

# 2009 MTHEA Fair Workshop Descriptions

**Friday, May 15**

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**10:00 am**

**The Nuts and Bolts of Sonlight**

**Room A**

**The Way You Wish You Were Taught**

Sonlight Curriculum

The nuts and bolts of Sonlight. The way you wish you were taught. Come and listen to a 10+ year veteran homeschooler who has used Sonlight for the whole time.

**HOLY COW! These Science Experiments are “Udderly” Fantastic!**

**Room B**

Holy Cow Science

Get “moo-ving” and add fun to your science curriculum with these exciting science curricula for Grades 1-12! These experiments can be used with multiple children of different ages and can be repeated. All of these science experiments follow the Scientific Method. Come see what’s new and learn how these experiments will work for you!

**Cradle to Grade**

**Preparing Your Children to Love Reading**

**Room C**

Jan Bloom of BooksBloom

Booklovers become world changers; but they are grown, not born. Jan, a booklover and veteran homeschooler, will give advice to help parents of young children develop strategies and lifestyles that will “till the soil” and prepare a child’s mind for the hard, but joyful, work of learning from books. Caution: Do not come if you are not ready to give up or considerably cut down on TV and computer time...

**Preparing Sons for Life...The Mom’s Part**

**Room D**

Shirley Solis of Lifetime Books & Gifts

Historically, men of God comment that their greatest influence for loving God came from their mothers. What are we doing to make our sons better husbands, fathers, and men of God? If you are blessed with a son and want to vibrantly raise him up for the Lord, you must come to this workshop....he (and He) is counting on you!

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**11:00 am**

**Terrific Teaching Tools – 2009**

**Room A**

Rainbow Resource Center

Out of all that Rainbow offers, what are the most versatile, creative, cost-effective tools to add pizzazz to your homeschool day? Curriculum Consultants will introduce you to a plethora of teaching techniques using a handful of inexpensive items.

**Preview College & Career Planning Resources  
FREE to Middle & High School Students**

**Room B**

Edsouth Student Outreach Services

Edsouth Student Outreach Services, providing free college and career resources to Tennessee students, has expanded its list of services. During this session, our outreach counselors will outline its services available to aid middle and high school students. In addition to offering our popular college and career planning, financial aid, and admissions sessions, we proudly introduce new presentations addressing subjects essential to personal development among students: financial literacy and life after high school.

**Nutrition 101 – Choose Life!**

**Room C**

Healthy Homes

“Because I SAID so!” should be reason enough for our children to make healthy food choices. Unfortunately, in our “fast food” culture, that reasoning often doesn’t stick for a lifetime of healthy choices. Learn about a fun and exciting way to teach your family all the why’s of what God designed for us to eat and create a legacy of abundant health for your family.

**How to Look More Like a Family, Less Like a School**

**Room D**

Mary Hood, The Relaxed Homeschooler

In this workshop, Mary contrasts families and schools in the areas of learning environment, discipline, and parental roles. Learn to let your own goals drive your instruction, rather than trying too hard to mimic the public school.

**Friday, May 15**

**12:00 pm**

**Let’s Plan a Field Trip!**

**Room A**

Kids Love Tennessee

Through hands-on visuals and lively storytelling, author (and Family Travel Mom) Michele Zavatsky, will take you on an educational journey through Tennessee. Let’s get out of the house and venture out on easy, inexpensive field trips. Refresh yourself and learn how many sites are nearby .... often ones you may never think of! Learn to create your own fun day trips from the Mom that “vacations for a living!”

**How to Really Love Your Homeschooling Wife or  
What NOT to Say at the End of the Day**

**Room B**

Gary Bloom of BooksBloom

Cautions, corrections, and consolation for husbands with homeschooling wives: Speaking from 15 years of homeschool and 33 years of husband experience and mistakes, Gary gives meaningful and useful advice to help husbands help their wives in the day-to-day opportunities and challenges of homeschooling and mothering.

**Homeschooling Your Gifted Child****Room C**

Kim A. Howe, M.S. of Moving Beyond the Page

Teaching gifted children at home can be a rewarding experience for you and your child. Gifted children have special needs and characteristics that we must understand in order to develop their potential. We will explore these characteristics, discuss current theories of giftedness, and discover strategies for teaching our gifted children at home. In this session you will come to appreciate your child's giftedness and learn effective ways to motivate and engage your child.

**How to Correct Children with an Eye on the Heart****Room D**

National Center for Biblical Parenting

It's hard sometimes to know when and how to correct a child when you know the heart is in the wrong place. Bad attitudes, angry outbursts, disrespect, and meanness are just a few of the heart-issues that need to be addressed. A heart problem requires a heart-based approach to correction. This practical session will give you hands-on ways to correct your child that addresses the heart.

**Friday, May 15****1:00 pm****Beginning Lapbooking****Room A**

In the Hands of a Child

Many people have heard the term "lapbooking" but have no idea what it is or are overwhelmed by the entire concept of hands-on activities and unit studies. Lapbooks are great ways to include hands-on activities to your student's curriculum! The Beginning Lapbooking presentation from In the Hands of a Child introduces educators to the basic concepts of lapbooking by answering the following questions:

- What is a Lapbook?
- How are Lapbooks made?
- What supplies are needed to Lapbook?
- How do I get started?
- What are some of the basic tips and tricks for lapbooking?

**Improving Cognitive Ability through Brain Training****Room B**

LearningRx

LearningRx will provide a breakdown of the different cognitive abilities that are required for successful learning, i.e. long-term memory, short-term memory, auditory processing, logic and reasoning, etc. LearningRx will then discuss how these skills can be strengthened through cognitive training, which will result in easier, faster learning and reading.

**Learning Naturally: An Insight into Charlotte Mason Education****Room C**

Shirley Solis of Lifetime Books &amp; Gifts

Inspire your children to learn naturally by introducing them to great classic literature, a love of nature, and an appreciation for music and art. A "how to" workshop based on the teachings of homeschooling pioneer, teacher, and philosopher, Charlotte Mason.

### **How to Avoid Being a Mommy Martyr**

**Room D**

Mary Hood, The Relaxed Homeschooler

This workshop reminds moms to keep their own goals and needs under consideration when planning for the needs of their families, in order to avoid burning out. Mary talks about a mother's need to remain centered and balanced, so that she, in turn, can meet the emotional needs of her family.

**Friday, May 15**

**2:00 pm**

### **How to Teach Geography in a Way That Has Your Kids Asking for More** **Room A**

Geography Matters

Are you encouraging geography in your everyday life experiences? You can, and we'll show you how! Knowing geography's 5 themes will help you make this topic come alive in your daily learning activities. Discover creative ways to incorporate games, simple mapping assignments, and using atlases and almanacs. Kids love these kinds of hands-on projects and will want to learn more about the geography of our world.

### **Get Crafty with Math**

**Room B**

Math on the Level

For many homeschool families, arts and crafts tend to be ignored, especially as our children move past kindergarten. But most children love creative arts and crafts, whereas many find learning math to be not-so-motivating. So why not combine the two? This workshop will give you ideas for incorporating math with arts and crafts at a variety of interest and skill levels...and a new, practical way of looking at teaching math.

### **Keepers of the Books**

#### **The Vital Importance of a Home Library**

**Room C**

Jan Bloom of BooksBloom

Throughout history, reading and owning books have been associated with culture, learning, and wisdom. In our modern times, books have yielded to electronic information systems. Jan, a vintage bookseller, believes that the older books, written true to a Christian worldview and absent many modern biases, need to be rescued from destruction, ready by the students of today, and kept safe for future generations. Jan gives guidelines on choosing which books to include in a home library, which books to borrow from a public library, and which books to send to the trash. Practical suggestions on book repair, deodorization, and organizing will also be discussed.

### **The Gospel According to St. Olav**

**Room D**

The Johnson Family of Vacation Education Books

This thirty minute musical comedy presentation entertains, delights, and teaches. It is designed for the whole family to enjoy. Olav was a man who broke all the commandments and flaunted his disobedience to God until one day when a friend begins to speak to his heart. This story has lots of humor and a serious message.

**Hands-On Science at Home****Room A**

Beginnings Publishing House

For over ten years Beginning Publishing House has offered award-winning science courses for homeschoolers. This year Beginnings launches two new homeschool science products. Don't miss this exciting unveiling of the new, best value in homeschool science! You can minimize the cost of doing science at home while getting the same top-quality, award-winning curriculum!

**Creativity: More Than Just a Pretty Picture****Room B**

Kim A. Howe, M.S. of Moving Beyond the Page

An orderly and unimaginative homeschool environment can produce pliant, disciplined children. Without creativity, however, we will fail to nurture the problem solvers and innovators of the future. Creativity is much more than being able to draw a pretty picture. In this session, we will look at the importance of creativity and will explore fun and exciting ways to develop a creative homeschool environment. If you homeschool a creative child, we will provide you with some important tools to encourage this creative potential.

**Winning and Keeping the Heart of Your Young-Adult****Room C**

Roger Farr of International ALERT Academy

As children mature they ask three foundational questions of their fathers. The answers the father *demonstrates* to these questions determines whether he will raise a rebel or a mighty warrior for the cause of Christ.

- Are you worthy for me to follow?
- Are you worthy to have my heart?
- If I give you my heart, will you lead me?

This talk will focus on practical steps a father (and a mother) can take to win and keep the heart of their 8-17 year-old sons and daughters. We will also cover valuable leadership lessons for the father to apply in his home. All of the steps suggested have been implemented in the Farr household and have produced lasting positive fruit.

**Reading and Writing the Natural Way****Room D**

Mary Hood, The Relaxed Homeschooler

How to help children learn to become good readers and writers (who love to read and write!) without the need for purchasing expensive curriculum materials. Discusses reading and writing as natural processes, which depend primarily on the establishment of a truly literate home. Also covers learning styles and issues of motivation.

**Friday, May 15**

**4:00 pm**

**Language Arts: Structured and Simplified**

**Room A**

Writing Strands

Writing Strands provides a structured, simplified format to help you teach writing, literature, grammar, speech, and more. In our workshop, learn how to prepare your child for college and career writing using our step-by-step materials. Also, learn how to help your reluctant reader or writer.

**Healing Oils of the Bible**

**Room B**

Young Living

Learn about Frankincense and Myrrh, the oils given to Baby Jesus, and other oils in the Bible. This is a fascinating class about medicinal oils used in Biblical times.

**Writing for Everyone**

**Room C**

Excellence in Writing

When you assign a simple writing assignment, do you get groans and whines of “I just *can't*, Mom”? Come discover a checklist method of teaching writing that provides students with a clear model of *how* to write and gives you an objective means of evaluating their work. Using this program with any age student, you will be saying, “Yes, I *can* teach writing!”

**It's NOT Greek to Me!**

**Expanding English Vocabulary through Greek Morphemes Study**

**Room D**

Ready to Teach

Forty percent of the English language is based on the Greek language. Come and learn about a set of twelve interactive lessons to lead a learner in mastering over 200 Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes that can unlock the meaning of thousands of words, especially in medicine, science, math, and engineering. *It's NOT Greek to Me!* Provides step-by-step guidance for secondary-level learners in gaining the knowledge and skills (and confidence) to analyze and conquer unfamiliar words. The 45-minute workshop gives an overview of the content and teaching methods of the Ready to Teach Greek morphemes vocabulary studies program, *It's NOT Greek to Me!* and shows how it (1) teaches learners to engage and build on their own prior knowledge, (2) engages multiple learning modalities, (3) follows the four proven principles that result in optimum learning, (4) develops higher-order thinking skills, and (5) enhances reading skills.

**Friday, May 15**

**5:00 pm**

**Christian History – It's Not a Blank Ocean**

**Room A**

Franklin Classical School Umbrella Program

“The map of God’s activity is not a blank ocean between apostolic times and our own. We need to remember and search for our roots in the luminaries, the risktakers, and the movements of the church through the centuries. To neglect them is not only to risk repeating errors, it is to fall victim to a narrowing amnesia that leaves us floundering.” – Timothy Jones

We indeed live in an era that does not remember its history. In this workshop we will explore some of the little known stories of those luminaries, risktakers, and movements through the centuries that have had profound impact on the forward progression of the Gospel.

**Dr. Mom's First Aid Kit**

**Room B**

Young Living

Introduction to essential oils that we use daily. Learn how to reduce a fever, remedy a tummy ache, cool a burn, soothe a headache, increase mental alertness, and many other issues.

**The Amazing Benefits of Music**

**Room C**

Perfect Praise, Inc.

We will discuss, from a scientific and Biblical perspective, how music benefits us all, especially children, enhancing spirit, soul, and body and improving physical health, emotional health, leadership skills, academics, and intellect, etc. in those participating.

**Working with Teens**

**Room D**

Mary Hood, The Relaxed Homeschooler

In this workshop, Mary discusses the importance of treating teenagers as unique individuals, and helping them create a program that is custom-made for their own needs and future plans.

**Saturday, May 16**

**10:00 am**

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**Using Literature as a Teaching Tool**

**Room A**

Total Language Plus

Spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, grammar, critical thinking, character development – teaching all these areas as separate subjects consume mountains of time and energy. This workshop explains how an integrated, literature-based approach can be motivating, effective and fun while at the same time developing thinking and communication skills in your 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through High School students.

**Science Unsnarled!**

**Room B**

Rainbow Resource Center

Confused by the jumble of science curricula available? There are so many possibilities: real books, hands-on, Charlotte Mason, Classical? Join a Rainbow Resource Curriculum Consultant as she brings order to the chaos of science curricula.

**Business by the Books**

**Encouraging Entrepreneurs**

**Room C**

Jan Bloom of BooksBloom

Business ideas, business suggestions, and business acumen can all be found in the pages of books. Jan will identify many of the best books that develop important and necessary business ideals for all ages. Books that have been written by wise, astute, intelligent business people as well as fun storybooks about young entrepreneurs will be featured, since both fiction and nonfiction reading can encourage, enlighten, and empower willing learners.

**Taking the Frustration Out of Math****Room D**

Mary Hood, The Relaxed Homeschooler

A discussion of children's cognitive development, and why so many mothers and children are frustrated in this area of the curriculum. Includes helpful hints for working with children from birth to twelve years of age.

**Saturday, May 16****11:00 am**

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**A Christian Passover****Room A**

Donald Johnson of Vacation Education Books

Join Donald Johnson as he demonstrates the Passover Sedar and talks about its Christian implications. He will present each element of the Passover as practiced by the Israelites, while explaining through scripture how God used each and every element of this festival to point to Christ as the eternal Passover Lamb. A very educational and informative presentation, especially for fathers, who will be encouraged to teach this history (more than just story) to their children, their family, their small groups, and their church.

**Sew Teach Me So I'll Remember****Room B**

Blue Flamingo Designs

In this interactive workshop, we will demonstrate ways in which learning can be strengthened through linking learning with a physical activity (such as sewing) as a beginning point. We will also share our philosophy that sewing is a life skill that enables young people to become self-confident in a variety of ways. All ideas and activities presented are based on current educational research.

**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made****Room C**

Carlita Boyles of Math on the Level

Each child is created by God to be unique. It is easy to see individuality in physical development, but sometimes it's harder to be aware of the unique pace of each child's mental development. Are you teaching a child who doesn't seem to fit the "typical" mold? This workshop looks at how cognitive maturity affects the ability to understand math concepts and suggests ways to modify your teaching approach to provide more success and less stress in math.

**Seven Categories of Consequences to Motivate Heart Change****Room D**

National Center for Biblical Parenting

Parents are always on the lookout for consequences. These seven categories of consequences give them plenty of ideas for correction. But the most important part of this talk is how to use those consequences to help motivate heart change in children. It's not enough to simply use behavior modification. Heart change is a completely different way to think about your kids.

**Saturday, May 16**

**12:00 pm**

**Beginning Lapbooking**  
In the Hands of a Child

**Room A**

**The Return of Mr. Incredible**  
**Becoming Men of Purpose and Passion**  
Gary Bloom of BooksBloom

**Room B**

Dads, when was the last time you felt like Mr. Incredible BEFORE he was squelched and banned by a society that prohibited masculinity? When was the last time you climbed a mountain, went sky diving, or experienced God's power in prayer? Join Gary, an only son with 5 sisters, left fatherless as age 14, as he explores the Bible's teaching on being a man. Discover how masculinity is not something to be ignored or ashamed of, but a tool to be kept sharp or a weapon kept ready to be used in the battles of life. The same passion that men have for challenges and battles is only a dim reflection of the passion of God that grows out of being a true man. KOWABUNGA!

**Dr. Mom's First Aid Kit**  
Young Living

**Room C**

**Homeschooling in Hard Times**  
Mary Hood, The Relaxed Homeschooler

**Room D**

You don't need to throw in the towel when money gets tight! This workshop talks about homeschooling in the early days of the movement, when there were no support groups, curriculum fairs, outside classes, or catalogues arriving in the mail and reminds people that homeschooling can be accomplished almost entirely through free library and community resources.

**Saturday, May 16**

**1:00 pm**

**Becoming Your Wife's Leader**  
Gus Solis of Lifetime Books & Gifts

**Room A**

Gus' main goal is to encourage husbands and fathers to be involved with their families by leading and ministering to their needs. After experiencing a hard reality in his marriage, he realized he had to earn his wife's love, respect, and admiration by imitating Christ. With a heartfelt message, no man will be the same after hearing him share his testimony and vision.

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**Brain Power: Food for Thought**

**Room C**

Healthy Homes

Did you know that the food our children eat can affect their brain development – good or bad? Find out how to maximize your child’s learning potential, support their brain function, even minimize the symptoms of lack of focus and decreased attention span through eating healthy foods and natural supplementation.

**Story Writing & Book Reports**

**Room D**

Excellence in Writing

Does your student protest that book reports ruin the book? Learn a method to write both meaningful book reports *and* fantastic stories.