

# ~Wholehearted Wisdom

Cultivating Character, Curiosity, and Calling in Christ-Centered Education

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## Welcome to April

🌱 While many people think first of April Fools' Day, the month is also known for themes of renewal. Events like Earth Day and Arbor Day encourage people to care for the planet, and Easter or Passover falls in April. Altogether, April represents fresh starts, growth, and the full arrival of spring.

The name "April" likely comes from the Latin word *aperire*, meaning "to open," which fits a season when buds and blossoms open everywhere.

## Spring Reset



April is a natural reset button. Winter is over, the days are longer, and it is a great moment to refocus. Instead of trying to change everything at once, start the month with three simple steps.

### 1. Clear One Thing Out

Start April by removing something that has been weighing you down. It might be a cluttered desk, an overloaded calendar, or even a habit that wastes your time. You do not need to clean your entire life in one day. Just clear one space so you can think and move forward with more focus.

### 2. Plant One Good Habit

April is the month when things grow. Choose one small habit you want to grow in your life. It could be reading a few pages each day, taking a short walk, spending a few minutes in prayer, or writing down one thing you are grateful for. Small habits, done consistently, turn into real change.

### 3. Start One Meaningful Action

Pick one thing you have been putting off and begin it. Do not wait until it is perfect. Send the email, start the project, make the call, or take the first step. Progress almost always begins with a simple start.

If you clear one thing, plant one habit, and start one action, you will not just flip the calendar to April. You will actually begin the month with momentum. 🌱

## Preventing Parent Pressure

Sometimes we get overwhelmed, when we don't need to! There is a certain pressure in life, that "we've gotta do it all." Keep a well-run house, play with the kids, educate them both academically, spiritually, and with morals and life skills, take care of our husbands and extended families, and have a rich spiritual life at the same time. We feel responsible for maintaining balance, being 'all-in' where we are in the moment, and juggling everything. **But we can't...** We can't do it all. We can't Be all. That's Jesus' job. And if we keep drawing close to Him, He promises to stay close to us (James 4:8). He calls us to Be still and know that He is God. (Psalm 46.10)

The world pours on the pressure, but Jesus says we can rely on Him. Trust Him and rest in Him. We are shaped by the values of the God's love. Education has always been about more than performance. It is about character. And character grows best in an atmosphere of grace. You are building something eternal in very ordinary moments.

# Encouragement for Homeschool Parents

Enjoy this month. This is precious time with your children, and they are learning more than you think they are. Homeschooling is a beautiful opportunity to make an even bigger difference in the life of a child, your child. The time you put in *really* makes an impression. Everyone has stressful days. You are not alone. God gave you a job as a teacher and parent. No one will love your kids as much as you do. You are the best teacher your child will ever have.

## Homeschool Companion Calendar

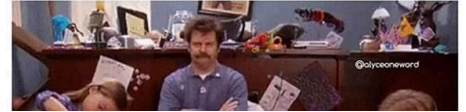


March 27 - April 5.....	Spring Break
April 1 - 7.....	Passover
April 5.....	Easter
May 5.....	Cinco de Mayo
May 14.....	End of School Year
May 24.....	Pentecost
May 25.....	Memorial Day
June 11 - 13.....	CHAP Convention

How some moms homeschool



How I homeschool



## 2026 CONVENTION

Elizabethtown, PA June 11-13, 2026

Homeschool Companion will have a booth at the convention. Stop in and talk with us.

Dr. Gamblin will be one of the workshop speakers, presenting “Social and Emotional Learning in a Digital Age.” Vaughn Jennings will be presenting a workshop on using Artificial Intelligence in your homeschool without allowing AI to take over.

At the 2026 CHAP Convention, you will not only receive indispensable information but also in-person, face-to-face encouragement to begin or continue the journey of discipling the next generation. Speakers, many vendors, volunteers, and the CHAP team are all there to help you and to glorify God as you move through your homeschooling journey of faith.

You will be affirmed that homeschooling is the right choice for your family by listening to insightful speakers, investigating homeschool curriculum, and bumping elbows with the many others that have gone ahead of you.

You will be equipped as you gain practical record-keeping, planning, various subject-specific, and life-teaching skills.

You will be strengthened and challenged as others recount God’s faithfulness in their homeschooling journey of faith through various kinds of trials—housing challenges, navigating special needs, financial fears, health or relationship issues, and call you to move ahead, avoiding the pitfalls they encountered.

You will be informed by homeschool veterans who can provide instructions on how to meet Pennsylvania’s homeschooling requirements, information on support groups near you, wise biblical counsel, as well as a listening ear and plenty of encouragement. Be sure to stop by and let us know you are there..

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