



An
Excellent
Spirit

**Homeschool
Conference**
Winkler,
Manitoba, 2025



CHRISTIAN LIGHT
EDUCATION

Welcome to the Annual Christian Light

Homeschool Conference

EMMC Church – Winkler, Manitoba

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Moderator: John Wiebe

- 9:00 Pick up Name Tags
- 9:30 Song
- 9:35 Welcome & Announcements
- 9:45 Dismissal of Teens and Children

ADULT CLASS

1.1 Opening Address (*parents*) An Excellent Spirit – Justin Burkholder

Daniel grew in service to become special counsel in the palace of kings. How did that happen? There was something about Daniel that caught the eye of those in authority. What did they see?

TEEN CLASS

1.2 Opening Address (*teens*) What Is an Excellent Spirit? – Abe Banman

Daniel grew in service to become special counsel in the palace of kings. How did that happen? There was something about Daniel that caught the eye of those in authority. What did they see? God is looking for more young people with an excellent spirit to serve Him today.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

1.3 An Excellent Spirit Story Time (*ages 5-8*)

1.4 An Excellent Spirit Story Time (*ages 9-12*)

1.5 Child Care (*through age 4*)

10:30 Break

ADULT CLASSES

2.1 Excellence in Home Influences (*fathers*) – Abe Banman

Our success as fathers depends greatly on our ability to influence others in a godly way. Daniel is a great example of succeeding as a man of godly influence. What were the qualities that made him that way – humility, faith, discipline, others?

2.2 Excellence in the King's Court (*mothers*) – Doris Banman

Each day I rise and present myself to my King in Heaven. He has entrusted me with these children that are not my own. Together we work to produce excellence.

2.3 Choosing Gratitude, Finding Joy (*mothers*) – Lynn Kleinsasser

We say we believe that joy is not based on our circumstances, but do we live as though we truly believe it? Homeschooling plus teaching a child with special needs is exhausting. How can a parent move from feeling overwhelmed to rejoicing in God's loving care?

TEEN CLASSES

2.4 Dare to Be a Daniel (*teen boys*) – Justin Burkholder

Practicality of the opening address.

2.5 The Source of Excellence (*teen girls*) – Stephanie Burkholder

We want to grow and improve, but how? God is not only the true source of excellence, but also the One who defines it.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

2.6 Art (*ages 5-6*) – David & Rachel Thiessen

2.7 Science (*ages 7-8*) – Mary Bergen

2.8 Science (*ages 9-10*) – Wes & Eva Quiring

2.9 Science (*ages 11-12*) – John Sawatzky

2.10 Child Care (*through age 4*)

11:45 Assembly and Prayer

12:00 Lunch and Fellowship

1:15 Singing

1:25 Where Rubber Meets the Farm – Arnold Sawatzky

We will look at some of the unique trees and their fruits harvested in the tropical regions of Columbia.

2:00 Dismissal

ADULT CLASS

3.1 Scheduling, Routine, & Self-Discipline (*parents*) – Ben Bergen

Half of the session will be a talk, followed by a panel discussion.

TEEN CLASSES

3.2 Welding & Soldering (*teen boys*) – Arnold Sawatzky/David Thiessen

Explore the world of welding and soldering! A hands-on introduction to soldering copper pipe, and MIG and pulsed MIG welding of both steel and aluminum metals. We will look at the machines, gases, and wires used in these specific processes, and will give each participant an opportunity to test their skill level of soldering and welding.

3.3 Woodburning With Scorching Paste (*teen girls*) – Anna Elias

We will learn the technique of woodburning using scorching paste and a heat gun.

3.4 Mexican Cooking (*teen girls*) – Anne Peters

Come and finesse your culinary skills and learn to make some yummy Mexican dishes.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- 3.5 Science (ages 5-6) – Mary Bergen
- 3.6 Art (ages 7-8) – Mandy Wall
- 3.7 Art (ages 9-10) – Ruth Giesbrecht & Rachel Loewen
- 3.8 Art (ages 11-12) – Kaitlyn Thiessen
- 3.9 Child Care (through age 4)

3:10 Break

ADULT CLASSES

- 4.1 Group Discussions (*fathers*)
- 4.2 Group Discussions (*mothers*)

TEEN CLASS

- 4.3 Teen Music Class – Alex Robertson

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- 4.4 Music I (ages 5-6) – Emily Sawatzky
- 4.5 Music II (ages 7-8) – Lindsey Banman
- 4.6 Music III (ages 9-10) – Lena Teichroeb
- 4.7 Music IV (ages 11-12) – Bethany Fehr
- 4.8 Child Care (through age 4)

4:20 Break

4:30 Presentation by Music Classes

5:00 Closing Comments

5:15 Light Supper

Directions

Directions to Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church

From Hwy 14

Take 32 South approximately 2.5 km to Southview Dr. Turn right onto Southview Dr. The church is on the left in about 600 m.

From the intersection of MB-32 and MB-201

Take MB-32 north approximately 7.4 km to Southview Dr. Turn left and go about 600 m to church on left.

Church address:

600 Southview Drive, Winkler, Manitoba