

TEACH THEM  Diligently

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## The Mission of Teach Them Diligently Events?

We understand that the choice to homeschool is not simply an educational choice but a life choice. Homeschooling can not be put into a box with clear boundaries. On the contrary, homeschooling overflows into every aspect of your home. Whether talking about food, parenting, marriage, or any other aspect of daily family life, homeschooling will spill out of simple education subjects to influence every decision your family makes. If you are a homeschooler and you have not figured this out yet, you soon will.

We understand this unique aspect of homeschooling. We understand why so often homeschoolers have a special connection to other homeschoolers. We understand that families come to our events for more than learning better organization skills, or how to find the right curriculum, or recognize your child's learning-style. **At Teach Them Diligently, we want to speak to every unique aspect of homeschooling. We want to help you raise the next generation of Christ-followers that will influence this country and expand Christ's kingdom. We know that true freedom is found in Christ, and we want to help you understand and claim that freedom.**

We are inclusive in terms of who is welcome and who is invited. We want everyone to come and to know that you are invited. However, our mission relates directly to discipling the next generation of Christ-followers. We believe that our only hope is in Christ, and raising the next generation depends on engagement of parents in the daily lives of their children. We long for the hearts of Fathers to turn back to their children, and for parents to see children as a heritage and not a hindrance to their calling in the Lord.

At Teach Them Diligently, there is a community of believers that are coming together to encourage and to share. There is a depth presented here that is not found every day. Something special happens when thousands of homeschoolers come together with the same vision of homeschooling and living a life in Christ. The experience is truly unique. So many families come to our events the first year, and declare that they needed this more than they realized. Others simply claim Teach Them Diligently as the best event they have ever been to. Most return every year, and miss the events when they don't. Surely, there is nothing quite like coming to a Teach Them Diligently event. We certainly hope that you will join us!

## What Can You Expect at Teach Them Diligently?

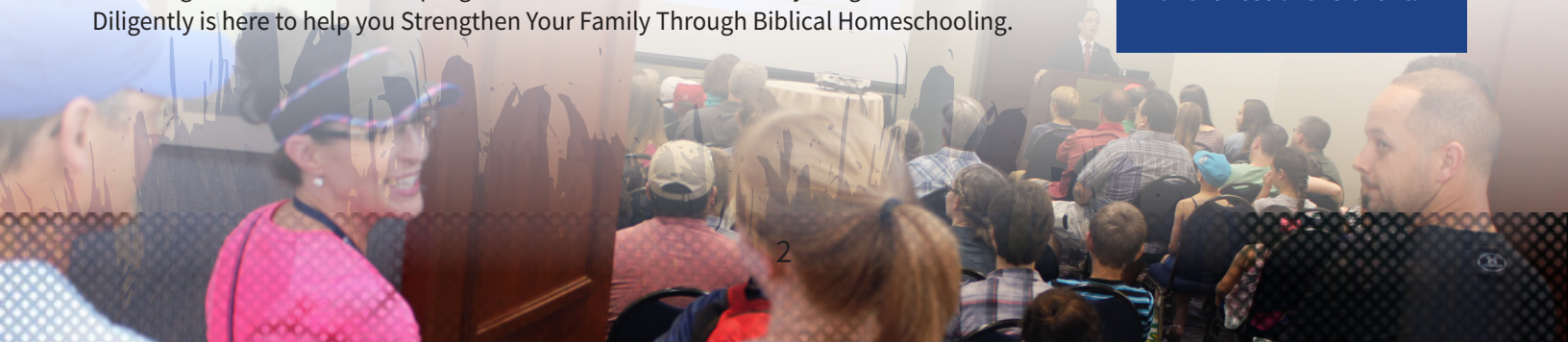
We are excited to know that you're planning to join us for Teach Them Diligently 2020! Whether you join us in Nashville, Rogers, Waco, Mobile, Denver, Columbus, or Georgia you are in for a blessing and a time of encouragement that will be incredibly beneficial to your entire family. We want to give you a glimpse at what you can expect at our event in order to help you plan and (hopefully) get you even more excited about everything that awaits you at #TTD2020!

## A Gospel Vision

Teach Them Diligently was founded by a mission organization, Worldwide Tentmakers in 2011. And a portion of every dollar earned at Teach Them Diligently Convention is donated back to that mission board. Worldwide Tentmakers has been around for nearly 30 years and is in the ministry of using marketplace strategies to fulfill the Great Commission. As exemplified by Paul, in Acts 18, our approach to the Great Commission is in both word and deed. We have active ministries in the Far East, Poland, Malawi, and Italy that are all partially funded by TTD. We hope that you will witness this Gospel vision at Teach Them Diligently Convention as each speaker is encouraged to infuse their presentations with as much Scripture as possible. Whether you are a Christian or not, you are absolutely welcome and encouraged to attend! But Gospel grace is the foundation for everything we do—Teach Them Diligently is here to help you Strengthen Your Family Through Biblical Homeschooling.

### SUMMARY SCHEDULE

Generally, sessions begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoon and run until 6 p.m. Saturday (with plenty of breaks, of course). The Exhibit Hall opens immediately after the Keynote on Thursday evening and stays open for the rest of the event.



## Teachers and Speakers

Teach Them Diligently is known for its fantastic speaking lineup. Every hour there will be more sessions available to you than time allows you to attend! There are typically more than 150 sessions at each Teach Them Diligently event. We load the schedule with amazing sessions because we want to offer as much value to your family as possible. Approximately 4 to 8 weeks before the event begins we will release a copy of the speaking schedule. You do not need to sign-up for sessions, but these early schedules will help you plan your days. Keep your heart open because we often find that the Lord re-directs plans once you arrive on-site. Families end up attending sessions they didn't originally plan to attend—but receive enormous blessing! Some couples even decide to split up and to maximize their time and share notes later. There will be sessions specifically for men and women. [The TTDWaco schedule can be found via the schedule tab on the TTD Waco page.](#)

### WHAT TO WEAR?

A lot of folks ask us what to wear at Teach Them Diligently. We recommend modest, casual wear. It's a good idea to wear layers as temperatures can vary from room to room. And comfy shoes are a must!

Be aware that sometimes the early schedule will change right before we get to the convention (to accommodate the travel needs of speakers) so you will want to double-check the schedule before and throughout the event. We have a smart phone app available as well where we post the most up-to-date information, so you'll want to download that before you come. Also, most sessions are recorded so that you don't have to miss a thing!

## Connection

One of the most wonderful parts of our live events are the people. The camaraderie that you'll experience while at Teach Them Diligently Convention is like no other. Hundreds of like-minded families sharing the same space, singing together, praying together, learning and growing together—all with our children and family in mind, and with our focus on the Gospel. Be sure to go out of your way to connect with strangers! You'll walk away from Teach Them Diligently Convention with a new host of friends, mentors, and brothers and sisters you never knew you had. You can start building the connection right now by joining our Facebook Group. It's a great way to connect before the event even begins!

## Checking-In

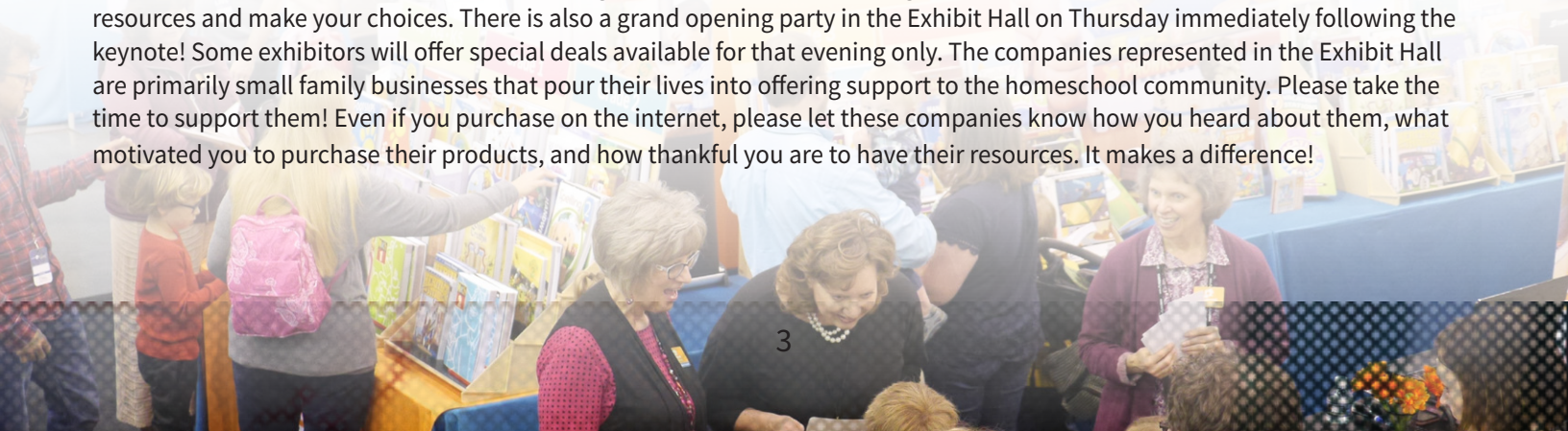
We utilize a digital QR or barcode check-in system where you can use your smart phone, or printed sheet of paper to quickly scan in and get your materials. Your packet will contain all the information you need for your specific family registration. You'll get a tote bag full of goodies, a printed program with a list of speaking sessions, a list of vendors, a map of the Exhibit Hall, and a map to help you navigate the facility. Our friendly staff will be happy to answer any of your questions. Plan to join us there!

## Shopping

### EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

Thursday 7 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Teach Them Diligently offers an Exhibit Hall filled with amazing homeschool resources, missional organizations, live demonstrations, mentoring areas, and all kinds of curriculum. You will find that the Exhibit Hall provides one of the most fun and helpful experiences at Convention. The Exhibit Hall is open throughout the entire event, but there are special shopping times set aside on Friday and Saturday afternoons, during which there are no speaking sessions to compete with your ability to peruse the resources and make your choices. There is also a grand opening party in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday immediately following the keynote! Some exhibitors will offer special deals available for that evening only. The companies represented in the Exhibit Hall are primarily small family businesses that pour their lives into offering support to the homeschool community. Please take the time to support them! Even if you purchase on the internet, please let these companies know how you heard about them, what motivated you to purchase their products, and how thankful you are to have their resources. It makes a difference!





## Teach Them Diligently App

You can download our Teach Them Diligently app from iTunes or from Google.play. It's great for setting alarms and navigating the speaking sessions, finding your way around the venue, and Exhibit Hall, and it always contains the most up-to-date information. It also allows you to connect with other families, rate speakers, and share your experiences. You can use the QR code function on the app to connect with Exhibitors and get great deals and followup information. More content will be published to the apps as we get closer to the events, and we will send you an email when it's updated and ready to go for our 2020 season.

## Audio Recordings

The Resounding Voice booth will typically be located in the lobby where you can purchase CDs or MP3 recordings from this year's convention. We recommend that you take notes during the event and mark the sessions you want to buy throughout the weekend so you don't forget! Many people will purchase the full set so they can re-listen to their favorite sessions and hear the ones they missed! It can take a lot of stress off having to choose which sessions to attend every hour!



## Special Events *There is no additional cost for these special events unless noted below*

### HOMESCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/COLLEGE FAIR

Families with 10th–12th grade students are invited to attend our Homeschool College Fair. When you bring your student and meet with our presenting University sponsors you will get a rebate off your family's registration! You'll have the opportunity for short one-on-one meetings with representatives from different schools. The colleges will present information specifically focused on homeschool enrollment and give you opportunity to get your college questions answered. Glean as much information as you can—not just about the individual schools, but about standardized testing, financial aid, dual credit, and directing your son or daughter into the next stages of life.

### MOM'S NIGHT

Moms are invited join us on Friday night for fun, fellowship, laughter, relaxation, prayer, and much more! This evening is for MOMS ONLY! Dads will need to plan to get the children in bed, so mom can enjoy a night of fellowship and encouragement—you'll be glad you did! It's free to attend but be sure to register!

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men are invited to join us as we break bread (and bacon!) together, on Saturday morning. This time will be dedicated to sharpening and encouraging one another as we discuss God's Word and plan for our families. The men's breakfast is available for both men and their sons. The price for the Men's Breakfast is: \$12. For Session only (no food) is \$5.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Children ages 4–12 (all children need to be fully potty-trained) are invited to attend The Children's Program which runs Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. with a break for lunch (on Thursday, children will attend sessions with their families). Due to allergy concerns, children are not permitted to bring snacks. However, you may check your child out to give him/her a snack at any time. Children will be picked up from the program to eat lunch with their families, and then be dropped off again during the posted drop-off times. The price for the Children's Program is: \$50–\$60 per child. Multi-Child discounts available during registration.

### TEEN'S PROGRAM

This year's teen program will be themed, Generation of Change, and will encourage your teens in their walk with God! Teen sessions and meals are scheduled at the same times as the adult sessions and meals. Teens do not need to be checked in and/or out of the Teen Program. The price for the Teen's Program is: \$5 per young person.

# Convention Center

Teach Them Diligently Rogers will be held at:

Waco Convention Center  
100 Washington Ave.  
Waco, TX 76701

More ideas about how staying on-site can save your family money can be found by clicking the button below.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Each of the venues chosen for Teach Them Diligently 2020 offer incredible accommodations to make your convention experience even better. The greatest advantage to staying on-site may be reduced food expenses. This is, in fact, a big reason we chose venues with connecting hotels. Typically, convention centers will not allow food into their buildings, but they will not stop families from bringing food into their hotel room.

## TICKETS, REGISTRATION, AND CHECK-IN

The cost of Family Registration at each site includes all of the keynote and featured speaking sessions (nearly 150), access to the Exhibit Hall for all three days, plus a special tote bag filled with information, swag and specials from exhibitors. We also sell single-person registrations for the entire convention, or single-day passes for the family. We do NOT sell Exhibit Hall only passes.

Family Registrations can be shared with Grandparents, but not with a friend or family member from another household. Each friend or family member from another household must have their own registration.

The Children's Program, Teen's Program, and Men's Breakfast are offered at an additional charge. Any sessions not included in the Family Registration fee will be marked in the descriptions.

## STROLLERS

We try to ensure that our venues are littles-friendly. Bringing a stroller is always a good idea. While the convention center is divided into two levels there are elevators available

## Childcare

### CHILDREN IN SPEAKING SESSIONS

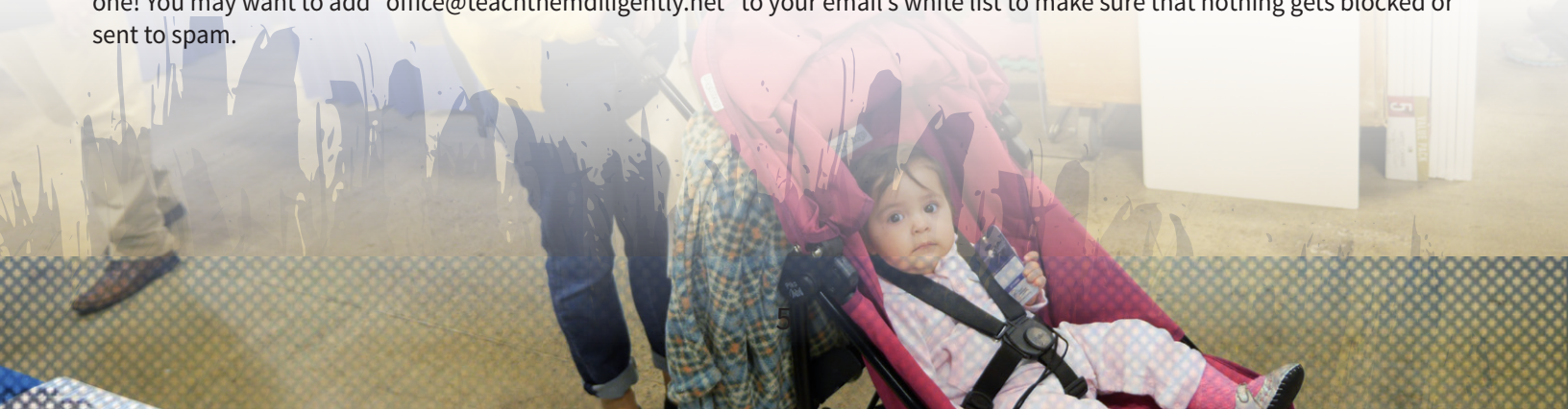
You are welcome to bring your children into the speaking sessions; however, we do ask that you be considerate of others by having your children sit on the floor when possible, so adults can take the seats. Our goal is to be as family-friendly as possible, and we do not want parents to miss any sessions.

### NURSING MOTHERS

The Registration Desk has a private room behind the check-in desk that nursing mothers are welcome to use if they prefer privacy. The restrooms in the Embassy are also spacious and very clean. And we do not discourage nursing mothers from modestly breastfeeding in open areas either.

## Email Communications

We will send out regular email communications to keep you informed about new speakers, exhibitors, and other exciting pieces of convention news! Typically a week before the big event we will send a massive email that contains all of the necessary information for the convention. Room locations, special registrations, your check-in materials, etc.—so keep an eye out for that one! You may want to add “office@teachthemdiligently.net” to your email's white list to make sure that nothing gets blocked or sent to spam.





## Still Have Questions?

There's tons of information available on our website at [www.teachthemdiligently.net](http://www.teachthemdiligently.net)

We very much enjoy receiving your communications and questions, but if you are able to find your own answers, that's great too! Some of our most frequently asked questions are organized on our [Questions and Answers Page](#). If you don't find what you need there our online community is full of knowledgeable and experienced homeschoolers, making our **Facebook page** a great place to find answers as well.

Feel free to send us an email anytime at [office@teachthemdiligently.net](mailto:office@teachthemdiligently.net) or give us a call at 1 (800) 223-9491.

*We can't wait for you to join us at Teach Them Diligently!*

For tips on **how to keep your little ones occupied** during sessions, click the button below to read a helpful blog post.

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