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CHRISTMAS *Dinner*

**11
DEC**

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**7:00
PM**

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\$25 PER PERSON



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11
Christmas Dinner

December 19-January 1
IESBA Office Closed

January 20
Worship Workshop

February 29-March 2
Pastor's Marriage Retreat

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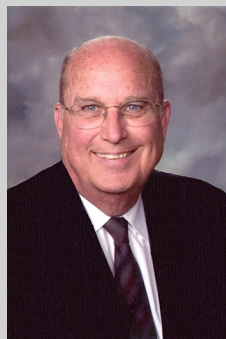
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BRUCE HITCHCOCK

CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST

Be READY: The Miracle of Christmas

What is special about Christmas? Is it giving gifts? Is it a time for family to get together? Is it a day for loving others? It's a day to celebrate the gift of Jesus to the world. This gift changed everything. John 1:14 – *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

There are three reasons we celebrate Christ and identify His birth as being miraculous. The first is found in his Deity – “And the Word was made flesh.” Let's look at the history of the “Word”

John 1:1-3 Verse 1: *In the beginning was the Word.* Use of the word “Was” tells us that the Word was already there in the beginning. The beginning John is talking about is the beginning of created things. Genesis 1.1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The Word was with God. Wherever God was the Word was with Him. Now we know that God is omnipresent, He is everywhere. That means that the “Word” is everywhere.

The Word was God. The Word was not only with God it was God. Verse 2 states: *He was in the beginning with God.* The “Word” suddenly takes on human form. This verse is a continuation of one thought not a change of subject. Verse 3 teaches: *All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.* The Word was the creator of all things. This verse establishes Christ as the SUBJECT of creation and not the OBJECT of creation. He was the CREATOR not the CREATED.

Finally John 1:14 explains: *And the Word was made flesh.* The Word that was with God and was God is made (born) flesh. The Word became the human Christ. Therefore Christ was with God and he was God for eternity. Out of eternity God in the form of the Word became flesh, even Jesus: The Christ. The word we use for God becoming Man is “Incarnation” – Christ was the God-Man, God with us.

This year, celebrate Jesus!



JUAN SANTOS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Estamos agradecidos por todo lo que ha hecho el Señor en este año por medio de las congregaciones Hispanas que forman parte de nuestra asociación. Este año tuvimos la oportunidad de estar juntos en seminarios, eventos evangélicos, reuniones especiales con pastor y esposa. El compañerismo y la hermandad que hemos desarrollado ha hecho un impacto para fortalecer nuestra gran familia. Agradezco el apoyo al plan cooperativo que las congregaciones Hispanas hacen a la asociación. Pudimos plantar varias Iglesias Hispanas y cooperando todos juntos veremos que más iglesias se unan a lo que Dios está haciendo en nuestro condado en 2024. El Seminario Gateway está creciendo y por medio de las clases en español hemos desarrollado más gente comprometida con la iglesia y nuevos pastores. Cuenta siempre con mi apoyo para su familia e iglesia y sigamos adelante haciendo un gran impacto para Cristo en nuestro condado. Deseo de todo corazón que cada uno de ustedes pase una feliz navidad y un bendecido año nuevo.

Por favor tome nota de algunas actividades de nuestra asociación:

20 de Enero - Desayuno para pastores, Iglesia Sierra Vista 2300 N. Rancho Ave. Colton Ca, 92324 @ 9am

27 de Enero - Café para mujeres, Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Nueva Esperanza Info. Leticia Ríos (909) 809-7715

Enero Youth Rally (Fecha y Lugar por confirmar)

17 de Febrero - Desayuno y conferencia especial para pastor y su esposa @9am Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Nueva Esperanza 6021 Limonite Avenue Riverside, CA 92404

Febrero 29 a 2 de Marzo - Retiro Especial IESBA para la pareja pastoral Residence Inn en Anaheim, CA

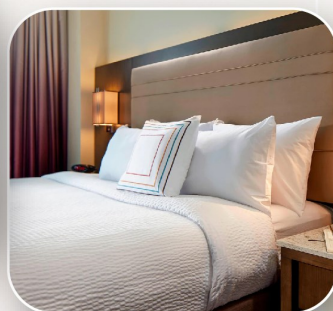
16 de Marzo - Conferencia de Liderazgo para todos en Gateway Seminary Pueden mandar a la oficina de la asociación las actividades de su iglesia para la comunidad a Angie Mantzey (angie@iesba.org)

SAVE THE DATE!

Marriage Retreat 2024

NEW LOCATION!!

from Ontario  to ANAHEIM!!



FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 2

Residence Inn at Anaheim Resort



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WORSHIP WORKSHOP WEEKEND

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WKSH
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24

EARLY BIRD PRICING
\$39.00 TIL JAN. 7

JANUARY 20
CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



PASTOR'S BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

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

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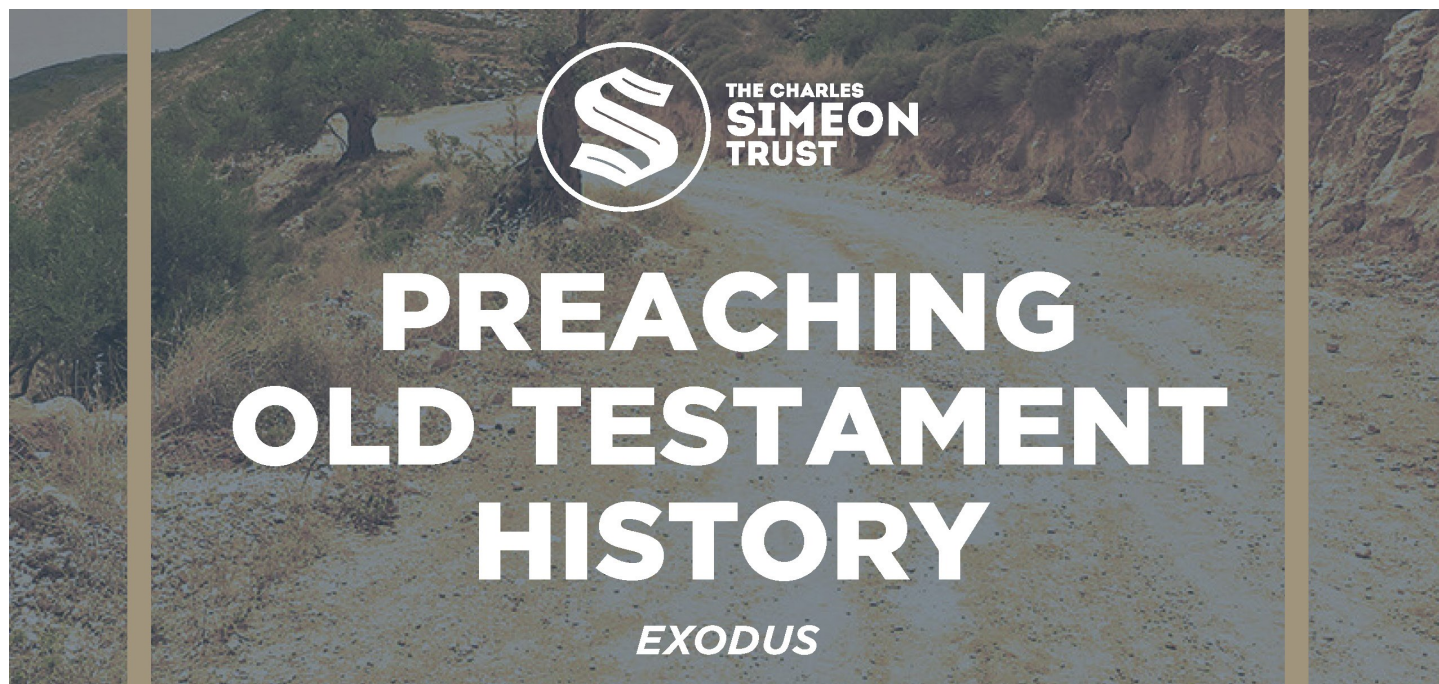
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Respond to Crisis - International



DISASTER UPDATE



PREACHING OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

February 07-09, 2024 / Beaumont, California

REGISTER: [SIMEONTRUST.ORG/WORKSHOP/BEAUMONT-2024](https://simeontrust.org/workshop/beaumont-2024)



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Levering**



**Jeff
Lacine**



**Mark
Rogers**

\$139

(\$159 AFTER JANUARY 1)

Fellowship Church
in Beaumont, California
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PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION — PERSUASIVE PREACHING — SMALL GROUP PRACTICE

The *Workshops on Biblical Exposition* are 3-day training events aimed to encourage and equip you in the skills needed to read, understand, and proclaim the Word of God. The *Workshops on Biblical Exposition* are for men who are responsible for regularly preaching and teaching. We also welcome those in bi-vocational ministries as well as those training for ministry.



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