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Bay County Homeschool Orientations, February 18, 2010 Bay County, Florida:

Homeschooling 101-

Two of Bay County's homeschooling groups, Fellowship of Christian Teaching Homes (FCTH) and The Homeschooler's Friend (THF), are teaming up to offer the first session, in a series, of homeschooling orientations. This session is open to the public and would benefit anyone considering or currently homeschooling.

The orientation will be held at 6:30pm-8:30pm, on Thursday, February 18th, at Heritage Bible Church, located at 3380 State Ave, Panama City, FL . Childcare will not be provided at evening session, please make your own arrangements if your child is too young to sit quietly with you.

Orientation speakers are, Helen Holmes (a certified Florida teacher, evaluator, and a veteran homeschooler) and Brenda Dickinson (a lobbyist for the Home Education Foundation and a vigilant defender of Florida home education rights).

Topics to be covered: how to begin homeschooling, Florida state homeschooling laws, curriculum styles, organization, finding support, Florida Virtual School options, and umbrella schools.

Politics and Protecting Your Rights to Homeschool -Brenda Dickinson will also hold a **separate** session (on Feb. 18th from 2:00pm-3:30pm at Heritage Bible Church) to discuss the political threats that are eroding the parent's right to homeschool and how parents can ensure that they do not lose these rights. Childcare will be available for the afternoon session.

Those currently homeschooling and those that are considering bringing their children home will benefit from this informational evening. We encourage fathers to join us, as this is not a mom's only event.

Questions may be directed to: **FCTH** at Orientation@fcthpc.com or

THF at homeschoolmama73@aol.com

Fellowship of Christian Teaching Homes (FCTH) is a homeschool support group that is comprised of over 140 families from the Bay County area. The group's main focus is to assist Christian parents as they answer God's call to train and educate their children. FCTH offers its members field trips, mother's support meetings, teen outings, community service opportunities, and a weekly teaching co-op.

For more information, visit us on the web at: www.fcthpc.com

The Homeschooler's Friend (THF) is a non-profit organization established to facilitate a strong sense of community among homeschool families in Bay County, Florida and surrounding areas. THF enjoys providing its members with field trips, Art co-op, Mom's Night Out, Youth/Teen Night, and many other family functions and group activities. For more information please visit us online at www.thehomeschoolersfriend.com or on Facebook under The Homeschoolers Friend.