



Cultivated Lives



Colene Lewis is passionate about equipping and inspiring parents, teachers, and students to live cultivated lives—lives of purpose, meaning, and learning.

Colene homeschooled her three daughters through high school in a home where learning was a joy and a way of life. Each earned academic scholarships to college where they excelled in diverse fields of biology, engineering, English, political science, and law. More importantly, all three women are walking with the Lord and raising their own families now.

Alongside her husband, Tom, Colene served on the board of Arizona Families for Home Education for over 13 years. During that time, she became a sought-after speaker, and has presented at numerous conferences, including the National English Teachers Convention, the Arizona Librarians Convention, and the home educators' conventions in Arizona, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, and Massachusetts.



After homeschooling her children, Colene worked for the Alliance Defending Freedom for 13 years where she ministered to over 1500 Christian law students by helping them professionally and spiritually to be able to impact the nation and the world. Colene is now turning her energies to ministering to parents by working with her daughter Heather Haupt, speaking, and writing curriculum.

Colene is currently developing a one-of-a-kind world geography curriculum geared to children between ages 5-8 to encourage cross-culture exploration with great literature. She is the co-author of *Russia: The Land of Endurance*, published by KONOS.

Colene's list of homeschool-related speaking topics can be found on the following pages. Colene is open to personalizing a talk to meet the needs of your group on just about anything pertaining to homeschooling, hands-on learning, intentional parenting, or discipleship.

Another option is booking Colene and her daughter—noted speaker and author Heather Haupt—, together. Details on this dynamic combination can be found at the end of this packet.

Intrigued? Contact me and let's talk!

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General Topics

Home Schooling: Real Hard and Real Blessings

This talk provides honest encouragement to those considering homeschooling. The real hard part of home education is the commitment of time, energy and resources. The real blessings of home education include stronger family bonds and a personalized education. And these blessing will make the work worth it.

Motivating Children to Learn

We all want to motivate, not manipulate, our kids. We want them to develop self-control; who has the energy to be always controlling them? We want them to be driven internally by grace, rather than externally by law. Come and learn some tried and true tips on motivating your kids from preschool to adulthood!

Simple Scheduling to Make Room for Spontaneity

Lesson planning should be a simple tool that will help us be more effective. A good lesson plan does not take too much time and can be the spring board to the spontaneity which is the one of the strengths of the homeschooling approach to education. Come and hear principles that you can use whatever curriculum and lifestyle you have.

Foundations: Global Awareness

An understanding of the world – both the physical and cultural geography – will give your children a basis for future studies in history and science. Come and discover how to teach geography and world awareness across your homeschool day and curricula.

The Art of Finding Great Books

We want our children to read broadly and well. But how do we find good books that will enhance whatever curricula we use? Come and learn how to find and discern the best nonfiction and fiction books quickly and easily. Learn to find and recognize living books. Whether you use the library or like to buy, whatever the age of your children, these are principles you can use!

Cultivating Self Control

Self-control is a central virtue of moral thought from the Ancient Hebrews to the Greeks and onward. This inward ability to say “no” to temptation, to say “yes” to controlling impulses and emotions, and to say “yes” to delaying gratification is key to success in life. Modern psychologists call it “executive function” and it is vital for children to thrive in academics, social interactions, careers, relationships, and even spiritual, emotional, and physical health. Come hear Colene share her insights in cultivating this foundational character trait.

Homeschool Hints from Calvin and Hobbes

Almost everything you need to know to homeschool, from educational philosophy to practical homeschool how-to's, can be found in Calvin & Hobbes. Come laugh, learn, be encouraged as veteran homeschooler presents wisdom gleaned from the stories of a young boy and his stuffed tiger.

Developing Life-Long Readers

Come and discover how to prepare an environment that will cultivate life-long readers! Reading acquisition is so much more than merely reading mechanics. Whether you have a pre-reader, emergent reader, or fluent reader, this intensely practical workshop will give you tools to use (including developmentally-appropriate activities and tips on book selection) as well as pitfalls to avoid (including jumping the gun or taking a cookie cutter approach).

Teen/ High School Topics

Launch and Let Go

Failure to launch is a national phenomenon. The final goal is to launch our child into their future is not an event; it is a long process that starts from the early years. Come and learn principles and practical ideas that will help prepare you and your child for that transference into successful, independent adulthood.

Transcripts: Simple and Effective

Writing a transcript is like tying a beautiful bow on the gift of homeschooling high school. Learn how to simply and effectively construct a transcript that provides direction as you are planning and teaching high school, colleges appreciate and accept, and gives satisfying closure on your homeschool experience. Find out what colleges want, how to count community college, and how to assign credits and compute GPA.

Homeschooling Teens – Tips that Work!

Most teens crave to be independent, express their opinions, and control their lives. Smart parents will channel these tendencies to propel homeschool forward. Learn how to start to communicate with your teen to work together on your teen's homeschool strategy.



Double the Fun!

Heather and Colene love to speak together! They share a passion for learning about learning and the triumphs and struggles that accompany the education journey. Their different perspectives create a unique energy and provide diverse insight into whatever topic is at hand!

Colene Lewis and Heather Haupt Joint Talk:

Sharing Life, Love, and Learning: How Homeschooling Can Build Relationships

One of the perks of homeschooling is the opportunity for families to build relationships. Learning to live and learn together, 24-7, provides a wonderful environment where relationships flourish. Now relationships are messy, and home education is not always easy, but the benefits are well worth the effort!

Heather Haupt

Heather Haupt is an accomplished speaker and author in her own right. Booking Heather and Colene together provides benefits beyond their joint talk. They work as a team counseling parents, sharing booth space, and bringing their infectious joy to your event. Heather speaks on the following topics. For Heather's full speaking packet, send an email to heather@heatherhaupt.com.

Bold Parenting in a Brave New World

Knights in Training: Raising Boys into Men

Shaping a Family Culture

Equipping Kids to Persevere and Pursue Excellence

Hope for the Homeschool Mom: How to Stop Spinning Your Wheels and Move Forward

Stepping Outside the School Box: Creating a Home Where We Learn

Homeschool Myth Busters

Conquering Your Fear of Educational Gaps

Developing Life Long Readers

Toddlers in Tow: Thriving in the Midst of Crazy

Why Movement is the Magic Ingredient for Learning

Help for the Distracted Child

Homeschooling the Early Years: You Gotta Turn Right to Go Left

10 Ways to Make the Most of the Preschool Years

Cultivating Curiosity