

COUNTRY FAIRE!

Friday, Aug 14.
Don't miss this month's Family Fun Night & free Quiznos subs! More details, pg. 8.



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Growing Together, Up, Up and Away!



Coming this Fall...

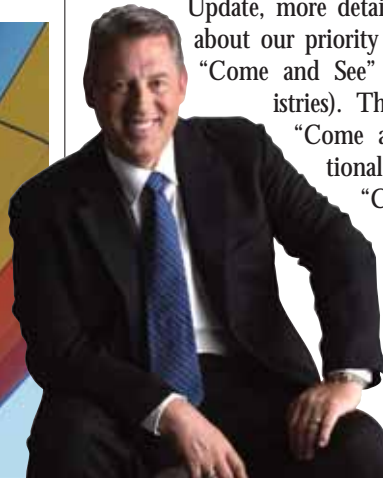
This fall, it will be all about "New Beginnings" as we kick off a new message series, invite our community to join us at OC Live: Community Fest '09, begin the fourth annual Kid Power Plant, and more.

In September, all Sunday morning speakers - Robert H. Schuller (Sept. 6), Sheila Schuller Coleman (Sept. 13), John Ortberg (Sept. 20), and Tony Campolo (Sept. 27) - will

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In August...

Every Sunday in August, hear more about how we're growing together as a congregation of the Crystal Cathedral. During each Sunday service's Ministry Update, more details will be unveiled about our priority to bring others to "Come and See" (invitational ministries). Then, once here, to "Come and Belong" (relational ministries) and to "Come and Grow" (spiritual formation ministries). And when we reach out - through volunteerism, outreach to the community,



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Twins Julie & Janet: Filling Their Lives by Helping Others

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

Two of our most faithful volunteer helpers for the New Hope phone and online hotline have led a difficult life of which few can identify. They are twins, but that is not the hard part. Few are more happily involved in Crystal Cathedral programs and activities than these two native Southern Californians, born in 1952. Here are two beautiful women, Julie and Janet Abels, with their unique story...

Over the years, Julie held a variety of positions, mostly in the electronics business, doing assembly and related duties. Janet spent many years working for the Bank of America, invested wisely, and lives comfortably with Julie in Orange. Both are unmarried and retired.

Early in life, as young children, they both began exhibiting nervous tics. They were born with an unusual genetic syndrome that became increasingly more exaggerated as they matured. As young teens, their tics and twitches had become so conspicuous they ended up taking a lot of ridicule from their class-

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sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Every Sunday, join ROBERT H. SCHULLER, SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN, and these special guests...



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Team leader **SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN** helps us rediscover joy as she gives us a "Faith Lift - When Life Gets You Down." Plus, a sneak-peek video interview with professional football player **LT TOMLINSON** and his mom (know for their humorous and popular canned soup commercial).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

International and inspirational speaker **JASON FRENN** reveals the power to change with his dynamic message, "God is Opening Doors for You!" Music by our own young and talented vocalist, **DANIEL MCGREW**.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

JOHN MAXWELL returns with two more messages: "Jonah - God Will Give You a Second Chance" and "Paul - God Will Give you a New Perspective." Also, hear the riveting testimony of opera star **JASON BLACK** as he shares about his miraculous recovery from near-decapitation.



LT Tomlinson



Jason Frenn



Daniel McGrew



Jason Black



Jim Penner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN with the morning message. Music by vocalist **JAZMIN MENDEZ**.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

JIM PENNER with the morning message. Music by vocalist **BETH GROOMBRIDGE**.

John Maxwell

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-3
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.

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, in the Cathedral with Pastor Dante Gebel

See story pg. 7

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 - 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.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
august						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Bible Study Lite (10)	More Life in the Spirit (4)			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Anybody Listening (4)		Anybody Listening (4)	Family Fun Night (8)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Evening Communion (7)						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pageant of the Masters (10)						
30	31					

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Veteran's Fellowship (5)	Coming... Women's Retreat: 10/13-15 (4) Spiritual Form. Retreat: 10/22-23 (10) The Glory of Christmas: 11/27-1/3			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						OC Live: (15)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Kid Power Plant Kick-Off (9) Evening Communion (7)				50+ PrimeTime (9)	Men's Retreat (4)	Men's Retreat (4)
27	28	29	30	september		
Men's Retreat (4)						



Family Fun Night 4
COUNTRY FAIRE
Friday, August 14
6:30 - 9PM Freed Theater

Join other families for a **FREE** night of **FUN!**
FUN food provided!
FUN games and prizes!
FUN music with Miss Amy!
FUN inspiration with Kristy Cavinder!

More details, pg. 8.

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, 9 AM, AG (returns Sept.) 714-971-4080

wednesday

Men's Bible Study, 7 AM, T-2 714-971-4236
 Women at the Well, 12 NOON, FLC-3
 (returns Sept.) 714-971-4095
 Sr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180

thursday

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

saturday

Bible Film Series, Co-ed, 7 AM, FLC-221 714-538-9341
 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

EVELYN EUBANKS: A Butterfly Kiss

By Rhea Zakich, Crystal Cathedral Lay Leader

It was my Sunday to be available to pray with people between our two services. As I greeted visitors in the front row, I saw something I'd never seen before inside the Crystal Cathedral.

A large butterfly was flitting above the heads of those who had taken their seats. I tried to stay focused on the woman who asked for prayer but could see the winged creature out of the corner of my eye.

Unlike any I had seen, the butterfly hovered for a moment before landing on the cheek of a woman in the first seat in the front row. Since I stayed in my place for those who were waiting for prayer, I could only glance, but I noticed that it remained on the woman's cheek.

Five minutes before the next service was to begin, I walked up to see it more closely, not really knowing what to say. It seemed silly to say, "Do you know you have a butterfly on your cheek?" Or, acting as if I didn't see it, even, "How are you today?" I knew she could not see it herself as it clung to her cheek under her glasses, but I could tell she was holding her head at an angle and didn't want to move.

I had prayed for Evelyn on two occasions in the last few years, but didn't know much about her. I knew she had performed in the church's huge Christmas pageant, The Glory of Christmas, for 27 years, and that she was very friendly, but that's about all I knew. I decided to ask, "What does it feel like to have a butterfly on your cheek?"

She responded in a soft voice but with sparkling eyes, "It is caressing my cheek. I know this is from God because I feel such peace." Her expression was one of delight and bliss. She continued to talk, hardly moving her mouth so as not to disturb this angelic visitor. "My son, who died recently, always sat in this seat and I wonder if it could be a sign that he is with me."

Now I remembered praying for her after her son's death and knew how she missed him. Even with her talking, the butterfly did not move. The congregation had filled most of the seats, now, and the choir began singing a stirring prelude called "All Breathing Life." I Knew I could not remain standing up in front of a thousand people,

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Evelyn Eubanks and butterfly.

Rhea Zakich showing Evelyn Eubanks the photo for the first time.



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

INTERMENTS

Jack Clymer	7/18/09
David Kreps	7/23/09
Rozalya Kreps	7/23/09
George Fullerton	7/25/09
Gerri Tozer	7/25/09



CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: More "Life in the Spirit!"

Wed., August 5, 7 to 9 pm

Dr. Bill Gaultiere, FLC 470, FREE

How are you doing at living in the Spirit and keeping in step with him? What is your next step? Join Bill for a time of Bible teaching, experiential prayer, and conversation in "prayer cells." This is a follow-up to the "Life in the Spirit" series that Pastor Juan Carlos Ortiz recently led. Also, we will address some of the questions that surfaced in the meeting with Rhea Zakich in June. Newcomers are welcome! For more info, call Barbie at 714-971-4123.

BIBLE STUDY "LITE": Summer Mini-Retreats for Women

Tues., August 4, 9:15 - 11:30 am

Rhea Zakich, Tower-3, FREE

Is your light flickering? This summer, plug into the Power Source. Join women of all ages for this final mini-retreat! Come early to get a good seat.

CHRISTIAN ED: "Is Anybody Listening?"

Wed., August 11, 6:45 pm, or

Friday August 13 at 12:45 pm

Tower-3, FREE

Barbara Barrientos, New Hope Hotline Supervisor, will lead this dynamic class that provides instruction and practice in the art of active listening. Be prepared for lots of fun and laughter as you learn how to improve communications in every aspect of your life. For more information, call 714-971-4123.

BIBLE/BOOK STUDIES: Weekly Inspiration & Encouragement

More details, pgs. 5 and 8.

- **Band of Brothers:** Mon., 7 pm, Family Life Center, room 435, 714-971-4187.
- **Women's Network:** Returns in Sept. with Rhea Zakich & Michelle Cavinder, Tuesdays, 9 am, Art Gallery, 714-971-4080.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Wed., 7 am, Tower of Hope, Floor 2, 714-971-4187.
- **Women at the Well:** Returns in Sept. with Louise Dunn, Wed., noon, Family Life Center, Floor 3, 714-971-4045.
- **Co-Ed Bible Film Fellowship:** Sat., 7 am, Family Life Center, Room 221, 714-971-4187.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: Love Can Build a Bridge

September 13-15

Info: 714-971-4236

Get out your calendars and save the date so you'll be sure to attend this upcoming heart-building and soul-enriching retreat led by Rhea Zakich. More details, pg. 8.

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THE Community

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Looking for a Sunday Fellowship?

If you attend worship services on Sunday mornings but would like to get more connected with other church attendees, a Sunday morning fellowship group might be the perfect way to go. There are many to choose from made up of those in different life stages and with varying interests. Call Maureen Winer at 714-971-4062 for help with finding the group that is just right for you!

Homebuilders: Offering Vast Choices for Seniors

By Dorothy Gourley Shaw, Homebuilders

The Homebuilders class on Sundays is overflowing with opportunities for seniors to step out an enjoy life. It offers a variety of programs for active seniors. We sing well-loved hymns during "1/2 Hour of Power Choir" time, participate in small groups, enjoy monthly social events, attend a yearly weekend Renewal Retreat at Rancho Capistrano, and celebrate during our annual Christmas Banquet.

There is a wealth of experience within the Homebuilders membership.

We also give back to our community and world through the Homebuilders Mission Program, with donations recently reaching a new high at \$11,650. The money raised through various Homebuilders

events has allowed us to bless others, including Crystal Cathedral ministries such as The Care Team, Community Missions, *Hour of Power*, and Real Help, plus Latin American Ministries, New Hope International, Village of Hope (Tustin), and the India Bible Institute.

The weekly Sunday fellowship begins at 8:45 AM in the Art Gallery, beginning with snacks and beverages and our half-hour sing-along, followed by members sharing their needs during the "We Care Prayer" time, and Pastor Glenn DeMaster with an inspirational message.

Homebuilder members have actively participated for over 40 years in the growth and development of the Crystal Cathedral serving as Ministering Elders, New Hope Telephone Counselors, campus Tour Guides, and more. There is a wealth of experience within the Homebuilders membership.

Guests are encouraged and welcomed to attend Homebuilders fellowship classes and events. A

warm reception awaits you, with hopes that you will choose to become a member and join us in the joy we share in fellowship and stewardship.

New Film Series Begins this Month

Starting on Sat., Aug. 22, 7 AM, FLC-221, join other men and women at the Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship for a six-part film series on the best-selling religious book, *3:16 – The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado. Just drop in or call Bob Hausmann, 714-538-9341, or David Clark, 714-893-3383, for details.

Career Builders: Speakers in August

Career Builders' goal is to provide for you the best speakers with greatest topics based on biblical principles that will help YOU to succeed in both your professional and personal lives. Meetings are held in the Tower of Hope, Floor 3, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Sundays. All our speakers are professionals who are paid well to speak all over the world, but give of their time for us. Come share the blessing!

- **8/9: Jim Farren**, founding member and investor in Humanity Unites Brilliance, "A New Model in Sustainable Living & Giving."
- **8/16: Dr. Hanan Islam**, certified seminar leader, "The Toxic Environment: Hope for our Children."
- **8/23: Dr. Cherilyn Lee**, owner of Nutrimed Healthcare, "Detox Your Mind and Your Body Will Heal."
- **8/30: Delores Burgess**, president and founder of Lily Int'l, topic TBA.

During unsure times such as these, this is the perfect way to be encouraged and to lift the spirits of others. Reach out and invite your friends and business associates! For more info., call Robbie at 888-244-4420.

Veterans to Meet in September

Through this enlightening forum and welcoming fellowship, every other month U.S. veterans are honored for their efforts in upholding the freedoms we hold dear. The Veteran Fellowship also reaches out to youth to enlighten them about the sacrifices made by those who were called, served, defended, and protected the United States of America.

The next meeting will be held on Tues., Sept. 1, 12 – 2 PM in Tower of Hope, Floor 2. Bring your spouses and fellow U.S. vets to enjoy new friendships, interesting discussions, and special guest speakers. For details, contact Maureen Winer (714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org), or



Chaplain Chuck Trout (714-836-4981, chaptrout@aol.com).

WEDDING MINISTRY

Beautiful Options for Your Special Day

The Crystal Cathedral has been rated by the Orange County Register as "One of the most popular wedding spots in Orange County year after year!" Nestled in the center of a 40-acre, beautifully landscaped campus is the nine-story Crystal Cathedral, it is widely known to be one of Southern California's most spectacular wedding settings.

Because of the diversity of the Crystal Cathedral's world-renowned wedding and reception locations – that also include the Arboretum, Chapel-in-the-Sky, Welcoming Center, and many gardens – and the service-oriented staff we offer, we will be able to provide you with the wedding experience of you dreams.

Call Kari Moeller at 714-971-4240 to discuss the beautiful options available for your special day.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Help Homeless Kids Go Back to School!

Many of you have already signed up for the L.A. Mission's 2009 "End of Summer Block Party," Sat., August 22. Yet, more are needed to bless homeless families, as the children get ready to go back to school.

VOLUNTEERS: Help at the event. Call Pastor Gudelia Ramirez, 714 971-4047 (please leave name, number, interest).

DONATIONS: School supplies (pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) to fill 1,500+ backpacks. Drop off at Tower Lobby, Missions Table (Sun. on the Plaza), and the Community Missions office (Family Lounge).

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CARE & PRAYER

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.

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

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 participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.



CARE & KINDNESS STORY

Good Works Live On to Produce a Miracle

By Ben Hadley

One Saturday afternoon last May, the following experience of God's miraculous grace occurred.

A woman walked by the hospitality counter where I was volunteering as a tour guide. After a brief hello, she said that she was not there for a tour but that she was on a personal retreat. She said that she had been an attendee of the Crystal Cathedral many years ago, but due to carbon monoxide poi-

soning, she had lost about six years of memory. She was back now, trying to become involved more spiritually and attempting to regain the memory of those lost years. I told her that it might be a help to walk through the second and third floor of the Welcoming Center to see the giant photos of this ministry's history.

It was then that she noticed my nametag. "Hadley," she said. "Why does that name sound so familiar to me?" After a bit, she said, "Is there a Lou Hadley here?"

I said, "That was my sister-in-law, married to my brother, Jack. Jack passed away about 10 years ago and Lou followed five years later." She burst into tears and said, "Jack and Lou Hadley. Oh, how much is coming back. I'm all goose bumps. And you know what that means? It means that the Holy Spirit is here with us."

"You are right," I said. "I'm covered with bumps too."

She then continued by telling me how Jack and Lou had helped her during a very hard time in her life raising small children with no father. At that time, Jack and Lou, as volunteers, among the many other things they did at the church, staffed the Tower of Hope lobby on Sunday mornings. This woman, among several others, had young sons who were not really "Sunday school guys." So, Jack took them under his wing and used them as Tower helpers. He showed them how to greet people, how to operate the elevator, where each activity was held, where to run errands, etc. He and Lou took the boys to special events and even took them camping. They came to love Jack and Lou, and Sunday mornings.

So just think! While I was filling in for another tour guide, I wasn't even scheduled to be there, God used my nametag to spark a memory. Now, the memory of the good works of two beautiful saints, now deceased, has been used by God to bring about a wondrous miracle of healing in the life of this future saint. Praise God.

NEW HOPE

Your Emotions: Can You Trust Them?

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director of New Hope

Many of us struggle with emotions and what to do with them. Our emotions effect every part of our life, especially our relationships with people, with God, and our effectiveness in life.

Some people try not to have emotions because they make life difficult or seem too vulnerable. They're afraid to react, so they rationalize or detach. Or just stay busy. Anything in order to avoid



Jack and Lou Hadley

being emotional or needy. They experience emotion as overwhelming or at least inconvenient.

Other people depend on their emotion to do the things they need to do. (Usually these people are emotionally reactive too.) They try to generate emotion to get excited or get them moving. They'll use music, drugs, food, or whatever to generate the feeling they want. (This is the basis of addictions.)

Jesus models a balanced approach to emotions. He felt his emotions, but was not controlled by them. He was always aware of his feelings, but not dependent on them. The Psalmist shows us the same balance, an "honest faith."

We shouldn't confuse our emotions with our heart. The "heart" in the Biblical understanding is our will, our freedom of choice. If emotions are in the position of our heart, our center, then we're in trouble!

Can you trust your emotions? Yes and no. They are one source of discernment and energy (we call them e-motions). But we need others sources.

Always we want to be aware of our emotions. But never do we want to be controlled by them.

Be encouraged! Go to christiansoulcare.blogspot.com.

Emotional Stress Reduced by a Listening Ear

If you would like to minister to other who struggle with their emotions by listening to, caring for, and praying with them, we have a class for you. Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope, and Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, a series of New Hope classes will begin soon. For details, call Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123.

FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Discover God's Purpose for Your Life!

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

Gain a better understanding of who you are in light of God's wisdom and his purpose for your life through the help of Crystal Cathedral Family

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

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Counseling Center's professional counselors.

Our counselors (some bilingual) are available to help you during life-changing events and with everyday coping issues including pre-marital, marital, family (parent, child, and adolescent), grief, career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. Our focus is to reach out to our church members/friends, our C.C. Schools' families, and our community with affordable counseling on a sliding scale. Counselors are available for individual, couple, family, child, and group sessions. Speakers are also available. Call 714-971-4222.

Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) multi-family sessions, offering ways to bring the family together through caring techniques in a proven program, are available in Spanish and English in the O.C. area. Call 714-538-6387.

SUPPORT GROUP

Recovering from Loss... by Divorce or Death

**Starts next
month!**

Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 PM
Family Life Center, room 470
Phase 1: Sept. 10 – Oct. 22
Phase 2: Oct. 29 – Dec. 17

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? 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 1, which begins after summer break in September, will cover topics such as: 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.

Phase 2, considered the "graduate course in recovery" 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. 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.

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.

Evening Service Devotion

Forgiveness - Part II

By Dr. Bill Bennett, Crystal Cathedral Pastor

"Then Peter came and said to (Jesus), 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' 'Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.' -Matthew 18:21,22

Jesus did not mean to forgive 490 times and stop. He meant that the obligation to forgive is limitless. We need to forgive, as we would wish to be forgiven. 1 Corinthians 13:5 tells us that true love keeps no record of wrongs. Jesus tells us, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, that we are to "put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another. If anyone has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do" (Colossians 3:12-13). Jesus is commanding that, by a volitional act of our will, assisted by the Holy Spirit, we are to put away resentment and the desire to punish or "get even" with the person who has wronged you.

On the other hand, forgiveness is not excusing or condoning sin. It doesn't involve changing your God-given beliefs about right and wrong. Nor does it require forgetting a person's sin. God has that power, but we do not. Forgiveness means that, even though you remember the hurt, you give up the need to punish the other person. Forgiveness doesn't require denying your pain, hurt, or anger. It may take awhile for your feelings to catch up and begin to fall in line with your decision to forget. Similarly, forgiveness doesn't mean stuffing your grief. If there is genuine pain, it will hurt. It may take time for the wound to heal, even though you forgave the



person who offended you. And, forgiveness doesn't always mean instant and full reconciliation. Even when you forgive, it can take time and effort by both parties to rebuild trust.

And lastly, remember that you cannot do it alone! For it is, almost, impossible to truly forgive others on our own strength. There is only one way to do so! That is to admit that you cannot forgive in your own strength and that you desperately need God to come in and change your heart. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, who will empower us to overcome our human weakness and guide us through the forgiveness required of us as brothers and sisters in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Bill Bennett is an ordained RCA minister, who serves as the lead pastor for the Crystal Cathedral Sunday Evening Service. This meditation is based on the message by Dr. Bennett presented at the Crystal Cathedral Evening Service on June 14, 2009.

COMMUNION IN THE EVENING

On the third Sunday of each month during the Sunday Evening Service (6:30 PM), the Lord's Supper (Communion) is served. Upcoming dates are August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20.

The Sunday Evening services are conducted by a team of dedicated pastors including Dr. Bill Bennett (Lead Pastor), Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz, Dr. Sande Herron and Dr. Bill Gaultiere. In addition to stimulating Bible studies, the Crystal Cathedral Ensemble and Worship Team lead the congregation in beautiful, inspiring praise music. Once a month, a different Crystal Cathedral Adult Fellowship group is highlighted with an after-service time of camaraderie and fellowship.

Please join us and become a part of this wonderful, warm, and intimate Sunday evening sunset service.

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or international mission projects - that is where we will "Go and Sow" (transformational ministries). On Sundays, Aug. 2 and 23, Sheila Coleman will unveil more details during her morning messages. Also, more details to come in next month's Crystal Cathedral Today.

On Sunday mornings, some other exciting speakers and guests include the return of John Maxwell and Jim Penner with their dynamic messages, plus speaker guest Jason Frenn, and talented music guests including Jason Black, who will also share his testimony of a miraculous healing. (More Sunday morning details, pg. 2.) On Sunday evening, Aug. 4, join Pastor Bill Bennett

and The Cathedral Ensemble for another encouraging sunset service in the Cathedral where monthly Communion will be served.

On campus, we have many opportunities to belong and grow this month with the final "Bible Study Lite" mini-retreat for women on Tues., Aug. 4; "More Life in the Spirit" with Dr. Bill Gaultiere on Wed., Aug. 5; "Anybody Listening" on Tues. or Thurs., Aug. 11 or 13; and another rockin' Family Fun Night on Aug. 14. See inside for more details about these possibilities and more.

So, wind down your summer with your Crystal Cathedral family as we belong, grow, and go together!

family ministries

Family Ministries
Team Leader
Michelle Cavinder

Student Ministry
Brett DePena

Family Fun Night ⁴

FAMILY EVENTS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: IT'S A "COUNTRY FAIRE" IN AUGUST!

Friday, August 14, 6:30 – 9 PM

Heavenly Cafe and Freed Theater

Come join other families for a **FREE** night of **FUN!**

FUN food!

FUN games and prizes!

FUN music with Miss Amy!

FUN inspiration with Kristy Cavinder!

Join us on for a Family Fun Night with a "Country Faire" theme. Dinner and awesome door prizes will be provided by Carousel Inn and Suites and Quiznos subs. For more information, please call 714-971-4080. The entire evening is **FREE!**



"OC LIVE" COMMUNITY FEST

Save the date!

Saturday, September 19, 12 – 4 PM • **FREE** admission!

Crystal Cathedral's North Parking lot will once again be filled with thousands of CC members and friends as we welcome those in our surrounding community to join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship! There'll be bounce houses for the kids, special activities geared exclusively to our youth, hot air balloon rides for all ages, and music and munchies for every taste – something for everyone! Invite a friend! (To volunteer, call 714-971-4039.)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

C U @ C3 EVERY SUNDAY

By Kyle Bonenberger, Worship Leader

C3 is the pioneering contemporary ministry of the Crystal Cathedral that meets every Sunday morning, at 11 AM in the Freed Theater with the goal of being a community built around the love of Jesus Christ that reaches seekers, builds believers, and changes the world.

C3 is a LIVE awesome venue with full contemporary (rock-style) worship.

Anyone is welcome at C3. We have all ages ranging from seniors to infants. Children are welcome to worship with their families in C3, though we encourage kids to attend Kid Power Plant or Student Ministries in the Family Life Center. After the service, connect with others over free coffee in an environment where people know your name.

For more details, go to www.crystalcathedral.org/c3/about.



ASK DR. SHEILA

THE JOY OF ROCK-SOLID LIVING

Dear Sheila,

I have realized lately that when everything is going right in my life, I feel happy, but when things go wrong, I feel troubled, sad, almost depressed. As such, it feels like I'm living on a roller coaster—up one day and down the next—as if my moods are at the mercy of my life instead of the other way around. — Seeking Terra Firma

Dear Seeking,

The good news is that you don't have to look far to find terra firma.

When you build your life on the Rock—on Jesus Christ—that is the strongest foundation you will ever need. But how do you build your life on Jesus?

Simply ask him to live in your life. His Spirit, who is alive in you, will flood your life with peace when least expected, give you unshakable joy even in the worst of life's circumstances, and fill you with love that can overcome any fear or resentment.

It's as easy as starting each day with a simple prayer I learned from Dad as a young girl: "Lord, what are you up to today? I want to be part of it." Then, as your day continues and thoughts come to mind, pray simple prayers, such as "Thank you, Lord, for loving me; for forgiving me."

When God is in control of your life, your moods will be his moods. His Spirit will be your spirit. As a result, you will begin to experience in your life the spiritual "fruit" of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Now that's abundant living!

– Sheila Schuller Coleman

Send your questions to asksheila@crystalcathedral.org.



Congratulations Team Raspberry, the winning Family Fun Night team in June!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



KIDS

KID POWER PLANT

In August, Kid Power Plant completes its first three-year cycle. Hundreds, even thousands of children have now learned the essential Bible stories from Genesis through Acts. Next month, we'll kick off the fourth year of this exciting Sunday program where kids ignite, connect, and transform with each other through the love of Jesus. Parents, bring your kids to each and every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM, 11 AM, or 1 PM for 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.



JR. HIGH STUDENTS

TUESDAYS: It's a place where Jr. Highers come together! If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, this is where you want to be. We have wild and crazy Tuesday night programming, 7 – 8:30 PM in the Family Life Center basement, room B-22. 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.

is designed to celebrate life and relationships, and meets Wednesday nights, 7 – 9 PM in the Family Life Center basement, room B-22. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 – 9 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WEDNESDAYS: This mid-week program shatters the stereotype that church is boring. It

Love God and Love Youth!

If you feel called to encourage our youth on Tues. or Wed. nights, contact Brett DaPena for more volunteer details:
714-971-4180



We had a blast at Family Fun Night in July! The winners: the Violet Team! Remember you get more points if you bring friends!

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 DaPena, Director
crystalcathedral.org/ccsm
or e-mail:
ccsm@crystalcathedral.org
714-971-4180

ADULT Ministries

boys to men MEN TO MENTOR

Special Guests:

Senior Pastor of the
Crystal Cathedral,
Juan Carlos Ortiz and
Pastor Bob Cavinder
(former CC Men's
Ministry Pastor)



Sept. 25-27
men's retreat

MEN'S NETWORK

FALL MEN'S RETREAT

Be sure to set aside the weekend of Sept. 25-27 to enjoy the fellowship of men during the Crystal Cathedral's Annual Men's Retreat. For more information, please call 714-971-4187.

MEN'S WEEKLY MEETINGS

Call 714-971-4236 for more details:
Band of Brothers: Monday evenings 7 - 9 PM, FLC-435.
Men's Bible Study: Wednesday mornings, 7 AM, Tower-2.

CONNECT WITH MEN'S MINISTRY

Men, the person you need to know at the Crystal Cathedral is Harold Shaw, Men's Steering Team Chair. As a leader in the Men's Ministry, Harold, who has been a member of the Crystal Cathedral since 1982, focuses on helping men to



grow in leadership skills and abilities in their families, homes, communities, and church. To connect with Harold, call 714-971-4236.

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 friends.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Be sure to be there for this year's spectacular live recreation of the world's greatest art. On Sun., Aug. 23, the motor coach will leave the CC for Laguna Beach at 5:30 PM, returning at approx. 11:30 PM. Tickets, \$69 each.



Scene from Pageant of the Masters

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

Go to the Crystal Cathedral Box Office in the Welcoming Center or call for details and reservations, 714-544-5679. Find more information online at www.crystalcathedral.org/ministries/travel. Trips and pricing are subject to change.

MATURE ADULTS

LUNCHEON RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

Next month, on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 11:30 am in the Arboretum, the 50+ PrimeTime luncheon returns, \$5 at the door. Once again, there will be a special speaker, wonderful music, travel updates, raffle prizes and more, come for the fun and fellowship and be sure to bring your friends! RSVP 714 971 4032 or kyms@crystalcathedral.org.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY "LITE"!

Is your light flickering? This month, plug into the Power Source. Join leader Rhea Zakich and women of all ages for A mini-retreat! All FREE. Tuesday, August 4, 9:15 - 11:30 am on Tower-3. Come early to get a good seat.

LUNCH HOUR "WOMEN AT THE WELL": BACK IN SEPTEMBER

In September, "Women at the Well" returns 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"



Bible Study Lite



MINI-RETREATS

Tuesday
8/4

9:30-11:30 AM
Tower of Hope, floor 3
Taught by
Rhea Zakich



MATURE ADULTS
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S & WOMEN'S
Michelle Cavinder, Director

that Jesus provides. Louise Dunn leads this lively book discussion to discern the message the Lord is revealing through the readings. Call 971-4045 for details.

WEEKDAY "WOMEN'S NETWORK":
ON SUMMER HIATUS


On hiatus during the summer months, this weekly women's Bible fellowship will return in September, every Tuesday, 9 AM in the Art Gallery. Leader Rhea Zakich will help you discover life-changing Biblical truths while you enjoy the sense of community with over two hundred other Crystal Cathedral women and friends. During this creative Bible study unlike any other, enjoy singing, sharing, praying, stimulating object lessons, and small group time. All are welcome! Questions? Call Kari, 714-971-4080.

LOVE
can build a bridge

You are invited to join us for the "Love Can Build a Bridge" women's retreat.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Get out your calendars and save the date so you'll be sure to attend the heart-building and soul-enriching "Love Can Build a Bridge" Women's Retreat, Sept. 13-15. For more information, please call 714-971-4236.



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 rboretum? 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.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS
LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW
SCHOOL YEAR

During the summer months, the halls are quiet, awaiting September when excited children return, filling the halls once again with laughter and ringing voices.

At the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School (grades K-12), Monday through Friday, 7 am until 6 pm, positive values are developed, creativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord.

This private Christian school was established in 1977 to offer excellent academics with the arts and Bible as part of the core curriculum for every student. In the over thirty years since its inception, the Crystal Cathedral Academy has 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 students who have gone on to attend Eastman School of Music, USC School of Architecture, and pre-medicine, just to name a few.

For more information, go to crystalcathedral.org/academy, or call 714-971-4158.



CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL
PRESCHOOLERS SHARE PRAYERS WITH
THEIR BEARS!

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

Students at the Crystal Cathedral Preschool enjoyed "Teddy Bear Week" in July. The children were invited to bring their bears to school for a variety of activities including a Teddy Bear Picnic and to teach their bears to pray. Preschool Chapel was held in the Tower Chapel where the children were invited to "Share a Prayer with Your Bear!"

The Preschool is still accepting registration for the new school year that begins in September. Contact the office at 714-971-4141 for information regarding our preschool that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Extreme Makeover: "Internal Edition"

By James Penner

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."
-Luke 10:27

Are you happy with who you are? Are you looking at yourself through God's eyes and not the world's? Are you measuring your success through God's meter and not the Financial News Network?

Are you happy with who you are? If not - why not? God is! He made you! He loves you! He redeemed you! He has called you by name and you are His! What's it going to take for you to find comfort in these promises of God in your life today?

Dr. Schuller asks that wonderful question, "What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?" So many times we quickly direct this question outward to dream big dreams and

reach a fantastic goal. What if we turned that same question inward? What if you strove to be a better mother or father, grandmother or grandfather. To be a better employer or employee, student or teacher. To be a better neighbor.

Martha Washington, the very first First Lady of our nation, was quoted as saying, "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

What if you suddenly decided to become a major source of encouragement in your family, in your neighborhood, or at the office? What kind of a wonderful world would you find yourself living in? Christ asks that you "love your neighbor as yourself." Give yourself an extreme makeover in your attitude and feel the blessings of God pour all over your life.

MORE NEWS

Join the Crystal Cathedral Choir!

If you can sing well and read music easily, consider becoming a part of the Crystal Cathedral Choir family! We are a group of amateur and professional musicians who come together every week to lead the Crystal Cathedral Congregation locally and around the world in worship.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 pm from September through the end of June. Contact Beth Groombridge in the Music Ministry for more details and to set up an audition! Call 714-971-4150 or e-mail bethg@crystalcathedral.org.

Community Fest / OC Live – Volunteers Needed!

We'll be celebrating our third annual outreach festival to the community with a new name – OC Live! Be sure to save the



date, September 19, 12 – 4 PM. That's when all Crystal Cathedral ministries and fellowship groups will roll out the red carpet in our North Parking lot for our neighbors.

This FREE-admission event will offer delicious FOOD (from neighboring restaurants for a reasonable cost), FUN (free giant "bounce house" attractions for kids, a hot air balloon for all ages, video games for teens, and wonderful entertainment), and warm and friendly FELLOW-

SHIP. Plus, neighboring organizations will offer helpful information and services. Bring your neighbors and friends to this always-enjoyable afternoon event!

To volunteer, please call 714-971-4039.

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mates, and rarely fought back. They just took it. They clung to each other through it all, pretty much by themselves outside the close-knit cliques, so common in their school in San Marino.

"We were awfully nervous and scared of everything," Janet said.

"We felt very left out," Julie added.

It was so bad that their loving parents took them out of the public school for one year, and they were tutored instead. "School was very difficult for us," Janet confides,

"We were not very good students." Julie quickly added, "but Janet is an expert speller, anyway."

Treatment of their tics and twitches was futile, and they eventually were diagnosed as having Tourette Syndrome. Because of these difficulties, Janet and Julie's parents held their daughters very close, and even more so after their 19-year-old son, the twins' big brother, drowned in Yellowstone Lake and was never found. They were 15 at the time.

After high school, where they participated in the Pep Club, the Glee Club, and other singing groups,



Janet Abels



Julie Abels

with much less teasing and ridicule, they attended Pasadena City College. The highlight there was singing with the college concert choir. They beamed as they recalled singing the "Missa Solemnis" by Beethoven at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. They also joined the Adelpia Service Club, which involved them in helping their teachers with all kinds of tasks that would lighten their loads.

They came to the Crystal Cathedral from the Santa Anita Church in Arcadia. Membership there was an early, rare, act of rebellion on their part. They had been born and raised in the Christian Science Church, but said they were always bored there. Nevertheless, they were followers of Jesus, so they found their own church. However, it was their mother's love for Dr. Schuller and the *Hour of Power* that nudged them in our direction, and into their happy helpfulness here.

Julie and Janet are two happy young women who, though they've experienced how tough life can be, harbor no anger or resentment, and cheerfully fill their lives helping others.

"I thank God for these two beautiful people"

By Barbara Barrientos, Hotline Supervisor at New Hope

In the winter of 2002, I met Janet Abels when she started her New Hope volunteer service. Two years later, after her sister Julie had a devastating accident, they moved in together. Soon Janet encouraged Julie to come and volunteer at New Hope. When I first met Julie, she just looked down at the ground, avoided all eye contact, and walked with assistance.

Gradually Julie began looking up and speaking to me, her self-esteem slowly climbing inch by inch. With a great deal of determination and a

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FALL MEN'S RETREAT: Get Away to Grow Together

September 25-27

Info: 714-971-4187

Be sure to set aside the weekend of to enjoy the fellowship of men during the Crystal Cathedral's Annual Men's Retreat. More details, pg. 8.

MORNING RETREAT: Walk with Jesus

Sat., Oct. 10, 9 am - 12:30 pm

Bill Gaultiere, Art Gallery, FREE

Join us in the peaceful Crystal Cathedral gardens with its Bible statues, walk of faith, and flowing waters. Your soul will be renewed as Bill guides you in a time of spiritual discovery through meditation on Scripture, your own private prayer walk with Jesus, and an opportunity to share and pray with others about what God is doing. RSVP: Barbie at 714-971-4123 or bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT: Breathe with Jesus

Thurs., 1 pm, to Fri., 3 pm, Oct. 22-23

Bill Gaultiere, Prince of Peace Abbey

God is all around us. His Spirit is within us who trust in Christ. But we need slow down to take a breath and open our heart to his life-giving word and his loving embrace. What will Christ do in your life if you set aside 24-hours to breathe with Jesus? On this retreat Bill will help you to meet with Jesus as your Retreat Director. And Jesus himself will encourage you in your life and your ministry to others! RSVP: 714.971.4123 or bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org; \$85 (by 10/5) or \$100 (after 10/5).

"yes I can" attitude, she started walking straight up instead of crunched over.

I also watched Janet blossom and grow. She realized that she could not change her sister but could support her in positive directions. Learning how to live together again was a growing part for both. As time passed, they began to share many stories with me. I felt privileged that they were willing to tell me the personal hurting experiences they'd endured in their childhood, teen years, and even today in their adult years.

The hours of service these two have given at New Hope and throughout the church is an enormous gift. They give from the heart. They know that they are different, and that not all people accept them for who they are. Tourette Syndrome is not an easy dysfunction to live with. Janet and Julie are good examples of learning to overcome the labels and stigma of being different.

They have taught me patience, and understanding as they have included me on their journey of healing and spiritual growth. I thank God for these two beautiful people.

Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

FISHING, SWIMMING, CANOEING, CRAFTS
& THEMED EVENTS

August Day Camps at the Ranch

With caring counselors and a safe environment designed to make a positive impact on your child as it energizes their mind, body, and spirit! Children ages 5-14 enjoy a multi-acre gated property with towering trees, a glistening lake, swimming pool, and rolling hills. Activities include swimming & water play, canoeing, art projects, field games, hiking, and drama. Your camper will experience a day chock full of activities to enhance the weekly themes from "Awesome Oceans" to "Extreme Sports" featuring special guests and camp cheers and songs. Academic Summer School Camps for 1st-8th graders feature a specialized curriculum for accelerated or remedial learning in specific subjects. Visit our website for detailed information and a registration form you can print out and mail in, or e-mail the Camps department at camps@ranhocapistrano.org. Find out why, since 1995, Discovery Camps is the first choice of Southern Orange County campers on the most beautiful campus!

Themes in August include:

- Week 7 (August 3 – August 7) – Extreme Sports: Get ready to have some extreme fun! Capture the flag, ultimate Frisbee, and an outdoor obstacle course, and more!

- Week 8 (August 10 – August 14) – Awesome Oceans: Dive right in and come explore all the

awesome creatures of deep blue sea.

- Week 9 (August 17 – August 21) – Jungle Safari: Take a walk on the wild side as we go on a jungle safari! Participate in tribal relays, survival scenarios, and even a jungle boogie.

CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER Plan Ahead for the Holidays

Share a magical place at the holidays with your friends, colleagues, and loved ones and create lasting memories. Imagine a sparkling lake reflecting twinkling lights, the rooms with Christmas trees and festive décor, and the road lined with Victorian street lights adorned with flowers and wreaths.

Your Rancho Capistrano Celebration Event Coordinator will take care of the details so you can be free to engage with your guests during the event.

Choose from mouth-watering entrees such as Bourbon Glazed Ham, Roasted Prime Rib with Herbs & Brandy Sauce, Honey Apricot Glazed Breast of Chicken, Filet of Salmon with Lemon & Herbs Cort Blanc, and Roasted Smoked Turkey Breast with Oyster & Sage Dressing.

Schedule your Holiday Celebration during the month of July and receive special incentives for your group, just mention the "Christmas in July" offer. Rancho Capistrano is conveniently located halfway between San Diego and Los Angeles. Call 949-347-4000 to learn more.

Rancho Capistrano Statement of Purpose

To be a "spiritual oasis" where people may find peace and balance of mind, body and spirit, and grow in the understanding of themselves, others and God.



CEREMONIES & RECEPTIONS

Make Your Wedding Dreams Come True...

If you are looking for a place to have your rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony, and reception all at one location, Rancho Capistrano is a natural choice. It's also where the overnight rooms are steps away for you and your guests. You can even have a breakfast the next morning for your out-of-town guests! Choose from church, garden, plaza or courtyard ceremonies. Enjoy cuisine prepared by our award-winning chef, and the service of a caring staff who will do all they can to make your wedding a dream wedding. Your photographs and videos will be ones to treasure, with our lush landscaping, rolling hills, and sparkling lake with island gazebo. We have clergy available to perform your ceremony, and a wedding coordinator is included in all packages for your rehearsal and wedding day. Our reception packages offer wonderful enhancements to your event, such as the option of a second site for your hors d'oeuvres reception.

Our new Design Packages feature stunning coordinated design options for your reception. With our Design Packages, you have more time to put the little details in place that make your wedding even more memorable because we take care of the major design elements such as centerpieces, linens, place settings linens, and chairs.

Call 949-347-4000 for more info, or visit www.ranhocapistrano.org/ranchweddings.



Global Community AT CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

CHINA CONNECTION: A Special Visit from Religious Publications Directors

By Chen Meilin, China Advisor to the Hour of Power

Recently, Crystal Cathedral received two special guests from Beijing, China: Mr. Song Han, the Chief Editor of China Religion Journal; and Mr. Yuanpeng Shi, Deputy Editor of Religious Culture Publishing House. They came to visit and hear about the Hour of Power broadcast ministry.

Mr. Han shared that this was his second visit to the Crystal Cathedral, having met Dr. Schuller in 2002 at a special memorial service where Dr. Schuller prayed for world peace and, specifically, for the victims of 9/11. Mr. Han remarked that he keeps a picture taken with Dr. Schuller as a reminder of this memorable meeting.

First-time visitor, Mr. Shi, said he had heard so much about Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power* from Ye Xiaowen, Minister of the State Ad-

ministration of Religious Affairs, who was a guest speaker at the Crystal Cathedral in October 2005 during China Sunday.

Mr. Han and Mr. Shi both remarked that they had been deeply touched by Dr. Schuller's special relationship with the people in China, which began with Dr. Schuller's uncle Henry Beltman, who built the first Reformed Church in Xiamen, China. Dr. Schuller has continued this love for China, visiting China often and lecturing at universities and other public gatherings, and preaching at a number of churches in China. Dr. Schuller also supported the first China Bible Ministry Exhibition in the U.S., which was held at Crystal Cathedral in 2006. Both Han and Shi graduated from Beijing University where Dr. Schuller has visited and lectured in 2001.

Though the *Hour of Power* program is not yet shown in China, people in China know Dr. Schuller well, and his possibility thinking has impacted Christians and non-Christians through various websites, books, and other publications. "Possibility thinking not only benefits the churches but also all the people in China," said Mr. Han and Mr. Shi. "Possibility thinking inspires people in China who are suffering from being laid off, facing financial crises, and losing confidence in life. It is an important encouragement! We wish that we could introduce Dr. Schuller's possibility thinking through our magazine and our publication."

THEY SAY: About the Hour of Power

"Since November, 2008, you've been taking me every Sunday to Jesus who once had no place in my heart. When I started watching *Hour of Power* in Germany, he then became part of my life. I'm so grateful for your program on Das Vierte."

-RAINER BACHMANN, GERMANY

"You have excellent preachers. I am enjoying the change of format... it's opening people's eyes to Jesus."

-NORMA HUTCHINGS, AUSTRALIA

"I have been watching *Hour of Power* for the last couple of weeks and have been so blessed! I look forward to starting my Sunday morning with the encouraging messages. My husband and I have been going through some tough times over the last few months...both of us lost our jobs. I love listening to the visiting speaker's sermons each Sunday morning and feel encouraged to hang in there!"

-SHEILA ABRAHAM, NEW ZEALAND



Daniela Soufi (CCM Int'l Ministries) and John Charles (CCM Public Relations) represent the Crystal Cathedral in presenting Dr. Bob Lee, Mr. Yuanpeng Shi, Mr. Song Han, and Dr. Paul Szeto with signed copies of the book, *A Place of Beauty, a Joy Forever*.



PJ's Heavenly Cafe

Welcoming Center
Garden Level

Mon. - Fri., 9 AM - 2 PM
Sunday, 8 AM - 2 PM

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speak on JOY, during the message series, "Just Open Yourself – to Knowing the God who Knows and Loves You!" Each week, you will be filled with the love only a God who knows you intimately and profoundly can provide. Be there to be filled with joy!

On Sunday, Sept. 20, we'll re-launch Kid Power Plant for its fourth year. "During the first three years, hundreds, even thousands of children learned the essential Bible stories from Genesis through Acts, and spiritual formation classes are beginning," says Sheila Coleman, Executive Director of Ministry and Missions. Sheila assures us that the high energy and nurturing environment of Kid Power Plant will continue with new and exciting programs sure to ignite, connect, and transform your child!

One day before that re-launch, we will once again invite our surrounding community to join us for another day of fun-for-the-whole-family. "OC Live: Com-



munity Fest '09" returns on Sat., Sept. 19, 12 to 4 PM.

Michelle Cavinder, who leads the planning of this outreach event, says, "This is an awesome way to get to know others in the ministry and to use your gifts to reach our local community in a unique, warm, and welcoming way." Volunteers are needed, so Michelle encourages you to join the OC Live Team by contacting Bonnie Balloch (714-971-4123, bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org).

There will be a special OC Live Pep Rally on Sat., Sept. 12, in the Freed Theater led by Sheila Coleman to get the word out to the community. "Please join us," says Sheila. "There'll be ice cold water and warm fellowship as we become better friends with our neighbors. Wear your walking shoes!"

Come be a part of a new season and a new beginning at your Crystal Cathedral!



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staring at a butterfly that those behind her could not see, so I smiled, squeezed her hand, and went to my aisle seat eight rows behind her. The people sitting around her began tapping each other and pointing. It was too strange!

The pastors did not seem to notice since the pulpit is high above the large congregation, but I couldn't take my eyes off the tip of the butterfly's wing that I could still see through the crowd in front of me.

Everyone settled down when the service began but me. I thought, "There MUST be some important significance to a butterfly landing on a cheek and staying so long!" I hoped someone would take a picture of it and then, suddenly, I remembered that I had my camera in my purse. "Oh, but we aren't supposed to take pictures during the worship service," I thought to myself. In that instant, an idea came: "When we start singing a hymn, IF the butterfly is still on her cheek, I'm going to run up there and snap a photo."

The hymn began, everyone stood, except Evelyn. "Now's my chance," I thought, so I scurried up the aisle, asked her permission (knowing that the flash might cause it to fly).

She nodded and whispered, "I want to see

this!" I clicked only once and ran back to my seat without knowing until I got home if I was able to capture it or if it would be blurred.

Much to my amazement and to those around her, the butterfly remained there for 40 minutes before moving to her shoulder for a moment, then taking flight. It went up, up, up in the four-story high Cathedral before flying out the huge windows that had opened during the hymn. Those seated around her watched as it disappeared into the sky.

I know God speaks to us in many ways. He used burning bushes, writing on the wall, and even a donkey, so why could He not use a butterfly? Evelyn and I know it was one of God's messengers.

After church, I talked with Evelyn about what she experienced. She told me that recently she had been sinking deeper and deeper into depression since losing two sons in the last few years. Her grief left little motivation to come to church on this morning, but she came and decided to sit in the seat where her son always sat. Almost immediately, this beautiful winged creature made its way to her and landed. Evelyn said, "The moment it landed, even though I could not see it, I felt an amazing peace come over me. It was as though something was flowing into me. The sadness lifted, peace came, and I felt a new joy. I didn't want it to end! I know it was from God."

God does speak in mysterious ways!

Rhea, What a beautiful touch of God! Praise God for the many signs of His Spirit in the Cathedral—the New Life we have fasted and prayed for—people's lives being renewed! Thank you, dear Rhea, for capturing the mo-

ment and for all your prayerful support!

-Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman,
Executive Director of Ministries and Mission,
Crystal Cathedral

This surely is a messenger from heaven. Throughout the Bible, winged creatures were heavenly beings. God will reveal to you, the true meaning.

-Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz, Senior Pastor,
Crystal Cathedral

Oh, wow! That is amazing! I believe in butterflies and birds as message/clues/signs from the Holy Spirit.

-Dr. James Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries,
Crystal Cathedral

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THE JOY OF GIVING

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

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Nick & Lucy: On the Road Again!

By Nick & Lucy Della Valle

We often think of the Crystal Cathedral as a hospital; a place where people with breaks in their life came to be mended. At least that was the case for us, when we arrived on campus in 1988.

Jesus brought us here to be cared for, educated, loved, and gently put back together. Seeds like "Life is not fair but God is good." "Tough times never last, tough people do." "God's delays are never God's denials" and "If it's going to be, it's up to me" took root deep in our hearts. We drank in Christ at Sunday services, through Bible classes like the Becomers and Homebuilders and in Wednesday morning fellowship. We were blessed to have served on the Hour of Power staff for a number of years but then at the beginning of the new millennium, we heard a whisper.

At first, we fought it. What could Almighty God want with us? No matter how we tried to ignore it or reason against it, the whisper grew persistently stronger. What do You want of us, Lord? How can we be of any use to You? This went on for months and piece by piece, conversation by conversation, God outlined His plan for us. In 2001, we left our positions and the Crystal Cathedral to become missionaries to America; storytellers for Christ as we began our first 3300-mile walk across America for Christ.

Eight years have flown by. We have shared our biblical presentations in over 400



churches; we have walked through 18 states. A second 3300-mile walk, from Philadelphia to Albuquerque, took place in 2005. God has allowed us to use our gifts to bless thousands of people and He has used tens of thousands of Americans to bless us!

Soon we will start our third 3300-mile walk. The life we now lead was birthed at the Crystal Cathedral. As we wander the back roads of America, we seek your prayers for continued protection, provision and good health. God bless you always and if you see Dr. or Mrs. Schuller...give them a hug for us.

Follow Us!

You are a part of us and so we invite you to follow us along the journey through our web site: www.christwalk.us

VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

connect with your church community!



Kid Power Plant Helpers

Have a heart for kids, and the families of this congregation? We need teacher's aides and check-in kiosk helpers during all services, but especially at 1-3 PM.

Crystal Cathedral Ushers

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

Sunday Shuttle Drivers

Seeking those over 21 with a CA driver's license to shuttle the elderly, infirmed, and parents with kids around campus one Sun. per month. Early or late shifts avail.

Tour Guides

Give guided walking tours of the CC to visitors from around the world! Share your knowledge while you share your heart. Shifts: Sun. - Fri., 9 AM - 4:30 PM.

Tower Lobby Helpers

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



Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses

Greet people in need of info. about CC programs or classes, Sundays, half-hr. before service and 10 min. before end of service.

Traffic Ministry Guides

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

VOLUNTEER ONLINE

at crystalcathedral.org/volunteer. Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved!

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