

OCHEC 2007 Speaker and Workshop Schedule

Note: "Teens" - indicate a workshop of special interest for teenagers, but adults are welcome too.

Friday, April 27th

Time	Speaker	Topic	Room
9:00am-10:15am	James McDonald	The Catalyst for Family Restoration There are many goals people have when they consider homeschooling, but perhaps the most unexpected result of this decision is the impact it has on the spiritual temperature of the family. Find out how reforming our families can promote reformation in the Church today. With sincerity and humor James McDonald shares testimony of his own family's journey through "family reformation."	Chedoke A, B, C
10:45am-11:45am	Paul Farris	Challenges and Opportunities A tour across Canada and a glimpse around the world	Chedoke A
	Floyd Brobbel	Jesus Freaks (Teen workshop) What does it mean to be a "Jesus Freak"? If it is just a fad, or a catchy title (despite its controversial aspect) for a song or a book, what good is it to be labeled a "Jesus Freak"? Our lives need to stand for more than the next Christian fad. The call of the Christian is to be willing to follow Jesus regardless of where He leads. Discover how past and present Christians daily live what they believe under some extraordinary circumstances. Are they extreme, heroic, today's ultimate "Jesus Freak", or something more? Find out what it means to live a "normal" Christian life.	Chedoke B
	Joan Kingswood	20 Things I Learned in 20 Years Its always helpful to have someone point out a pitfall to you so that you won't make the same blunder. This seminar will give you tips on "do's and don'ts" for the new home schooler that will enlighten, correct and encourage parents who are just beginning the home schooling adventure.	Chedoke C
	Donna Fawcett	Homeschooling Through High School Come find out from Donna how to prepare for: hormonal changes, spiritual rebellion, in your face confrontation, absolute honesty, a career, a mate and stepping back.	Webster A
	Ken Marek	No Stone Unturned: Every Child can be Successful! We must see the whole child against the backdrop of his/her physiological, personality, gender, developmental level, learning styles, educational and cultural background, social milieu, if we are to understand the nature of his/her learning difficulties and to determine which tools, approaches and methods may be most effective in helping them. The child's temperament, for example, plays a significant role in learning disabilities and although there are no single temperamental styles that characterize all children with learning disabilities, approaches must be sensitive to these styles and integrated into the educational therapy. To some degree, each educational therapeutic approach has to be, to a greater or lesser degree, "tailor-made" for that	Webster B, C
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10:45am-11:45am		<p>individual. Self-esteem and self-confidence are an intricate part of the success formula for those challenged with learning disabilities. As a result, assessment approaches not only have to determine where deficits exist, but also look at the temperament of the child/student, learning pattern and learning style. Although a “compensation” approach may initially be implemented for the student, i.e., un-timed tests, reduced workload, the ultimate goal of “deficit stimulation” (strengthening their areas of deficits) is the ultimate goal. When a student is able to succeed on their own as an independent learner, one can truly be confident that that student is prepared to learn for the rest of their life. The presentation will include a brief discussion of a holistic paradigm of the child followed by additional assessment tools that one can use to determine temperament, learning patterns and multiple intelligences. References to resources will be provided.</p>	
	Donna Ward	<p>Jumpin' Geography Get your kids jumpin’ about Geography. Gather creative hands-on ideas to make geography come alive for your active students. Explore internet resources with Donna’s picks of best sites for map games, quizzes and more. Learn more about maps, atlases, almanacs and other tools, and the ways to use them in teachable moments.</p>	Albion A
	Stacy McDonald	<p>Virtuous Young Maidens Have you ever noticed that Scripture will refer to the daughter of a godly man as a virgin, a virgin daughter, or the daughter of her father, while our modern culture tends to use gender neutral terms, such as kids, children, teens, or youth? Is it that our contemporary dictionaries don’t have room for outdated terms such as maiden and virgin daughter or is there a deeper reason? Today, feminine softness and beauty have been replaced by tight, faded jeans; revealing t-shirts; and sneakers. Should daughters of the King parrot the speech, mimic the carriage or replicate the fashion statements of daughters of the world? You and your daughters are invited to join Stacy McDonald, mother of seven fair maidens as she investigates the lost art of biblical femininity, sexual purity, and virtuous maidenhood—a fairy tale experience.</p>	Albion B, C
11:45am-1:15pm	<i>Lunch and Vendor Hall Shopping</i>		
12:00-1:15pm	OCHEC	OCHEC Annual Meeting	Albion A

Time	Speaker	Topic	Room
1:15pm- 2:15pm	Ron Gray	Education and Parents Education is mandated by God as a duty for parents; while some may choose to hire teachers to execute this mandate for them, those tutors MUST be capable of conveying the parents' core moral, ethical and spiritual commitments to the children. The history of government-run education has carried it far from this original mandate. The myth of 'socialization'.	Chedoke A
	Brian Ray	A Worldview Primer: Contemporary Idea-Systems in Conflict Ideas have consequences, and your children need to get a grasp of major ideas, issues, and personalities that shape our world's thinking. Examine Biblical Christianity versus. Secular Humanism, New Age (Cosmic Humanism), and Marxism/Leninism. Use this understanding to change your children, your community, and your nation. This is for parents and young adults. (Teen)	Chedoke B
	James & Stacy McDonald	The Heart of the Matter: Guiding Our Children into Pure Marriages Modern dating provides our children and young adults with lessons in "breaking up" (practice for divorce) and emotional heartache rather than how to form solid relationships and permanent biblical commitments. Parents, especially fathers, are generally kept out of the loop and, consequently, covenantal fences of protection are gone as well. Scriptural principles for parental involvement and marital training are examined while parents and their children discuss ways to apply them in their own homes. A question and answer session on purity, dating, courtship, and betrothal, moderated by James and Stacy McDonald.	Chedoke C
	Donna Schmidt & Rhonda Erb	Organization Do you find yourself spending too much time looking for lost items? Do you have piles of paper all over the place? Do you find yourself feeling overwhelmed? Do you find yourself wishing you had more time? Do you wish you had someone to help you organize your life? If you answered "yes" to even one of these questions...then please allow us to help you get to the...Heart of the Matter!	Webster B
2:25pm- 4:05pm	<i>Vendor Workshops & Vendor Hall shopping</i> <i>(See below for vendor workshop descriptions)</i>		
	James McDonald	OCHEC Chapter Leader Appreciation Reception - Standing Firm	Webster Lounge

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2:45pm-3:45pm <i>cont'd</i> 2:45pm-3:45pm	Nicole Geerlinks	Stand up and Make a Difference (for Teens) 27 million modern day slaves • 32,000 children dying a day of preventable causes • 1/2 the world living on less than 2 dollars a day. These statistics, among others, have motivated Nicole to live her life serving the poor people in this world, the “least of these” as Jesus refers to them in scripture. Come hear stories from her experiences. Be challenged as she shares her passions and her vision to see extreme poverty ended in her generation. And be motivated to discover what you could do to make a difference!	Chedoke A
4:15pm-5:15pm	Ron Gray	Education and Postmodernism The so-called “Enlightenment” gave birth to Modernism, centred in secular Materialism. Post-modernism was a reaction against the absurdities of bare modernism; but without a foundation in absolute Truth, post-modernism brought forth its own absurdities.	Chedoke A
	James McDonald	The Malachi Syndrome Just as the remnant described in the Book of Malachi tired due to the pressures they found when the Lord seem to tarry, our homeschool families can likewise tire and lose their commitment to stay the course. In this talk, James McDonald identifies the six major challenges faced by the homeschool family, and encourages families to overcome!	Chedoke B
	Betsy Ray	Fruitful Preparation The teenage years should be the beginning of the harvest as our young people come into their own. If we plan for the storms of life and prepare, we can build through these years with less frustration, wasted time, conflicts, and fruitlessness. We need to make the most of the time we have (Eph. 5:15-17). Betsy will help you consider and examine important principles so that you can prepare yourself physically and spiritually for situations that will arise.	Webster B
	Brian Ray	Swimming Upstream: The Water Gets Clearer (or, Why You Should [Continue To] Homeschool) Many parents finally fall prey to their own insecurities and critics’ darts when their children reach age 14 (and sometimes much earlier). They consider abandoning home-based and parent-guided education. The cacophonous voices of professionals, generations of institutional schooling, “public” school giveaways and enticements, personal misperceptions of reality, and the world’s opinion about what is important muddy the waters. Getting closer to the source — the headwaters — brings refreshment and clarity to vision and action. Dr. Ray focuses on key educational goals and philosophy (biblical), research findings, the importance of separating the state from education, and personal experience to inform, encourage, and rally parents’ spirits and harden their resolve to continue homeschooling for the long term in	Chedoke C

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		order to reap the harvest of its excellent fruits. (Teen)	
5:15pm-6:30pm	<i>Dinner & Vendor Hall Shopping</i>		
7:00pm-7:30pm	Music Presentation	<i>“Lifesong”</i>	Chedoke A, B, C
7:30pm-8:30pm	Brian & Betsy Ray	Loving and Leading Fathers and husbands, it is time to love and lead now. Like Christ loves the church. Mothers and wives, it is time to love your husband as God has declared. Nurture and admonish your children but do not provoke them. Is all of this possible? Yes. But what can you do? Brian and Betsy will give you pointed challenges, down-to-earth examples, laughter, and practical ideas to see your marriage grow from glory to glory in God’s good and exciting will. They will help and encourage you with scripture, their experiences, and what they have learned during 26 years of marriage and the upbringing of eight children.	Chedoke A, B, C

OCHEC 2007 Vendor Workshops for Friday, April 27th

Time	Speaker	Topic	Room
2:25pm- 3:10pm	KONOS	Classic KONOS- Learning for a Lifetime KONOS is more than a curriculum; it is a teaching method! Every teacher knows that students learn best by doing. This workshop will show you how KONOS takes your conviction to teach this way and makes it work for your family. Imagine all your children learning the same topic, at their own level and LOVING IT!	Chedoke B
	Maple Tree Publications	101 Learning Activities with Picture Books Join Cyndy Regeling, author of the popular "Come Sit By Me" series, to explore the amazing ways picture books can lead to learning opportunities. See how one can draw math, Bible, phonics, creative writing, music or art lessons (to name just a few!) from picture books. Tips on reading aloud effectively and teaching kids to make their own books. If you have little ones from 0-8 yrs. of age, you don't want to miss this!	Chedoke C
	Sonlight Curriculum	The Way You Wish You'd Been Taught. Guaranteed Flexible. Faith affirming. Filled with Great Stories! Do you want to create life-long learners and equip students to think, not just memorize facts? Come see how Sonlight Curriculum has done the planning for you and compiled all the tools to make this year a learning adventure for a lifetime.	Webster A
	Tree of Life School	Putting the "Syn" into Topical Reading This session will take a look at the 4 levels of reading with a particular focus on the syntopical stage. Practical application will be made through a case study on one of the Great Ideas using the Great Books.	Webster B
	NALLENART	French at Home How to build confidence and fun into your French as a Second Language program.	Webster C
	Tyndale University College & Seminary	How to Assess Your Child's Academic Skills & Discover Their Strengths This workshop focuses on how to assess basic academic skills & discover the unique strength of each child in order to prepare them for college success. Participants will learn both formal & informal assessment tools; they will also learn different ways of identifying individual strengths. The format will be didactic and interactive, consisting of lecture, demonstrations & case studies.	Albion A
	St. Stephens University	Study the Classics! Travel the World! Worship the One! If you are interested in learning what this means, come check out and learn more about St. Stephan's University.	Albion B
	Excellent Resources	Writing Without Tears. When you mention 'writing' to your students, is the reaction you receive one of fear and trembling...from your students AND you? Learn how to gently and easily lead students into the world of writing. There are tools which eliminate the fear of 'how to' write and 'how to' teach writing. Encourage and motivate your students to ENJOY WRITING.	Albion C

Time	Speaker	Topic	Room
3:20pm-4:05pm	LETTER- LAND Education	Where Children Love to Learn to Read LETTERLAND is an early-years phonics based literacy program. With its multi-sensory approach and vast array of resources this program is effective, fun, and easy-to-follow for homeschooling parents.	Chedoke B
	Northwoods Press	Canadian History and Geography Curricula Donna Ward, author of a number of popular Canadian social studies curricula including: Canada, My Country and Courage & Conquest, will be describing how to use her studies throughout the elementary years.	Chedoke C
	The Learning House	Math & Language Arts Materials for Struggling Learners Ten tips for struggling learners will be presented. In addition, Louise will present a variety of products to assist in teaching struggling learners math, reading, spelling & grammar.	Webster A
	Voice of the Martyrs	Connecting Students With The Persecuted Church Challenge your children to a greater awareness of the part they can play in influencing the world for Christ. Learn how to exchange strength with Christian families around the world who risk their all for Christ.	Webster B
	Math-U-See	Building Confident Problem Solvers Our goal at Math-U-See is to encourage students to be confident problem solvers who understand & enjoy the study of math. From video instruction for the teacher & student hands-on manipulatives to illustrate abstract math concepts & textbooks to provide plenty of practice from kindergarten through grade 12.	Webster C
	Wise Choice Educational Services	Question And Answers on Learning and Attention Difficulties Parents are invited to bring their questions concerning the learning and attention difficulties of their children while homeschooling	Albion A
	Pathways For Neuro- Educational Development	PATHWAYS for NeuroEducational Development Use the Neurodevelopmental approach to remediate many of the underlying causes associated with learning, social or behavioural concerns. A child having difficulty retaining facts, following directions, being socially appropriate, reading, etc. or those who have received a label of ADD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Learning Disabilities, Central Auditory Processing Disorder, Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities etc. can, with a home based Neurodevelopmental program, overcome the inefficiencies that result in these areas of difficulty.	Albion B
	Family Builder Christian Church	Family Integrated Church. We have the whole family worship together. Perhaps the first thing when you walk into a worship service is the fact that there are so many babies and children in the service. We do not have systematic age segregation in youth or children's ministry. We teach parents to evangelize & disciple their own children & their neighbours. We emphasize the ministries of hospitality, family worship, catechism and family discipleship. Children are involved in our worship service. We are home schooled families.	Albion C

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Saturday, April 28th

Time	Speaker	Topic	Room
8:30am-9:45am	Brian Ray	<p>When a Free Lunch Isn't Free: Public School Homeschool Programs</p> <p>Lures abound to sidetrack homeschooling parents. One is the fast-growing nationwide promise of "free," state-run, "home" school programs to "help" you educate your children. Dr. Ray will challenge you to consider the paramount importance of who should be in authority over what is taught to the minds and hearts of children. Related to tax-funded programs, there are (1) subtle and negative practical consequences of enrolling your children in them, (2) serious problems from the perspective of a liberty-loving republic such as the U.S., and (3) contradictions to a biblical worldview that demands parents and private associations be the main educators of children. Dr. Ray is convinced this is one of the most urgent issues with that homeschoolers should grapple during the next several years.</p>	Chedoke A, B, C
10:15am - 11:15am	Kirk Durston	<p>Does God Exist? (for teens)</p> <p>Many people put their faith in a lot of things. Christian faith should not be a blind leap in the dark. Rather there should be some rational justification for putting our faith in the existence of God. This seminar looks at scientific evidence from the origin and design in the universe and in biological life, as well as historical evidence that Jesus is the Son of God.</p>	Chedoke A
	Nicole Geerlinks	<p>Mobilizing a Generation</p> <p>I believe this generation is uniquely positioned to see the end of extreme poverty. This will require the youth of today rising up and living out their callings. One of the greatest things that can be done to support this is parent's supporting and facilitating their children. Come hear stories from Nicole as she shares her passion, and the struggles and incredible joy of serving the poor. Discuss practical ways to become a hero generation. Challenge each other to not settle for "normal" after walking the different road of home schooling.</p>	Chedoke B
	Joan Kingswood	<p>20 Things I Learned in 20 Years</p> <p>It's always helpful to have someone point out a pitfall to you so that you won't make the same blunder. This seminar will give you tips on "do's and don'ts" for the new home schooler that will enlighten, correct and encourage parents who are just beginning the home schooling adventure.</p>	Chedoke C
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10:15am - 11:15am	Ron Gray	Touchstones and Education Many parents feel inadequate to deal with questions that arise out of secular materialism, modernism and post-modernism; carrying “touchstones” in the back of your mind provides a rationale for answering such questions. A few example of such “touchstones” will be provided.	Ron Gray
	Cyndy Regeling	Plan to a “Tee” Planning is an essential component to leading your family through a successful teaching year. Where does one start? How can we break down the subjects into teachable components? Cyndy will share her approach to planning a home school year over the summer months, freeing up mom during the school year to be more than just a harried home school mom.	Webster B, C
	Betsy Ray	Igniting the Fires of Your Mind We all want our children to be excited about learning. That excitement can be caught from parents who are challenging themselves in new areas. Betsy will give ideas and relate her experiences that could make teaching more than just getting through the textbooks. She will encourage you to stimulate your thinking and give practical tips on how to relate topics in which you never thought you would be interested (e.g., economics) to ones that you have always loved (e.g., history) and to the light of God’s truth. You can lead your young people in making these relationships, forming a biblical worldview, and renewing their minds to impact their world.	Albion A
	Beth Rockwell	Preparing for Post Secondary A guide to navigating the system of college and university admissions as well as an honest look at the various positive and negative factors to be considered before accepting your “acceptance” letter.	Albion B, C

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11:15am - 12:45pm	<i>Lunch and Vendor Hall Shopping</i>		
12:45pm - 1:45pm	Ron Gray	Education & Government What role in education is left for government, if God has mandated that education is the responsibility of parents?	Chedoke A
	James McDonald	Family Worship: The Key to Family Contentment Discover the wonder and joy of family worship. Over the ages, this time-tested family institution has been all but forgotten by an individualistic society in bondage to the daily grind. James McDonald shares the history and blessings of a healthy family worship time. Practical steps and resources are available.	Chedoke B
	Floyd Brobbel	Faith on the Front Line (for teens) There are times in a Christian's life when he or she faces a choice that requires complete faith in God. In that moment when everything, including life, is on the line, what defines the winners from the losers? 1 Samuel 14 tells the compelling story of Jonathan, the son of King Saul, who is faced with this very challenge. Jonathan is able to distinguish God's will in his situation by knowing three things that enable him to display faith on the frontline. They are: 1) Recognition of what needs to be done, 2) Knowledge of who he is and who he belongs to, 3) Understanding his dependency on God. Be encouraged and challenged by seeing how these principals apply to the life of every Christian and how the Canadian church desperately needs its youth to take their place on the frontline.	Chedoke C
	Brian Ray	Just the Facts: Homeschooling Works In spite of what logic and professional educators might tell you, homeschooling works. Even parents with only a high school education and low incomes help their children excel with home-based education. Dr. Ray, one of the world's leading homeschool researchers, makes this engaging and fact-filled presentation as he reviews research on homeschooling and documents the findings of his own multiple studies. Resoundingly, research shows positive outcomes (e.g., academic achievement and social development) from home education. Learn about homeschooling and inform others	Albion B, C

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2:15pm-3:15pm	Cyndy Regeling	You are Planning to do What? Many of us enter the home schooling ring with our knees trembling. What in the world are we getting ourselves into? With important signposts to guide the way, this seminar helps the rookie home schooler wade into the waters of the home schooling world. Setting up shop, choosing curriculum and dealing with family are a few of the stops along the way.	Chedoke A
	James McDonald	Tending the Garden: How to Support Your Homeschooling Wife Using the analogy of the a man's role as a husbandman – a gardener, James McDonald lists ways a homeschooling husband must lead and love his wife. Often, the burden of teaching falls on the mother. The way her husband protects, nourishes, and supports her can be the difference between success and failure. - (For Men Only)	Chedoke B
	Kirk Durston	How to Get Better Grades and Have More Fun (for teens) In this seminar, Kirk Durston will share tips that he has gained from his experience in over 14 years of university and close to 300 credit hours of courses.	Chedoke C
	Stacy McDonald	As Unto the Lord – The Keys to Being a Biblical Wife ****(Ladies Tea)**** Humble, quiet, submissive...these are all qualities that are generally regarded as weaknesses. Scripture, on the other hand, teaches that these are signs of great strength and power. Just as our Lord submitted Himself to His Father and the governing authorities, wives are instructed to demonstrate their willingness to support their husbands by supporting and respecting their leadership.	Webster B, C
3:45pm-5:00pm	James McDonald	Cathedral Building: Developing a Multi-Generational Vision We live in a day when building cathedrals is a thing of the past—now we set up church in strip malls or warehouses. Those who spent their lives building cathedrals had a vision toward future generations. We selfishly build for the moment. Similarly, we do not consider how our actions today are impacting the future of our children and our children's children. What would we change if we had the same generational vision as the cathedral builder? How would we live? What would we teach our children? Join James as he compares the process, faithfulness and labor of constructing a cathedral with building a legacy of faithful sons and daughters.	Chedoke A, B, C