

Coming Events & Opportunities

Wellspring Swap 'N Shop Friday, August 1, Noon-4:00 Des Moines

Save the Date!! Wellspring, your Parable Christian Store, has set the date of Friday, August 1st, 2008, for our annual Homeschool Swap 'N Shop. It will be in Westport Center, 10441 Hickman Rd. (in the UBuildIt space) just 4 doors east of Wellspring.

The time for the Swap 'N Shop will be from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. You may call Wellspring at (515) 251-4008 to reserve a table at a cost of \$8, or half a table for \$5. Setup time will be at 9:00 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis.

We look forward to seeing all of you, and appreciate your spreading the word.

Worlds of Fun Homeschool Day

Friday, August 22
Kansas City, MO

For information, or to buy tickets online visit worldsoffun.com and click on Special Events. To purchase tickets by phone call (816) 303-5135.

Home School Band Celebrates 5 Years!

Begins in August
Indianola and Des Moines

Home School band will begin its fifth year this August! Thank you to everyone who has supported us and participated. To make room for growth, we are looking for a Des Moines location for some music lessons and rehearsals. If you know of a church or organization that may be willing to house us, please pass on our contact information below.

The Central Iowa Home School Band is open to all students as an affordable alternative to dual enrolling their children in the public sector. Most students are 5th grade and up, although a few exceptions have been made for string instruments and those with the physical qualifications to handle the instrument.

We offer individual instrumental music lessons as well as participation in band. Music lessons may be started at any time, and children will be admitted to the band upon acquiring the skills necessary to perform with the group. Currently, the

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band rehearses every Wednesday afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church in Indianola, IA.

Lessons are offered on all major band and orchestra instruments. Weekly lessons are being held at Calvary Baptist Church in Indianola, Ankeny Christian Academy in Ankeny, and the Metro Assembly of God, in North Des Moines. Family package deals are available. Weekly lesson package for one child is \$40 per month, 2 children \$60/month, 3 children \$80/month, families with more than 3 children participating will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Lesson package includes free band/ensemble participation. Students currently studying music with another private teacher are encouraged to enroll. The fee is a minimal \$50 per semester to offset the cost of equipment and music. Family rates for ensemble participation will be considered on a case by case basis. If you would like additional information, please contact Heather Iverson at (515) 339-3383 or e-mail at homeschoolband@mchsi.com.

7th Annual Turning Hearts Celebration

September 1

Kalona, Iowa

You are invited to join us on September 1 for our 7th Annual Turning Hearts Celebration on our farm at 1881 Johnson Washington Road, Kalona. This is a day for the whole family to enjoy teaching, fellowship, music, and food.

Tentative schedule:

1:30-Norm Wakefield on "The Foundational Lesson for Learning: Having Ears to Hear"

(www.spiritofelijah.com);

3:00-Hayrides and fellowship;

4:30-Supper (all the food, drinks, and table service will be provided-suggested donation \$3 per plate)

6:00-Concert by the Wissmann Family

(www.wissmannfamily.com);

7:00-Norm Wakefield "Living With an Eternal Perspective: The Key to Wisdom";

8:00-Music by the Bontrager Family

(www.bontragerfamilysingers.com);

8:30-Closing Prayer.

A freewill offering will be taken for the Wissmann Family and Norm Wakefield. For more information please check our events page at

www.bontragerfamilysingers.com or contact us at mrarrows@kctc.net. For questions about the

"Turning Hearts Celebration" please call Chelsy or Allison at 319-325-1631.

The Eastern Iowa Homeschool Band Starting September 2

The Eastern Iowa Homeschool Band will be starting its third year on September 2, 2008. The band is offered to students in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area and at this time will be meeting in our home in Middle Amana. We would like to re-locate in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area if a suitable location can be found. Students can participate in the band as well as private lessons. The band rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM. Students who desire lessons will meet before or after the rehearsal. The group performs a Christmas Concert in December and a Spring Concert in May. The group is open to students of all playing abilities and there are discounts for families with multiple students. Our programs consist of sacred selections as well as traditional Christmas music in December. Please contact Shawn Sandersfeld at (319) 622-3033 or sjsandersfeld@southslope.net. I am a Christian and a homeschooling father who has been a band director in the State of Iowa for 20 years and would enjoy working with your students.

Joy Singers Cooperative Home School Choir Starting September 5

Des Moines area

Mark your calendars for the first meeting of the Joy Singers Choir for the fall: Friday, September 5, 2:00 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday September 19 (opens again in January) Location at Grace Church, easy access off I-80 and I-235; Grades PreK-12th

The choir meets on Friday afternoons. We sing Christian, traditional, and patriotic music. We offer music instruction, group singing, activities, drama roles (spring play) and opportunities to sing at nursing homes.

For more information, please contact: Margaret Ussery, 515-285-1799, rmkussery3@aol.com

Or Nancy Garwick, 515-967-6689
rnj1-garwick@juno.com

Renaissance Faire

September 5

Des Moines

Students, \$5; teachers, free.

www.dmrenfaire.com; 641-357-5177- Gregory Schmidt

Christian Basketball League

September - November

Sioux City, Iowa

Southern Hills Hoops -

Christian Basketball League

Southern Hills Baptist Church - Sioux City, Iowa
Registration deadline: August 22

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Cost is \$30 and includes a t-shirt (\$40 if received after Aug 22)

High school evaluations, Mon, Aug 25 - girls at 6:30 pm, boys at 8:00 pm

Jr High evaluations, Tues, Aug 26 - girls at 6:30 pm, boys at 8:00 pm

Season is September thru first week of November

For more details, call 712-276-9376 or visit

www.shillsbaptist.com

Living Education Retreat

Saturday, September 6
8:00am-6:00pm

Windom, Minnesota

Windom Evangelical Free Church, 416 10th Street

An inspirational and instructional day of sessions on Charlotte Mason's philosophy and methods. Featuring Art Middlekauf, Donna Johnson, Jan Wright and Nancy Kelly. There will also be a used book sale and refreshments. Register before August 30 for discounted rate: \$25-individual;

\$5 - spouse/teen; after August 30, \$30-individual; \$10-spouse/teen. Nursing mothers welcome; no children under 12.

For more information, contact Karla, taberjk@reconnect.com, 507-831-5623 or Nancy Kelly, kellynk@msn.com, 507-831-5121.

2nd Annual Family Camp

September 7-11
Northeast Iowa

This time of rich fellowship, teaching, great food, and many camp activities will be a time for your entire family to enjoy some quality time together. Camp will be held at

Village Creek Bible Camp,

www.villagecreek.net. For more

information please check our events page at www.bontragerfamilysingers.com or contact us at mrarrows@kctc.net or call

Marlin at 319-330-4513.

NICHE Support Group Leadership Retreat

November 8

This year's theme is "Shepherding the Movement." To be assured your group's leaders receive an invitation to the

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conference, please send an email to NICHE at niche@homeschooliowa.org with contact information for your support group leaders.

Marriage Retreat

November 21-23
Washington, Iowa

This will be an exciting time for you and your spouse to enjoy a getaway and to learn more about communication with your husband/wife. Chris and Anne Hogan will be sharing with us. Dates: November 21-23, 2008 at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Washington, IA. For more info about Chris and Anne Hogan visit their webpage at www.noble.org. For more information please check our events page at www.bontragerfamilysingers.com, contact us at mrarrows@kctc.net or call Marlin, 319-330-4513.

Homeschool Family Day at the Capitol 2009

Tuesday, March 3

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Watch your NICHE Newsletter for more details.

2009 NICHE Graduation

Saturday, May 16, 2009

First Federated Church, Des Moines

Watch for complete information and application in your November newsletter.

NICHE's 17th Annual Home Educators' Conference

June 5-6, 2009

First Federated Church, Des Moines

Featured speaker: Voddie Baucham