

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**9:00—10:30 AM**

**Daring To Do as Stanley Dale**  
**Eric Ludy | Sanctuary**

This session was derived from Eric's powerful twenty-three part series about getting our eyes off of our own circumstances and seeing the bigger matters of a lost and dying world. This particular message is that series retrofitted to inject this same epic theme into the Christian homeschool family and to make it real and practical. How can a homeschooled family live boldly for Christ? How can they change the world in which they live? How can they say "no" to the bait of self-focus and snatch up the call of God to audaciously serve in the Name of Jesus Christ? How can they dare to do as Stanley Dale?

**11:00 AM—NOON**

**Honorable Manhood (for Dads & Sons only)** ★  
**Eric Ludy | Sanctuary**

This message is a creative compilation of multiple messages that Eric Ludy built for his eldest son, Hudson, when he was twelve. He is seventeen now. And over the past five years Eric has constructed eight different messages for him about becoming an honorable man. These eight messages explore a man's purpose, his uniqueness, his sexuality, and his powerful role in this world. This particular message will supply an overview of all of these super-important dimensions of godly manhood.

**Math Outside the Book**  
**Nancy Bjorkman | Atrium**

This interactive workshop will cover the how's and why's of using games to bring math to life and increase understanding in students. We'll discuss how to use games to enhance any curriculum. We'll then dive into a highly visual and interactive review of games to use for specific goals, e.g. understanding number basics, mastering basic math fact, grasping the base-ten system, using multiple operations, and more. Let's play!

**Teaching High School Without Fear** ★  
**Rebecca Nyberg | Fireside Room**

Do you fear planning for and teaching the high school years? This workshop will give you some peace of mind in knowing that you are fully capable of doing what needs to be done. Rebecca will present options and ideas for you and your teens in choosing classes and areas of study to equip them with the life skills needed to help them follow their dreams.

**Getting Started in ND**  
**Theresa Deckert | Chapel**

Mrs. Deckert will cover the North Dakota requirements for home schooling. She will also give many practical hints including suggestions for lesson planning and record keeping. This is the place to start if you are just beginning the home education journey or are just "checking it out."

**"Classroom" Management:**  
**The Blessing of 15,840 Extra Hours**  
**Andrea Black | Game Room**

How am I supposed to survive? Is this even possible and how can I manage it all? Come learn tips on child-training, teaching multiple children, and home management from a homeschool mom of six children (within nine years) who spent 27 years refining the process.

**1:30—2:30 PM**

**The Battle Within: Understanding the Raging War** ★  
**Between the Spirit & the Flesh and How to Live in Victory**  
**Chuck Black | Sanctuary**

One of the most confusing issues a teen will face is the war within between their spirit and their flesh. This war and its consequences are personal and will determine a teen's effectiveness as a believer. Understanding the biblical basis for this battle is paramount for living a victorious, joyful and faithfilled life. Teens will discover the power of the Spirit that lives within and cause the Enemy and his minions to tremble.

**Language Arts in the Real World**  
**Nancy Bjorkman | Atrium**

Get a fresh perspective on this subject that frequently frustrates or confuses homeschool parents. Gain insight into the natural sequence of language learning and explore developmentally appropriate tips and tools to enhance growth. We'll discuss the stages that are input or output, what's essential, and how to set goals for different seasons. Topics covered will include phonics, reading, penmanship, grammar, spelling, creative and formal writing, and literature.

**Preparing a High School Transcript**  
**Llora Knight | Fireside Room**

Is your child soon-to-be entering high school and you don't have any idea how to prepare a transcript? This workshop is designed to teach you the how-to's, what-not's, and wherefores of doing high school transcripts. What should be included in a good transcript? For what are colleges looking? Where and how long should I keep original transcripts? Find answers to these questions and more in "Preparing High School Transcripts."

**Learning Styles, Teaching Methods & Curriculum That Fits**  
**Theresa Deckert | Chapel**

Understanding your child's learning style and gearing curriculum and learning to that style will help avoid much frustration in your homeschool. Through this workshop you will learn points to help you determine your child's learning style as well as your own learning/teaching style. We'll also discuss some of the common homeschool teaching methods.

**Misunderstanding in a Marriage is a Good Thing?!**  
**Troy & Marcy McQuown | Game Room**

Misunderstanding in marriage hurts...deeply. Misunderstanding in marriage happens...often. It must be a sign of a failing marriage...right? No. We will explore misunderstanding and why it hurts, why it happens, and what to do about it.

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3:00—4:00 PM

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Eric Ludy | Sanctuary



## Q & A Panel Homeschool Grads Theresa Deckert, Moderator | Atrium



The convention offers this great panel discussion with home school graduates. Ask them what they think? Find out some helpful tips for your home school high schoolers. Join us as we learn more from those who have completed the home school process and are now “out in the real world.” Expert parent educator Theresa Deckert will moderate.

## Teaching Multiple Children at Once Llora Knight | Fireside Room

Are you teaching three or more children, managing preschoolers and/or a baby, trying to keep the house nice, cooking healthy meals, and desiring to be beautiful and romantic for your husband? Yes, it is possible. “Teaching Multiple Children” is a workshop full of organizational, scheduling, and household management ideas from a homeschool veteran mom of 14 children who has had a wonderful marriage of almost 45 years, written and published several books, and was/is a part of three homeschool support group leadership committees.

## Growing Your Child’s Communication Skills Given Hoffman | Chapel

Looking for ways to teach communication in the midst of a busy homeschool life? In this talk, Given Hoffman shares practical steps for training your child in communication no matter what age they are. Be empowered to enjoy your children while in the process growing their ability to communicate.

## Call to Arms: The Guts and Glory of Courageous Motherhood Andrea Black | Game Room

The call of a mother to serve her family is one of the most noble callings there is. Andrea helps women embrace this great calling by offering tips on how to foster family unity, develop service-minded children, and mitigate the challenges of sibling rivalry.



SATURDAY, MARCH 12

KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
9:00—10:30 AM

## Raising William Wallace Eric Ludy | Sanctuary

Parenting is difficult. The difficulty increases when we go after more than just “good enough” for our children. The flack that comes from aiming our children for “great and godly” is almost too much for most parents, so, “good enough” often seems like a reasonable place to settle. This message is about aiming our children toward “ready and raring to change the world”! It’s difficult, but it comes with power, because it’s parenting in agreement with the Holy Spirit. “Changing the world for Jesus Christ” is precisely what God is desiring to do in and through our children.

11:00 AM—12:00 PM

## The Dangerous Game Eric Ludy | Sanctuary



When a Christian gets his game on, sirens go off in hell. A Christian man functioning as he ought to has always been, and always will be, considered “dangerous” to this world’s systems. There is no greater threat to the Dark Kingdom than a man courageously shining Light and proclaiming Truth. Since Godly men are “dangerous men”, the games they must learn to play are “dangerous games”.

## The Soft Skills That Impact a Hard World Troy McQuown | Atrium



In a world of snaps, texts, and tweets, many have forgot the most powerful form of human interaction...“face-to-face”. This session introduces teens to the dynamic world of human interaction and its importance for fulfilling God’s plan for them.

## High School How-To’s Llora Knight | Fireside Room

Do you have a student entering high school and feel you are drowning in the muddy waters of unanswered questions like how to plan classes, figure credits, prepare for college, grade courses, issue diplomas, use dual credits, etc.? This veteran home schooler will have you swimming in clear waters in no time.

## Confessions of a Former Drama Queen Joy Wegener | Chapel



How does God take an aspiring model and actress and turn her heart to ministry? Find out as Joy shares her testimony and teaches young ladies principles for following Jesus wherever He leads!

## I’m Going to Count to 3...Again...and Again: How to Stop Counting

Chuck & Andrea Black | Game Room

Veteran homeschooling parents will tell you that before successful homeschooling can happen, your children must first learn to follow your instruction. Helping children develop self-discipline is a key first step in establishing a healthy learning environment that parents and children alike will enjoy. Chuck and Andrea offer a few tips on this important but challenging topic.

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## **Escapism: Avoiding the Snares of Social Media** ★ **Chuck Black | Sanctuary**

In today's technology culture, the enemy's lure of our young people's minds to escape into an artificial world is great. As the line between reality and simulation blurs, the stronghold of escapism becomes more and more powerful. Apathy and self-indulgence are two destructive consequences that lead to broken relationships, broken homes, and broken hearts. Find some practical tools you can implement to help keep your children from getting caught in the snare of escapism.

## **Q & A Panel Homeschool Moms** **Theresa Deckert, Moderator | Atrium**

Are you confused? Exhausted? Overwhelmed? Need some real honest-to-goodness encouragement from other home school moms who get it? Need some practical advice? Join us for this panel discussion moderated by our own expert parent educator, Theresa Deckert.

## **Engaging Early Learners** **Nancy Bjorkman | Fireside Room**

What should "school" look like for early learners? What things are developmentally appropriate for the younger ages? How do we keep our "Littles" appropriately occupied while homeschooling their siblings? This fun and informative session will provide a comprehensive overview of teaching methods specifically geared to pre- and elementary-age children. Nancy will share resources, fun games, toddler tips, and easy activities, all designed to help parents think outside the box when it comes to "doing school."

## **Joy Fuels the Journey** **Rebecca Nyberg | Chapel**

The struggles and demands of life and, often, our own feelings of inadequacy can sometimes weigh us down and take the joy out of what should be a blessing on this homeschool journey. We often feel that we don't measure up and that we're failing our children. In this session, Rebecca will offer encouragement to those who are weary and share techniques for parents and children to actually enjoy teaching and learning all subjects.

## **Getting Ready to Launch** ★ **Kathy Müller & Cindy Sanford | Game Room**

Got a vision for your teen's launch but not sure about the steps to get there? We'll start with showing you how to figure out what career God has put inside your teen and move into sharing loads of career training opportunities available right here in our state. We'll talk about programs for non-traditional and conventional career paths, scholarships, apprenticeships, and internships. Come with your career wish list and we'll give you steps that can help you launch your teen into a terrific profession while minimizing or avoiding debt.

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**3:00—4:15 PM**

## **Most Outrageous Joy** **Eric Ludy | Sanctuary**

Spittle upon the face has historically been the symbol of shame, rejection, and degradation. So, the idea of considering a spittle-covered face a joyful occasion seems a bit odd. But, that is what the Bible teaches. It teaches us that trials are our friends and sufferings are our bosom companions. In this message Eric unpacks the strange but amazing concept that pure joy is not found in the absence of trials but BECAUSE of trials.