

Coming Event!



Christmas Tea and Jewelry Sale for Missions

Saturday, December 2—10 a.m.

Jewelry Sale—11 a.m.

Tea Tickets—\$25 per person if purchased
by November 19;

November 20-26—\$35 per person

Start the Christmas holidays with Christ and join us for our annual tea luncheon. Our Family Center is transformed into a delightful Christmas setting. Each table is beautifully decorated by our tea hostesses, and you will be amazed at their creativity and attention to detail. You'll want to come early and shop our amazing jewelry and accessory tables where all profits go to our Christmas Missions Project. The popularity of our Christmas Tea continues to grow every year and tickets are limited so invite your family and friends and get your tickets early.

For more information on this event, see a Women's Ministry team member or call Calvary Bellflower, 562-925-3706

Annual Women's Retreat



These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:11

Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Calvary Bellflower



Presented by
Calvary Bellflower
Women's Ministry

Workshop Descriptions and Presenters



#100—Words of Joy

Jeremiah 15:16 says, "Your Words were found and I ate them, and your Words became to me a JOY and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name O Lord, God of hosts." As we read and obey God's Word we experience the joy of the Holy Spirit comforting, leading and guiding us. I

It is also a wonderful experience as God fulfills His promise to give us joy through obedience. Join me as we learn some new ways to read, study, and apply God's Word to our life situations, for it is in God's Presence that Joy abounds.

Workshop Presenter: Donya Yoder

Donya Yoder has been attending Calvary Baptist for 23 years. She loves to study and teach God's Word to others and is part of the Women 2 Women Discipleship team. She has been married to Phil for 30 years and has four adult sons who make her heart smile. She is an entrepreneur with her own Home Organizing and Health & Wellness businesses. She also loves to exercise, read and is currently learning how to play pickleball.

#200—Count it All Joy

When trials come James 1:2 says "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds." In this workshop we will explore what it means to count it as Joy when we seek first the kingdom of God and pursue obedience to God above all else.



Workshop Presenter: Xochi Blanco

Xochi is an imperfect follower of Jesus. She lives in Norwalk with her mom, Natalie, and her brother, Xico. She spends her days working as Calvary Bellflower's Website and Social Media Director and during the school year as a Substitute Teacher for ABCUSD, BUSD and NLMUSD. She is involved in the Young Adults ministry here at Calvary and serves in the Belong Band with her boyfriend, Josiah, and friends.

#300—How to Choose Joy when Life Gets Tough

As Christians, we are often guilty of confusing joy with happiness. I know I have, before I really understood the difference. Even though Joy is my middle name (no, really it is), I often struggled to keep any semblance of joy when it seemed life and the world around me was imploding? Can you relate? In this workshop, we're going to dive deeper to what can steal our joy and what we can do to keep that from happening and live a life, of joy, despite the bumpy roads and inevitable valleys we will experience. The Bible tells us in Nehemiah 8:10, "The JOY of the Lord is my strength." Remember, joy is a choice and hopefully, this workshop will give you some tools to choose joy every day with God's Word, prayer, and your eyes fixed on Jesus!



Workshop Presenter: Janice Cole

Janice Cole has been a member of Calvary Bellflower since 1968. She met and married the love of her life, Tom, at Calvary. They were married 19 years until God called Tom to Heaven in 2003. Their son, Michael, serves in the Children's Ministry and is an accomplished artist, using his talent for church events. Janice worked at Cerritos College for 41 years before retiring in 2016. She has served in the Hearts for Him Women's Ministry since 2007, on the Church Board as the first women trustee, co-leads the Serve Point class and the Grief Recovery class. Janice is also a group leader for Bible Study Fellowship. She loves to travel, shop, decorate, and cook for friends and family.



Retreat Schedule

- 8:15-9:00 a.m. Check-in and Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome & Prayer
Praise and Worship
Speaker—Linda Isai
Group Photo

MORNING SESSION

- 10:40 a.m. Workshops
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Craft Activity
Photo Booth Fun
- 1:45 p.m. Group Activity
- 2:00 p.m. Snack Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:30 p.m. Praise and Worship
Testimonies
Linda Isai
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner and Door Prizes

Featured Speaker Linda Isai



Linda Isai had been married to her amazing husband, Raresh, for 21 years. She has three beautiful children, Charlotte (15), Griffin (13), and Corinne (10). Linda is a member of Kindred Community Church in Anaheim Hills. She works full time for Downey Unified School District as a Reading Interventionist. In her free time, Linda loves serving in her church, traveling, watching documentaries, exercising, and spending time with her family and friends. In 2022 Linda led a workshop for our retreat, “Digging Deeper in the Word,” which was so well received by the attendees who gave her rave reviews. Linda mixes life experiences with wisdom, humor, and her deep love for God and His Word.



About The Retreat

Join us for our Annual Women's retreat where our guest speaker, Linda Isai, will share what Biblical Joy is really about. She will talk about what joy the world offers versus what joy the Lord brings. Choosing Joy means choosing Christ every day! We hope you'll join us for a practical look of how we can experience the joy we were created for no matter what circumstances you find yourself in.

"In the world you will face trouble but take heart I have overcome the world." John 16:33

We are excited to present workshops that focus on building and growing your faith. You will be choosing **ONE** of the three workshops offered:

#100 – Words of Joy

#200—Count It All Joy

#300—How to Choose Joy When Life Gets Tough

This retreat has been eagerly planned for you and has been prayed over for many months. We want you to relax, make new friends, and enjoy the day. We also want you to grow in faith, strengthen your relationship with the Lord, and remember that Joy is a choice. Come join us as we learn the Biblical perspective of what is joy and the benefits of choosing joy for your life every day!



Retreat Cost & Registration Information

Ladies ages 13 and older welcome

Retreat Cost: \$75 per person*

Retreat cost includes: Delicious continental breakfast, lunch, buffet dinner, snacks, all retreat materials and giveaways. \$20 non-refundable deposit required at time of registration.

We invite all ladies to dress in **BLACK & WHITE** for this special day.

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

*Price increases to \$85 per person—
September 11-17

Complete the included registration form and drop it off with your deposit at the Women's Ministry table on the patio after the service, August 7-September 17. **FINAL PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 17.** Make your check payable to Calvary Bellflower or register online with a credit card at www.calvarybellflower.org/events

Please make child care arrangements as **NO CHILDCARE** is provided on-site.

For registration questions, please text or call:

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