley and Kinsley. The Sloffers currently reside in Huntertown, IN. Brett has a passion for theology, apologetics, worldview studies, and cultural issues. In addition to teaching at Lakewood and his home church, it has recently been placed on Brett's heart to expand his scope of influence, starting with the local high school age homeschool scene. Brett hopes to be used within the homeschool environment to reach and train up more ambassadors for Christ to engage our culture and world with the truth.

DIRECTIONS



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