



CFS News

Spring 2017

Daily Strength

Have you heard of the wonderful devotional—Daily Strength for Daily Needs? It is available free online. Just go to <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/dailystrength/> and enter your email to have it delivered to your inbox daily. Here is a sample for you to enjoy from March 14—the solution to anxiety and trouble:

I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.--PS. xvii. 6.

Ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us.--PS. lxii. 8.

Whate'er the care which breaks thy rest, Whate'er the wish that swells thy breast; Spread before God that wish, that care, And change anxiety to [prayer](#).
JANE CREWDSON.

Trouble and perplexity drive us to prayer, and prayer driveth away trouble and perplexity. P. MELANCTHON.

Whatsoever it is that presses thee, go tell thy Father; put over the matter into His hand, and so thou shalt be freed from that dividing, perplexing care that the world is full of. When thou art either to do or suffer anything, when thou art about any purpose or business, go tell God of it, and acquaint Him with it; yea, burden Him with it, and thou hast done formatter of caring; no more care, but quiet, sweet diligence in thy duty, and dependence on Him for the carriage of thy matters. Roll thy cares, and thyself with them, as one burden, all on thy God. R. LEIGHTON

World Magazine Radio Program

World Magazine has a daily radio program with content similar to their print magazine, but also including daily news items. They are currently offering a free three month membership that allows access to that daily radio program as well as all their online content. Those interested can get information and sign up at www.getworldnow.com

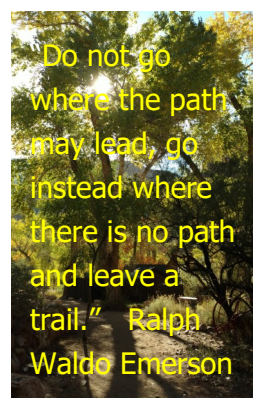
Grad Night at Disneyland

Whether or not your graduate participates in a graduation, they are invited to attend Grad Night at Disneyland with CFS Poway's seniors on Tuesday, May 30th. To sign up and for more information, go to www.cfspoway.org, click on calendar, find April 7th and click on the event. Chaperones must be age 25 or older and are welcome to attend at the same price.

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**Christian Family Schools—
Promoting and Supporting Private Christian Home Education in San Diego County!**

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CFS (Christian Family Schools) of San Diego promotes, encourages, and supports private Christian homeschooling and includes a number of local support groups in communities throughout San Diego County. We organize events and activities available to members and sometimes, non-members. Additionally, CFS encourages communication among private home education leaders by hosting leadership meetings several times a year.

Find a Park Day Near You

Carlsbad	Carlsbad@cfssd.org	1st Friday 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Alga Park in Carlsbad
Chula Vista	ChulaVista@cfssd.org	2nd Friday 10:00 AM	Email for location
El Cajon	ElCajon@cfssd.org	3rd Thursday 1:30 PM	Shadow Hill Park - rain or shine
Escondido	Escondido@cfssd.org	2nd Friday 1:00 PM	Email for location
Fallbrook	Fallbrook@cfssd.org	2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM	Email for location
La Mesa	LaMesa@cfssd.org	2nd Friday 10:00 AM	Northmont Park
Lakeside	Lakeside@cfssd.org	3rd Friday 1:00 PM	El Monte Park
Mira Mesa	MiraMesa@cfssd.org	2nd Friday 1:00 PM	Breen Park
Oceanside	Oceanside@cfssd.org	3rd Saturday at 2:00 PM	Capistrano Park
Poway	Poway@cfssd.org	Selected 1st Fridays 12:00 PM, Event canceled for rain	See calendar at www.cfspoway.org for details
Ramona/Backcountry	Ramona@cfssd.org	2nd Friday at 10:00 AM	Dos Picos Park
Rancho Bernardo	RB@cfssd.org	2nd Saturday 2:00 PM	Email for location
Valley Center	ValleyCenter@cfssd.org	1st Friday 1:00 PM	Valley Center Community Church Park (right off Cole Grade Rd before the Library)

Spelling Bee

All K - 6th grade students from CFS local support groups are invited to register for the 2017 Spelling Bee. There is no limit to the number of students that register from each local group. Every family will also need to sign up for a volunteer job and will be asked to bring a refreshment to share. Please indicate what you will bring in your sign-up. (cups, plates, and napkins will be provided, so please bring a drink or snack).

Date: Friday, April 7th

Time: 2 to 4 PM

Where: Maranatha Chapel - Room C206 which is upstairs

Address: 10752 Coastwood Rd. San Diego, 92127

Cost: \$5.25 per student



Questions: Contact Ruomei at alinayang@yahoo.com

Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 31st.

Sign up by submitting an RSVP and payment on the website at www.cfssd.org.

Note: You must be a current member of a CFS local support group to participate.

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

CFSSD is offering ITBS testing for students in 4th to 12th grades of CFS member families county-wide.

Standardized testing has some great benefits:

- It gives us as parents some objective feedback on areas of strength our kids have so that we may further encourage them in those areas
- It gives us that same objective feedback on areas in which we may need to spend a little extra time to ensure mastery in a particular area
- It gives the students a chance to become acquainted with the process of standardized testing which helps to prepare them for college entrance exams which they are likely to face in their high school years

Date: Monday, May 15th, and Tuesday, May 16th. 8:15 AM to approximately 12:30 PM

Where: Living Way Church in Poway at 13609 Twin Peaks Rd.

Cost: \$40 per student

We need parent volunteers to help proctor the tests. If you have a bachelor's degree, you can become a proctor for BJU. Go [here](#) to get started. You will need to make an account on BJU's website and then find out how to become a proctor.

Register your child and pay on the website at www.cfssd.org

Questions: Contact Cec at cec@cfssd.org

Reservations and payments must be made by April 7th in order to participate!

Free Entrance Days in the National Parks

The National Park Service just turned 100 years old! Celebrate the start of our second century by visiting a park in 2017. During ten days of the year, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar for these remaining entrance fee-free dates in 2017:

• **April 15-16 and 22-23:** Weekends of [National Park Week](#) * **August 25:** National Park Service Birthday

• **September 30:** National Public Lands Day

* **November 11-12:** [Veterans Day](#) Weekend

National parks are America's Best Idea, and there are [more than 400 parks available](#) to everyone, every day. The fee-free days provide a great opportunity to visit a new place or an old favorite, especially one of the [120 national parks that normally charge an entrance fee](#). The others are free all of the time. Plan your visit and enjoy our country's history and nature.

The fee waiver includes entrance fees, commercial tour fees, and transportation entrance fees. Other fees such as reservation, camping, tours, concession and fees collected by third parties are not included unless stated otherwise.

Fee-free days make parks accessible to more people. However, national parks are always economical, with entrance fees that range from \$3 to \$30. In addition, any fourth grade student can get a free annual pass through the Every Kid in a Park program, and active duty military and citizens with a permanent disability can also get free passes. For more information about the variety of discounted passes available, please visit the [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass page](#).

Physics Energy in Motion ~ Knotts Berry Farm (Opportunity Shared by CFS Poway)

Calling all science fans to explore Knott's Berry Farm during the Physics: Energy in Motion Tour on Wednesday, April 26th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. During this fun-filled, thrilling tour you will have the chance to learn about the physics behind many of the rides as you ride them. The cost for the tour is \$25 per person. If you wish you take the tour and stay & play at the park after, then the cost is \$56 per person. We need to get an accurate headcount for this event soon so please sign up ASAP. To sign up click [here](#) Or go to www.cfspoway.org, find the calendar and go to 4/26.

Come experience Physics in Motion! On this fun filled tour you will travel from ride to ride discussing Newton's Laws of Motion and which ride has to do with which law of motion while riding that ride!! These are the amazing learning wonders that you'll be able to experience on:

Silver Bullet, Supreme Scream, Log Ride, Accelerator, Log Revolution, Jaguar, Wave Swinger, Boomerang, Wipe-out

*ride availability subject to change.

What could be more fun than learning about physics on a roller coaster!!!

Where: Knotts Berry Farm

Who: High School students for the tour (grades 9-12). Families with siblings on the tour may join for the park/tour price of \$56.00 per person.

Cost: \$25.00 per person for the tour only; \$56.00 per person for the ability to enter the park with the tour and stay in the park to play while the students tour.

Very important: if you pay for the park/tour and your student wishes to stay after the tour to play with you, you will need to pay the \$56.00 for that student as well so they can stay. At close of the tour at 2 pm, the tour is escorted out of the park and will not be allowed back in unless they have a wristband and ticket that will let them re-enter the park to meet you inside.

Contact: sharonnorvell@gmail.com

Please note that we have a no refund policy for our field trips. Your signup means you are coming!





Christian Home Educators Association of California

Support • Advocacy • Community

AND

Grace Christian Schools

A ministry of Mission Valley Christian Fellowship

Presents:

“Parenting – A Life Long Commitment”

Plus a used curriculum sale.

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Mission Valley Christian Fellowship

6536 Estrella Ave.

San Diego, CA 92120

10am-2pm.

10am-12pm:

*What we would do differently! Mistakes to Avoid!
The Why and How to Homeschool through High School.*

Conference presented by Scott & Mary York who have been married 38 years, are parents of seven children, are 22 year veteran home school parents, and now serve as CHEA Area Advisory Board members.



12pm-2pm:

Used curriculum sale and local support groups.

All are welcome to sell. No Charge to sell or present support group programs.

Contact Mary York at sandiego-sooc@cheaofca.info

\$5 per person \$8 per couple

Register with William Burt: williamburt.grace@att.net

Rebecca's IEW writing classes for 2017-2018 (Times and details may change)

About Rebecca Shue: I am a local homeschool parent (my kids are in these classes) and a certified IEW instructor with five years of experience teaching IEW to all levels of students. I completed my Early Childhood Education associates degree and certificate at Cuyamaca Community College. My Bachelor's Degree (with an honors thesis in gifted children) and Multiple Subject credential work was done at USD, my Reading Specialist certificate was completed at UCSD, and my Master's work and Special Education credential work was completed at CSUSM. I consider parents to be their child's primary teacher but I recognize that, as homeschool parents, it is sometimes helpful to hire out certain subjects.

Cost: \$475 which includes class time, paper editing, parent training and the curriculum. Students who are new to me will have a one-time \$25 supply fee. Classes are taught in my home classroom in south Escondido. The age levels for these classes are not firm. If you have a child outside of the recommended age range (i.e. gifted or learning disabled) that you think would be a good fit for the class, please touch base with me. I am quite comfortable with the full range of students and we can discuss which class would be most appropriate.

I do limit my class sizes to twelve to fifteen students in order to assure personal attention for each student. I am collecting non-refundable \$50 deposits now to reserve seats. The rest of the tuition will not need to be paid until next year. I am a vendor for Inspire and am willing to become a vendor for other charter schools. However, you will need to pay the deposit yourself and then ask the charter to reimburse you. If you have a student in each class, the other student is welcome to use my dining room as a study hall. Younger children are welcome to play in our large backyard with parent supervision. **All classes take place on Tuesdays and will meet from late August-early June. To reserve a spot:** Send an email to beccars@cox.net

11-12:30-Essays and Speeches

Level C-ages 12-18

<http://iew.com/shop/products/elegant-essay-teacherstudent-combo>

<http://iew.com/shop/products/high-school-essay-intensive-second-edition-dvd-seminar-handouts>

<http://iew.com/shop/products/speech-boot-camp>

(I'm not exactly certain which combination of these texts I will be using yet, as this course is under construction.) This class is for experienced writers. We will be focusing intensively on essay writing. Essays are the foundational writing style for much of high school and college. Learning to write a well-crafted essay quickly and easily will make many future assignments much easier. Since speeches are, in many ways, spoken essays, we will also extend our work into speeches. This class will be appropriate for students who have mastered the basic five paragraph essay and are ready to really fine tune their writing. This class will count as one high school credit for high school aged students and grades will be given. Students should be able to complete this course completely independently unless there is a special need.

12:30-1:15-Lunch/Recess

1:15-2:45-Medieval History Based Writing

<http://iew.com/shop/products/medieval-history-based-writing-lessons-teacherstudent-combo>

Level A/B-ages 8-12, some IEW experience will be helpful but is not required. This class will include public speaking, grammar and vocabulary components. Parent may/should observe the class. Parent may help in class if needed.

9-10:30 or 3-4:30 If my other two classes fill, I would be willing to add a third course in one of these time slots. It would likely either be an introductory writing course (level A) for young students or a second level A/B or B/C course as demand indicates. Please let me know if you would be interested in this course as I will match the course to the students enrolled.

Parenting by Faith by Honey Burke

When our kids were all under fourteen, I was warned a couple of times by people who had grown children, never to question our children's salvation. Although at the time I didn't totally understand why that was important, I did somehow discern that it was a worthy caution. I recognized God's voice in it. As the years went by and we hit some times of conflict with our kids, I never disregarded that advice. Occasionally I would hear another parent say something like, "I really don't know if my son is even a Christian." And sure enough, within a couple of years, that person's child completely abandoned the faith. Might there be a connection between the parent's attitude of unbelief and the child's attitude toward Christ? If the parent had held faith in God's promises to his child, how might that have affected the child's choices?

What role does faith in God's promises play in parenting your young child? I challenge you to parent by faith, not by sight. Does Scripture say, "Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it?" Believe it! (You seminary students, whether it is a promise or an axiom, believe it!)

So what action should that faith take? Day in and day out, it is a parent's responsibility and privilege to acquaint his/her child with Jesus. As we tell them about His compassion for the sick and the hurting, His power over evil, and His love and forgiveness for us, what child would not be drawn to trusting and falling in love with Him? We see little children in the U.S. almost without exception having trust in and love for Santa based on the fanciful stories of their parents, how much more should the children of believers trust and love Jesus based on the testimony of their parents!

Once that spark of love has been ignited, it is the job of parents to fan it into open flame. How is this done? By condemnation? By telling the child (or others in the child's presence) how stubborn, selfish, and disobedient he or she is??? I don't think so! Instead, we need to "encourage one another and build each other up." (I Thessalonians 5:11) In Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21, fathers are warned not to exasperate or embitter their children. Mothers need to heed that warning as well. So when you set standards of behavior, first be thoughtful about what is reasonable given your child's age and personality; second, realize that, like you, your child struggles with not always wanting to do what is right.

Developing self-discipline takes time, and in that process, your child will fall short, sometimes accidentally, sometimes intentionally. If the unacceptable behavior was the result of weakness, or if it was intentional but he or she is repentant, then come alongside and share your child's disappointment, encourage and pray with him or her to do better next time. If it was intentional and there is no repentance, discipline your child and sow the Word of God in his/her heart by showing in Scripture what God says about his/her sin. Then be patient. Sometimes seeds take a long time to germinate. In the meantime, remembering it is the kindness of God that leads us to repentance, (Romans 2:4) continue to shower your child with love, and trust God to complete the good work He has begun in your child. (Philippians 1:6)

Make that trust in God the lens through which you view your child. Beginning as an infant, continuing as a toddler, and even through the tumultuous teen years, if you view your child as a child of God, you will find His strength to ease the burden of parenting. As we parent by faith, raising up our children as fellow servants of Christ, we see them and parent them gently, humbly rather than critically, judgmentally. We heed the warning and cling to the promise of Romans 14:4: "Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand." Amen!



Homeschooling Organizations Deserving Our Support

⇒ **CHEA** Christian Home Educators Association of California

CHEA is a statewide organization that provides information, support and training to the Christian home-schooling community. CHEA sponsors an annual conference which will be held in Pasadena next July. To join CHEA or for more information go to www.cheaofca.org

⇒ **FPM** Family Protection Ministries

FPM is the voice for homeschoolers in Sacramento. They look out for legislation that will restrict our right to home educate our children. This ministry is funded by donations. You may send contributions directly or through CHEA. With a donation of \$40 you will receive their newsletter. Find more info at <http://pheofca.org/>

⇒ **HSLDA** Home School Legal Defense Association

HSLDA provides low cost legal defense for all families who choose to privately educate their children at home. Membership is \$120 annually. CFS members qualify for a group discount rate of \$100. Find out more about HSLDA at <http://www.hslda.org>

Associate Membership

If you live in an area of the county unserved by a local CFS group, you may find an associate membership appealing. You may apply for this on our website [here](#).

World View Training Camp for Upper Graders

CFS teens have been attending Worldview Academy's Leadership Camps for many years, resulting in many great reports from both parents and students! Here is the information for this summer's camp in San Diego.

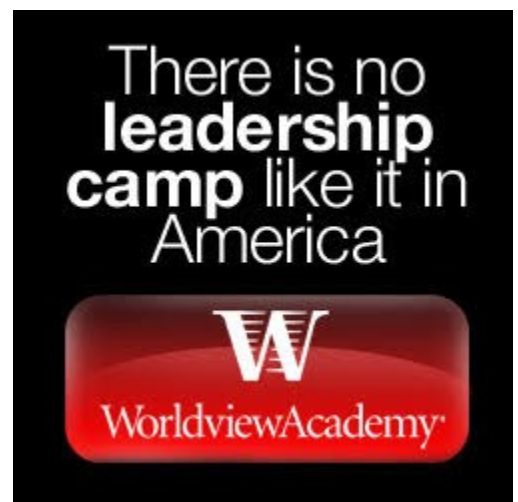
Worldview Academy Leadership Camps are intense week-long camps designed to teach

Christian students **to think and live in accord with a biblical worldview**. Camps are for students **ages 13 and up**. Students are trained in **Worldviews, Servant Leadership, Apologetics & Evangelism**. These three concentrations come together and form a solid foundation upon which students build a consistent, biblical worldview. Students are prepared to defend themselves against the culture's attacks and, at the

same time, are equipped to lead the charge to win the culture back for Christ. Students are treated like real people and prepared to deal with the tough issues they face in the real world. They also **meet great people and make lasting friendships**.

The dates for this year's camp in San Diego are **June 25th-30th**, and it will be at **Point Loma University**. The regular rate per person is \$745. Check for the sibling rate if you are sending more than one student. Session fee covers camp program, room and board, camp t-shirt, and the Worldview Student Notebook.

First time campers can get a special discount of \$100 off if you are referred by a student who attended last year. Contact Sylvia at mail@cfssd.org if you want the code. Worldview Academy also has partial scholarships available for first time students. To apply visit www.worldview.org/resources. For more information, go to <http://www.worldview.org>.





Accepting Submissions from March 1 to May 1!

THEME FOR THE CONTEST

Category 1: Describe Someone You Love

(Ages 7-10 as of April 1st)

Sample Poem: [“Father” by Frances Frost](#)

When you really love someone, you can’t help but notice the little details that distinguish them—the way they throw their head back when they laugh or nod their head from side to side as they type on the keyboard. Maybe it’s the way their eyes seem to flash when they’re excited to see you or the way their love pours out through their words! These are the things you love about them. **Write a poem about a special person in your life, describing the things that make them who they are.**

Poem Structure: Write a poem no longer than 4 quatrains using a consistent rhyme pattern.

Category 2: Describe a Holiday Tradition You Would Add or Change

(Ages 11-14 as of April 1st)

Sample Poem: [“Turkey’s Thanksgiving Wish” by Eva Adolfo](#)

Traditions help create our sense of belonging and home. Maybe you have fond memories of waking up to the smell of sizzling bacon every Christmas morning—but perhaps you wished they were cinnamon rolls instead. Maybe instead of Easter egg hunts, you wish your family would do Easter egg war—messy, but so fun! **Tell us about a tradition you would change or add to your family’s holiday repertoire.**

Poem Structure: Write a poem no longer than 6 quatrains using a consistent rhyme pattern.

Category 3: Describe the Changing of Seasons

(Ages 15-18 as of April 1st)

Sample Poem: [“April Sonnet” by Maris Stella](#)

One week you’re lying on the warm sandy beach with the sun beating down on you, and the next week you’re seeing pumpkins in shop windows and raking up fallen leaves. Seasons change, both in nature and in our lives. Sometimes, it’s a sudden shift that leaves you bewildered. Other times, it’s a sweet transition into something that feels better, like the first day you get to open your window and let in the warm winds after a season of perpetual frost. **Poetically describe what it’s like to go from one season to another, be they seasons of the year, seasons of life, or seasons of another kind.**

Poem Structure: Write a 14-line sonnet with a consistent rhyming pattern.

To see rules and guidelines as well as last year’s winners, go to HSLDA’s website https://www.hsllda.org/contests/Poetry_main.aspx

If you enter and win, please let us know! We would love to include your student’s poem in a future newsletter!



CHEA Con 2017

JULY 13-15, 2017

PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER

300 E. Green Street
Pasadena, CA 91101

Reduced registration
prices include the
entire family for the
2 ½-day event*

Children's Convention



Teen Convention

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for New Homeschoolers



Thursday Evening

- Keynote Session with Todd Wilson
- Introduction to Home Education Session
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Todd Wilson

Familyman Ministries



Sam Sorbo

Actress, author, & radio host

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- Life in the Fiery Furnace
- Life after Graduation
- Tips & Tricks
- Raising Children to be Intentional Christians
- Who's in Charge
- Homeschooling Multiple Grades
- Taming the Techno Beast
- Logic
- Teaching All Subjects from a Christian Worldview
- Inspiring STEM by Using Your Local Science Fair
- Priorities of the Homeschool Wife
- Homeschool Organization
- Plus many more including getting started, math, science, history, English



Sheraton Pasadena Hotel on
the Convention site, attendee discount!

* The family price does not include the Children's Convention or the Teen Convention.

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