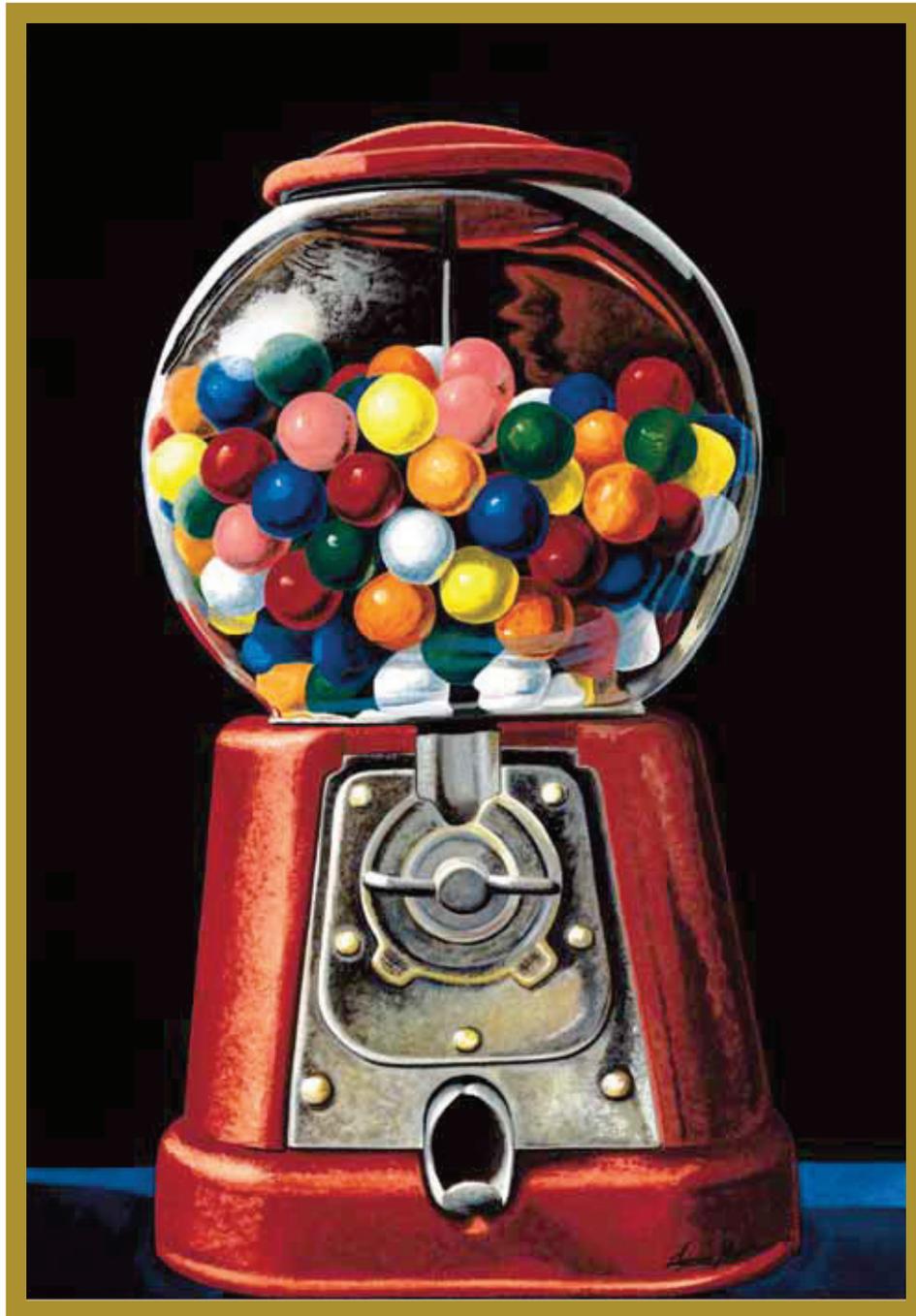




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Thoughtfully **Challenging.** *Classically* **Designed.** *Delightfully* **Interesting.**

Welcome to our NEW Covenant Home Course Catalog!

This issue of the catalog represents the work of our experienced staff over the past two and a half decades. We are very excited to continue to offer homeschooling families an increasingly flexible number of options in selecting their materials from Covenant Home Curriculum.

Are you looking for a complete curriculum?

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We avoid the practice of structuring programs lean so as to require additional or supplementary resources to make them work. For thirty years our primary service has been to provide the optimum balance of books and materials to enable parents to teach well.

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Our cover art is a whimsy, but there's a point, It's simple honesty, a fine proposal plain and bright. This brightening figure, doing business on its own, A friendly pleasure icon that strikes a classic pose.

Watercolor by, Larry Stephenson.

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Welcome!

To fully appreciate this letter, see lead article "The Third Wave of Persecution" by Michael Farris, HSLDA The Home School Court Report, Nov./Dec. 2010**



Dear Homeschooling Family,

Giants of all kinds swagger about in God's world today. Public education bullies and modern media giants bark their claims and threats. There is a hush, a pensive apprehension that has fallen over our country.

In the face of this mounting confrontation, you are the young Davids, the unsung champions who cannot abide the blasphemies of these ugly, boasting Goliaths. Maybe not trained in educational warfare, not specifically prepared for shouldering this great, additional task, you are now incensed and moved to take on these giants. You are a homeschooling parent!

The king's heavy armor won't help, his policies are proven ineffective and have failed. Your sling and five smooth stones will do the job with, of course, God's grace. The blessing of the Lord will make your brave and demanding endeavor to prosper.

It's those five smooth stones that we want to supply for you: The five primary courses of a Covenant Home curriculum, coupled with expert planning, supportive scheduling and a strong biblical world view that underlies the whole program.

Our God created the mind of a child to grow and learn by means of a distinctive plan, one that we call the Classical Approach. Basic principles, such as phonics and grammar, are the foundation that establishes the basis for early confidence. Then, a natural curiosity motivates increasing examination and analysis in their studies. Finally, a growing, personal competence to appreciate ideas and to handle challenges and communication with others takes shape. This, very briefly, is the classical model.

Covenant Home Curriculum markets very doable and sustainable programs for all levels, Pre-K through 12th grade. We feature complete, balanced curriculum packages, not mere skeletal starter kits that require expensive, additional materials. We back up our programs with skilled counselors who answer our phones and your emails. The option of our outstanding grade auditing service is there for you, as well, to provide parents a backup for accountability and preparation for college.

You, with God's help, must face the awful spiritual and political giants of our day. We are here to support, provide quality and complete programs and help as needed.

In His Grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Dykema".

Rev. Dale Dykema

** See article online at: <http://www.hslda.org/courtreport/v26n6/v26n601.asp>

Education With Staying Power: A Reformed World View

A Reformed world view is an absolute prerequisite for providing our children with a dependable foundation for their faith. It prepares them to face and overcome the insidious philosophical challenges at college and graduate schools. It also gives the biblical basis for the big decisions such as whom to marry, how to handle complex encounters in the work place and how to effectively combat a world full of Humanism.

The enemies of Christ seek to taunt the believer by demanding, “Why does your God let so much violence and evil happen?” “What is the reason for suffering in the world?” The implication being, perhaps, that their god would provide a different world. Their mistake being that they have selectively forgotten righteous wrath, the temporal judgments declared in Deut. 27 and 28 by the true and living God.

How is a Reformed view different? Instead of *man* at the center, **God** is rightfully in the center. Man’s happiness, welfare and even his salvation are not the most important goals in the universe. Our Lord came to “give His life, a ransom for many,” but He also came to do a lot more. The world and its history belongs to Him. His truth and glory are seen in the development of all cultures.

The lofty doctrine of the sovereignty of God is revealed on every page of history. His glory is the focus of an accurate understanding of the story of the world; thus, no evil tidings can turn the tide on the coming of His Kingdom.

The Kingdom is now. The Kingdom of God was brought to earth at the first coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.¹ With His ministry, His suffering, death and resurrection, the Kingdom became not only a distant, future hope, or a part of heaven, but it is in operation now. His Messianic Kingdom has to do with far more than our soul’s salvation. It involves the full revelation of His majesty. Young people are very concerned about what happens in the world around them. They are acutely conscious of “making a difference.” Under the rule of Christ they can actually make a significant contribution.

When we gather to worship Him and are invited to sit with Him at His table on the Lord’s Day, we are also called on to participate in His governing of the nations and of the whole world.² God is so very gracious to include the prayers of His people in His daily counsel, as He brings the Kingdom ever more clearly into view (“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done ...”). His blessings and judgments figure as the overriding power in the earth and among men.

Our eschatology is a hopeful one. Our children must be encouraged to look to the future with confidence. Faithless pessimism and retreat leave an atmosphere of failure and defeat. Since Christ is our conquering King, He will not allow His Bride to be defeated. Our children and grandchildren will not “miss out” on anything. The forces of wickedness will not ultimately prevail.³ History does not belong to Satan. Rather, Christ has redeemed all history, as well as the people the Father has given Him. Establishing these important truths in the Scriptures is a crucial part of a sound and effective world view.

God’s Holy Law is applicable today. The reality of God’s Kingdom in this present day is largely seen in the manifest pertinence of His law. The immoral lifestyle is punished with sickness and death. Nations that are given over to idolatry are found in poverty and degradation. War and pestilence come to those who defy God.

Why are some peoples forever in grinding poverty and others able to create, work and invest their way to wealth and stability in one or two generations? What is the key to the puzzle of success or failure?

These measures of Divine rule may take more time or less, but they inevitably reflect the righteousness of the Lord.

God’s economic law is also in place. Currencies that are convertible to gold are superior. Those economies that still enjoy the residual graces of Christianity have a better reputation for keeping contracts, encouraging technology and providing for their citizens.

On a personal level, people who are wealthy and successful should be thankful, not proud or embarrassed. It is a gift of God, Who blesses and withholds blessings. On the other hand, people who are poor and disadvantaged should look to God, not civil government. A Reformed world view finds all needed answers and principles in the biblical law. It rejoices in the comprehensiveness of God’s precepts.

Christian young people should anticipate God’s favor when they work diligently and make obedience their mainstay. They should not be ashamed or irresolute in their life pursuits. They learn to discern the biblical reasons for the advances of some economies and the failure and destruction of others.

Our focus is on Jesus Christ and His electing love. Our covenant children should be taught to focus their lives on the Person of Christ, not on the idola-

try of self or the frivolous paraphernalia of pop-culture. Christ suffered and died for those whom He received by covenant from His heavenly Father, those whom the Father set His love upon before the foundation of the world.⁴ God is sovereign over the salvation of man. Grasping this cardinal truth keeps us from many of the errors of perception that go along with a weak and beggarly theology. It also disallows the false exaltation of man and the distortions that this introduces into the cultural equation.

God's eternal love is wholly effective, not at all passive or conditional. He determined to save a people unto Himself, not leave things to chance or the totally

depraved nature of man. God always takes the initiative and certainly not any less in the matter of our salvation.

The covenant child must be taught that his soul's welfare is not dependent on good feelings, pious works or social connections. Rather, it depends on God alone and His purposes along with His coequally ordained process of faith and repentance.

1 | Peter 2:9, Matt. 4:17

2 | Luke 22:28-30, I Cor. 3:21-23

3 | Psalm 149

4 | Eph. 1:4, 11, II Tim 1:9

Three Distinctives of Covenant Home Curriculum

A CLASSICAL APPROACH

This methodology, known also as a trivium approach - a place where three roads meet, is so called because of the three stages of development seen throughout the educative process.

In the first stage, the *grammar stage*, the child is given the keys of knowledge with which to acquire the prize of wisdom and discretion. Though learning the basic facts of a given subject may seem laborious to an adult, this stage takes advantage of a child's natural ability to do what he does best - memorize! Here the essential tools needed for higher learning are put in place. From phonics to memorization of scripture, a sure foundation is laid upon a bedrock of certainty.

The second stage is one of comprehension, often referred to as the *dialectic* or *logic stage*. Building upon previously learned facts, the development of logical thinking is fostered. Book reports and essays become more analytical. Bible instruction and history progress from the merely factual to being more contemplative and applicatory in nature.

What good is the sword of knowledge if a student knows not how to wield it deftly? Therein lies the impetus behind the final stage, known as the *rhetoric stage*. Here the student learns how to express, in an eloquent and persuasive manner, what he has learned and why he believes what he believes. Basic tools having been secured and logical argumentation developed, the focus then is on perfecting skills of composition and speech.

None of the phases are mutually exclusive of one another; they overlap, and often later features are previewed in the early stages. Though neither quick nor painless, the payoff of this approach lies in the well-rounded, thinking individual it produces.

A REFORMED WORLD VIEW

Our world view has a far-reaching impact on our educational philosophy. What of the Church, the Bride of Christ, the whole company of people for whom Jesus died on the cross and rose again; is she to go down in utter disgrace and failure, or is she to finally be triumphant and reflect the glory of His grace in history?

A Reformed world view is one that acknowledges God in the center of all things. His determining authority is paramount; His glory and honor are first and foremost. Escapism and defeat are out of the question. The ultimate success of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is certain. Our view of every sphere in life, from the things we learn to the daily news and all of history, is colored by our knowledge of the kingship of the Lord's Messiah. This Reformed world view is woven carefully into every course, primarily by means of drawing attention to biblical application in each subject.

THE FAMILY IN CHARGE

A fine line that we at Covenant Home must walk is that which exists between maintaining proper academic rigor and adherence to a high educational standard, and our recognition of the fact that God has placed the responsibility for educating His covenant children directly upon the parents.

Covenant Home's grade auditing service provides an extremely valuable backup for families who enroll. Our grading staff helps parents enforce and uphold academic standards, gives much feedback, counsel and encouragement to conscientious dads and moms, while maintaining professional records that result in excellent transcripts and diplomas. Our grade auditors have a long and impressive reputation of assisting parents in sending their students to leading colleges and universities.