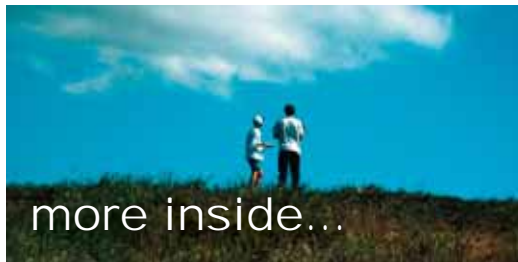
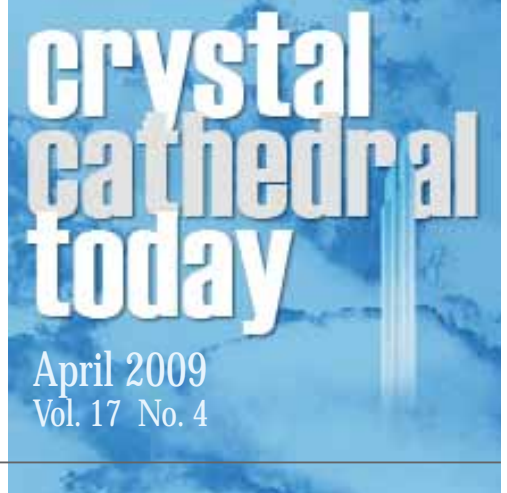


NEW LIFE 201
 "I Want to Grow
 Spiritually,"
 coming Sat.,
 April 25, led
 by Dr. Juan
 Carlos Ortiz.
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Celebrate Jesus... Our Forever Friend!



The Blessing of Easter

By Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz, Senior Pastor

In our lifetimes, we can all agree that many of the changes we experience are exciting – a promotion, a new baby, an engagement, a new house – the list goes on and on. However, changes like death and loss, over which we have no control, bring on uncertainty, fear, and even grief. Whenever change comes, we are blessed to remember that, despite the circumstances, “all things work together for good for those who love God” (Romans 8:28).

There was a very big change nearly 2,000 years ago during the time we now celebrate as Easter. Though today we, as believers, are blessed by

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New Pastor of Hispanic Ministry

Welcome Dante Gebel!

“I can’t tell you how excited I am about Dante Gebel coming,” says Jim Penner, Crystal Cathedral Ministries CEO, about our new Pastor of Hispanic Ministry who will arrive on Sunday, April 19. Known as “the shepherd of the young people” throughout Latin America, attracting thousands wherever he appears at evangelistic outreach events, Pastor Gebel will now shepherd the Hispanic Ministry of the Crystal Cathedral.

When asked how he felt about his new role, Gebel said, “Very well and with much expectation. I am sure that it will be a church with many young

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New! Donna Schuller’s Blog

Have you been wondering what the next step in ministry is for Robert and Donna Schuller? Now you may read and watch the latest updates on their lives and ministry, and those of their children, as well, through Donna’s new blog at <http://donnaschuller.blogspot.com>.

In her first blog entry entitled “Reconnecting,” Donna says, “My hope is to write to you weekly via short vignettes or devotionals where I can also keep you informed of what my husband and I have been up to. Thanks to a 27-year-old son, Bobby, I will also be doing a video blog. (Yikes!)”



Donna Schuller

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sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Every Sunday, join ROBERT H. SCHULLER, JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ, and inspiring guests including America's most exciting, positive preachers and thinkers – each, in their own unique, God-given way, inspiring you in heart and soul!

APRIL 5

On Palm Sunday, Senior Pastor **JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ** will lead our celebration of the triumphant ministry of Jesus Christ with **THE GLORY OF EASTER CAST**. Robert H. Schuller will welcome music guest **NICOL SPONBERG**, singing the beautiful and moving song "Resurrection."



Juan Carlos Ortiz



Nicole Sponberg



Joni Tada

APRIL 19

A diving accident in 1967 left **JONI EARECKSON TADA** a quadriplegic. Now a popular author, speaker and disability advocate, she is an encourager through Christ to anyone going through a tough time.



Maren Angelotti



Roger Williams

APRIL 26

SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN with "Lessons in Grace: Learned the Hard Way." Plus, interview guest **MAREN ANGELOTTI**, helping us to see children with AD/HD through the eyes of God. Music guests: "Mr. Piano" **ROGER WILLIAMS** and the **VANGUARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR**.

Six Glorious EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 12

6:30 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 1 pm (Hispanic).

Amidst the springtime beauty, **ROBERT H. SCHULLER** and **JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ** with an Easter message to inspire your soul. Music guest, outstanding vocalist **TRAVIS COTTRELL**.



every sunday adult FELLOWSHIP

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.

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.

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
Enjoy refreshments, caring fellowship, music, in-depth Bible studies by Rev. Glenn DeMaster.

NEW COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP 11 AM, Art Gallery
Enlightening Bible study and warm fellowship.

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

RCA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9 AM, Tower-2
Join this friendly group led by Rebecca Caldwell for enlightening Bible and church doctrine studies, praise, and prayer.

REJOICERS 9 AM, FLC-127
This class for the developmentally disabled. Barbara Shimamura leads Bible studies and social activities.

MORE ON SUNDAY

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONTEMPORARY

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

11 AM, FREED THEATER

Hispanic Sunday Services
Encouraging services in Spanish
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

arabic Christian ministry
1:30 PM
IN THE ARBORETUM

child/student FELLOWSHIP
Children thru grade 5
Family Life Center
9:30 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM

Jr. & Sr. High:
FLC-B22, 11 AM

calendar of events

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



THE GLORY OF EASTER

Through April 12
In the Crystal Cathedral

*Experience the week
that changed the course
of history forever!*

Tickets at the Box Office
714-54-GLORY

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
april			1	2 The Glory of Easter Opens (3)	3	4 Easter Brunch (10)
			5	6	7	8
12 EASTER SUNDAY (1,2) The Glory of Easter Closes (3)	13	14 Family Seminar (4)	15 Family Seminar (4)	16	17	18
19 Libera concert (15)		21	22	23 50+ PrimeTime Luncheon	24	25 New Life 201 (4) Bridal Tour (5)
26	27	28	29	30		

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
may					1	2 Mother/Daughter Tea
					3	4
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13	14	15	16 New Life 101 (4)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Child/Youth Auction (9)	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28 Spiritual Form. Retreat (4)	29 Spiritual Form. Retreat (4)	30
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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

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

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, resumes 9/12, 6:30 PM, FL 714-971-4240

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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Crystal Cathedral people

JOE & VERA MCINERNEY: A Rare Combination

By Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

There are few better examples of committed church members than Joe and Vera McInerney. Elders, faithful volunteers - greeting, ushering, helping, attending, and counting. (When Dr. Schuller wants to know the exact house-count, he looks for Joe). For many years, Joe supplied the Family Fall Fest (our Halloween-alternative party for children) with tons of surplus candy.



They are also a rare combination of church history. Vera has had the church at the center of her life since childhood including Sunday morning church, choir, Christian Endeavor, and more.

She came to the Garden Grove Community Church after a young Robert H. Schuller came to their front door and talked "church" with her parents, Alex and Molly Moth, nearly fifty years ago.

Joe was raised Roman Catholic, but continued to experience a gnawing spiritual hunger. He recalls that, as a youth in Detroit, he visited every church and synagogue he could find. After marrying Vera, following a failed marriage, he came to church here. In the Becomers Sunday adult Bible study class, Joe said, "I read the Bible for the first time." By then he had left the church of his youth once he was excommunicated for divorcing.

Detroit, Michigan, is where Joe grew up and worked hard early in life. by age nine, he was helping his dad deliver ice blocks. Until he was 18 years old, he would get up early, deliver ice, go to school, and then join his dad again after school. Weekends were all about ice, too. At his peak, Joe could hoist and carry 250 pounds of ice at one time.

Joe, an artist, was also a very good student. In high school, he was on the honor roll, and won the top prize for outdoor billboard advertising. His design was the best of hundreds submitted in the Detroit contest. Today Joe designs beautiful "Care Cards" to send to the sick and grieving. Not only was he an artist and a top student, he played all the high school sports - baseball, football, and basketball.

After WWII, the automobile industry hired Joe as a drafter. He worked for each of the big three before entering the retail world. The food business was

his base for a long time. There his artistic ability enabled him to create beautiful displays for marketing as he managed a variety of supermarkets including the A&P, Alpha Beta, Lucky, and Gemco. Later he was employed by Nestles.

The Nestles connection enabled him to provide candy for the church events. Candy was Joe's specialty. In the '60s, he lived a special dream by working the streets of Garden Grove with his "Popcorn and Candy" wagon, a three-wheeled creation made from a Cushman Motor Scooter. His pleasant, honest, straightforward personality helped him turn it into a well-paying sideline.

Vera came from Scott's Bluff, Nebraska. There she was a bright student, who actually skipped the 8th grade on her way to high school. Upon graduation, she married "the entire class" (there was only one) of 1949. After a variety of jobs, she followed her parents to southern California where her first marriage ended. A long career as a senior checker with Alpha Beta changed when she met Joe, one of the supermarket's managers.

They've lived happily ever after, enjoying travel to all parts of the world, including seventeen cruises. That includes an annual non-gambling trip to Las Vegas. They have been "everywhere." Six kids, 16 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren season the lives of these very beautiful people, Joe and Vera McInerney.

ED MAISSI: Medicine for the Soul

By Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

If you can find a happier man than Ed, let me know. Ed brightens the world just by walking around in it. His smile and expressive eyes are medicine for the soul. Part of his joy, he claims, is being part of the life at the Crystal Cathedral. He volunteers two days a week and seems to absorb rays of gladness and joy from just being here. And he passes it on to everyone he meets.



Ed with wife Zahie.

Ed was born in Lebanon, the youngest of a large family that wasn't very religious, though he learned a lot about both Christianity and Islam at school. He went to a French Christian school until fourth grade. After his father died, he finished his education in a Muslim school.

After graduating from high school, Ed went to American University in Beirut to study mechanical engineering. When he graduated, the American Embassy came recruited him to work for them in

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

Family is Like a Puzzle...

Tues., April 14, 12:45 PM, or Wed., April 15, 6:45 PM
Tower of Hope, Floor 3
RSVP: 714-971-4123 (Free)



Join New Hope's Hotline Supervisor Barbara Barrientos to discover how each family is like a puzzle...with so many different pieces! Learn about family dynamics as Barbara draws on experiences from life in her own unique extended family and the many interesting people she's encountered.

Soul-Lifting Seminars!

Free seminars!

RSVP @ Box Office, 714-544-5679

Come and be encouraged as Pastor Ortiz builds spiritual strength in YOU!

NEW LIFE 201: "I Want to Grow Spiritually" - Watch the bulletin for details.

NEW LIFE 101: "I Want to Know God, Personally" - Sat., May 16, FLC-470, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Come to understand that God loves you, individually, just as you are, and that when you get close to God and trust Jesus as your Savior, you experience a change... a New Life!

NEW LIFE 301: "I Want to Serve the Lord" - Sat., April 25, FLC-470, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Learn more about the purpose and strategy of the church. Discover how you can use your time, treasure, and talent to help accomplish them, as you find your purpose and place in the Crystal Cathedral church family.



A Spiritual Formation Retreat: "Come Away with Jesus"

May 28 - 29, Thurs., 1 PM - Fri., 3 PM
Prince of Peace Abbey, Cost: \$85
Info: 714-971-4123,
bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org

We all desire to be more like Jesus - to love like him, to become all that God created us to be. During this two-day retreat, Dr. Bill Gaultiere will help you to "come away with Jesus" for a time that will nourish your soul and empower your living and loving!

Congregational LIFE

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Easter Eggs for Neighborhood Kids!

On Sat., April 11, 10 AM – 1 PM, CC Community Missions will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the local neighborhood. If you would like to help embrace the children by volunteering for this event, please call Gudelia at 714-971-4047 (by April 3). Help fill and hide many plastic eggs! Meet on the day of the event at 9:30 AM in south parking lot (near youth house).

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Veteran's Ministry

On the first Tuesday of every other month at noon on Tower of Hope, Floor 2, U.S. veterans are provided a forum, paying tribute to their effort in upholding our right to freedom. Our goal is to enlighten youth about the sacrifices made by those who were called, served, defended, and protected the United States of America. Bring fellow U.S. vets to enjoy fellowship, interesting discussion, and special guest speakers.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 12 – 2 PM, For details, contact Maureen Winer at 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org, or Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-836-498 or chaptrout@aol.com.

Put your Dream to the Test!

Were you inspired by the sermon series by John Maxwell in March? You have the unique opportunity to walk through his new book with CC friends during a five-week series led by Paul Park, American Dream Builders fellowship class leader for the past 15 years. Beginning Sunday, April 5, 11 AM to 12:15 PM, learn the 10 questions you need to ask yourself as you pursue your dream, and how to apply what you've learned to see your God-given dream realized. Register @ door, Fam-

ily Life Center, Room-234. Cost: price of book, freewill offering.

Panel of Church Doctors at EBBS Retreat

On Saturday, January 31, the Early Bird Bible Study (EBBS) held it's third annual "Unretreat." Approximately 40 class members attended, enjoying a fun time of sharing meals, singing, instruction, reflection, and prayer.

The highlight of the Unretreat was the panel of theological doctors who tackled a series of questions submitted by the members. The panel consisted of: Dr. Lawrence Wilkes, Dr. Jim Poit, and, Dr. Bill Bennett. The questions covered every imaginable theological or scriptural inquiry. A few examples: "Why does God allow suffering and evil?" "Explain about 'being chosen.'" "How do we know that it is God's idea or ours?" "How does one reconcile Biblical morals with living in today's world?" "How do you witness to an unbeliever?" And many more. The panel tried to make the answers practical and usable, sharing from their pastoral experiences as well as practices for personal growth.

EBBS meets each Sunday morning at 8:15 AM in Tower of Hope, Floor 3. The programs and speakers are coordinated by Pastor Bill Bennett and Ginny Wilfahrt. They are diverse and practical, reinforcing biblical principals. All are welcome!



CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL'S FIRST
Bridal Fair
LIVE TOUR

WEDDING MINISTRY

"Live Bridal Tour" Returns!

This Month!

After our first very successful event, where brides and grooms were able to experience live wedding and reception settings, and meet with vendors (photographers, caterers, florists, etc.), a second event has been planned. Register now to attend our Live Bridal Tour on Sat., April 24, 12 NOON – 4 PM. Contact Bre Joiner for reservations and details at brej@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4240, or online at www.crystalcathedral.org. There will be a Grand Prize Drawing for a FREE RECEPTION PACKAGE worth over \$10,000!

Assisting Newlyweds & Strengthening Marriages

The Wedding Ministry, under the direction of Pastor Kim Kimpel, has three main goals – to assist engaged couples, encourage newlyweds, and strengthen marriages. If you are interested in having your wedding at the Crystal Cathedral, contact Bre Joiner at brej@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4240. For details, go to www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/wedding.



Memorial Gardens Cemetery

We're here for you, with staff members who will listen and care for you, answering all of the questions you may have during your time of need.

714-971-4138

www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial_gardens

MARCH 2009 INTERMENTS

Michalek, Sandra L.	3/06/09
Siler, June	3/07/09
LaFlamme, Wallie	3/13/09
Wyatt, James	3/17/09

STAY IN TOUCH

Crystal Cathedral	714-971-4000
E-Mail	info@crystalcathedral.org
Web Site	crystalcathedral.org
Prayer Community	crystalcathedral.org/prayer
One Community	crystalcathedral.org/community

New Hope Hotline

24-hr. phone counseling	714-New-Hope or 639-4673
Web Site	newhopenow.org
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F	714-New-Teen or 639-8336
Web Site	teenline.org

Rancho Capistrano

	949-347-4000
E-Mail	info@ranchocapistrano.org
Web Site	ranchocapistrano.org

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.

PRAYER

Need Prayer?

Whenever you or a loved one are struggling, grieving, hoping, or dreaming, here are some ways to connect your need with Crystal Cathedral friends in prayer:

New Hope: Call 714-NEW-HOPE or go online to www.newhopenow.org (in a private chat room) to speak with a counselor who will encourage you and pray with you.

General Requests: Call Care Ministry at 714-971-4031 or forward your prayer request to careministry@crystalcathedral.org.

Bulletin Requests: If you would like your praise, prayer, or condolence to appear in the Sunday bulletin, call Care Ministry at 714-971-4031 or forward your request to careministry@crystalcathedral.org.

Online Prayer Community

As a body of believers, God has called each of us to pray... and to pray for one another, simply talking with and listening to God. It can be done privately or with other believers - any time and anywhere. We invite you today to join our online Prayer Community at crystalcathedral.org to:

- Submit prayer requests to community or confidential prayer team.
- Respond electronically to others' prayer requests.
- Maintain your own Prayer Journal of prayer requests, responses, and prayers for others.
- Develop spiritual friendships with other participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.

This truly is an international community of prayer, binding the Church of Jesus Christ together, lifting each other up while worshipping and praising our unfailing and always-loving Lord.

MINISTERING ELDERS

Ruth Gross: Caring for Her Flock

The following letter from John, Denise and Rachel Kirk about Ruth Gross represents hundreds of those who are embraced by our Crystal Cathedral

Ministering Elders.

"This letter is way overdue. It is about gratitude and much, much more, for our beloved Ministering Elder who has been placed in our lives. Her name is Ruth Gross. Words cannot explain the love, affirmation, and caring this wonderful woman has given our family. She has even become the "Grandma" our 13 year old had longed for for such a long time. Our prayers have been answered, in so many ways and we are so blessed. God definitely sends the right people when they are most needed. This builds faith through the infinite love that our gracious Heavenly Father bestows on us. Thank you for Ruth, and thank you for your wonderful ministry. It changes lives."

Newest Ministering Elders

Our most recently installed Ministering Elders, those who meet the immediate needs of members of our congregation within their assigned "flocks," plus help with Holy Communion and prayer at gatherings and services, include:

David Cooper
Dawn Densberger
James Downs
Wendy Gingerich
Jennifer Goodwin
Shirley Jones
Peter Kipp
Ed Maisse
Laurie Manseau
Glenellen Maxwell

Jim McDonald
Sandy McDonald
Patty Page
Dave Roberts
Charles Stalter
Darla Stalter
Cristina
Suarez-Morgenlander
Sheri Tucker



SUPPORT GROUPS

Divorce & Grief Recovery

Phase 2: April 9 - May 14

Phase 1: Sept. 10 - Oct. 22

Do you...

...seem to repeat the same mistakes over and over again?

...find yourself repeating patterns in your life?

...find yourself over-reacting to events in your



life?

...discover you have a hard time loving and trusting again?

...discover you love and trust too often and too quickly?

...want to join a great group of people?

If you answered "yes" to two or more of these questions, you need Divorce and Grief Recovery, a two-phase, 14-week healing experience led by Sharon Lockett and a team of trained facilitators.

Phase 2, which begins this month, is considered the "graduate course in recovery." It is designed for those who have survived the initial crisis of death, illness, or divorce and are now putting the pieces of their lives back together. In DGR words, "The bleeding has stopped, but I haven't gotten on with my life." Topics include: Embracing the Truth that will Set Us Free; Harnessing those Out-of-Control Emotions; Help - I've Forgotten Who I Am; Seems I've Been Here Before; Letting Go of the Past - Embracing the Future; Learning to Trust Again; and Single-Confident-Compassionate.

Phase 1 topics: Picking Up the Pieces; Grief, Loss and Other Torture; From Where I Was to Where I Will Be; To Thine Own Self Be True; Forgive Him/Her - Surely You Jest; Intimacy as a Single - Help; and Free to Be Me.

Meetings are held on Thursdays, 6:30 - 9 PM in the Family Life Center, room 470. Cost: \$50/advance, \$55/@door. A children's program, "Confident Kids," runs concurrently (\$7/child for the series). Call Barbara Bernardin at 714-971-4084 to register. Give yourself the gift of recovery.

No Cost - 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

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

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- 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.) Led by Dave Meyer.
- 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.

DR. KOK'S KORNER

Care & Kindness BlogSpot

"Dr. Kok's Korner" at <http://ccmcare.blogspot.com> is a place to be encouraged to live out the mission of brightening the world through profound or simple acts of care and kindness, Pastor Jim Kok's passion in life. He believes it is at the heart of Jesus' mission - to make this world a better place, and to some day come again to renew this earth and the human race. Come join me!

NEW HOPE

Encourage the Downhearted

With all that we're experiencing as a society - financial woes, international strife, family dysfunction, everyday anxieties - you can help others while helping yourself deal with these issues. Learn how to bring a new sense of understanding and caring into all of your relationships and then practice what you learn as a New Hope Counselor, responding to phone calls or Internet chats from people who need a listening ear, compassion, and prayer. Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New



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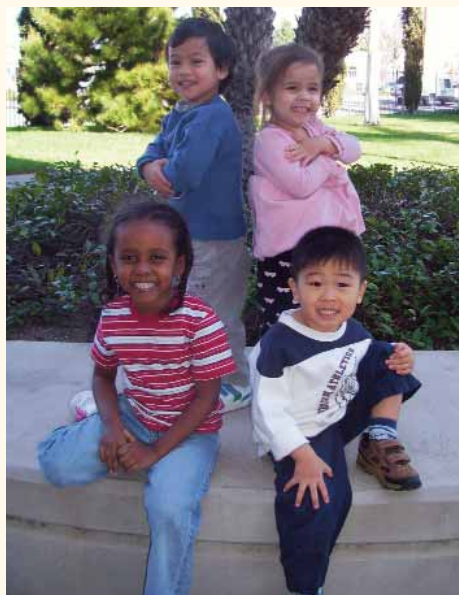
CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS
A HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

By Sheila Coleman, Director of Family Ministries

In the fall of 1977, Arvella Schuller started a new school model: a private Christian school with excellent academics with the arts and Bible as part of the core curriculum for every student. In the nearly thirty years since, the Crystal Cathedral Academy expanded to include an excellent middle school and outstanding high school.

The elementary, middle and high schools have all received the highest accreditation report possible by Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The high school, which is only in its sixth year, has already had students accepted at Eastman School of Music, USC School of Architecture, and pre-medicine, just to name a few.



Educating and encouraging students in grades K-12, 7 AM until 6 PM, Monday through Friday, at the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School, positive values are developed, creativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord. For more information, go to crystalcathedral.org/academy, or call 714-971-4158.

PRESCHOOL
FULLY ACCREDITED AND
FIVE-STAR RATING!

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

Recognized in Orange County with a Five-Star Preschool rating, the fully accredited Crystal Cathedral Preschool offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum for children ages 2-5.

Open from 7 AM until 6 PM, Monday through Friday, the school features a loving Christian environment, low teacher/child ratios, low staff turnover, and a remarkable facility. Please stop by the preschool, located on the first floor of the Family Life Center, any time to visit, or call 714-971-4141 for more details.

YOU'RE INVITED
INTO THE WOODS...

The Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School present their production of Into the Woods Jr. on April 24 - 26, and May 1 - 3. All performances in the Freed Theater, lower level of the Welcoming Center, with Friday and Saturday at 7 PM and Sunday matinees at 1:30 PM. Ticket cost is \$8/child and \$10/adult. Fun for all ages!

Monthly Devotion

We Are Family

By Dr. Bill Bennett

We, in Christ's church are his today disciples. We are, in essence, Christ's family. We are the ones that He is telling that we should love one another. We are more than just family, we are "forever family." We will be with Him AND with each other in eternity. So we are mandated by Jesus Christ, Himself, to love each other, so that Christ is reflected through us, individually and as His church.

And, not only those whom we know within the church but, also, we need to demonstrate Christ's love to everyone who comes through our church doors. We must purposely choose to love. It is a conscious act of our will through the encouragement of the Holy Spirit. Worship becomes more meaningful when we conduct ourselves as Christ commands, reflecting His love in all we do.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians of the early church: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His Holy Ones" (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 NIV). These words apply to us, individually and as a church, as strongly to us today as they did to the early church.

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"Jesus Christ told us: I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." - John 13:34-35 NLT