

# 2026 IFCA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

FIRST FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE CHURCH  
WHITTIER, CA



# 2026 IFCA Convention Schedule

(ROOM NAMES IN ALL CAPS)

## Monday, June 29 Opening Day of Convention

- 1:00 pm Registration is Open FOYER
- 5:00 pm DINNER GYM
- 6:30-9 pm Nursery (infant – 3 yrs) BABIES NURSERY  
Toddlers (3-4 yrs) CRAWLERS NURSERY  
Children's Program (4-12 yrs) ROOMS H, I, J  
*Please pick up your children immediately following the Service*
- 7:00 pm General Session, Richard Bargas SANCTUARY
- 9:00 pm Opening Night Reception COURTYARD

## Tuesday, June 30

- 8:00 am Convention Office Open FOYER  
Prayer Time FIRESIDE RM 103
- 8:15-11:50 Nursery (infant – 3 yrs) BABIES NURSERY  
Toddlers (3-4 yrs) CRAWLERS NURSERY  
Children's Program (4-12 yrs) ROOMS H, I, J  
*Please pick up your children immediately at 11:50 am*
- 8:30-9:45 Panel with General Session Speakers  
SANCTUARY  
Women's Fellowship Conference RM D
- 10:15 am Men's Business Session SANCTUARY  
Women's Fellowship Conference RM D
- 12:00 Noon Lunch GYM

First Time Attenders Lunch—Bring food to  
RM K

- 1:00-3:00 Free Time & Fellowship
- 3:00-3:55 Men's Strategic Planning Breakouts  
(First Session)  
Church Planting Commission ROOM 207  
Council of Regional Presidents  
HERRERA HALL RM 111  
Chaplains Meeting RM B
- 4:00-4:55 Men's Strategic Planning Breakouts  
(Second Session)  
Church Planting Commission RM 207  
Council of Regional Presidents  
HERRERA HALL RM 111  
Chaplains Meeting RM B
- 5:00 pm Dinner GYM
- 7:00 pm General Session – Ryan Day SANCTUARY
- 9:00 pm Michigan Regional Reception FIRESIDE RM 103

## Wednesday, July 1

- 8:00 am Convention Office is Open FOYER  
Prayer Time FIRESIDE RM 103
- 8:45-11:50 Nursery (infant – 3 yrs) BABIES NURSERY  
Toddlers (3-4 yrs) CRAWLERS NURSERY  
Children's Program (4-12 yrs) ROOMS H, I, J  
*Please pick up your children immediately at 11:50 am*
- 9:00-10:00 Discussion Panel w/ General Session Speakers  
SANCTUARY
- 10:00 am Coffee / Visit Displayers PATIO/FOYER & RM 213

10:45-11:45 Breakout Seminars  
(Both Men and Women are invited)

Gary Gilley: John Mark Comer, and the  
Comerism of Christianity SANCTUARY

John Shim: Holy Ambition –  
Discouragements and Encouragements  
HERRERA HALL RM 111

Scott Bashoor: Highways in the Heart: A  
Pilgrim's Prayer of Longing in Psalm 84  
FIRESIDE RM 103

Church Planting:  
Henry Vosburgh: A Ministry Planning Guide:  
Assessing My Church's Ministry Status RM 213

Chaplains:  
Dave Deets: The Sovereignty of God in  
Leadership Development RM B

Women:  
Heidi Bashoor: Treasured in My Heart: The  
Power of Scripture Memory RM D

Español:  
Alex Granados: Santa Ambición: Motivación  
para un ministerio duradero RM 207

12:00 pm Lunch GYM

1:30-5:00 Free Time & Optional Activities

5:00 pm Dinner GYM

7:00 pm General Session – Alex Montoya SANCTUARY

### Thursday, July 2

8:00 am Convention Office is Open FOYER

Prayer Time FIRESIDE RM 103

8:45-11:50 Nursery (infant – 3 yrs) BABIES NURSERY  
Toddlers (3-4 yrs) CRAWLERS NURSERY  
Children's Program (4-12 yrs) ROOMS H, I, J  
*Please pick up your children immediately at 11:50 am*

9:00-10:00 Breakout Seminars  
(Both Men and Women are invited)

Ryan King: The Church is the Garden:  
The Biblical Context for Training Church  
Leaders SANCTUARY

Chris Bauer: Finishing Well: Sustaining  
Holy Ambition over a Lifetime  
HERRERA HALL RM 111

Tom Pittman: Reclaiming Biblical  
Leadership FIRESIDE RM 103

Church Planting:  
Robert Zink / Larry Duncan: Whom Shall  
We Send? Training and Sending the Next  
Generation of Faithful Leaders RM 213

Chaplains:  
Dave Deets: The Mandate: Be One – Make  
Many RM B

Women:  
Women's Prayer Seminar: Together in  
Grace: Strengthening One Another for  
Ministry RM D

Español:  
Felix Aguilera: Santa Ambición RM 207

10:45-11:45 Breakout Seminars  
(Both Men and Women are invited)

Cory Marsh: The Centrifugal Church:  
Reclaiming Evangelism and Missionary  
Mandates for Genuine Evangelical Identity  
SANCTUARY

Kevin Brubaker: A Burning Ambition:  
Advancing the Great Commission  
Everywhere FIRESIDE RM 103

Church Planting:  
Dan Fredericks: Biblical Conciliation and  
Local Church Health RM 213

Chaplains:  
Joel Tetreau: The Stable Leader RM B

Women:

Diane Harris: Spiritual Motherhood RM D

Español:

Alberto Perez: Perseverando en la Fidelidad  
RM 207

12:00 pm Lunch GYM  
1:30-5:00 Free Time & Optional Activities  
5:00 pm Dinner GYM  
7:00 pm General Session – Rick Gregory SANCTUARY  
9:15-11:00 IFCA Board Convenes RM 206

### Friday, July 3

8:00 am Convention Office is Open FOYER  
Prayer Time FIRESIDE RM 103  
9:00-10:00 Breakout Seminars  
(Both Men and Women are invited)  
James Fazio: The History of the Rapture  
Doctrine SANCTUARY  
Steve Wong: Leading with Eternal Vision  
HERRERA HALL RM 111  
Justin Blackwood: Raising Up the Next  
Generation of Leaders FIRESIDE RM 103  
Edward Caballero: Forming Gospel-  
Ambitious Families: Equipping Parents to  
Raise Children with a Vision for Serving  
Christ RM 213  
Español:  
Miguel Anaya: Una Vida Limpia En Un  
Mundo Sucio RM 207  
10:00 am Fellowship and Farewells

## Exhibitors List

Shepherds Theological Seminary  
Church Planting Commission  
Adelphos-USA  
Emmaus University  
Hope for Uganda (H4U)  
Ethnos360  
Venture Clubs  
Ariel Ministries  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
Querétaro-for-Christ-Mission  
Slavic Gospel Association  
Virginia Beach Theological Seminary  
Trans World Radio-Japan  
316 Publishing  
Biblical Ministries Worldwide  
Fellowship International Mission (FIM)  
BJU Seminary  
Truth Trackers  
Rio Grande Bible Ministries  
National Theological College & Graduate  
School

# 2026 IFCA Annual Convention Speakers

## **Dr. Richard Bargas**

Richard is the IFCA International Executive Director. He is a graduate of Biola University (B.A.) and The Master's Seminary (M.Div.; D. Min.). Dr. Bargas served as Adjunct Professor at The Master's Seminary for 12 years and in pastoral positions for over 20 years. Richard serves on the board of Biblical Ministries Worldwide. Richard and Wendy have been married for over 36 years.

## **Ryan Day**

Ryan is the founding pastor of Revolve Bible Church, where he serves following ten years in youth ministry. He is currently pursuing an M.Div. at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and co-hosts the Pastor Scholar Podcast. A Marine Corps veteran of the Iraq War, Ryan has been married to his wife Allison for 17 years. Ryan currently serves on the IFCA International Board of Directors.

## **Richard Gregory**

Rick has served in pastoral ministry for more than thirty-five years, including twenty years as Senior Pastor of Byron Center Bible Church in Michigan. Since 2006, he has served as Senior Pastor of Grace Bible Church in Fair Oaks, California, holding an M.Div. from Capital Bible Seminary and a D.Min. from Grace Theological Seminary. He currently serves on the IFCA Board of Directors and has been involved in prison ministry since 1977. Rick and his wife, Pat, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

## **Alex Montoya**

Alex Montoya has served as Senior Pastor of First Fundamental Bible Church in Whittier, California, since 1972. He holds an M.Div. and Th.M. from Talbot Theological Seminary and an honorary D.D. from The Master's Seminary. He has served as Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries at The Master's Seminary and is a former Southern California Regional President of IFCA. Pastor Montoya founded the Seminario Biblico Fundamental in 1975 and is the author of Hispanic Ministry in North America (Zondervan) and Preaching with Passion (Kregel). He and his wife Favy have adult children and several grandchildren.

## **Kimberly Cummings**

Kimberly has been involved in women's ministry for thirty years and currently directs the Women's Ministry team at Lake Hills Community Church in California, where her husband David serves as Lead Pastor. She teaches women's Bible studies, leads events, and serves as adjunct faculty in the Biblical Counseling Department at The Master's University, where her courses focus on sound doctrine, biblical meditation, and the "One Anothers" of Scripture. The Lord has granted her opportunities to teach women across the U.S. and internationally, including Italy, Colombia, and Siberia. Kimberly and David have two adult children.

# Convention Seminars & Special Features

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## Monday 9:00 pm

Opening Night Reception COURTYARD

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## Tuesday - 8:30 am – 9:45 am

Panel with General Session Speakers SANCTUARY

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## Tuesday - 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Women's Fellowship Conference

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## Tuesday - 3:00 pm – 3:55 pm

Men's Strategic Planning Breakouts (First Session)

CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION ROOM 207

**Alex Montoya – *Measuring the Activity of the Local Church: Ordained, Strained, or Drained?***

The Bible teaches that a local church's activity falls within three main functions: 1) stewardship of the truth, 2) equipping of the saints, and 3) advancement of the gospel. How much a church's time and energy is spent in these areas will be the measure of its vitality. This seminar will demonstrate the need for, and an approach to, governing a local church's activities in accordance with what God has ordained in the Scriptures.

COUNCIL OF REGIONAL PRESIDENTS HERRERA HALL RM 111

CHAPLAINS MEETING RM B

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## Tuesday - 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm

*Men's Strategic Planning Breakouts (Second Session)*

CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION ROOM 207

COUNCIL OF REGIONAL PRESIDENTS HERRERA HALL RM 111

CHAPLAINS MEETING RM B

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## Wednesday - 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Discussion Panel w/ General Session Speakers SANCTUARY

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## Wednesday - 10:45 am – 11:45 am

(Both Men and Women are invited)

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*John Mark Comer and the Comerism of Christianity*

**Gary Gilley** SANCTUARY

A significant portion of evangelicals at the present time are moving into New Pietism, a movement so identified with John Mark Comer that it is being called Comerism. Is Comer a reliable guide into a deeper and better form of Christianity, or is he leading his followers into something else? This seminar will take a close look at what Comer is teaching.

*Holy Ambition – Discouragements and Encouragements*

**John Shim** HERRERA HALL / RM 111

Discover how God renews holy ambition in midst of adversity, discouragement, and burnout through the surprising way He restored and redirected Elijah in the biblical narrative that many misinterpret and misunderstand.

*Highways in the Heart: A Pilgrim's Prayer of Longing in Psalm 84*

**Scott Bashoor** FIRESIDE / RM 103

This seminar will examine the purpose, structure, and meaning of Psalm 84 as a song written for pilgrims trying to get to Jerusalem for holy festivals. It engenders in the heart of worshippers a holy longing to overcome obstacles to be with God's people and enjoy God's presence together.

## CHURCH PLANTING

### ***A Ministry Planning Guide: Assessing My Church's Ministry Status***

**Henry Vosburgh** RM 213

The desire of every church is to be fully established, but what exactly constitutes establishment? To help its church plant projects measure the extent of their establishment, MCE uses the Ministry Planning Guide (MPG), which helps each church evaluate vital areas of its ministry. By asking and answering the MPG's key questions, a church can determine if these areas are satisfactorily developed.

## CHAPLAINS

### ***The Sovereignty of God in Leadership Development***

**Dave Deets** RM B

This teaching seminar focuses on a high-level look at the sovereignty of God and how this enables us to be kingdom-minded, as we advance the cause of Christ.

## WOMEN

### ***Treasured in My Heart: The Power of Scripture Memory***

**Heidi Bashoor** RM D

God's Word is meant to dwell richly within us—not just be read and forgotten. This seminar will explore the spiritual impact of Scripture memorization and provide practical, achievable methods for treasuring God's Word in your heart. Whether you've struggled to memorize or simply want to grow deeper, you'll leave encouraged and equipped with tools to make Scripture a steady, life-giving presence in your daily walk.

## ESPAÑOL

### ***Santa Ambición: Motivación para un Ministerio Duradero***

**Alex Granados** RM 207

Se enfoca en redefinir la ambición no como un deseo de gloria personal, sino como una pasión profunda y bíblica por glorificar a Dios a través del servicio fiel y constante. El objetivo principal es equipar a líderes y pastores con la mentalidad y las prácticas necesarias para evitar el agotamiento y mantener un impacto espiritual a largo plazo.

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**Thursday - 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

(Both Men and Women are invited)

### ***The Church is the Garden: The Biblical Context for Training Church Leaders***

**Ryan King** SANCTUARY

We must develop leaders for the next generation and we often turn to places outside the church to see this accomplished. The New Testament demonstrates that the church is the garden for growing the next generation of leadership. It is not an optional task for a faithful church, and tools abound to help get the job done. We need to start training now and trust the Lord for the results.

### ***Finishing Well: Sustaining Holy Ambition over a Lifetime***

**Chris Bauer** HERRERA HALL RM 111

Over the many years of my Christian life and pastoral ministry, I have sadly observed how many believers and pastors finish their lives and ministries poorly. They succumb to various temptations and walk away from their faith and ministry. This seminar will address the call to be faithful, the temptations to avoid, and counsel how to remain steadfast.

### ***Reclaiming Biblical Leadership***

**Tom Pittman** FIRESIDE RM 103

The contemporary evangelical church has widely adopted leadership models drawn from corporate culture, often at the expense of biblical fidelity. This seminar traces a comprehensive theology of church leadership from creation through consummation, exposing the problem of secular pragmatism, establishing the scriptural foundation for shepherd-leadership, developing a biblical-theological framework across both testaments, examining the qualifications God requires, and applying these truths to the challenges facing today's church.

## CHURCH PLANTING

### ***Whom Shall We Send? Training and Sending the Next Generation of Faithful Leaders***

**Robert Zink / Larry Duncan** RM 213

Ministry demands can make leadership multiplication feel impossible, but pastors and wives are never called to do it alone. Join us to discover how Scripture provides clear purpose and sufficient guidance. We'll share practical, schedule-friendly tools to intentionally train and send the next generation of faithful leaders – both men and women – directly from within your congregation.

## CHAPLAINS

### ***The Mandate: Be One – Make Many***

**Dave Deets** RM B

This teaching seminar looks at the application of the sovereignty of God and the fact that the logical conclusion of the Great Commission is leadership development.

## WOMEN

### ***Together in Grace: Strengthening One Another for Ministry***

Women's Prayer Seminar RM D

Take time to be encouraged alongside other sisters in Christ in a setting designed for connection and support. During this gathering, we will meet in small groups organized by geographic region, creating natural opportunities to connect with women serving in similar areas. Through conversation, shared experiences, and prayer, you'll be uplifted and renewed as you continue faithfully in the work God has entrusted to you.

## ESPAÑOL

### ***Santa Ambición***

**Felix Aguilera** RM 207

Nuestra sociedad abandonó hace mucho un lenguaje como "santidad" y "piedad". El Señor nos ha dado mandamientos que nos llaman a buscar fervientemente y apasionadamente una vida santa! La Escritura nos da orientación sobre cómo adquirir una ambición santa y desarrollar fuertes anhelos que nos muevan hacia una vida espiritual santa y madura.

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**Thursday - 10:45 am – 11:45 am**

(Both Men and Women are invited)

### ***The Centrifugal Church: Reclaiming Evangelism and Missionary Mandates for Genuine Evangelical Identity***

**Cory Marsh** SANCTUARY

This seminar argues that genuine evangelical identity should be defined by the theological link between personal depravity and personal evangelism. Contrary to progressive-evangelicals who overlook the gravity of sin for societal change, the seminar contends that authentic evangelicalism demands individual redemption as the primary catalyst for cultural transformation. By highlighting a "centrifugal" church mandate – moving the gospel outward to all nations – the talk rejects "top-down" socio-political models in favor of a model anchored in scriptural authority and personal Spirit-empowered boldness.

### ***A Burning Ambition: Advancing the Great Commission Everywhere***

**Kevin Brubaker** FIRESIDE RM 103

In much of the world the gospel is illegal and persecution is rampant. How do we reach these regions? Strategic partnerships with indigenous, Bible-believing churches are essential. BMW's Advance connects American churches with global churches to reach closed-access nations with the gospel by inspiring and resourcing churches in challenging regions to train, support and send their own missionaries. Your church can be an essential partner in reaching the hard-to-reach.

## CHURCH PLANTING

### ***Biblical Conciliation and Local Church Health***

**Dan Fredericks** RM 213

The local church fostering and sustaining sound interpersonal relationships is vital to its spiritual health. IFCA International formed the Conciliation Committee to educate churches on promoting and preserving unity within their local assemblies. This seminar will demonstrate how this service is provided.

## CHAPLAINS

### ***The Stable Leader***

**Joel Tetreau** RM B

This teaching seminar focuses on the fact that leaders are to be rooted and grounded in who they are in Christ. We are not to be blown about by every situation, but rather we can firmly stand in who Christ has made us to be.

## WOMEN

### ***Spiritual Motherhood***

**Diane Harris** RM D

Women have an important, God-given role in the life and health of the church. In this seminar, we'll look at how churches can intentionally welcome, disciple, and involve women of all ages. We'll talk about biblical foundations, practical ways to get involved, and how to build a culture where women can grow, serve, and feel like they belong. We will learn about how to nurture the women around you, producing rich and spiritually mature relationships and servants for Christ.

ESPAÑOL

***Perseverando en la Fidelidad***

**Alberto Perez** RM 207

La fidelidad es un atributo de Dios y lo ha compartido con los suyos. La falta de fidelidad ha ocasionado que muchas iglesias sean débiles en los ministerios. Dios, en su fidelidad nos dio el evangelio de gracia para vivirlo fielmente. Sobre todo, a nivel personal, necesitamos ser fieles en la búsqueda de la voluntad de Dios. Dependiendo qué tal fieles somos, así será nuestra consagración.

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**FRIDAY - 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

(Both Men and Women are invited)

***The History of the Rapture Doctrine***

**James Fazio** SANCTUARY

James Fazio is a leading expert on the development of dispensational thought. He completed his PhD in history at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he traced Darby's view of the church and end times. His book J. N. Darby, Dispensationalism, and the Ruin of the Church will be released later this year. In this interactive seminar he will present and take questions on the history of the rapture doctrine.

***Leading with Eternal Vision***

**Steve Wong** HERRERA HALL RM 111

The urgencies and emergencies of ministry can easily derail our eternal priorities. National politics compete against Kingdom priorities. Church trends, traditions, and styles can shift our focus from what matters to what works. Feeling good replaces doing what is right. How do we realign our ministries with an eternal perspective? How do we lead in a way that remembers "right now counts forever?"

***Raising Up the Next Generation of Leaders***

**Justin Blackwood** FIRESIDE RM 103

How do we develop new leaders within the church, instead of just waiting for them to appear? A look into Acts 6:1-7.

***Forming Gospel-Ambitious Families: Equipping Parents to Raise Children with a Vision for Serving Christ***

**Ed Caballero** RM 213

As Christian parents, one of our primary responsibilities is to help children cultivate a vision for serving Christ rather than merely seeking cultural success. This seminar will focus on how we as church leaders can help our members understand the importance of teaching and applying truths from God's Word, in such a way that our children will see the importance of serving Jesus Christ in all areas of life.

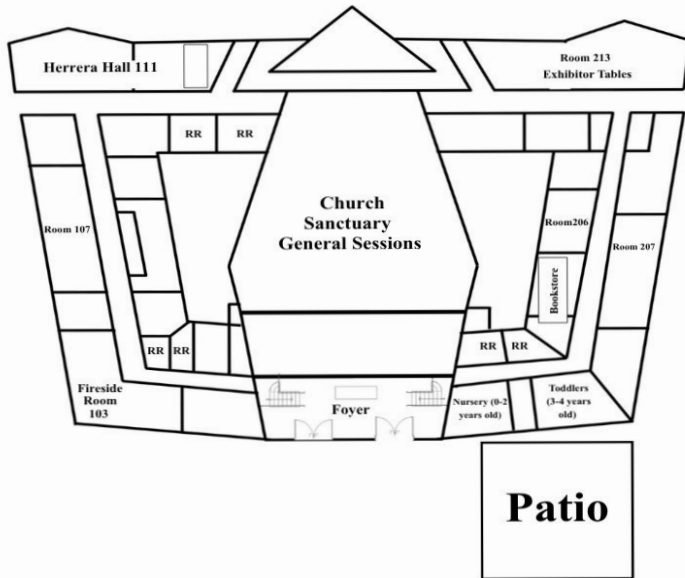
ESPAÑOL

***Una Vida Limpia En Un Mundo Sucio***

**Miguel Anaya** RM 207

Vivimos en tiempos tan moralmente corruptos que ganar la batalla por la pureza puede parecer casi imposible. La Escritura nos exhorta y promete fielmente que nos permitirá no solo ganar la batalla por una vida limpia, sino también encontrar en la palabra de Dios abundantes promesas y poder para vencer toda tentación y deseo maligno.

# North Campus



**RR- Restrooms**

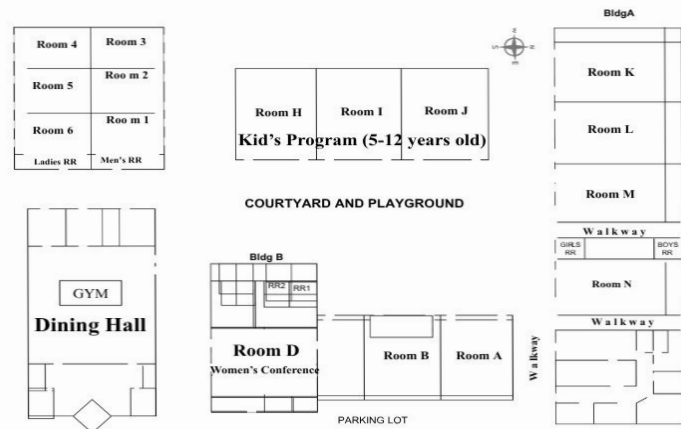
**103/Fireside Room- Prayer room**  
**Every morning starting at 8 am**

**Exhibitor room- 213 and Foyer**  
**Registration desk, IFCA merch store, and information desk-**  
**Foyer**

**Coffee Break - Room 213, Patio, and Foyer**



# South Campus



**RR- Restrooms**

**Gym- Dining hall**

**Room D- Women's Conference**

**Courtyard- Opening Night Reception**

**Room H, I, J- Kids' Program (5-12)**



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Theme to be  
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2026!

**MONDAY JUNE 28, 2027**

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