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## **INTERNATIONAL TEAM IN FLORENCE TO SHED BIBLICAL LIGHT ON ISRAELI CONFLICT**

**Saturday, April 9th, 2011 • 9:00am - 12:30pm**

**Grace House, 1976 Florence Blvd, Florence AL**

Israel's most prominent Christian ministry is hosting a dynamic seminar in Florence on the significance of Israel: the land, the people and the conflict on Saturday, April 9th at 9am. The *Understanding Israel Seminar* will explore a Christian approach to Israel, terror, settlements and Islam by examining what the Bible teaches about the conflict raging in the Middle East.

Local sponsors CSR Ministries and Grace House will be joined by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) - an interdenominational benevolence ministry that has been headquartered in the Israeli capital since 1980. The seminar will focus on the biblical promises given to the Jewish people and the extraordinary price they have paid in history to give the world the Judeo-Christian heritage upon which our freedoms are built.

"I believe the welfare of the church and our nation is directly related to our response to Israel and her people," says Jim Bevis, President of CSR Ministries. "Consequently, we all need a better understanding of the historical, political and biblical issues surrounding Israel, which will allow us to answer Israel's critics. This event will better equip us for aligning ourselves with Israel and the Jewish people. It is vitally important that we 'understand the times' and know how we are to respond to all that is happening in the Middle East."

The *Understanding Israel Seminar* is part of a series of ICEJ educational initiatives that have been praised by pastors across the country for their clarity, presentation and balanced treatment of complex issues, from the call of Israel and history of the Holocaust to the rise of Islamic extremism.

Speaker and US Director of the ICEJ, Susan Michael, says that the *Understanding Israel Seminar* is an effort to help Christians understand the history of Israel and answer tough theological and political questions posed by the return of the Jewish people to their historic homeland.

Susan will be joined by Michael Hines, an Oxford-educated UK political advisor who served as a journalist in Jerusalem for 5 years before becoming the ICEJ's Media Director in the US. Rounding out the team is the ICEJ's Strategic Development Director, Daryl Hedding, from South Africa who has served the ICEJ for over 12 years both in the ministry's Jerusalem headquarters and branch offices in Europe and the US.

The ICEJ stands at the forefront of a worldwide movement of Christians who support Israel and has branch offices and representatives in some 80 nations around the world. Learn more at: [www.icejusa.org](http://www.icejusa.org).

To register for the event or ask questions, you may contact Jim Bevis at (256) 718-3775 or via [www.csrministries.org](http://www.csrministries.org). Online registration is available at: <http://www.icejusa.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=12737>

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