

family ministries

Family Ministries
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Children's Ministry
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Upcoming event

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY CAMP '08: "THE AMAZING RACE!"

This May 23-25, join other fun and friendly Crystal Cathedral families at Forest Home Conference Center for three days and two nights of activities, awesome worship, inspirational messages, fun, and lots of free time to spend with your family! Call NOW to reserve your spot - 714-971-4236.

First 25 families - two kids free!

Sunday Worship

FAMILIES WORSHIP TOGETHER AT C3!

Every Sunday, 9:30 & 11 AM

In the Freed Theater (Welcoming Center, Garden Level)

- ▶ Live Music/Worship Band with Kyle Steven
- ▶ Live Message & Interview Video Feed
- ▶ Live Connection with Others

Bring your family or a friend, or come by yourself to be a part of the C3 family, which offers the warmth of community and a dynamic and heart-felt worship style designed with you in mind. Host pastor Kim Kimpel, plus Kyle Bonenberger with the C3 Worship Team, and the entire C3 family will help you to feel at home, connect with God, and build rich, lasting relationships in this wonderful, growing community.

Following both services, Pastor Kim will be available to help you get connected as you stay, have a cup of Starbucks® coffee, and meet other young families and new friends in PJ's Heavenly Café. See you Sunday!



FAMILY ADVICE

THE LOVING GIFT OF LETTING GO

Q. My mother was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's. As of now, she still remembers my siblings and me. At times she gets the names of our children mixed up. I am already finding myself grieving the loss of my mother. I feel so guilty about the time I lost with her in the past. I was so caught up in furthering my career that I neglected her. Now, I feel like it's too late. Can you help?

-Too little too late

A. Although it doesn't feel like it right now, in truth you have been given a gift! You have an opportunity to make the most of these last years with your mother. There are two suggestions I will give you—the first is practical and the second is spiritual.

1. Capture her now while you still have time—take pictures, videotape, record, journal—get her to talk about her life as much as you can.

This project will provide a way for you to stay as connected with her as possible. In the process, you will provide a gift for your children and your children's children, and give her the gift of you while she still knows you and recognizes you.



2. Put her in God's hands—she is His child more than she is your mother. When my father was in the hospital in Amsterdam with a head injury that left him with no memory, my mother faced an uncertain future. She cried out to God. Suddenly, she looked out the hospital window and saw a sparrow sitting on the window ledge. Immediately she recalled the lyrics to an old hymn: "Why

should I feel discouraged...His eye is on the sparrow...and I know He watches me!"

Treasure the moments you have left with her, resting in the hope that she is in good hands—God's hands!

-Dr. Sheila

Do you have a question for Dr. Sheila? Email your question to asksheila@crystalcathedral.org.

YOUTH

KIDS

VALENTINE'S DAY BABYSITTING & PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

On Friday, February 15, the Children's Ministry Department is sponsoring a fun night for kids and parents. Parents, drop your kids (infants - 12 yrs.) off at the Family Life Center at 6 PM and pick them up at 11 PM after your date night! Popcorn and childcare will be provided free. If you want us to feed your child, there will be a \$5 meal cost. Please RSVP by Mon., Feb. 11. Call with questions and for reservations, 714-971-4087.

SEEKING CREATIVE PEOPLE FOR 2008 VBS PLANNING

The Children's Ministry is already making plans for Vacation Bible School 2008, June 23-27. We seek energetic, creative, and exciting people to join our planning committee. If you are interested in joining us, or for more information, please call 714-971-4087!

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE @ KPP!

During every month, and especially in February, we celebrate God's love! Children will be drawn into Kid Power Plant because they feel loved, they have fun, and there's always something new and different to discover and learn. The everyday world disappears and Kid Power Plant comes alive!

During this revolutionary experience for preschoolers and elementary-aged children, the hands-on activities and the relationships with friends and leaders allow our children the opportunity to "ignite" their inherent

potential (Philippians 1:6), "connect" to their God-given plan and dream (Jeremiah 29:11), and "transform" through a positive relationship with Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

We look forward to loving and nurturing your children in friendship and faith, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 1:30 PM, Sundays in the Family Life Center - now better known as KID POWER PLANT!

BLESS YOUR BABY WITH BAPTISM!

If you 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

XLR8: It's a place where Jr. Highers come together! If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, XLR8 is where you want to be. We have wild and crazy Tuesday night programming, 7 - 9 PM in the Family Life Center basement. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 - 8:30 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!



XLR8 SUNDAYS: It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays during the 11 AM services in the Family Life Center, room 236.

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FLAKE '08 WINTER TRIP: FEB. 22-24

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

FUEL: This is where High Schoolers fill up! FUEL shatters the stereotype that church is boring. FUEL is designed to celebrate life and relationships. FUEL meets Wednesday nights, 7 - 9 PM in the Family Life Center basement. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 - 9 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

SUNDAY FUEL: This is our growth program. Its goal is to be a place where faith would



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.

grow deep and be fruitful, where each student steps into real-life relationship with Christ and with one another. SUNDAY FUEL meets Sunday Mornings during the 11 AM services in B-22 in the Family Life Center.

OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU!

Student Ministries is still in need of volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The only requirements are: Love God and Love Youth! Contact Janie Zinn for more details: 714-971-4189 or janiez@crystalcathedral.org.



SAVE THE DATE:

- Winter ONederland: Feb. 8-10
- '80s Valentine Party: Feb. 13
- Project Timothy Apps. Due: April 15
- Planned Famine Fundraiser: April 25-26
- Project Timothy: July 3-16
- Mexico Mission: July 24 - Aug. 2
- Summer Camp: Aug. 10-15

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

ADULT Ministries



AN INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Women's NetWork

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.
MATTHEW 13:47

TRAVEL MINISTRY

ANNUAL WOMEN'S VALENTINE POTLUCK

On Tues., Feb. 12, 11:30 AM in the Art Gallery Bring your favorite salad to share. Enjoy special guests Dave and Nicole Stevens who will share their sweet love story and more. RSVP: 714-971-4080.

WOMEN'S NETWORK: YOU ARE VALUED!

Teacher extraordinaire Rhea Zakich will help you discover your Net-Worth value during the Women's NetWork interactive Bible study with every Tuesday, 9 AM in the Art Gallery. February dates: 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26. For more info., call 714-971-4080.



TRAVEL MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Thurs., Feb. 7, 11:30 AM, T-2. Hear more about the upcoming tours scheduled for you, your fellow Crystal Cathedral friends, and whomever you think might enjoy time spent traveling with great people to great places! Join us for a delicious lunch, followed by a video presentation of "That's Vegas," a Holland America Cruise show starring Michael Hunter & cast. Cost: \$10. The next luncheon will be on Mar. 20.

PAGEANT OF OUR LORD

Sun. March 9, 1-6 PM, \$32. Enjoy this unique presentation of the life of Christ through life-sized paintings and sculptures, utilizing live models within the art, accompanied by original narration, choir, and orchestra. Join in this beautiful blending of art, drama, and music.

SOUL FOOD: A REFRESHING EVENING

On Friday nights, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Lounge, we invite you to Soul Food - a refreshing evening Bible study for women, taught by the one-and-only Kim Kimpel. February dates: 2/1, 2/18, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29. For more info., call 714-971-4080.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

...for some popular Women's Ministry annual events. Mothers, daughters, sisters, neighbors, best friends - let's celebrate together! RSVP: 714-544-5679.

Easter Luncheon: On Tuesday, March 11, celebrate together our Risen Lord and the hope He provides. Special guest TBA.



Mother/Daughter Tea: Join world-renowned artist, Susan Rios, on Saturday, May 3, 11 AM in the Arboretum.

MEN'S NETWORK

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: EVERY MONDAY

If you have a passion for sports, hiking, fishing, hunting, or you name it, you'll find it on Monday nights, 7 PM in the Family Lounge (between Arboretum and Art Gallery). Join men from all walks of life, but with common interests coming together for a time a laughter, learning and growing together. Men, you weren't called to do life alone - come and become part of the Crystal Cathedral Band of Brothers! Questions? Call 714-971-4236.

BRANSON, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

Next fall, Nov. 5 - 13. You'll want to be a part of this delightful nine-day tour of America's musical heritage! Highlights include Branson shows, a



showboat cruise, the new Clinton Presidential Library, Graceland, Grand Ole Opry, BB King's Blues Café, Country Music Hall of Fame, and more. \$1,999 pp/dbl. occ.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Call or go to the Box Office for more details:
- San Diego Wild Animal Park, 5/17.
- Santa Barbara Surf & Turf, 6/14.
- Reagan Library, 6/19.
- Hollywood Bowl, 7/4.
- Pageant of the Masters, 9/24.
- Solvang Danish Days, 11/20.
- Newport Harbor, 12/20.



RESERVATION INFORMATION

Go to the Box Office or call for details and reservations, 714-544-5679. Trips and pricing are subject to change.

MATURE ADULTS

50+PRIME TIME: VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

At the "50+ Prime Time" monthly luncheon on Thurs., Feb. 14, 11:30 AM in the Arboretum, Maestro Don and Susan Neuen will share their remarkable and touching love story. Spirit-lifting dance music of the ballroom & jazz style by Dave and Nicole Stephen's Band follows. Bring your



friends and invite your neighbors to this old-fashioned "tea dance" (\$5/door; RSVP by 2/11, 714-971-4032).

SINGLES

DIVORCE & GRIEF RECOVERY:
EMBRACING THE FUTURE!

Divorce & Grief Recovery has been described as "a place where miracles happen." Join us for the next series beginning Thurs. evening, February 7. It will change your life and help you to:

- Embrace the truth to will set us free.
- Harness out-of-control emotions.
- Let go of the past and embrace the future.
- Learn to trust again.
- Be single, confident, and compassionate.
- During each weekly series

For more details, see story by facilitator Sharon Lockett on pg. 4!

of classes, you will find great fantastic facilitators George Hansel and Sharon Lockett, understanding, small group support, and even laughter. For those with children, the Confident Kids program meets concurrently. To register or for more details, call 714-971-4084.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP:
SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS

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

MATURE ADULTS
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S
Bob Cavinder, Pastor

TRAVEL
Rev. Glenn DeMaster,
Pastor

WOMEN'S
Michelle Cavinder,
Director

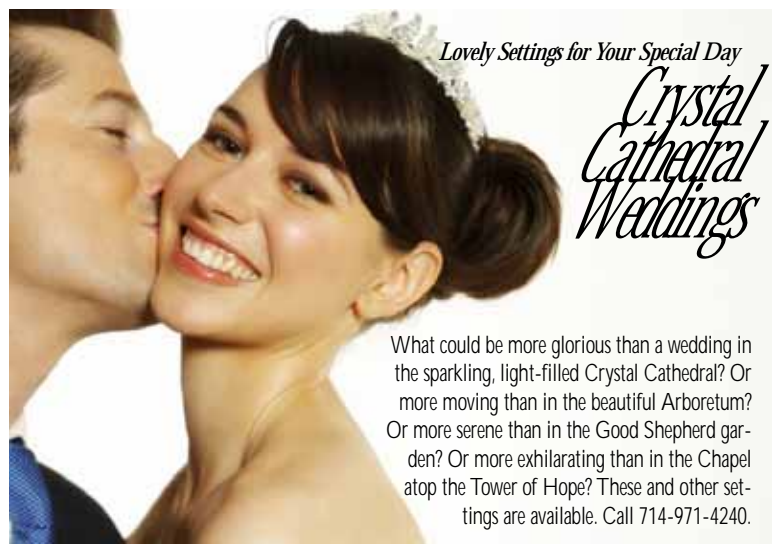


celebrate
"Love" in
february

Offering a wide range of inspiring and encouraging gifts – jewelry, books, decorative items, toys, etc. – a perfect way to say "I love you" this Valentine's day.

Open daily, 9 am – 6 pm

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS



Lovely Settings for Your Special Day

*Crystal
Cathedral
Weddings*

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the sparkling, light-filled Crystal Cathedral? Or more moving than in the beautiful Arboretum? Or more serene than in the Good Shepherd garden? Or more exhilarating than in the Chapel atop the Tower of Hope? These and other settings are available. Call 714-971-4240.

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gation have been a part of in 2007. We will also unveil the goals many of you have helped us set for 2008. Both the achievements and the goals will be organized around our new mission statement: "The mission of Crystal Cathedral Ministries is to inspire persons to KNOW GOD, LOVE PEOPLE and SERVE THE WORLD through the positive, power-filled message of Jesus Christ."

In our Congregational Annual Report, this year, our goals and accomplishments will be presented in these categories:

KNOW GOD - anything that has brought or will bring us closer to the Lord through word and worship, like Sunday

services, Bible studies, concerts, etc.

LOVE PEOPLE - anything that has brought or will bring us together in fellowship, like membership, small groups, community outreach events, etc.

SERVE THE WORLD - anything that we do or will do to reach out in Christ's love through giving, service/volunteerism, missions, prayer, etc.

Also during the meeting, the Crystal Cathedral budget will be discussed, and any questions you may have about the ministry will be answered by Pastor Schuller and me. Moreover, we will pray as a church body for the future of our ministry, seeking God's wisdom and blessing as we move forward with our goals and dreams for 2008 and years ahead.

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high as 1,000 feet, and repeats this exercise over and over again until each eaglet in the nest is capable of flying on its own.

God does that for us daily. We free fall into sin. God forgives and restores us. We need love and security. He gives it...no strings attached. Just as a mother eagle provides for the needs of her offspring, so God meets our every need - physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual.

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There will be times in our walk with God that He is going to stir our nest and we may wonder if He has forgotten us. But remember this: Just as a baby eaglet cannot fall as fast as a mother eagle can fly, neither can we fall beneath the reach of the protective hand of our loving Heavenly Father.

May God's love catch and carry you through all of life as you trust in Him.

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given to a Mobile Home park in Garden Grove where the majority of residents are in need of assistance with even the basic necessities.

- More than 250 pairs of shoes were donated to the welfare agencies in Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and the city of Orange.
- Eighteen 40-gal. bags of "gently used" clothing were given to several of the homeless facilities throughout the community.
- Five boxes of new clothes were given to agencies helping unemployed and destitute O.C. families.
- 150 cans of food and two large boxes of hygiene products were donated to the food banks and rescue missions.
- Shoes and new clothes were sent to an Aids shelter in Tijuana, Mexico.
- 500 lunches and over 200 breakfasts were provided to O.C. homeless shelters
- A lap-top computer was provided to Mathew's Kidz Club.
- A television, 30 cans of coffee, and 15 Bibles were sent to the L.A. Mission
- A bike was donated that will provide transportation for a Cactus Gardens resident in need.
- Two new volunteers were provided to Lampson School for their reading program.
- We hosted a breakfast for O.C. Habitat for Humanity.
- A young girl is being mentored to complete 45 hours of community service.
- ESL students volunteered for the World Vision Experience, "Step Into Africa."
- Gifts were provided for tutors and students in celebration of Epiphany.



Crystal Cathedral Community Missions reports this to honor you - those who give of your time, talent, and treasure - for a wonderful start of 2008! Thank you, Crystal Cathedral congregation! "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done" (Proverbs 19:7).



Crystal Cathedral Memorial Gardens

Crystal Cathedral Memorial Gardens is here for you in your time of need, with staff members always willing to listen and help answer all of your questions. For information, call 714-971-4138, or go to www.crystalcathedral.org/memorial.

DECEMBER 2007 INTERMENTS

Walter Bosko	12/17/07
Isabel Bruns	12/13/07
Boo Eng Choo	12/12/07
Dorothy Shultz	12/21/07
Bethel Tante	12/19/07

GET IN TOUCH

Crystal Cathedral

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Web Site

714-971-4000
info@crystalcathedral.org
crystalcathedral.org

New Hope Hotline

24-hr. phone counseling
Web Site
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F
Web Site

714-New-Hope or 639-4673
newhopenow.org
714-New-Teen or 639-8336
teenline.org

Rancho Capistrano

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Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries



CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER Ropes Course: Team Building & Leadership Training

Rancho Capistrano has a dynamic Ropes Challenge Course and excellent Leadership Training. There are half- and full-day programs, multi-day programs, and low-level activities, as well as high-level activities. From teen youth groups to seasoned ministry team leaders, there is a program for everyone. The benefits of these programs are many, and each participant leaves with:

- New and effective communication skills.
- A common team language and team process.
- Higher levels of trust and confidence.
- Knowledge of team strengths.
- Problem-solving and leadership skills.
- A sense of team unity and bond.
- The value of risk-taking to produce outstanding results.

Our Rancho Capistrano School teachers participate in this program at the beginning of each

school year, and they will excitedly tell you that it is life changing and extremely helpful to them. Call 949-347-4000 to learn more.

RANCHO CAPISTRANO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Where Children are Enriched in Mind, Body & Spirit

At Rancho Capistrano Christian School, your child will experience enrichment of mind, body, and spirit in our beautiful Spiritual Oasis.

The preschool serves 2 years through Pre-K, the Elementary School serves Jr.-K through 5th grade, and the Middle School serves 6th through 8th grades. Our students participate in daily physical education classes, and Kindergarten is a full-day program. Music, computer, and arts courses, along with great academic and elective instruction round out each student's day.

Learn why we believe in identifying and maximizing each child's individual giftedness by calling the school office at 949-347-7860 or sending an e-mail to schools@ranchocapistrano.org.

WEDDING CELEBRATIONS Romantic Valentine Ceremonies & Special Brunch Savings!

If you or someone you know has had a recent proposal, Valentine's Day may just be the perfect time to get married! Consider Rancho Capistrano for your romantic February nuptials, a natural



choice if you are looking for a place to have your rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony, and reception all at one location, and where the overnight rooms for you and your guests are but steps away.

Choose from church, garden, or courtyard ceremonies. We have clergy available to perform your ceremony, and a wedding coordinator is included in all packages for your rehearsal and wedding day. If your budget is limited, we have special reduced pricing for End-of-Winter and Spring Brunch Weddings!

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 as a backdrop. You can even schedule, for your out-of-town guests, a special breakfast the next morning!

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

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not because of her desire for personal learning and encouragement or to make new friends, though those benefits are nice! She volunteered simply because she saw the need: lonely people, hurting or stressed, and with no one to talk to. And often they're in danger of giving up on God because He hasn't seemed to be helping.

She's happy being an "unsung hero" because she wants the thanks and praise to be sung to Jesus.

The limelight is not what Quiet Servant is looking for. Rewards and awards aren't her motivation. She wants the applause to go to Jesus. She has received God's

care in the past when she was in need and she simply wants to give something back and do this as expression of her love for the Lord. She's happy

being an "unsung hero" because she wants the thanks and praise to be sung to Jesus. She likes being anonymous, even using a pseudonym as a New Hope volunteer. Often she secretly comes and goes to fulfill her shift on the phones or the website. If nobody knows except the callers or chatters and the Lord, then that's fine.

Quiet Servant offers care, kindness, and prayers as a New Hope Counselor because somebody needs to do it! Why not her? When she commits to a shift she keeps it – you can count on her! She is faithful and reliable, a person of her word.

She's serving Christ and meeting a need. Jesus' words are true for her: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

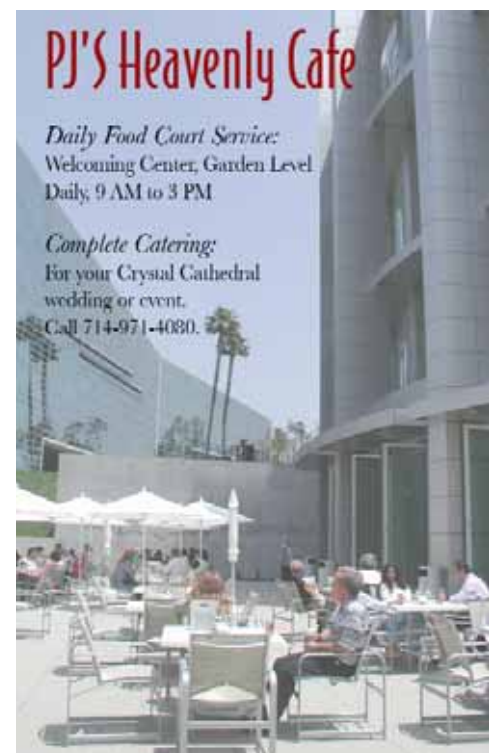
Thank you, each of you "Quiet Servant" New Hope Counselors!

NEW HOPE Communication Skills & Crisis Intervention Training

Class series starts Sat. morning, Feb. 3.

Next series, March 27 – April 1

Call 714-971-4123



HOURLY OF POWER

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Give your 2008 goals to GOD... BELIEVE IT! SEE IT!

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain 'MOVE!' and it will move" and nothing will be impossible for you." - Matthew 17:20

Are you ready to strengthen your relationships...with your spouse, your kids, your friends, your co-workers...to express love in a new and caring way?

If you're dealing with substance abuse...addictions with alcohol, drugs, unhealthy

"I want you to think about your measurable goals, Prayers, Steps, Aspirations."

What would you do if you knew who could see

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express love in a new and caring way? If you're dealing with substance abuse... addictions with alcohol, drugs, unhealthy food, or any behavior that is weighing you down and holding your back...are you open to making a change? Do you want to improve your financial future...build your business, get out of debt, prepare for retirement, leave a legacy? Most important of all, in 2008, do you want to grow your faith? Are you ready to deepen your trust and intimacy with our unconditionally loving and grace-filled Lord?

Whatever your hopes, dreams, and goals may be, we encourage you to join Crystal Cathedral friends from around the world as we give our futures to God in prayer. One way you can do that is by going online to hourofpower.org/2008goals, and put it in writing. Then, together, we'll wait,

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wonder, and watch expectantly to see what God will do. In six months, you'll be able to gauge the changes in your life bring you to or closer to achieving your goal when what you submitted is e-mailed back to you. How exciting is that?

This would be a perfect time to invite loved ones, dear friends, and acquaintances in your sphere of influence to come

to be encouraged, as well. Come on Sundays in February so I can help you to "believe it," so you can clearly "see it," so that God in His love and grace can help you to "achieve it" – to overcome whatever it is that keeps you from living the best life that God has in store for YOU!

Remember, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain MOVE! – and it will move – and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).

serve the world

Global Community

AT CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

GLOBAL MEMBERS

Sharing Spiritual Milestones

By Pastor Beverly Muffin, Crystal Cathedral Global Community Director

Ever since Robert "Evel" Knievel proclaimed his newfound faith and was baptized by Dr. Schuller in the Crystal Cathedral last April, *Hour of Power* viewers from all over the United States have been arriving, seeking to be baptized, as well.

One such person, little Carson Benedict, arrived with his mom and dad on a Sunday not long ago. In the photo, below you see him as he was on that day.

What a blessing to be a part of the shaping of spiritual milestones in the lives of our Global Members. And what a joy it was to be a part of a key moment in Carson's precious, young life.



SPECIAL EVENTS

"Step into Africa" Results

By Kym Smith, Dr. Schuller's Executive Staff

Over the last year, Dr. Robert H. Schuller's staff worked with the wonderful people at World Vision to bring "Step Into Africa," to the Crystal Cathedral, January 11-20. During the run of this interactive experience about the challenges of AIDS as experienced through the lives of four African children:

- 3,259 people walked through the experience.
- 344 children were sponsored.
- 50 one-time donations were made.

It was most certainly a tremendous success! Here's what one Crystal Cathedral member, Gabriel S., had to say after experiencing "Step Into Africa": "Wow! It touched my heart as well as my daughter's. It was a great journey."

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Fun Missions Fundraiser

You're invited! At the Valentine's Masquerade & Art Auction, have fun with Crystal

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Global Membership Opportunity

By Pastor Beverly Muffin, Crystal Cathedral Global Community Director

For most of you reading this, you consider yourself a member or attendee of the local Crystal Cathedral church. However, if you cannot make it to our campus for services and fellowship, you have the opportunity to become more connected through Global Membership. For more details go to crystalcathedral.org and click on "membership," or contact me at beverelym@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4329.



MORE NEWS

Legacy Club Information Meeting

Learn the many ways you may leave a legacy to our congregation as a member of the Legacy Club for the Crystal Cathedral Congregation Endowment Fund. Plan to attend an information meeting on Sunday, February 24 at 12:30 PM in the FLC-3 Boardroom. A free lunch will be served. Reserve by calling Bonnie Balloch at 714-971-4039.

Choir & Orchestra: Together in Concert!

By Sean Groombridge, Senior Organist

A spectacular evening of music has been planned for Thursday evening, February 28, as the Crystal Cathedral Choir and Hour of Power Orchestra join together for the opening night of the American Choral Director's Association annual convention. Join them in the Cathedral at 8:15 PM for a one-hour concert of Choral Masterworks and Sacred Anthems. Doors open at 7:30 PM and admission is free.

ABC TV Easter Special from the Crystal Cathedral

On behalf of the Reformed Church in

America, the Crystal Cathedral was approached by Interfaith Broadcasting Commission and asked to produce an Easter special, scheduled to be aired on ABC Television on or around Easter.

The Hope of Easter (current working title) will trace the extraordinary life of Jesus Christ through sensational musical performances, moving Easter reflections, and inspiring stories from well-known personalities. Rounded out by beloved scriptures, *The Hope of Easter* promises to be a must-see TV special that will inspire and encourage your entire family this Easter season.

For a complete ABC station listing for The



Hope of Easter, please visit www.abc.go.com/site/localstations.html.

Fundraiser Blesses Our Wounded Warriors

By Chuck Trout, Veteran's Ministry Chaplain

I would like to thank personally all those who attended the Echo Entertainment event that took place on November 7 in the Freed Theater. A total of \$2,300. was donated and sent to our volunteers at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. for a BBQ and gifts for the wounded military personnel arriving from Iraq. A special thanks goes to the volunteer cast of Echo performers for their time and devotion to such a worthy cause.

In addition to the November event, Echo Entertainment presented a show to the 50-plus veterans living at the Village of Cabrillo facility in Long Beach. This facility is one of ten directed by Steve Peck, son of the late actor Gregory Peck.

The guest speaker for the Tues., March 4, 7 - 9 PM Veterans Fellowship meeting on Tower of Hope, Floor 3, will be John Parent from the Veterans Services Office to explain the many benefits for which U.S. veterans are eligible. For more details, contact me at 714-971-4062 or chap-trout@aol.com.

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Cathedral friends while helping to support The Gathering's mission trip to Nepal this summer (see details below). An evening of elegance, intrigue, mystery, and dancing awaits you!

Entrance to the Friday, February 8, 7 PM event in the Welcoming Center is FREE, but you must wear an exotic mask (available for purchase upon arrival or bring your own). Dress is black & white only, cocktail attire. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, delectable desserts, coffee, and silent auction. For more details: hannahs@crystal-cathedral.org or Veronica at 714-317-9507.

Minister to the People of Nepal

Next summer, 2008, members of The Gathering Community will pack their bags and head off to the 16th poorest country in the world - Nepal. The cost of the trip will be offset by the many fundraisers planned. So, if you are interested in ministering to God's children in this remote region of the world, don't let the cost stop you from filling out an application form, available at the information table at The Gathering (Sundays, 11 AM in the



Arboretum). If your heart calls you to Nepal, join Bobby and Hannah Schuller on June 16 - July 3 for this life-changing mission.

More Int'l Mission Trips

International trips are currently being planned to send short-term mission teams to places as close as Mexico and as far as the Dominican Republic and possibly a return trip to Africa! If you have a heart for bringing the love of Jesus to people in need around the world, call the Global Community dept., 714-971-4194.

HOUR OF POWER INTERNATIONAL

International Directors Arrive

During the two weeks surrounding last month's Rethink conference, *Hour of Power* directors and staff arrived in Southern California from points scattered across the globe to attend the conference and to meet with each other and the Crystal Cathedral Ministries' team.

Achievements from 2007 and goals for 2008 and beyond were discussed in detail, highlighting the breakthroughs and challenges as these ministries grow around the world. See next month's *Crystal Cathedral Today* for more details about this important gathering of our international partners in ministry.

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kindness would be, "Thank you. I really appreciate hearing that." Even a simple "Thank you" would be enough.

Jesus knew how to treat a gift. When the young woman anointed him with expensive perfume, the disciples were aghast at the waste. However, Jesus gracefully embraced both the gift and the giver,

by his actions saying, "Thanks, I needed that."

A compliment is a gift. Most of us, if we are honest, are needy enough to take all the praise we can get. We are hungry and thirsty for "soul food," and it is God who brings the gift-giver into our lives as truly as He provides our daily bread. Accepting the manna of kindness from each other is, in truth, giving thanks to God, the Giver of every gift.

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THE JOY OF GIVING

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

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Singers Unite to Give the Gift of Song

By Estela Marie Go, Editor in Chief, The Monthly Roar

For some, it's a passion; for others, it's a talent; then there are those who simply just enjoy it. These are the kinds of people who make up the 2007-2008 Crystal Cathedral High School Choir directed by Ms. Anna DeLeon.

The start of a new school year meant new voices and a variety of singers with different levels of experience. Singers entering the high school from the Academy or elsewhere auditioned and filled in the slots for the four sections—soprano, alto, tenor, bass. Even though each section was quite equal in number, the voices of certain sections were clearly louder than of others. Months of practicing three times a week paid off and when performance time came, all the voices blended in very well.

During this past Christmas, the choir was booked for many performances. The holidays for the singers officially seemed to begin on November 18 during the Crystal Cathedral Tree Lighting Ceremony where they sang some Christmas carols.

Another wake up to the festive season was the City of Orange's Tree Lighting Ceremony. This was the first year the choir participated and the singers spent two days rehearsing about a dozen Christmas songs with other high school and church choirs nearby. Practice paid off and thousands of people watched a spectacular performance at the Orange Circle.

The choir didn't stop there; there was still a whole month of Christmas joy to share with others. During the Christmas program on December 10, the singers entertained the school with a humorous piece called "Monotone Angel."

Closing this year off with a beautiful song, the choir performed "Do You Hear What I Hear" for

three services on Christmas Eve. An amazing debut in the first service gave the choir the great honor to be televised internationally on the *Hour of Power* Christmas Eve services. This memorable night didn't end there! The choir got the chance to meet Mandisa, a finalist of American Idol who debuted with an album, *True Beauty*; this year that was nominated for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album in the 50th Annual Grammy Awards. The choir members were so excited to meet Mandisa, the beautiful woman with a majestic voice that sang into the hearts of anyone who attended any of the seven Crystal Cathedral Christmas Eve services that went from 3:30 in the afternoon until midnight.

Singing brought these choir members together but bonding made them strong and allowed them to perform with great excellence. Singing loud, singing proud, this is what the CCHS Choir does!

The Crystal Cathedral High School Choir and recent *Hour of Power* music guest, the Grammy nominated vocalist, Mandisa, after Sunday morning services.



NICOLE'S NETWORK connecting with your church community

Welcome our Guests!

As a Crystal Cathedral Tour Guide, give guided walking tours of the Crystal Cathedral to visitors from around the world! Share your knowledge while you share your heart. Shifts available, Mon. - Fri., 9 AM - 4:30 PM, and Sundays as well!

Know= the Crystal Cathedral; Love= sharing your church; Serve= visitors.

Encourage our Kids!

Have a hand in shaping the future of our community and our world through our children!

► Sundays - Kid Power Plant: Group leaders and assistants needed on Sundays; 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM.

► Weekday Evenings - Youth Ministries: Volunteers to love and encourage our Jr. & Sr. High students, Tue. & Wed. evenings.

► Weekday Afternoons - Kidz Klub: Materials provided. Serve some special neighborhood kids in need once a week, 3:30 - 5 PM.

► Weekday Mornings - Lampson Elementary Reader: Help children improve their reading skills. This is a three-month commitment for 1 hour per week, 9 - 10 AM.

Know= patience; Love= children; Serve= our future.

Assist our Congregation!

► Traffic Ministry: Direct the flow of traffic inside the Crystal Cathedral parking lot. Greet and guide Sunday service and "glory" atten-



dees. Sundays, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

► Shuttle Drivers: Meet people from around the world while transporting them from the parking areas to the church for worship. Two shifts available each Sunday. Great fun, thorough training, and a rewarding ministry!

► Tower Lobby Hosts: Assist in the Tower lobby; pick a shift between 9 AM - 4:30 PM. Answer visitor questions, direct people to the correct floor, answer phones, monitor traffic, and sort mail.

Know= points of contact; Love= being helpful; Serve= people on campus.

VOLUNTEER ONLINE at crystalcathedral.org/volunteer. Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! OR CALL Nicole Stephens, Director of Involvement & Service Ministry, at 714/971-4321. OR E-MAIL nicoles@crystalcathedral.org. OR SEE ROTO-RACK on the Plaza every Sunday morning for complete listings.