



# THE CLARION

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## Take Courage

"BE STRONG, AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE  
COURAGE, ALL YOU WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD!"

PSALM 31:24 ESV

GUEST SPEAKER

JENNIFER  
ROTHSCHILD



TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

SBC MINISTERS WIVES LUNCHEON

ANAHEIM, CA.

OVER 200  
CHURCHES

REACHING

4.2 MILLION

PEOPLE WITH THE  
GOSPEL OF



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 14**  
Take Courage  
Pastors wives'  
Luncheon

**June 14-15**  
SBC Annual Meeting

**June 24**  
Better Together



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**BRUCE HITCHCOCK**  
CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST

*WISDOMS SELFINTEREST* (Proverbs 9:12a), *If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you.*

First and foremost, we have a biblical responsibility to acquire wisdom and live within its boundaries. Each person has the task of seeking God's wisdom and allowing it to develop through the knowledge and understanding of His Word.

Practicing wisdom in our lives brings personal rewards and external recognition. It becomes a teacher in itself. Knowledge and understanding can't stand alone in acquiring wisdom. Even when assimilated, they do little to help change a life. However, when we apply wisdom, it transforms the individual into a God-directed witness with temporal and eternal consequences. Discernment and its practice find value in application and repetition.

A byproduct of personal wisdom relates to its intended or unintended self-expression. When others experience the believer's walk of enlightenment, they desire to acquire its value as a resource. When this happens, other Christians and even some non-Christians will begin to seek its benefits for themselves. Mentoring then yields a ministry of wisdom.



**JUAN SANTOS**  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Convención nacional Bautista Del sur  
Anaheim  
Los días 12 al 15 de Junio 2022  
Domingo 12 celebración hispana, @ 6:30pm

Lugar: Anaheim Merriott/Grand Ball Room E-k level1,  
700 W. Convention way, Anaheim Ca 92802.

Taller de exposición  
1 al 3 de Junio  
Iglesia Fellowship Español, Beaumont Ca  
Hay becas disponibles.  
Si desea asistir contacte al pastor Jesse Amaya (909)363-6353  
Solo para pastores el cupo es limitado.

Agosto 6. 2022  
Conferencias en Gateway seminario @ 8am  
Tema: La comunicación para la comunidad.  
Habra 4 talleres en español.  
Para información puede llamar al pastor claudio Medina (909)957-0286.

Retiro de pastores de la asociación lesba  
12 ,13,14 de septiembre.  
Más información más adelante.

Retiro de hombres  
23,24,25 de septiembre 2022  
El cupo casi está lleno, puede comunicarse con el pastor Victor Solorzano al (562)229-4074.



**PASTOR'S BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:**

- 1st Wednesday of the month:** 8:00 am, The Original Pancake House, 1750 Hamner Ave., Norco
- 1st Wednesday of the month:** 11:30 am, Hawk's Landing Golf Course, 55100 Martinez Trail, Yucca Valley
- 2nd Monday of the month:** 8:00 am, Sun City Family Restaurant, 26824 Cherry Hills, Sun City
- 2nd Tuesday of the month:** 8 am, Chef's Country Café, 17039 Valley Blvd, Fontana

By: Sarah M. Graham

**The Executive Board of the California Southern Baptist Convention celebrated the announcement of a newly elected Executive Director.** Pete Ramirez, former Associate Executive Director, was one of several applicants who applied for the position following the announcement of Bill Agee's transition into retirement at the start of 2022.



After several months and a unanimous vote, the search committee presented Ramirez as the sole candidate to the Board on Thursday, May 12th during their executive session. Agee is in full support of Ramirez and the Board's decision saying, "Pete is an excellent choice. I know he'll do a great job and I'm behind him 100%!"

Daniel Cassels, Executive Board President, Pastor at Life Way Fellowship in Santa Maria, and search committee member said "the committee was excited to be a part of finding the next leader for the California Southern Baptist Convention.

We knew this was an important task that required great prayer and consideration."

When asked about what made Ramirez the strongest candidate he shared, "This was a hard decision with more than one good option. The difference between Pete and the other candidates was that Pete was vested. His experience with the convention as well as his work to be better for it through education gave Pete that edge."

Cassels went on to emphasize Pete's strength in relationship-building between CSBC and other SBC leaders and agencies. "Pete already established relationships with other entities both state and national. This relational leadership gave him a head start on the bridge-building needed for us to be better together as we minister to the people of California and even to the end of the earth."

Pete first joined CSBC as the Missions and Evangelism Team leader in 2017. By 2020 Ramirez was elected to the role of Associate Executive Director, following the retirement of longtime AED, Mike McCullough.

Prior to his involvement in convention work, Pete and Anabella, his wife of 29 years, had faithfully served in California Southern Baptist churches for well over 25 years. Ramirez completed his undergraduate degree at Biola University in La Mirada, California. He earned a Master of Theological Studies in 2014 and is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry, both from Gateway Seminary in Ontario.

CSBC made the announcement via an unprecedented Facebook live event, officially ushering in a new era for California Southern Baptists.







## VBS Training Clinic 2022

This years VBS Training Clinic went very well. There were about 50 people there altogether! We had really great sessions, especially our Bible study groups and Director's classes. Immanuel was a wonderful host! We had lots of fun with worship, gave away lots of prizes, and we had churches from Barstow, San Bernardino, Highland, Upland and all throughout the Inland Empire!







Gospel Community Church,  
a new church plant in  
Winchester, celebrated their  
Grand Opening on May 8th!  
Congratulations to Pastor Michael  
Flynn, and his wife Rachel!

## ADVANCE STUDENTS GATEWAY SEMINARY, ONTARIO

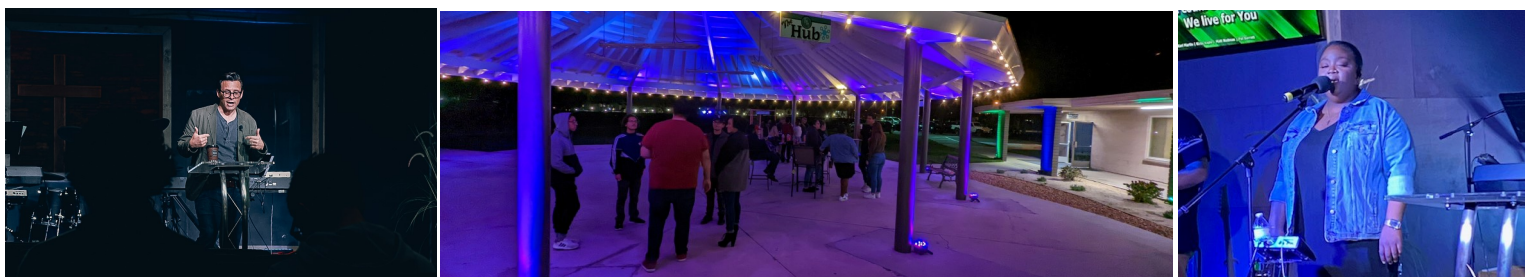






## Better Together

First Baptist Church of San Bernardino hosted the first "Better Together", Young Adult Rally. There were about 40 in attendance, with 4 churches represented. Adam Groza preached a fantastic message about people looking for treasure in all the wrong places, when the treasure is Jesus. The FBC Worship band ministered and prepared our hearts to hear God's word. Everyone there had a great time connecting with one another. We look forward to having our next Better Together Rally on June 25th at Sierra Vista Baptist Church in Colton.



# BETTER TOGETHER

YOUNG ADULT RALLY

JUNE 25 | 7PM

SIERRA VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH

2300 NORTH RANCHO AVENUE, COLTON, CA 92324

FREE EVENT, CHILD CARE FOR AGES 0-2



### SPEAKER: BRIAN DRUMMOND

Brian has a strong passionate commitment toward teaching and pouring into the next generation of students and kingdom minded world changers. He recently graduated California Baptist University majoring in Christian Studies "Pastoral Leadership" as well as Business Administration "Management". He is newly married to his wife Francesca and is also pursuing a Master of Divinity at Gateway Seminary. He currently is serving as the Associate Pastor at Bridges church riverside, overseeing and helping relaunch many of their next generation ministries.



# Pastors Wives Retreat 2022





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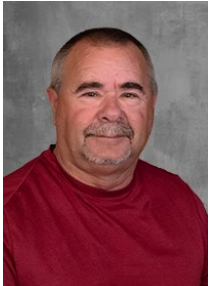
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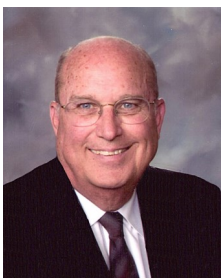
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