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Care to share a word of encouragement to weary homeschool parents or homeschoolers?
Send an email to deborah@cschristian.com

Meet the Homeschool Staff

Meet Cedar Springs Christian Store Homeschool Consultant, Carolyn Burris. Carolyn is a wonderful asset to you because she is a homeschool mom herself. Her daughter has finished school and her son will be a senior, so she's been through all the stages. She's also figured out that there is no one perfect curriculum! Just like no two children are exactly alike, there is no perfect fit for everybody. But because she has used many different teaching resources, she knows the pros and cons of a lot of different educa-



tional programs. That has been a great help to our customers; she is able to listen and discern what can be just the right resource for you.

Carolyn's all-time favorite curriculum choice is Doorpost. "Doorpost is a Christian character curriculum that includes Bible study, character development, stewardship, chores, crafts, charts and other projects to aid in real change. This curriculum has solid foundation in God's Word and points students to Jesus Christ. It is for all ages and adults too!"

We're History! by Cheryl Massey

Emerson is quoted as saying "there's no history, only biography", and I totally agree with that sentiment. The study of history is the study of all people, and children seem to enjoy the task more when we recognize their own learning styles and work with them. As we gear up for next year, and formalize our plans for our young scholars, you may be looking at all the great history study options. Various styles of teaching are reflected in what you'll find available to you.

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- Emerson

hand in hand with a **Charlotte Mason** - modeled homeschool; through reading and verbalization of their understanding, children gain a deeper insight into the people and events that shape our collective history. Another form of literature based learning can be found in the *Five in a Row* series, and both of these appeal to families with multi-aged children.

Unit studies of various time periods, events, people or communities takes an interdisciplinary approach with all subjects pointing back to the focus.

Great historical literature goes

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Coming Soon

SMHEA Family Resource Fair
Farragut Middle School
June 26-27
Friday: 10-7;
Saturday: 9-4
For more information go to:
SMHEA.org

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Summer Fiction Sale

Do you breeze through fiction during summer months? This sale offers significant savings when you Buy 2 and Get 1 FREE! The sale runs from June 1– August 29.

The Best Savings Tip we can offer you today...

Cedar Springs Homeschool Headquarters Membership Card

With your membership card you SAVE 10% on ALL Homeschool Curriculum

The Card is FREE to all Homeschool families through June 30, 2009.

Get yours now!

After June 30th the cost of the card is \$5.00.

That's still a great deal, but nothing is better than FREE!

The card is valid at all Cedar Springs Christian Store Locations

Also, to show you that we are committed to Homeschoolers, we've extended the 10% savings to every department in the store.*

Visit Cedar Springs and pick up your membership card today!

*Some restrictions apply. Certain items in some departments are exempt from any coupons or sales. Not valid with any other offer.

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"Hands-on" projects and activities are a feature of unit studies that many Moms praise. The *Beautiful Feet* series, KONOS, Valerie Bendt, and Jessica Steward unit studies are fun and cost effective over the course of a year, and many mothers are comfortable pulling together a custom study, once they get the hang of it. Do you have a technical bend? Impatient? Google yourself a study today! Many e-books are sold online only, and you just may find a free study.

Classical education (a.k.a. The Tritium) addresses three phases of learning: The Grammar period addresses acquisition of facts and language, particularly Greek or Latin, while the Dialectic period seeks understanding of what has been memorized and encourages the students to start asking questions. The final stage, the Rhetoric period, brings all the knowl-

edge full circle as they learn how to present arguments in a persuasive and pleasing form. *The Well Trained Mind* is an excellent resource for those who want to know more about classical education.

Then there's the "eclectic", who are not afraid to mix it up for a custom fit. For the past four years, our family has done a chronological history study and we finish with modern history this summer, tweaking it all along the way to make it "our own". Our personal favorite has been *Story of the World* supplemented with literature, projects and timeline work. As my son, Gabriel, has gotten older we made the decision to use *Mystery of History* through the next cycle. Both series are very user friendly for multi-aged families, but *Mystery of History*

addresses the biblical history more in depth in the chronology of events .

Make this the best experience for all involved—both children, and adults. Love the opportunity you have been given to grow with your family. The knowledge you impart and the Christian character you instill in your child will serve as the foundation of what your child's life will be in years to come. What ever style you choose, handle with prayer.

Let's have a great year!

[Cheryl Massey is the leader of The Home Team support group, coordinator of the North Knox Homeschool Network and author of *Timeline: An Unassembled History*. In 2007, she organized The Think Tank, a group of students working on their own special blend of unit studies and classical education.]

Deborah's Favorite Resource

Adam's Chart of History - a timeline

Adam's Chart is a vintage reproduction of the famous illustrated timeline of earth history first published in 1871. The foldout chart features detailed, full-color drawings of various stages of history, from Adam and Eve to the late 19th century, with



handwritten commentary throughout. Perfect for educational settings or Sunday School walls, it includes the descriptive booklet that was originally published with the chart and follows James Ussher's time-line from [*The Annals of the World*](#), the inspiration for this monumental work.

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