

## Fun & Fellowship

There will be plenty of time for relaxing and getting to know one another through fellowship, singing, hiking, playing games, etc.

## Book Exchange

Bring some of your gently used books with you and take home something different. All genres welcomed whether they are theology, fiction, history, practical, cookbooks, children's books, etc. The more variety you bring, the more everyone will have to choose from. And if you don't have your own library yet, you can still take home some books, just bring a few dollars to purchase them for \$1 each. *(We do ask you to take back home with you any of your books that didn't get adopted during the weekend)*

## Craft Time

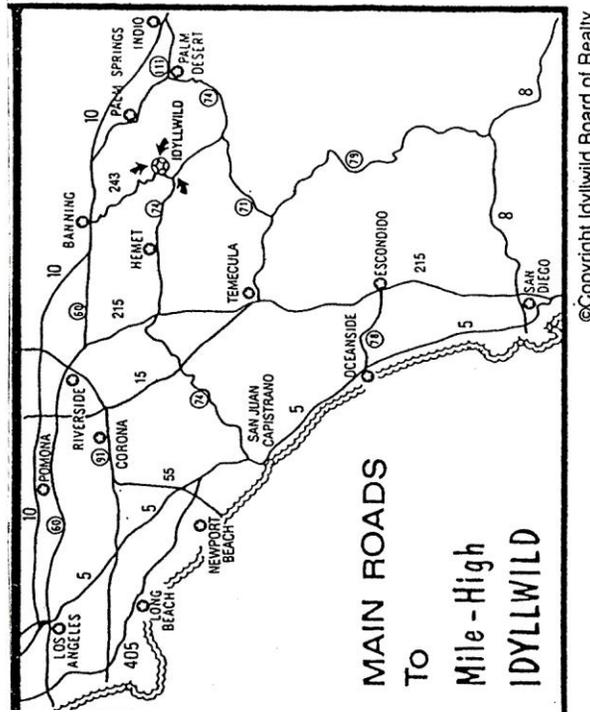
We will teach you how to create your own doodle art this year. For a small fee of \$5 you will get your own pen, a card with envelope, and several illustrations/examples to help you use your new skill.

## Talent Night

Talent night is on Saturday evening. Start planning a skit or some special music now! Please consider, "whatever, you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col 3:17

## Sunday Morning Worship

Pastor Dave Crum will be leading the Sunday morning worship service for us.



From the 243 in Idyllwild, continue through town to Maranatha Drive, passing the fire station on your right and the Laundromat on your left. Turn left on Maranatha Dr. Camp Maranatha is at the end of the street. Turn right up the driveway.



# Grace Gets More Amazing

## The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California OPC Women's Retreat



April 17-19, 2020

**Camp Maranatha**

Idyllwild, California

## Conference Theme:

# Grace Gets More Amazing

*John 1:16 For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.*

## What To Bring

Casual warm clothes. *Expect variable weather conditions, layers recommended. We've had snow some years, and temperatures in the 80's other years.* Bedding (**sleeping bag or sheets & blankets, and pillow**), towel, toiletries, Bible, and a *coffee mug*. Feel free to bring some munchies for the snack table and don't forget your books for the book exchange.

## Camp Check-In

Please check the directions carefully or you can look it up at [CampMaranathaRetreat.com](http://CampMaranathaRetreat.com). Camp check-in is from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the **Big Pine Lodge**. The first meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. Friday night dinner is not included with camp, but there are several local restaurants you may enjoy in Idyllwild.

## Further Information

For further information or questions, call Diana Post at (562) 221-8362 or Elly deRu at (760) 728-5063 - **Please do not call the camp.**



## Valerie Shepard

Born February 27th, 1955 in Shell Mera, Ecuador, Valerie was the only daughter of missionary parents, Elisabeth and Jim Elliot. They were missionaries to the Quichua Indians of the Amazon jungle. In 1956, while attempting to reach the Waodani Indians (a primitive

and savage stone age tribe) with 4 other missionaries, Jim was speared to death in January of 1956. Elisabeth and Valerie continued to live with the Quichuas until miraculously they were invited to live with the Waodani tribe that had killed Jim. They lived with these Indians for 2 years in safety and contentment, as Elisabeth and another missionary, Rachel Saint learned to speak the language and translated the story of Jesus to them.

Valerie attended and graduated from Wheaton College in 1976 with a BA in English Literature. She married Walter Shepard shortly after that and moved to live with him in Louisiana. Walter grew up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with his missionary parents.

She has spent 41 years being a pastor's wife, raising 8 children, homeschooling, and teaching Bible studies. Valerie and Walter's ministry has been one of hospitality, leading prayer meetings, and learning to live in God's grace with joy.

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*Valerie will be bringing us 3 messages this weekend with a 4<sup>th</sup> session for questions and answers. The topics of her talks will be:*

1. **Memories of Ecuador:** *Through Gates of Splendor*
2. **From Legalism to Grace:** *My Story*
3. **Parenting with Grace**

## Cost:

- **Full weekend - Hotel Style Rooms:**  
\$160 with Early Registration **by March 27<sup>th</sup>** \$180 after March 27<sup>th</sup>. *Includes lodging for two nights and 5 meals. Restroom located inside the room. Limited availability.*
- **Full weekend - Dorm Style Rooms:**  
\$140 with Early Registration **by March 27<sup>th</sup>** \$160 after March 27<sup>th</sup>. *Includes lodging for two nights and 5 meals. Restrooms located in a separate building.*
- **Saturday only:** \$80, must be registered by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Full payment of \$80 due with registration. (non-refundable).
- **Nursing Infants:** \$0, must be registered by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> with mother. This is specifically for young, nursing infants and only with the "Saturday only" option. There are no overnight accommodations for infants and no childcare will be offered during the day.

## Deposit:

\$80 (non-refundable), must be included with registration. Remainder may be paid upon arrival at camp.

## Register Online at:

[www.OPCWomensRetreat.org](http://www.OPCWomensRetreat.org)

Registration will close on

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Scholarships

There will be four scholarships (\$80 each) for first time, full weekend applicants. This must be requested and will be given to the first four who send their request and deposit of \$80.