

THE ~~Man~~-Centered
GOD
History Summit
PREPARE YOUR KIDS TO NOT FORGET

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*Event
Playbook*



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Ever thought history was boring – an endless stream of dates and facts you'll never be able to keep straight?

You're in for a surprise.

You're invited to bring the whole family along for the God-Centered History Summit, a free, online, thrilling story-telling experience that will showcase the amazing work of Jesus around the world through the millenia. Join us for the Summit and

transform your view of history,
reshape your teaching approach, and
inspire your children to advance Christ's kingdom
in history yet to be written

... as you follow our Lord's command to teach your children to teach their children to "set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments" (Psalm 78:6-7).

So grab the whole family and be ready to ...

*Remember the past -
and prepare your kids for the future.*

Event Schedule

Title	Speaker
Monday, April 3rd, 4:00pm CST: Kickoff Keynote	
A God-Centered Vision of History	Kevin Swanson

Tuesday, April 4th: World History	
Before Jesus, After Jesus: The Only Way to View History	Kevin Swanson
The Story of Freedom	George Grant
The Book That Changed the World	Vishal Mangalwadi
The Remarkable Influence of Christianity on Science and Technology	Phil Kayser
How the Reformation Influenced the World for 500 Years – The Untold Story	Doug Wilson
Eleazar, One of David’s Mighty Men	Logan Wilson
Homeschooler to Homeschool Family Defender	Bradley Pierce

Wednesday, April 5th: Church & Missions History	
Stories and Lessons From the 18th-Century Revivals in the UK and America	John Synder
Heroes of the Early Church	Josh Schwisow & Kevin Swanson
Here I Stand! Stories of the Reformers	Danika Cooley
Thrilling Stories of Missionary Heroism	Kevin Swanson
Modern Persecutions and the Explosive Growth of the Worldwide Church	Nik Ripken
The Centurion in the Shadow of the Cross	Logan Wilson
Increasing Medical, Financial, and Religious Freedom Through Share HealthCare®	Mike Sharman

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Thursday, April 6th: American Christian History	
Journey of Faith – How the Pilgrim Church Applied the Bible to Every Area of Their Lives	Paul Jehle
A Heritage of Faith – The Faith and Sacrifice of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence	Marilyn Boyer
Providential Battles of the American War for Independence	William Potter
God’s Mighty Hand in the History of Christian Homeschooling	Mike Farris
Hope for America: Stories of God’s Reviving Hand Through the Centuries	Josh Schwisow, Kevin Swanson & Daniel Noor
The Delaware Crossing	Logan Wilson

Friday, April 7th: Your Part in Making History	
Not to Act is to Act: A Letter to the American Church	Eric Metaxas
Homeschool With Jesus in War Zones	David and Karen Eubank
Answering the “What Should I Do With My Life?” Question	Jeff Myers
Historical Sabotage: The Attempt to Rewrite History and How to Respond	Doug Bond
Your Family’s Part in Making Church History	Steve & Wendy Walker

Meet Your Hosts

Your hosts for Homeschool Summits meet with each speaker over video chat right at home to hear their wisdom and ask them personalized questions – essentially your own personal guides through the Summit. Get to know them a little here:



Daniel & Megan

“We’re in the throes of learning what it means to raise a family to the glory of God; as homeschool grads ourselves, we have a great burden to build on all our parents taught us as we raise our three children. We’re eager to take our passions for home education, discipleship, and the Church to impact this generation and the ones to come for Jesus Christ!”

Sam & Bekah

“We’re second generation homeschool parents, married for 10 years and blessed to parent 6 children. We’re grateful to pursue our passions for the local church, raising up the next generation for the Lord, and providing our children with a Christ-centered education, for the glory of God!”



Brandee

“My husband, Roy, and I are fourth-generation cattle ranchers, and I spend my days homeschooling my cowpoke sons, praying for them to be warriors for Christ and passionate learners. It’s my joy to speak truth with love and laughter for other parents on the same homeschooling journey!”

Day 1: Kick-Off Keynote

A God-Centered Vision of History

Things to Learn:

- How history is really truly HIS story
- Why history is important (maybe the most important subject)
- What it looks like to teach God-centered history

Takeaways:

- God is always involved, always at the center of what is happening.
- History has meaning, and therefore our lives also have meaning.
- While the kingdoms of men rise and fall, the Kingdom of Jesus continues and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.
- An optimistic view of the past and of the future is warranted, because of Jesus.

Recommended Resources:

- *America in God's Providence* by Kevin Swanson
- *American Faith* by Kevin Swanson, Josh Schwisow, Daniel Noor, and Peter Bringe
- [Worldview in 5 Minutes](#)
- *Epoch: The Rise and Fall of the West* by Kevin Swanson
- [Generations.org](#)

Notes:



KEVIN SWANSON
Generations

Kevin Swanson was homeschooled in the 60s and 70s, and with his wife, Brenda, homeschooled five children out on the eastern plains of Colorado. Their greatest joy is to see their children "walking in the truth." Kevin serves as an elder in his church, and he has developed Christian curriculum for 1st-12th grade. He has also authored over 20 books on Bible study, Christian worldview, the Christian family, providential Christian history, popular culture, and Christian education.

Day 2: World History

Before Jesus, After Jesus: The Only Way to View History

Things to Learn:

- What the world would look like if Jesus never came
- How Jesus has completely transformed the world
- Why a God-centered approach to history is so vital

Takeaways:

- After 2,000 years, Jesus is still *the* most influential person who has ever lived.
- Every other worldview minimizes our problem of sin. Jesus didn't minimize our sin, but came down Himself to save us from sin.
- Where the Gospel spread and changed lives, the abuse of women and children was eradicated.
- Jesus is our hope for the future, so let's take the Gospel to our children, our neighbors, and the nations!

Recommended Resources:

- *Preparing the World for Jesus* by Kevin Swanson
- *Taking the World for Jesus* by Kevin Swanson
- *Epoch: The Rise and Fall of the West* by Kevin Swanson
- Generations.org

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Day 2: World History

The Story of Freedom

Things to Learn:

- Discover how the Magna Carta laid the foundation for liberty we experience today
- Learn about the people who inspired and influenced the American Founding Fathers
- Uncover the ways Christianity has shaped the story of freedom

Takeaways:

- It's often in the midst of the worst times, that God in His good providence plants seeds for extraordinary new freedom.
- God can work through ordinary, unknown people who are faithfully following Him to lay the foundation for massive cultural change.
- True liberty is impossible without the working of the Holy Spirit in regenerating hearts.

Recommended Resources:

- *On the Improvement of the Mind* by Isaac Watts
- *Dominion* by Tom Holland
- *An Experiment in Liberty* by George Grant
- GeorgeGrant.net

Notes:



GEORGE GRANT
Steadfast Resources

*Pastor and Professor George Grant is the author of nearly 100 books in the areas of history, biography, politics, literature, and social criticism, and he has written hundreds of essays, articles, and columns. His church history podcast, *Resistance and Reformation*, is available on the *Fight, Laugh, Feast* network. His linguistic and etymology podcast, *Word Play*, is heard on World Radio's *The World and Everything In It*. His resources may be found at GeorgeGrant.net.*

Day 2: World History

The Book That Changed the World

Parental Note: Some content in this session may not be appropriate for young listeners.

Things to Learn:

- How a “book about Jewish history” has changed India
- Discover how the Bible is the taproot of the West
- Learn how to take back the West for Christ

Takeaways:

- The Bible is the force that has brought justice, righteousness, and the rule of law to every modern, first world country.
- Christianity is about so much more than just a “passport to heaven.”
- All men being created equal is only self-evident and true in the Christian worldview.
- The United States is a nation that needs to be evangelized and disciplined too.
- God designed Christian marriage to be the stable emotional and economic foundation from which children can be raised to impact the Kingdom.

Recommended Resources:

- [L'Abri lectures](#) by Vishal Mangalwadi
- *The Book That Made Your World* by Vishal Mangalwadi
- *This Book Changed Everything* by Vishal Mangalwadi

Notes:



VISHAL MANGALWADI
Third Education Revolution

Vishal Mangalwadi is the founder-president of BOMI/Revelation Movement, an Indian philosopher, and social reformer. The Revelation Movement is now helping others around the world to join Vishal and his wife, Ruth, to disciple nations through church and Internet-based education and use the media to present truth. Vishal has lectured in over 40 countries, published seventeen books, and contributed chapters to many more. Vishal and Ruth have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Day 2: World History

The Remarkable Influence of Christianity on Science and Technology

Things to Learn:

- Discover the driving force behind the greatest scientific discoveries
- Learn practical ways that worldview impacts science and technology

Takeaways:

- There is something about the Christian worldview that made technology and science thrive.
- Unitarian cultures are more interested in controlling people than innovation, and polytheistic cultures don't have a framework of a stable universe that makes science able to be found out.
- Historically, cultures have always advanced the most when they take the Bible seriously, and decline when they don't.
- Living out the Christian presupposition of personal ownership motivates people to stewardship that benefits themselves and everybody else.

Recommended Resources:

- *The Legacy of William Carey* by Vishal Mangalwadi
- *The Book That Made Your World* by Vishal Mangalwadi
- *How Christianity Changed the World* by Alvin Schmidt
- *Of Plymouth Plantation* by William Bradford
- Revelation.BiblicalBlueprints.org

Notes:



PHIL KAYSER

Biblical Blueprints

Founder and President of Biblical Blueprints, Phillip Kayser has degrees in education, theology, and philosophy. Ordained in 1987, he serves as Senior Pastor of Dominion Covenant Church in Omaha, Nebraska. He also serves as Professor of Ethics at Whitefield Theological Seminary, and is on the board of the Bahnsen Project and the Pickering Foundation of Biblical Preservation. Phil was raised in Ethiopia, the son of missionary parents, and saw the Word of God transform every area of Ethiopian pagan culture. Ever since, he's had a passion for seeing the transformational Gospel and God's biblical blueprints for life taken to the ends of the earth. He and his wife, Kathy, have five children and nineteen grandchildren.

Day 2: World History

How the Reformation Influenced the World for 500 Years – The Untold Story

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing the impact the Reformation had on politics, culture, and art
- Understand the five solas of the Reformation

Takeaways:

- Because we are new creations in Christ, we are set free to be ourselves and live out our calling using the gifts God gives us.
- The Reformation brought holy dignity to every day, mundane tasks and work.
- Your theology comes out of your fingertips; what are you doing? What are you becoming?
- The push for literacy among the general population was driven by a desire for everyone to be able to read the Bible for themselves.
- We must abandon dualism. Christ is Lord of every part of your life, not just the part that is in church on Sunday.

Recommended Resources:

- *English Literature in the Sixteenth Century* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Worldly Saints: The Puritans as They Really Were* by Leland Rycken
- *The Allegory of Love* by C. S. Lewis
- DougWils.com

Notes:



DOUG WILSON

*Douglas Wilson has been the senior minister of Christ Church (Moscow, ID) for over forty years, and is a father of three and grandfather of eighteen. He has helped found many educational institutions, such as New Saint Andrews College, Logos School, and Greyfriars Hall. His book, *Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning*, helped launch the Classical Christian Education movement. He is the author of numerous books on education, Reformed theology, and cultural issues. He blogs prolifically at DougWils.com and also has a Substack newsletter called [Educator in Residence](#).*

Day 2: World History

Eleazar, One of David's Mighty Men



LOGAN WILSON • School of Honor

Logan Wilson is the fifth of seven children and is married to his bride Brenna. He started the School of Honor at 17 when he saw our culture was degrading and emasculating the strength of men. His dad said, "You can criticize culture or you can create it." He started to teach young men the Honor of God, Scripture, habits, civility, and chivalry, as well as the honor of country. Logan highlights his teaching with Living History dramatic presentations of men who stood in honor and changed nations. Logan has presented the School of Honor in twelve states and was recently featured in the international "Power for Living" magazine for Cook Communications. He has presented for Family Research Council, Republican policy events, Christian schools, churches, camps and radio. Logan has also consulted with businesses on creating an environment of honor in the workplace. He loves to inspire young men to passionately pursue God and the Honor of His name.

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Day 2: World History

Homeschooler to Homeschool Family Defender

Things to Learn:

- Key areas to remember when you begin homeschooling
- Understanding the importance of prayer
- Transitioning from homeschooling to life after homeschooling

Takeaways:

- One of the most important gifts we give our children is time and enjoying the time. Children spell love T-I-M-E.
- Ultimately we have to trust God for the salvation of our children.
- Teach children to learn to learn and love learning.

Recommended Resource:

- HeritageDefense.org

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BRADLEY PIERCE

Heritage Defense

Bradley Pierce is a co-founding attorney of Heritage Defense. Since being licensed in 2007, Bradley has defended the parental rights of Christian homeschooling families around the country against threats by social services. Bradley and his wife Cindy are homeschool graduates who are now blessed to homeschool their own nine children.

Day 3: Church & Missions History

Stories and Lessons From the 18th-Century Revivals in the UK and America

Things to Learn:

- What led to the Great Awakening in the 18th century
- How to discern true revival
- Who God raised up in these times to change the world

Takeaways:

- The great revivals of history were not isolated events, but were part of the great unfolding of the Kingdom of God.
- Trying to change people from the outside has never worked – true cultural change only happens when Christ saves people and changes them from the inside out.
- True revivals have an unshakeable focus on the excellency of Christ and the sufficiency of His work in redemption, and the appropriate response of the sinner.
- Churches that are full of people who appreciate truth are not the same as a church full of people who have tasted and seen that the Lord is good for themselves.

Recommended Resources:

- *Behold Your God: Rethinking God Biblically* by John Snyder
- *Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty* by John Snyder
- *An Impartial and Succinct History of the Revival and Progress of the Church of Christ* by Thomas Haweis
- *Historical Collections of Accounts of Revival* by John Gillies
- *A History of the Work of Redemption* by Jonathan Edwards
- *Christian Leaders of the 18th Century* by J. C. Ryle
- *Lectures on the Revival of Religion* edited by W. M. Hetherington
- *Lectures on Revivals* by William Sprague
- *Revival* by Richard Owen Roberts
- MediaGratiae.org

Notes:



JOHN SNYDER

Media Gratiae

John Snyder is one of the founding pastors at Christ Church in New Albany, MS. He completed his doctoral work in the Puritan and Eighteenth-Century Evangelical Revival movements at the University of Wales: Trinity St. David. He and his wife Misty have four children: John, Catherine, Andrew, and Sarah.

Day 3: Church & Missions History

Heroes of the Early Church

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Things to Learn:

- What should be the central theme of our history studies
- How the early church withstood great persecution
- Principles of Christian heroism

Takeaways:

- Jesus came to save the world, and that is *the* most important event in all of history.
- Throughout persecution and the fall of empires, the church of Jesus Christ has stood firm and endured.
- A true hero stands for something greater than themselves, even to the point of dying for it.
- When men and women exhibit faith in the midst of trials, that glorifies and delights God.
- Christ has already won the victory, we should never be intimidated by the enemy.

Recommended Resources:

- *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*
- Essential Writings on Church History set
- *Preparing the World* and *Taking the World* curriculum series
- *How Jesus Built His Church* by Joshua Schwisow
- *Trial and Triumph* by Richard Hannula



JOSHUA SCHWISOW

Generations

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Day 3: Church & Missions History

Here I Stand! Stories of the Reformers

Things to Learn:

- Why it's important to teach kids to see God's hand in history
- What sparked the Reformation
- How the Reformation impacts our lives today

Takeaways:

- Studying history is studying God's sovereign hand at work in the lives of His saints, using their lives to impact the world for Christ.
- The invention of the printing press a few decades before Luther made it so that his 95 theses could spread like wildfire throughout the Western world.
- Thousands of lives were changed and impacted by families faithfully living lives sold out for Christ.

Recommended Resources:

- *Who, What, Why* series
- *When Lightning Struck* by Danika Cooley
- ThinkingKidsPress.org

Notes:



DANIKA COOLEY

Thinking Kids Press

Danika Cooley (ThinkingKidsBlog.org) is an award-winning children's author and Bible curriculum developer, and the homeschool mother of four.

Weekly, she encourages tens of thousands of parents to intentionally raise biblically literate children. Her homeschool curriculum, Bible Road Trip™ is used around the globe.

Help Your Kids Learn and Love the Bible is a crash course on everything you need to know to take your kids through Scripture. Danika is the author of the Who What Why series for children – Christian history with a bit of sass. Danika is also the author of When Lightning Struck!

The Story of Martin Luther and Wonderfully Made: God's Story of Life From Conception to Birth.

Day 3: Church & Missions History

Thrilling Stories of Missionary Heroism

Things to Learn:

- Why early missionaries were driven to spread the Gospel
- What made these missionary journeys successful
- How to inspire our children to live with meaning and purpose

Takeaways:

- History is His Story — God working through people throughout the ages.
- Jesus came, and the world will *never* be the same.
- All of history is a testament that Christ has won, His Kingdom is advancing, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against Him.
- Only the Holy Spirit can give the courage and compassion necessary to reach the lost.
- These missionaries had realized the amazing implications of the Gospel in their own lives, and couldn't help but take the Good News to the nations.

Recommended Resources:

- *Preparing the World for Jesus* by Kevin Swanson
- *Taking the World for Jesus* by Kevin Swanson
- *Christian Classics Vol. 1*
- Generations.org

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Day 3: Church & Missions History

Modern Persecutions and the Explosive Growth of the Worldview

Things to Learn:

- What is the number one cause of persecution
- Different methods for evangelizing depending on the culture
- How to care for those who are being persecuted

Takeaways:

- Satan has two agendas: keep non-Christians from knowing who Jesus is, and make Christians keep their faith to themselves.
- When persecution comes, you need to stay in the story, so you can see in the end what God has done.
- Evangelism is best done in the context of relationship.
- To not go, and fulfill the Great Commission, is to miss God and His fullness.
- Are we so literate that we haven't written the Word in our hearts?

Recommended Resources:

- NikRipken.com
- Witness & Persecution podcast with Nik & Ruth Ripken

Notes:



NIK RIPKEN

Nik Ripken Ministries

*Nik Ripken is the world's leading expert on witness and church planting in persecution. He is a mission veteran of thirty-five years, having served primarily in North Africa and the Middle East. He is the bestselling author of *The Insanity of God* and *The Insanity of Obedience*. His newest work is a 90 Day Devotional book called, *The Insanity of Sacrifice*. He and his wife have conducted extensive research on the persecuted church, and on Muslim background believers, in approximately seventy-two countries.*

Day 3: Church & Missions History

The Centurion in the Shadow of the Cross



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Day 3: Church & Missions History

Increasing Medical, Financial, and Religious Freedom Through Share HealthCare®

Things to Learn:

- What healthcare sharing is
- How healthcare sharing helps advance God's kingdom

Takeaways:

- God calls us as Christians to be unified and care one for each other.
- Know that your money isn't going towards procedures that go against your beliefs.

Recommended Resources:

- *Faith of the Fathers* by J. Michael Sharman
- ShareHealthcare.com

This session is sponsored by Heritage Defense.

Notes:



MIKE SHARMAN

Share Healthcare

J. Michael Sharman has served as an attorney and advocate for freedom over the past four decades. He is the Chief Legal Counsel for the healthcare sharing ministry Share HealthCare. Mike assists Share HealthCare and its members to have medical freedom, financial freedom, and religious freedom by sharing one another's medical expenses. Mike and his wife, Nancy (well, mostly his wife, Nancy), homeschooled their children back in the dawn of time.

Day 4: American Christian History

Journey of Faith – How the Pilgrim Church Applied the Bible to Every Area

Things to Learn:

- Evaluating when to endure and when to flee
- Ways to evangelize the lost
- Understanding the legacy of the Pilgrims

Takeaways:

- Revival starts with God changing hearts to love Him and read His Word in the home.
- God uses our tragedies and trials to prepare us to later be a blessing to others.
- Life is not about us being happy and comfortable – it's about living for Christ and advancing the Gospel.
- Separation is not isolation. A kingdom vision seeks to be a Gospel witness to the lost.
- A huge testimony to the Gospel is when we own up to and apologize for our mistakes.

Resources:

- Monthly newsletter
- PlymRock.org
- *Journey of Faith* by Paul Jehle

Notes:



PAUL JEHLE

Plymouth Rock Foundation

Dr. Paul Jehle is senior Pastor of The New Testament Church and President of the Plymouth Rock Foundation. He, and his wife, Charlene, have two grown children and four grandchildren. Dr. Jehle's passion is to help people understand that a worldview based on the Bible influences nations. He has published several books, numerous articles, and written courses on constitutional law, foreign policy, American economics, world history, and classical literature. He often speaks on biblical truth, heritage, and the discipleship of nations and the necessity of raising up a new generation that will result in individual statesmen for such a time as this. Dr. Jehle promotes an understanding of religious liberty in defense of free choice and in opposition to the overreach of constitutional government, as well as the attitudes that need to be embraced by believers in order to see Christ's kingdom advance.

Day 4: American Christian History

A Heritage of Faith – The Faith and Sacrifice of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Things to Learn:

- Why it's important to know the men who signed the Declaration of Independence
- What these men sacrificed to purchase freedom in America
- How God was clearly at work in the lives of these founders

Takeaways:

- America was founded on Christian principles, and understanding this rich heritage is important for taking back the U.S.
- Stories of courage and sacrifice inspire us to rise up and act similarly for the cause of Christ and the good of others.
- These men purposed to be useful servants of God, and we should do the same.
- "Duty is ours, the results are God's." John Adams
- God calls families to rise up and be the repairers of the breach.

Recommended Resources:

- CharacterConcepts.com
- UncleRickAudios.com
- Moments With Marilyn podcast

Notes:



MARILYN BOYER

Character Concepts

"She's so ENCOURAGING!" That's what moms say about Marilyn Boyer, home schooling author and mother of 14. Marilyn's heartfelt speaking style is both challenging and comforting, and her content is based on over thirty-seven years' experience homeschooling her own children. Her many years in the trenches have convinced her that the most important part of an education is the building of godly character. That's why she created Character Concepts, a Bible-based curriculum for kids from preschool through high school. She has authored several books and textbooks about American history as well, telling history through the true life stories of real people who lived it. Learn more at CharacterConcepts.com. Also, join her weekly for her podcast where she delights in giving tips and tools to make a young mom's journey of parenting and homeschooling easier.

Day 4: American Christian History

Providential Battles of the American War for Independence

Things to Learn:

- How the theological concept of Providence applies to military history
- Who influenced so many of the Founding Fathers
- What we can do to teach history from a Providential perspective

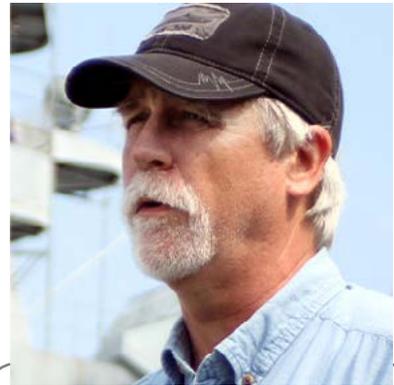
Takeaways:

- “He who notes Providences will have Providences to note.”
- Deists believe in chance and fate, but Christians believe in God’s sovereign hand at work in daily life.
- “We read Providence like Hebrew — backwards.”
- If you don’t understand your past, you can’t understand your present.

Recommended Resources:

- *John Witherspoon’s American Revolution* by Gideon Mailer
- LandmarkEvents.org

Notes:



WILLIAM POTTER

Landmark Events

Military historian, Presbyterian elder, and veteran teacher Bill Potter examines history from a biblical worldview perspective, emphasizing the sovereign providence of God over all men and all events. The War for American Independence is one of his specialties in which battles, leaders, strategies and tactics are examined in detail, along with the political developments that accompanied independence and constitution-making. Mr. Potter learned of the sovereignty of God at his parents’ knees, and Christian approaches to the study of the past at Cedarville College. His courses in graduate school in the University of Dayton and The College of William and Mary taught him the secular and modernist approaches to the study of history, giving practical apologetic experience and excellent research tools for teaching and writing history. The sufficiency of the Scriptures for all of life, faith, and practice undergirds Mr. Potter’s teaching methods and content as he notes the providence of God in the American War for Independence.

Day 4: American Christian History

God's Mighty Hand in the History of Christian Homeschooling

Things to Learn:

- What legal obstacles homeschoolers faced in the 70s and 80s
- How God worked to save the homeschooling movement when hope seemed lost
- Why God has blessed the homeschooling movement over the years

Takeaways:

- God gives the right to homeschool, but HSLDA fought to have the government recognize that right.
- Freedom and rights only exist if God has created mankind and given unalienable rights.
- Homeschooling, by nature, imprints on your kids the truth that the government does not, and should not, supply all their needs.
- Homeschooling gives the opportunity to raise your children to know and love Christ more than any other form of education.

Notes:



MIKE FARRIS

Michael P. Farris has been an active conservative leader since the late 1970s. He was the founding president of the Home School Legal Defense Association and Patrick Henry College. As a constitutional litigator, Mike has argued before the appellate courts of 13 states, eight federal circuit courts of appeals, and twice before the Supreme Court of the United States, where in 2018 he successfully argued NIFLA v. Becerra, which protected the free speech rights of California's pro-life pregnancy centers. Mike has written fifteen books and numerous scholarly and popular articles. He is an honors graduate of Western Washington State College (BA, Political Science), Gonzaga University School of Law (JD), and the University of London (LLM, Public International Law). Mike is married to Vickie and they have 10 children and approximately three times that number of grandchildren. He is also an Elder at Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, Virginia.

Day 4: American Christian History

Hope for America: Stories of God's Reviving Hand Through the Centuries

Things to Learn:

- Why all families can be encouraged by learning stories of American faith
- What were the great revivals and spiritual awakenings in America
- Who were the influential preachers of the revivals and awakenings

Takeaways:

- Jesus isn't done with us yet.
- Any one of us can have a significant impact on the future through a legacy of faith.
- Revival begins in the heart and leads to repentance and then national cultural change.

Recommended Resources:

- *American Faith* by Kevin Swanson, Josh Schwisow, Daniel Noor, and Peter Bringe
- *America in God's Providence*
- *Epoch: The Rise and Fall of West* by Kevin Swanson
- Generations.org



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Day 4: American Christian History

The Delaware Crossing



LOGAN WILSON • School of Honor

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Day 5: Your Part in Making History

Not to Act is to Act: A Letter to the American Church

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing parallels between the German church in the 1930s and today
- Tools for responding to religious persecution
- Why we must speak the truth in love

Takeaways:

- God has no “lanes.” He owns every lane. He desires us to bring our faith out of the church and affect every sphere in culture.
- God calls us to fear Him – not the Gestapo, not the IRS, not the FBI.
- The Lord has given us a glorious call to battle. To miss that, to sit on the sidelines, is the greatest tragedy.
- We need to be brave and speak up – if not for ourselves, then for all the others whose lives are being affected. God commands us to love our neighbors.
- When speaking the truth, we need to be motivated by deep compassion for those who are the victims of wickedness.

Recommended Resources:

- *Letter to the American Church* by Eric Metaxas
- *Bonhoeffer* by Eric Metaxas
- The Eric Metaxas Show
- EricMetaxas.com

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Day 5: Your Part in Making History

Raising Kids to Make a Difference

Things to Learn:

- Discover what it can look like to engage in ministry as a family
- Understand what it takes to raise children who will make a difference for the Kingdom
- Learn practical ways to ignite a passion for ministry in your children

Takeaways:

- Your children will be shaped by the environment and people that you choose to surround your family with.
- God gives each of us a calling and places us in situations where we can steward that calling and use it for the good of others.
- God calls us to be faithful with where He calls us and trust the outcome to Him.
- Put your own agendas on God's altar when you're about to make a decision, and ask Him what He would have you do.
- As a parent, you must be following Christ first before your children will, living a holy life and confessing sin and asking forgiveness when you fail.

Recommended Resources:

- *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson* by Courtney Anderson
- FreeBurmaRangers.org

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DAVID & KAREN EUBANK

Free Burma Rangers

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Day 5: Your Part in Making History

Answering the “What Should I Do With My Life?” Question

Things to Learn:

- Understanding how God’s sovereignty answers life purpose questions
- Learning how to discern God’s call on your life
- How to take your part in shaping history

Takeaways:

- We need to lean into the challenges that God brings us, for that’s how we learn to trust Him every day.
- History is going somewhere, God is guiding it and directing it there on purpose, and we have the privilege of being a part of it.
- The message of Scripture is not self-sufficiency, but living connected to the Body of Christ, everyone’s strength covering for others’ weaknesses.
- There is no “kicking back” in the Christian life. God calls us to constantly pursue excellence for His glory.
- Hard work that is pointless is torture. Why are you doing the hard work? Believe the end result is worth it, and you’ll have motivation to move towards it.

Recommended Resources:

- [Summit.org](https://www.summit.org)
- Summit Ministries Resource Library

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JEFF MYERS

Summit Ministries

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Day 5: Your Part in Making History

Historical Sabotage: The Attempt to Rewrite History and How to Respond

Parental Note: Some content in this session may not be appropriate for young listeners.

Things to Learn:

- Understanding good and bad approaches to history

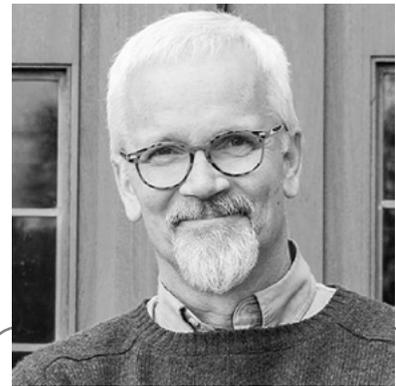
Takeaways:

- Historians don't just write about facts, they have theories about why conflicts happen, and how they could be avoided.
- A God-centered view of history gives meaning to conflict and suffering.
- The root of all conflict and struggle is that humankind has rejected God's rule and wants to be god themselves.
- Fighting back against destructive ideologies begins with saturating ourselves and our family with God's Word.

Recommended Resources:

- *War of the Wasteland* by Doug Bond
- *Grace Works and Why We Think it Doesn't* by Doug Bond
- BondBooks.net

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DOUG BOND
Doug Bond Books

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Your Family's Part in Making Church History

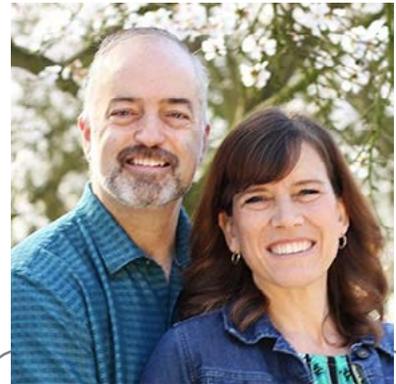
Things to Learn:

- How to apply lessons from history to our lives today
- Why the Body of Christ is important

Takeaways:

- The Bible commands us to share the stories of what God has done in the past.
- Our children need to know who they are and Whose they are.
- God is going to call us into difficult situations so that all we have left is to rely on Him, so that He gets all the glory.
- The Church is the battering ram against the very gates of hell, and we are a part of that battle.
- Spiritual battle is fought every day in what we say, think, and do.
- Our kids need parents who realize that their only hope is Jesus, and live in humble dependence on Him in every aspect of their lives.

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STEVE AND WENDY WALKER

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