

Answering God's Call to "Serve the World"



"Together, we can be the hands of Jesus that lift a disabled person into a wheelchair for the first time," says Pastor Robert A. Schuller.

The Positive Power of Possibility Doing Our "Big Dream" for China

By Rev. Robert A. Schuller, Senior Pastor

God has given us a dream. A BIG DREAM. A dream for something we have never done before. Our dream is to reach the entire nation of China with the love, hope, and healing power of Jesus Christ, not just by talking about it, but also by being it.

Since the mid-1990s, my father has been building relationships in China with some of their key diplomats and government officials, established the Dr. Robert Schuller Institute for Possibility Thinking, and opened the doors for the Crystal Cathedral/ *Hour of Power* to spread the Possibility Thinking message across China through two of his books translated into Chinese and www.drschuller.com.cn.

Strategic groundwork has been laid to transform the Crystal Cathedral Ministry's activities in China from POSSIBILITY THINKING into POSSIBILITY DOING to bless and encourage our newfound Chinese friends.

And I am asking for YOUR help to

"Will YOU help to make a difference for people who long to experience satisfying, worthwhile, God-given, victorious lives?"

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Family Camp '08 is coming in May! See pgs. 4 & 8 for details...

The Positive Power of Possibility Thinking Reaching into China with Love

By Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Founding Pastor

In the fall of 2004, Arvella and I were privileged to return for a two-week speaking trip to China where the Crystal Cathedral is well known and profoundly respected. Many

years before, through the *Hour of Power* ministry in Hong Kong, our website (www.hourofpower.org), and two of my books (*You Can Become the Person You Want to Be* and *Tough*

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Remembering Pastor Ray Van Beek

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

Ray Van Beek listened to God's call while driving a milk truck in rural North Dakota. He responded, and immediately felt the most profound sense of

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april sundays



in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Experience springtime blessings with Robert A. Schuller and Robert H. Schuller and these special guests...

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Experience the exciting story of **Monique Strydom**, whose faith in Christ helped her in miraculous ways while being held captive by Al Qaeda terrorists in Afghanistan.



Monique Strydom

Shirley Dobson

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Wife of Focus on the Family's James Dobson, **Shirley Dobson**, who has led the effort to establish the Day of Prayer we now celebrate annually, will convey the personal reasons behind her campaign for more prayer.



Willie Aames and Maylo Upton Aames

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Special guests to be announced...

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Willie Aames and **Maylo Upton Aames** from the popular TV show, *Charles in Charge*, will reveal how God brought them out of drug addiction into a life of grace.



Coming in May...

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Former *American Idol* contestant, **Chris Sligh**, who will also appear at the Arvella Schuller Awards evening on May 11, will share his gift of song during morning services in the Crystal Cathedral.

MORE ON SUNDAY

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONTEMPORARY

- ▶ Live Contemporary Worship
- ▶ Live Feed of Morning Message & Guest!
- ▶ Live Connection with Friends!

9:30 & 11 AM, FREED THEATER

Hispanic Sunday Services
Encouraging services in Spanish with Dr. Luiz Lemos
1 PM, Cathedral
6:30 PM, Chapel in the Sky

the Gathering Community
Authentic faith through art, worship & community
11 AM, Arboretum,
Bobby Schuller

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE
Close the day and meet the week with inspiration!
6:30 PM
Crystal Cathedral
Dr. Jim Poit

arabic ministry
1:30 PM,
IN THE ARBORETUM

child/student FELLOWSHIP

In the Family Life Center,
9:30 & 11 AM,
and 1 PM
For children through grade 5

In the Family Life Center,
11 AM
For students, grade 6-12

adult FELLOWSHIP every sunday

Take the next step as you become more involved in your Crystal Cathedral church family! Just drop in, or call 714-971-4062 for details.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9 AM, T-2.
Join this friendly group led by Beverly Muffin for enlightening Bible studies through scripture, praise, and prayer.

AMERICAN DREAM BUILDERS 11 AM, FLC-234.
Led by Paul and Grace Park, learn God-centered life application skills to help you find and build your dream.

ASIAN-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP 11 AM, Tower Chapel.
Led by Joseph Chun and David Cooper, worship, sing, pray, and fellowship (potluck) together.

BECOMERS 9 AM, FLC-230.
Bible Study in Galatians with Pastor Jim Kok continues. Everyone welcome! Bibles provided.

CAREER BUILDERS 9:30 AM, Tower-3.
Apply faith to lives and careers by focusing on personal and professional growth in a Christian context.

CATHEDRAL SINGLES 11 AM, FLC-4.
Learn more about God, make friends, and celebrate with this dynamic group of singles.

CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIP 9:15 AM, FLC-231.
Multigenerational prayer, praise, and worship in fun-loving fellowship.

NEW! COLLEGE GROUP 6-7 PM, Youth House
Devoted to diving into God's Word and connecting with others of college age. More details, pg. 10.

EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY 8:15 AM Tower-3.
Prayer, great Bible application studies, warm fellowship, and refreshments ignite our day of worship!

EXPLORERS OF FAITH 11 AM, Tower-3.
Chuck Hahn helps this group to explore and discover God's timeless faith lessons through modern applications.

HOMEBUILDERS 9 AM, Art Gallery.
This group of adults led by Glenn DeMaster meets for loving fellowship, prayer, and unquestioned support.

NEW COMMUNITY fellowship 11 am, Art Gallery.
This growing group offers verse-by-verse Bible studies and a place to belong.

NEW HORIZONS 11 am, Tower-2.
Bible study, prayer, missions, and fellowship are foundational to this friendly group led by James and Yvonne Richards.

REJOICERS 9 am, FLC-127.
Celebrate with this class for the developmentally disabled through visually aided Bible studies and social activities.

calendar of events

For further information about any of the events listed below, go to the page indicated: (1) = pg. 1.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

ART EXHIBITION

In the Welcoming Center
9 am – 6 pm daily thru April 20

Featuring 90 masterful original works by some of the most highly respected Christian artists today.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
6 Sunday Elective (4)	7	1 2	3 Divorce & Grief Recovery (11)	4	5	
13 Experience the CC (5)	14	15 TAX DAY Faith @ Work (4)	16 17 50+ Luncheon (9)	18	19	
20 Experience the CC (5) Art Exhibit Closes (15)	21	22 EARTH DAY	23 24	25 Planned Famine Fundraiser (9)	26 Planned Famine Fundraiser (9)	
27 Experience the CC (5)	28	29	30	april		

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
may				1 2	3 Mother-Daughter Tea (10)	
4 Experience the CC (5)	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13	14	15	16 Homebuilder's Retreat	17 Homebuilder's Retreat Wild Animal Park (11)
18 Homebuilder's Retreat	19	20	21	22	23 Family Camp (8)	24 Family Camp (8)
25 Family Camp (8)	26 MEMORIAL DAY Angels Game (11)	27	28	29 New Hope Training (6)	30	31 <i>Coming...</i> Nepal Mission: 6/16-7/3 (5) Vacation Bible School: 6/23-27 (9)

every week at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

American Dream Builders, 7 PM, FLC-FH2 562-402-1424
Band of Brothers, 7 PM, FL 714-971-4236

tuesday

Women's NetWork, 9:30 AM, AG 714-971-4080
Cathedral Singles, 7 PM, FLC-3 714-971-4061
Jr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180

wednesday

Men's Bible Study, 7 AM, T-2 714-971-4236
House of Power, 12 NOON, FLC-3 714-971-4095
Sr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180

thursday

Toastmasters, 7 AM & 7 PM, T-2 714-971-4123

friday

Soul Food, 6:30 PM, FL 714-971-4080

saturday

Men's Bible Fellowship, 7 AM, FLC-221 714-971-4236
Laubach/ESL/Literacy, 9:30 AM, FLC-3 714-971-4325
Aerobics, 9 AM, FLC-LL 714-971-4080



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SECOND Front Page

FAMILY CAMP '08

"We hope to see you there!"

By the Cohee Family

Crystal Cathedral families, do you find your family members running in different directions all week long? Do you rarely have time to talk together, eat together, and have fun together as a family? If so, there is a great way to slow down for a weekend and reconnect with your family: Crystal Cathedral Family Camp.

This year will be our families third year attending family camp. We love family camp for many reasons. We enjoy being in nature, enjoying God's creation, participating in fun family activities, deepening our faith with spiritual teachings, and making new Crystal Cathedral friends.

Family Camp is held at Forest Home a Christian retreat center, which is an easy drive from the O.C., L.A., and I.E. areas. Time stands still as we leave the traffic and rush of the city behind and enter the oak and pine forests at the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. Last year, we had good weather that allowed for swimming in the lake as well as a great campfire watching the stars and roasting marshmallows.

In addition to the family planned Christian program, there is free time with many activities for all ages available at the camp, such as swimming, miniature golf, fishing, arts and crafts, and a zip-line. We opted to take a nap, and that was okay, too!

We especially enjoy our time together as an extended church family in worship, team building activities, and learning how to apply Christian living in our daily lives. It is a great way to meet other positive families and to get to know some of our very dear Ministry Staff at the Crystal Cathedral. Every year we leave family camp with new friends and connections, and now when we come to church on Sundays it feels like home.

Family Camp '08: "The Amazing Race!"

May 23-25, Friday-Sunday
Reservations @ Box Office,
714-544-5679

More details on pg. 8,
or call 714-971-4236

Hey Kids!

Anna Cohee, age 6, says, "Hey kids, you can go swimming and do lots of exploring. It is so much fun!"



Norm & Blanche Steinaker:

"Living Evidence of the Presence of God"

By Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

They met standing in line at 7:50 AM while waiting to sign up for a teaching class at the University of Redlands. Selfless Blanche thought he was an admirable young man, and worked at fixing him up with friends of hers. That only delayed the process a little, as they married ten months from that early morning meeting.

Blanche had an exemplary upbringing on a farm in Prairie View, Kansas. Her mother was a teacher and her dad an aspiring professional baseball player in the St. Louis Cardinal system - until he was

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

For many years, thousands of people have arrived at the Crystal Cathedral to grow in their faith through the Center for Spiritual Growth, the Lay Minister Training Center, and the Ministry Associate Training (MAT) course. Through MAT, alone, we watched hundreds of graduates go on to find lay ministry leadership positions or take the next step into full-time ministry.

This process of personal and spiritual growth has recently been redesigned and renamed the "Crystal Cathedral Learning Network," offering classes both on-campus and off-campus (online or in our community) to help us grow in faith and into the persons God has designed us all to be.

We will offer Next Steps for those new in their faith and to the church, as well as Spiritual Growth classes, Sunday Electives focused on spiritual life application, Leadership Development, and certification programs. Our hope within the next year is to reinstitute the MAT program, as well.

We have two specific areas where WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:

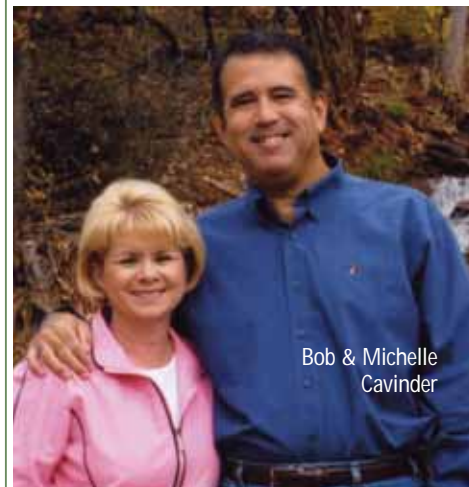
As a prayer partner - to pray for God's guidance and direction as we re-build our adult education program.

As a volunteer - to help launch this ministry. We're seeking volunteer coordinators, data base administrations, and those who have

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All New – for YOU!

By Bob & Michelle
Cavinder, Directors



Bob & Michelle
Cavinder

Congregational LIFE

GET CONNECTED

"Experience the CC" this Month!

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life

If you would like to become part of the local congregation of the Crystal Cathedral or are thinking about having your child baptized, this is the place to start. Come discover how you can become a part of a caring community, and experience the walk with Jesus and all it has to offer during "Experience the CC," a four-Sunday series that begins on Sun., April 13, and continues through May 4, 8:30 AM – NOON.

We start each morning with a continental breakfast, continue with Sunday worship in one of our three morning venues (CC Classic, The Gathering, or C3), and then pastors and lay leaders help you to discover who we are and what we believe. We invite you to come and explore how you and your family can belong to our community filled



with people who want to care for you and help you make a difference in the world. On the fourth Sunday of the series, you will have the opportunity to become a member of the local congregation during the 11 AM CC Classic service.

For more information, to sign up, and to reserve childcare, call 714-971-4062 or e-mail maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

Opportunity to be Baptized

Southern California residents, if you would like to be baptized or have your child baptized and are not yet a member of the Crystal Cathedral, be sure to sign up for this month's "Experience the CC" New Member Class. (See details to the left and below.) Pre-registration is requested. Please call 714-971-4062. (For more child and infant baptism details, see pg. 9.)

Veteran's Meet Monthly

The first Tuesday of every month, 12 - 2 PM on Tower of Hope, Floor 2, U.S. Veterans meet for fellowship, updates, special speakers, and encouragement. For more details, contact Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-971-4062 or chaptrout@aol.com.

SERVE THE COMMUNITY

The Reality of Poverty in the O.C.

By Gudelia Ramirez, Director of Community Missions

Living in Orange County is a blessing for all. However, for many families, it also poses a great challenge. Many families struggle with the high cost of living. Though they want to improve their family life standards and build a better future for their children, parents often feel trapped by their circumstances.



United Way of Orange County reports that:

- A child is born into poverty every two hours in O.C.
- Approximately 55% of O.C. renters (over 200,000 households) can't afford an average one-bedroom apartment.
- Over 22,000 of the 35,000 homeless in O.C. have jobs.

With economic worries in the news, families skipping meals to afford rent, and people on public transportation or riding bikes for lack of gas money or car insurance, one might pause to think, "I'm doing better than that. What can I do to help my neighbors in need?"

Crystal Cathedral Community Missions volunteers work out in the community with outreach programs to our neighbors, seeing first-hand what they are experiencing every day. When schools let out for summer soon and the children go without the school-provided breakfasts and lunches, we'll be there to help fill the need. Part of our summer program is providing peanut butter sandwiches at lunchtime and sending the children home with cans of tuna for their family's dinner. However, we can only do this with your help.

WHAT WE NEED:

- Summer program volunteers (read with the kids).
- Jars of peanut butter (for sandwiches).
- Cans of tuna (for the families).
- Nutritional snacks (for the kids).
- Cash or check for supplies (make check out to "Crystal Cathedral" with "Community Missions" in the memo section).

Please, please, help us; we have so much to do. Please pray for these families in need and, pray for God's blessing upon the children. For more information, please call me at 714-971-4047. With your help, one by one, we will help improve the lives of the children and families of our community.



Discover who we are and what we believe. Meet the pastors to learn how you and your family can belong to our community that wants to care for you and help you make a difference in the world. Learn how we, at the Crystal Cathedral, come to:

- ◆ **KNOW GOD** THROUGH WORSHIP & PRAYER
- ◆ **LOVE PEOPLE** THROUGH FELLOWSHIP & CARE
- ◆ **SERVE THE WORLD** THROUGH GIVING & GROWTH

Includes Continental Breakfast and Sunday Worship time!

FOUR SUNDAYS starting April 13, 8:30 AM – NOON.
Call **714-971-4062** to let us know you're coming!

care & kindness

CARE MINISTRY

Need to Talk?

You may call:

714-NEW-HOPE (Adults).

714-NEW-TEEN (Teens).

Family Counseling Center, 714-971-4222.

Care Ministry, 714-971-4032.

Crystal Cathedral Pastor, 714-971-4098.

A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

Robert Do Qui, Ministering Elder, 1934-2008

By Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

On February 9, 2008, word came to Pastor Bob Cavinder that longtime church member, Robert Do Qui, had peacefully, but unexpectedly, died in his chair while asleep. He was 74 years old.

Still active in his work as an actor, Robert was also still diligently and effectively serving as a Ministering Elder to the Crystal Cathedral congregation. He cared for the people assigned to him and others, as well. Often, since he lived near Los Angeles, he visited any Crystal Cathedral attendees who were in L.A.-located hospitals. Robert always said an automatic "yes" to any request, and blessed many by his willingness to reach out. On one occasion, when asked to officiate at the funeral of a woman whom he had visited as an Elder, Robert agreed and, though never officially trained in this specific area of ministry, was able to create and lead a beautiful and meaningful funeral service for her. Robert was a true friend, a reliable spiritual resource, and a natural-born leader.

While he always had a ready smile, Robert's life included many other facial expressions, as well - after all, he was an award-winning Hollywood actor for fifty years, and a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He was also a creative writer with prayers, stories, and poems available for you to read at www.robertdoqui.com.

We will miss Robert very much. His 92-year-old mother, four adult sons, and their wives and children survive him. We give thanks to God for this wonderful man who blessed so many.

NEW HOPE

The Satisfaction of Helping Others

By Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director of New Hope

"I get a sense of satisfaction when I see that I've helped someone through a rough spot," says Dot

Fransen, grandmother of five and February's New Hope Counselor of the month.

How has Dot continued giving eight hours a month for seven years to answer calls from anonymous, hurting people? "I remember to pray that God will give me the calls that are meant for me."

Dot taught Home Economics for many years, enjoying the young people while teaching them basic life skills. Now, as a phone counselor, Dot especially enjoys it when God sends her calls from younger people who need her care and encouragement, or the lonely callers who just need someone to talk to. She's happy knowing that God is using her to make a real difference in people's lives just by opening up her heart to listen.

Dot has followed the example of her mother, Leila Sims, who had been a New Hope counselor for many years covering a midnight to 4 am shift. When her mother died, Dot joined New Hope to continue her mother's ministry, taking her phone name and being blessed to feel connected to her as she serves.

Dot and her husband raised their three kids at the Garden Grove Community Church, which became the Crystal Cathedral, and appreciated that they could attend the drive-in church when their kids were sick. Dot, who has seen the church grow and change, describes the night that the Tower of Hope was opened as a particularly special moment: "Everyone was gathered at the base of the tower. They held hands, prayed, and then the cross was lit for the first time!"

Since that time, because of wonderful volunteers like Dot and Leila, the lights in the Tower on the New Hope floor have remained lit as volunteers, around the clock, help the hurting find comfort and care.

New Hope Training: Loving Like Jesus

Like Dot, and Leila before her, you, too, can give hope to the hurting callers just by listening and loving them as Jesus does. New Hope will train you to listen with love as a volunteer on the 714-NEW-HOPE hotline on campus or in the NewHopeNow.org private chat room from home. The Communication Skills & Crisis Inter-



vention Training also helps to enhance positively the relationships in your own life. Call Barbara at 714-971-4123 for details on the spring class series that begins Tues., April 29, 6:15 to 9 PM in the Tower of Hope, Floor 3.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Springtime Bodes Well for New Beginnings!

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

As we enter springtime, like the flower buds that burst forth from the barren winter soil, it is the perfect time for new beginnings in our lives, as well. The professional counselors at our Family Counseling Center are here to help you to create new, healthful, helpful habits that will give you a new outlook on the fresh, fertile future that awaits you.

Counselors are available to help couples, families, and individuals during life-changing events. We can help you with pre-marital, marital, family, career, grief, and every day coping issues. The Family Counseling Center Team includes counselors with special interests in parents, children, adolescents, career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. There are bilingual counselors for those who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Pre-Marital or Marital Communication Sessions are also held and we offer affordable individual, couple, family, child, and group counseling on a sliding scale. Speakers are available to church and community groups. Just call the Family Counseling Center at 714-971-4222

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Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministry
Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope



Dot Fransen

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for an appointment and a counselor will return your call.

Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) Multi-family Sessions are available in Spanish and English in the Orange County area by calling 714-538-6387. Learn ways to bring your family together by using caring techniques in a proven program.



SUPPORT GROUPS

No Cost to Attend – Just Show Up!

For more information about these groups sponsored by Crystal Cathedral Care Ministries, call 714-971-4098.

A.C.A. (Co-ed): Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-236. Adult children of alcoholic parent(s), journaling focus.

ACES: 1st Tue., 7 PM, FLC-234. Advocates for Children in Enforcement of child Support.

AL-ANON (Men): Thu., 8 PM, FLC-230.

AL-ANON (Co-ed): Fri., 8 PM, FLC-230.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: 4th Fri., 1 PM T-3. Caregivers support group.

BEREAVED PARENTS/USA: 3rd Mon., 7 PM, FLC-235. Those who have lost a child (of any age).

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (COED): Tue., 8 PM, FLC-221. Overcoming.

MEN AT PEACE: Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-FRH3. Dealing with anger and/or depression. (May meet court-ordered requirements; check with officer of the court.)

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: 1st/3rd Sun., 1:30 PM, T-2. Adults who have lost loved one to suicide.

THE UNWELCOME JOURNEY: Thursday, 7 PM, FLC-3. Widowed persons group.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

ALIVE WITH THE SIGNS OF SPRING!

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool is alive with the signs of spring! Caterpillars have been spinning their cocoons in each class and the children eagerly await the emerging butterflies, knowing that they are one of God's miracles!

It is delightful to hear these young children raising their prayers straight from their hearts to our Lord. One of our children prayed recently, "Thank you, God, for growing us!" Last month, on the playground some of our pre-K children had decided to "play" *The Glory of Christmas!* How special that they would decide to act out a religious scene instead of something they had seen on TV.

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool is accepting registrations for the new school year that begins in September. The school serves children ages 2 - 5, Monday - Friday, from 7 AM until 6 PM. Feel free to contact the office for more information (714-971-4141).



ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS

RECEIVING A HEAD START ON LIFE!

The Crystal Cathedral schools, founded on the principles of positive Christianity, offer the students - elementary, middle school, and high school - a positive education and nurturance as unique children of God, giving each one a real head start on living a life filled with possibilities and purpose.

This K-12 performing arts school offers courses in the visual arts, drama, music, and P.E. classes twice a week in addition to a dynamic accelerated general curriculum. This is an example of abundant giving to the community. NOW ENROLLING, this is the perfect time to choose to bless your children with a positive education through the Crystal Cathedral Academy & High School. For more information and tours, contact Mrs. Mulady, School Registrar, 714-971-4159.

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kicked in the face by a horse, and lost an eye. That sent him to the farm, literally.

Norm was raised by a single parent - his dad! He was a wonderful man who, in grief, drifted into a life of itinerant laborer, like house painting. Though Norm lived in many different homes in his young life and was not nurtured spiritually, he was encouraged by his dad to get an education. When his dad bought Norm, then 14, the complete works of William Shakespeare, the boy read one play a day for thirty-seven days. He says "words" are his passion.

While Blanche was a responsible, positive church-going Christian her whole life, Norm had to find his own way. His dad was a non-practicing Mormon with basic Christian belief, but no inclination to nurture his kids' souls. Norm's personal inner spiritual hunger drove him to the church. He felt he needed something more and, on his own, he began attending a Baptist congregation. Later Blanche's pastor mentored Norm, which was meaningful and took him to the next step of his faith.

Blanche and Norm are first of all followers of Jesus. They have shown their goodness and godliness

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make a difference for people who long to rise above the circumstances of life that keep them from experiencing satisfying, worthwhile, God-given, victorious lives. Together, we can be the hands of Jesus that lift a disabled person into a wheelchair for the first time, the caring teacher who breaks down the barriers that limit the lives of precious children of promise, the supplier of resources needed to provide clean drinking water to rural villagers and farmers across China.

Our goal is to raise \$1 million above that which covers normal operating expenses to fund seven key initiatives in the Chinese mainland in 2008. (See page 16 for initiative descriptions.) But we can't fulfill this dream alone - we need you. And, isn't that the way it's supposed to be...all of us, together, reaching out a loving hand in the name of Christ?

For details on how you can be a part of this Big Dream for China, see pg. 16.

family ministries

Family Ministries
Sheila Coleman, Director
Children's Ministry
Linda Poit, Director

Student Ministry
Janie Zinn, Director
Ministry to Couples & Parents
Bob & Michelle Cavinder



Upcoming event

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY CAMP '08: "THE AMAZING RACE!"

This May 23-25, join other fun and friendly Crystal Cathedral families – including the R.A. Schullers, the Poits, the Colemans, the Cavinders, the Abbotts, and many more - at Forest Home Conference Center for three days and two nights of activities, awesome worship, inspirational messages, fun, and lots of free time to spend with your family! Reservations will soon be finalized, so call NOW to reserve your spot, 714-544-5679, or call 714-971-4236 for more details. For a personal "Family Camp" testimony from the Cohee family, see story, pg. 4

Sunday Worship

FAMILIES WORSHIP TOGETHER AT C3!

Every Sunday, 9:30 & 11 AM
In the Freed Theater (Welcoming Center,
Garden Level)

- ▶ Live Music/Worship Band with Kyle Steven
- ▶ Live Message & Interview Video Feed
- ▶ Live Connection with Others

Bring your family or a friend, or come by yourself to be a part of the C3 family, which offers the warmth of community and a dynamic and heart-felt worship style designed with you in mind. Host pastor Kim Kimpel, plus Kyle Bonenberger with the C3 Worship Team, and the entire C3 family will help you to feel at home, connect with God, and build rich, lasting relationships in this wonderful, growing community.

Following both services, Pastor Kim will be available to help you get connected as you stay, have a cup of Starbucks® coffee, and meet other young families and new friends in PJ's Heavenly Café. See you Sunday!



FAMILY ADVICE

HOLDING ON...LETTING GO

Dear Dr. Sheila,

My mother was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's. She still remembers my siblings and me, but sometimes gets the names of her grandchildren mixed up. I have already started grieving as I lose more of her each day. I feel so guilty about the time I lost with her in the past, caught up in furthering my career, not spending enough time with her. Now I feel like it's too late. Can you help?

—Too Little Too Late

Dear Not Too Late,

Although it may not feel like it right now, the truth is you have been given a great gift!

You have an opportunity to make the most of these last years with your mother. There are two suggestions I would offer you. The first one is practical; the second is spiritual.

1. Capture her now, while you still have time. Take pictures, videotape, record, journal — get her to talk about her life as much as you can. This will provide a way for you to stay as connected with her as possible. In the process, you will provide a gift for your children and your children's children, and give her the gift of you while she still knows you and recognizes you.

2. Put her in God's hands, for she is His child more than she is your mother. When my father was in the hospital in Amsterdam with a head injury that left him with no memory, my mother faced an uncertain future and cried out to God. Suddenly, she looked out the hospital window and saw a sparrow sitting on the ledge. Immediately the words to a familiar hymn came to mind: "Why should I feel discouraged...His eye is on the sparrow...and I know He watches me!"

Treasure the moments you have left with your mother, resting in the hope that she is in good hands — God's hands!

—Dr. Sheila



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