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PSALM 34:3
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

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SOCIAL WORKSHOP

April 12, 2025
9AM-12 PM
Immanuel Baptist Church
28355 Baseline St. Highland

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 4-6
Pastors Wives Retreat
- April 12
VBS Training Clinic
- April 26
Conferencia para Mujeres

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DERYL LACKEY
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Greetings in the name of the Lord,

I would like to bring to your attention one of the opportunities we offer. I consider this to be one of the most spiritually profound and significant ministries we offer to our Associational churches. This process is known as “Seeking God,” **which includes ten days during which a church, its leaders, or the leadership board come together to seek God** through prayer, engagement with Scripture, and fasting. It is not a program; rather, it is a structured period dedicated to seeking God in the life of the church. We provide guidance, prayer, and Bible reading guides, along with facilitating three corporate prayer sessions where we pray through Scripture. I have been inspired by the ways in which God’s spirit has worked in the lives of all who have participated. There is much more information that can be provided if you are interested, please feel free to reach out to me if you feel this would benefit your church. I believe this ten day journey can be beneficial for any church or its leadership, regardless of their current spiritual condition.



JONATHAN DE LA O
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

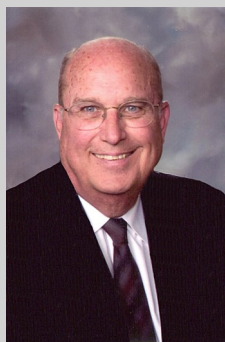
Easter Reminders:

As a pastor, Resurrection Sunday was always one of my most favorite days of the year. Nothing beats waking up to a cool Sunday morning, seeing the morning dew and the colors that Spring would bring, welcoming church families and visitors who were always dressed to impress, and most importantly celebrating along with them and my family the greatest victory in history. Unfortunately, as amazing as the day can be it was also one of the busiest days of the year.

Many of us will spend Holy Week making sure that we have enough welcome bags or connect cards for new visitors, making sure that the worship band is on point for service and that the floral committee arranged the calla lilies perfectly, confirming with our Children’s Director that we have enough pastel paint for the craft they will be making with our kids, and preparing the final points of our message, one that is different from the last ten Easter Sermons that we gave. I know that it can be hard to enjoy Easter Sunday when we are busy trying to take full advantage of the day and the events that come along with it.

Here are some healthy reminders/tips that may help you and your church as you draw near to finalize preparations. 1) It is important to take on more of a Mary mentality, enjoying Christ and what He accomplished, than a Martha approach whose focus was to make sure everything was just right. “But we have so much to do!”, you and I may say, which brings me to 2) Let’s depend more on the Spirit’s work than on our strategy. At the end of the day fancy mugs don’t save lives. Trust that God will use absolutely nothing to achieve everything. 3) Have small meaningful conversations. Jesus didn’t have a crowd waiting for him when he rose from the grave, even Lazarus had more of an audience. Instead he had intentional one on one conversations with people over what they were experiencing and witnessing. Praying that this may uplift you greatly.

Psalm 62:5 My soul, wait in silence for God alone, For my hope is from Him.



BRUCE HITCHCOCK

CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST

As the children age and mature, space becomes an issue. In addition, the house seems to require constant repair and maintenance. Slowly, the affection for the *old place* wanes. But not far from your location, a new housing project is just underway. The homes seem much larger, and the neighborhood is posh. The exclusivity haunts you. Your spouse is more cautious. *Are you sure we can afford it?* she asks. *Absolutely*, you respond. *With what we would spend to fix this dump, we can easily afford the payments.*

It's a done deal, the realtor states, as you and your spouse sign the new loan papers. Things go well for the first few months. Then there is a slowdown at work. Everyone agrees to a cut in salary to keep their jobs. Suddenly you miss a payment and then a second one. The mortgage company is foreclosing. The pressure of downsizing and unsettling times at work become too much to keep the family together. You are alone, estranged from those who you love.

The enemy's inducements begin subtly at first. He is a patient adversary. Infidelity may begin with an unintended word, look, or touch. Then the attractive coworker teases with humor, smiles, or calculated appeals. As the confrontations become more directed, there may be seemingly harmless coffee meetings before work or afterward.

The relationship then moves from the flirtatious into the intentional stage. Late-night and early morning meetings turn into a sexual relationship. Lying becomes a necessary evil to maintain this new relationship. Discovery ends a marriage. Depression, sadness, lack of trust, and loss replace the momentary happiness of a sordid relationship.

The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23a, NKJV).



JUAN SANTOS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Mientras avanzamos en el año 2025 hemos podido ver cómo las Iglesias Hispánicas están alcanzando a su comunidad trabajando unidas para que el evangelio siga creciendo. Agradecemos a los pastores, líderes y miembros de las iglesias por su participación en las reuniones de nuestra asociación que planeamos con usted en mente..

Este trimestre en las clases de Advance de Gateway Seminary en Español tenemos 95 estudiantes. Tenemos clases disponibles en línea y presenciales todo el año. Nuestra asociación tiene tres

extensiones del seminario en Español.

Damos gracias a Dios por muchos que se están preparando y haciendo un gran impacto en sus iglesias. Nuestro deseo es ayudar a los líderes, maestros y pastores de nuestras iglesias Hispánicas a avanzar y crecer.

Aquí están las siguientes actividades en Español:

- **Sábado 26 de Abril** - Conferencia para mujeres en la Iglesia Mas Vida 9116 Sierra Ave Fontana, CA 92335 9:00am -1:00pm \$20 por persona Registrarse en línea <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/conferencia-para-mujeres> o con Brenda Santos (714)350-1161
- **Viernes 16 al 18 Mayo** - Retiro "Mujer Real" en Pine Summit, Big Bear CA. Precio \$245
- Info: Lety Rios (909) 809-7715
- **Sábado 31 de Mayo** - Desayuno para pastor 9am-11am
- **Sábado 28 de Junio** - Conferencia para hombres
- **Sábado 16 de Agosto** - Retiro para esposa de pastor



AFTER HOURS MINISTRY

Every year, **millions of people are trafficked around the world**. Sex traffickers' prey on the vulnerable, drawing them in with promises of protection, love, and adventure. **After Hours Ministry** was started in 2007 with the mission to be a community compelled by the hope of Christ to participate in transformation and healing among people in L.A. involved in all aspects of the cycle of sexual exploitation. This ministry was started by two individuals who had left "The Game." One came out of a background of heroin and cocaine addiction, prostituting to support her drug habit. God delivered her and since then, she hasn't stopped reaching out to people that share her similar past of drug addiction and darkness. One of the people that God touched during one of her outreaches was a man; he had a history of working as a runner (for a pimp) and had been arrested for prostitution... but he too was transformed by God's grace. **Together, it was their desire to help people who were stuck in a similar lifestyle: sexual bondage, drug addiction, criminal activity, addiction to money or pornography, those in gangs, pimping, prostituting (or any other type of bondage) to be delivered and set free by the power of Jesus Christ.**



Tracy Speers took over the ministry in 2023 and is the current President and Executive Director of After Hours Ministry. Every Friday night from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. trained volunteers do street outreach. They go to the "track" (streets where sexually exploited & trafficked women work) to give gift bags to the women and pray with them, most of who are between age 16 to 24 years old. In building relationships with them, the women know they are loved by God and have a friend nearby that can help them with their needs. Recently the Baptist Foundation of California donated to help purchase a van to be used during outreach, which is equipped with a bathroom and a shower that you can enter from the outside. After Hours will soon be offering HIV and STD testing to the women that they assist.

How can YOU help?

To go out on an outreach with After Hours you must be over 21 years of age, attend a mandatory training class, and fill out a ministry application. After Hours now offers an online program on how to reach out to the sexually exploited. This class is \$24.99 and anyone is welcome to take it. You do not have to be 21 to take the training, but you must be 21 or over to come out on an outreach.

Another way to help is to assemble gift bags. Each Friday night, After Hours distributes approximately 100 gift bags. Each bag has a hand warmer, hand sanitizer, lip gloss, a verse, and a hair tie closing the bag. There is an amazon wish list available to order supplies, and you can get labels from the Association office with the contact information that is placed on the hand sanitizer. Once assembled, you can ship them directly to After Hours Ministry. You can also order items from the wish list and ship to After Hours for them to assemble. You can find the wish list here <https://qrco.de/bfrCHj> or scan the QR code at the top. For more information about After Hours, visit afterhoursministry.org.





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LAS IGLESIAS?



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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

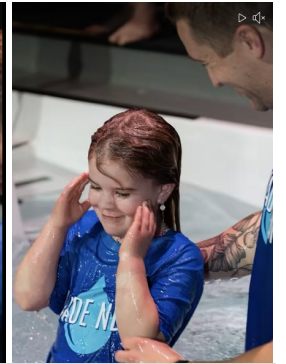
2nd Monday of the month: 8:00 am, Sun City Family Restaurant, 26824 Cherry Hills, Sun City

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



CHURCH IN THE VALLEY CELEBRATED PASTOR RANDY AND CINDY'S RETIREMENT AFTER SERVING THERE AS SENIOR PASTOR AND WIFE FOR 37 YEARS!



LAST YEAR, THE ORCHARD CHURCH LOCATED IN TEMECULA CELEBRATED 350 BAPTISMS, AND SO FAR THIS YEAR, THEY HAVE CELEBRATED 99 BAPTISMS!



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