

crystalcathedral today

Rejoice in the Peace of God's Presence this Christmas!

Celebrate with a Merry Heart

By Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Schuller

Dear Friends, as you look forward to Christmas, 2008, we pray that you and your loved ones will find many reasons to celebrate, even in the tough times.

The good news we have for you this Christmas is that you and your family may celebrate this Holy Day with a joyous heart. Like the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on the hill above Bethlehem, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy... a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10a-11, TNIV).

Both of us as children knew tough times at Christmas. Having grown up during the Great Depression, our families had no money to exchange gifts, and there were no Christmas trees in our homes. But those Christmases were still merry and filled with love, excitement, and wonder.

We celebrated our Christmases trudging through the snow to church. In spite of severe hardship and poverty, the church was filled with "Merry Christmas" greetings, warm smiles from neighbors and friends, and carols sung by candlelight.

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7 Glorious Christmas Eve Services Share the Annual Celebration

On Wednesday, December 24, join Dr. Robert H. Schuller, pianist Roger Williams, vocalists Morris Robinson, Vicky Beeching, and Sophie Thurston, and the *Hour of Power* Choir and Symphony Orchestra at one of the seven services in the beautiful Crystal Cathedral at 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30, 9, and 10:30 PM, and 12 midnight.

Be encouraged by this year's inspiring Christmas message, the beautiful traditional music, the sparkling Christmas trees lit with thousands of twinkling lights, the peaceful indoor falling "snow," and the love and goodwill that comes from sharing

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The Glory of Christmas Experience the Miracle

You are encouraged to bring family and friends of all ages to experience the miracle of *The Glory of Christmas*, now in its 27th year. Even if you've experienced it before, this is one production that can become a beloved family tradition year after year.

One year after the Crystal Cathedral was dedicated, the beautiful living nativity, *The Glory of Christmas*, premiered in 1981. Every year since, installing this magnificent production has taken a month of preparation - including lighting load-in, angel track installation and rigging, set construction, volunteer recruitment and training, and cast re-

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Art Show, Film Screenings & Family Workshops

Receive "The Gift of Courage"

By Margie Zuliani, Crystal Cathedral Member & Volunteer

Courage is a virtue a brave person exhibits in the face of great difficulty or fearsome circumstance. We see images of great courage all around us today as we

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sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

See and hear the greatest Pastors in the world!

Sunday, December 7
Bill Hybels



Sunday, December 14
Luis Palau



Sunday, January 18
Kenneth C. Ulmer



Sunday, January 3
Suzette Caldwell



Returning soon...
John C. Maxwell & Lee Strobel



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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, IN THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

SEVEN GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

3 PM • 4:30PM • 6PM • 7:30PM • 9PM • 10:30PM • 12 MIDNIGHT (bilingual)



Dr. Robert H. Schuller



Roger Williams



Morris Robinson



Vicky Beeching



Sofie Thurston

MORE ON SUNDAY

▶ Live Contemporary Worship
▶ Live Feed of Morning Message & Guest!
▶ Live Connection with Friends!
11 AM, FREED THEATER

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

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

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

arabic Christian ministry
1:30 PM
IN THE ARBORETUM

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

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

calendar of events

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

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS
in the Crystal Cathedral
Experience the Miracle

TICKETS @
 THE BOX OFFICE

OR CALL
714 54-GLORY

OR ORDER ONLINE:
www.crystalcathedral.org



Now – JANUARY 4

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2 Veteran's Meeting (10)	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Travel Luncheon (11)	12 Parent's Night Out (8)	13
14	15	16	17	18 50+ Luncheon (11)	19	20 Newport Boat Parade (11)
21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Services	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	december		

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
january				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4 <i>Glory of Christmas</i> closing night (1,3)	5	6 Veteran's Meeting (10)	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 50+ Prime Time (11)	16	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	20	21	22	23	24
25 Living by God's Design begins (5)	26	27	28	29	30	31





Coming...
 Divorce & Grief Recovery: 2/12 (11)
 Care & Kindness Conf.: 3/12-14 (6)
 Heritage of America Tour: 3/13-22 (11)
 Pageant of our Lord: 3/29 (11)

every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

American Dream Builders, 7 PM, FLC-FH2 562-402-1424
 Band of Brothers, 7 PM, FLC-3 714-971-4236

tuesday

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

wednesday

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

thursday

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

friday

Soul Food, resumes 9/12, 6:30 PM, FLC-3 714-971-4240

saturday

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



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Crystal Cathedral people

JIM & CATHY COYER: A Life Lesson in Forgiveness

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

It wasn't appealing to Cathy, the offer she had to quit school teaching before the end of the year and move from Minnesota to the Panama Canal zone. However, Jim, her fiancé, had given her an ultimatum saying, "Come now or never, and marry me." She went and didn't look back, and even came to love living in the tropics.

After completing her training at Mankato State Teachers College in Minnesota, Cathy taught all grades in a one-room schoolhouse as well as in city schools and later in the Canal Zone at Pedro Miguel schools. She'd taught Sunday school, too, in many different places. So getting married and starting a family was like starting a second career.



After four years in the central America, they elected to move back to mid-America and Minneapolis became their home. Their first daughter, Cindy, had already been born, followed by Nancy and then Debbie in 1953 and '54.

There were many challenges in their first years as parents of three young girls. Sometimes it was the

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SHERYL WIENS: Gracious Gardner

By Michelle Cavinder,
Director of Men's/Women's/Learning Network

I love this photo of Sheryl Wiens, one of our precious "red coat" tour guides. I came upon her on her knees after having worked a full shift as a guide.

In the absence of our regular landscaping crew, which is on hiatus as we work through this difficult financial season, this retired teacher felt compelled to help. Sheryl, who leads Crystal Cathedral tours on Thursday from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, took it upon herself to weed the entire garden in front of the beautiful and inspiring bronze statue depicting Jesus walking on water, *Peace be Still*, located in the reflecting pool on the south side of the Tower of Hope.

When I asked what motivated her to do such a thoughtful act of Christian charity, she said that she is 100% behind this church and would do anything to help. What a blessing you are, Sheryl! You are such an inspiration to us all.



MILT LOCKETT: From Grief to Gratitude at Christmas

I'm looking forward to the Christmas season this year, but it hasn't always been that way. Here is my story:

At 18, I was already a father and the marriage didn't last long. In those days, no recovery programs were available so you just moved on. I eventually remarried and had another son and daughter, but after 30 years of marriage, my wife asked for a divorce. My mother had died the day before. I remember attending the Cathedral's Christmas Eve program that year, and seeing all the happy families around me only made me feel worse by comparison. Life was not good.

I continued to attend services at the Crystal Cathedral and eventually joined the Divorce and Grief Recovery group. I was very depressed, but the program was a lifesaver. After completing the program, I received a pin with a rainbow and imprint that said, "I feel good." I didn't feel good yet, but I

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

Interactive Study on Romans

Sundays, 11 AM

FLC-435. Fee: No charge

Registration: Just drop in!

Join Executive Pastor, Dr. Jim Poit, on this interactive study through one of the most fascinating and life-changing books of the Bible. Bring a set of colored pencils. For details, call 714-971-4080.

Experiencing the Birth of Christ

Tues., December, 2, 7 - 8:30 PM

Chapel in the Sky - Free! Just show up!

Welcome Christ to be born anew in your heart this Advent season. Dr. Bill Gaultiere will lead us in a nativity prayer experience set to candlelight so that we can really enter into the joy of Christmas this year!

Living by God's Design

Sundays, January 25 - Mar. 8

9-10:45 AM, Family Lounge

Through your story timeline, you will discover how God has been preparing for his ultimate desire for your life. (NOTE: No meeting Feb 15.) Register (\$10 material fee) at 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystal-cathedral.org. More details, pg. 5.

PJ's Heavenly Cafe

Welcoming Center

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

New on Sundays!

Breakfast Buffet
9 - 11 AM

Catering

714-971-2289



Congregational LIFE

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

CC Members: Connection Power

If you are a member of the local congregation and would like to access/update your information, contact other members, view online calendar, register for classes or events, and join groups online, call 714-971-4062 or email deby@crystalcathedral.org.

Living by God's Design

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life

Do you have a sense of urgency in your life? Searching for significance? Do you ever wonder if this is all there is? Want to leave a legacy? Have difficulty setting boundaries? Have a story? Want to make a difference in the world? Live life with a sense of expectation? Are you questioning your purpose or 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 world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Join us, Sundays, January 25 – March 8, from 9 – 10:45 AM in the Family Lounge. (NOTE: No meeting on President's Day weekend, Feb 15.) Register (\$10 material fee) at 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

House of Hope – Hearts of Thanksgiving

By Larry Kimpel, Volunteer

On November 7, Community Missions Director Gudelia Ramirez and Dr. Sandra Herron's sum-

mer "Soul Journey" class joined other C.C. volunteers to provide a pizza dinner for the families of the House of Hope, a facility operated by the O.C. Rescue Mission.

The class members had wanted to work together on a mission project, so when this opportunity arose to minister to a group of formerly battered women and their children, they were excited to provide the dinner and visit with the moms and kids. A few had gathered earlier to wrap gifts, and others had arranged the dinner. What they experienced was even more meaningful than they had expected. One volunteer said, "We were able to connect with these families, hold the babies, play with the children, and read stories to them. It was awesome!"

While some volunteers tended to the children, others gathered with the moms, asking different questions to get to know them, such as, "What are you most thankful for this year?" The mom's answers were honest and touching:

"I am thankful for my sobriety."

"I am thankful for being safe and having my children with me."

"I am thankful for a spiritual healing."

"I am thankful for my new baby."

We closed the evening by asking the moms for their prayer requests. Please pray for all the mothers - they are amazingly courageous women, our sisters in Christ.

WEDDING MINISTRY

Bridal Fair: Scoring Big with a Big Idea

By Larry Kimpel, Volunteer

Most of you reading this know well that the Crystal Cathedral was built on big, huge, seemingly impossible ideas that were made possible by believers who simply would not quit on God. Well, on Saturday, October 18, 2008, another big, huge, seemingly impossible idea was also brought forth into reality by a body of believers within this ministry. The Crystal Cathedral Wedding Department held its very-first-ever Bridal Fair, which played to rave reviews by all who attended.

The day was absolutely perfect. It was sunny, but not sweltering. A light breeze graced the campus, and there were no Santa Ana winds to be found anywhere. Over 40 future brides, grooms, and their entourages came from all over the area to partake in the one-day event and

over 40 vendors welcomed them with open arms. Brand names like Marriott, Sheraton, American Express, Sandals resorts, Turnip Rose, and PJ's Abbey were all here along with dynamic newcomers to the bridal and wedding industries. Crystal Cathedral Wedding Director Kim Kimpel offered both the big boys and the little guys an equal playing field to be able to strut their stuff before the enthusiastic couples to be.

Kim shared that the idea of this Bridal Fair was two-fold. "One, we wanted to showcase the five wedding venues that we have here on campus as a bride and groom would see them at their actual wedding, the five locations being the Crystal Cathedral, Arboretum, Courtyard, Garden, and Chapel in the Sky. Two, we wanted to spread the vendors out in such a way that they were in their own spaces and not crammed together like at most Bridal Fairs. We wanted them to feel comfortable and not in competition with each other while also giving the couples the opportunity to speak one-on-one with each vendor at any given time.

"The idea seemed to work beautifully and it will be the model for all of our future Bridal shows. We are planning our next event for April 2009 and we've already received several phone calls from vendors wanting to sign up again because they said they actually had fun doing our show."

If you would like more information about weddings at the Crystal Cathedral, call Kim at 714-971-4240.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Join Other U.S. Veterans

The first Tuesday of every month, 12 – 2 PM on Tower of Hope, Floor 2, we offer U.S. veterans a forum to pay tribute to those who have contributed to uphold our right to freedom. Our goal is to educate and enlighten our youth about the sacrifices made by those who were called, and served, to defend and protect the United States of America. You're invited to meet for fellowship, updates, special speakers, and encouragement. For de-

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STAY IN TOUCH

Crystal Cathedral	714-971-4000
E-Mail	info@crystalcathedral.org
Web Site	crystalcathedral.org
Prayer Community	crystalcathedral.org/prayer
One Community	crystalcathedral.org/community
New Hope Hotline	
24-hr. phone counseling	714-New-Hope or 639-4673
Web Site	newhopenow.org
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F	714-New-Teen or 639-8336
Web Site	teenline.org
Rancho Capistrano	949-347-4000
E-Mail	info@ranchocapistrano.org
Web Site	ranchocapistrano.org



Sandra Herron (center, sitting) and her "Soul Journey" class, volunteering at the House of Hope.

care & kindness

CARE MINISTRY

Need to Talk?

You may call:

714-NEW-HOPE (Adults).

714-NEW-TEEN (Teens).

Family Counseling Center, 714-971-4222.

Care Ministry, 714-971-4032.

Crystal Cathedral Pastor, 714-971-4098.

PRAYER

Need Prayer?

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

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

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

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

"...a house of prayer for all peoples"

Crystal Cathedral's online Prayer Community was founded on the beloved scripture verse: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). As a body of believers, God has called each of us to pray... and to pray for one another. Prayer is simply talking with and listening to God. It can be done privately or with other believers - any time and anywhere. We invite you today to join our online Prayer Community at crystalcathedral.org. There you will be able to:

- Submit prayer requests to all Prayer Community users or to a confidential prayer team.
- Respond electronically to the prayer requests of others.
- Maintain your own Prayer Journal of your prayer requests, responses received, and people for whom you're praying.
- Develop spiritual friendships with other participants.
- Grow in your under-



standing of prayer through online resources.

Also, find out the statistics on our website regarding the "Top Ten Praying Countries" (you may be surprised to see who comes out on top), and the "Top Ten Countries Needing Prayer" in our Prayer Community. This truly is an international community of prayer, binding the Church of Jesus Christ together, lifting each other up while worshipping and praising our unending and always-loving Lord.

DR. KOK'S KORNER

You are Invited to a Christmas Series

Pastor Jim Kok will be teaching on Sundays in December, 9 to 10:30 AM in the Family Life Center, Room 221.

December 7: "How the Messiah Promise Started"

December 14: "What Jesus Finished"

December 21: "Did Jesus Want to Start a Religion?"

The Becomers, an adult Bible study class, is filled with kind and caring people who are just waiting to get to know you better. Just drop in!

CARE & KINDNESS CONFERENCE

March Conference: Line-Up Announced

Our church has been commended repeatedly for being "the friendliest church we've ever been to." We are working very hard to keep it that way, and to help other churches become outstanding in showing hospitality, friendliness, appreciation, and encouragement. Our annual Care and Kindness Conference is designed to help us all be "the light of the world" as Jesus called us to be. New speakers this year include:

Dr. Robert Emmons, author of *Thanks* and professor at the University of California-Davis, is the leading researcher on the benefits and skills of being actively grateful every day of the week.

Dr. William La Fleur, from The University of Pennsylvania, teaches Comparative Religions. Living side-by-side with one of the largest Vietnamese population outside of Saigon, most of whom are Buddhists, be enlightened on how to show loving kindness to this wonderful group of people.

David Kinnaman has unsettling evidence that Christians are not held in high esteem by those outside the church. Presenting much of what is found in his book, *UnChristian*, he will share his research and the solutions to this dilemma.



In addition, enjoy these other fine speakers with dynamic topics that will help us keep our lights shining brightly: Robby V. Schuller, Rebecca Caldwell, Vicki Orr, Annette Craig, Jan Pfeffer, and Dick Innes.

The Care & Kindness Conference 2009 will be held March 12 - 14 in the beautiful Arboretum.

NEW HOPE

"New Hope" Online

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

New Hope Communications Class

During the New Hope Counselor training series, learn the crisis counseling ABCs - how to help grieving people, how to set boundaries with difficult people, and how to prevent suicide. Cost: small materials fee. Call Hotline Supervisor Barbara Barrientos for more details and the schedule for the next series at 714-971-4123.

God's Love, Our Christmas Gift!

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director of New Hope

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the most powerful expression of God's love, his Christmas gift to us! Aren't you excited to open your Christmas present from God?

How can we enjoy these heavenly gifts every day? Let me explain with a metaphor. Imagine a huge, beautifully decorated circular banquet table full of the fruit of the Spirit with open seats around it. The table is set up right in the center of a grand ballroom with festive music playing. On each wall is a door. You can join the party, dance to the music, and feast at the table of his love by entering

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Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministry

Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

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through any one of these four doorways:

Doorway 1 - Thankfulness: To enter, you must thank God for certain ways that he has shown you his love.

Doorway 2 - Worship: Draw near to God and sing out your love for him.

Doorway 3 - Helpfulness: Help someone in need.

Doorway 4 - Seeking Help: Ask a friend and God for the support you need.

You don't have to wait until Christmas to walk through these doorways to God's banquet table of love. God's love is always available to us. Step into the circle of love today. Dance in the ballroom and celebrate God's goodness. Sit at the banquet table, invite others to join you, and together feast on the fruit of the Spirit. Just pick a door and open it - experience thankfulness, worship, helping someone in need, or asking for the help you need and you'll be celebrating the gift of God's love for you! (Read the full article at newhopenow.org.)

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Here to Help You...

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

Professional Counselors are available to help couples, families, and individuals during life-changing events. Find help with pre-marital, marital, family, career, grief, and every day coping issues from a counseling team that includes counselors with special interests in parents, children, adolescents, career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. There are bilingual counselors for those who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Pre-Marital or Marital Communication Sessions are also held as well as affordable individual, couple, family, child, and group counseling on a sliding scale. Call the Family Counseling Center at 714-971-4222 for an appointment and a counselor will return your call.

Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) Multi-family sessions are available in Spanish and English in the Orange County area. Call 714-538-6387.

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.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL

A TIME OF GIVING AT CHRISTMASTIME

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

Our children started our Christmas celebration last month by participating in Operation Christmas Child and, as we like to describe it, "filling a box with love" to share with children in need. This month, the children of the Crystal Cathedral Preschool will perform their annual Christmas program - the "shortest but sweetest" little Christmas pageant ever!

Please contact the office at 714-971-4141 for more information about the Preschool program. The school is open Monday - Friday from 7 AM until 6 PM, and serves children ages

2-5. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the school offers a well-developed Early Childhood Education program.

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS
BLESS YOUR CHILD WITH A POSITIVE EDUCATION**

Crystal Cathedral schools elementary, middle school, and high school students receive a real head start on living a life filled with possibilities and purpose.

Founded on the principles of positive Christianity, this K-12 performing arts school offers courses in the visual arts, drama, music, and P.E.

classes twice a week in addition to a dynamic accelerated general curriculum, and continues to be an example of abundant giving to the community.

If you are interested in blessing your children or grandchildren with a positive education and nurturance as unique children of God, contact Mrs. Mulady, School Registrar, at 714-971- 4159.



Memorial Gardens Cemetery

A beautiful, peaceful, place for you and your family in your time of need. Though the month of December, when property is purchased in Memorial Gardens, receive a special Christmas gift of two tickets to *The Glory of Christmas*. Call us, 714-971-4138.

OCTOBER 2008 INTERMENTS

Nelli Zharovskaia	10/03/08
Robert Donovan Walker	10/06/08
Connie Schrock	10/13/08
Mary Martha Black	10/16/08
Esther Scriven	10/28/08

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

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

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

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: 1st/3rd Sun., 1:30



PM, T-2. Adults who have lost loved one to suicide.

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

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

FAMILY EVENTS

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

Plan that long-awaited date night with your spouse or time alone to renew your energy and spirit while we encourage your kids and have fun!

Our Children's Ministry is offering you FREE CHILDCARE on Friday, December 12, 6-11 PM, in the Family Life Center. Optional pizza & soda dinner is available for \$5.

RSVP 714-971-4087.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

SHARE THE SEASON WITH US AT C3

Are you experiencing the busyness of the holidays? Too many activities including school, work, shopping, and church? If you've been feeling hectic the last few weeks, find your way back - or join us for the first time - this Sunday at C3.

We are at a critical phase of ministry where every single face that comes really makes a huge difference.

Think how many times you have considered something important God wanted you to do like going to a Bible study, church, or a conference but didn't you didn't go. Do you remember thinking later or hearing from friends that you missed out on something great? Every time we listen to God's "nudge," we are blessed.

Come share the season with us and be blessed by God through praise and worship at C3!

Families Worship Together at C3!

Sundays, 11 AM, 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

MORE ON C3

C3 Q&A

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

C3 is the pioneer contemporary ministry of the Crystal Cathedral and meets every single week in the Freed Theater at 11:00 AM. Our goal is to be a community built around the love of Jesus Christ that reaches seekers, builds believers, and changes the world.

What should I expect at C3? C3 is a LIVE video venue of the Crystal Cathedral with the same interview and message as the Hour of Power and Crystal Cathedral Classic, with full contemporary worship in an awesome venue called Freed Theater located on the lower level of the Welcoming Center building. You can expect to connect with the Lord through great rock style worship music, enriching messages and special guests, free coffee, and an environment where people know your name.

Who attends C3? Really, anyone is welcome at C3. We have all ages ranging from seniors in their latter years to infants. Children are welcome to worship with their families in C3 though we encourage kids to attend Kid Power Plant or Student Ministries. The only exception to that is if a child is abnormally loud during the service we ask parents to respect the worship service.

Who leads C3? C3 has two main pastors and is largely volunteer-run.

Gretchen Schuller-Penner is the C3 host pastor. Gretchen is married to Jim Penner and has two children, Julia and Paige. She has served in numerous different capacities at the Crystal Cathedral including her current role in TV programming. Gretchen's heart is to connect with the women of C3 by being a light for Jesus Christ and a conduit of God's power and wisdom. To connect with her, email us at c3@crystalcathedral.org.

Kyle Steven Bonenberger is the contemporary worship pastor at the Crystal Cathedral. Kyle is married to Lisa Ramsland Bonenberger and says the most important day in his life is every day. Kyle serves in several capacities on Crystal Cathedral staff and loves the church. He is currently in seminary studying to finish his Masters of Divinity. To get in touch with Kyle, email us at c3@crystalcathedral.org.

Lisa Ramsland Bonenberger is a volunteer in charge of connection ministries, volunteers, and a smiling warm face at C3 every single week. Lisa's love for Jesus is evident to everyone who meets her. Lisa formerly served as a small groups pastor of a large church in San Diego called "The

Church at Rancho Bernardo." Currently, she is studying to complete her Master's Degree in Christian Ministry and Leadership.

How can I get involved in C3? That is the best question yet! For starters, C3 volunteers have a simple involvement process that starts with simply attending every week. After consistent attendance, talk to Lisa and let her know what area of ministry you are interested in and we'll start you out. There is a small interview/questionnaire and we'll get you trained up in the areas you need!

How can I plug my family into the broader church? Great question. At C3, we care about families — all sizes, shapes, and life-stages. It is our goal to help you connect with families that are similar yours - families that are also getting through what you are going through.

