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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OVER 200 CHURCHES
REACHING
4.2 MILLION PEOPLE
WITH THE GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST



ADVANCE SEMINARY CLASSES IN SPANISH

PREPARING OUR FUTURE LEADERS



- **98 students** finished a course in the Spring. **33 students** finished a course in the Summer (first time offering Summer courses).
- We are anticipating **125 students** for the Fall including some from **Central California, Utah, Chicago, Mexico, and Cuba.**
- **4** are scheduled to walk in the Fall during the **Gateway Seminary Commencement** in December.
- **4 new courses** have been offered this year including Exegesis of the Old Testament, History of the Bible, Introduction to Christian Counseling, and Introduction to Chaplaincy.

FALL INFORMATION:

- **8 courses offered**, online and in person
- Classes start the week of **August 25th**
- Cost **\$220 per course**
- 8 completed courses can help potential students to get into the **Spanish Masters Program in Gateway Seminary.**

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*We never stop learning.
Because God
never stops teaching*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 16**
Retiro para esposa de pastor
- AUGUST 23**
Evangelism Conference - Menifee
- SEPTEMBER 20**
Evangelism Conference - Gateway
- SEPTEMBER 25**
Ministers Wives Fellowship
- OCTOBER 16-18**
CSBC Convention
- NOVEMBER 3**
Golf Tournament
- DECEMBER 8**
IESBA Christmas Dinner

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DERYL LACKEY

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

As the summer progresses, it is good to hear of the numerous blessings our churches are reporting in both attendance and of greater importance professions of faith and baptisms. In light of that, I want to remind you and invite you to one of our two Evangelism Conferences. We partner with the State Convention, and it has proven to be one of the most effective training events we offer every year. Due to the size of our association, we offer two of them

- August 23rd at The View church in Menifee, and Sept 20th at the Gateway building in Ontario. We will offer session in both Spanish and English. As with previous years, the evangelism department is offering an \$1,000 grant

to any giving church who attends and has a follow up event. I remind you that we can help out as well. We have the equipment that can be used for an event: bounce houses, popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones machines. A full stage, generators and a large 20 x 30 blow up movie screen. We can also help with any design and printing needs and have some funds we can contribute as well. One of our desires has always been to be a true blessing to churches who engage in outreach. I would encourage you sending your leaders and others who are interested in learning more about evangelism. You can sign up and obtain more information at csbc.com. As always we are thankful for your gracious support in allowing us to serve our churches here in the I.E. and surrounding areas.



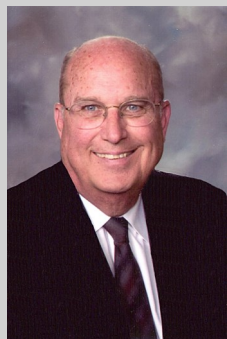
JONATHAN DE LA O

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Psalm 78:4 (NIV) We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

VBS season is over! Congratulations to all the churches who participated in this year's nationwide outreach to children, youth, and (in some churches) adults. Special thanks to the countless number of Children Directors and volunteers who sacrificed their time, talents, and treasures to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the next generation. We join you in prayer that the gospel message fell on fertile soil. As you recuperate, here are some helpful post-VBS tips that you can implement at your churches if you haven't done so already.

1. Closing Ceremony: Celebrate and highlight the VBS week.
2. Thank You Cards: Acknowledge volunteers, teachers, and parents
3. Final Activities: Host a dinner or luncheon for all the volunteers and leaders. This can serve as an opportunity to share testimonies and gratitude to specific individuals.
4. Feedback Session: Host a meeting with key leaders to give praise together to God, debrief, and solidify next-steps. This can also be a moment to see how and where improvements can be made.
5. Follow-Up: Send a follow-up text or email to the visiting families. Remember that the follow-up is just as important as the event.



BRUCE HITCHCOCK

CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST

Wisdom Calls Out

Does not wisdom call out (8:1a)?

God speaks to His people in many ways. It might be through cold accompanied by heavy rain and a forceful wind when God says: Trust me, you will make it home safely. The Spirit may call to us with warm summer breezes as the Creator reaches out to comfort us on a hot and muggy day. His presence and reassurance give us pause for praise.

We might see Him in the multicolored leaves. It forecasts the onset of winter. Autumn beauty is a picture of death. Winter brings chills and illness. But the Spirit gives us the hope of winter's end as spring brings new flowers and then the sustaining leaves of summer. Resurrection and new life surround us. God is here!

We might experience mind-changing thoughts, causing our lives to move in another direction. The Spirit directs us to new challenges and victories as we leave a meaningless job for our dream career. A sudden glance from an unknown person saying this is the person God has chosen for me. A gentle touch, then a warm embrace as the Maker is now the Matchmaker.



JUAN SANTOS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Este mes iniciamos un semestre más de clases de advance en Gateway Seminary en español el 26 de Agosto. En nuestro programa muchos se han capacitado y los pastores y líderes de nuestras iglesias Hispánicas han hecho una revolución con la educación cristiana acreditada que han recibido. Muchos estudiantes han salido de nuestro programa a plantar nuevas iglesias y fortalecer a las iglesias en nuestra asociación y hemos visto un gran crecimiento.

Usted ha sido parte de esta revolución en nuestro condado dando al plan cooperativo. Agradezco el apoyo que dan económicamente y en oración para que JUNTOS podamos alcanzar California para Cristo. Las clases en Español inician el martes 26 de Agosto y le animo a que aproveche la gran bendición de recibir una educación en español que cambiará su vida y ministerio. (Ofrecemos clases en línea). Gateway Seminary también tiene la maestría en español con clases en línea y animo a los pastores y hermanos que desean seguir preparándose, que tomen esas clases a nivel más avanzado. La asociación está aquí para amar, servir y caminar junto a usted.

Nuestros próximos eventos en español:

- Sábado 23 de Agosto de 10 AM - 2 PM Conferencia de evangelismo en la iglesia The View 26701 McCall Blvd Menifee CA Evento Gratis - almuerzo incluido.
- Viernes 26 al Domingo 28 de Septiembre - Retiro de Jóvenes en Camp Maranatha Idyllwild Ca, 92549 Info: Christian Morales (951)764-0116
- Sábado 4 de Octubre - Conferencia Fundamentos "Jesús sobre Todo" en Gateway Seminary. 3210 E Guasti Rd, Ontario, CA 91761
- Viernes 31 de Octubre al Domingo 2 de Noviembre Campamento Para Hombres en Alpine Retreat Center 415 Club House Dr. Blue Jay, CA 92317 Costo: \$250, Info: Victor Solorzano(562)229-4074; Juan Santos (714)914-4879

>>> Immanuel Baptist Church
28355 Base Line St.
Highland, CA 92346
10.4.25

PRESS ON

women's conference

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

Saturday, October 4th at 10am

Cost: \$35 (Standard)
\$25 High School & University Students

Lunch & Breakout Sessions

Register at ibchighland.org/PressOn
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Speakers: Jenni Price & April Mascaro
Worship: Merea Price



Jenni



April



Merea

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2025



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ROMANS 12:2

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VBS - SPORTS CAMP - KID'S MINISTRIES

Eastvale Bible Church - VBS



Pathway Church - Redlands - Sports Camp

From July 7–11, our church hosted WinShape Camps, a summer day camp experience designed for elementary-aged kids. With a strong focus on faith and fun, the camp gave children the opportunity to learn about Jesus while participating in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. This year, we were excited to welcome 169 campers. The week was filled with high-energy programming, joyful worship, and meaningful moments.



Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland - VBS



Church in the Valley-Ontario Ranch - Creators Camp

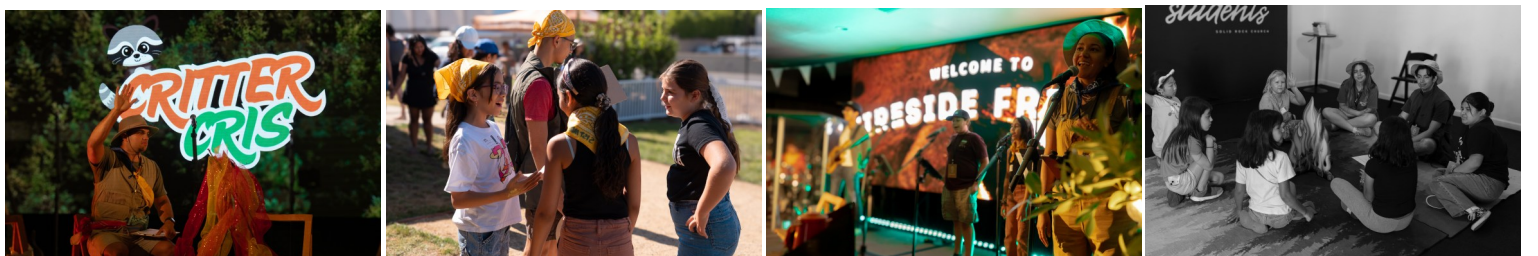


Crossroads Baptist - Hemet - VBS



Solid Rock Church - VBS

This July we hosted Fireside Friends, our very first VBS at Solid Rock Church! We had a wild week of forest fun, trailblazing games, campfire songs, and sweet surprises. It was a completely original VBS curriculum that we created based on The Ordinary Guide for Kids, our framework for discipleship that we developed for young disciples to learn how to follow Jesus to become like Jesus in every part of their lives.



Bryant Street Baptist Church-Yucaipa - VBS



Sierra Vista - Colton - VBS



The Well-Yucaipa - VBS



11th Street Baptist Church-Upland - VBS



Stone Arbor - Riverside - Makers Camp



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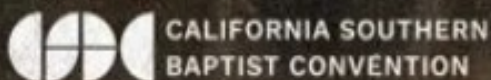
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AUGUST 23, 2025 | THE VIEW CHURCH

EVANGELISM *WORKSHOPS*



SPEAKER: SHAWN BEATY



SPEAKER: JONATHAN DE LA O

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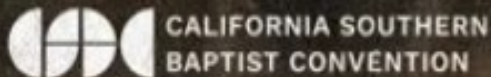
TALLER DE EVANGELISMO — INLAND EMPIRE “NORTH”

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 | GATEWAY SEMINARY

EVANGELISM *WORKSHOPS*



SPEAKER: SHAWN BEATY



SPEAKER: MOISES GARCIA

RETIRO DE VARONES 2025

IGLESIAS BAUTISTAS DEL SUR DE CALIFORNIA

CRECE, LUCHA Y PERSEVERA EN CRISTO

FECHA: OCTUBRE 31- NOVIEMBRE 1-2

LUGAR: ALPINE CAMP - CRESTLINE

COSTO: \$250.00 POR HOMBRE

2 TIMOTEO 2:3



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