

BONITA CHRISTIAN FORUM

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All events are held in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Road.

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Benedict Fitzgerald

November 17, 2009 • 7:00 pm

The Passion of the Christ is really an intimate view, from the solitude in Gethsemane, the enormous crowds, moments between mother and son, Magdalene and Jesus, Pilate and Jesus ... it's epic and intimate.



An accomplished screenwriter, Benedict Fitzgerald is perhaps best known for his work with Mel Gibson on *The Passion of the Christ* (2004). Having been raised in a literary and scholarly family – he is the son of renowned poet Robert Fitzgerald and Sally Fitzgerald, the world's leading expert on author Flannery O'Connor – and Harvard-educated, he has earned an outstanding reputation for screen adaptations of literary works. His current project is an original script called *The Christ*.

Rolf Benirschke

January 26, 2010 • 7:00 pm

When you get a second chance at life, you live it differently. You value people and relationships more. You recognize every day is a gift, and we're supposed to live it that way.



At the time of Rolf Benirschke's retirement from professional football in 1986, his stats established him as the most accurate placekicker in the history of the San Diego Chargers and the team's all-time leader in points scored ... but his toughest opponent was off the field. Diagnosed with ulcerative colitis in 1979, Rolf knows first-hand the challenges of living with inflammatory bowel disease. He has done so with courage, determination and candor, and uses his experience to encourage others. The 1996 book *Alive and Kicking!* shares his story.

Betsy King

February 23, 2010 • 7:00 pm

Golf gave me a platform to speak.



Betsy King played 28 years on the LPGA tour, during which she won 34 tournaments, including 6 majors. Her career numbers earned her election to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1995. But it was a trip to Africa in 2006 that gave her a vision for her "retirement" years. Betsy returned from that World Vision trip and founded Golf Fore Africa, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing hope and support to children in Africa who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by AIDS. Building on her strong connections within the golf community, Betsy works tirelessly and creatively to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Steven Reinemund

March 15, 2010 • 7:00 pm

My primary purpose as a person is to glorify God and to serve him in the way I am called to do ... in the business world the manifestation of that is in actions, not in preaching.



Steve Reinemund is the Dean of Business at Wake Forest University, and Professor of Leadership and Strategy. The former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo, Inc. (2001-2006) — and a 23-year veteran of the company — Steve is widely respected for his innovative and principled leadership. He currently serves on the board of directors of American Express, Exxon and Marriott, and as a trustee on the United States Naval Academy Foundation.

William Paul Young

April 13, 2010 • 7:00 pm

Facts alone might help you understand where a person has been, but often hide who they actually are.



Until the age of 10, Paul Young lived among the Dani, a technologically stone-age tribal people in New Guinea, who gave him a lifelong sense of identity. His professional life has been spent doing whatever work necessary to provide for his family. Initially rejected by 26 publishers, Paul's self-published book *The Shack* (2007) was #1 on the NY Times Bestsellers List for 49 consecutive weeks, with over 7 million in print. *The Shack* has sparked conversation and controversy by tackling the most challenging issues of Christian theology.

THE BONITA CHRISTIAN FORUM

A Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs

The Bonita Christian Forum speaker series was established in 2005 by First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of the Bonita Springs area. Its intent is to raise the visibility of the Christian message in our community, to provide a gathering place for Christians from various local congregations, to inspire and challenge those who follow Christ, and to present the life-changing work of Christ to people who have not yet met Him.

In its first four seasons, the Bonita Christian Forum has welcomed speakers from disciplines as diverse as sports, government, medicine, business, academia, literature, entertainment and the armed services... individuals like Dave Dravecky, Rebecca Hagelin, Dr. Walt Larimore, Ruth Graham, Judge Kenneth Starr, Congressman Jim Ryun, Jennifer Rothschild, Stephen Mansfield and Brigadier General Charlie Duke. We're excited about the line-up for this, our fifth season, and pray that the experiences of these individuals will encourage each of us to live out our faith in the arena in which God has placed us.

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We're excited to be able to offer the Bonita Christian Forum to our church and community at no charge, so that the life-transforming message of the Gospel is available to everyone.

The members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs have provided initial seed money for this program. A free will offering is taken at each event, to offset the expenses of the Forum; however, to ensure the future of this program, individual sponsorship is necessary for each season.

You can express your support of the Bonita Christian Forum and help guarantee its place in the culture of our community by becoming a Friend of the Forum for the 2009–2010 Season.

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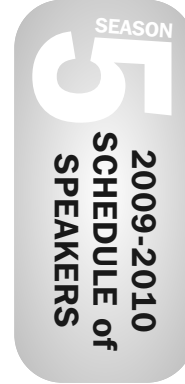
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