



## 2019 Convention Schedule

### **Dates/Times**

Friday, June 21, 2019 (noon to 8:00 PM) and Saturday, June 22, 2019 (9:00 AM to 5:30 PM)

Registration opens at 11:30 AM on Friday, June 21.

### **Location**

Thanksgiving Point

2975 North Thanksgiving Way

Lehi, UT 84043

Registration and opening session at the Show Barn

<https://goo.gl/maps/29UXi44Sbf52>

All Friday events will be located in the Show Barn. Saturday breakout sessions will be in the Show Barn, the Museum of Ancient Life (Amber Room), and the Tower Building (Rose Room and Velvet Room). All rooms are located within a quick 3–5 minute walk of the Show Barn.

### **Registration**

Convention (Friday and Saturday) **\$129**

Friday Morning Add-on (Brunch, Presentations, Watercolor Class) **\$69**

\*No spouse add-on discounted price this year

### **Food Included**

Friday: Snack (assorted bagels and cream cheese)

Saturday: Catered boxed lunch through Thanksgiving Point Catering. If you have allergies, please be sure to choose our vegan/gluten free choice when registering for the convention. A water station and water bottles will be provided.

## **Accommodations**

### Holiday Inn Express

3701 N Ashton Blvd, Lehi, Utah 84043  
385-336-8384

The Holiday Inn Express Lehi, at Thanksgiving Point, is offering a discounted conference rate of \$90 per night if you call and request it. Please refer to Block ID #13200. Reservations must be made before March 31, 2019 to receive the discounted rate. The Holiday Inn Express Lehi, at Thanksgiving Point, is a 1.2 mile drive from the Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point. It takes approximately 4 minutes to drive and 22 minutes to walk between the two properties.

### Springhill Suites by Marriott

2447 W Executive Parkway, Lehi, Utah 84043  
801-341-6970

The Springhill Suites by Marriott Lehi, at Thanksgiving Point, is offering a discounted conference rate of \$109.00 per night. Please use this link when making your reservation: **Book your group rate for The Good & the Beautiful**. Reservations must be made before March 31, 2019 to receive the discounted rate. The Springhill Suites by Marriott Lehi, at Thanksgiving Point, is a .6 mile drive from the Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point. It takes approximately 4 minutes to drive and 11 minutes to walk between the two properties.

### Courtyard Marriott

2801 West Club House Drive, Lehi, Utah 84043  
801-768-1174

The Courtyard Marriott Lehi, at Thanksgiving Point, is offering a discounted conference rate of \$109.00 per night. Please use this link when making your reservation: **Book your group rate for The Good & the Beautiful**. Reservations must be made before March 31, 2019, to receive the discounted rate. The Courtyard Marriott Lehi, at Thanksgiving Point, is a .9 mile drive from the Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point. It takes approx 5 minutes to drive and 17 minutes to walk between the two properties.

## **Transportation**

Thanksgiving Point is centrally located about halfway between Salt Lake City and Provo, just off Interstate 15. We will not be providing any transportation to or from the conference. You can find information on public transportation, such as bus routes, FrontRunner, and TRAX routes, at <http://rideuta.com/>. You can also use an UBER or Lyft driver by downloading the apps to your phone. There are several hotels and eating establishments within walking distance of the venue.

# Convention Highlights

## Inspiring Educational Presentations and Classes

We will be offering 27 presentations and classes at our third annual convention. Attendees to our convention will gain knowledge, improve teaching skills, connect with other homeschooling parents, and be inspired!

## The Good and the Beautiful Library Store (10% off)

Jenny Phillips is passionate about wholesome and uplifting literature. Her desire to help instill the love of good books in children led her to create The Good and the Beautiful Reading List and The Good and the Beautiful Library. All the books, activity books, and games offered in the Library collection (which will be over 100 by the time of the convention) will be available for purchase at the convention.

## Supply Store (10% off)

Explore and purchase helpful homeschool supplies and fun items such as The Good and the Beautiful aprons, mugs, and much more!

## Curriculum (10% off)

Explore and purchase The Good and the Beautiful curriculum. Knowledgeable staff will be ready at each table to answer questions and demonstrate how the curriculum works.

## Toolboxes for Teaching

In 2018, Toolboxes for Teaching was introduced at the convention. This wonderful company partners with The Good and the Beautiful to create kits to accompany our curriculum. These kits contain the items you'll need for experiments and activities in science and history, as well as the supplies needed for all the projects in the Arts and Crafts Notebook. Toolboxes for Teaching will be offering the following discounts: Science Kits at 15% off, Craft Kits at 10% off, and Overstock Kits at 50% off

## Scratch & Dent

We will have a large amount of scratch & dent, all for 30% off. Most scratch and dent has only small marks or bends in covers.

## Convention Extras

**Each registrant will also receive a free convention notebook containing presentation notes (with space for your own notes), a tote bag, and a water bottle.**

**Note: There will no longer be used book sales at The Good and the Beautiful conventions.**

## **Optional: Friday “Nature Morning Add-On”** (June 21st)

### **Thanksgiving Point - Museum of Ancient Life (Amber Room)**

Add this Friday morning session (limited to 90 people) so you can attend more presentations, enjoy a delicious brunch, and experience an exclusive presentation.

#### **8:00-9:00 am**

You will register for the convention in the Amber Room instead of the Show Barn like our other attendees.

#### **BREAKFAST & PRESENTATION**

Breakfast: fruit and berries, house-made granola, yogurt, steel-cut oatmeal, dried fruit, nuts, grapefruit, cold cereal, milk, juices, coffee, tea

#### **Incorporating Nature Studies into Homeschool (Exclusive to this add-on event)**

Presenters: Jenny Phillips and Maggie Felsch

Learn about the powerful benefits nature studies can have for children, how to do nature studies, and how to instill a lifelong appreciation for nature in your children.

#### **9:00-10:50 am**

#### **Nature Watercolor Class**

Presenter: Kate Hall

Spend nearly two hours learning watercolor techniques and how to teach them to your children. You will complete two nature projects! ***All supplies, including a watercolor set, are included with the class, which you get to take home with you.***

# Friday, June 21st

## Thanksgiving Point - Show Barn

### **11:00 am-12:00 pm** [Registration/Scratch & Dent Sale](#)

Back of the stage. Take advantage of 30% off our huge amount of scratch & dent—only sold at convention.

### **12:00-1:00 pm** Show Barn

#### [A Walk in the Woods](#)

Presenter: Jenny Phillips

Close your eyes. Smell the pine needles and flowers. Hear the birds sing. This presentation is just like taking a refreshing walk in the woods, connecting you back to the reasons you homeschool and getting you excited for your next homeschool year. But homeschooling is not always a walk in the woods—it's hard! The second part of this presentation covers a trait that is vital for every homeschooling parent: persistence. What are the specific steps to improving the trait of persistence and how will it bless your life? What things should you and should you not be persistent with and why? How can you help your children learn to be persistent in the important things in life? Jenny answers these questions in this insightful, fun presentation.

### **1:00-2:00 pm** Show Barn

#### [When Your Child Struggles](#)

Presenter: Mindi Eldredge

It's hard to see children struggle. Whether it be a lack of confidence, a learning disability, a loss of desire to learn, anxiety, depression, or other struggles, we want to be able to help our children overcome difficulties and find joy and success in learning. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to identify what is wrong and how to best help our children work through their challenges. In this eye opening presentation, Mindi discusses ways to identify and get to the root of many learning struggles as well as techniques for helping children move from just surviving to thriving.

### **2:00-2:50 pm** Show Barn

#### [Shopping, Exploring, Mingling](#)

[Snack \(Assorted bagels and cream cheese\)](#)

**2:50-3:45 pm** Show Barn

**Caring for Your Whole-self as a Homeschooling Parent and Why It's Vital**

Presenter: Ashlee Williams

Sometimes homeschooling can be all-consuming and lead to burnout. Learn unique ways to combat this common occurrence. Learn how to maintain aspects of physical fitness, personal time, hobbies and interests, and how to keep relationships with a spouse or friends a priority. Learn useful tips and advice on how to implement a little bit of self-care and how it extends into a more joyful homeschooling experience.

**3:45-4:20 pm** Show Barn

**Authenticity in Your Homeschool**

Presenter: Syreena Homer

Learning to teach while being true to your own personality, spirit, or character is the essence of an authentic homeschool. Together, we will uncover actionable steps towards finding true JOY and HAPPINESS in your days through overcoming comparison and competition in and out of your homeschool.

**4:30-5:30 pm** Show Barn

**Using Travel to Enhance Your Children's Understanding of the World**

Presenters: Dale & Michelle Bartlett (authors of two internationally known travel books)

One of the greatest blessings we have given our children is the gift of travel. We have incorporated it into every part of our lives, including their homeschooling. We have found no better way to understand the wonderful diversity of the world than to travel and provide hands-on experiences. This has opened up our children's minds like nothing else could. It has given them the opportunity to share their views and feelings about what they see and learn. It has, in many ways, given them a deeper appreciation of what they have been blessed with. One of the reasons families don't experience this kind of world travel is often because the cost far exceeds the budget. We have discovered ways that blow away the budget excuse. We have traveled 3 weeks in Europe with 4 children in tow for around \$2,500.00 total (that is for all 6 of us). That includes air, accommodations, transportation, food, fun, and more. Come learn our secrets in this fascinating journey and about the incredible experiences that have come from our adventures.

**5:30-7:20 pm**

**Shopping & Dinner Break**

**7:20-8:00 pm** Show Barn

**Gleaning Purpose and Joy (Not Frustration) with your Children**

Presenter: Mikael Monson

Homeschooling is supposed to be joyful, not frustrating! How do you get there and stay there? With her bright, positive perspective, Mikael discusses how you and your children can glean purpose and joy during your homeschool journey.

# Saturday, June 22nd

**8:45-9:00 am Doors Open**

**9:00-9:50 am Show Barn**

## **What Makes an Effective Teacher?**

Presenter: Jenny Phillips This engaging class takes a look at what the end-goal is for great teachers. Specific skills and tips are taught that will help homeschool parents become more effective teachers.

**10:00-10:55 am Show Barn**

## **Overcoming Self-Doubt and Fear**

Presenter: Ashlee Williams

We all have fears when we decide to homeschool our children. It could range from small problems like watching them miss out on class parties, to larger worries like not teaching them adequately. Learn ways to overcome these thoughts and become a more confident homeschooling parent.

**10:00-10:55 am Amber Room**

## **The Power of Simplicity**

Presenter: Mikael Monson

Psalm 19:7 "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." Have you felt the need to simplify? Come learn the ins and outs to decluttering your life.

**10:00-10:55 am Rose Room**

## **Recharge & Reset**

Presenter: Brooklyn Braithwaite

Homeschooling is hard work, and it often leaves us drained. Many of the things we do to recharge are not as helpful as we may think. Discover how to truly rejuvenate your spirit and reset your energy. Learn self-care techniques that really work and sustain you through your homeschooling journey.

**10:00-10:55 am Velvet Room**

## **Homeschooling with Vision and Documenting your Journey**

Presenter: Syreena Homer

Every homeschool begins with a VISION! Gain tips and tricks from a photographer/filmmaker turned homeschool mom and learn how memory-keeping helps build confidence and strengthens your homeschool.

**11:05 am-11:55 pm Show Barn**

## **Teaching the Whole Child: Part 1**

Presenter: Mindi Eldredge

Each child is blessed with his or her own unique talents and abilities, and each is beautifully intelligent in his or her own way. In this two-part breakout session, you will learn more about the eight gifts of intelligence identified by Harvard psychologist, Dr. Howard Gardner, and how to nurture them. (This class continues at 2:00 pm.)

**11:05 am-11:55 pm Amber Room**

## **Homeschooling Highschoolers**

Presenter: Jenny Phillips and Guests

Older children have different needs than younger children, which can create a lot of fears and questions. Jenny and a group of guests who have successfully homeschooled high schoolers, will address some top issues. This session will also include an FAQ about Greenleaf high School.

**11:05 am-11:55 pm Rose Room**

## **Faith, Hope, and Homeschool**

Presenter: Anna Palfreyman

Answering the call to teach your children at home, despite living with the limitations of a mental illness, can seem like a daunting task—but with faith and prayer, you can do it! Don't allow a mental illness to define who you are or what you can accomplish.

**11:05 am-11:55 pm Velvet Room**

## **Teaching a Foreign Language**

Presenters: Heather Wiseman and Cosette Remund

Learn why and how to increase your children's opportunities and cognitive abilities through second language acquisition in creative and effective ways from home, even if you've never taken a language class yourself.

**11:55-1:00** Show Barn

**Lunch, Door Prizes, and Lunch Presentation**

Grab a delicious, catered boxed lunch provided by Thanksgiving Point and enjoy connecting with other homeschool parents before the presentation.

**Fostering Creativity in Children**

Presenter: Jenny Phillips

In a world of instant entertainment, children are spending less time with creative play. Often, we have to make intentional efforts to help foster greater creativity in our children. Come learn principles and hear specific examples that you can implement in your own home.

**1:10-2:00 pm: Shopping/Mingling**

Shop and take the opportunity to ask The Good and the Beautiful team questions about the curriculum, ideas on how to implement the various products, and homeschooling in general.

**1:10-1:50 pm: Sharing Room: This is Why We Do It and This is How We Do It (Amber Room)**

Presenter: Erica Armstead

Erica Armstead will lead a group discussion in which everyone can share ideas. The discussion will begin with reasons why we homeschool and the blessings gained from it. Homeschool can be challenging; we all need inspiration to keep us going. The majority of the discussion will focus on “how” to homeschool effectively.

**2:00-2:50 pm** Show Barn

**Teaching the Whole Child: Part 2**

Presenter: Mindi Eldredge

Learn how to teach using each of the intelligences to build greater depth and understanding, ways in which each of us and our children can build upon the talents and intelligence we have been granted, and ways in which we can help children overcome learning difficulties by incorporating his or her gifts into their lessons. (This is a continuation of the 11:05 am class. It is recommended that you attend both classes for the full scope and sequence of the presentation.)

**2:00-2:50 pm** Amber Room

**Change Your Children’s Lives Through Good and Beautiful Books**

Presenter: Jenny Phillips

In this entertaining and informative presentation—gain fascinating knowledge about the changes literature and education have gone through over the past 150 years, learn why literature has such power to influence, and gain motivation and practical ideas on how to get your children interested in good books now and for the rest of their lives.

**2:00-2:50 pm** Rose Room

**Fathers and Homeschool**

Presenter: Mikael Monson

In this interactive class, Mikael Monson addresses the most common concerns and questions fathers have about homeschooling. Mikael will also encourage fathers to share their experiences and advice.

**2:00-2:50 pm** Velvet Room

**Teaching Heritage Studies: Incorporating Diversity into Your Homeschool**

Presenter: Erica Armstead

Erica gives great insights about and ideas for creating a culturally-inclusive learning environment. Erica’s presentation is followed by a small panel Q&A.

<p><b>3:00-3:50 pm</b> Show Barn</p> <p><b>Planning and Organization</b></p> <p><u>Presenter: Mindi Eldredge</u></p> <p>Do you have hopes and dreams for your child's homeschool education, but struggle in implementing and achieving those goals? Come gain insights and ideas into creating effective daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly plans. Also, join us as we discuss ways to teach planning and organizational skills to our children and help them in creating a vision for their future.</p>	<p><b>3:00-3:50 pm</b> Amber Room</p> <p><b>Teaching Children Life Skills</b></p> <p><u>Panel: Syreena Homer, Maggie Felsch, Anna Palfreyman</u></p> <p>This panel of three experienced homeschool mothers explores teaching children to not only be self-reliant, but to build confidence in knowing that they can do anything mom and dad can do! Learn how to take advantage of the time you have with your children to teach them about hard work, real life, and build their self-confidence.</p>	<p><b>3:00-3:50 pm</b> Rose Room</p> <p><b>Creating and Cultivating a Homeschooling Community</b></p> <p><u>Presenter: Ashlee Williams</u></p> <p>Learn how to create and cultivate a homeschooling community. Learn what to do if you do not have a strong sense of community, why it's important, how it benefits your homeschool, and ways to be a leader in that area and to help other parents in need of the same thing as you.</p>	<p><b>3:00-3:50 pm</b> Velvet Room</p> <p><b>Music Education: Why It's Worth It and How You Can Do It</b></p> <p><u>Presenters: Heather Wiseman and Danielle Bruening</u></p> <p>Come learn about the many benefits for hands, hearts, and minds gained through music education. We have practical and fun solutions for incorporating more music in your homeschool at all ages. We'll share ideas on how to make learning music an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.</p>
<p><b>4:00-4:45 pm</b> Show Barn</p> <p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><b>The Art of Gentle Persuasion</b></p> <p><u>Presenter: Jenny Phillips</u></p> <p>Jenny discusses how to reduce contention and resistance in your homeschool experience and how to help change the mental attitude of your children. Gentle persuasion is an art, and as you cultivate this art, not only will your homeschool experience gain effectiveness, but your character and your children's characters will blossom. This is one of Jenny's most-loved presentations.</p>			
<p><b>4:45-5:30</b> Show Barn</p> <p><b>Last Minute Shopping</b></p>			

Note: We cannot guarantee space in each classroom. The Show Barn can fit everyone, but the other classrooms may fill up, in which case you will need to stand in the back of the room or attend a different presentation.

# Convention Presenters



## **Jenny Phillips**

As a best-selling Christian songwriter and music producer, Jenny Phillips has spoken at over 1,100 events in 23 countries and has sold over a million CDs. When Jenny's children began going to school, she turned toward another one of her passions—education. Jenny began homeschooling in an effort to provide a faith-based, high-academic education focused on building noble character. With her oldest of five children in college and her youngest only four years old, Jenny has experienced all stages of the homeschool cycle, and she has spent thousands of hours studying teaching and learning philosophies, literature and its effects on character development, and other topics relating to homeschool. Jenny and her team of talented writers and educators launched The Good and The Beautiful curriculum in 2015, and it is now used by tens of thousands of homeschool families across the world.



### **Dale & Michelle Bartlett**

Dale and Michelle Bartlett are the authors of two internationally known travel books and multiple social media sites and blogs with information designed to help people travel more for much less than most could ever dream. They are best known for their first book, *Have Kids—Will Travel* and for being the family travel experts, but are quickly becoming experts on inexpensive travel for anyone: singles, couples, or families. They have also authored *Day Trips from Salt Lake City* and *Amazing Travel—Incredibly Cheap*, soon to be published.

In 1997, the Bartletts began discovering different ways anyone can travel inexpensively and sometimes free. Their first trip with their four children to France and England cost them a total of \$4,000—including airfare, hotel, car rental, food, and fun. They have since found ways to cut this much more drastically. As acclaimed speakers, the Bartletts have shared the podium with such notable personalities as *New York Times* Bestselling author Richard Paul Evans, Paula Fellingham, noted author and “Get-Away Guru” Larry Gelwix, John Taylor Gatto, Rebecca W. Keller, PhD, and Alice Fulton-Osborne. The Bartletts have been featured on television morning shows and radio programs, as well as multiple newspapers across the country and countless articles in print.



### **Ashlee Williams**

Ashlee Williams is a desert-dwelling 30-something mom to four children within four years apart. Ashlee first discovered her love of helping other women when she was working as a personal trainer. Having trained and helped countless women reach fitness and health goals, it seemed like a no-brainer when she made the leap to homeschool (something she said she would never do) that she would also figure out a way to share with and encourage other young moms like herself. She started her own YouTube channel in the spring of 2016. Since that time her channel has grown into a huge community, which includes both men and women, tens of thousands strong, sharing the homeschooling journey together. Giving her children a Christ-centered home education has become a passion of Ashlee's, and she finds tremendous joy in sharing tips, tricks, and lessons she has learned along the way.



### **Syreena Homer**

Syreena is a mother of three (ages 5, 7 and 9) and believer in God-given dreams. Convinced that “moms & dads make the best teachers,” and that “motherhood is her superpower,” she lives every day letting faith and love shape the story of their lives! In 2015, Syreena started a YouTube channel to document their journey, and it has turned into an extension of the embassy that is her HOME. As a photographer/filmmaker turned homeschool mom, memory-keeping is the fabric of her days, and FOCUS is the artistic element that defines her creative heart. She is passionate about always teaching “beside” and never “above.” Syreena believes that LIFE brings the greatest lessons and that her home is her family’s embassy of LOVE. Her homeschooling style is whatever serves her children/family best at any given season and is always laced with honesty, transparency, and joy. Syreena spends her days putting her actions where her dreams are... building a creative family brand. She owns a visual media company, runs a faith-based clothing brand where her homeschooled kids are in business, and is committed to being a vessel of love.



### **Mindi Eldredge**

Bringing together her degree in education, experience as a professional educator and homeschool mother, and passion as a homeschool curriculum writer, Mindi Eldredge takes an enlightening look at creating a successful homeschool education. With first-hand experience in teaching children struggling with learning disabilities, mental health issues, and individual learning styles, Mindi's experience has allowed her to develop techniques in helping all types of learners. Come learn from her experience and feel of her passion during her engaging presentations.

### **Maggie Felsch**

Maggie has developed a passion for homeschooling and learning with her children as they farm, read, garden, cook, clean, and enjoy nature together. Her talents and love of learning are shared freely, not only with her family, but in her rural community where she volunteers her time to work with youth. Maggie now works full time for The Good and the Beautiful. Through personal trials and faith, Maggie has discovered that things always work out when you trust in God.





### **Erica Armstead**

Erica is a former high school science teacher and public health educator turned homeschooling YouTuber and educational blogger with a passion for catering to the learning style of each of her kiddos. She strives to create and maintain an enthusiastic learning environment that is jam-packed with diverse literature, encourages cross-curricular learning, and allows her the ability to incorporate super fun grade transcending teaching methods while homeschooling multiple grade levels at once.



## **Heather Wiseman**

Heather Wiseman, wife and homeschool mother of six children, studied both Spanish and music at Brigham Young University. She heard a lot of Spanish as a child growing up in New Mexico, but she didn't learn to speak the language until college (via intense courses, many hours of practice, and a semester abroad). Since earning an MA in Spanish teaching and literature, she has taught Spanish language classes at BYU and Lewis-Clark State College for more than 9 years. Before starting a family, she enjoyed traveling internationally with her husband, David, who also teaches Spanish. Heather's favorite hobby is music. She plays the piano, flute, and bassoon, sings in the Utah Millennial Choir, and is actively involved in her children's music education. She has performed with a wide variety of ensembles over the years, but her most memorable experiences have been performing with her family.



### **Anna Palfreyman**

Anna began her personal homeschool journey seven years ago while living overseas with her family in Germany. The desire to create a home environment where children can grow and flourish is what ultimately propelled Anna into devoting her life to educating her children. Homeschooling opened the doors for many growth opportunities which essentially led her to The Good and the Beautiful, where she is currently employed. Prior to this time, Anna successfully operated her own dance company for many years while also working extensively in theater and choreography. Her many loves include spending time with her family, supporting 5 children in various music lessons, quilting, sewing, and enjoying life in Virginia to its fullest.

### **Cosette Redmund**

Cosette is the mother of three. She learns languages at home and is teaching her children as she goes. She loves the outdoors, long walks, and a good hike. Cosette also trains high-quality online language teachers.





### **Danielle Bruening**

Danielle Bruening is the mother of 5 children and has been homeschooling for 9 years. Danielle studied Human Development and Teaching English as a Second Language as an undergrad and earned a master's degree in Elementary Education. She ran high school and elementary after-school programs and taught elementary school, mostly 4th grade, in both public and private schools, including a bilingual school in inner-city Philadelphia through Teach For America. Danielle traveled extensively before having children, living abroad in the Holy Land, Portugal, Cape Verde, West Africa, and Germany, and visited several other countries in Europe and South America. She also worked with at-risk youth in the Arizona desert with a wilderness survival program. She loves passing her outdoor skills on to her children, who love hiking and nature studies! While Danielle's music background is limited to being a band, orchestra, and piano lesson drop-out at impressively young ages, she values music education and has found a way to bring the blessings of music into her home for her children who are all (eagerly!) learning to play string instruments.



## **Brooklyn Braithwaite**

Brooklyn Braithwaite has a passion for quality education. After college, she continued to learn by taking courses and reading everything she could get her hands on. Her husband is currently an Army officer, and his career has given her an opportunity to live, travel, and homeschool all over the world. Brooklyn has 5 children, ages 2 months–15 years, and has homeschooled for 6 years. Since she began homeschooling and saw the wonderful blessings it brought her family, she has turned her passion for learning into a passion for educating others about homeschooling. Through her own struggles with adjusting to homeschooling, along with experiences of creating and running a co-op, working in customer support at The Good and the Beautiful, and working with many new homeschooling families, she has gained a unique insight into the challenges homeschooling parents face. She offers uplifting solutions to make the beautiful journey of homeschooling easier.



### **Mikael Monson (Monson Schoolhouse)**

Mikael devoted the first 25 years of her life to the art of classical ballet. At age 27, she landed a job as director, principal teacher, and resident choreographer of the School of Vancouver City Ballet. During this time, she also opened her own thriving photography business, all while raising her four little “tow heads” and being a wife to her incredibly supportive husband. She thought she was living the dream up until four years ago, when everything changed. She felt a stirring in her heart that led her to fearlessly walk away from everything to homeschool her four children full time. She was quickly drawn to The Good and the Beautiful curriculum and likens it to being in the ballet studio again—“This inspired curriculum fills my home and my soul with purpose and beauty.” Mikael is a disciple of Jesus Christ and feels the most important thing mothers can do in today's world is to knit Christ into their children's hearts. *The Monson Schoolhouse* resides in Portland Oregon where the outdoors often becomes their classroom.