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CAPE Calendar of Events

March 13-14, 2020, Christianity and Culture Conference at Bethel Bible Fellowship in Las Cruces
worldview.org/bethelbible2020

May 16, 2020, [CAPE-NM Graduation](#) at Legacy Church

June 19-20, 2020, [CAPE-NM Homeschool Convention](#) at Legacy Church



October 16-18, 2020, CAPE-NM Fall Family Retreat - Registration opening soon

February 1-5, 2021, TeenPact Leadership School, ages 13-19 Teenpact.com

February 4, 2021, CAPE at the Capitol

February 5th, 2021, TeenPact 1-day class, ages 8-12 Teenpact.com

Graduation Registration Deadline



The registration deadline for the CAPE-NM graduation is here. Registration must be completed by March 15th. If you have someone who would like to sing the national anthem or participate in the honor guard, please contact graduation@cape-nm.org to let Vikki know of the student's interest. Go to <https://www.cape-nm.org/events-convention/graduation/> and

register to join us.

Homeschool Convention Registration Open



Registration for the CAPE-NM Homeschool convention is now open! Could you use some encouragement to continue your homeschool journey? Come join us at Legacy Church, June 19-20th, come accompany us for Turning Hearts! This year's speakers include Chuck Black an F-16 Fighter Pilot, Jim Mason HSLDA VP of Litigation, and Vicki Bentley mother to 8 daughters and foster mother to over 50 children. Learn more about our speakers at [cape-nm.org/events-convention/homeschool-convention/homeschool-convention-speakers/](https://www.cape-nm.org/events-convention/homeschool-convention/homeschool-convention-speakers/), or if you are ready to register go to [cape-nm.org/events-convention/homeschool-convention/registration/](https://www.cape-nm.org/events-convention/homeschool-convention/registration/).

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"The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." Judges 6:12

As homeschooling Christian parents, we face the challenge of balancing confidence with humility, conviction with submission, courage with caution, and protection with

preparation. None of these characteristics are contradictory, but rather complementary. The challenge is balancing them such that confidence does not become pride, humility does not become weakness, conviction does not become legalism, submission does not become apathy, courage does not become recklessness, caution does not become fear, protection does not become overbearing, and preparation does not become ritualistic. We are modeling for our children the walk of faith, and the answer to balancing these seemingly contradictory characteristics once again lies in the Lord and in His call on our lives.

Raising children God's way will create counter-culture tension in our sphere of influence. How do we work counter-culture and still be a witness to those in the world around us? By speaking the truth in love and by being confident, humble, convicted, submissive, courageous, cautious, protective, and prepared.

Gideon faced adversity when the Lord called him to duty, just as He has called each of you to duty. First, He called the meek, not the mighty, for Gideon considered his family poor and he to be the least in his family. And even though his greater enemy, the Midianites, were camped against them, the Lord told Gideon to begin by tearing down the idol to Baal. This action created an outcry from his own people, and they even demanded his death. Ironically those people were demanding the death of the very one who was going to deliver them. This sounds much like Jesus and his call to save the souls of men. It also sounds a lot like homeschooling parents and their call to raise up a generation of God-fearing young men and women which may very well save our society from its own destruction...a society that often cries out against us! Hollywood ridicules homeschoolers with scathing sarcasm and buffoonery, and there seems to be no end to the legislative attempts to diminish our rights and freedoms. As time marches onward, the line in the sand dividing good from evil is becoming more prevalent. The ferocious attack against Christianity and biblical principles in our society is felt strongly especially in the camp of homeschooling families throughout the country. As a result, God's call on us as parents to raise godly children requires courage and vigilance. This is critical if we are to be faithful to His call.

Gideon started with thirty-thousand men and God said that he had no use for the fearful, so he sent twenty-thousand home! Then God said he had no use for those that were not vigilant so he sent all but three-hundred home. Those few that were left were the courageous and the vigilant. We are but a few as homeschoolers, but remember that God has called you, so be courageous and be vigilant. When the victory is won, none can glory in their own efforts, for it is the Lord that won the battle for Gideon and his men and the Lord will win the battle for us as well. Gideon's battle was against their greater foe, the Midianites, and ours is against spiritual wickedness in high places. It is a battle not only for own children but also for those that oppose us as well. Have great courage for the Lord has called you, and have great humility for the battle belongs to the Him. Homeschooling in the face of adversity, cultural stereotypes, and ridicule is a noble endeavor that requires a steadfast faith as well as the best of our time, energy, and resources. Even still, we do so not for ourselves but for our children and for those to whom we are called to love and to deliver the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Remember that our enemy is not those that oppose us but Satan and his demons. We must stand strong in our conviction to fulfill God's call all the while loving those that oppose us that they too may come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for calling us to homeschool our children. Please grant

us the courage and the strength to remain faithful to your call. Help us to be humble before you and before men bringing honor to your name. Grant us the wisdom to speak the truth in love and to share the gospel of Jesus to the lost. We praise and worship you as our Lord and Savior. In Jesus name, Amen."

Chuck Black, a former F-16 fighter pilot and tactical combat communications engineer, is the author of seventeen novels, including the popular *Kingdom Series*, *The Knights of Arrethtrae series*, *the Wars of the Realm series*, *The Starlore Legacy*, and *Call to Arms: the Guts and Glory of Courageous Fatherhood*. *Kingdom's Dawn* of *The Kingdom Series* received Homeschool.com's "Voted #1" award and was on CBA's top ten best sellers list twice in 2008 for all Christian Youth Literature. His heart is to equip and encourage families in their pursuit of Christ, and he seeks to do so through his allegorical and Scripture-based novels, his seminars, and his published articles. Chuck Black will be a speaker at the CAPE-NM 2020 homeschool convention.

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