

# crystalcathedral today

## God has Plans for YOU and They Are GOOD!

*august 2008*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday, 8/3 "God's Social Network"						
			Sunday, 8/17 "God's Education Plan"			
Sunday, 8/24 "God's People Care Plan"						



*Mark your calendar every Sunday in August for Pastor Poit's message series.*

Pastor Poit to Preach in August

### What is the Church of Jesus Christ?

In August, while Pastor Robert A. Schuller and Dr. Robert H. Schuller are on summer sabbatical, our Executive Pastor, Dr. Jim Poit, in his summer message series, will ask the question, "What does it mean to be the church of Jesus Christ?"

On Sunday, August 3 he will present "God's Social Network," revealing the church of Jesus Christ as a community, a fellowship of believers (Acts 2:42-47).

On Sunday August 10, "God's Health Care Plan" will be the topic, showing how the church of Jesus

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD," plans to prosper you...to give you hope and a future.

- Jeremiah 29:11

Christ is a place for healing and caring, with one example being the healing of the crippled beggar (Acts 3:1-10).

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THE LEARNING NETWORK offers many diverse opportunities for discovery and growth. See pg. 5 for details...

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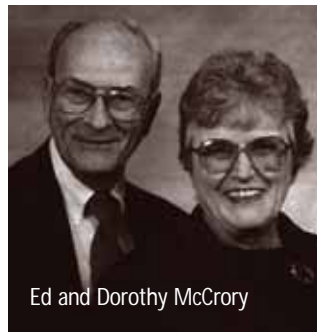
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April 6, 1933 - July 21, 2008

### The "Sterling Worth" of Dorothy McCrory

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

It was planned to be a relaxing week-end. It turned into a life-ending crisis. Ed and Dorothy McCrory went to Las Vegas for the Independence Day weekend and began by enjoying some of the Red Rocks beauty on July 5. Then a horrific abdominal pain sent Dorothy to Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.



Ed and Dorothy McCrory

It was a blood clot in the Aorta in her abdomen. Surgery removed the blood clot, but there had been damage and loss in her intestines, so many centimeters were removed. All seemed taken care of, and healing was beginning. It was not to be. Massive internal bleeding started, and before it was discovered, and her life barely saved, profound body damage had occurred, and she could not survive. Dorothy died at 4:30 AM on July 21.

Dorothy had served as the Administrative Assistant in Care Ministries since early in 2003. The best way I can describe what she meant to the success of this

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Community Fest is Coming...

### Let's Invite Our Neighbors!

Last year's Community Fest - where we partnered with local organizations, restaurants, and music groups, and offered free activities for the children and youth - was such an overwhelming success that we've decided to do it again!

To gear up for the event, on Sat.,

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# august sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Spend August summer Sundays, inspired and enlightened by the messages of **Dr. Jim Poit**, and these special guests...



## AUGUST 3

The August message series on what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ begins with "God's Social Network, based on Acts 2:42-47. Music by *Hour of Power* Choir soloist, **David Kress**.

## AUGUST 10

The message series continues with "God's Health Care Plan," based on Acts 3:1-10. Plus, the miraculous testimony of a wonderful church member, **Bettie Lee**. Also, welcome back dynamic vocalist, **Victoria Burnett**.



Victoria Burnett

## AUGUST 17

Find out about "God's Education Plan" and how the disciples boldly communicated the gospel (Acts 4:13-20). Music by **Sophie Thurston** and the **Avenal Quintet**.



Bettie Lee

## AUGUST 24

On this final Sunday in August, the series concludes with "God's People Care Plan," based on Acts 4:32-37 and 16:6-10. Music by **Annie Edler**.

## 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.

**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. Bible study led by Dr. Lawrence Wilkes.

**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, T-2. Join this friendly group led by Rebecca Caldwell for enlightening Bible and church doctrine studies, praise, and prayer.

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

### MORE ON SUNDAY



- ▶ 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



### 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



Children thru grade 5  
In the Family Life Center, 9:30 & 11 AM, and 1 PM

Jr. High:  
FLC, 11 AM

Sr. High:  
Freed 10:45 AM



# calendar of events

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<h2>august</h2>						
3	4 Music & Drama Camp begins (9)	5	6 Veteran's Meeting (10)	7 A Soul Journey (5)		
10 H.S. Summer Camp begins (9)	11 	12 Laboratory of Healing (10)	13	14 A Soul Journey (5)	15	16 Habitat For Humanity Build (5)
17	18	19	20	21 A Soul Journey (5) 50+ Prime Time Luncheon (11) Blood Drive (4)	22 Women's "Pajama Party" (5) Life School Musical (9)	23 Family Concert (3, 4) Life School Musical (9)
24 Pageant of the Masters (11)	25	26	27	28 		30
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**SATURDAY AUGUST 23 4:30PM**

CONCERT FOR *Natalie*



**JANA ALAYRA & ROB BIAGI FAMILY CONCERT IN THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NATALIE BIAGI IN HER FIGHT WITH LEUKEMIA

TICKET DONATION: \$10 (2-12 CHILD) \$15 (ADULT)  
\$25 AT DOOR / \$35 VIP 714.54.GLORY

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 	2	3 Habitat for Humanity Build (5)	4 	5	6
7	8	9 Women's Network resumes (10)	10 Prayer Ministry begins (6)	11 Travel Ministry Luncheon (10)	12	13 Journey to True Financial Freedom Seminar (5)
14	15 New Hope 40th Anniversary (6)	16	17 	18	19	20 Community Fest (8) Solvang Danish Days (11)
21	22	23	24	25	26 Tecate Mission Trip (5)	27 <i>Coming...</i> Spiritual Formation Retreat: 10/1-3 (4) Women's Healing Retreat: 10/3-5 (10) Children/Youth Auction: 10/18 (8)
28 	29	30 Living by God's Design Seminar (5)	<h2>september</h2>			

## 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

### 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

### 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

My DGR Story

## "It Got Me Through..."

By Casey Burns

I came to Divorce and Grief Recovery (DGR) in 2003 a very broken person. I lost my wife after fifty-three years of marriage on July 31, 2003. We were childhood sweethearts.

I served in the military during World War II, and after I got out, I wed my true love and started a family. My wife had been a stay-at-home mom, and in 1980, after our only living son was married, we wanted to see the world. I said, "Okay, but we better go to the doctor's first and get a check up." We did, with an outcome that I



wife was not because of a lung condition, C.O.P.D. We decided to see the U.S. in our R.V. instead, and did pretty well until 1990, when my wife went on oxygen full time. In 2000, she became extremely allergic to just about everything. By that time, I had to do just about everything for her, and in July 2003, her doctor encouraged me to put her in a nursing home. "You are worn out from taking care of her around the clock," he said. He was right. I was. However, once in a nursing home, she lived only six days.

Following a lovely funeral befitting my beautiful wife, with loving friends and family all around, I was left all alone in a great big house. After about a week, I said to myself, "I must do something because depression is working on me." So, I went for a walk, but didn't get very far - I felt weak and dizzy - which turned out to be a near fatal bleeding ulcer developed during the real critical time with my wife. With medical care and a pacemaker, I was doing so much better physically, but loneliness and depression was after me every day.

My doctor sent me to a psychologist, then to group therapy, where the woman in charge said to me, "Mr. Burns, you don't seem to be doing too well. Could I make a suggestion?" She gave me the phone number to the Crystal Cathedral Divorce and Grief Recovery program and I called the next day. I was treated so kindly and nicely by so many wonderful people. I can't say enough about this program. It got me through my grief when it

seemed nothing else was working. I would recommend this program to anyone suffering with grief, no matter what kind.

### Divorce & Grief Recovery

Held Thursday evenings, 6:30 PM, in FLC-470, led by Sharon Lockett and George Hansel, this positive approach to dealing with the loss of a relationship is a two-phase, 14-week healing experience:

Phase 1: Sept. 11 - Oct. 23

Phase 2: Oct. 30 - Dec. 18

Topics include:

- 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!
- Free to Be Me!

Call 714-971-4084 to register.

\$50/pre-register; \$55/@door.

Children's program available.

## Special Opportunities to... Help Save a Life!

### 2008 Blood Drive

Share Life with someone by donating blood and we'll share our ice-cream with you during Crystal Cathedral and UC Irvine Medical Center's Blood drive on our campus, directly behind the Art Gallery on Thursday, August 21, 10 AM to 3 PM.

### Special Concert for Natalie

On Saturday, August 23, 4:30 PM at the Crystal Cathedral, Jana Alayra & Rob Biagi will present a Family Concert with proceeds to benefit Natalie Biagi, daughter of Rob, in her fight with leukemia. More details at [robbiagi.com](http://robbiagi.com). Tickets available at the Box Office: \$10/child, \$15/adult, \$25/@door, \$35/VIP. Call 714-54-GLORY (544-5679).



## Singing Souls Sparkled

By Sean Groombridge,  
Minister of Worship & Senior Organist

What a great time we had on Sunday, July 6, with the Independence Day volunteer choir. Thirty-one people who are not part of the "normal" Hour of Power Choir joined us that day. At the conclusion of the second service, we gathered to thank them and gave each volunteer a small Crystal Cathedral gift that Bill Weller brought to the choir room at the suggestion of Cathy Payson, a new choir member. (Cathy mentioned her idea to me, then arranged it with Bill right before the first service; I love that - people who get a good idea and make it happen right then.)

Many of those who participated indicated how much the whole experience meant to them. There were singers from various states who had always dreamed of joining us here to sing in the Crystal Cathedral. Several local people joined, as always, and expressed the same kind of excitement over being able to do so. I can't help but think that we need to figure out ways to harness that kind of enthusiasm throughout the year so that people can use and develop their gifts and abilities and use them in worship.

I know Marc Riley, Hour of Power Orchestra Director, had an overwhelmingly good experience, too - 70 volunteers joined him to fill make beautiful and inspiring music. Wow!

**KCAL-9**  
check local listings

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**HOUR OF POWER**  
Watch Every Week!

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**SUN** LIFETIME CABLE  
8:00 AM EAST/PAC  
TBN 8:30 AM PAC

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**SAT** TBN  
6:00 PM  
PACIFIC

# CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

## Spiritual Growth Adventure: "A Soul Journey"

Thursdays thru Aug. 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, FLC-470

Take "A Soul Journey, from Teaching to Transformation." During this summer series filled with simple and profound teachings, your heart will be

**Extended by  
popular demand**



Sande Herron

warmed, your mind stretched, and your soul healed. Dr. Sande Herron offers wise insight into the process of discovering who you are in life and in Christ. Sande, the former Singles Ministry Director at the Crystal Cathedral and Fuqua Int'l School of Christian Communications trainer, is also a credentialed teacher, speech pathologist, and psychotherapist. Her personal experiences with several life-threatening illnesses and divorce are what give her both compassion and credibility.

Cost: \$8/class. RSVP: 714-971-4084 (or just drop in).

## Find Freedom in Your Finances

Sat., Sept. 13, 8:30 - 4:30 PM, Arboretum

The "Journey to True Financial Freedom" seminar will be led by Kevin Dodge, CFA, of Crown Financial Ministries, a nondenominational, evangelical Christian ministry with the mission of equipping Christians around the world to learn, apply, and teach financial principles based on the Bible.

"When my business went bust after the untimely death of my business partner, I turned to Crown Ministries for financial instruction," says one Crystal Cathedral member. "The first thing they taught our group was that there are more

scriptures in the Bible on finances and money than on any other one subject. How great to know that the Lord cares about every detail of our lives, including our financials. I also appreciated how Crown helped us to look at our personal issues surrounding money, like stinginess or overspending. Because of Crown, I was put on the right path financially, am now out of debt, and have my affairs in order. What a blessing this ministry has been in my life."

Cost: \$25/person (checks payable to "Crown Financial Ministries"). RSVP: August Sundays on the Plaza, or through Congregational Life (Family Lounge, Mon.-Th., 9 AM - 5 PM, 714-971-4060) or CFM (1-800-722-1976, www.crown.org/events).

## "Living By God's Design" with Pastor Deb Yurk

Sundays, Sept. 30 thru Oct 28, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Tower 2

Do you have a sense of urgency in your life? Are you searching for significance? Do you ever wonder if this is all there is? Do you want to leave a legacy? Do you have difficulty setting boundaries?



Deb Yurk

Do you have a story? Do you want to make a difference in the world? Do you live life with a sense of expectation? Are you questioning your purpose or struggling with your call?

In Living by God's Design, you will be challenged to imagine God's ultimate desire for your life. Through your story timeline, you will discover how God has been preparing you for the work he has called you to do so that, together, we can become conduits to positive change in the

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE'S COMMUNITY MISSIONS

### Opportunities to Bless our Neighbors in Need

Call Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions, at 714 971-4047 (leave name, phone number, and interest) to get involved:

Local Habitat For Humanity Builds:

- Sat., Aug. 16, 7 AM - 3 PM, Anaheim
- Wed., Sept. 3, 7 AM - 3 PM, Buena Park
- Sat., Oct. 11, 7 AM - 3 PM, San Juan Capistrano

Collections:

- Tecate Boys' Orphanage: white polo shirts, underwear, socks.
- L.A. Mission: Canned coffee (an ongoing need).

Special Events:

- Friday, Aug. 22, 6 - 9 PM, House of Hope "Pajama Party" (women only) celebrating the end of summer vacations!
- Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 - 8 PM, Cactus Gardens (halfway house) Bible study and prayer time with dinner. Male volunteers needed.
- Sunday, Oct. 19, 11 AM - 3 PM, Crystal Cathedral will host the L.A. Mission interns with tour and lunch. Need tour guide hosts, servers/greeters, and donations for lunch.

Short Term Mission:

- Sept. 26-29, San Juan Bosco Boys' Orphanage, Tecate, Mexico. Transportation, meals, and beds provided. Cost: \$175 pp. Must have a valid passport.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

### Sunday Toastmasters

The CC Career Builders Club of Toastmaster's International invites you: "Let's Do Lunch!" Come every Sunday, 12:30-2 PM on the T-3. Everyone is warmly welcomed. (We will also continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month, 9:30-10:30 AM, T-3.) Questions? Call 714-971-4062.

### Join Other U.S. Veterans

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 details, contact Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-971-4062 or chaptrout@aol.com.



# Experience the CC





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!*

Sundays, October 5 - 26, 8 AM - 12 PM in Family Lounge.  
Call for details: 714-971-4062

# 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

### New Prayer Ministry – Please Join!

Personal Intercession Teams (PIT) are now forming. Join others to seek the face of God as we come together in this study group and pray for this ministry. If you have the gift of intercession or a heart for prayer, we need you! Our first session will kick-off with a 14-week study of Intercessory Prayer beginning Wednesday, September 10, 7 - 8:30 PM in the Family Lounge. Please contact Kim Kimpel at 714-971-4240 for more details.

### Need Prayer?

Whenever you or a loved one are struggling, grieving, hoping, or dreaming, here are some ways to connect your need with God's people in prayer:

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

**Prayer Community Online:** Go to [www.crystalcathedral.org/prayer](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/prayer) and submit a prayer request. It won't be long until you start receiving online prayers from community members that you can read, print out, and/or save in your own online Prayer Journal.

**General Requests:** Call Care Ministry at 714-971-4031 or forward your prayer request to [careministry@crystalcathedral.org](mailto: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](mailto:careministry@crystalcathedral.org).

## DR. KOK'S KORNER

### Ander Pierce Steps to the Plate

"God provides." Mary Ann Watson had pulled together a wonderful meal - that might have been the last - when she shared those words. For eighteen years, we have been making good hot meals, once a month, for the homeless and hungry. Then Steve Manchester suddenly died, and the food future looked doubtful. Twelve faithful volunteers

who greet, pour, arrange, serve, and clean up have been standing in the wings praying for a successor to Steve. Not an easy task or "ask."

Ander Pierce got the word from a leader in Bobby Schuller's "The Gathering" congregation. He was interested, so he came and took a look. Since he and The Gathering cook up breakfast once a week at a shelter for young women, they reasoned they could add this to their efforts.

Ander is a pre-med student, but he has already finished college. He has gone back to pursue the basics to get into medical school.

The hot meal program Ander will lead serves the hungry souls who come to Garden Grove Friends Church. The church is located near the



southwest corner of Magnolia and Chapman. Meals are offered every Thursday, but our turn is the third Thursday of each month. The menu is decided by the group in charge that day. They then purchase the food, prepare it, and dish it up—free to

all comers. The attendance each week is seventy-five to one hundred, men, women and children.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Questions? Call Pastor Jim Kok, 714-971-4038.

### Once Again, God Provides...

Not long after losing Steve Manchester, the Crystal Cathedral family suffered another great loss when Dorothy McCrory, my wonderful assistant for many years, passed away. (See pg. 1 for more on Dorothy.) And, once again, God has provided.

Many lay pastors, elders and volunteers have stepped forward to fill in the big gap our dear friend and colleague in ministry has left behind. Led by Ministering Elder and Lay Pastor Bill Bryant, the Care Ministry has been able to continue to meet the needs of the congregation. Even as I am away during much of August, Bill and company will be available to answer your calls to 714-971-4032, take your prayer requests, etc. God is so good that, during times of loss such as these, he inspires people to step forward to provide a kind and caring helping hand of comfort and hope.

## NEW HOPE

### The Family of God Helped Me Experience God's Grace

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Exec. Director, New Hope

The summer before my senior year of college, I worked as an apprentice butcher. Once the butch-



ers learned that I was there to make money, not to learn their trade, they resented me, criticized my every mistake, and persecuted me for being a Christian. I tried my hardest to do everything right and be a good witness for Christ. Nevertheless, I was beaten down and left the job feeling as if I had disappointed God.

At the end of the summer, I had scheduled a three-day retreat in a monastery, hoping that God would use this time of solitude, fasting, meditation, and prayer to renew me and guide me in my future. I was depressed, but went anyway, and found that even there God seemed distant, just like in the meat market.

The next day, however, was a turning point. I was in church singing, "How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news. Good news. Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness. Our God reigns! Our God reigns!"

Suddenly, in my mind's eye I saw myself at the bottom of a mountain. I wanted to climb to the top to meet with God, but felt dejected and incapable. Still I kept telling myself that I had to get up. I had to try harder and do better. All of a sudden my anxious and self-critical thoughts were interrupted by the sight of Jesus coming down the mountain - to me! He picked me up, put me over his shoulders, and carried me up the mountain. A crowd formed. People insulted him, spit at him, yelled at him. He took my sin and pain onto himself! And, as he carried me to the top of the mountain, all I could see were His feet - His lovely feet!

This amazing vision helped me to see how much I need God's grace. I was tired of isolating and trying so hard to measure up. So, during my

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Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministry

Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

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senior year of college, I opened up my heart to people. First, to one of my psychology professors. Then, to a support group, my roommate, and other friends. Finally, to a girl named Kristi who I started dating and later married. These people were like "God with skin on" to me. The family of God became the "Body of Christ" for me. They helped me experience God's grace. And I've been going back to God's family for more grace ever since.

May the Lord help us all to rely on his grace and to be the family of God!

## New Hope Celebrates 40 Years Next Month!

New Hope Crisis Counseling Center will celebrate its 40th anniversary on September 15, 2008. Watch for more information about this very important ministry milestone in next month's issue of the Crystal Cathedral Today. Dr. Bill Gaultiere, the Executive Director of New Hope Counseling and co-founder of NewHopeNow – New Hope's free counseling ministry on the Internet - invites you to find out more about this first-of-its-kind counseling service by visiting [www.newhopenow.org](http://www.newhopenow.org).

### 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 SCHOOLS



### ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS EQUIPPED TO BE POSITIVE INFLUENCERS

Founded on the principles of positive Christianity, the Crystal Cathedral schools offer students – elementary, middle school, and high school – 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 an accelerated general curriculum, and continues to be 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.

"We are very grateful to our families for entrusting us to educate their children. It is our fervent desire to provide a quality Christian education, which will equip our students to be a Christian influence in a contemporary society. If you consider us for your child, I think you will be happy you did."

—Mrs. Barber, CC Academy Principal

### PRESCHOOL JOYFUL SUMMER DAYS!

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool students marched in their Annual Fourth of July Parade across campus to the Tower of Hope and back. Dressed in red, white and blue, the children happily waved the flags they had made and greeted the delighted onlookers.

The NAEYC-accredited Preschool open Monday through Friday, 7 AM until 6 PM is a warm and nurturing place where the teachers are committed to making every day a joyful experience for the children.

**NOW ENROLLING:** Enrollment for the new school year that starts in September is high, but there are still spaces available. Contact the school office at 714-971-4141 for a tour where you'll see for yourself the distinctive program that the preschool has to offer!



Young hands waving Old Glory!

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ministry is that she truly managed the ministry. She took care of everything allowing me, and the other Pastors and Elders, to take care of the people.

Dorothy was a very classy, knowledgeable, professional woman. She loved Care Ministry, and the entire church, and her heart was in her work. She would say, "This is ministry, not a job." Producing 50+ Prime Time each month and The Care and Kindness Conference each year, without Dorothy it all will be an enormous challenge.

She had begun her work here in 1994. For six years, she actively coordinated and managed The Mature Adults Ministry and for two years led our Travel Ministry. When budget cuts set in, she was in a variety of spots as a helpful volunteer. Then, in 2003, the happy marriage to Care Ministries.

The late Dr. Ken Leestma labeled her "a person of sterling worth." She herself said, "Possibility Thinking is part of me." Another time she was heard to say, "Faith carries me."

A graduate of Bob Jones University, she married Ed McCrory and they lived all over the world with their three children (Bryan, Kathleen, and Rebecca) in connection with Ed's job in the electronics industry. They lived in Switzerland, Minnesota, South Africa, Belgium, Georgia, New Jersey, and Bay City Michigan. Then they settled in Southern California and became very active in Crystal Cathedral Ministries.

Dorothy's leadership, discernment, and wisdom, made her a standout partner in our Kingdom Building efforts. Her death is hitting us all very hard. Knowing she is in Jesus arms helps...a little.

# family ministries

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

Student Ministry  
Brett DePena, J.H. & H.S. Dir.  
Ministry to Couples & Parents  
Michelle Cavinder



## UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

### COMMUNITY FEST '08

Following the wonderful success of our first event in 2007, you're once again encouraged to join your Crystal Cathedral family and local community at the 2nd annual Community Fest on Sunday, September 20, 10 AM - 2 PM on the beautiful Crystal Cathedral campus. Come and enjoy free activities and entertainment for kids and adults, plus delicious food at great prices, and the opportunity to make new friends along the way! See pg. 1 for more details.

### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S AUCTION

Help support our children and our youth at our annual Youth and Children's Auction scheduled to be held on Saturday evening, October 18, on multiple levels of our glorious Welcoming Center. Save the date!



In preparation for the event, the auction committee is seeking new or gently used items to auction off to raise funds for camp scholarships and supplement our children and student ministries' budgets. Last year we were able to send kids to camp and save funds toward a much-needed resurfacing of the playground through such donations as a car, timeshares, fishing trips, and vintage art.

Call Rosa at 714-971-4180 to make a donation.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### FAMILIES WORSHIP TOGETHER AT C3!

*Every Sunday, 11 AM in the Freed Theater (Welcoming Center, Garden Level)*

- ▶ Host, Gretchen Penner
- ▶ 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. 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 the service, 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

### STORMS BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER

by Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman

Nothing in California compares to the summer thunderstorms I remember experiencing as a little girl in Northwest Iowa. The skies would light up and the rumbles crack in the dark of night and were terrifying.

One night, while staying at Grandma's house there was a powerful thunderstorm. Dad picked me up and took me out onto the porch. Holding me tight



in his strong arms, he said, "Sheila, look – how magnificent! This is just a glimpse of the power of God. You don't need to be afraid of it. Just think of it as God's voice."

Now, maybe this would have made other children afraid of the voice of God. But I think it was because I was in Dad's arms, and God was someone of whom we were never taught to be afraid, that I found it thrilling to watch God's majesty flash through the sky and hear the rumbles of his power envelope me.

God's thunderous voice for me was something in which I found great comfort as a child. Of course, the thunder isn't really his voice, but it does remind me that his power is there to help me, to carry me. His strong, loving arms are there to hold me, just like my Dad's were when I was a child. God's thunderous voice today reminds me that I am not alone when I face tough times. I have the God of the universe to hold me and protect me.

*Do you have a question for Dr. Sheila? E-mail your question to [asksheila@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:asksheila@crystalcathedral.org).*

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