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HOME
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2018

Homeschoolers of Maine's 28th Annual

Homeschool Convention

March 15, 16 & 17, 2018

Wherever you are in your homeschool journey, make plans now to join us!

It's our biggest event of the year!

Are you...

- exploring the option of homeschooling for your family?
- a new homeschooler or just getting ready to begin?
- a seasoned homeschooler with several years experience?
- a pioneer who has been homeschooling for a decade or more?
- a homeschool mom and dad in need of a weekend away?
- a homeschooling family looking for an affordable winter getaway?

Mark your calendar now for the 28th Annual HOME Convention, where you'll find something for everyone!

- Information
- Curriculum and resources
- Guidance and support
- Educational enrichment opportunities
- Teen workshops
- Family fun
- Refreshment
- New ideas and strategies

Nationally known speakers, informative workshops and experts in the exhibit halls will help and encourage you in every way. You'll meet real people to answer all of your questions! In addition, there is the fellowship of hundreds of other homeschoolers,

We are looking forward to our next convention, and hope that you will be a part. Our schedule includes many practical and interactive programs and workshop sessions, plus inspiring general sessions and family entertainment. Start planning now to attend HOME's Annual Convention!



Featured and Keynote Speakers

Cheryl Swope

Cheryl Swope, M.Ed. is an author, speaker, and creator with Memoria Press of the Simply Classical Curriculum, a full-year series designed for children with special learning needs. Cheryl and her husband homeschooled their adopted twins (both with autism, learning disabilities, and mental illness) from the children's infancy through high school. The children's love of history, literature, and Latin persuaded Cheryl of the benefits a classical education for any child.

With a master's degree in special education, lifetime K-12 state teaching certificate in Learning Disabilities and Behavior Disorders, Cheryl has studied in a university Occupational Therapy program, tutored, taught in early childhood classrooms and private special school summer programs, helped implement an innovative inclusion program among twelve elementary schools, spoken at her state's Council for Exceptional Children Conference, led I.E.P. meetings, and conducted assessments on behalf of children with special needs. Yet her most humbling education came through her own twins at home.

Author of *Simply Classical: A Beautiful Education for Any Child* (Memoria Press, 2013), Cheryl is perhaps most pleased with the response to the Simply Classical Curriculum voted #1 in Special Needs (Old Schoolhouse Magazine) in 2016 for the second year. Cheryl has spoken in Michigan, Wyoming, California, Texas, Indiana, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina, and in her home state of Missouri.

Cheryl serves as writer for *The Classical Teacher*, advisor to the Classical Latin School Association, editor of the *NEW Simply Classical Journal* for homeschoolers whose children have special learning needs, member of the LCMS President's Blue Ribbon Task Force for Lutheran Education, and lifetime member of the Board of Directors for the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education.

Cheryl lives with her husband of more than 25 years and their forgiving and forbearing adult twins, Michael and Michelle, in a wooded community where they can all swim in the lake, grow spinach and kale in their backyard garden, and stargaze on blankets in the open field.

Angela O'Dell

Angela O'Dell is the author of the Math Lessons for a Living Education math series and the A Living History of Our World history series, both published through Master Books of New Leaf Press. She is also the owner of her own publishing company, Jelly Bean Jar Publications.

Angela is a second generation homeschooler and has home educated her own four children for 19 years. She and her husband, Dave, have graduated their three eldest children and continue to homeschool their youngest, who is in high school.

Although she stays busy writing, Angela also loves to work as a homeschool consultant and has served as a leader in her local homeschool community for years. She thrives on helping and encouraging her fellow homeschooling moms to live strong lives anchored in the truth of God's Word, which declares each of them to be precious and unique, capable and worthy of their calling through the power of Jesus Christ.

Jake MacAulay

Jake MacAulay serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute on the Constitution (IOTC), an educational outreach that presents the founders' "American View" of law and government. IOTC has produced thousands of graduates in all 50 states with a full understanding of the Biblical principles on which America's founding documents are based.

The former co-host of the syndicated talk show, *The Sons of Liberty*, he is an ordained minister and has spoken to audiences nation-wide, and has established the American Club, a constitutional study group in public and private schools.

Jake has been seen on Yahoo News, Fox News, The Blaze, AP, CBS, NBC, The Weekly Standard, and more.

Because He Daily Bears Us Up

By Cheryl Swope

Psalm by Psalm: 365 Selected Readings from Martin Luther from Concordia Publishing House is the perfect book for beginning a new calendar year. As the title implies, every one of the 365 daily readings comes from the Psalms. Consider this:

The Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly—and pictures his kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom—that it might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible.¹

In *Psalm by Psalm*, each daily entry is brief but substantive and opens with related verses from Holy Scripture. Readings denote only a day and month, so selections can be repeated every year.

Why is daily reading important? I recently learned the answer to this question through the response to a similar question.

Getting Personal

Surprised by a painful autoimmune condition, I found myself in physical therapy to learn necessary exercises for my hands, wrists, and feet. These exercises were designed for my good, but this single question penetrating my mind suddenly escaped my lips, “How often must I do these?”

The therapist looked at me quizzically. I earnestly wanted an answer, so I exposed my lazy tendencies with this clarification, “What is the least often I must do these exercises in order for them to be effective?” The therapist gave the firm response I did not want to hear: Daily.

As we teach our children from the Small Catechism, so it is for us: The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and ... a new man should daily come forth and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.²

Mercies

Yet just as our need abounds daily, so his mercies toward us are new every morning. So we can pause in our day to read *Psalm by Psalm: 365 Selected Readings from Martin Luther* each morning, noon, or evening – by ourselves or with our families – for our daily and eternal good.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. – Psalm 68: 19-20

¹ Luther, Martin (Luther's Works 35:254) quoted in the Introduction to *Psalm by Psalm*.

² Luther, Martin. *The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Small Catechism (CPH), What Baptism Indicates*. Emphasis added.

What is Changing America? Government Education Systems

By Jake MacAulay

My entire adult life has been spent in educating Americans to be... well... American. My mission has compelled me to follow in the steps of our founders to “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”

During this time I have experienced peaks and valleys of great hope and despair.

I have experienced hope in the resilience and courage of youth to stand boldly against injustice, and despair when I see their boldness being co-opted by a system of thinking designed to destroy and replace the moral fabric of our American Republic.

Mark Twain put to words an observation that I have long witnessed in the youth culture. “It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.”

The United States public educational trend has become, “If God says it, you must reject it!” Our youth are being taught “what just ain’t so” and tyranny appears to increase at the exact pace that Christianity has decreased in our education systems.

Piece by piece, Christian beliefs have been removed – along with the memory of those beliefs – from the minds of the people by successful compulsory public education. This process was begun in the 1840s by men like Robert Owen and Horace Mann and later continued by Robert Dale Owen and John Dewey. These men, by their own admission, were socialists and communists who realized that the best way to subvert and destroy “Christian” America was to train America’s children to disrespect their parents, and most importantly, their parents’ values, beliefs and traditions. Beneath its vacuous rhetoric purporting to “care about the kids”, this appears to be the current mission of the National Education Association.

Remember, just because you have education doesn’t mean anything if you are educated the wrong way.

Declaration signer and founding father, Dr. Benjamin Rush, also known as the Father of Public Schools, said, “The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.”

The Northwest Ordinance, first enacted in 1787, then reenacted in 1789 by Congress and signed by President Washington, stated, “Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”

Since the 1850s, this public, government-run school system has become more and more entrenched and more and more expensive. Of course, no amount of money stolen from taxpayers to finance the secular conditioning of their children’s minds can have any effect but to destroy the culture and the country.

Make no mistake, you cannot subjugate and enslave a Christian culture, they will recognize and reject tyranny before tyranny can get a foothold.

Unless and until education is done God’s way, under the influence, control and jurisdiction of the family, not government, there is no hope for any improvement.

Top Reasons to Attend the HOME Convention This Year

What does the HOME Convention offer you?

- 1. Books, books and more books!** The HOME Convention is a place to see, touch and ask questions about all those homeschool products that you have seen online and in homeschool magazines and catalogs. Knowledgeable experts and experienced veterans will be standing by to help you find your way through the curriculum maze!
- 2. Bargains!** Many exhibitors offer special discounts during the convention. HOME offers a wide selection of used curriculum and resources, as well!
- 3. Inspiration!** Speakers, workshops and panel discussions bring you education and new information to use in your homeschool. Encouragement and support fosters enthusiasm and a renewed spirit. Your family deserves to have you at your best!
- 4. Family fun and fellowship at a great resort location!** We want you to enjoy your time at the HOME Convention, so we offer plenty of family friendly activities, and lots of time to socialize with other homeschoolers! Where else can you find such a reasonably priced family or winter getaway with something for everyone?
- 5. Connections!** Attend year after year to build enduring, mutually beneficial relationships. You will continually connect with new people and cultivate existing relationships. Building strong networks with other homeschoolers is vital to your success!
- 6. Time alone with your spouse!** For some couples, this event is the only time during the year that they have a chance to be together to reconnect as a couple, and refocus on specific needs and goals for their children.
- 7. Motivation!** This is just the place to fill up your tank and get going again. Don't stay stuck in a rut. Get to the HOME Convention!
- 8. Hands-on Activities!** Many exhibitors at the HOME Convention offer family friendly hands-on activities to engage convention goers, young and old alike.
- 9. Educational Programs!** Workshop tracks especially for families and teens, as well as other special programs are always a part of the event. Everyone learns and grows at the HOME Convention!
- 10. Volunteer Opportunities!** For some families, the HOME Convention offers the chance to give something back to the homeschool community. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

Our exhibit hall will be filled with vendors ready to answer your questions and share their products designed with homeschoolers in mind! Come shop with us!

2018 Exhibitors (So far! More to Come!)

Abeka
Ability Based Learning
Accelerated Christian Education
Applied Inspirations
BJU Press/ Homeworks by Precept
Camp Constitution
Cartooning with Jay Piscopo **
Christian Light Publications
CLYNK
Classical Learning Test
Dirigo HOME
Fairy Projects with Kathy Dunfee **
Gospel for Asia
Heart of HOME Bookstore
HOME Curriculum Consulting
HOME Game Area **
HOME Inventory Clearance Sale
Home School Legal Defense Association
Homeschoolers of Maine
Institute on the Constitution
Internity/Downeast Wellness LLC
Living Waters Christian Camp
Maine Career and Technical Education
Maine Home Education Week
Master Books
Memoria Press
Moms in Prayer International
RightStart Mathematics
Rod and Staff Publishing
Safe Families for Children
ShillerLearning
SMASH
Steam Engine Education
Teaching Textbooks
U.S.P.I.E.
Widow's Friend

** These exhibitors will be providing interactive booths. Opportunities for hands-on activities for children and families will be offered throughout the event during times when the exhibit halls are open..

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Your hotel stay during the Convention will be relaxing, refreshing and convenient when you stay at the beautiful Samoset Resort!

The HOME Convention can provide you with an opportunity for personal retreat, a couple getaway, a moms' time out or an affordable family vacation! By choosing to stay at the Samoset Resort, you will be "down the hall and around the corner" from each workshop and the exhibit areas. All accommodations include many extras (including in-room refrigerators), and are convenient for convention breaks, naps and meal preparations. Use the resort pool and other amenities, too! Make your stay comfortable, convenient and enjoyable by staying at the Samoset Resort!

For reservations, call the Samoset Resort: (800)341-1650. Please mention Homeschoolers of Maine and our group code (HS2018) to receive the discount rate OR make your reservation online using the Special Code (HS2018). Be sure to choose Group/Block under Special Code to see current room availability. Contact Samoset Reservations above if you need assistance. The 2018 reservation deadline is February 20, 2018.

Standard Room (Garden View) - \$129.00
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March 15, 16 & 17

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March 3, 2018

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First Person in the Family	\$35	\$40	\$45		
Each Additional Family Member	\$10	\$15	\$15		
Parents of Preschoolers—First Convention/Children 6 and under	FREE	FREE	FREE		FREE
Exhibit Hall Only Pass Please Circle Day: Thursday 2:30—5:30 Friday 1:00—4:00pm Saturday Noon—3:00pm Children under 12 \$8, children under 2 free	\$15/ person/	\$15/ person/ day	\$15/ person/ day		
Friday Performance Only— SMASH Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$6, children under 2 free	\$10/\$6 person	\$10/\$6 person	\$10/\$6 person		
Scholarship Donation (so that others may attend)					
Join HOME for Savings & Benefits!* VIP Families \$500+/yr (20% Convention Registration Discount) Founding Families \$100-\$499/yr (15% Convention Registration Discount) Friends of Families \$25—\$99/yr (5% Convention Registration Discount) Subscriber Family \$10—\$24 /yr Affiliate Family—FREE <small>*Those who join or have joined at any level this year will receive the latest HOME Digest at the Convention. For more information on joining and other benefits visit: www.homeschoolersofmaine.org and click on JOIN, or call 207-763-2880.</small>					
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"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE."

MATTHEW 19:14

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