

Train Up a Child And Don't Leave It to Caesar



Dear Pastor,

Christian families are leaving public schools in droves—not just across America, but around the world. They're not merely reacting to policy shifts or cultural noise. *They're responding to conviction.*

They see it now: discipleship is happening all day long—but it isn't Biblical. The classroom has become a battleground for their child's soul, and the state is winning the battle.

“Whoever wants the next generation the most will get them.”

—George Barna

Secularism is no longer subtle. It's systemic. And parents are sounding the alarm.

Caesar Is Discipling—But That's the Church's Call

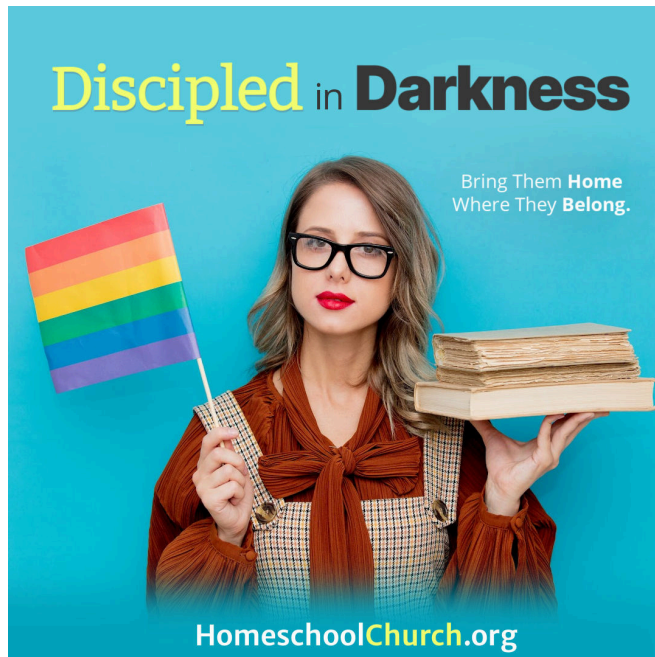
The government school system has claimed a role it was never meant to have: the primary shaper of worldview. For six to eight hours a day, five days a week, children are catechized not in Christ—but in confusion.

According to the Pew Research Center, only 35% of teens say religion is very important in their lives, and just 27% attend religious services weekly. These same students spend the vast majority of their formative hours under secular instruction.

George Barna, in his landmark research compiled in *Raising Spiritual Champions*, notes:

“A person's worldview is typically formed by age 13. Once a worldview has been developed, it is extremely difficult to change.”

Yet by that age, many children in public schools have already walked away from Biblical truth. So there is no godly foundation to build on. Just a foundation, and *Caesar is happy to have it.*



The Pastor Plan: A Local Answer to a Global Crisis

That's why we created **The Pastor Plan Initiative (PPI)**: to help churches launch homeschool co-ops inside their buildings, under the leadership of their own local pastors.

These are not formal schools. They are flexible, discipleship-driven, church-based K-12 learning spaces centered around Christ, Scripture, and community. These co-ops support families already homeschooling and welcome those looking for a better way to raise and educate their children.

While education is required by law, **families still have the freedom to choose how their children learn.** Homeschooling allows parents to center education around a Biblical worldview, teaching every subject through the lens of Christian principles. This approach shields children from curricula and influences contradicting God's truth, while providing a quality education that meets or exceeds state requirements.

The Pastor Plan guides pastors and church leaders with practical steps to:

- Welcome homeschooling families into church facilities one or two days during the week, creating space for both church members and community families to learn together.
- Build and maintain a vibrant homeschool community where children and parents alike enjoy meaningful connection, laughter, and shared learning experiences.
- Involve the whole congregation—including seniors and those with life experience—in mentoring families through education as a meaningful ministry of the local church.

There is no cost to the church. No red tape. No government entanglement. Just a direct pathway to reach hearts for Christ.

Why Church-Based Homeschool Co-ops Are Growing Rapidly

The local church is uniquely positioned to help parents disciple and educate their own children in the Lord.

This movement is growing across every background and community. Homeschooling is exploding! Between spring and fall of 2020, homeschooling in Black households grew fivefold—from 3.3% to 16.1%, according to the National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI).

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—[NHERI.org](https://www.nheri.org), referencing U.S. Census Household Pulse Survey

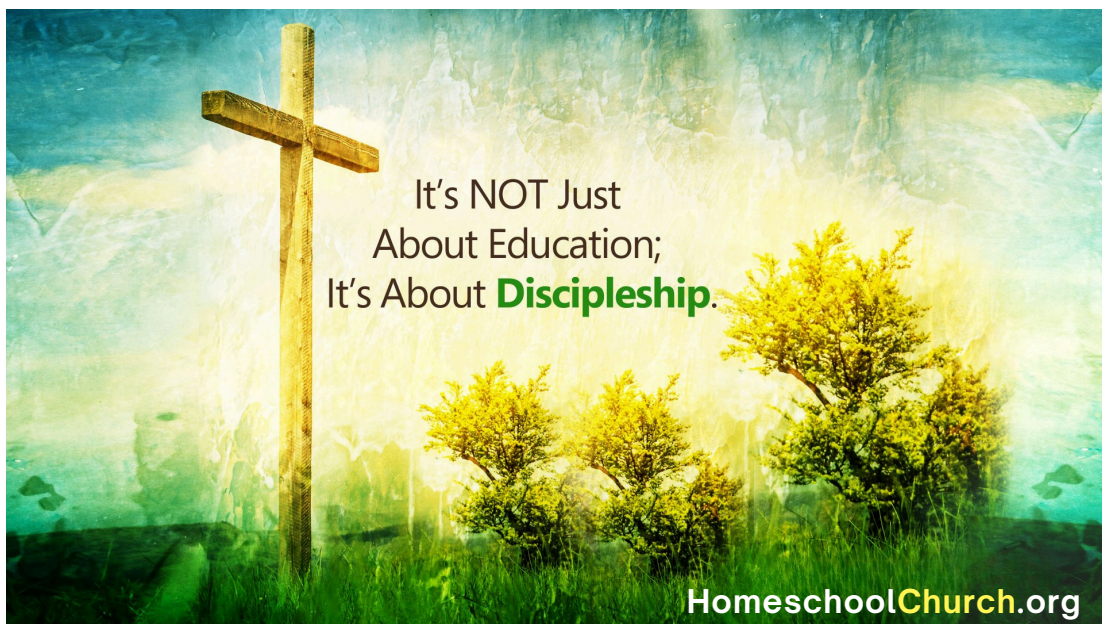
A Whole-Church Effort with Eternal Impact

These homeschool co-ops aren't limited to young parents or a handful of volunteers. This is a churchwide opportunity to engage every generation in discipleship.

Retired members of your congregation bring rich experiences—in education, trades, business, homemaking, and ministry. Many are finding renewed purpose as mentors, tutors, and guides in church-based co-ops. Their wisdom is not just helpful—it's transformative.

Their involvement builds bridges between generations and often leads to families encountering the Gospel for the first time.

This is discipleship. Gospel-centered. Multi-generational. Church-led.



We Must Make Christian Education a Central Ministry

E. Ray Moore, Chairman of Public School Exit, puts it plainly:

“We must leave behind the state-run education system for campus Christian schools or homeschools. Christ is the foundation of what God blesses. Anything that does not have Christ as the foundation will fail.”

You don't need to build a school. You don't need to manage a new department. You just need to recognize the opportunity: families need your leadership in this area now more than ever.

“We cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans.”

—Voddie Baucham

The time to act is now. The window is small. But the opportunity is immense.

The Global Movement Is Already Underway

From small towns in Tennessee to townships in Africa and communities across Latin America, churches are already answering the call.

Here's one pastor's story:

Dear Pastor Plan Initiative Team,

I just want to take a moment to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am a pastor leading a small church in a Black township in South Africa (Tembisa). Our education system is very poor, and many children in our community have little to no opportunities for a better future. By God's grace, I have been able to homeschool 22 teenagers from our church and community. Most of these kids come from difficult backgrounds—many have lost their parents, come from child-headed homes, and others are being raised by single mothers struggling with addictions and poverty. They have no way to afford education, but thanks to your kindness and generosity, they now have hope. I want to express how much the Pastor Plan Initiative board members have blessed us. Your support is making a real difference, not just for these children but for generations to come. Because of you, they are getting an education and learning to follow Christ. I truly believe that many of them will go on to change their families and communities for the better. Your efforts are like Aaron holding up Moses' hands—I feel strengthened and encouraged to keep going. Thank you for standing with us, for your love, and for your obedience to God's call. I pray that the Lord continues to bless you and use you for His glory.

With love and deep appreciation,

Pastor Donovan May

South Africa

Pastor, the “School Bell” Is Ringing

It's not just a symbol. It's a spiritual alarm.

Families are asking for guidance.

They are looking for leadership.

They are looking for a place to land as they exit the system.

They are hoping the Church will rise.

Let Biblical discipleship begin.

Visit HomeschoolChurch.org to start a conversation. We'll walk with you, connect you with other pastors, and show you how to make Christian education a central part of your church ministry. We'll also introduce you to the top **Christian Homeschool State Board Leaders** in your state—seasoned advocates who have supported homeschooling families for decades. These connections will help you serve families in your community who homeschool in your church.

Train them up. Bring them in. Don't hand them over. *Pastor, the time is now.*

Let's answer the bell—together.

In Christ,

The Pastor Plan Initiative Team

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