



Northwest Houston  
Inspirational Writers Alive!

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**Inspirational Writers Alive! (IWA!) is a Christian interdenominational writers' club. IWA! promotes creative writing to glorify Christ by helping individuals advance their writing skills and find effective markets for their work.**

**We welcome writers at all levels**

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**NW Houston IWA! Meets  
Second Tuesdays at Copperfield Church, 8350 Hwy. 6 North, 7:00-9:00 p. m.  
Check with front desk for Room Number**

**Join us for our next meeting**

 **TUESDAY, March 13, 2018** 

**Critique Session**

**Critique Sessions: On arrival, please sign in for a Critique**

**Guidelines for a critique: We follow guidelines acceptable with most publishers, font New Times Roman 12 and double-spaced. We critique five pages maximum.**

**Copies: We are members of a writing organization. We need sufficient copies of manuscripts for critique or handouts for each person at the table. For this reason, we greatly appreciate members who let us know they'll be absent.**

**Copies Needed for March: We average ten to twelve members.**



**What's New?**

**Membership Application Form**

Want to join NW Houston IWA!? Membership Application Form is now on our website.

[Nwhoustoniwa.weebly.com](http://Nwhoustoniwa.weebly.com)

Please complete the form and e-mail to [magnolia7787@gmail.com](mailto:magnolia7787@gmail.com) or bring two copies to NW Houston IWA! meeting.

**For Members:** If you are an active member of NW Houston IWA!, please complete the new form and e-mail to [magnolia7787@gmail.com](mailto:magnolia7787@gmail.com) or bring in two copies of updated membership form to our March meeting. Two copies give us a copy for our secretary and updated e-mail addresses for the newsletter.

**Meetings and Events**

Now is the time to work on manuscripts for: IWA! Open Writing Contest. Submission for contest closes **May 15, 2018. Details will follow soon for where to submit your manuscripts.**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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Leigh Powers

Leigh loves helping women find their places in God's great story of salvation. She is an award winning author, speaker, pastor's wife, and mother of three from Conroe, Texas. She is a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Publications include over three hundred Bible study lessons and devotions with publishers such as BaptistWay Press, Smith&Helwys, Union Gospel Press, and Worthy. You can usually find her with either a book or knitting needles in her hand—and sometimes both.

Renewed: *Devotional for Healing from Church Hurt* and *Loving Well in the Ministry*, her first book.

September 11, 2018

Melanie Stiles, Speaker

Melanie is an award-winning author and Life Coach who has accumulated hundreds of bylines in various publications. She uses her background to share joys, hardships, and other life journeys with her fellow man. Melanie believes we are better together and works to help others be the best they can be. Her favorite life experience to date is when her granddaughter rushes through the front door of her home, yelling "Yaya, I'm here!". Melanie will be with us in September with a choice of speaking topics, "Writer Growth"; "Change and Every Writer"; or any subject our group of writers would like!

Please e-mail your choice of a topic for Melanie to: [magnolia7787@gmail.com](mailto:magnolia7787@gmail.com).

**Deadlines!**

**May 15, 2018**

**IWA! Open Writing Contest Closes**

Save the Date

**Annual IWA! Conference**

**Houston**

**Saturday, August 4, 2018**



**Our fees are a bundle for a buck  ! Best kept secret in town.**

Annual Dues: Single Adult \$25; Senior \$20; Couple \$35; Associate \$15. New Members Prorated Month Joined  
March is the last month in 2018 to renew your membership.

In IWA!

We pray; He gives us commands  
And we receive his Word abundantly  
We feel the loveliness of the snow and  
The warmth of wool warms our hearts and we write.  
He sendeth forth ice; we shiver and we write for  
He scatters and feeds others His Word  
and melteth them.  
His word flows and runneth swiftly.  
We write for Him

### *The Good News*

- Mary Burns is the new president and chief operating officer of Barbour Publishing, as of January 1, 2018. Shalyn Sattler has been promoted to the position of vice president of marketing.
- Timothy Martins, the former president of twenty years, will continue his presence at Barbour Publishing by serving on the board of directors and as the company's CEO.
- Lucy Diaz Kurz is the new vice president of marketing for Charisma House, a title she held from August 2004 to September 2010. She has rejoined the publishing house after a seven year hiatus, and will oversee strategic marketing efforts for all book imprints, including Charisma House, FrontLine, Siloam, and Passio.
- *The Harbinger*, *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, and *The Book of Mysteries*, by Jonathan Chahn; *Fasting* by Jentezen Franklin; *23 minutes in Hell* by Bill Wies; and *The Seven Pillars of Health* by Don Colbert, M.D. are on the list of 13 *New York Times* best-sellers published by Charisma House.
- Almost one year after Family Christian Stores announced the closing and liquidation of 240 stores the industry appears to have weathered the change and has reopened some of its locations under new management. Some have reopened as Lifeway stores, while others have become part of a new regional chain, and some were taken over by former employees.
- Publishers must continuously hunt for new places to sell their books among the ever changing landscape of retail. Even Hobby Lobby stores are now carrying a larger variety of Christian books.
- Gilead Publishing has found new funding and has begun relaunching a robust fiction publishing program with their new distribution partner, Kregel. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *Christy* by Catherine Marshal has been released and forty titles, including science fiction and fantasy titles from Enclave Publishing, are in the queue for 2018.
- The Gold Book Award from ECPA went to Stephen M. Miller's *The Complete Guide to the Bible*, for having sold over 500,000 copies.

**Featured Resource Site:** <https://stevelaube.com/blog/>



15 He sendth forth his commandment upon earth:

His word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool:

He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:

Who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth .them:

he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

**Psalm 147:15-18**

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