

TEACH THEM  Diligently

Families ON MISSION

What to Expect at
TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY NASHVILLE 2021

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What is 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 cannot 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 will soon.

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 how to 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 want to never again take for granted the incredible privilege we have to gather together with like-minded believers, so this year will be a true celebration of all those things.**

We are inclusive in terms of who is welcome and who is invited. We want everyone to come and to know that you are welcome. 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've ever been to. Most attendees 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, and we can't wait to get to know you there.

What Can You Expect at Teach Them Diligently?

We are excited to know that you're planning to join us for Teach Them Diligently 2021! You're 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 #TTD2021!

A Gospel Vision

Teach Them Diligently was founded by a mission organization, [Worldwide Tentmakers](#) in 2011. 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, and it's our prayer that you will find TTD to be an indispensable resource for your family not just at convention but all year long.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

This year, sessions will begin at 12 p.m. on Thursday afternoon and run until 6 p.m. Saturday (with plenty of breaks, of course). The Exhibit Hall opens at 6pm 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! We load the schedule with amazing sessions because we want to offer as much value to your family as possible. You can view the [Nashville schedule here](#).

In 2021, we will be needing to re-imagine our speaking schedule quite a bit to allow for social distanced seating in the speaking rooms. This year, each room will hold only a fraction of what it normally would. To compensate for lost space, we will be repeating a number of sessions this year to give you additional opportunities to see the speakers you want to see, even if their room is full the first time they speak. Additionally, you will be able to access the recordings through TTD365 within a few months of the event if you choose to join us there. We will also be providing a live stream of the event this year for families who are not able to join us onsite. Details about all those changes will be made available as we get closer to the event.

Please do be aware that sometimes the early schedule will change right before we get to the convention (to accommodate the travel needs of speakers, illnesses, etc.) so you will want to double-check the schedule before and throughout the event. We have an app available as well where we post the most up-to-date information, so you'll want to download that right away to make sure you have the most up-to-date information available. 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 discussion groups within the TTD app. It's a great way to connect before the event even begins! If you need help setting up the app, [click here and we'll be happy to help you get settled in](#).

Covid Considerations and Live Stream Information

This year, Opryland will be requiring masks to be worn indoors at all times for all attendees. They are following the guidelines laid out by their local governments, and we ask you to be diligent in honoring those. The staff at Opryland are accountable to Davidson county for following those guidelines in order for them to be allowed to move forward with events during this time, so we have a great opportunity to be a blessing to our hosts as one of their first attempts to host events since the COVID shutdown.

None of us like to be put in a situation where we have to ask someone to do something that's regulated, and we're sure that our hosts would really not like to do that either. We ask you to think about it as a matter of hospitality. Opryland is inviting us in, and they are committed to doing everything they can to make sure that we have a great time while we're there. We are truly blessed and grateful that God has opened the door for us to gather this season, and we want to steward that opportunity very wisely. So, for the privilege of getting together again and enjoying the fellowship that entails, we need to be diligent in following their rules.

The number of chairs in each room will be greatly diminished to allow for social distancing at the event. We're hoping to lay out the speaking rooms as intimately as possible despite the social distanced seating, and we're excited to see how even the re-imagined speaking rooms work this season. So many new, fun things to experience!

Opryland is being very careful in keeping their facilities clean and safe, so we feel confident that you can come without concern of spread. If, though, health or other considerations keep you at home this season, we do plan to live stream the event. Once we get the details for that offering settled, we'll send that out via email and app announcements. That's another area we get to reimagine, and we're planning to use our app to include a lot behind the scenes, exclusive content that will stream directly into the app. Again, everything is in motion, but we're still working on the details.

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!



Covid Considerations and Live Stream Information Continued

One of the many reasons we want to provide the live stream is that it will make it much easier for every family to enjoy the event at your own comfort level. For example, if you're staying onsite or are within driving distance, you can enjoy some sessions live and in person and enjoy others in the comfort of your own room. You could also plan to enjoy most of the content from your home and then join us for some fellowship and shopping time. We recognize that many families don't have occasion to wear masks much at all so being required to wear them indoors could be a departure for you, so we are working very hard to make sure that you can enjoy the blessing of TTD Nashville in a way that's comfortable, uplifting, challenging, and fun. We believe with all our heart that now more than ever, families need what Teach Them Diligently offers, so we urge you to register now and take advantage of whatever elements best suit your family.

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Checking-In

When you get to Teach Them Diligently this year, we'll have several hosts available to help you navigate the check in process as it may look different than it has in years past. Prior to the event, you will receive an email lovingly entitled, "The great big email of everything" that will give you information about what you'll need to bring with you or show when you arrive to receive your name badges and tote bag full of goodies, including 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 also be happy to answer any of your questions as you navigate check-in.

Shopping

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

Thursday 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m.–7:00 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 limited speaking sessions to compete with your ability to peruse the resources and make your choices. 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! 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 brand new [Teach Them Diligently app](#) from iTunes or from Google Play. It also allows you to connect with other families, ask your questions, and share your experiences. We're super excited about this app, though, because it also allows you to access TTD information all year long. Right from the palm of your hand, you can access hundreds of podcasts and articles, free resources, courses, virtual events, videos, discussion groups, and more. PLUS, if you're a TTD365 member, you have on-demand access to recordings from TTD events, video classes, mom's nights, and more-- straight through the TTD app! Download it today and get plugged in!

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



HOMESCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/COLLEGE FAIR

Families with a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students are invited to attend our Homeschool College Fair. Each family will have the opportunity for a short one-on-one meeting with representatives from different schools. In these meetings, the colleges will present information specifically focused on homeschool enrollment, ask you questions about your young person, and give you an 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, grades, dual credit, and directing your son or daughter into the next stages of life. It's way easier than scheduling and traveling for college visits, especially in this COVID year.



MOM'S NIGHT

This year, we're having to approach mom's night differently than we have in the past. The room guidelines will only allow for 200 ladies to be in there at once (even though we can generally fit almost 1,200.) To make the mom's night special and allow us to work within the parameters we've been given, our Friday night Mom's Night for 2021 will be for TTD365 members only. BUT, we're creating the most epic, amazing event ever for TTD365 members. If you're a TTD365 member, we will be having a night of encouragement and refreshment for you that goes beyond anything we've been able to do before. (Or, so we hope!) There will be community group activities, along with panel discussions, games, and so much more. PLUS, we're planning to livestream the evening for members all over the globe. Check your TTD365 email, community group threads, or TTD365 discussion group within the app for the link to RSVP.



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. Again, specific details about this program will be more readily available as we get closer to the convention.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Children between the ages of 4 and 12 (grades K4–6th) are allowed to attend (all children need to be fully potty-trained). The Children's Program 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 with them. However, you may check your child out to give him/her a snack. Children will be picked up from the program to eat lunch with their families, and then be dropped off again during the drop-off times. The price for the Children's Program is: \$55 per child. Please bear in mind that the mask ordinance in place in Davidson county will apply to children in the children's program due to the age range represented there.



TEEN'S PROGRAM

This year's teen program 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 Nashville will be held at:

GAYLORD OPRYLAND CONVENTION CENTER
2800 OPRYLAND DR.
NASHVILLE, TN 37214

Each of the venues chosen for Teach Them Diligently 2021 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. [CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW](#)

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

[LEARN MORE](#)

TICKETS, REGISTRATION, AND CHECK-IN

The cost of Family Registration at each site includes all of the featured speaking sessions, 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. This season, due to limitations on space, we will not be able to sell a single day pass, and we have never offered 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. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW.](#)

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 three levels there are elevators available

Childcare

CHILDREN IN SPEAKING SESSIONS

With the Covid restrictions in place this season, we are sadly not able to accommodate as many children in the speaking sessions as we normally do. We encourage you to find alternate childcare for your kiddos, if at all possible, if they aren't participating in the children's program. Historically, we welcome your children with open arms into all our sessions, but this year, we are trying to make sure that the adults attending the classes have seating available. If the seating restrictions loosen up before the event, we'll be sure to let you know!

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 Gaylord are spacious and cleaned regularly, and there is a loung area near the Presidential Ballroom with nice chairs you can use for comfortable private nursing.



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-- “The Great Big Email Of Everything” will include 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.

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

[READ POST](#)

Still Have Questions?

There is a lot of information available on our website at the [Teach Them Diligently Nashville Page](#).

We very much enjoy receiving your communications and questions, but if you are able to find your own answers, that’s great too! Check out the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for the answers to many of the most common questions.

If you don’t find what you need there, our online community is full of knowledgeable and experienced homeschoolers, making our TTD Nashville Messaging Group within the new TTD App a great place to find answers as well. You can find that by downloading the app and setting up your account and then looking in the discover section of the messaging area found in the upper right corner of the home page.

Feel free to send us an email anytime at office@teachthemdiligently.net.

[We can’t wait for you to join us at Teach Them Diligently!](#)



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