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INLAND EMPIRE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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



## 2026 PASTORS AND SPOUSE *Marriage Retreat*

**FEBRUARY 26-28**

**Anaheim Marriott Suites**  
12015 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92840

\$275 per couple by February 1  
\$325 per couple after February 1



SPEAKERS: PETE AND ANABELLA RAMIREZ



- 2 night stay • 4 meals included
- Friday night banquet
- Check-in begins at 4 pm.  
Dinner begins at 5 pm.  
Event ends Saturday at 12:00 noon.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 8**  
IESBA Christmas Dinner
- Dec 22-Jan 2  
IESBA Office Closed
- 2026
- February 26-28**  
Marriage Retreat
- March 14**  
Rise and Lead - Women's Leadership Conference
- April 18**  
VBS Clinic

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**DERYL LACKEY**  
**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

Greetings to all and praying you are having a blessed Christmas Season!

We hope to see you at our Christmas Dinner on December 8th at Immanuel Baptist in Highland. You can still sign up, but I would encourage you to do so quickly. Its always a great time of encouragement and celebration!

I want to encourage you to look into a tremendous ministry opportunity. The World Cup is coming to North America in 2026. There will be a number of matches in the Los Angeles area. One of our churches, 11th Street Baptist in Upland, has come up with a great way to share the gospel they are calling the "Yellow Card Initiative". If you are not aware of it, a yellow card is used in soccer by referees and this will be a means for fans to have one, (to hold up as they see fit) with a QR code on one side that gives a clear presentation of the Gospel. There is a lot of interest being shown in this! The church is wanting to mobilize 100 people per match to simply hand these out along with corresponding areas. With the Olympics not far away, this could be a great warm up event! This is a great way to get your church involved in a unique Gospel ministry. If you have any question contact Pastor Anthony at the church, 909.982.6381, or call the Association office at 909.687.1360. There will also be a Zoom Information meeting on Saturday Dec. 6th At 9:00 am.

Meeting ID: 974 9781 6333, Password: 554486



**JONATHAN DE LA O**  
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Most of us are familiar with the famous secular Christmas Carol line "He's making a list, checking it twice...". When we were kids the image of Santa Clause came to mind and we know that he has a *nice list* and a *naughty list*. A merit based theology where those who made it to the former list enjoyed the joy of receiving gifts for Christmas and those on the later, lump of coals. As a kid that was an incentive for us to behave, listen, and do good. However, if that were true we all deserve the lump of coals in our stocking.

Scripture denounces this doctrine with passages like the one we read above, grace is the only prerequisite needed for salvation and all good that proceeds from God. Ephesians 2:8-9 says "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." This is the gift that we are reminded of, and celebrate during this season. The gift of grace through the incarnate Son of God. May we as His children and followers rejoice in this grace and find peace and joy in knowing that through the salvific work of Jesus Christ our names are transferred from the "naughty list" to the Book of Life (Psalm. 69:28; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 20:15, 21:17).



**BRUCE HITCHCOCK**  
**CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST**

She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet. She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors: "To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. O you simple ones, understand prudence (Proverbs 8:2-5, NKJV).

Biblical wisdom does not limit itself to messages preached in church. We must introduce knowledge and understanding wherever and whenever we see foolishness. The phrase, the top of the hill, beside the way, where the paths meet, is all-inclusive. It refers to shouting from highest places, the homes, and businesses on the highways and byways of life, and the crossroads of life and travel literally and figuratively. We must take a stand for God's wisdom and spread the word, understand, and practice the actions of Spirit-led discernment in the many situations of life.

Merry Christmas:

The Christmas Miracle

In her arms she holds a king, The end of all our suffering. The light of life now come to give, His life that we might ever live. A child, Messiah we behold, Foretold by prophets, men of old. The Suffering Servant He would be To pay the price to set us free. Now quiet in a stable lays, Not understanding worldly ways. Angels' sing, He softly cries, Mary's wonder fills her eyes. Lord and Savior is His name, This tiny babe of Bethlehem, Now sleep for You will leave this stall, And give Your life for one and all. - Bruce Hitchcock © Books for Ministry



**JUAN SANTOS**  
**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Dios ha hecho grandes maravillas en nuestras congregaciones y trabajando unidos hemos logrado mucho por medio de la asociación. Este año hemos podido apoyar a varios eventos y retiros para hombres, mujeres, pastores, para la esposa de pastor, y para jóvenes. La asociación hizo varios desayunos y eventos para unir a las iglesias hispanas. Ayudamos a varios proyectos de evangelismo, hicimos entrenamientos para Iglesias en Español y plantamos nuevas Iglesias Hispicas en este condado. Pudimos entrenar a muchos estudiantes por medio del programa de seminario en español y expandirlo a otros países. Ore para que Dios siga preparando una nueva generación de líderes para iglesias saludables en crecimiento. Hicimos varios eventos para las Iglesias Hispicas el mes pasado que fueron de gran bendición. Es un gozo para mí servirles y ser parte del gran mover de Dios cuando las iglesias en nuestra asociación se conectan y trabajan juntas para hacer una diferencia en su comunidad. Deseo que pase una Feliz Navidad y un próspero Año Nuevo.





**IESBA PASTORS, STAFF AND SPOUSE**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**DINNER**

**DECEMBER 8, 2025**  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**\$25 PER PERSON**  
**7:00 PM**

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**Together, we find the lost, give help to the hurting, share the hope of Christ, and witness God grow His Church around the world. Your generosity today changes lives.**

Unidos, encontramos a los perdidos, ayudamos a los que sufren, compartimos la esperanza de Cristo y apoyamos a la iglesia a crecer en todo el mundo. Tu generosidad hoy cambia vidas.

Ensemble, nous allons vers les perdus, apportons de l'aide à ceux qui souffrent, partageons l'espoir en Christ et assistons à la croissance de Son Église à travers le monde. Votre générosité aujourd'hui change des vies.

함께 우리는 세상 각처에서 잃어버린 영혼들을 찾고, 상처받은 사람들을 치유하고, 그리스도의 소망을 전하며, 교회를 성장 시킵니다. 여러분의 오늘이 훗날 전 세계를 변화 시킵니다.

我們一起尋找失散的人，幫助受傷害的人，分享基督的盼望，並在世界各地見證教會，您今天的慷慨改變了人生。



OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL  
L'OBJECTIF DE DONS DE NOTRE ÉGLISE  
LA META DE NUESTRA IGLESIA



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## PASTOR'S BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

- 1st Wednesday of the month:** 11:30 am, Hawk's Landing Golf Course, 55100 Martinez Trail, 92284
- 2nd Monday of the month:** 8:00 am, Dennys, 570 E. Fourth Street, Perris -**NEW LOCATION**
- 2nd Tuesday of the month:** 8 am, Dennys, 17009 Valley Blvd, Fontana -**NEW LOCATION**
- 1st Thursday of the month:** 8 am, Coco's Bakery, 1140 W. Colton, Redlands

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**APRIL 25, 2026 | ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA**

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A leadership conference for ALL women in ministry



**MARCH 14 9AM - 2PM**  
**SUNRISE CHURCH Rialto**  
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## PREACHING PROPHETIC LITERATURE

February 11-13, 2026 | Beaumont, California



David Helm



Greg Gilbert



Mark Rogers

**\$139**

(\$159 AFTER JANUARY 5)

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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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## Sovereign Way Christian Church Israel Tour

Led by Pastor Stephen Feinstein

March 13–24, 2026



### Tour Highlights

- Old Jaffa
- Megiddo
- Nazareth Village
- Yardenit baptismal site
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Home Hospitality Lunch at Yesod Hamaala
- Dead Sea
- Ancient Shiloh
- Palm Sunday Road
- Garden Tomb
- Rabbinical Tunnels
- and much more...



Sovereign Way  
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IMMANUEL TOURS



# IESBA Golf Tournament 2025



Have a Very  
**Merry Christmas**  
And a  
**Happy New Year!**



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