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## **Delight in the Lord**

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Christian Home Education Conference  
June 24-25, 2011  
Oregon Convention Center,  
Portland**

*“Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are studied by all who delight in  
them” Psalm 111:2*

Delighting in the Lord is the theme of OCEANetwork’s upcoming annual conference. Designed to let you select what you most need to see and hear, this year’s conference is offering more than ever. Keynote sessions presented by Dr. Voddie Baucham and “Family Man” Todd Wilson will be coupled with workshop tracks for various interest groups: beginners, high school, how-to’s, special needs, teens, and many more. Do you want to see what is available in homeschool curriculum? Plan to visit the huge Exhibit Hall overflowing with knowledgeable vendors and the Used Curriculum Exchange for those minding their homeschool budget.

A unique introduction class will be offered Friday for those attending their first conference helping them get the most out of their time. With more than 60 workshop sessions from “Starting from Scratch” to navigating those final years of high school, OCEANetwork is offering more sessions to choose from.

New this year is a special child-friendly family track of creation

science workshops for younger family members accompanied by a parent.

This year we also have a gift for the first 800 families who attend the conference – a CD full of \$250 worth of curriculum and coupons.

For complete information visit our website at [www.oceanetwork.org](http://www.oceanetwork.org). Registration is now open online. Sign up today and plan to be encouraged and equipped for the next year!

## **OCEANetwork’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Graduate Recognition June 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

The last chance to secure your spot for the Graduate Recognition is quickly approaching. The registration deadline is May 25th! Join the celebration at the beautiful Oregon Convention Center and share the vision and success of homeschooling through high school.

Cost is only \$60 for OCEANetwork members and \$90 for non-members. Registration fees include cap, gown and diploma. Keynote speaker Todd Wilson will be giving the graduate address. Checks can be made out to OCEANetwork and mailed to: 2645 Chuckanut, Eugene, OR 97408. You can find full details online at [oceanetwork.org](http://oceanetwork.org). Space is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come first serve basis. For more information see our calendar page [oceanetwork.org/calendar](http://oceanetwork.org/calendar).

## **Southwest Oregon Homeschool Conference May 21, Gold Beach**

Featuring Marshal Foster, of the Mayflower Institute, who will present “Hope for Our Time,” a journey through the history of the church & hope for the future. Also speaking is Dr. Brian Ray, National Home Education Research Institute, who will answer homeschooling questions based on solid research. For complete information see: [www.reformedfamilyfellowship.com/southwestoregonhomeschoolconference](http://www.reformedfamilyfellowship.com/southwestoregonhomeschoolconference) or contact the Athertons at 541-247-2581.

## **TeenPact II May 2 – 5, Salem**

TeenPact teaches students (13-19) biblical principles of government, going hand-in-hand with the values of families who participate.

## **One Day TeenPact May 6**

One day class for younger students ages 8-12. TeenPact teaches students that every Christian must pray and vote according to Biblical principles.

## **Public Speaking Day May 6**

This extended class on public speaking is available for older students ages 13-19 and follows the week of classes at the Capitol. For information contact Carol Neumann at [Oregon@teenpact.com](mailto:Oregon@teenpact.com).

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Visit the OCEANetwork website at [www.oceanetwork.org](http://www.oceanetwork.org) to view a calendar of events, to find a support group, to sign up for a free magazine published by OCEANetwork and to read articles and information of encouragement.

## LaneCH Homeschool Book & Materials Sale May 6<sup>th</sup>, Springfield

Held from 1-5 p.m. at Calvary Open Bible Church, 1116 Centennial Blvd. FREE Admission to everyone. Come pick up some homeschool curriculum and materials. All children need to be supervised during sale. Contact Kandy Gedies for more information or to arrange for a table at: [gedies1990@yahoo.com](mailto:gedies1990@yahoo.com).

## Homeschool Day Newton's Laws May 20<sup>th</sup>, Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville

The Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum homeschool program for May is Newton's Laws. Designed to be full of hands on application for various age levels, the program begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Cost: \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Pre-registration highly suggested because space is limited. See <http://evergreenmuseum.org> for more information.

## Audubon Family Adventure: Peregrines May 7<sup>th</sup>, Portland

Take a guided walk through Audubon's sanctuary to learn about wildlife, enjoy a light snack, and make a take-home craft. 9am-12pm, \$10 per student. Space is limited and pre-registration is suggested. [www.audubonportland.org/about/events/owls](http://www.audubonportland.org/about/events/owls). For more information contact Deanna Sawtelle at 503-292-6855 ext. 108 or via email at [volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org).

## Why We are Glad We Went By Roger and Kimberly Peters

In 2004 our children (twins) were attending kindergarten at the public school and we discovered that we needed to make changes to their education. We were concerned with

the attitudes we were seeing in our children and the schools' heavy use of sight words to teach children to read and write.

We began searching for different education options. We looked at the local Christian schools and homeschooling. Homeschooling terrified us! Could we really teach our own children? What if they don't learn to read? We could be so embarrassed!! We lack so much discipline! It's such a big responsibility!! When we looked at Christian school we knew Kimberly would need to work in order to afford it. We didn't want to be disengaged from their education because both of us were working either!! We felt so torn at the time!

We registered to attend the OCEANetwork Conference and started to visit Christian schools while we prayed for God to give us some direction. It just seemed less overwhelming to do private Christian school, so we called OCEAN to beg for a refund of our conference fees stating we were in financial need and could no longer afford the conference.

Joyce Padilla spoke with us on the phone and offered to refund our money if we would come as a couple to the conference and do a small job. We agreed to come, thinking that we would just get through it. Peter and Joyce greeted us warmly at the conference and asked us to pass out schedules as people came into the conference. When the keynote speaker started, we went in to sit down. We don't even remember who the speaker was but he spoke directly to so many obstacles that kept us from considering home-schooling (socialization, teaching).

We went to lunch with Kevin and Christine Bullock. (Roger knew them from earlier employment.) We shared some of the things we were concerned about regarding homeschooling, especially our concern about being solely responsible for educating our children, and they in turn spoke about how you only have to be "one day ahead."

We told them how our children were a witness in their school and our daughter was even praying with other children on the playground. They also asked us if we were concerned about sending our children to the enemy to train them (Ps. 127). After a wonderful lunch and the remainder of our first day at conference we realized that home-school would be best for our children and our family.

Homeschool here we come!! Still scared to death but all in because we wanted our children to be our disciples and follow us as we follow Christ.

We have been homeschooling since the fall of 2004 and we have been so blessed. Now we consider the Padillas and the Bullocks both dear friends! The first couple of months our children really missed friendships they had from school but we almost immediately noticed a change in attitudes and their closeness to us. It was so worth it! We started to say, "It's just about the time they really become interactive and wonderful that we send them away to school."

Now as our twins are young teens, we have grown educationally as we teach them, so beginning high school next year doesn't feel quite as overwhelming. They are responsible and love Jesus! They work side by side with us in our ministries and we are so blessed to have them.

We are blessed beyond measure by the gracious decisions made by OCEAN for us in 2004 and we just want to encourage other Christian parents to pick up the baton that Christ has called you to and teach your children His ways!! We wouldn't have the hearts of our children in nearly the same way if we hadn't changed our direction. All the work and effort is worth it!