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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2
Annual Meeting

November 4
Golf Tournament

November 30
Food Giveaway

December 2
Christmas Dinner

January 30
Pastor's Wives Bingo
Night

March 5-7
Pastor's Marriage Retreat



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DERYL LACKEY
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Psalms 103:2 “Bless the Lord, o my soul, and forget not all His benefits...”

As we enter this time of the year, I was reminded in my own life of the importance of gratitude. It is remarkable how much God, in His Word, makes direct and indirect references to the importance of possessing a grateful spirit. Without a doubt, genuine gratitude is a necessary element in any relationship, including our relationship with God. We are often are prone to focus on others are not like, how they don't measure up, or in what ways they failed in their commitments. That is a very dangerous trio that if that if not balanced by a measure of gratitude can strain a relationship severely. We are moving into the time of year where we should focus us on being thankful for the blessings of God (Thanksgiving), and grateful for the gift of God (Christmas). Let's not get so focused on the second part, (which is worthy to focus on!) that we neglect the necessity of the first part. Being grateful to God for such things as: those who are close to us, spiritual leaders, fellow servants in His work, and those used by God to help us travel through life's journey. I find in my own life that when I start each prayer with gratitude towards God I seem to do better in the rest of that prayer! I have also found that when I pray for others, if I start by thanking God for something about them, I tend to have a better focus when it comes to asking God to intercede in some fashion in their life. Gratitude is a powerful ally! It keeps us focused and helps keep a relationship in its proper perspective. James says it this way “every good gift is from God!” Basically, James teaches, if it is in your life and it is good, somewhere God had a hand in it! Life is better as we remember that daily in our quiet time and in our not so quiet times!



CLAUDIO MEDINA
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Fall is here and it is still very warm. I am ready for cooler weather.

The Lord is Great! We continue to see His hand move in a mighty way throughout this year. The Lord has planted 12 new churches as of this year and another 10 existing churches have joined our association. We continue in helping existing current churches with several outreach events.

It is truly our blessing in being part of what the Lord is doing through our churches and unbelievable Pastors.

These are some of the events of last months:

“Count the Cost” Conference

“Emerging Church” Trends Conference

A conference on how to develop a “Generous Culture” with in your church.

We thank Gateway Seminary for hosting these events

Pastor's Wives Retreat

Spanish Men's Conference with over 150 men

CSBC Annual Convention

Don't forget about our annual Golf Tournament on November 4th. Please call the office for more information.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.



BRUCE HITCHCOCK
CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST

God's Truth

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" John 8:31-32.

One must keep on pointing out that Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important." – C. S. Lewis

Introduction: God is absolute Truth.

God's truth and His righteousness are absolutes. Mankind's attempt to rationalize God's truth is in vain. Truth is relative to God. Moral truth relies on the authority of God as outlined in His Word, the Bible. Mankind rationalizes man's

laws. We try to do the same with God's truth. However, unlike the police, God is always there.

Because God is absolute truth...

1. I will believe what He says and live accordingly. You are truly My disciples if you keep obeying My teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32 NLT). We all desire freedom. However, true freedom, the freedom taught in the Bible, requires that we be obedient to God. If we are to experience the freedom Jesus is promising His disciples, we must obey His teachings. The foundation for Christ's teachings are found in the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40), love God and love others, and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), spread the gospel message, baptize those who accept it, and disciple those who believe by teaching them His truth, the Bible.
2. He follows through on His promises. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him (John 3:36). God has given us a myriad of promises in His Word. However, none is so precious or so terrifying as the one found in John 3:36. To those who believe in Him (Romans 10:9-10) and have made Jesus the Lord of their lives, He promises eternal life. This promise is the precious part. But to those who reject Jesus, the promise is the full wrath of God, eternal wrath. This means unrelenting eternal punishment.
3. His Word is True and Completely Righteous. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous (Psalm 19:8-9b, NASB). In Psalm 19: 8-9b we see three interesting benefits of the words of God. First, we see that since God's Word is right (righteous), He will give us a rejoicing heart. Secondly, God's message is pure (without any spot). Finally, we see that God's Word is firm (not wavering). The Word of God will cause us to be upright and stable in our ways (Psalm 119:11).
4. God's Truth is Everlasting. His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord (Psalm 117:2)! God's truth endures forever because He has no beginning or end and He is eternal and immutable.



JUAN SANTOS
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Salmos 92:1 ¡Cuán bueno, Señor, es darte gracias... es noviembre y es tiempo de dar gracias a Dios por un año más de bendiciones. Dios ha sido bueno, con todas las iglesias que son parte de la asociación de Inland Empire. Doy gracias a Dios por las iglesias que apoyan por medio del plan cooperativo a nuestra asociación y convención. Por medio de esta ofrenda misionera alcanzamos a las personas inconversas que viven en el estado de California y el mundo.

Alguien dijo que en el cielo encontraremos a personas que nunca conocimos, pero nos darán las gracias por haber invertido en sus vidas. Así que animo a las iglesias que sigan siendo parte de esta gran bendición de dar.

Hechos 20:35 (NVI) "...recordando las palabras del Señor Jesús: "Hay más dicha en dar que en recibir"

Agradezco al pastor Erick Bonilla y la iglesia bautista casa de luz por recibirnos y así celebrar el día del pastor, fue maravilloso honrar a los pastores y líderes que sirven a Jesús y su reino.

Sirviendo en el reino juntos,

Próximos eventos:

- Sábado 2 de noviembre -8:00am desayuno de esposas de pastor. San Bernardino First Baptist 667 N.

H Street San Bernardino, Ca 92410

- Sábado 2 de noviembre -9:00am reunión anual de la asociación en Gateway Seminario. 3210 E. Guasti Road Ontario, Ca91761 [Habrà desayuno]

- Sábado 30 de noviembre. Comida gratis para pastores, estudiantes de seminario y miembros de las iglesias. Gateway Seminario 8:00am-10:00am

Reverse la fecha...

- Lunes 2 de diciembre- Cena de Navidad [Christmas Dinner]

Le pedimos si usted tiene alguna actividad especial o programa evangelístico puede anunciarlo en el Clarion. Puede llamar o mandar la información a las oficinas de la asociación. (909)687-1360 (angie@iesba.org)

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NOVEMBER 4TH 2019

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Spanish Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast



ANNUAL MEETING



INLAND EMPIRE
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NOVEMBER 2, 2019
9:00 AM

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Breakfast will be provided



PASTOR'S BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

1st Wednesday of the month: 8:00 am, The Original Pancake House, 1750 Hamner Ave., Norco - (951) 403-6900

1st Thursday of the month: 11:00 am, Asian Buffet, 57676 Twentynine Palms Hwy, #101, Yucca Valley - 760.365.0708

2nd Monday of the month: 8:00 am, Coco's Bakery, 27990 Bradley Road, Sun City - 951.672.8003

2nd Tuesday of the month: 8:00 am, Chef's Country Cafe, 17039 Valley Blvd., Fontana, CA 92335, 909.823.2200



PASTORS WIVE'S
BINGO NIGHT

JANUARY 30 | 6:00 PM

GATEWAY SEMINARY GRAVES ROOM

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Koinonia Mujer
Coachella Valley 2019

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Noviembre 9-2019

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