

family ministries

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE C3 TEAM INVITES YOU TO "COME, JOIN US!"

C3 is the pioneering contemporary ministry of the Crystal Cathedral and meets every single Sunday to build a community around the love of Jesus Christ. The curious seekers and committed Christ-followers, alike, are invited to come check us out! Come join us to be built up in soul and spirit and to reach out to help change the world for the better as we seek God. C3 has two main pastors – Gretchen Schuller-Penner (host pastor) and Kyle Steven Bonenberger (worship pastor) - and is largely volunteer-run. To get in touch with the C3 team, email us at c3@crystalcathedral.org.

Families Worship Together at C3!
Every Sunday, 11 AM, Freed Theater
(Welcoming Center, Garden Level)
- Live Music/Worship Band
- Live Message & Interview Video Feed
- Live Connection with Others



IPOD CLASSIC EULOGY

By Kyle Steven Bonenberger, C3 Worship Leader

I can still remember the day that I opened the box of my very own... iPod! I was so excited. As far as I was concerned, this was the coolest technological advance of humankind. The "clickwheel" was responsive, and sometimes I would turn it on just to spin my fingers around the device just to hear the "clicking" sound I grew to love.

Well, today was a sad day. I turned on my iPod classic only to hear the "click of death" (the internal hard drive was dead). Today, I put to death many great memories shared with iPod. I remember in my early dating days with my wife, iPod classic was always there for me to provide the perfect playlist. I could set the tone of the date exactly how I wanted it.

We must celebrate and reflect upon the passing of something we once loved, while also embracing the new, unknown things that come from God's hand.

I hear what you're about to say... Kyle, don't you have an iPhone now? Why do you still care about iPod classic? Yes, it's true that now I look at my iPhone the same way I looked at my iPod classic when I first purchased it. I cannot conceive of a "cooler" technological device, but that's because I am not the one planning the future of technology. Apple plans it.

In the same way, as we look into our lives, we must celebrate and reflect upon the passing of something we once loved, while also embracing the new, unknown things that come from God's hand. Psalm 45:6 says, "In the place of your fathers shall be your sons, you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be remembered in

all generations. Therefore nations will praise you forever and ever."

In the context of the passage, giving control of the land to the sons was both risky and difficult for the fathers. How could these new, inexperienced sons lead the nations into prosperity? To be honest, it's counter-intuitive. Our rational minds tell us to let the experienced, tried leaders rule. God takes joy in letting unlikely candidates lead because HE alone can get the glory for their success.

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ASK DR. SHEILA

TOO TIRED TO PRAY?

Dear Sheila,

I know that I should read my Bible every day and pray for my family and loved ones, but there are so many days when I oversleep or spend too much time online. Then, when I check my time I realize that I'm already running late for work. I try to do my devotions when I get home from work, but by then I'm too tired.

I feel so guilty! After all that Christ has done for me, I can't even wake up early enough or stay awake long enough to pray to him! Any suggestions?

- Too Tired to Pray



Dear Too Tired to Pray,

First of all, the good news is—God doesn't require us to pray!

God never intended the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, fasting, etc., to be the means by which we obtain God's favor or grace.

Grace is a gift. There is nothing you can do to earn it. All you can do is accept it! A gift is just that. You can't take credit for it. You don't have to pay for it, shop for it, or even wrap it. All you have to do is accept it, open it, and say thank you for it.

Let go of the guilt and shame you're feeling. Then, practice the spiritual disciplines out of gratitude—not to earn grace, but simply because you're thankful for the gift of grace. When you approach Christ with the attitude of gratitude rather than an attitude of "having to," you will find that you are too wired not to pray!

- Sheila Schuller Coleman

Send your questions to asksheila@crystalcathedral.org.

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KIDS

KID POWER PLANT

Attention all Families: Bring your kids to join us each and every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM for the third year of Kid Power Plant where kids experience an exciting, power-packed, interactive worship and learning experience. Here children are inspired to plug into the true Power Source – our loving Lord. If you have any questions, please call 714-971-4087.

KPP NEEDS YOU!

Calling all God-serving individuals who love the Lord and understand the need to bring Biblical truths to our children. Find your niche to serve for the 1st (9:10 AM) and/or 2nd (10:40 AM) hour on Sunday mornings:

- * Volunteer Sunday School Teachers
- * Kiosk Check-In Helpers
- * Tech. Crew

Please contact Children's Ministry Department 714-971-4087 for more information.

BLESS YOUR BABY WITH BAPTISM!

If you are a local attender and have a child or are expecting a child, we invite you to call Maureen Winer in Congregational Life for more information about infant baptism, 714-971-4062.



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Take a minute right now and reflect on the good things that have passed in your life. Then, give them a eulogy because those memories/things will never return. THEN, ask God to take you into unknown, uncharted territory. He will give you everything you need to thrive. Trust me, none of us can fathom the amazing dreams HE has for us all.

YOUTH

JR. HIGH STUDENTS

XLR8 TUESDAYS: It's a place where Jr. Highers come together! If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, XLR8 is where you want to be. We have wild and crazy Tuesday night programming, 7 – 8:30 PM at the Youth House. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 - 8:30 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

SUNDAYS: It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Sr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

FUEL WEDNESDAYS: FUEL shatters the stereotype that church is boring. FUEL is designed to celebrate life and relationships. FUEL meets Wednesday nights, 7 – 9 PM at the Youth House. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 – 9 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

SUNDAY FUEL: It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Jr. Higher's for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



Love God and Love Youth!
If you feel called to encourage our youth on Tues. or Wed. nights, contact Brett DePena for more volunteer details:
714-971-4180

Save the Date!
ANNUAL CHILDREN & YOUTH AUCTION
Sunday, May 24 in the Arboretum
Silent Auction: 9 am to 11:30 pm
Live Auction: 1 to 2 pm
Box lunch available for \$7 (\$10 after 5/17).
Tickets available @ Box Office or Sunday morning on the Plaza.

ACCEPTING AUCTION DONATIONS
On the Plaza starting Sunday, April 5.
We need vacation packages—time share, a stay at a condominium, miles, etc.

All donated items are tax deductible.

FAMILY SUNDAYS

Parking: Families park next to Family Life Center and take shuttle to church!
Shuttle: Stops next to Family Life Center and other spots around campus!
Quiet Room: In the Tower Lobby, watch the service with your child.

Contact Student Ministries
Brett DePena, Director
crystalcathedral.org/ccsm
or e-mail:
ccsm@crystalcathedral.org
714-971-4180

ADULT Ministries



MEN'S NETWORK

MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

If you would like the support of other men experiencing your same life-stage journey, call 714-971-4236 for details.

BAND OF BROTHERS: Monday evenings, 7 - 9 PM, Family Life Center, Rm. 435.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings, 7 AM, Tower of Hope, Floor 2.

MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: Saturday mornings, 7 AM, Family Life Center, Rm. 221.

MATURE ADULTS

BE CAPTIVATED BY "MARY"...

On fourth Thursday of every month in the Arboretum, enjoy fun, great food, music, and inspiring guest speakers! On April 23 at 11:30 am, be captivated by the Rev. Gwen Ehrenberg's portrayal of Mary, the mother of Christ. Learn how Mary "pondered in her heart" the amazing prophecies of

the angel, her son's ministry and miracles, and accompanying him to the foot of the Cross. Learn how she went from doubt to faith in Christ, herself. The dramatization is presented by this talented United Methodist minister with a Masters of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, now serving as co-pastor of Yorba Linda United Methodist Church with her husband, Todd. To reserve your lunch (\$5 @ door), call 714-971-4032 or e-mail 50plus@crystalcathedral.org. Bring your friends and neighbors!



SINGLES

**SINGLES FELLOWSHIP:
SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS**

Every Sunday, 11 AM in FLC-470, mature singles do their very best to portray love to each other and to every new person who enters the doorway, and share the wisdom of the Word as applied to everyday living. Every Tuesday, 7 PM in FLC-3, they do the same during "Tuesdays Together." On Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings at the Crystal Cathedral, find some of the best people in the world just waiting to be your friend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA:
"UNIQUELY YOU!"**

On Saturday, May 2, 11 AM -1:30 PM in the



beautiful Arboretum, be inspired by our own First Lady of the Crystal Cathedral, Mrs. Arvella Schuller. Mothers, daughters, and best friends, come celebrate God's gift of fellowship, food and fun at our fourth annual tea inspired by Ephesians 2:10a: "You are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus!" RSVP: Box Office (714-544-5679); \$18 (girls 3-13), \$25 (14-adult).

WEEKDAY "WOMEN'S NETWORK"

Every Tuesday, 9 AM in the Art Gallery. Discover life-changing Biblical truths, and enjoy the sense of community of other women on their spiritual journeys. During this creative Bible study unlike any other, enjoy singing, sharing, praying, stimulating object lessons, and small group time. Leader Rhea Zakich creates each lesson anew and facilitates this time of inspiration and insight. This month: March 3, 10, 17, and 24. All are welcome! Questions? Call Kari, 714-971-4080.

EVENING "SOUL FOOD"

Every Friday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Family Lounge. Join the dynamic Kim Kimpel for a refreshing time of fellowship, prayer, community, and a stimulating Bible/Book study. This month: March 6, 13, 20, and 27. Info: 714-971-4240.

LUNCH HOUR "WOMEN AT THE WELL"

Every Wednesday at noon on Family Life Center, Floor 3. Come be a part of an energized group of women who want to drink of the "Living Water" that Jesus provides. Louise Dunn leads this lively book discussion to discern the message the Lord is revealing through the readings. This month: March 4, 11, 18, and 25. For info, call, 714-971-4045.



4th Annual Mother/Daughter Tea

Uniquely You!

Be inspired by our own First Lady of the Crystal Cathedral: Mrs. Arvella Schuller

Saturday, May 2
In the Arboretum
11 AM - 1:30 PM

\$18 for girls ages 3-13
\$25 ages 14-Adult

For reservations, call 714-544-5679
or online at:
www.crystalcathedral/ministries/womens/events



MATURE ADULTS
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S & WOMEN'S
Michelle Cavinder, Director

CREATING PRAYER SHAWLS TO BLESS OTHERS

By Rhea Zakich, Women's Network Leader

Recently the creative and committed women of Women's NetWork made fleece shawls for the homebound, the ill, or those going through a difficult time.

After each shawl was made, it was prayed over and filled with the love of Jesus, then lovingly wrapped around someone who welcomed a touch of heaven. Susie Cook was the first to receive a prayer shawl and was blessed by a symphony of prayer as nearly 80 women prayed aloud to enfold her in healing love. The hem of Jesus' garment contained his healing virtue and could heal the hemorrhaging woman. With that as their inspiration, the group believes that these shawls, filled with God's love, can certainly bring new life and healing.

After receiving her shawl, Susie wrote. "Thank you for the wonderful prayer shawl that you gave me today at Bible study. It truly means a lot to me to know that all of the Christian women of the Women's NetWork care so deeply for me and my healing. I am sure that God has heard all of my prayers for me and I know He will continue to bless me."

The Tuesday Bible Study is a unique opportunity for women of all ages to discover what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus by entering a weekly laboratory of learning. Besides hearing a stimulating and thought-provoking lesson, the women sing with the angels, dance like David, shake tambourines like Miriam, and pray like Paul. This dynamic group has written poetry, made prayer bracelets, woven fishnets, taken prayer walks, and studied the healing affects of colors and music.

All women are encouraged to join this warm, welcoming, and giving group any Tuesday from 9 - 11:30 AM in the Art Gallery. For more information, call Kari at 714-971-4080.



Susie Cook & Rhea Zakich, Bible Study Leader.



COME IN & BE INSPIRED



CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

OPEN DAILY 9AM-6PM

Offering a wide range of inspirational items - books, music, toys, jewelry, home decorations, and more!

Lovely Settings for Your Special Day

Crystal Cathedral Weddings

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the light-filled Crystal Cathedral or beautiful Arboretum? Or more serene than in the Good Shepherd garden? Or more exhilarating than in the Chapel atop the Tower of Hope? These and other settings available.

Call 714-971-4240



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Libya. His assignment was to help build a technical college where he would eventually teach. One interesting memory was when the Americans handed him a Sears Roebuck catalog to order the parts and equipment needed for the new school.

Life in Libya was not pleasant for Ed. He was despised and hated because he was working for the Americans, who at that time were in disrepute. The locals thought Ed was a spy for the enemy. But Ed had one special friend, his boss Harlan Clark from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Clark took Ed "under his wing" with strong appreciation and love. He literally adopted him and helped Ed become an American citizen before he was ever in the U.S.

His next job was with Ford Motor Co. Ed traveled all over the world troubleshooting wherever Fords were sold. On one of those trips, when he was playing the piano in a hotel with a crowd around him, a man approached for a serious conversation. This led to another chapter in his life, working for Peugeot out

The Crystal Cathedral family is Ed's second family. Recently he was ordained as a Ministering Elder.

He was there every day, so one day Ed stopped to meet him. A beautiful friendship was born with Hal Tracy. One day when Ed asked him what he did on Sunday, Hal told him he went to the Crystal Cathedral church in Garden Grove. Ed had seen the impressive building and assumed it was an opera house. "Are the tickets expensive?" asked Ed. "I'd like to go with you." This was the beginning of Ed's journey into becoming a follower of Jesus. The Crystal Cathedral family is his second family. Recently he was ordained as a Ministering Elder.

There is a surprising blessing that seasoned Ed's life a few years ago. While working in care giving at a local residential facility, Ed noticed a man who seemed familiar. As he looked more closely at the man, he asked, "Are you Harlan Clark from Cincinnati?" He was! The very old man, though deep into dementia, recognized Ed. There was a tremendous exchange of hugs and kisses. It was like a son finding his father, and a father his son. For three years, Ed took close, intimate care of his lost "father" until he died. They were a gift from God for each other.

of Paris, traveling all over the Southern Hemisphere. When he had enough, in 1986, he came to California.

Ed had married Zahie in Lebanon (53 years ago) and they had two daughters and a son (now all married). The oldest two were born in Libya, the youngest in Lebanon.

Once settled in Irvine, Ed noticed a man working as a crossing guard in his neighborhood, sitting in a beach chair on the corner or helping the school kids cross the street.

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Christ's loving sacrifice on the cross, when it actually happened, his disciples and followers were grieved and uncertain. They had loved, lived, and walked long miles with him. They had heard his words and seen his miracles first hand. They had been counseled by him and able to touch, see, hear, and share meals with him. Now he had left them. How would they relate with him now?

After his miraculous resurrection, our Lord revealed a new kind of relationship. No longer would the disciples and his followers, then and now, experience a friendship with a visible human being, but instead they would be friends with an invisible and eternal God.

For many days, he appeared to them in his resurrected body that looked similar to his human one but able to appear and disappear unhindered by walls or doors. When he ap-

peared to them, they were so happy; when he disappeared, they were very sad. The lesson in each disappearance was to teach them that they could continue the same relationship with the same trust and love without seeing him. At one

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point before Jesus had revealed himself to Thomas, the disciple did not believe Jesus had resurrected and said, "If I don't see him, I won't believe." Jesus then appeared to him and said, "More blessed are those who do not see, and yet believe" (John 20:29).

So, today, having never seen Jesus in human form, we can be assured by his words, "I am with you until the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20), and know that we are blessed for our belief that he is continually with us

and in us. At any moment, anywhere, we can visualize him beside us; we can talk to him and relate with him through the eyes of faith.

He is resurrected! He is alive! He is with us! Hallelujah!

EASTER WEEK AT THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

HOLY WEEK APRIL 6 - 9

- 12:15 PM in the Crystal Cathedral - with special music and Crystal Cathedral pastors presenting daily devotions, Monday - Thursday, leading up to the Easter celebration.

GOOD FRIDAY April 10

- 12:15 PM in the Crystal Cathedral - a Communion Service with Robert H. Schuller, Juan Carlos Ortiz, The Cathedral Choir, and the Da Capo Players.
- 8 PM in the Arboretum - a Contemporary Communion Service with Kyle Bonenberger and Brett DaPena focusing on "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

EASTER SUNDAY April 12

- 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1 PM (Hispanic) in the Crystal Cathedral - a glorious Easter Celebration with Robert H. Schuller, Juan Carlos Ortiz, and vocalist Travis Cottrell.
- 6:30 & 8:30 PM in the Crystal Cathedral - your last opportunity to attend one of this season's final two performances of *The Glory of Easter*, 714-544-5679. (No Evening Service.)



PJ's Heavenly Cafe

Welcoming Center, Garden Level
Mon. - Fri., 9 AM - 2 PM
Sunday, 8 AM - 2 PM

New on Sundays!
Breakfast Buffet
9 - 11 AM

Catering: 714-971-2289

Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

Rancho Capistrano Christian Preschool Summer Camp for Your Preschooler!

Just added to the Rancho Capistrano Christian preschool year are summer camps!

Right off the freeway in San Juan Capistrano is a caring and nurturing place for your preschooler, accredited with ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). Year-around preschool classes offer a developmental curriculum where students learn by doing, touching, tasting, watching, and listening. A Junior Kindergarten Program is also available.

The Chapel curriculum includes Bible and flannel stories, hands-on experiences including drama, hand signs, puppets prayer, weekly verses, and music. Each classroom provides open-ended art experiences as well as sequenced and process art forms. Fine and large motor activities enrich daily schedules with the necessary skills for learning and physical development.

Social skills are developed as the teachers partner with their students to "use their words," express their feelings and discuss their conflicts as well as cooperative experiences. Free choice activities provide the time and opportunity to develop independence as well as inter-dependence within the security and joy of fellowship in a Christian environment. Our 170-acre campus provides many opportunities for exploring God's creation.

The evaluation team from ACSI wrote: "The best way we can think of to sum up the essence of Rancho Capistrano Christian Preschool is the sense that Christ is meeting you at the gate and extending His hand to you with the greeting, 'Come and walk with Me!'"

For more information about Rancho Capistrano's Christian Preschool programs, call 949-347-4023.



Rancho Capistrano Wedding Center Begin Your Marriage in God's Spiritual Oasis

Choose Rancho Capistrano for the spring or summer wedding of your dreams. Because we have so many different venues, you can have a magical wedding any time of year! Picture strolling mariachis at your hors d'œuvres reception, a string quartet in the sanctuary for your ceremony, and dancing the night away under the stars at the plaza. Your out-of-town guests will appreciate the overnight accommodations, and you may even choose to enjoy breakfast with them the next morning.

One way to save is by having your wedding ceremony in the morning, followed by a late morning or early afternoon reception. Not only is the facility fee lower than in the evenings, but the meals are less expensive (think lunch prices versus dinner prices at your favorite restaurant).

"The Ranch" is unique among wedding facilities; everything you need is in one beautiful place! Please call our Wedding Center at 949-347-4000.

Conference Center Peaceful & Relaxing Meeting Facilities

With your first step onto Rancho Capistrano's captivating grounds, you will forget that you are anywhere near civilization. The peaceful and relaxing atmosphere of a beautifully landscaped resort, with the meeting facilities of a fully equipped conference room, and the dining experience of a top-quality Banquet facility - that's what you'll find at Rancho Capistrano's Conference Center.

Our 170-acre property is filled with towering palms, shady eucalyptus trees, and green rolling hills. Highlighting the conference center is its blue shimmering lake, which encompasses a gazebo island filled with flowers and friendly, meandering ducks. The Spanish architecture features mission-style fountains, terra-cotta tiles, and exquisite details of colorfully painted designs.

Call 949-347-4000, and ask to speak to our Conference Sales Manager or e-mail seminars@ranchocapistrano.org for details.



What We Offer...

Organizational Meetings and Banquets.
Church and Team-Building Retreats.
Athletic and Recreational Activities.
Family Blessings, Celebrations, and Life Commemorations.
Weddings, Receptions, and Rehearsal Dinners.

Ropes Challenge Course

Build Trust & Communication

Our Ropes Challenge Course Programs, facilitated by Challenge-U, can be comprised of Low Ropes, High Ropes, or both. The low ropes are a series of problem-solving activities that ask a team to come together to complete a task. The group's current team dynamics are evident as each participant discovers, develops, and practices new skills as they move through the exercises. The challenges are low to the ground and increase in difficulty as the day progresses. The facilitators establish the context for each activity, observe the process to support the learning and help the team recognize valuable insights.

The high ropes course takes "challenge" to a higher level, up to 40 feet off the ground. With the support of trained technical staff and their teammates on the ground, a harnessed climber creates the opportunity to experience the value of risk taking in a safe environment. Both the climber and the ground team experience what is possible when courage replaces fear, and when trust, support, and communication are the foundation of teamwork. Call 949-347-4000 for details.

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MORE NEWS



Hear the Celestial Sounds of Libera!

By Sean Groombridge, Senior Organist & Dir. of Worship

Come hear the celestial sounds of the internationally acclaimed group Libera on Sunday, April 19, in the Crystal Cathedral! Their music will uplift, bless, and soothe all who hear it. We are one of only three southern California venues privileged to host them on their tour. The group will be featured in our morning worship services at 9:30 and 11 AM and will perform a full concert at 7:30 PM.

The distinctive sound of Libera has traveled the world in the last few years. The group's albums have topped both mainstream and classical charts in many countries, and their recordings have sold in the millions. If you have never heard the haunting, atmospheric sound of Libera, then prepare yourself for something very special.

The boys who make up the group have been described as "normal" and "ordinary." However, as their recordings and performances demonstrate, the music they produce is truly extraordinary. With shimmering, mystical chords and ecstatic harmonies, they are unlike any other group you have ever heard!

Be sure to arrive early for the services, as the group will sing a prelude before each service in the morning. Come early to get the best seats in the evening. The Cathedral doors will open at 7 PM. Open seating, free admission, and a free-will offering will be taken.

Give to the 2009 Easter Garden

Become part of the beautiful Easter tradition at the Crystal Cathedral with a gift of \$10 to the Easter Garden. The flowers you provide, in honor or memory of your loved one(s), will fill the Cathedral with bright color and the sweet aroma of freshly blooming, springtime blossoms. Please pick up forms at the Box Office and return to the Box Office before April 19. Your name and the name(s) of your loved one(s) will appear online at crystalcathedral.org/ministries/women. (Forms turned in after April 19 may not be included in the final list).



Walt & Mary Kallestad Honored

To commemorate 30 years with Senior Pastor Walt Kallestad (one of our "America's Television Church" speaking pastors), the Community Church of Joy in Glendale, AZ, hosted a "Coming Home to Joy" celebration Sunday, March 27, featuring former Phoenix Suns Chairman Jerry Colangelo and our very own Founding Pastor Dr. Robert H. Schuller. Both guests paid tribute to Walt and wife Mary who have dedicated themselves to Christ-centered ministry at the church helping it to grow 50-fold over the last three decades.

Hour of Power: New Cable Network Added!

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors... In these difficult economic times, the people of America and world need to see and hear the positive message of the weekly-televised *Hour of Power*, now also on Daystar! The current cable schedule is:

- Every Sunday on:
- Daystar Cable Network
11 AM ET, 10 AM CT, 9 AM MT, 8 AM PT
- Lifetime Cable Network
8 am ET/PT, 7 AM CT, 6 AM MT
- Every Saturday on:
- Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN)
9 PM ET, 8 PM CT, 7 PM MT, 6 PM PT

National Day of Prayer @ the CC

By Kim Kimpel & Doug Robinson, Commissioned Pastors

We are very excited to announce the Crystal Cathedral plans for an all-church National Day of Prayer event. Thursday, May 7, is the official National Day of Prayer and worldwide participation is expected on this special day.

Crystal Cathedral is hosting a 24-hour prayer vigil that will begin on Wednesday, May 6 at 8 PM and continue through May 7 at 8 PM. This all-church event will include participation from every ministry department and fellowship class. Included during the 24-hour prayer vigil will be an 8 PM group prayer to start the event on May 6, and special prayer devotions at 7 AM and 12 NOON on May 7, closing with a one-hour service at 7 PM.

Our nation and our church needs prayer now more than ever before. Together we will witness the miracles that accompany prayer and experience the presence and love of Christ through the process.

For more information or to volunteer to be available to pray during the 24-hour vigil, contact Doug Robinson, Chairperson, at doug@crystalcathedral.org. Or you may call Kim Kimpel at 714-971-4241.

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people, where the families will receive a message of salvation, hope, and faith. In addition, we hope that many new people come to know the Lord and that the church experiences a remarkable growth."

Rick Mysse, Crystal Cathedral member and Reformed Church in America (RCA) Regional Strategist, says about Gebel's arrival, "The RCA Classis of California has

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been very active in starting and assisting Spanish-language churches in southern California. In fact, many of the best-known names in Latin American ministry are already associated with us, including Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz, Luis Palau, Lucas Leyes, David Hormachea, and now . . . DANTE GEBEL! It is nothing short of miraculous to see how these relationships have been formed and strengthened. Dante is going to be a huge addition to our growing capability to plant new churches in California and beyond. In fact, we are praying to be able to plant 100 new Spanish-language churches in Southern California and 500 new churches throughout Latin America in the next 10-15 years - as an extension of the Crystal Cathedral Hispanic ministries!"



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Two of the notable aspects of this blog are that it offers you the opportunity to stay updated by registering as a "follower," and to respond back to Donna and Robert through the "comments" option.

Spread the word to family and friends who have been eager to hear from these two wonderful friends of faith.

serve the world

Global Community

AT CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

HOUR OF POWER INTERNATIONAL Sharing God's Love with the People of China

By David Rathbun, Hour of Power, Beijing Office

In early 2009, preparations are underway to begin Phase 2 of the Daxing County Hour of Power Rehabilitation and Training Center for Disabled Orphans project. The goal will be to provide better physical and emotional care for approximately 300 disabled orphans, many of whom are severely disabled. Ultimately we hope to create a practical learning environment for these disabled orphans to learn a marketable skill that they may use to support themselves financially and with dignity, self-respect...and make a positive, useful contribution to society. By doing so, they will shine their unique light in the world and become the miracles that God designed them to be. Also, the Dr. Schuller Institute for Possibility Thinking, Inc., Beijing Representative Office is planning to work in close coordination with both the China and Gansu Associations for International Friendly Relations to support the development of life-changing "water cellars" for Chinese mothers and families in need in severely vast, water-challenged rural areas of China's western regions.

With additional funds already donated from *Hour of Power* supporters in Canada (the Dr. Schuller Institute for Possibility Thinking, Inc.), the Beijing Representative Office is busy on a plan to provide a scholarship grant to implement a pilot program for disabled orphans (working closely with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing Normal University, and other local universities) to study how to most effectively provide training and education for disabled orphans in China, especially in foster home environments. Initially we aim to use "possibility thinking" to help arrange for a part-time teacher to offer basic educational training of elementary Chinese and other essential skills. The teacher will nurture 10-15 teenage orphans in the Daxing Orphanage system who have sharp, keen and eager minds, but are af-



David Rathbun's 9-year-old son Christopher has already made a dream come true for Jiang Fujun, an aspiring young Chinese musician who is one of the handicapped orphans at the project. Jiang desperately wanted a keyboard so that he could play in public. Seeing this need, young Christopher donated his piano, which had been a gift from his parents. This is an example of God's love reaching out as "possibility thinking" faith comes to life in China.

flicted with polio, brittle bone disease, and other disabilities which prevent them from attending public school.

A wise poet once wrote...

An angel passed in his onward flight,
with seed of love and truth and light...
and cried... O where shall the seed be sown...
that it yield most fruit when fully grown?
The Savior heard and He said as He smiled...
"Place it for me in the heart of a child."

What They're Saying In Australia...

"Many challenges lies ahead for your team, but God, through the prayers of His people, will accomplish much. I look forward to the new format with so many fantastic preachers." -Ellen B., Email, Australia

"Congratulations on your last programme (Lee Strobel, A Skeptic's Surprise)

it was most impressive. I trust this will be a very successful spiritual move for you all." -Heather L., Australia

"I pray for the continuance of the ministry spreading God's Gospel message all around the world, the weekly service is a great encouragement and blessing for me." -Dulcie K., Australia

"I want to thank all of you that take the words of God from Dr Schuller and all the others to spread all over the world...those simple words touch my life..." -Pascale Lourdes, Australia

"I have listened for years and feel sure God is directing the changes. I know the Lord will continue to bless the Schuller families and lead the ministry in new and rewarding directions." Helen B., Australia

"We have enjoyed the different speakers who have been on recently."

Mr & Mrs Murphy, Australia

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Hope, and Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, a new series of classes will begin soon. For details, call Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123.

"New Hope" Online

Visit www.newhopenow.org to find helpful articles, enlightening self-tests, and a link to online counseling with a trained counselor in a private chat room.

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By Burt Winer, MBA, MA, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

Insights on who we are and how we are perceived can positively or negatively affect our lives and relationships. The C.C. Family Counseling Center's counselors can help you to understand better who you are in light of God's wisdom in your life.

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THE JOY OF GIVING

"One poor widow...gave two mites... her whole livelihood" Mark 12:41-44

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2009

Celebrating Crystal Cathedral Volunteers in Action!

By Bonnie Balloch, Volunteer Director

I thank God for all our faithful volunteers! The future vibrancy in the life and ministry of our church depends on those who volunteer their time and efforts. They demonstrate strength and endurance in all situations and are a symbol of God's peace.

The theme for the National Volunteer week, April 19-25, is "Celebrating People in Action." The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week – honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities.

National Volunteer Week 2009 presents an opportunity for the Crystal Cathedral Ministries to celebrate and to say "thank you" to the wonderful people who accomplish extraordinary things through service. Whether you serve as an usher, teacher, greeter, tour guide or in any other capacity, your main focus is to express God's love, kindness, and patience to all you meet.

In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make sure your subject and your verb agrees... You only need a heart full of grace... a soul generated love."



Translating during Sunday services.



"Red Coats" (tour guides) come in all sizes!



Sharing joy and laughter.



Directing traffic on Sunday mornings.



Helping others with practical needs.



Building faith in our future generation.

VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

connect with your church community!



"Kid Power Plant" Volunteer Opportunity

On Sun., April 19, our exciting new Pastor of Hispanic Ministries Dante Gebel arrives! So all adult members of the congregation can hear him speak, we are in dire need of those to fill in during the 1 pm children's Sunday school program. Sheila Coleman will lead volunteer training on Tues., April 14, 7 pm. Call today!

Crystal Cathedral Ushers

Assist churchgoers to their seats. Meet at either 8:30 or 10:15 AM for instruction and prayer. Be one of the first smiling faces someone sees at the Crystal Cathedral!

Campus Tour Guides

Give guided walking tours of the Crystal Cathedral to visitors from around the world! Share your knowledge while you share your heart. Shifts available M - F, 9 AM - 4:30 PM, and Sundays as well!

Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses

Greet people who are in need of information about programs or classes. Sundays, half-hour prior to service and 10 min. before end of service, then stay until replacement arrives.

Tower Lobby Helpers

Assist in the Tower lobby between 9 AM - 4:30 PM. Answer visitors' questions and phones, direct people to the correct floor, monitor traffic, sort mail, etc.

Traffic Ministry Guides

Direct the flow of traffic inside the Crystal Cathedral parking lot. Greet and guide attendees of our Sunday Services, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



VOLUNTEER ONLINE

at crystalcathedral.org/volunteer. Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! OR CALL Bonnie Balloch at 714/971-4321. OR E-MAIL bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org