



Mission Statement

Classical Conversations exists to know God and to make Him known.

Purpose:

To lead the home-centered education movement, by teaching parents and students the classical tools of learning in order to discover God's created order and beauty, and as a result enabling others to do the same.

Vision

Classical Conversations fulfills its mission and purpose by empowering parents in the classical teaching of their children through Parent Practicums and also through establishing and supporting nationally-based, Classical Christian Communities, which enable parents everywhere to equip their children with a Biblically-based worldview and the classical "tools of learning" in order to impact the world for God's glory.

Goals

1. Provide compelling, influential Christian leadership in the home-centered, classical education movement.
2. Provide Parent Practicums, across the US that empower parents to teach any academic subject classically.
3. Provide a curriculum framework, with a Christian world view, while engaging the current culture in which we live.
4. Provide weekly classical Christian communities that hone student's academic, classical skills of: recitation, logical thinking, and persuasive rhetoric.
5. Seek to partner with like-minded businesses to increase quality products and services for families.

Core Beliefs:

1. **Parents:** Parents are a child's first and most influential teacher.
2. **Bible:** A Biblical worldview is the foundation through which all subjects must be viewed and eventually integrated.
3. **Method:** Modern education has failed and we would like to recover the knowledge of how to teach and learn effectively and efficiently utilizing the "tools of learning" or the Classical Model.
4. **Community:** A healthy academic community provides accountability, structure, fellowship, and ability to impact the culture on a grander scale.
5. **Mentors:** An experienced, inspirational, learning mentor that facilitates a weekly community meeting and models learning offers exponential rewards in the "learning-life" of the parent and student.
6. **Students:** All students can learn to "train their brains to retain", utilize information logically, and communicate well.
7. **Skills:** There aren't any "difficult" subjects, just poor learning skills.
8. **Curriculum:** CC provides visionary, skeletal curriculum guides, allowing parents to continue to direct and "own" the details that best suit their personal priorities and student dynamics.
9. **Model:** By nature, a home school family of younger children closely resembles a one-room school house model - multiple ages under one primary teacher, the parent.
10. **Resources:** If America's one-room school house teachers could produce some of our greatest leaders, with very limited resources, then so can today's home school family!

Relational Priorities

1. **Relationship with the Lord.** Personal, life-changing relationship with the Lord. This is a where a person lives, breathes, and gains their identity.
2. **Marriage relationship.** CC believes in the priority of the Biblical-marriage relationship, to ensure growth in oneness, strength to endure hardship together, and provide stability for healthy family relationships.
3. **Family relationship.** The family is the single most influential, earthly force in a child's life. Therefore, a parent's main priority is to instill in their child (1) a **love** for God and others, (2) a sense of "**life purpose**" for God's glory, and (3) the classical "**tools of learning**".
4. **Church relationship.** God works through His church therefore CC believes in the priority of a church relationship for spiritual growth and maturity.

Other Values and Priorities

1. **Economical and quality balance.** CC recognizes our market is primarily composed of single-income households, with often "larger" families. Therefore, CC is committed to providing the proper financial balance between "economically-friendly" and "quality" products, programs, and services.
2. **Parent training.** CC's goal is to provide free training for parents everywhere in the classical tools of learning. CC's desire is to protect this value as long as economically feasible. CC's heart is to never keep parents from growing in their understanding of teaching the tools of learning due to finances.
3. **Business & Tutor training.** CC provides Director Business Training and Tutor Training for each licensed director and tutor at CC's expense.
4. **Program Startup.** CC's program licensing fees are minimal, again revealing a heart to reach parents everywhere as economically as possible.

Key Scriptures

And these words I am commanding you today, shall be on your (parents) heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Duet 6:6-7

**By wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
And by knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.**

Proverbs 24:3-4

**It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.**

Proverbs 25:2

Wisdom for CC Leaders

Listen

The first to plead his case seems just,
Until another comes and examines him.
Prov 18:17

He who gives an answer before he hears,
It is a folly and shame to him.
Prov 18:13

Seek Godly Counsel

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
But the wise man is he who listens to counsel.
Prov 12:15

Grow in Christ-likeness

A man's pride will bring him low,
But a humble spirit will obtain honor.
Prov 29:23

Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.
Prov 27:17

Responding, not Reacting

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of
a sword,
But the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Prov 12:18

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
Prov 15:2

He who guards his mouth and his tongue,
Guards his soul from troubles.
Prov 21:23

He who rebukes a man will afterward find more
favor, Than he who flatters with the tongue.
Prov 28:23

Generosity

There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the
more, and there is one who withholds what is justly
due, and yet it results only in want.
Proverbs 11:24

Recommended Resources

On Classical Education

www.ClassicalConversationsBooks.com

*Echo in Celebration: A Call to
Home-Centered Education*
By Leigh Bortins

Teaching the Trivium
By the Bluedorns

The Well Trained Mind
By Susan Wise Baurer

*Recovering the Lost Tools of
Learning*
By Doug Wilson

On Leadership

Any of John Maxwell's books

A Fish Out of Water
By George Barna

Spiritual Leadership
By Oswald Sanders

The Peacemaker
by Ken Sande

On Womanhood & Household Mgt

www.Proverbs31.org

Any of Emily Barnes' books

Mother by Kathleen Norris

On Parenting/Family

Shepherding the Heart of a Child
By Ted Tripp

Hints On Child Training

Family Ministries
www.FamilyMinistries.com

Age of Opportunity
By Tedd Tripp