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IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE FIRST
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TWO YEARS AGO, AFTER MY WIFE AND I ATTENDED
ALPHA OMEGA CON IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RUN BY
THE CHRISTIAN COMIC ARTS SOCIETY, GOD PLANTED
THE DESIRE IN ME TO HAVE A SIMILAR EVENT IN THE
BAY AREA, AND BY HIS GRACE AND PROVISION YOU
ARE NOW ONE OF THE FIRST ATTENDEES OF THE BAY
AREA'S FIRST CHRISTIAN COMIC BOOK AND POP CULTURE
CONVENTION. IT'S MY HOPE AND PRAYER YOU NOT ONLY
ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES TODAY, BUT ALSO THAT YOU
COME AWAY KNOWING HOW GOD IS WORKING IN THE
WORLD OF COMIC BOOKS AND POP CULTURE. WHATEVER
YOUR FANDOM WHETHER IT BE SUPERHEROES, SCIENCE
FICTION, FANTASY, ANIME, MANGA, ETC. LET US HAVE OUR
FAITH UNITE US AS WE COME TOGETHER TO FELLOWSHIP
(KOINONIA) AND SEE WHERE GOD CAN LEAD US TO BRING
HIS KINGDOM INTO POP CULTURE.

IN CHRIST,
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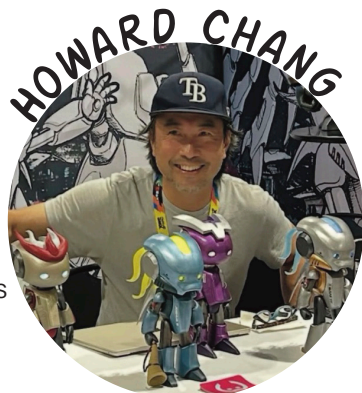
GUEST SPEAKERS



Sergio Cariello was born in Brazil in 1964 and started drawing as soon as he could hold a pencil. At the age of 5 he knew he wanted to be a cartoonist and told his parents. In 1982 he found an issue of *Batman* #350 which had an ad for the *Joe Kubert School of Art* and knew immediately that he wanted to go to school there. In 1986 while working for the *Word of Life Bible Institute* he had a personal interview with Joe Kubert over the phone and was accepted to attend his school. During his schooling and

afterwards, Sergio built an impressive resume of work at both *Marvel* and *DC Comics*. Sergio later returned to the *Joe Kubert School* as an instructor and took great joy as he saw his students "break into the business." Aside from his work in mainstream comics, Sergio is also the illustrator of the *Action Bible* which was the #1 Bestselling Christian Book of 2025, and has sold over 4 million copies.

Howard "Quiggly" Chang is a legendary toy designer and artist renowned for his work with Varner Studios. He made a massive impact in the 1990s as a core concept artist and sculptor for the original *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. Over a decade ago God gave him a dream about a new collectible action figure toy line of AI powered robots with the personality traits of Biblical heroes and villains. That toy line launched a successful crowdfunding campaign in 2025 called *Ancientz*.



Scott "Scottie" McDowell is the son of Sean McDowell, professor apologetics at BIOLA University, and the grandson of Josh McDowell. Scottie McDowell is a senior at Biola University, where he plays collegiate basketball. As a captain of the basketball team, he has developed a strong passion for leadership and sharing his faith. In addition to his role as a student-athlete, Scottie is a Youth Pastor at SeaCoast Grace Church, where he works closely with students and helps them answer some of the biggest questions facing the next generation. And if that wasn't enough to keep him busy Scottie also works for one of the most legendary comic artists of all time, Rob Liefeld, who created *Deadpool*.

GUEST SPEAKERS

RALPH MILEY



Ralph Miley is the president of the *Christian Comic Arts Society* (CCAS), and is also the publisher at *New Creation Comics*. Ralph and CCAS have been tabling at San Diego Comic-Con for over two decades spreading the love of Christ through their various panels and activities as well as launching the longest running Christian comic book convention, *Alpha Omega Con*, since 2014. *New Creation Comics* publishes comic books teaching Biblical values and principles through the world of superheroes.

James is an independent comic book creator from Syracuse, NY who has launched his own all-ages superhero comic book called Alpha Red which he describes as Peter Parker as Captain America on a James Bond style adventure. James felt the stirring of the Holy Spirit after some searching in late 1999 and really growing in the desire to know Him more after he got married in 2000. He accepted Christ in 2002 and began using his artistic talents for the Lord in 2013 when he revised his comic book, Alpha Red, from a generic superhero comic book into a gospel infused graphic novel. His mission is to create fun, action-packed, faith-based stories for comic fans looking for good, Christ-honoring entertainment.



ROB CARROLL • Cartoonist/artist, creator of Hip 'n' Hop on simplecomics.net

JOSH CHIEN • Pastor Josh is a bi-vocational minister passionate about developing leaders and launching gospel-centered ministries. He is the Founder and Executive Director of DeoWorks and an executive in the electronics manufacturing industry with nearly 20 years of experience. His heart is for young adults, professionals, and families. Josh and his wife Jenny have three children. Outside of ministry, he enjoys spontaneous adventures, cheering on the Warriors and Sharks, and a good San Diego carne asada burrito!

ADAM DAULHAUS • Head of Pure Crimson Games, creator of The Unseen Game

ANDREW HUBER • Andrew is a therapist and supervisor at Sycamore Grove. He's always on the lookout for conversations about the awesomeness of the Bible, neuroscience, or Dungeons & Dragons builds. If he got to join any fantasy universe it would definitely be Harry Potter's; the magic system is completely underutilized and ripe for some min/maxing.

GUEST SPEAKERS

GLORIA LEE • CEO of Serifim, wife of Howard Chang

ERIC LEE • Eric works as a school psychologist in a middle school, teaching young teens coping strategies and introducing them to social-emotional topics, like mindfulness, anxiety, and self-regulation. Eric also is a writer and illustrator at MeeLee Art.

GWEN LEONG OF JESUS OTAKU • Northern California representative of Jesus Otaku, a cosplay group united by their common love for anime, cosplay, and God. The group seeks to encourage others to be their unique selves. The goal is not to preach or to judge. The goal is to be a helping hand; a kind word; a friendly face in a crowd. Jesus Otaku is here to say, "you are loved just as you are."

JOY LIU • Joy is a Christian therapist and co-author of the webtoon FOR EVERS: A Manga Guide to Marriage. She loves to help people grow more deeply into God's love. If Joy had a time travel machine, she would teleport into a meeting of the Inklings to see C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Dorothy Sayers at work.

BRYAN MERO • Cosplay Repairman and Creator of *Spirit Knight*, a graphic novel.

GARY QUAN • Gary Quan is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with over 19 years of experience supporting individuals, couples, and families across diverse communities. He serves as Core Faculty at the California Institute of Integral Studies and is the author of Asian American Chronicles – Tales of Mental Health and Hope. Passionate about mental wellness in the AAPI community, Gary advocates for healing, recovery, and hope. Outside of work, he enjoys family time and visiting professional sports stadiums—he's 71% of the way to his goal of seeing them all!

MIKE TOY • Entertainer & Motivational Speaker

BRIAN WEBSTER • Youth Pastor, and trains and equips students through Decision Point, an organization training student leaders in schools.

TIMOTHY YUNG • Member of Game Church, a ministry outreach at comic book conventions.

GUEST GAMES *Heritage Room, all day*

ANIMO DEMO • Trading card game with an emphasis on Biblical virtues and strategic decision making - Demo at 2pm

SCRIPTURE CREATURES DEMO • Bible-based collectible trading card and interactive beta game - Demos at 11:30am, 1pm, and 3pm

BOARD GAMES • Sign up to play: Uno, Catan, Codenames, Scattergories, Fluxx, Clue
Every hour: Magical Athlete, Forbidden Jungle, Lords of Waterdeep + Crossfire



PROGRAMMING GUIDE

SO YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMIC BOOK?

Have you ever thought about making your own comic book or graphic novel? Do you even know where to start? Come hear from some creators who are doing just that by publishing their own work.

Panelists: James Q. Nguyen, Rob Carroll

Moderator: Jamie Lam

10:30 - 11:30am Room 205

FAITH. FANDOM. FELLOWSHIP. & MENTAL HEALTH

Where do we find hope and identity? How do stories help us understand ourselves? Why do belonging and community matter? What can comics, anime, movies, gaming, and the stories we love teach us about our own mental health? Join our panel of mental health professionals as they explore the surprising connections between faith, fandom, and fellowship—from grief and resilience to imagination, identity, belonging, and the healing power of story.

Panelists: Andrew Huber, Joy Liu, Eric Lee, Gary Quan

Moderator: Emily Quan

11 - 12pm Williams Chapel

THE WORLD OF COSPLAY

Pop culture conventions are filled with people dressing up as their favorite characters across different fandoms. Do you ever wonder why people do it? Or maybe you want to learn how to make your own costume? Or maybe it all seems shallow and you want to understand how cosplay can be inherently profound and used by God? This is the panel for you! Come join us for a discussion on cosplay culture and how Christians can love their cosplay neighbor.

Panelist: Gwen Leong of Jesus Otaku

11 - 12pm Room 209

THE DIGITAL MISSION FIELD

Social media has exploded over the past two decades with MySpace, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Tik Tok, etc. The ways we connect and interact with people have changed dramatically. How do we as Christians learn to use these tools for God's Kingdom? Come hear from our panelists as they discuss the ways they use social media and create content to try to share the Gospel to an online world that needs to hear it.

Panelists: Scott McDowell, Brian Webster

Moderator: Joshua Chien

12 - 1pm Room 205



PROGRAMMING GUIDE

SHINING GOD'S LIGHT IN THE WORLD OF COMIC BOOKS

Come join us for a lively discussion with Sergio Cariello, Ralph Miley, and James Q. Nguyen as we discuss their origin stories of how they got into the world of superheroes and comic books, and how they are using their gifts and talents today in their work as well as at the fan conventions they attend and exhibit at.

Panelists: Sergio Cariello, Ralph Miley, James Q. Nguyen

Moderator: Phong Bui-Quang

12:30 - 1:30pm Williams Chapel

COMEDY MAGIC SHOW BY MIKE TOY

Family, friendly entertainment. Website: miketoymagic.com

1 - 2pm Room 205

DEALING WITH DARKNESS

It's no secret that different fandoms of pop culture have dark subject matter like excessive violence, foul language, sexual imagery, witchcraft, and the list goes on. As people of faith how do we deal with and navigate these things? Does everything in media that a Christian consumes have to be G-rated? Our panelists will come together to discuss how we as believers can navigate these things that show up in our pop culture fandoms.

Panelists: Scott McDowell, Adam Daulhaus

Moderator: Pastor Jordan Wong

1:30 - 2:30pm Williams Chapel

MAKING DREAMS INTO REALITY

Over 10 years ago God gave Howard Chang a vision of a new line of collectible toys which has just recently released as Ancientz. Come hear from legendary toy designer, Howard Chang, on how he got started as one of the early designers on the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles action figure toylines to now with his recent launch of Ancientz. Why did it take so long to make God's dream a reality? Come hear from both Howard and Gloria about the journey of Ancientz.

Panelists: Howard Chang, Gloria Lee

Moderator: Phong Bui-Quang

2 - 3pm Room 205

MISSION: CONVENTION - LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH AT POP-CULTURE CONS

Christians are typically shown to be outside pop culture conventions holding signs calling on those who attend to turn and repent. But what about the Christians who are "brave" enough to actually go inside? Come hear from our panelists how their faith has led them to see these conventions not only as a place to have fun but also as a mission field.

Panelists: Scott McDowell, Gwen Leong, Ralph Miley, Bryan Mero, Timothy Yung

Moderator: Pastor Jordan Wong

2:30 - 3:30pm Williams Chapel

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

	Williams Chapel (Panel Room)	Lobby (Ministry Hall/Prayer) Check out the Silent Auction		Gym (Exhibition Hall)
10:00			Prayer Room open all day	30+ vendors in Artist Alley (All day)
10:30				
11:00	FAITH. FANDOM. FELLOWSHIP. & Mental Health <i>11am - 12pm</i>			
11:30				
12:00		CTC: Wellness Workshop- Taming the Dragon- Anger Management - <i>12pm</i>		
12:30	Shining God's Light in the World of Comic Books <i>12:30 - 1:30pm</i>			
1:00				
1:30	Dealing with Darkness <i>1:30 - 2:30pm</i>			
2:00		CTC: Wellness Workshop- Plasticity, Creativity, and the Mind of Christ - <i>2pm</i>		
2:30	Mission: Convention - Living Out Your Faith at Pop-Culture Cons <i>2:30 - 3:30pm</i>			
3:00				
3:30				
4:00		CTC: Wellness Workshop- Mindfulness - <i>4pm</i>		
4:30	<i>End the day with worship and gratitude with Pastor Josh Chien,</i>			
5:00				

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

	Heritage Room (Board Games)	Mezzanine (Cosplay)	Parking Lot (Food)	Room 205 (Panels)
10:00	Sign up to play: Uno, Catan, Codenames, Scattergories, Fluxx, Clue	Kids mask decorating open 10am - 3pm Cosplay Repair open 10am-4pm		
10:30	Every hour: Magical Athlete, Forbidden			So You Want to Make a Comic Book? 10:30 - 11:30am
11:00	Jungle, Lords of Waterdeep + Crossfire	The World of Cosplay (Gwen Leong of Jesus Otaku) Room 209 11am - 12pm		
11:30	Scripture Creature demo at 11:30am		Food Truck Mafia 10:30am - 3:30pm	
12:00	Check out: Board game sign ups		Outdoor Games	The Digital Mission Field 12 - 1pm
12:30		Cosplay Consultations 1-3pm		
1:00	Scripture Creature demo at 1pm		Cornhole tournaments hosted by G1 Sports at 12pm and 1pm	Comedy Magic Show by Mike Toy 1 - 2pm
1:30		Kids mask decorating ends at 3pm		Making Dreams Into Reality 2 - 3pm
2:00	Animo demo at 2pm			
2:30		Cosplay Repair ends at 4pm		
3:00	Scripture Creature demo at 3pm			
3:30				
4:00				

For Kids!

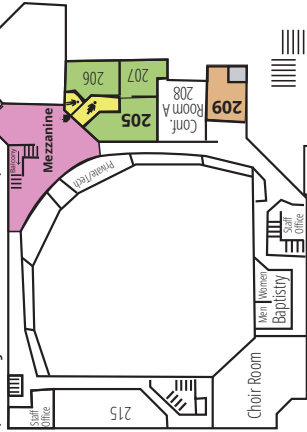
- Mask decorating
- Animo demo
- Scripture Creature demo
- Scavenger Hunt at CTC table
- Board games
- Magic Show

with music led by Pranay Gundi (Rest on Us and Gratitude).

5:00				
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Worship Center

2nd Floor Mezzanine (Balcony entrance 3rd floor)



- Mezzanine
- Room 205
- Room 209
- Ministry Hall
- Worship Center Lobby/Registration

- Williams Chapel
- Heritage Room
- Gym
- Prayer Room
- Restroom



REDWOOD CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH



EXHIBITION HALL

- A-1 Howard Chang
- A-2 Christian Lipski
- A-3 Kevin Hom- Dragonite Delivery TCG
- A-4 James Nguyen
- A-5 Sergio Cariello
- A-6 Ralph Miley CCAS
- A-7 Brian Mero- Spirit Knight

- B-1 Ashley Doi- MichikoCrafts
- B-2 Andrea Jeung- Cute things by Nia
- B-3 Carissa- Maejonin
- B-4 Debbie- Debster's Doodles
- B-5 Eric Lee- MeeLeeArt
- B-6 Adam Dalhaus- Pure Crimson Entertainment

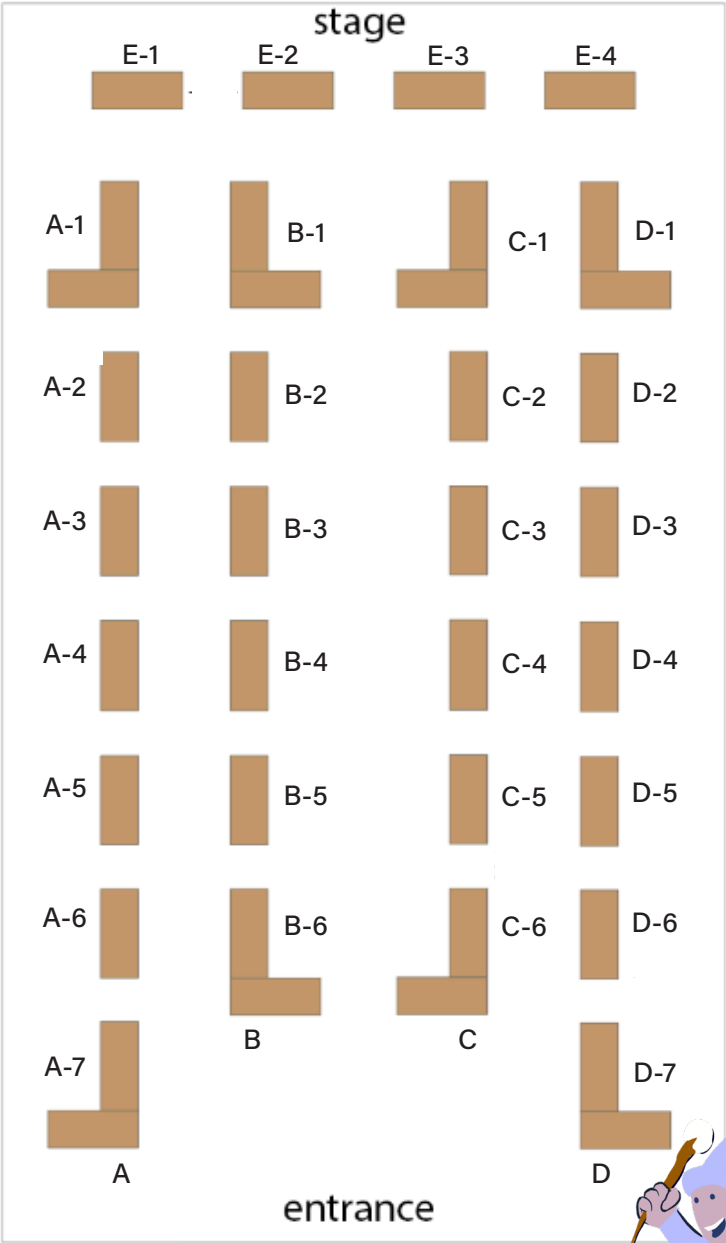
- C-1 Hikapoi
- C-2 Karolin Wang- Strictly Bunbuns
- C-3 Jaclyn Ann Designs Etc
- C-4 Joy Liu- For Evers comic
- C-5 Curse Your Inevitable Crafts
- C-6 Rosemary Ruiz- Chosen Kids

- D-1 Adam Lee Morris- Games Cavern
- D-2 Dali Chen- MindHeartAnd
- D-3 Jake Link
- D-4 Timothy Yung- Game Church
- D-5 Joshua Wegner- Animo Games
- D-6 Alyssa M Fox- Designs by a Fox
- D-7 Justin Macawile- Just Ice Collectibles

- E-1 Brian Webster- Decision Point
- E-2 Branch Staton- ShootStrayt
- E-3 Rob Carroll- Simple Comics
- E-4 Jenny Cai- Mikusou Studio & Christly



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* **bayareachristiansingles.com**



Innocent Voices financially supports, raises awareness of and intercedes for children in crisis. Monthly meetings provide opportunities to keep abreast of developments around the world that put children in crisis situations and to support the work of partner organizations through intercession.

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Join us Sundays!

9:30am - Classes for all ages

11am - Worship Service

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Bay Area Churches

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Castro Valley First Baptist Church

Castro Valley · cvfirst.org

Imago Dei Church

Castro Valley · imagochurch.org

New Life Christian Fellowship

Castro Valley · newlifebayarea.org

Redeemer Castro Valley

Castro Valley · redeemercv.org

Redwood Chapel Community Church

Castro Valley · redwoodchapel.org

3Crosses Church

Castro Valley · 3crosses.org

East Bay · Tri-Valley

Brave Church Dublin

Dublin · brave.church/dublin

Cornerstone Fellowship

Livermore · cornerstoneweb.org

Vintage Community Church

Livermore · vintagechurch.co

Valley Community Church

Pleasanton · vc.church

East Bay · Tri-City

Pathway Bible Church

Fremont · pathwaybible.org

Resonate

Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, Milpitas · resonatemovement.org

Living Stones Christian Church East Bay

Union City · Isceastbay.org

East Bay · Inner

Collide City Church

Alameda · thecollide.com

Christian Layman Church

Oakland · christianlayman.org

First Covenant Church Oakland

Oakland · oaklandfcc.org

Resurrection Oakland

Oakland · resoakland.com

East Bay · Hayward

First Pres Hayward

Hayward · firstpreshayward.org

Graceway Hayward Christian Church

Hayward · gracewayhayward.org

Indelible Grace Church

Hayward · indeliblegracechurch.org

Risen Hayward

Hayward · risenhayward.com

The Crossing

Hayward · thecrossing.website

South Bay

Living Stones Christian Church

Milpitas · livingstonescc.com

New Vine Community Church

Mountain View · newvine.cc

Almaden Neighborhood Church

San Jose · almadenchurch.org

Creed Church

San Jose · thecreedchurch.org

Quicksilver Church

San Jose · quicksilver.church

San Jose Christian Alliance Church

San Jose · sjcac.org

The River Church Community

San Jose · the-river.org

Westgate Church

San Jose · westgatechurch.org

Peninsula

Menlo Church

Menlo Park · menlo.church

Peninsula Bible Church

Palo Alto · pbc.org

Peninsula Covenant Church

Redwood City · wearepcc.com

San Francisco

Mercy Hill Church

San Francisco · mercyhillchurch.org

Radiance SF

San Francisco · radiancesf.org

Reality SF

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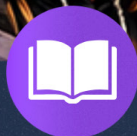
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TALENT**



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