

# A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING

An evening of vision casting and practical tips for home schooling your kids from three Grace Chapel families with a wide range of experience.



FOR THE FAMILY

# TERMS TO KNOW:

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**Umbrella school** - in TN you are required to have an umbrella school - which is basically an agency that you report what curriculum you are using for your child, grades for courses, and their attendance (just number of days each semester).

These organizations will help make sure that you are fulfilling basic educational requirements and staying on track for your child to graduate.

**Tutorial** - almost a 1 or 2 day a week private school- basically a group of kids taking a set class from a paid teacher. Lots of local options (although many are full and have waitlists). Also, can be 'a la carte' or one course at a time.

**Co-op** - can be like a tutorial, but where parents swap out and teach various classes.

**Distance learning** - more of a virtual traditional schooling (class via the internet)- other options can be dvd courses, etc.

There are online school options where a child can take classes online and there are teachers assigned who grade their work and check in with them. (A good option when parents work full time and child is reading and somewhat self motivated- about 3rd grade and up)

**Charlotte Mason** - real literature books- curriculum set up to enhance 'whole' child - for example, historical fiction verses a textbook. (This type of curriculum can be used to teach multiple children of different grades for history, literature and Bible all at the same time.)

**Classical Education** - a focus on exposing students to classical literature, history, language, and logic training. The classical model is divided into the "Grammar Stage", "Dialectic Stage" and the "Rhetoric Stage".

**Unit studies** - these type of studies are where you jump into one subject and explore all. For example, butterflies... you would read books about, raise butterflies from cocoons, visit butterfly habitats, create artwork, etc.

This can be good for elementary age kids (and multiple ages at once) and great to stimulate a love for learning... but may not be academic enough for upper grades.



# 3 STEPS TO BEGINNING

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## 1 Establish your vision

## 2 Find an Umbrella School

You can Register with your local school district, with a church-related umbrella school, or with an accredited online program

<http://mthea.org/umbrella-schools> has a full list

## 3 Pick your approach + curriculum

### Traditional "School at Home" options:

Abeka  
Alpha Omega's Switched on Schoolhouse  
Bob Jones University  
Rod & Staff  
Calvert School  
Christian Light

### Charlotte Mason options:

Ambleside Online  
Queen Homeschool Supplies  
Five in a Row  
Sonlight  
Winter Promise  
Simply Charlotte Mason  
Beautiful Feet

### Distance Learning options:

Bob Jones University  
Calvert School  
Abeka Distance Learning  
Time4Learning  
Liberty Online Academy

### Unit Study options:

Weaver  
Konos  
Five in a Row  
Tapestry of Grace  
My Father's World  
Winter Promise  
Unitstudy.com  
KONOS

### Classical Education options:

Classical Conversations  
My Father's World  
Tapestry of Grace  
Veritas Press  
Memoria Press  
Learning Adventures  
Well Trained Mind  
Classicalcurriculum.com  
Traditional: K12



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Practical steps I need to take first:

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# RESOURCES:

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## **Tutorials/Co-op/Enrichment:**

Heritage Homeschool Group [www.heritagehomeschoolgroup.com/](http://www.heritagehomeschoolgroup.com/) (K-12th)  
West Harpeth Christian Tutorial [www.westharpeth.org/](http://www.westharpeth.org/) (6th-12th)  
SHINE [shinetutorialtn.com/academics--registration.html](http://shinetutorialtn.com/academics--registration.html) (7th-12th)  
SHARE [www.sharetutorial.org/](http://www.sharetutorial.org/) (K-6th)  
The Academy [www.theacademytutorial.org/announcements-a-la-carte](http://www.theacademytutorial.org/announcements-a-la-carte) (7th-12th)  
Classical Conversations [www.classicalconversations.com/](http://www.classicalconversations.com/)  
Quiller Tutorial - David Raymond [taliessin1@gmail.com](mailto:taliessin1@gmail.com)

## **Curriculum resources:**

Rainbow Resource [www.rainbowresource.com/](http://www.rainbowresource.com/) (All curriculums)  
Cathy Duffy curriculum reviews [cathyduffyreviews.com/#](http://cathyduffyreviews.com/#)  
My Father's World [www.mfwbooks.com/](http://www.mfwbooks.com/)  
BJU [www.bjupresshomeschool.com/content/home](http://www.bjupresshomeschool.com/content/home)  
Christian Book [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com)

## **Books:**

Read Aloud Family by Sarah Mackenzie  
Educating the Wholehearted Child by Sally Clarkson

## **Other:**

Middle TN Home Educators Association [www.mthea.org](http://www.mthea.org)  
Homeschool Legal Defense Association [hsllda.org](http://hsllda.org)  
Grace Chapel's Homeschooling Life Group  
Grace Chapel's Homeschool Facebook Group

# NOTES:

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