



Connections to Cherish

Cherish Christian Home Educators, Inc.

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We want to take this opportunity to say "Welcome" to our new members and "Welcome Back!" to our returning members. We are pleased that you chose Cherish to support your family in the home education of your children. Whether this is your first year joining us or your last year with a graduate, we pray you are blessed by Cherish this year.

We want to encourage you to get involved and get connected this year. Please join us for our Kid's Connections Pool Party on August 21st. This will be a great opportunity to get to know the other Moms and families in our group, so don't miss out!!

The board is excited to get to know each of you, and we want to be available to you. Please feel free to contact a board member with any questions you may have. We are here to serve you, the families of Cherish.

May you be richly blessed in the "training up" of your children!

The Cherish Board



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On-Going Monthly Activities

1st Friday (subject to change—check newsletters each month)- Cherish Board Meeting, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Southern Crescent Baptist Church; all members are welcome.

2nd Friday - Park Play - Heritage Park 2-4 check newsletter monthly for details; we may change the park a few times a year

Cherish Kid's Connections Day - August 21st

Bring the whole family and be ready to get to know each other better. The kids will enjoy swimming and meet others their age. We hope this day will help members of Cherish to meet each other and get our school year started with some fun! Please bring a sack lunch and drinks for your family.

When: Friday, August 21st

Time: 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Walden Subdivision Pool, off Jodeco Rd., Stockbridge

Please mark your calendar to be there!



Middle School Girls Pool Party

Tuesday, August 25th

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Lakehaven Subdivision, main pool off Hwy 155

Bring a snack to share. Paper products will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Chantel Gurak at gurakj@bellsouth.net or 770-957-4913



Middle School Boys Party—Date
TBA—look for it in an email soon!

The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 27th at 2:00.
All members are welcome to attend.

Did you know???

Homeschoolers get a discount at many places as educators. Your Cherish membership card is the only proof some stores require. We know of:

- Books A Million
- Barnes & Noble (they also require a copy of your declaration of intent)
- Jo-Ann's Fabrics & Crafts (go to their website and sign up as a teacher)
- Office Depot & Staples have Teacher Reward Programs
- Other online book sellers - check our website for a complete list

Let us know if you are aware of others!

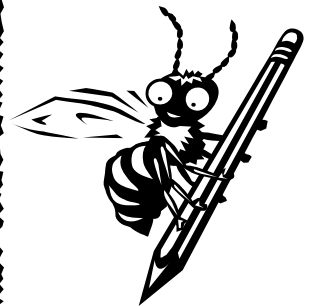
Help make our newsletter something you look forward to getting every month. We want to hear from YOU!!

Do you like to write? Send us an article.

Have you found a product or website lately that other homeschoolers would like to hear about? Share it with us.

Are you good at finding out about contests? There are so many! We would love to hear about them.

Please send newsletter information to Kim Walker by the 15th of the month. You can email to: alanandkimw@bellsouth.net.





Cherish Leadership

Chantel Gurak, President

My husband Jeff and I have 4 children, Corinn (11), Luke (9), Grace (7), and Cosette (5). This will be my 5th year homeschooling, and I am so thankful to have been a part of Cherish for support and fellowship. I am also thankful for the opportunity to serve on the board. I am looking forward to this year and what God has in store for all the families of Cherish, and I pray you will be blessed by being a part of the Cherish family!

Olivia Berry, Treasurer

I have been with Cherish for 6 years. I have 2 boys in homeschool and I have homeschooled them since they were 4. Clayton is now in the 7th grade and Calvin is in the 5th. I have adored being with Cherish. The people in Cherish have supported me and helped me through all my questions and problems. I am looking forward to a long and lasting friendship with this group.

Winn Skipper, Secretary

My husband, Scott and I have been married for 20 years. God has blessed us with three children; Gareth (13), Sally (10), and Molly (6). We have been home schooling for 8 years. CHERISH has been a part of our lives for 7 years and we have truly made some great friendships in this group. I am looking forward to serving you as the Secretary of Cherish. Get involved as much as you can with Cherish and you will be rewarded!!!

Kim Walker, Newsletter Coordinator

My husband, Alan and I have two wonderful children. Lilly is 10 years old and Justin is 7 years old. This is our fourth year homeschooling and we love it! My children and I have made some great friends with Cherish over the last three years. I am looking forward to serving as the Newsletter Coordinator this year. I hope that we can keep you informed of all the many opportunities that are available to us in our community and help enrich your homeschool experience.

Kim Pettitt

Care Group Council Co-Coordinator

My husband and I have been married for almost 16 years. We have 2 children: Eli, 12 years old, and Sarah, 10 years old. We have completed our third year of home school and it has definitely been a blessing. Being obedient is not always the easiest thing to do but what a blessing it becomes when we follow God's will for our lives. My children and I have made several true friends through Cherish. I am looking forward to this year to see what is in store for us!





Danielle Lobe, Vice President

My husband Mark and I have been married for 14 years. We have an 11 year old son, Aaron. After teaching in a public school setting for 5 years, I never imagined that I would become a homeschool parent, but God has truly blessed us for listening to His calling to bring Aaron home 5 years ago. I am looking forward to another great year in Cherish, and to joining its hard working board.



We need some help updating our website. If you are interested, please contact Chantel Gurak @ gurakj@bellsouth.net or 770-957-4913.

Luanne Sanders

Corporate Events Coordinator

Glen I have two amazing boys, Emory (9) and Ethan (7). We have been married for 13 years and have been homeschooling officially for four years. Because of Glen's schedule, we have a lot of time together as a family and we try to use it wisely! My prayer is that God will use our family to minister to yours through Cherish. We look forward to meeting you all at the different activities throughout the school year.

National Weather Service in Peachtree City

A tour of the facility by some of the in house meteorologists

4 Falon Dr. Peachtree City, GA 30269

When: September 22 and 23rd

Time: 9:45 to 11:00

Grade level: K-High School

In order to keep both dates we will need at least 25 total people for each day. In your response please let me know which date you want to attend, how many people are in your party (both students and parents), and how best to contact you either email or phone number. If we do not have enough people for both days I will let everyone know which day we will be attending based on a first come first serve basis. This field trip is FREE!

Deadline is August 21st after the Back to School pool party. I will have a sign up on that day or you can email me at daniellelobe@yahoo.com or call 678-610-6813.





We have scheduled a visit from the "Bio-Bus", a mobile instructional laboratory run by Georgia State University's Department of Biology on **Wednesday, September 9th** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Unlike last year where we met on the Biobus, this year they will do their presentation in the building. This allows us to have larger groups at each session. We will be collecting a \$2.00 per student donation to be split between the church for the use of the building and to GSU for the Bio-Bus program. They will be presenting their "Chemistry-States of Matter" module. Information about this program can be found on their website at the following web address. It is geared towards elementary to middle school students.

http://www.biobus.gsu.edu/8chemsom1/chemsom_new.html

The group size is limited to 30 people per session. This includes parents wanting to participate. A parent is not required for the student to participate. Each program lasts approximately 45 minutes. It is not recommended for children under 5. We will have three sessions before lunch and two after lunch. Our goal is to group students together by grade as much as possible. Last year this filled up very quickly. I will take reservations until it is full or until September 1st.

We will be meeting at Southern Crescent Baptist Church on Lake Dow Road in McDonough. If you have students in different groups, you are welcome to play with your other children at the ball field or we will have access to another room inside the church for those wishing to do school work.

I will email a schedule with the times and those participating the week before the event so please make sure you include your email address on the coupon.

If you would like to participate, please send the below coupon with the \$2.00 per student donation made payable to Cherish Christian Home Educators, Inc. to:

Mail to: Kim Walker, 1524 Granby Lane, Locust Grove, GA 30248

Parent Name _____ **Bio-Bus—September 9, 2009**

Student (s) Name _____

Student (s) Grade _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Will you (the parent) be participating? _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ (\$2 per student) made payable to Cherish Christian Home Educators, Inc.

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Babies in front packs don't count but **every** other person counts – I have to know exactly how many people will be in each group



Spivey Hall has a series of Young People's Concerts

They are held on the campus of Clayton State University in Morrow. Tickets for all shows are \$1.00. The schedule and registration forms can be found at

<http://www.spiveyhall.org/education/index.php?seclD=3&subSecID=3>



Plans are in the works for our first Mom's Night Out. Details will be emailed out later. If you have any ideas for a MNO or are interested in hosting one, please contact Lisa Looney at lisalooney@bellsouth.net or 678-432-7545

The Atlanta History Center is pleased to announce Home School Open House. We invite home school educators and their families to explore our facility and learn about everything we have to offer.

Monday, August 10, 2009
10:00—5:00 PM

This program is free.

For more information visit:
www.atlantahistorycenter.com

Cherish T-shirts

Last year, we placed an order for Cherish T-shirts. These are great when we go on field trips. If we have enough for an order, we will do that again this year. Be on the lookout for an email with an order form.

Park Play

We will not be having Park Play in August but we will have our first one on Friday, September 11th from 2-4 at Heritage Park in McDonough.



Pump It Up has closed. We are working on finding another place to have a monthly play/jump time. If we work something out, we will email out the details.



Mary Hollinhead has volunteered to handle our **Used Curriculum for Sale** list again this year. Anyone with items to sell should send her a description, price and how you would like to be contacted by the 25th of the month to Mary Hollinhead at six-hollinheads@charter.net. She can also be reached at 678-343-6305. A list will be emailed out the first week of each month.



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Website: www.cherishhomeschool.org



Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6.

See the following pages for services that may be of interest to some of you.

These are not sponsored by Cherish. We are simply trying to provide the information for those who may be interested.



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FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

We have several field trips in the works that we will have more details on next month. We are working on a trip to Amicalola Falls for October and several others. Watch for more details either by email or the next newsletter for these and other field trip opportunities.

Dollywood Homeschool Day, **Friday, August 21st**
- for more info, visit <http://www.dollywood.com/groups/home-school-day/>

Stone Mountain Homeschool Day
Friday, October 2nd
Visit www.stonemountainpark.com/homeschoolday or call 770-498-5636



For those of you who do not know me, I am a homeschool mom who started a music program years ago and moved to the McDonough area this past year.

This year we have added dance, P.E. and other wonderful things to our Fine Arts program.

Please visit our website: www.homeschoolers-music.com

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me.

Joni Hyde, Executive Director/Co-Founder

Piano and violin lessons offered in Hampton.

Teacher is degreed and experienced with 26 years of teaching experience, both classroom and private. Call Connie (formerly Hayes) Riffel at 770-707-2728

Brass, woodwinds, and percussion lessons offered in Hampton.

Teacher is degreed and experienced with 29 years of experience, both classroom and private, along with experience in band directing. Also is available for student tutoring. Call Terry Riffel at 770-707-2728




Kimberly Markham, Pianist
Lessons, Accompanying, and Events


Looking for a piano teacher? I have openings in my studio located minutes off I-75 exit 218. I am very qualified, holding a bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from Shorter College, and a member of Georgia Music Teacher's Association and Music Teacher's National Association. I am also an active teacher and accompanist in the Atlanta area. You or your child would be welcome! I focus on teaching the fundamentals of music, establishing a strong foundation in rhythm and reading notation. I am currently offering a 10% monthly discount to homeschooled students! I charge \$68.00 monthly tuition for weekly 30 minute lessons. Please contact me with any and all questions. I look forward to teaching you!


Email: kcmarkham57@gmail.com Phone: 770-296-5877


I am a private piano teacher located south of Covington just 4 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 212 & Hwy. 81, about 25 minutes from the McDonough square. Currently I teach several homeschoolers and have room for a few more homeschool families interested in piano lessons. Is there any way to let your member families know about my studio, perhaps through advertising in your newsletter?

Anyone can participate in my piano program, but it is really tailored to homeschoolers. The program includes

 **Individualized Piano Instruction:** In their weekly 45-minute private lesson, students learn piano technique, music reading, practice strategies, and musical interpretation.

 **Lab Sessions:** All of my piano students participate in weekly computer lab sessions scheduled immediately before or after their private lessons. In lab, they learn music theory and history and drill musicianship skills.

 **Piano Club:** Once a month, students meet in small groups instead of their private lessons for fun music games and creative music activities.

 **Incentive Programs, Field Trips, & Recitals**

I have a master's degree in piano performance plus nearly fifteen years of experience teaching piano. You can see more details about my studio at my website, TroutnerPianoStudio.com.

Later this summer I will also be holding a hands-on **Pre-Piano Camp** for rising 1st & 2nd graders. It would be a fun introduction to piano and a way for students who've expressed interest in piano to find out if they want to pursue lessons.

If my studio sounds like an opportunity you would like to let your members know about, please contact me.

Thank you!

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