

For your next homeschool event,
Or Mom's encouragement night...

Susan Kemmerer,
the
Homeschool Supermom...
NOT!





Meet Susan

Susan Kemmerer is the author of the highly acclaimed book, ***Homeschool***

Supermom...NOT! She and her husband Dale have, by God's grace, been

homeschooling their nine children for almost twenty five

years - with 5 graduated and 4 to go (or twelve more years of homeschooling ahead!). Susan has authored a number of textbooks, including "*Apples Daily Spelling Drills for Secondary Students*" and "*Research in Increments*." She has had articles published in several homeschool periodicals, and has spoken at support groups (including CHEA Leadership, ENOCH Leadership, Covenant Fellowship of PA, and Sovereign Grace of NJ) and at conferences across the country (including CHAP, MidSouth, LEAH, SouthEast, NOVA, CHEA, Midwest Homeschoolers, and ENOCH). In her spare time, Susan enjoys reading, writing, and needlework. Besides being with their children and grandchildren, the Kemmerer's love spending time in fellowship with the believers in their local church, Grace Community Church of Souderton (a Sovereign Grace church) where they had the privilege of serving as care group leaders. Dale and Susan (along with their children) run their business, Schoolhouse Publishing, from their home in Franconia, PA.



Workshops

All of Susan's workshops are enhanced by Power Point presentations, so she appreciates having a projector available for her use. She will bring her own laptop computer. Handouts are available for some of the presentations. Presentations generally run 45-60 minutes, but can be tailored to fit your schedule. All workshops are from a Christian/biblical perspective. Her workshops can also be formatted for small group presentations (interactive, no projector).

Requirements

Susan appreciates having a table available to display/sell her books and a link from your website to hers. Susan always travels with her husband or another family member. Susan does not specify an honorarium, but allows the homeschool group to pay an honorarium based on their own budget. She does request help with travel expenses, or in lieu of travel expenses, free booth space (at conventions). All of these are only suggestions (rather than requirements) and are open to negotiation. Please feel free to ask!

References

Besides the conventions and organizations listed on the previous page where Susan has spoken, she is a member in good standing of her church, Grace Community Church of Souderton, PA (Pastor Aron Osborne).

Susan is a member of the following speaker bureaus:

- NACHEL
- Old Schoolhouse Magazine Speaker Bureau
- Homeschool Speaker Association
- Balancing the Sword Speaker Bureau

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New workshops for 2012!

Can I Buy Curriculum With my AARP Discount?

Not only has the homeschool movement matured over the last 3 decades, but so have many of the mothers within that movement. More and more often we see moms who have been homeschooling for more than a decade, and even moms and their daughters shopping together, each for their respective children (multi-generational homeschooling). When your homeschool endeavor spans several decades, how do you keep the fire burning to homeschool your last child with as much enthusiasm as you did your first? How do you respond when you purchase curriculum and are asked, “Oh, is that for your grandchildren?” Are there any homeschool supply companies that accept AARP? Find out at this fun and encouraging workshop, presented by Susan Kemmerer, a quarter-century veteran who is homeschooling her youngest children at the same time her older children are homeschooling Susan’s grandkids!

- Appropriate for veteran homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement

Homeschooling Martians

Okay, we’ve all heard that boys are from Mars, and if you’ve ever tried to homeschool these little aliens so different from yourself, you’ll surely believe it. Once they hit the teen years, their alien-ness can seem to rob them of what little humanness they had (at least that’s the way it looks from our female point of view)! How, oh, how do you begin to teach these critters that are so different from yourself? Susan, homeschool mother of seven boys (5 already graduated), will humourously share with you the joy and fun of teaching boys, and gently lead you to love and admire your own “Martians” – and to enjoy the journey.

- Appropriate for new or veteran homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement

Homeschooling On a Shoestring

Economic hardship these days is causing many of us to change the way we homeschool. Financial worry may make us question whether homeschooling is even a wise choice for this season of life. Is it possible to homeschool on a single income? Or, harder yet, is it possible to homeschool through economic crisis, like during a lay-off? Just because things are tight doesn’t mean you can’t provide a top-rate education for your homeschool students! This practical workshop looks at topics such as “Where can I find free resources?,” “Can I homeschool and hold down a job?,” “Staying out of debt while homeschooling,” “Working at home,” and much, much more. This workshop is only 40 minutes long on purpose – so that there is plenty of time for questions and discussion at the end. Susan, who is now a working-at-home mom because her husband was laid off in 2009, will offer help and show you that homeschooling on a shoestring is an exciting endeavor! Courage!

- Appropriate for general audiences
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement,

Popular Favorites:

Exploding the Supermom Myth

Faster than a speeding toddler. More perceptive than a loco teenager. Able to fold tall towers of laundry in a single hour. It's a maid. It's a teacher. It's Supermom! Unfortunately, Supermom I am not. There are just not enough hours in my day or energy in this old body. So, how do we homeschool moms do it all? Is it possible to succeed in keeping up with the housework and the homeschool? Or do I just hope nobody phones in a tip to the Environmental Protection Agency that my home is a hazardous waste site? A homeschool mother of 9 shares with you the tools she uses to cope with the pressures of doing it all.

- Appropriate for keynote, veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting, Organization

Homeschooling Distractible Kids Who Don't Like School

You've been blessed with this amazing bundle of energy. He has spent the first years of his life climbing anything vertical, "shooting" anything that moves, turning every serious moment into a wrestling match – and doing it all at top speed. And now you want to put a book in his lap and convince him that reading word lists and adding columns of numbers is fun??? Yeah, right! Homeschooling is the *perfect* learning environment for this child! Susan, a mother of 9 children (including 7 wiggly boys) shares with you ideas on how to homeschool these distractible little bundles of energy (who'd rather be doing *anything* other than school) in such a way that you'll be enjoying and utilizing their boundless energy instead of quenching their fire. And, of course, we'll look at our own heart issues which are so quick to well up and spill out on those energetic little heads. This is a fun workshop that will keep you laughing.

- Appropriate for veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement

Servanthood 101...Teaching Kids to Serve

You're a homeschooling mom. That means you now hold down a fulltime job. The hours you used to spend in keeping house are now spent teaching science and correcting papers. Unfortunately, the housework doesn't just go away. Things are piling up. The mess and dirt are making you crazy, and you don't like who you are becoming. You're tired and don't have the strength to stay up late to catch up. And no one is helping you. You're tired of nagging, tired of everyone's laziness, and tired of being everyone's slave. When, if ever, will those kids learn to shoulder their share of the responsibility?

- Appropriate for general audiences
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting, Organization

Confessions of a Disorganized Homeschool Mom

I always thought I was an organized person – until I had 9 kids and homeschooled. Now I am faced with the humiliating truth. I am a messy! However, I have learned a number of tricks to make homeschool run more smoothly. I'll share with you my daily log ideas, my multilevel teaching ideas, and my daily "schedule." I'll also give you tips on what to do with all that homeschool clutter (books and projects) that accumulate. A fun workshop for the organizationally challenged.

- Appropriate for veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Organization

Is Your Homeschool C.H.A.O.S?

Oh, if only everyone could get along! But, instead, it is C.H.A.O.S (constantly heckling always over something). How do you deal with anger and bickering in your kids so that your homeschool and your home run more smoothly? This was the topic chosen by my teenagers as one area in our family where God has demonstrated His power in us. You can learn how to deal with sibling rivalry and enjoy your children's company once again. The fruit of **PEACE** can blossom in your home.

- Appropriate for general audiences
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting

The Sarcastic Homeschooler – Duh!

Oh-h-h! It's so frustrating! Your students make the same obvious, stupid mistakes over and over again. And it's not just their school work...it's their overall attitude towards school, chores, and family. And what is my "normal" response to such obvious bad attitude? I'll tell you this – a kind and gentle response do not top my list as natural reactions! Yet the Bible tells us...no, *commands* us...to put on kindness and pursue gentleness! Abundant grace is available to help you be a woman kind and gentle in your homeschool. You'll be laughing and crying in this humorous and hard-hitting workshop.

- Appropriate for veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting

I'm German and I have PMS

Hey, I have a very good reason for being irritated. I have an agenda. It is a good and God-honoring agenda. It includes wonderful things, like raising godly children, homeschooling them, and instilling strong moral values in them. However, they don't often seem to appreciate my agenda. They hate school and only do the minimum required, and they like things like rock music. It just burns me up! But wait...God wants me to be patient and kind, even when my student puts out minimal effort. So how do I, a sinner, walk in patience toward my sinful children? This fascinating workshop studies the character quality of patience as it applies to our homeschooling and parenting.

- Appropriate veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting

100% Mommy, 100% Teacher

Do you have a baby, a toddler, or a preschooler running around while you are trying to work with your students? Maybe you have several little ones wreaking havoc on your home while your older students suffer from your lack of attention! I've had as many as 3 preschoolers (plus 5 students) at a time, and will share with you the joy I've discovered in homeschooling with preschoolers. This heart-hitting, heart-warming workshop will help you to recognize the work of God in your heart. Then, you will learn tips and tricks to help make your day run more smoothly and be reminded of the amazing grace available to you. Courage! You can be 100% Mommy and 100% Teacher - at the same time!

- Appropriate for general audiences
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting

Grace-drenched Homeschooling

How is your homeschool year going? Are you feeling kind of overwhelmed right now? Are you questioning whether homeschooling is really God's will for your family? Are you lacking strength and faith to continue? Perhaps you are just fed up with the constant battle, tired of being so tired. Would it surprise you to discover that these are normal thoughts and feelings for many (or even most) homeschool moms? You'll be encouraged to know that there are answers—though you won't find your answers in that new curriculum or in implementing that clever chore chart. God has a much greater plan in store for you. Whether you've experienced a season of blessing as you homeschooled or you feel mired in despondency and self-doubt, this workshop will encourage your soul.

- Appropriate for keynote, leadership, veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement

Enjoying Homeschool – An Oxymoron?

Aaaargh! It's the start of another homeschooling day – and a Monday at that! You want to turn off the alarm and duck back under the covers. Do you find yourself hardly able to drag yourself out of bed in the mornings as you face the coming day with dread? Do you find that you hate homeschooling, yet you have compelling reasons that force you to stick with it? Do you feel like a failure? This homeschool thing certainly doesn't seem to be working the miracles you were led to expect. If only you could recapture your joy! "Homeschool" and "joy" do not have to be antonyms. Rediscover the *contagious* fruit of **JOY**, and watch it grow in your homeschool.

- Appropriate for general audiences
- Topics: Encouragement

A Recipe for Success

Okay, so, I've homeschooled for more than two decades (and have more than a decade to go). *Surely* I've learned *some* secret for successful homeschooling! Is there a formula that any mom can apply, or a recipe that will guarantee a successful homeschooling experience? Susan shares 3 ingredients vital to any truly thriving homeschool. A fun and lighthearted, yet hard-hitting workshop that will strengthen your homeschooling foundations and insure a successful endeavor.

- Appropriate for keynote, veteran or new homeschoolers
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting

Homeschooling in the Light - Leading by Transparency

You find yourself trying to lead a bunch of sinners who are desperately trying to homeschool their own housefuls of sinners! Ouch! Based on her own work and experience of 20 years in homeschool leadership, Susan has found that the most effective method of leadership is through transparency, stepping down off the "pedestal" and allowing those that follow actually to see the struggles and the resulting triumphs of homeschooling. A fun and compelling workshop.

- Appropriate for those in homeschool leadership

Marriage...Homeschool Style

You're a homeschool mom. That means you have less time than ever to spend on your primary relationship. But, wait a minute! The last thing you want is to neglect your marriage! Inevitably, however, as the pressures of homeschool increase, you see yourself becoming less romantic, more fatigued...and generally a not-fun-to-be-with person. Sexy? Ha! That word hasn't applied to you since the start of homeschool! Intimacy has become an obligation. Where will you ever find the emotional energy to invest in this all-important relationship? This workshop is designed to encourage and strengthen your marriage in this busy homeschool season of life.

- Appropriate for married homeschooling women only
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Marriage

Being an Encourager When you are Discouraged

You thought homeschooling would be the answer for what ails your kids, but alas, it doesn't seem to be working! You know you should be more positive and joyful, but it's hard to see much good in the little sinners that populate your homeschool. All you are able to see is their shortcomings – how unmotivated, self-centered, or worldly they are. After all, you're stuck inside the four walls of your home with them all day long! How can you see your children through a different lens? This workshop will help to equip you with the Holy-Spirit motivated gift of encouragement.

- Appropriate for general audiences
- Topics: How-To, Encouragement, Parenting

Additional Topics - I am willing to speak on a variety of topics. If there is a topic you would like to see addressed, don't hesitate to ask. The "gist" of our ministry is to help homeschooling parents look "inward." So often we spend time looking for that perfect curriculum or ideal method of homeschooling to help us be better parents and teachers; however, my experience has been that no matter how much money you spend on the curriculum or how perfectly you apply a methodology, your homeschool will still be a mess if you haven't worked on the issues of the heart. My workshops are a blend of helping moms to look inward, while equipping them with the tools they need to succeed in their calling (plus a touch of humor). Armed with the appropriate heart response, as well as with proper tools, any mom can bring glory to God through her calling as a homeschooling wife and mother. Within these parameters, I am willing to speak on a wide variety of topics, so please feel free to ask.

What Others Have Said About Susan's Workshops...

"Thanks again so much for driving all the way over here to serve our church. The feedback was just as I expected...the ladies were blessed and refreshed. I've had countless requests to have you back and my mind is brewing. Just throwing this out there...would you be willing to come in January for a 'booster shot' meeting?"

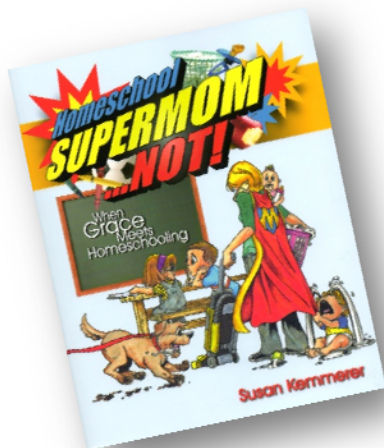
~Kim Boettcher, Pastor's wife and homeschooling mom

"I heard Susan's 'C.H.A.O.S.' class at CHAP this year. It was exactly what I needed to hear. I even whispered to a friend that hearing this message was the reason God brought me to CHAP."

~Laurie B., a homeschooling mom

SEARCH has had the privilege of hosting many of the top homeschool speakers in the country. In a survey given at SEARCH 2007 (their 11th year), the question was asked of attendees: "Who are your favorite homeschool speakers (either ones we've had or ones you would like to see in the future)?" The two names that came up most frequently were Susan Kemmerer and Diana Waring, tying them for favorite speaker.

What others have said about *Homeschool Supermom...NOT!*



“...Your book totally stands out from the rest: Its thoroughness and depth and its bravery to address questions that we often don’t dare share. The humor is genuine and eases the reader through the journey. It made me cry (but with laughter)! How it stirred my heart to the Lord.”

~Jane Bullivant, Homeschool speaker, TV presenter and author of *Skydiving for Parents*

“I confess, when I first saw it, I thought it was 'just another homeschool how-to book.' But as soon as I started reading, I was hooked! This was so REAL LIFE!!!

Thank you for writing it!”

~Sandi Queen, author, speaker, owner of Queen Homeschool Supply

“Susan Kemmerer’s *Homeschool Supermom...NOT!* Is a feast for the soul! By intimately sharing her own struggles and triumphs, she gently leads the reader to a deeper understanding of God’s perspective on homeschool moms. Now I am on my second read-through.”

~Sue August, ENOCH of NJ, Convention Coordinator

“My friends and I have been amazingly blessed by your *Supermom – NOT!* book. I appreciate so much how you have allowed us into your life so that we can share in what God is teaching you. We do not need another book about how some gifted person managed to do things we are not gifted in (my strong opinion :)). You are obviously gifted in many ways, but what we pick up is that God is faithful and we need to stop the excuses for our sin. You tore all those excuses to bits!!! Ow! Again, thank you for magnifying God's grace and giving normal people hope in Him for our "impossible" lives. I see the Holy Spirit all over and through that book and He is magnified. Thanks for your faithfulness!”

~Susan M., homeschool mom

“I’ve been so blessed, too, by your book, as I continue to need to learn the lessons that you describe so well in there. Thank you for compiling such rich truth and practical application for where I need it - in the day-to-day of relating and balancing responsibilities as a wife and homeschooling mom and all that that involves!! I’ve read the whole book through once and some sections over and over, and keep dipping back in for the reminders of things I need to keep chewing on.” ~Kate Hetrick, pastor’s wife and homeschooling mom of 4