

Current events, legislative activities, teaching tips, and encouragement for homeschool families.

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*...And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...
—Deuteronomy 6:5-7*

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CAPE-NM is the acronym for Christian Association of Parent Educators - New Mexico, a 501(c)3 non-profit Christian organization serving New Mexico home educators and support groups with information, encouragement, and support.

CAPE-NM hosts the New Mexico Christian Homeschool Convention and Curriculum Fair in the spring every year. Past speakers have included nationwide leaders in the homeschool movement and other speakers of interest to home educators. Highlights of the convention include outstanding

workshops, curriculum exhibitors, a graduation recognition ceremony, and a used curriculum sale.

CAPE-NM maintains a list of support groups statewide. We also offer training and networking opportunities for support group leaders to enable them to serve effectively. In the Albuquerque area, **CAPE-NM** presents a Getting Started Workshop.

CAPE-NM publishes a magazine four times a year with information on current events

in homeschooling, legislative activities, and encouragement.

Legislative Monitoring and Alerts **CAPE** monitors federal legislative proposals with the help of the National Center for Home Education. Communication with New Mexico legislators enables us to keep current with state issues. We maintain an e-mail network to "get the word out" quickly when lobbying is necessary.

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Notes from the Editor's Desk..

Have you ever been to Carlsbad Caverns? We have, quite a few times. :) It's pretty amazing. I don't think they still do this, but years ago when we went we were with a guide and when we got to the big room they turned off all the lights. I have never "seen" darkness like that. You could actually feel the darkness. It was eerie. I'm not kidding. It was a little scary. The guide lit one little match and it was amazing how much light that little match put out, how much comfort that little bit of light brought.

This year's convention theme is "Shine"— "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) We have a light to shine for a dark and hurting world. We shine that light by the way we live, the way we treat others. We are also shining that light by the way we are raising our families to honor our Father. We are showing the world the light that gives us hope.

Our desire for the convention is to encourage, strengthen, and help equip families to keep on the journey of homeschooling. To make it easier for them to keep their light shining! Maybe you don't think you need the convention anymore. Maybe you don't, but just maybe there is someone there who needs you. Make plans to attend the 2018 convention and let your light "Shine."

Don't forget about CAPE's Fall Family Retreat. It will be held again at the Sacramento Methodist Camp located in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains. There will be delicious meals, fun activities for the whole family, encouraging lessons, a terrific program for your children, and wonderful fellowship. Sign up now to attend! Details on pages 16 & 17.

*Blessings,
Lorna Shaw*

CAPE-NM Magazine

Editorial Policy - The articles in this magazine reflect the freedom of New Mexico homeschool families to choose from a variety of alternatives. **CAPE-NM** does not recommend a specific philosophy of education, curriculum, or support group, believing that it is the responsibility of every family to seek God's specific plan for their lives, according to His Word, and to be obedient to that plan.

Contributions are welcome. Articles must be useful or of interest to homeschoolers and supportive of Christian family values. Electronic contributions are preferred. **November 15th is the submission deadline for the Winter 2018 issue due in homes in the first part of January 2018.**

We appreciate ideas, suggestions, constructive criticism, and encouragement. Contact the magazine editor directly at editor@cape-nm.org.

On The Cover

Lukas Drennan is the 2017 United States Karate Alliance National and World Grand Champion. Details on page 15.

We would love to feature your homeschooler's achievements in the CAPE-NM Magazine. Please send the information and any digital pictures of the event to shaw@cape-nm.org.

Important Dates

October 20-22, 2017

Fall Family Retreat

February 1, 2018

CAPE at the Capitol

April 19-21, 2018

CAPE Homeschool Convention

Learning Opportunity

Do you have a high schooler or high school graduate who would like hands-on experience in journalism? The CAPE Magazine would love to give them that experience. Areas of learning include Event Reporting, Photography, Advertising, and Layout Design. (Must have Adobe InDesign to work on layout.)

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Thanksgiving blessings to
you and your family!

Wanted

Support Group Information

Are you part of a homeschool support group? If so, CAPE wants to know about your group. We have new homeschool families looking for a support group. Please share your info with CAPE.

Send your support group information to:

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Thank you!



Love One Another

by Dave Jones

As I look at my life, God has impressed upon my heart that accomplishing the tasks set before me are not as important as establishing relationships with people. There seems to be something wrong with this generation, and it's not just the millennials. Between the breakdown of the family unit and the current corporate culture, society has taken a turn for the worse. In 1960, about three-fourths of Americans 18 and over were married. In 2011, less than half were. In the early 2000s, the corporate world began promoting the "more with less" mantra with increasing frequency. I constantly have to work on the balance between work and family time, and what is most important in life.

On April 29, 1989, a couple of men showed their love towards me by sharing the good news of the gospel. They simply told me that Jesus, who was an innocent man, laid down his life for me. I was faced with the reality of who I really was. I was selfish and really didn't care about anyone else, and in that moment, I was astounded by how Jesus loved me enough to surrender His life for me. John 15:13— *Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.* I came to the conclusion that if He died for me, I could live for Him.

In 1992, my wife and I exchanged vows and I entered into the arena that God had designed to teach two selfish people His love. Over the past 25 wonderful years of marriage, my wife and I have continually worked on communicating with each other. Through the early years of trying to establish a career, purchasing a home, and having children, the most important aspect was keeping Christ in the center of our relationship. Whenever I became frustrated, the one scripture that helped me as a husband was; Eph 5:25— *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church*

and gave Himself for her.

When I look back at the pictures as a homeschool dad, the most memorable moments while raising our children were those times when I met their needs, not mine. Whether it was the demands of serving in the church, volunteering for CAPE, or progressing in my career, it seemed that I became easily distracted by the multitude of tasks that were set before me. As one who has a driver personality type, it is very hard to remember that my current tasks can't always take priority over my responsibility for my family's needs.

Try not to get sidetracked by the day-to-day tasks of career, housekeeping, church ministry, homeschooling, etc. Remember to nurture the relationships with your children, friends, neighbors, and family. John 13:34-35— *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* Jesus was the perfect example of maintaining relationships while accomplishing the most important task of redeeming the sins of the world.

Dave Jones has been married to Emily for 25 years. They attended their first CAPE Homeschool Convention in 2001. They have homeschooled for 15 years and have graduated both of their children. Dave and Emily began serving on the CAPE board in 2016.

Called to Glorify

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Has Anyone Seen My Magic Wand?

by Rachael Carman

It's got to be around here somewhere, or at least I thought it was....

The laundry is piling up. Dinner needs to be fixed. I need to call Mom, get ready for the day...oh, and shower!

Do any of you remember *Bewitched*? It was the forerunner to the more recent witch shows and a whole lot more innocent. Elizabeth Montgomery played Samantha, a closet witch. She was married to a mortal, Darrin, who was an average advertising executive. Her mother, Endora, and Dr. Bombay were regularly in my living room and in my imagination.

I think it's their fault.

I remember that when something didn't go the way she wanted it to, Samantha would cast a spell or twitch her nose and 'adjust' it. She tried to hide her powers with relative success, but in every show she was bewitching. It's been years, but oh, how I wish any problem's solution was just a nose wiggle away.

What would you do if you had a magic wand?

The dishes? The laundry? Match the socks?

Would you organize all the books? Organize a closet? Take a nap? Clean out the garage? Plan this week's menu? Go grocery shopping?

Maybe you would balance your checkbook? Do some filing? Answer emails? Sort your pictures?

Bippity, boppity, boo!

I wish I had a magic wand, at least I think I do. It seems like things would be so much easier. I think that I could get more done, do more of the things that are really important. Having a magic wand would make all the difference, or would it?

See, I think the magic wand isn't the answer, neither is it the twitching of a nose, or pixie dust. In fact, I think the idea behind it, eliminating the mundane, inconvenient, imperfect, is actually dangerous. To get rid of such things would grant us comfort and ease that we weren't meant for here in this world.

Things are not supposed to be perfect or easy here. Our struggle against sin, the pain and frustration it causes, the irritations, interruptions, should all remind us and drive us to our need for Him and our longing for our real home in Heaven.

Behind our desire for the magic wand is our own impatience, our desire to be God, our longing to control all of our circumstances. We are impatient with processes. We don't want anything to take time, we want it now, perfect. We don't want to have to wait. We want it our way. We don't really want to have to submit to God or even ask; we want to take care of it ourselves.

We like the idea of being able to determine our course. We'd change a few things, never go through trials, and opt for easy every time. The

magic wand would be our answer to our every problem.

And there's the rub.

Instead of longing for a magic wand, why not worship His majestic wonders, the work of His hands? Instead of wanting it easy and instant, why not choose to enjoy the process, to breathe, exhale, and stop rushing it all? Why not stop pining after something that isn't there and instead ponder the hope and assurance of Heaven?

Why am I longing for a magic wand? Is it because I want a different answer than God's? Is it because I don't like His timing? Is it because I don't like the process of sanctification? I want it my way?

All of those issues come down to just one thing: trust. When I start dreaming and desiring a magic wand more than His majestic worth, then I have slipped into idolatry. In short, I don't trust Him. I've decided He's wrong or slow or late or incapable.

Here's the deal: there is no magic wand, but there is His mighty right hand which He promises to uphold us with. There is His mercy, which is new every morning. There is His love, manifested in Christ's outstretched arms at Calvary; His forgiveness as we accept and acknowledge our need, His grace in the gift of salvation.

He is enough.

As wonderfully convenient as it

sounds, magic wands don't exist and it is for our good. God invites us to patiently endure, to persevere, to trust Him. To fold the towels, sweep the floor, wash the dishes, balance the checkbook with joy.

Sometimes He offers us the opportunity to leave the dishes in the sink or the laundry piled on the sofa so we can read or play with the kids, snuggle with our husband, or take a walk outside. Either way, He urges us to long for Him, His glory, and His will more than anything else.

Lord,

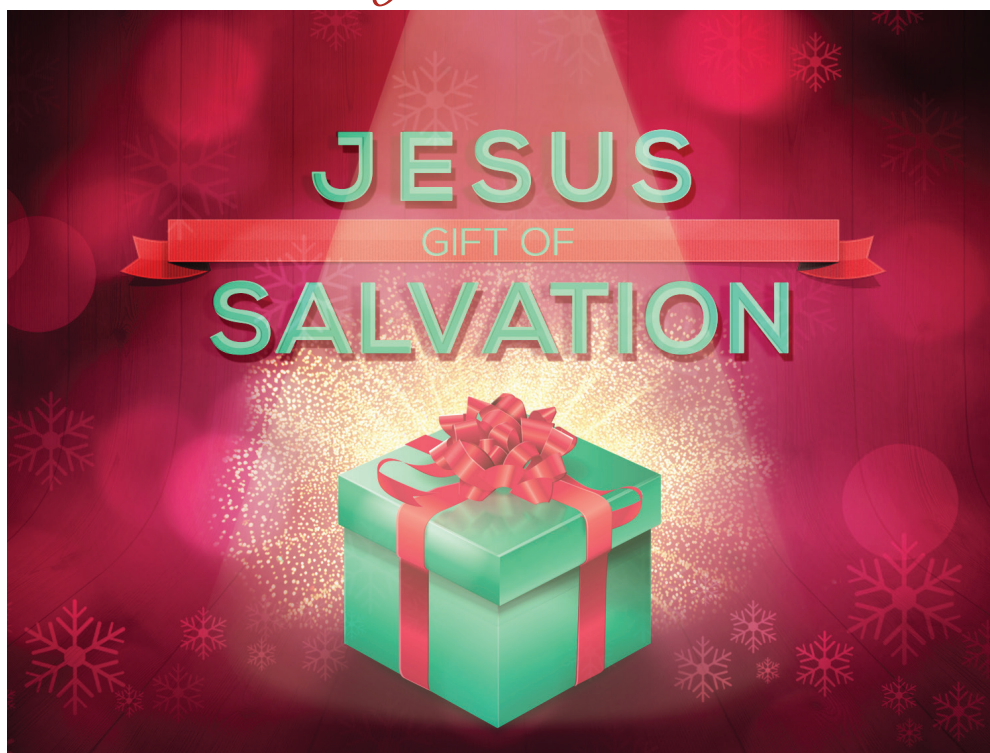
You are Enough. All of our answers are found in You. Teach us to rest

in your enoughness. Help us to stop wanting it all now, all perfect, all together. As we go through our days, grant us eyes to see what we need to see and discernment to know what to do. Don't allow us to judge others. Make us encouragers of our children, our husbands, our friends, strangers and neighbors. Enlarge our understanding of our forever home with You in heaven, and may that vision, that anticipation bring a smile to our face, and put a spring in our step, and a song on our lips.

You are Worthy! In Jesus Name, Amen

Rachael Carman had it going on—or so she thought. After surviving 63 months of pregnancy, countless sleepless nights, and 35,000+ diapers, this one-time control freak encountered God's grace. And she encourages you to do the same! Rachael will be a speaker at the 2018 CAPE Convention.

Merry Christmas



Enjoy and Share the Greatest Gift of all!
*In Christ,
The CAPE Board*

Teaching Your Teen at Home: Let's Prepare for High School

by Diane Kummer, HSLDA High School Consultant

Every day I speak with many parents who plan to teach their teen at home. Some are frightened, others are excited, and many wonder where to begin! Whether you are a veteran homeschooler or new to homeschooling, you can begin to climb the high school learning curve. Let's focus on several key aspects of high school at home such as a 4 year plan, curriculum, recordkeeping, transcripts, and career preparation.

4-Year High School Plan

When going on a trip, it's helpful to know your destination and the route you plan to follow. When teaching high school at home, use a 4-year plan form to map out the high school years. The 4-year plan will be your overview and will help you track courses completed as well as proposed courses. The plan can be fine-tuned and adjusted as your teen makes decisions related to his post-high school goals.

If you take time to map out the 4-years of high school, it will then be easier to concentrate on each specific year. Begin by thinking about the core academic courses in each subject area: English, math, science, history, and foreign language. Next, add several elective courses each year in areas of your teen's interest. Elective courses may include phys ed, music, art, drama, speech, Bible, computer skills, current events, life skills, financial management, and many, many more! Your high school plan will be tailored to your teen.

Home School Legal Defense Association's (HSLDA) *A Guide for Homeschooling through High*

School brochure (<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/brochures.asp>) covers many of the basics of high school at home and includes three samples of high school plans. One plan focuses on courses and suggested credits for teens entering the workforce or military after high school graduation. Another sample plan is well-suited for a college-bound student, and the third sample plan provides suggestions



for a student who plans to apply to a selective college. The sample plans should be viewed as guidelines (not requirements!) to give you an idea of the courses you may want to include in your teen's high school program.

For a much more detailed look at how to develop a viable high school plan for your teen, check out *Develop a High School Plan* available through the HSLDA online bookstore (<https://store.hslda.org/develop-a-high-school-plan-pdf-download-p831.aspx>) or from Amazon.

Curriculum Choices

High school at home presents a wonderful opportunity to cater to not only your teen's academic strengths but also to improve his academic weaknesses. During the high school years, you can choose a publisher's curriculum or design a course from scratch. Because you can mix and match curriculum and choose from a wide variety of materials, it will take some time and thought to narrow the choices to those that will work for your teen.

It helps to begin the exploration of high school curriculum early so that you don't feel pressured or hurried into making a last minute decision. When possible, ask other homeschool parents what they used and, more importantly, ask them why a curriculum either worked or didn't work for them. Some curricula comes pre-

packaged and involves very little parent preparation time, while other curricula may involve much parent interaction and many trips to the library for supplemental materials that correlate with the curriculum. Although a certain curriculum may be a great fit for your friend, you'll need to determine if the curriculum fits your family situation, budget, available preparation time, and needs.

HSLDA's website contains a list of possible curriculum resources in 40 different subject areas. The list is not exhaustive (there are too many good curriculum choices!); however, the

list can help you start the curriculum search and explore options. The article, “Choosing High School Curriculum: Sifting through the Process” (<https://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7009>), provides a checklist of questions to help you determine if a curriculum may be a possibility for your teen.

High School Recordkeeping

Documentation of your teen’s academic coursework and extracurricular activities is essential to validate the education you provide to your teen. Colleges, trade and technical schools, employers, scholarship sponsors, military recruiters, and others will need to assess your teen’s high school program. Your teen’s school records enable outside entities to evaluate his academic abilities as well as his interests, skills, and proficiencies.

Your recordkeeping system should be efficient and simple. Set up files at the beginning of the school year, and then keep up with your recordkeeping throughout the year. Suggested records include course descriptions that detail materials used, concepts covered, method of evaluation to determine a grade, and the credit each course earned. Course description samples may be found at (<https://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#CD>).

In addition to academic records, remember to keep track of extracurricular activities your teen is involved in, such as work experience, community service, sports, music, hobbies, clubs, and other interests. You may want to log the hours your teen participates in these activities as this information will come in handy when completing job or college applications.

Simplify Your Recordkeeping and Transcript, (<https://store.hslda.org/simplify-your-recordkeeping-and-transcript-pdf-download-p848.aspx>) provides detailed step-by-step instructions for documenting your teen’s high school years.

Transcript Preparation

The most important academic record

is the high school transcript. Every homeschooled teen – no matter what post-high school plans they pursue – should have a transcript.

The main sections of the transcript include:

- The personal and school section that provides name, address, phone number, email address, date of birth, parents’ names, and date of graduation
- The academic record including courses completed, grades awarded, and credits earned
- The academic summary providing yearly and cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- Your self-certification statement and signature

It’s a good idea to begin creating your teen’s transcript as soon as your teen completes any high school courses, and then simply add to it each subsequent year.

HSLDA provides many resources to help you prepare your teen’s transcript such as samples of transcript, free blank templates, and a video highlighting the main sections of a transcript, as well as information to calculate a GPA (<https://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>). You may want to purchase HSLDA’s FastTranscript service. When using FastTranscripts, you simply input your teen’s information, and the service automatically formats the data, calculates the GPA, and enables you to print a professional-looking transcript whenever it’s needed (<https://store.hslda.org/high-school-transcript-service-p262.aspx>).

Career Preparation

During the high school years, parents take on the additional role of career counselor. You can lead your teen by helping him assess his strengths, his personality, and his interests so that he can narrow down possible career paths. Tools that can help your teen gain career direction include career interest tests that may be taken online

(see possible options here: <https://www.hslda.org/highschool/testing.asp#persapcareer>). Your teen can benefit from informal job shadowing opportunities as he engages with a professional working in a potential field. You’ll find more details in the article “Job Shadowing: Opportunities to Ignite Future Careers” found at (<https://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7251>).

I’m excited to present high school seminars at the 2018 CAPE conference that cover all of these topics in more depth. My high school sessions are designed to give parents practical help, resource suggestions, and much needed encouragement. My prayer is that you walk away from the sessions with new confidence to teach your teens, with reassurance that helpful resources abound, and with an eagerness to take on the challenge of high school at home. See you in Albuquerque!

Diane is the Consultant Program Administrator with HSLDA and in 2005 helped to develop its Homeschooling through High School program (www.hslda.org/highschool). She regularly speaks nationwide on high school topics, and her articles appear in HSLDA’s The Home School Court Report magazine as well as other publications. She co-hosts HSLDA’s Homeschool Heartbeat radio program and has co-authored (along with Carol Becker) two e-books, Develop a Plan for High School (<https://store.hslda.org/develop-a-high-school-plan-pdf-download-p831.aspx>) and Simplify Your Recordkeeping and Transcript (<https://store.hslda.org/simplify-your-recordkeeping-and-transcript-pdf-download-p848.aspx>). Diane and her husband homeschooled their two children from K – 12th grades who are now grown, married, and well into their careers. She enjoys her four energetic grandchildren.

2018 CAPE AT THE CAPITOL

What? February 1, 2018, will be the 20th consecutive year that homeschool families from all across New Mexico have convened in Santa Fe at the state capitol building, known as the Roundhouse, to celebrate Home Education Week in New Mexico and to meet and greet state legislators. This annual assembly is our opportunity to bring the face of homeschooling to New Mexico's leaders, to remind them that we take our citizenship seriously, and to express our sincere appreciation for the public service of these citizen-legislators.

How? All you have to do is show up. We will prepare packets for delivery to your legislator. We'll also show you all the basics at Orientation. Ideally, make an appointment and meet your legislators well before the session begins in mid-January. Then follow



up at the Capitol. Personal contacts are key! Our legislators in Santa Fe need to see the face of home education...YOUR face, YOUR family.

When? Thursday, February 1, 2018. We want to know if you plan to attend. If you respond BEFORE January 28, 2018, we will

have name badges printed for you and your kids. Contact CAPE at cacapitol@cape-nm.org or call (505) 898-8548.

Who? All New Mexico homeschoolers! Bring the whole family! Children of all ages are welcome. It's a great experience for your kids. They'll get to explore the Roundhouse while learning about New Mexico, our government, and our history. They will want to come back every year. Most importantly, the legislators absolutely love to see them in their "Sunday best."

Field Trip! Many families and support groups from the Albuquerque/Belen area may even want to take the **Rail Runner** for an exciting field trip. What a great reason to "ride the rails"! For more information on the **Rail Runner** visit: nmrailrunner.com.

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TEENPACT NEW MEXICO 2018 IS JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2!

TeenPact has changed my life in numerous ways. It is much more than just a four-day government class in your home state. It becomes a network of friends across the country. It has drawn me closer to the Lord through intimate worship and seeking Christ during our gatherings. It has given me travel opportunities in my own state, the southwest region, and across the country. God has begun to refine my leadership abilities, desire to fellowship with others, and public speaking techniques through TeenPact events. Growing up as a state representative's daughter, the political world was something I was familiar with, but not sure I wanted to engage in. Thanks to TeenPact, I have experienced firsthand the importance of standing up for our conservative Christian values and gained an in-depth knowledge of how a democratic government operates.

State class is designed to give teens a basic government foundation. We learn parliamentary procedure, legislative jargon, and debate mock legislation. We also participate in campaigns to elect Senators and a Governor within our own class. Each day after class, the fun continues when we play ultimate frisbee and talk over a cup of coffee. When state class concludes, you become part of the "TeenPact Alumni," which allows you to travel and experience week-long camps with other teens just like yourself in other parts of the country. Opportunities range from camping and learning

survival techniques in the wilderness to dressing up and having tea with friends. How about touring the capitol in Washington D.C. and talking directly to our nation's leaders? These events expose you to real world scenarios.

TeenPact continues to grow; this past year our national convention, held in Cleveland, Tennessee, hosted over 700 teens from across the country. These events help create lifelong friendships with like-minded people. Participation has allowed me to branch out of my small social circle. TeenPact is a hidden gem, reserved for those of us fortunate enough to have a mother who drags us to our first day of state class. I never wanted to come, but now I never want to leave. I will forever call myself a "TeenPacter."

- Cloe Baldonado



One day student Cora



TeenPact Staff

Your Faith Matters to Your Family

by Eric Jones



As I was reading through the story of Noah this morning, I had some interesting thoughts about the importance of a father's faith and how it can bring blessing and protection to his entire family. Men, our faith matters.

Noah was a righteous man and was considered blameless. So when God decided to purge the earth of the evil that man had created, He recognized Noah and made plans to save him. However, we see that God ended up saving more than just Noah. He also decided to save Noah's wife, his sons, and his sons' wives.

It is interesting that scripture does not mention that any of these family members were righteous and blameless or walking with God. So why were they spared? Was it because God had to repopulate the earth and needed them for that task? God could have started all over with just Noah and his wife.

Was it because the sons helped their father build the ark and this was their reward? Was it the faith of the sons and their wives that saved them? In Hebrews, it only mentions that it was the faith of Noah that actually saved his entire family from the pain and destruction of the epic flood.

Do not think that I am advocating that a father's faith can provide eternal salvation for his family. For you see, the ark only saved them from the serious storms of this life and the judgment of God for a period of time. They all eventually died and were accountable to God individually.

However, as men, we can never underestimate the importance that our faith plays in the life of our entire family. The faith and obedience of a father can protect his family from many storms in this life. It can provide that spiritual "hedge of protection" that is wide enough to shelter others.

Men, it is humbling and exciting to know that our faith affects more than just our lives. When we say "yes" to God and pursue Him, our families are blessed. Let's not take our role as fathers and spiritual leaders of our families lightly. We can set the tone, provide a covering, and affect generations to come.

The stakes are high, so let's put our trust in God, circumcise our hearts to the Lord, and live out who we are in Christ.

May we "find favor in the eyes of the Lord" and be called "righteous and blameless among the people" just as Noah was. And may our families be invited onto the ark in times of trouble and turmoil because of our faith.

Eric Jones is a homeschool dad, the Lead Pastor of Evident Life Church in Gilbert, Arizona, and the Director of the East Valley House of Prayer (EVHOP). Eric and his wonderful wife, Velvet, have been married for 20 years and are blessed with one daughter and three sons.

CAPE Homeschool Convention 2018



Let Your light shine!

Date: April 19-21 Facility: Legacy Church Albuquerque

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Scheduled Keynote Speakers



Phil Tuttle

For more than two decades, Phil Tuttle has been a vital member of the Walk Thru the Bible family. He served as Senior Vice President for International Ministries and Global Teaching Pastor before becoming President and CEO in 2007. Walk Thru the Bible ignites passion for God's Word through live events and small-group curricula in more than 120 countries.

As President of Walk Thru the Bible, Phil continues to share God's Word throughout the world in churches, Bible conferences, Christian education conventions, and corporate gatherings. He is the author of *Raise Up a Child*, *Crucible: The Choices that Change Your Life Forever*, and *Detour: Finding Purpose When Life Doesn't Make Sense*.

Phil is a current member of the Wheaton College Board of Visitors. He is also deeply involved in his home church, The Bridge, in Lawrenceville, GA, where he serves as one of the teaching pastors. His unique blend of biblical instruction, real-life illustrations, and spontaneous humor makes learning easy and enjoyable.

Phil and his wife, Ellen, have two adult children, Emily and Philip. They recently welcomed their daughter-in-law, Erika (Oslund) Tuttle, to the family.



Rachael Carnhan

I had it going on—or so I thought. After surviving 63 months of pregnancy, countless sleepless nights, and 35,000+ diapers, this one-time control freak encountered God's grace. And I'm here to encourage you to do the same! I love encouraging and inspiring moms to grow deeper in their walk and relationship with our Heavenly Father.

In my books *How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?* and *How to Have a HEART for Your Kids*, I challenge mothers to surrender their will and draw closer to the Lord. I invite moms to join me in loving God passionately and worshiping Him fully while sweeping up Cheerios, doing laundry, and planning dinner. You will be affirmed in your role as a mother as I speak of my own struggles with perfectionism and impatience and share my challenges, failures, and victories amid the ever-changing seasons of life. My honesty will surprise you, and my humor will put you at ease.

I've been married to my beloved, Davis, since 1986; our life has been a roller-coaster ride, with God at the controls. We have seven kids, and let me tell you, our family loves to laugh! I enjoy playing in the dirt, eating dark chocolate, and walking on the beach. My husband and I own Apologia Educational Ministries, and I'm an author and speaker. I am passionate about helping moms not only survive motherhood, but draw near to the Father and thrive in motherhood.

Featured Speakers



Diane Kummher

Diane is the Consultant Program Administrator with Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) and in 2005, helped to develop its *Homeschooling through High School* program (www.hsllda.org/highschool). She regularly speaks nationwide on high school topics, and her articles appear in HSLDA's *The Home School Court Report* magazine as well as other publications. She co-hosts HSLDA's *Homeschool Heartbeat* radio program and has co-

authored (along with Carol Becker) two e-books, *Develop a Plan for High School* (<https://store.hsllda.org/develop-a-high-school-plan-pdf-download-p831.aspx>) and *Simplify Your Recordkeeping and Transcript* (<https://store.hsllda.org/simplify-your-recordkeeping-and-transcript-pdf-download-p848.aspx>). Diane and her husband homeschooled their two children from K – 12th grades who are now grown, married, and well into their careers. She enjoys her four energetic grandchildren.



Dennis & Naomi Gundersen

Dennis & Naomi Gundersen own the ministry of Grace & Truth Books, which publishes over 100 Christian books, most of which are designed for strengthening the family. These include numerous reprints of children's books from past centuries. Through speaking and mentoring, they have ministered together at their church and at homeschool conventions and retreats for the past 30 years. Dennis & Naomi have four adult sons, all

of whom they homeschooled for the entire duration of their pre-college education. They live near Tulsa, Oklahoma.

CAPE Graduation Recognition Ceremony



Graduation 2018? It will be here before you know it – Friday, April 20, 2018. **Note:** the CAPE Graduation Recognition Ceremony will be on Friday night. If you are planning to participate in CAPE's Graduation Recognition Ceremony, go to the CAPE website www.cape-nm.org. Application will be online this year, and the deadline is **February 8, 2018**. BUT DON'T WAIT UNTIL THEN, because all paperwork and photos must be RECEIVED by that date!

Once you have applied online, you will be able to finish the process by submitting the following:

- 250-word essay
- Pictures for visual presentation (remember to allow plenty of time for senior pictures!)
- Student Biography

If you have any questions, please contact graduation@cape-nm.org.

Help Needed

The CAPE Homeschool Convention requires **many** volunteers to organize and run. We need **your** help. If you are willing to serve and give back to the homeschool community, please contact our volunteer coordinators at: volunteers@cape-nm.org.

Convention Runners

REQUIREMENTS:

- Have a Heart to Serve
- Age 13 (as of April 20, 2018) through Graduation
- Willing to work long and hard, smile graciously, follow directions, and sacrifice self.

DEADLINES

Request application packet on or before



December 31, 2017

Email runners@cape-nm.org
All recommendations & applications must be received no later than **January 31, 2018**.
You will be notified before the end of February.

Requirements

- *Couple's Pass* is for mom and dad only
- Must have pre-schoolers
- No children over 5 as of September 1, 2018 (our intention is to interest families in home education *early*)
- Must have a nomination from a member family
- All nominations must be received by email before **2:00 PM on April 1, 2018**
- Sorry, no refunds for pre-registered attendees

Attn: CAPE Members
Do you know any

POPS?

(Parents of Preschoolers)

If so, nominate them for a free couple's pass to the 2018 CAPE Homeschool Convention!

Families whose nominations are accepted will receive confirmation by email.

Nominations

Email to CAPE-NM
info@cape-nm.org

Two emails for each nomination with "POPs" in subject line:

- One from a family who is paid, supporting CAPE member
 - One from nominated family expressing an interest in attending, including names (as they should appear on name badge), ages of children, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
 - Emails must be received by deadline.
- Incomplete nominations will be returned.

2018 CAPE Homeschool Showcase!

Is your child homeschooled, or recently graduated young adult involved in music, dance, or public speaking? If so, we would love to have them share their gift on Thursday night, April 19, in the evening session of the annual state homeschool convention. This session is free and open to the public.

1. Participation in the 2018 Showcase is open to those who are actively being homeschooled as well as those who were homeschooled for four or more years, graduated from their homeschool, and who will be under the age of 20 at the time of the convention.
2. Performing groups and acts must be comprised of 51% or higher actively homeschooling (non-graduated) children.

Note that these rules do not pertain to directors or accompanists of groups, who can be of any age and are not required to have been home-educated at all.

The categories we would like to see included are (but are not limited to) the following: singing, instrumental solos or ensembles, skits, orations (of a non-controversial and entertaining nature), dances – basically any kind of performance art. **All entries are limited to three to five minutes** and should not require any additional support personnel other than an accompanist or sound board operator.

Performances of a visual nature should be submitted via DVD or YouTube video. Musical or oratorical entrants may submit a CD, DVD, YouTube video, or a sound file to showcase@cape-nm.org. **Sorry, the judges cannot accept videotapes or cassettes. The performance at the convention must be the same as the submitted audition.**

Entries should include the names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses (if available), and the number of years of homeschooling of all the participants. For graduated participants, also state “graduated” on the entry, and the age as of April 19, 2018. *Include the name of the piece and composer’s or arranger’s name(s) for musical numbers, and which person is playing which instrument for ensemble performances.* Also include the parents’ names (for solo acts and groups of no more than two). Entries must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2018.

Mail to:

CAPE Auditions
1225 Del Mastro Dr. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87121-8115

THE SELECTION OF ENTRANTS TO PERFORM AT THE CONVENTION IS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF OUR JUDGES. YOUR SUBMISSION OF AUDITION MEDIA DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN YOU WILL BE CHOSEN TO PERFORM. Depending on the number of submissions, some may have to be turned down due to the limited amount of time slots. The CAPE Board members will not participate in judging or approving those who are selected.

Selected entrants will be notified by email or phone call by March 25, 2018, and must agree to abide by CAPE’s rules of behavior and dress code. Audition CDs/DVDs will be available for pickup by the entrant at the CAPE table during the convention. If you would like your audition material returned by mail, please include an appropriately sized, self-addressed envelope with correct postage. Those CDs/DVDs not picked up at the convention will become the property of CAPE-NM. If you have further questions, please email showcase@cape-nm.org or call 505-485-3523.

2017 UNITED STATES KARATE ALLIANCE NATIONAL AND WORLD GRAND CHAMPION

by Jeanne Drennan

Lukas Drennan began training in martial arts at New Mexico Shotokan Karate in Albuquerque in November 2007, just one month shy of his 8th birthday. At 17 years old, 2017 is the last year he'll be competing in the advanced youth division. He trains in forms (kata), weapons (kobudo) and sparring (kumite). Lukas loves training, competing, and helping others in martial arts, and he has excelled under the teaching of his sensei, Randy Sanders. Lukas has always been homeschooled and is currently participating in the dual credit program with CNM. Martial arts will always be a part of his life, and he is grateful for everyone in his karate community who has invested in him.

2014 USKA National Championships, Las Vegas, NV
2015 USKA National Championships, Las Vegas, NV
2016 USKA National Championships, Denver, CO
2016 USKA World Championships, Phoenix, AZ
2017 USKA National Championships, Albuquerque, NM
2017 USKA World Championships, Phoenix, AZ

First Place Kata
Grand Champion Kata
First Place Kata
First Place Kata
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Grand Champion Kata



14th Annual CAPE-NM

Fall Family Retreat

October 20-22, 2017

Sacramento Camp

www.cape-nm.org

Children Are a Heritage

Psalm 127:3-5



Speakers



Rudy and Elizabeth Hugo are homeschool leaders of LEAH (Loving Education at Home) in the state of New York. Together they have raised five children and homeschooled them all. They are also blessed with seven grandchildren.

Rudy is an ordained minister and runs his own window cleaning business. He produced a CD entitled *A Heart's Cry* which are the spoken Psalms with musical accompaniment. Elizabeth is the author of *Life Lessons From My Papa*, a memoir of the time their family spent caring for her father who required total care.

Registration

The cost of attending the Fall Family Retreat is for lodging and meals at Sacramento Camp. In an attempt to keep costs down, CAPE does not charge a fee. We will take a love offering on site to help pay for the speaker. As such, registration is a two-step process.

Step 1 — Make your reservation with Sacramento directly by going online to: <https://sacramentoassembly.campbrainregistration.com/> or fill out their form on the next page and mail it in. You will let them know your room and meal needs when you register.

Step 2 — Notify CAPE that you have registered with Sacramento Camp by emailing info@cape-nm.org. Please provide:

- Names of all attending in your family, including children.
- The ages of your children to help facilitate the children's program.
- If your children are over the age of 13, we need to know if they will be attending the adult sessions with you or will be available to help with the children's program.

CAPE

Fall Family Retreat

Online Registration
Available!



OCTOBER 20-22
2017

Family Registration – Please provide the following for all family members attending.

Name

Age – please circle

Adult Age 13-19 Age 5-12 Age 0-4
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Adult Age 13-19 Age 5-12 Age 0-4

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

LODGING OPTIONS (FOR 2 NIGHTS)

Families with 4 or more over age 5 receive Family Max Pricing---Children 0-4 are free!

ASPEN LODGE \$60/person (Family Max \$240) _____ X \$60 = \$ _____
Linens are not provided in Aspen Lodge but are available for \$7/bed, or you are welcome to bring your own.

OR Linens _____ X \$7 = \$ _____

FORREST LODGE \$72/person (Family Max \$288) _____ X \$72 = \$ _____

FAMILY LODGING TOTAL: \$ _____

MEAL OPTIONS

Meals begin with Friday supper and end with Sunday Lunch---Children 0-4 eat free!

Adults and Youth 13+ \$64.00 _____ X \$64 = \$ _____

Children ages 5-12 \$36.00 _____ X \$36 = \$ _____

FAMILY MEALS TOTAL: \$ _____

Add \$5/per person non-refundable registration fee: _____ X \$5 = \$ _____

FAMILY TOTAL FOR LODGING & MEALS & REG. FEES: \$ _____

Please pay \$100/Family DEPOSIT: - \$ 100

Total amount owed (Lodging + Meals + Reg. fees minus paid deposit): \$ _____

To avoid a \$15/family late fee, mail
completed registration form,
along with **deposit** postmarked by
Oct. 6, 2017

Your balance is due upon arrival.
Registration fee of \$5/person is non-
refundable and deducted from paid deposit.

Sacramento Camp & Conf. Center
Attn: Registrar
PO Box 8
Sacramento, NM 88347
575.687.3414
www.sacramentocamp.org
info@sacramentocamp.org



Visa and MasterCard Accepted

Register Online at: SacramentoCamp.org/activities-events/other-camps



THE BEST LIFE LAUNCH

by Dr. Shelly Gruenig

As a homeschool mom of three, I have been guiding and coaching our children since they were born. As a robotics team founder and business owner, I have been blessed to coach hundreds of other young people during that time as well. I'm a lot like you because I just wanted my children to succeed in life and love the Lord. I cannot imagine any greater joy than my children graduating having had the opportunity to find their passion in life so that they can serve Him and to launch their life well.

Our family recently attended the CAPE Homeschool Graduation Recognition Ceremony where we cheered on long-time friends who were launching their young adults into the world. We've also attended our share of graduation parties since then, with more still on the schedule. I believe that as homeschool parents, there are others like me out there who may have felt scared and overwhelmed by the weight of the responsibility of ensuring their children's success. That fear has kept me up late at night looking for answers, whether it was trying to choose the best curriculum or identifying the perfect activities for my children to participate in. Ultimately, I just wanted to be sure that they were thriving after graduation, as they launched into their life as adults.

With all of this on my mind, I've been thinking about what happens after the graduation parties, the ceremonies, and the celebrations. How do we know as parents that we've made the right choices and

helped propel our young adults toward a fantastic life launch? The reality is that helping our young people succeed beyond our doorway is one of the most important classes that we should be teaching.

With a PhD in Workforce Education and Training, one of my greatest passions is to help young people boldly and confidently step into their future. My real motivation may come as a surprise to the many homeschoolers who simply know me as the "robotics mom." So after 13 years of coaching an award-winning robotics team I am going to share something with you. The truth is that I have no formal training in robotics. For 13 years I have used the robotics team as the vehicle to drive career and life planning. Of course, many of the kids on the team learn about robotics and other important STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills along the way, but that is the bonus for me.

You see, the robot is what engages the interest of my young audience, and then I simply open doors to real-life opportunities so that the students can strengthen their skills while simultaneously developing their character. I encourage them to do hard things and Be Greater Than the person they were yesterday. They are competing with a team, but the real competition is to intentionally be a better version of themselves each day. In his book, *From Good to Great*, James Collins writes, "Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious

choice, and discipline."

As a parent and coach, I have learned that it is important to expect greatness from young people so that they make conscious choices to seek greatness and find their passion. Their passion is the spark that will allow them to conquer insurmountable hurdles in life and develop their character in a way of which parents can only dream.

Collins writes, "When [what you are deeply passionate about, what you can be best in the world at and what drives your economic engine] come together, not only does your work move toward greatness, but so does your life. For, in the end, it is impossible to have a great life unless it is a meaningful life. And it is very difficult to have a meaningful life without meaningful work. Perhaps, then, you might gain that rare tranquility that comes from knowing that you've had a hand in creating something of intrinsic excellence that makes a contribution. Indeed, you might even gain that deepest of all satisfactions: knowing that your short time here on this earth has been well spent, and that it mattered."

In the case of homeschooling, your work in creating excellence makes a direct contribution of satisfaction in your family as well as your community. You may not hear it enough, so from my homeschool parent heart, I say, "Thank you for the sacrifices you are making to make a difference in our world, by making a deep impact on your family circle." The question remains:

"What can we do as parents to find that tranquility, that meaningful work while assisting our young people on their own journey?"

I believe the first step comes from one of the key theories of life and career planning and can be illustrated by a simple triangle. Each arm of the triangle represents an important component of career decision making. On the bottom, or at the foundation, are values. On either side of the triangle are first skills, while interests support the other. Ultimately, everyone will find the best version of themselves where the three intersect in the middle.

The sides of the triangle include skills: the things that you have learned and tasks that you have mastered; as well as, interests: something that draws the attention of or arouses the curiosity of a person. At the base of the triangle are values: the core of how you live out your life. Our values guide every decision and these are things that are blueprinted on our lives. Values impact how we view the world and will influence every decision ever made in life from what profession to follow, whom to marry, where to attend church, where we purchase groceries, and so many more both important and seemingly mundane choices.

As homeschool families, most of you already have a strong link to family values – this is why many of us chose a learning lifestyle - because of our strong values of faith, family and learning. The challenge with our teens is that we must help them take ownership of those values. They can no longer live based on our values but must establish their own to successfully navigate the world. They are no longer children to be instructed, they are young adults who will soon be launched into the world. That can be a hard reality for us parents, used to being in control and having chosen to homeschool because we like our kids and want them around.

Ultimately, we must give them space to establish their foundational values for themselves, trusting that our teaching has imprinted upon them and having faith to know that they will come to the best decisions. If we don't, the results could be years

of struggle, family estrangement, or failure to launch. This does not mean that we walk away and hope they took the best of our values, but rather slowly, we transition into more of an active coaching role, allowing them to problem-solve and make decisions so that they make the connection to their own beliefs and values.

But how do we find the time to do this well? Helping them to sort through this takes time and engagement with your young adults. When was the last time that you really focused on listening just to them? A secret that the best parents know is that as our children mature, they actually need us more than ever. Because these are not necessarily physical needs, we can tend to dismiss them or not make them a priority. But today, I am asking you a question: How can we spend years teaching our children the core subjects and yet fail to guide them through how to apply the information, knowledge, and skills that they have learned from those lessons to their own future?

The exciting part is that, beginning in junior high, students have the competencies and the interest in learning more about themselves. Your students are studying a subject in which they are experts – because they are studying themselves! You can work on these issues in ways that make sense to your family such as doing a book study, requiring journaling, or purchasing a curriculum. However you do it, the time that you spend with your children is an investment in your family's future.

A good life launch through intentional homeschooling allows the opportunity to enjoy the sweet time that comes when you are living life with adult children who are leading amazing, fulfilling, fruit-producing lives. These fantastic life launches afford your family generations of freedom to give more to others, spend more time together, and have financial peace.

You have been their parent, their coach, their teacher, and now it is time to let them fly into their best future. My encouragement today is to take a moment and really listen to your young adult. Ask probing questions, clarifying questions,

and be intent on learning about their opinions and thoughts. My challenge to you is to listen without judgment. For a moment, take off your teacher hat and put on your coaching hat. If you are struggling with what questions to ask, there are many resources available. In fact, I will send you a free list of "Values Conversation Starters" to help you if you simply contact me.

To launch our children well into adulthood is a process of asking good questions, listening intently without judgement, and then releasing them so that they can confidently explore the world from the safety of the nest. Our young adults will often return for encouragement, strength, and advice to then be released again; and repeating the process in order to explore and grow. I'll admit that this is a hard transition to make, but it is so fantastic when done well! This beautiful process begins with listening; and what you learn will lead to other important steps in helping your young adult prepare for their best life launch!

I am sure that we are a lot alike, wanting our children to succeed in life and love the Lord. Be encouraged that this is a faith journey for both your student and yourself. Indeed, there is no greater joy than walking across the CAPE graduation stage knowing that you have done your very best to launch your young adult into a life of passion and purpose.

Share your story, find free resources, and prepare for the best Life Launch - join my MisFit Mom tribe where living well in Christian life does not require us to fit in but rather stand out!

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Dr. Shelly Gruenig is an author, speaker, and career coach, and aspires to be a MisFit! As a homeschool mom of three, a robotics coach to hundreds, who is passionate about creating purpose in life and career through planning, discipline, and decision-making, she is excited to help homeschool families successfully launch their young adults.

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Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Psalm 127:3-5

