

## **Todd Wilson, Familyman Ministries**

TODD WILSON is a dad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and down to earth realness have made him a favorite speaker at homeschool conventions across the country and a guest on Focus on the Family.

As founder of Familyman Ministries, his passion and mission are to remind dads and moms of what's most important through a weekly e-mail for dads, seminars, and books that encourage parents.

Todd, and his wife Debbie, homeschool six of their eight children (two have graduated) in northern Indiana and travel America in the Familyman Mobile. You can read more at [www.familymanweb.com](http://www.familymanweb.com)

### **This, We Believe!**

Dads and moms, in all the busyness of life and swell of expert advice, we've forgotten the fundamental truths of homeschooling and family. In short, we've forgotten why we do what we do. We have plenty of "how tos" but have forgotten the "why tos" and it evidences itself in our lack of joy of homeschooling, family, and parenting.

Join funny guy and familyman, Todd Wilson, as he sets the stage for a great homeschool convention and the best year ever as he brings us back to the basics of what we believe about family and homeschooling. You're not going to want to miss this for the world.

### **Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad!**

You may not crack open a book, work through a curriculum, or call it school, but it's your job to train your children. Join me as we look at the trials, triumphs, and tribulations of training our children. Now don't worry, I won't make you feel guilty or give you a forty-six point outline, but I promise to tell it straight and to encourage you in the best job there is - fathering.

### **Get REAL!**

Are you convinced that every homeschooling family except yours is great? Do you believe the lie that others are more organized, better prepared, have smarter kids, are wiser parents, and have a child in the national spelling bee? Well, let me set the record straight...that's not the way it is! The truth is most moms feel inadequate. Homeschooling moms fear that they're letting their kids down in their education and in example. They feel like their house is out of control, their children are beasts, and the sizzle has left their marriages. Join us as we unleash the power in being REAL. You'll never be the same again.

### **An Unbeatable Homeschool Team**

Marriage is hard...in fact, it's real hard! Yet when it is right and good, it can withstand anything. It doesn't matter what the economy does, the status of your bank account, the condition of your home or vehicles, or what your children dish out...because when a husband and wife are right, they're unbeatable.

On the flip side, when a husband and wife feel distant or apathetic, it only takes the slightest breeze to ruffle a bunch of feathers. The truth is a mediocre marriage sucks the joy right out of life and your homeschool. The economy can swing up, your checking account can be healthy, your home and vehicles can purr like kittens, and the kids can behave like angels, and life still...stinks.

That's because marriage matters.

Join Todd for a time of laughter and encouragement as he shares real life stories, problems, and frustrations along with practical, simple solutions to having a marriage that can't be beat!

## **How to Keep Going When You Feel Like Giving Up**

Homeschooling is hard, parenting is hard, and marriage...well, that's way hard. And that's OK and even normal. Trouble is we don't like hard. We want easy, fast, and cheap, and at the same time we want successful results.

But the truth is that good things are hard and hard things are good, and they go hand in hand. Sadly, most people don't ever experience the good because they can't handle the hard. They put the hard thing off, hoping it will get easier, or they avoid it all together, and all they end up with is a pile of regrets.

Here's the good news: you can handle the hard. In fact, if you're faced with two choices, pick 'HARD.'

During this hour, you'll laugh with Todd as he shares how to embrace the hardness while keeping your eye on the joy and experience God's best for you.

## **Angela Smith, Home School Legal Defence Association**

Angela Smith is the Operations Manager for HSLDA Canada and is passionate about supporting homeschooling families. Angela and her husband, Calvin, have three grown children whom she thoroughly enjoyed homeschooling. Angela embraced the challenges of being a busy homeschool mother and also worked with her son who is gifted and borderline Aspergers, with a Non-Verbal Learning Disorder. Angela's previous work experience and education shows a real heart for serving others, beginning with her work with special needs kids when she was fourteen. Her vast experience includes working in a preschool, in group homes for at-risk youth, with young mothers in needs of shelter and support, and in financial administration for her husband's business, and with HSLDA.

### **HSLDA Canada Updates**

Homeschool Legal Defence Association of Canada (HSLDA) is dedicated to supporting your family during your homeschool adventure. Whether you're a homeschool veteran or just starting out, HSLDA has you covered. Our members have peace of mind knowing that we are always advocating on their behalf. HSLDA is the only Canadian organization with the expertise to provide legal representation in disputes with school boards and provincial agencies. From legal services, insurance coverage to homeschooling advice and resources, our experienced team has what your family needs. Don't wait until something happens, become a member with the most trusted homeschool organization in Canada. HSLDA: the partner in your homeschool success.

### **Exceptional Needs**

Angela Smith, Operations Manager at HSLDA, is mom of a son who is gifted and borderline Aspergers with Non-Verbal Learning Disorder. Her heart for encouraging and equipping homeschooling parents is evident in this talk in which she discusses the benefits to homeschooling a struggling learner or a child with special needs. This practical talk will arm you with resources and points to research as you homeschool your special kids, and it will encourage you to persevere in the good work you are doing. There will be time for discussion at the end of the talk.

## **Julie Charette, Association de Science Creationniste du Quebec / Creation Science Association of Quebec**

Titulaire d'une maîtrise en littérature de langue française, Julie Charette a rencontré Christ il y a près de quinze ans, après avoir assisté à une série de conférences organisées par l'Association de Science Créationniste du Québec (ASCQ). Depuis ce temps, elle est impliquée au sein de cette organisation qui vise à faire connaître aux chrétiens et aux non-chrétiens les évidences scientifiques, bibliques et philosophiques qui appuient une interprétation littérale du récit de la création présenté dans le livre de la Genèse. Elle est aussi l'heureuse maman de six enfants âgés de 10 mois à 9 ans, tous éduqués à la maison depuis leur naissance.

## **Si donc, méchants comme vous l'êtes, vous savez donner de bonnes choses à vos enfants »; ce que la recherche nous dit au sujet de l'école-maison**

Faire le choix d'assumer l'instruction de ses enfants peut être difficile et attirer les critiques de son entourage. Heureusement, de nombreuses études sérieuses menées au Canada et à l'international peuvent nous guider dans nos choix et nos discussions. Cet atelier présentera les trouvailles de plusieurs chercheurs sur des aspects aussi variés que les résultats académiques des enfants éduqués à la maison, leur intégration à la communauté, leur niveau de tolérance envers la différence, le profil socio-économique de leurs parents, les divers types d'approches politico-juridiques et les impacts de ces dernières.

### **Jason Lindsay, Young Entrepreneurs of North America**

Jason Lindsay currently resides in Nova Scotia, Canada. He has been married to his beautiful wife, Christina, for more than seven years now, and together they run "Young Entrepreneurs of North America". Their company is dedicated to working with youth and teaching them various skills such as business, accounting, personal finance, and communication that they can use to honour and glorify God in their lives. Jason has been in business for the last seventeen years working as a financial advisor, a university tutor for accounting and finance courses, and a bookkeeper, in addition to his work with Young Entrepreneurs of North America. It was approximately nine years ago that God changed his heart and convicted him of his sin, and ever since then he has been attending church in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he holds positions of Deacon and Treasurer. Besides being an avid sports fan, he enjoys running, reading, and spending time with his wife. Check out the company website at: [www.startearlyandsucceed.com](http://www.startearlyandsucceed.com).

#### **The Amazing Things Youth Can Do**

God gives us all certain skills and abilities that we can use to honor and glorify Him. Not everybody will be great at everything, but most of us can be better at something than we are. And, we can be better at a younger age than most of us believe. Join Jason Lindsay, owner of Young Entrepreneurs of North America, as he explores the amazing things that youth are capable of when following Biblical principles - from starting their own business, to preparing for marriage, and more! People of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Diana Richardson, Nature's Best Products**

Born in Saint John, NB, Diana was a nurse by profession and is the mother of 6 children. As one of her many activities over the years, she founded the local chapter of La Leche League International in 1972. For the following 12 years, she held monthly classes, trained leaders and counselled mothers in nutrition and the art of breast feeding. Continuing her keen interest in nutrition, she was trained in Nutritional Symptomatology, by Lee Coyne, a former consultant to Canadian Olympic teams. She is noted for her comprehensive health assessments for clients. Diana runs her own successful business known as Nature's Best Products and is an Independent Representative for the Shaklee Corporation. She has lectured on numerous health related topics throughout the country, had considerable experience as a speaker on both radio and television programs and written numerous articles on nutrition for various newspapers.

#### **Nutritional Support for Better Learning**

We will look at why preventing hypoglycemia is so important, why antibiotics can create learning & behavior problems and how to take control of your child's health.

## **Jennifer Geham, Connections for Learning**

Jennifer Gehman is a certified teacher, curriculum writer, parent educator and a facilitator-in-training with the Neufeld Institute. She has spent the last twenty years working in alternative home-based education, writing curriculum, and assisting hundreds of parents to better understand the role of attachment-based development in child learning. More importantly, she is a veteran homeschooling mother of five children - one has completed her post-secondary education, two are currently attending university, and two are still learning in the living room. All five still live with her and teach her daily about the joys and challenges of being a parent. Visit her at [connectionsforlearning.ca](http://connectionsforlearning.ca) or visit [neufeldinstitute.org](http://neufeldinstitute.org) for more information on making sense of children from a developmental perspective.

### **The Science of Play and the Art of Relationship – Back to the Basics of the Learning Equation (via Skype)**

We live in a technological information age - a time when it seems that all knowledge is available at our fingertips. Yet with so much information so conveniently accessible, why do our children seem to be losing their sense of wonder and curiosity? As adults, we often focus on looking for the best curriculum or the most innovative learning technology, but is it possible that true learning comes from a different place? Developmental science is giving us clues to what is truly needed to thrive in today's rapidly changing world. Evidence is on the rise that play in the context of a safe and nurturing relationship is a child's best bet for learning. Jennifer will look at the pivotal and sometimes surprising roles of relationship and play in the learning equation including how we as adults can help create the conditions for our children to grow and thrive.

## **Bristen Bourque**

Bristen was born and raised in Scoudouc, NB. He is the 5th generation of a French Acadian Bourque family to live in this small village. Bristen became a Christian as a teenager at the age of 18 in 1992. He married Anike in 1999 and the couple was blessed with two beautiful children a few years later: a daughter (Naomi) in 2006 and a son (Caleb) in 2007. On a professional level, Bristen completed a Bachelor degree in Computer Sciences from the Université de Moncton in 1997 and has been working in the IT industry since. From 1997 to 2009, his career was focused on developing software. Early in his career, he took up leadership roles which eventually led to a position as a Software Development Manager in 2009. Outside of work, Bristen enjoys playing music, rocketry, gardening and nature.

### **3,2,1 Blast Off! - Rocketry for All Ages**

Come and learn about the exciting hobby of model rocketry! This hobby combines science, creativity and hands on building like no other hobby. Learn about how model rockets work, how to safely fly them and the different levels available for everyone, from the novice to advanced builder and flyer. Multiple model rockets will be on display so you get to see some up close. You will also be provided with resources, such as where to buy rockets and supplies, the local rocketry club, rocketry events right here in New Brunswick and more.

## **Philip Grant**

Philip and his wife of 26 years just completed their 18th year of homeschooling. They have 6 children—3 girls, 3 boys, 2 of whom are married, and asset of twin grandchildren. They live in a small fishing village in Wallace, N.S. where he works as a residential contractor/cabinetmaker.

### **Q & A Dad's Panel**

## **Jodie Grondin**

Jodie Grondin is a newly retired home educating Mama with 2 sons now graduated. She was a board member for 8 years including President and Communications Director. She was also a leader in the Moncton Christian Home Educators for 10 years. She has experience with special needs within her home school. She is currently the Atlantic Canada Math U See representative, tutors and has her own healthy lifestyle business.

### **Q & A Mom's Panel**

## **Gina Lynch**

Gina Lynch is an optimist who loves staying up late and that first cup of coffee in the morning! She is married to Matt and is mom to her four children who she has been blessed to homeschool. She daily searches for beauty in the mundane, yearns to travel more and lives by the motto "Do the next thing."

### **Self- Care**

As homeschooling parents, we work diligently day in and day out to provide for the well-being of our families. We labor tirelessly and do it well but too often, we forget - ourselves! This ends up leading to stress, overwhelm, guilt and, eventually, burn out. Under such conditions, homeschooling is simply not sustainable! But what if right away we identified those red flags that signalled a problem and knew what to do about it? What if we were constantly implementing ways to feed our souls and nourish our minds? What if we fashioned our homes, our schedules, our very thoughts in such a way that we weren't just surviving in our homeschooling journey but thriving?! Join Gina as we consider these things and work at building a healthier, happier, cared for YOU!

## **Rachel MacCabe**

Rachael MacCabe is a wife & mom who is in her 14th year of home education. She and her husband Terry have homeschooled their two boys, Layton and Winston, from the beginning and graduated their first high school student last year. She has enjoyed being part of her support group executive, coordinating the annual heritage fair and all things curriculum. Prior to the homeschool journey, Rachael obtained a degree in biology and a diploma in Biblical Studies and held a four-year position in a bio-technology research lab. She and her husband have been married 24 years and have served in pastoral ministry in both PEI and NB. In her spare time, she enjoys frequenting the library and book sales to feed her book addiction.

### **High School with Your Unique Teen**

Your teenager is unique. Why shouldn't his high school home education be? This workshop will focus on developing courses to suit your student's interests and strengths. We'll discuss how to "think outside the box" for finding core courses and electives as well as how to navigate the credit and semester system to produce a quality transcript. We'll also cover record keeping and writing course descriptions. If your student is struggling, excelling or "just getting it done," their high school education can be a wonderful reflection of their God-given abilities (and yes, still get them into college or university!).

## **Bre MacDonald**

Hi there! We are Ben and Bre MacDonald. We have two kids and live in Pine Ridge, NB. We enjoy being outside, working together on our farm and observing nature. Everything that we do on the farm we try and do it together and use it as a learning moment.

## **Socialization...Answers to THE Question**

If you are homeschooling your kids, you can be sure to be asked the question,

“But what about socialization?”

Come and join us and we dive into this commonly asked question and discuss the various aspects of socialization that homeschooling affords. Hope to see you there!

## **Stacy Matheson**

Stacy is a homeschool mom of 7 who lives and farms with her husband in Kars, NB. She recently had testing done for her son.

### **Learning Disability or Not? (When to seek help)**

After years of contemplating testing for a learning disability and weighing pros and cons, she decided to go for it this fall. She will share her recent experience.

## **Heather Milbury**

Heather is a homeschooling mom to five great kids who range in age from 6 to 14. Over the past eight years she has tried far too many curriculum. In the trials, she has found an educational path that seems to work for her family. With God's grace, her children have learned how to make her coffee and babysit

### **FREE: Getting Started in Home Education**

#### **a) What is Home Education?**

#### **b) How to Begin, From Wherever You Are**

## **Guy & Holly Myers**

Guy (Ontario) and Holly Myers (NB) were married in 1991 and have made Browns Flat, NB their home for the past 23 years. While pastoring the little white Baptist church along the Saint John River, they have home educated their 4 children, Jesse, Gabriel, Luke and Michal Grace. While two have “graduated” and the eldest has married (Melissa), their hearts are still passionate and committed to their calling to raise and guide their expanding family according to the principles of God's holy word....their first love. Guy spends most of his free time volunteer fire fighting, hobby farming and watching the Dallas Cowboys play his favorite sport. Holly finds joy in painting, being outdoors and healthy cooking.

### **Ladies Networking Time**

### **Q & A Dad's Panel**

### **Ageless Biblical Parenting**

Parenting is the one most challenging and important jobs God will ask us to do. Often, by the time we find out whether we have done it right or wrong the job is almost done. Malachi asks the question, “Why did God make them one? (through marriage) because He was seeking Godly offspring!” That is not only a very lofty goal, but an impossible one, humanly speaking. There are so many variables; personality, gender, culture, circumstances and relationships.....Buckle up! Next stop...teenager! But when we got on this ride we started with an infant and it didn't seem quite so hard. We want to help you make sure you're using God's wisdom, by faith, so you can work with God to accomplish His goal from the time they are young.

## **Laura Paisley**

The Lord has blessed me with a husband of 25 years, 9 wonderful children, and now two adorable grandsons. I have been homeschooling for 20 years and am graduating my 6<sup>th</sup> homeschool graduate in June. We live on a small farm/homestead with a large variety of animals. We love to camp, hike, kayak and do outdoors things. In my spare time (if there is such a thing) I knit, crochet, spin and weave. There is never a dull moment at the Paisley house!

### **A Day in the Life!**

A day in the life – Just another day in paradise...or not! How do you keep on track homeschooling when life keeps getting in the way? A real peek into the busy homeschool household of the Paisley's and how to keep going even when disaster strikes or you have a new baby or the cow gets out or half your household gets the flu all at once or ..... The interruptions can be endless and are different for every household. We will talk about how to survive and thrive in your homeschool when things don't go as planned.

## **Anita Peppard**

I am Anita Peppard....daughter of the King, wife of 22 years (and counting) to Tom Peppard, mother to 5 children, ages 19 to 8(four of them being boys), homeschool mom for 12 years, children's ministry worker at Devon Park Baptist, graduate of Moody Bible Institute, reader of good books, and watcher of British historical movies/tv.

### **Online Options**

Times have changed! So has homeschooling. Come explore what the internet now provides with regards to apps, courses and entire curriculums, for better or for worse.

### **Q & A Mom's Panel**

## **Jillian Ramsey**

Jillian has been homeschooling for 7 years (Currently middle school, elementary, and preschool). Serves on Executive for Fundy Home Educators (FHE) in Saint John, NB. Master's degree in Psychology, Criminal Behaviour (Hoping not to need that in the near future!). A "boxed-curriculum" (BJU) approach to education with ever-increasing flexibility and grace.

### **Q & A Mom's Panel**

## **Cory Vail**

Cory became a Christian in High School through a local church youth group and has been serving in Christian ministry ever since, leading in Inter-School Christian Fellowship, and serving in youth and Awana ministries. Cory went to University where he earned a BA in Biblical Studies with a Certificate in Youth Leadership. This is also where he met and fell in love with his wife Emily. After graduation Cory and Emily got married and started a family and now have five boys ages 8, 6, 4, 2, and 4 months. Cory is passionate about gathering people together, equipping leaders, and reaching families for Christ. He is excited to see how he can use his gifts to help further Christ's Kingdom through the Awana ministry in Atlantic Canada and pastoring Nerepis Baptist Church.

### **Q & A Dad's Panel**

