

BONITA CHRISTIAN FORUM

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Congressman Jim Ryun

November 18, 2008 • 7:00 pm

Breaking the world record for the mile at age 19, Jim Ryun has inspired generations. The three-time U.S. Olympian in the 1,500-meters, he held the world record in five events and earned a silver medal in 1968. Ryun served five terms representing the Second Congressional District of Kansas. Founder of Jim Ryun Sports, Inc., he has also created "Sounds of Success," a program for hearing impaired children. Jim's books include *In Quest of Gold*, *Heroes Among Us: Deep Within Each of Us Dwells the Heart of a Hero*, and the inspirational devotional, *Courage to Run: Inspiration for Winning the Race of Your Life*.

Immaculée Ilibagiza

January 20, 2009 • 7:00 pm

Her book, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, has sold over 250,000 copies worldwide. Immaculée was an engineering student whose life was altered dramatically in 1994 by the genocide in Rwanda. She survived, but lost most of her family and many friends. Four years later, she immigrated to the United States and began working for the United Nations in New York City. She established the Left to Tell Charitable Fund to help others heal from the long-term effects of genocide and war. Immaculée shares more of her journey in her 2008 release, *Led By Faith: Rising from the Ashes*.

"We have reached a point in history where some have forgotten that it is the family, not the government, that is the fundamental block of our society." – *JIM RYUN*

"I realized that my battle to survive this war would have to be fought inside of me. Everything strong and good in me – my faith, hope, and courage – was vulnerable to the dark energy. If I lost my faith, I knew that I wouldn't be able to survive. I could rely only on God to help me fight." – *IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA FROM LEFT TO TELL*

"There is a schizophrenic nature in modern politics. A leader is expected to have a religious faith but he is not supposed to let it influence him in his duties. Somehow, the truths that determine everything else about his existence are not allowed to influence how he conducts himself in public life. Not only that, his principles are usually considered so personal that the public is not even allowed to know for certain what they are. This passes for noble statecraft in our time. It was once thought cowardice." – *STEPHEN MANSFIELD*

"The Moon was the most spectacularly beautiful desert you can ever imagine. Unspoiled, untouched. It had a vibrancy about it. And the contrast between the Moon and the black sky was so vivid and... it just made this impression, you know, of excitement and wonder."

– *CHARLIE DUKE*



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Stephen Mansfield

February 17, 2009 • 7:00 pm

A writer, lecturer and statesman, Stephen Mansfield is becoming one of the nation's most respected voices on faith and American culture. This former pastor founded a nationwide network of agencies serving the poor and became a diplomat internationally known for helping rebuild Kurdistan after the first Gulf War. Stephen's great love of history inspired his biographies of Sir Winston Churchill, Booker T. Washington and George Whitefield, as well as a book with the intriguing title, *More Than Dates and Dead People*. More recently, he received Pentagon permission to be embedded with U.S. troops in Iraq while researching his 2005 book, *The Faith of the American Soldier*.

Brigadier General Charlie Duke

March 31, 2009 • 7:00 pm

Apollo 16 Astronaut Charlie Duke became the tenth man to walk on the moon. His love of flying began after graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy when he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force. Charlie was one of 19 astronauts selected by NASA in 1966. He served as lunar module pilot on the fifth manned lunar mission, receiving the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. Since his retirement, Charlie was appointed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to the NASA Advisory Council. Presently, he is owner of Charlie Duke Enterprises and president of Duke Investments. He and his wife Dottie authored the book, *Moonwalker*.

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 three seasons, the Bonita Christian Forum has hosted former major league pitcher Dave Drapecky; Miss America 1995 Heather Whitestone McCallum; physician, author and medical journalist Dr. Walt Larimore; Senator Richard Schweiker and Claire Schweiker, renowned British theologian Rev. Dr. John R.W. Stott; novelist Donna Van Liere; Iraqi General Georges Sada; Ruth Graham; scholar and expert on Middle Eastern culture Dr. Kenneth Bailey; recording artist Jennifer Rothschild; athlete and sports executive Pat Williams; social commentator Rebecca Hagelin; former director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Jim Towey; Judge Kenneth Starr; and author and humorist Eric Metaxas.

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– 1 PETER 3:15

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