



CARBC
CHRISTIAN WORKERS RETREAT
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Be sure to make space in your schedule for the CARBC's annual Christian Workers Retreat. This special time of preaching, and fellowship is again happening on the beautiful Central Coast of California. Break away from the routine of things for the encouragement and refreshment of Christian exhortation and sacred worship.

Our keynote speaker is Pastor Jonathan Edwards. Dr. Edwards was raised in a Christian home, saved as a young boy at Community Baptist Church, and called to preach as teenager. After finishing his degrees, he joined Northwest Baptist Missions. His wife

Chrissa was also from SLO and is the daughter of Dr. John and Hortense Bullock who served with ABWE in Bangladesh. The Edwards have been used by God to start three churches in the state of Utah. He serves on the executive board of Northwest Baptist Mis-



sions and the advisory board of Grace Reigns, an outreach to polygamous communities in Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. He helped start Utah Independent Camp and directed the camp horsemanship program for 25 years. He pastored Marysville Baptist Church for twenty-five years and delights in mentoring young pastors in other parts of the state. Currently, the Edwards are helping to establish a fourth church in Tropic, Utah. With decades of faithful service to the Lord as a pastor in missions, Jonathan brings a vast amount of experience and wisdom that will encourage our hearts to faithful service in our ministries as we keep our eyes and hope in Jesus Christ.

The retreat will be held at Community Baptist Church in San Luis Obispo (CBCSLO) and begins with dinner on Monday evening. The schedule is relaxed so that there is plenty of time to spend with others in the ministry, and yet with enough corporate gatherings to be sure that we go away strengthened in the Lord. The cost is \$75 per person payable upon arrival. Be sure to register before January 17 at <https://form.jotform.com/243176529586166> and, as always, if you have financial challenges in attending, please let us know.

HOPE IN THE LORD

Jeremiah 17:7

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- 3:00 pm: CARBC Council Meeting
- 4:30 pm: Registration
- 5:30 pm: Dinner at Community Baptist Church
- 7:00 pm: Worship followed by a message from Pastor Jonathan Edwards
- 8:30 pm: Fellowship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00 am: Worship followed by a message from Pastor Jonathan Edwards
- 10:00 am: Fellowship and free time until evening service.
- 7:00 pm: Worship followed by a message from Pastor Jonathan Edwards
- 8:30 pm: Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:00 am: Worship followed by a message from our new state rep, Norm Walker
- 10:00 am: Fellowship
- 11:00 am: Worship followed by a message from Pastor Jonathan Edwards



LODGING



SLO is loaded with hotels because of Cal Poly and access to the Central Coast. The hotels listed below go from economical to mid-range pricing. Priceline, et al give a good idea of the hotel costs at the time of the retreat. Watch, however, the hotel location. Virtually all hotels in SLO will be within 5 miles of the church, but hotels in Pismo, Morro Bay, Atascadero, and beyond can end up being quite some distance away. The Pismo Beach/Arroyo Grande area and Morro Bay area provide great options by the ocean and are about 20 minutes from the church (13-18 miles).

- Mission Inn: <http://missioninnslo.com/>
- Vagabond Inn: <https://www.vagabondinn.com/vagabond-inn-san-luis-obispo>
- Best Western Plus: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-san-luis-obispo/best-western-plus-royal-oak-hotel/propertyCode.05315.html
- Apple Farm (shown above): <https://www.applefarm.com/>

The church has plenty of space for RV parking. If one needs electricity, there are several 110 outlets as well as two 30 amp and two 50 amp hookups available. We have several hose bibs, but there is NO SEWER, so one should plan accordingly for their grey/black tanks.

SIGHT-SEEING & MEALS

SAN LUIS OBISPO

As a university town and tourist destination, SLO is packed with delightful shops, restaurants, museums, parks, and the historic mission. From walking downtown to hiking local mountains, there is something for everyone.



SLO has the old standbys of Denny's, IHOP, and Olive Garden as well as the standard assortment of fast food like Taco Bell, Jack in the Box, McDonalds, Panda Express, El Pollo Loco, Chipotle, Subway, etc. The combination of tourists and college students mean there is a plethora of unique restaurants and local fare. A few notable places are:

Firestone Grill [<https://www.firestonegrill.com/locations/firestone-grill-san-luis-obispo/>],

Taco King [<https://www.yelp.com/biz/taco-king-san-luis-obispo>],

Nucci's Pizza [<https://www.yelp.com/biz/nuccis-san-luis-obispo-2>],

G Brothers Smokehouse [<https://gbrothersinslo.com/>],

Arigato Sushi [<https://www.arigatosushislo.com/>], and

Petra [<https://www.eatpetra.com/>].

Walking downtown affords one an almost endless supply of shops to browse in and out of including some unique ones like the following:

Phoenix books (used and antique books) [<https://visitslo.com/things-to-do/attractions/san-luis-obispo-shopping/phoenix-books/>],

Tom's Toys [<https://www.tomstoystore.com/>],

British Sports Cars [<https://www.britishsportscars.com/>], and

Rocket Fizz [<https://rocketfizz.com/locations/rocket-fizz-san-luis-obispo-ca/>].

There are also many standard shops such as Apple, Sephora, Barnes and Noble, Banana Republic, and Bath and Body Works.

NORTH HWY. 1

A trip up the coast from SLO will take one to Morro Rock, Morro Strand State Beach, and the quaint seaside town of Cayucos. Cayucos has an ocean pier and a number of antique and specialty shops complete with the requisite café dining.



MORRO BAY

Morro Bay is a treasure trove of niche retailers and cafés, as well as Morro Rock and the Embarcadero. All afternoon can be spent at souvenir shops while sampling fresh fish and the sights of the bay. The Shell Shop [<https://www.morrobayshellshop.com/about-us>] is definitely a place to visit with its beautiful shells and gifts from around the world at prices from a few cents to hundreds of dollars!



MONTANA DE ORO

This park is about 20 minutes from the church and is an absolute treasure of untamed California Coast. There are easy walking paths along the cliffs above the ocean



with views that are unmatched. Admittance is free. [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=592]



Avila and the Port are located off Hwy. 101 just south of SLO at the end of Avila Beach Dr. This area offers shops, protected beaches, two piers, and a number of eating establishments. One will not want to miss the historic Harford Pier which gave the original access to the Central Coast until the railroads arrived in the 20th century [<https://www.pierfishing.com/port-san-luis-pier-harford-pier/>].

FIVE CITIES: SHELL BEACH, PISMO BEACH, ARROYO GRANDE, GROVER BEACH, OCEANO

South of SLO is the area known as the Five Cities because it is hard to tell when where one city ends and the other begins! It is a superb tourist destination chock full of wonderful things to do.

PISMO BEACH

What more can be said about this famous beach? Pismo Beach is loaded with restaurants and shops as well as an outlet mall right on the 101 [<https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/pismo-beach/>].

Wooly's Grill is situated by the pier and is well known for its fabulous hamburgers [<https://www.woolyspismobeach.com/>].

Those who desire Italian may find Rosa's a better fit [<https://www.rosasrestaurant.com/>]; Ventana Grill overlooking the ocean is highly acclaimed for both its food and view [<https://ventanagrill.com/>].



ARROYO GRANDE

Downtown AG is a delightful place to visit to slip in and out of quaint buildings housing various shops and restaurants. The historical society has a number of buildings open to the public

[<https://www.southcountyhistory.org/museums.html>]. AJ Spur's Steakhouse (technically in Grover Beach) is consistently found in the top echelon of steakhouses near us [<https://www.ajspurs.com/>], while Klondike Pizza is a great place to get some local flavor [<https://www.klondikepizza.com/>].



GOLF

There are several courses close by that are open to the public:

Dairy Creek [<https://dairycreekslo.com/>]

Morro Bay Golf Course [<https://golfmorrobay.com/>]

Avila Beach Golf Resort [<https://www.avilabeachresort.com/>]

Laguna Lake [<https://www.slocity.org/government/departments-directory/parks-and-recreation/laguna-lake-golf-course>]



We are looking forward to this time together and trust that it will be a refreshing break for you. Please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Randall Shanks at cbcslo1938@gmail.com or 760-617-3070 with any questions that you may have.

