

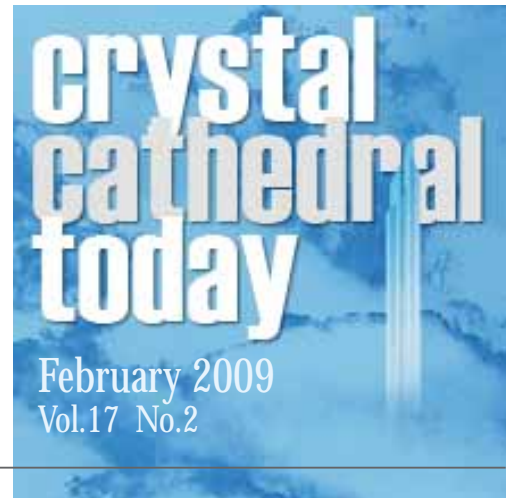
Celebrating Marriage!

Spend "An Evening Together" with couples of the church and the O.C.

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We're All About Love!



"If you can dream it, you can do it!"

Sharing God's Love with the People of China

By David Rathbun, Dr. Schuller Institute for Possibility Thinking, Inc., Beijing Representative Office



Professor Xu Jialu with Dr. Schuller

Dr. Robert H. Schuller played host to the high-level Chinese government delegation led by former 9th and 10th National People's Congress Standing Committee Vice Chairman Xu Jialu on January 11 and 13, at the Crystal Cathedral.

"Professor" Xu Jialu, along with a delegation of some of Dr. Schuller's most distinguished friends in the Chinese government and Chinese Association for International Friendly Contact, attended the 11 AM service on Sunday, January 11, 2009. After a gracious welcome by Dr. Schuller, Xu Jialu delivered heartfelt remarks to the Crystal Cathedral congregation and *Hour of Power* viewers around the world

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"I will put My love within them..."

Love IS the Christian Life

By Juan Carlos Ortiz, Senior Pastor

For many years, I thought of love as one of the virtues of the Christian life. In my sermons, I told people it was one of the most important things.

Then I began to experience real love. And I found that it is not one of the virtues of the Christian life – love IS the

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Bobby Schuller to Plant a New Church

A Bright Symbol of Christ's Abounding Love in the O.C.



On January 11, 2009, Rev. Robert V. (Bobby) Schuller, pastor of "The Gathering Community," announced that he will soon plant a new non-denominational 501c3 ministry in Orange County, CA. He is leaving his current location at the Crystal Cathedral with the blessing of the Crystal Cathedral and the Reformed Church in America denomination. The first Sunday service of The Gathering

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A Fond, Heart-Felt Goodbye

By Jim and Linda Poit

Dear Members of the Crystal Cathedral Congregation - it has been a pleasure to serve this congregation as your Pastor and Children's Ministry Director. Our family is so thankful for how you have welcomed us into your hearts and cared for us so deeply.

We have so many fond memories—the images of "Perilous Poit," Zach and Josh riding the statue sheep, Adam and Elisabeth acting in the Freed Theater and singing on the *Hour of Power*, praying with the ush-

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sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Every Sunday, join Dr. Robert H. Schuller in the magnificent Crystal Cathedral to hear and see America's most exciting, positive preachers and thinkers – each, in their own unique, God-given way, inspiring you in heart and soul.

February 8

Prolific author **BISHOP CHARLES BLAKE**, pastor to L.A.'s West Angeles Church of God in Christ, one of the fastest-growing churches in the nation, will help us with "Overcoming Negative Circumstances and Emotions" (based on Psalm 18:1-6).



Charles Blake

February 15

Our spirit-lifting Senior Pastor **JUAN-CARLOS ORTIZ** returns with a message of love, "Jesus' Version of a Valentine," based on Romans 5:5-11. (He'll be back on March 8!)



Juan Carlos Ortiz

February 22

Hear the greatest possibility thinker who ever lived, our Founding Pastor **ROBERT H. SCHULLER** with another thought-provoking and heart encouraging message.



Robert Schuller

March 1

Born with no arms and legs, **NICK VUJICIC** will share a unique message for our congregation, "Faith: Full Assurance in the Heart." Invite your friends!



Nick Vujicic

March 15 & 22

The always-inspiring **JOHN C. MAXWELL** will speak to the core of your heart's desire from his soon-to-be best-selling book, *Put Your Dream to the Test*.



John Maxwell

March 29

Emmy-award-winning science correspondent and History Channel host **MICHAEL GUILLEN** will show how IQ and SQ (Spiritual Quotient) work together toward God's purpose.



Michael Guillen

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-4
Bible Study 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.

MORE ON SUNDAY

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONTEMPORARY

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

11 AM, FREED THEATER

Hispanic Sunday Services
Encouraging services in Spanish
1 PM, Cathedral
6:30 PM, Chapel in the Sky

EN ESPAÑOL

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE
Close the day and meet the week with inspiration!
6:30 PM
Crystal Cathedral

ARABIC CHRISTIAN ministry
1:30 PM
IN THE ARBORETUM

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

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

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL STUDENT MINISTRY
JUNIOR HIGH HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

An Evening Together

Sat., February 7, 2009
6 - 10 PM
\$100/couple

Renew your vows,
plus dinner & dancing,
and a word from
John Townsend.

RSVP t ocmarrriage.com/info
or 949-752-2888

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 |
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| 1 | 2  | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7 Celebrating Marriage (3,5) Hans Christian Anderson (15) |
| 8 Dr. Parris Organ Concert (15) Hans Christian Anderson (15) | 9  | 10 Finding Perfect Love (4) | 11 | 12 Divorce & Grief Recovery begins (11) Travel Ministry Luncheon (10) | 13 Hans Christian Anderson (15) | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY Hans Christian Anderson (15) |
| 15 Hans Christian Anderson (15) | 16 PRESIDENTS DAY | 17  | 18 | 19 50+ Prime Time (11) | 20 | 21 <i>Coming...</i> Easter Sunday: 4/12 Bridal Tour: 4/25 Canadian Rockies Tour: 5/18-27 |
| 22 Chuck Van Engen (5) | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |



february

every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

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

tuesday

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

wednesday

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

thursday






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

friday

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

saturday

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

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  | 7 Set Your Clocks Forward 1 Hr. "Spring Ahead!" Fashion Show (5) |
| 8  | 9 | 10 | 11  | 12 Care & Kindness Conf. begins (6) | 13 Care & Kindness Conf. (6) Heritage Tour departs (11) | 14 Care & Kindness Conf. (6) A.S. Scholarship Evening (7) |
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| 29 Pageant of our Lord (11) | 30 | 31  | | | | |

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Crystal Cathedral people



BRUCE LARSON: Honoring Our Beloved Pastor

By Carol Whedon

In mid-December, our beloved pastor Bruce Larson went home to God after a prolonged bout with Parkinson's disease. To honor his memory in recognition of all that he meant to the Crystal Cathedral congregation, we want to place a steppingstone in the Walk of Faith on our campus.

Dr. Larson served as Co-Pastor of the Cathedral from 1990-1995 and as Academic Dean of Dr. Schuller's International School of Christian Communications. He was a primary speaker at The Institute for Successful Church Leadership during his years here.

He pioneered the concept of relational theology, helping people through his teaching and many popular books to nurture a growing relationship with God and each other. To "trust God and love people" was a dominant theme of his ministry.

Donations for the memorial steppingstone (toward the total cost, which is \$3,000), may be sent to the attention of Beth Muma at the Crystal Cathedral. Please make your check out to The Walk of Faith (memo: "Bruce Larson Memorial").

CORA WORKMAN: Learning to See with the Heart

By Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

Cora Workman cannot work anymore. She cannot walk. She cannot see. Nevertheless, God can use her life story to change the way that you work and walk and see.

Thirty-six years ago, Cora was diagnosed with diabetes. She didn't let it slow her down and remained productive as a wife, mother, and nurse. She remained active in church and in all of her life. Then a few years ago, she had a car accident

from which she had trouble recovering. She had to start using a wheelchair more and more and she started losing her eyesight.

Eventually, despite all of Cora's doctor visits and treatments and surgeries she got to the point fourteen months ago where she couldn't walk and she was blind. She lost her job. She had to stop volunteering as a New Hope telephone counselor. She felt helpless. And she was constantly worried about how she and her husband were going to make ends meet financially. She was angry with God and, like Jacob, she wrestled with him, asking, "Why is this happening to me now? When will I be able to walk again? When will my vision come back?"

But Cora recalled Dr. Schuller's words, "Life isn't fair. But God is good!" And so she asked the Lord what he was trying to teach her.

Cora realized that she has always been a self-reliant woman, independent and hard working. She took pride in her accomplishments and in



overcoming adversities. After her accident when she was in pain and so limited she'd think to herself, "I'm doing this. I'm putting one foot in front of the other to do my job. I'm touching the patients to give them care." When she felt confined to her wheelchair she'd say to herself: "I'm doing this. I'm getting out of the chair to walk." Then when she couldn't see and she needed to find something she'd fumble around with her hands, determined, "I'm doing this. I'm going to find what I need."

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JERI LIVINGSTONE: Life is Not Fair, but God is Good!

By Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

Six months after Jeri Livingstone's husband Bob ended his own life, she started a group for people like herself—survivors of a loved one's suicide. Jeri had attended a general grief group and had made some life-long friends, but she felt the deaths they were grieving were different. Suicide needed something else. She realized that only those who had been hit personally by suicide were qualified to talk to each other helpfully. In April of 1988 at the Crystal Cathedral, Jeri started the support group Survivors of Suicide (S.O.S.).

After over 20 years of helping hurting loved

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

Finding Perfect Love in an Imperfect World

Tues., Feb. 10, 12:45 PM OR Wed., Feb. 11, 6:45 PM
TOH-3 Classroom
FREE, but please RSVP: 714-971-4123

Everyone searches for that perfect love. Louise Dunn, New Hope Operations Manager, will help you discover the ultimate unconditional love that God has equipped you to share with others. Grow far beyond the limitations of our worldly relationships into the person he is calling you to become.

"Soul Food" for Women

Friday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
In the Family Lounge

Connect with an amazing group of women and the incomparable Kim Kimpel for a refreshing time of fellowship, prayer, encouragement, and community. Currently discussing the popular book, *The Shack*. Start any time – just drop in!

**Working Women:
Check Us Out!**

SOUL FOOD

Women at the Well

Wednesdays, 12 NOON, FLC-3

For info, contact Louise Dunn, 714-971-4045

Become a valued member of an energized group of women who want to drink of the "Living Water" Jesus has promised to provide to anyone willing to come and drink. Each week, gather to engage in a lively discussion of the spiritual book currently being studied to discern the message the Lord is giving each from the readings. All are welcome!

Women's NetWork

Tuesdays, 9 AM in the Art Gallery

Questions? Call Kari 714-971-4080

Join leader Rhea Zakich, who creates each lesson anew and facilitates this time of creativity and insight. No one wants to miss this opportunity to experience the love of God, discover life-changing Biblical truths, and enjoy the sense of community of other women on their spiritual journeys. The mornings include singing, sharing, praying, stimulating object lessons, and small group time. All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study Opportunities

Just drop in, or contact Kari for more details

714-971-4236 or karim@crystalcathedral.org

Band of Brothers: Monday Evenings 7 – 9 PM,
Family Life Center, Room 435.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday mornings, 7 AM,
Tower of Hope, Floor 2.

Men's Bible Fellowship: Saturday mornings, 7 AM,
Family Life Center, Room 221.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Be Inspired by Rev. Chuck Van Engen

One morning only, on Sunday, Feb. 22, 9 AM in the Art Gallery, the Homebuilders fellowship class invites you to come be inspired by the words of Rev. Chuck Van Engen, renowned pastor, missionary, professor, founder and author. Discover what miracles are happening today in Latin America.

Rev. Van Engen, who is presently the Arthur F. Glasser Professor of Biblical Theology of Mission, School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, and his wife Jean, are the founders and directors of Latin American Christian Ministries. They are involved in creating a university Ph.D. program specially designed for teachers in Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Bible schools and seminaries throughout Latin America.

Come early to get a good seat and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea before setting off on this amazing audio and visual adventure. All are welcome.



Becomers Adult Bible Study: New Location

The Becomers Adult Bible study has moved to the 4th Floor of the Family Life Center (FLC), Sundays 9 - 10:30 AM. Pastor Jim Kok is currently teaching in Revelation 21 and 22 about "A new heaven and a new earth." Coffee and refreshments included, and everybody is welcomed and encouraged to join us!

March Topic:
Veteran's
Benefits

Join Other U.S. Veterans

The first Tuesday of every other 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 State of America. You're invited to meet for fellowship, updates, special speakers, and encouragement.

On Tuesday, March 3, our speaker will be John Parent, the Claims officer for O.C. Veteran's Office. If you have served or are



entitled to veterans benefits, you will want to attend this informative meeting. Bring your spouse and enjoy fellowship and interesting discussion. For details, please contact Maureen Winer (714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org) or Chaplain Chuck Trout (714-836-498 or chaptrout@aol.com).

Expand Your Possibilities with Career Builders

By Robbie Motter

We invite you to be encouraged by the upcoming Career Builder presentations on Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Tower of Hope floor 3. These speakers are dynamic and I know you will learn much from each one, with all sure to help you in your career, your business, and your life. Bring a friend - it's FREE!

2/1: Career Builders Toastmasters Club

2/8: Todd Creager, "Success from the Inside Out"

2/15: Career Builders Toastmasters Club

2/22: Rich Hauser (topic TBA)

Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show

Saturday, March 7, 11:30 AM to 2 PM
in the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum

The Homebuilder's Sunday class invites you to attend the Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. A delicious lunch will be served and the latest styles will be modeled by women of the Crystal Cathedral. The models will range in age from preschoolers to Grandmas.

Pat Sutcliff, Fashion Expert will be the facilitator and discuss the latest design in spring clothing and colors. Women's clothing will be provided by Damon and Draper's. The children's clothing will be provided by a variety of Orange County children's stores.

Cost: \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children age 12 and under or a table for eight may be purchased for \$180 at the Crystal Cathedral box office or by calling 714-544-4679. Reservations must be made by March 1, 2009.

RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY:



four of the Homebuilders will be presenting International Dinner Evenings in their homes, the themes being Chinese, Italian, Mexican, and All-American. The cost for tickets is 10 for \$10 or 20 for \$15.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Opportunities to Bless our Neighbors in Need

Drop off in Family Lounge or call Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions, at 714-971-4047 (leave name, phone number, and interest) if you are able to provide any of these desperately needed items:

Tecate Boys' Orphanage: white polo shirts, underwear, socks.

O.C. Rescue Mission: Dry goods (an ongoing need).

L.A. Rescue Mission: Canned coffee (an ongoing need).



WEDDING MINISTRY

Assisting Newlyweds & Strengthening Marriages

The Wedding Ministry, under the direction of Kim Kimpel, has three main goals - to assist engaged couples, encourage newlyweds, and strengthen marriages. Upcoming events for couples include:

· An Evening Together Celebrating Marriage: Sat., Feb. 7, 6 to 10 PM at the Crystal Cathedral. Celebrate God's blessing and plans for your own marriage with author/speaker/psychologist John Townend. Call 949-752-2888.

· Live Bridal Tour: Sat., April 24, 12 NOON - 4 PM. Future brides and grooms, come experience live wedding and reception settings and meet with wedding vendors of all kinds (photographers, caterers, florists, etc.). Contact: brej@crystalcathedral.org.

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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.

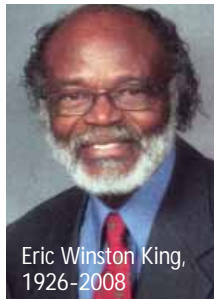
DR. KOK' KORNER

My Blogspot!

For many months I experimented with this blogging venture, and now I share with you my plan. My ground-level hope for my blog at <http://ccmcare.blogspot.com> is to contribute to the lives of those who want to live out this mission of brightening the world through profound or simple acts of care and kindness. This is my passion in life. I believe it is at the heart of what Jesus' mission was. Come join me!

Born a King to Play a King!

Eric Winston King was King Caspar, "the Blue King", for nearly fifteen years in The Glory of Christmas. On Tuesday, December 30, his memory was honored at a Memorial Service in The Crystal Cathedral. Eric had also played the part of The Money Changer for many years, in *The Glory of Easter*.



Eric Winston King,
1926-2008

He was known for studying the manner of kings and playing the part very seriously. He also always insisted on taking lots of time to meet, and talk with, the children and

their parents following each of the Glories he took part in—and he seldom missed any. He wanted to be part of every one of them.

Eric's daughter Marcia, from Montreal, came to plan and be part of the service. Eric wanted this to be his final place, and his niche in Memorial Gardens is engraved with his name, the plate includes the words "The Blue King" and "The Money Changer." His fifteen years here were some of the best years of his life, Marcia said.

The highlight of the memorial service was Doug Caraway and Steve Covington - formerly the Red King and the Gold King - sharing their memories of Eric's wonderful personality and strong dedication to creating a convincing and impressive royalty to the audiences. They also talked about riding their camels many miles representing

"the Glories" in The Hollywood Parade.

Eric was born in Barbados, graduated from Concordia University in Montreal, worked in many parts of the world, and retired in Canada in 1988. He then moved to Anaheim and volunteered in our "Glories." In 2005, he went home to Montreal to live with his daughter.

Born a King to play a king - thank you, Eric! You enriched the lives thousands.



CARE & KINDNESS CONFERENCE

Conference Details and Registration Online

Details are being updated weekly at www.careandkindness.org. There you will find all the details about our next Care and Kindness Conference is designed to help us all be "the light of the world" as Jesus called us to be. 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. See more details above right.

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. For more details and to register, call 714-971-4032, or e-mail careministry@crystalcathedral.org.

ELDERS AND NEW HOPE COUNSELORS NOTE: you are eligible for an enormous discount to attend these sessions. Your cost will be \$15.00 for the three day event (includes everything, except the banquet).



UnChristian: How the World Views Us

Care and Kindness Conference speaker David Kinnamon has released a startling new book, which carries the unusual title, *UnChristian*. In it, David details how negatively the non-Christian world regards Christians. They do not think well of us at all! The author will detail how this evidence was gathered, and what we can do about it on Saturday afternoon, March 15, the final day of our annual event.

This is exactly the heart of the Care and Kindness ministry. We are on this planet as Jesus' people to brighten the world, to encourage people, to show them hope, and build their confidence. The church is the reservoir of love. How could Christians have earned the opposite distinction — as judgmental, egocentric, holier-than-thou...? (David will talk about this and motivate us to change).

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.

Learn How to Love Those in Need

With all that we're dealing with as a society - financial worries, international strife, and more - learn how to bring a new heart of love and caring into all of your relationships and then practice what you learn as a New Hope Counselor, responding to phone calls or Internet chats from people who need a listening ear, compassion, and prayer. Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope, and Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, and new series of classes will begin soon. For details, call Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123.

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

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A Love Letter from God

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director, New Hope

Dear One,

I love you! (John 3:16) I chose you when I planned creation (Ephesians 1:11-12) and I made you in my image (Genesis 1:27), knitting you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13).

I know the number of the hairs on your head (Matthew 10:30) and I am familiar with all your ways (Psalm 139:3). My thoughts of you are as countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18).

You see I've loved you from the beginning, long before you loved me (1 John 4:19). I sent my son Jesus, the exact representation of my being (Hebrews 1:3), to die in your place for your sins (Romans 5:8), to take upon Himself the punishment that you deserved (Isaiah 53:5).

Now I knock on the door of your heart, waiting for you to let me in (Revelation 3:20). When you put your faith in Jesus I forgive you for your sins (Acts 10:43) and choose not to remember them anymore (Isaiah 43:25). I adopt you into my family (Ephesians 1:5) and lavish you with my fatherly love (1John 3:1).

Since I care for you so much, don't worry about getting your needs met and don't worry about tomorrow (Matthew 6:25-34). Give your burdens to me and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28). I've given you my Holy Spirit to be your Comforter and Counselor (John 14:16). So don't walk alone; walk in my Spirit (Galatians 5:25) and trust in me and I will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:4-5) and bless you with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3).

Please know that as my child you are safe in my hands (John 10:28). I am a refuge for you (Psalm 9:9). Like a mother bird I cover you with my feathers in my nest (Psalm 91:1-4). So when you must walk through the valley of the shadow of death don't be afraid because I am with you, comforting and protecting you (Psalm 23:4). I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

When you are brokenhearted, I will draw close to you (Psalm 34:18). I'll cry with you (John 11:35). Like a shepherd holding his lamb, I'll carry you close to my heart (Isaiah 40:11). I'll collect all your tears in my bottle and record each one in my book (Psalm 56:8). I'll comfort you in your time of mourning (Matthew 5:4) and I'll turn your mourning into gladness (Jeremiah 31:13) and put

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL

FULLY ACCREDITED & FIVE-STAR RATING!

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

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

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

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

By Sheila Coleman, Director of Family Ministries

In the fall of 1977, Arvella Schuller started a new school model: a private Christian school with excellent academics with the arts and Bible as part of the core curriculum for every student. In the nearly 30 years since, the Crystal Cathedral Academy expanded to include an excellent middle school and high school.

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

Educating and encouraging students in grades K-12, 7 AM until 6 PM, Monday through Friday, at the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School, positive values are developed, cre-

ativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord. For more information, go to crystalcathedral.org/academy, or call 714-971-4158.

FREE EVENT IN THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL
ARVELLA SCHULLER SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS & CONCERT

Grammy winning recording artist Rebecca St. James will perform one of her most heart-felt songs and award-winning composer Mark McKenzie, a Crystal Cathedral member, will conduct our student musicians as they perform

one of his compositions during the upcoming Arvella Schuller Scholarship evening on Saturday, March 14, at 7 PM

Both will be honored with an Arvella Schuller Award for Promoting Positive Christian Values in the Arts, and many Crystal Cathedral Schools scholarship student-recipients will perform, as well! Make your plans now to be a part of this wonderful evening with Rebecca, Mark, church members and friends, and the children and families of our Crystal Cathedral Schools.



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ones, Jeri says over 4,000 have come through her group. The amazing thing is that if you remember someone's name who sat with her in those years, she immediately recalls each person and his or her specific loss. Jeri loves her people and does not forget them.

Those two decades have also included raising her granddaughter, Kendra, whose father died much too young of cancer. Kendra, now 17, obviously caught her grandmother's helping spirit. Kendra was mentioned in People magazine as an outstanding member of Kids Konnected, through which she generously and effectively encouraged her peers who'd also lost a parent to cancer.

After over 20 years of helping hurting loved ones, Jeri says over 4,000 have come through her group.

Jeri Livingstone has become a well-respected resource in Southern California. For instance, she contributed generously to a series on suicide in the Long Beach Press Telegram written by another S.O.S., Tom Hennessey. It was an eight-part series, deemed the best in 2004 among 100 California newspapers. Jeri has received many other honors, as well, for her caring devotion to heart-broken people.

In acknowledgment of the enormously effective contribution Jeri has made after her own devastation, we will present her with this special honor, the "Life is Not Fair but God is Good" award during the Care and Kindness Conference in March (more details, pg. 6). This recognition is presented to a few special people who have clearly allowed God to pick them up and turn their broken hearts toward something beneficial for others.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE C3 TEAM INVITES YOU TO "COME, JOIN US!"

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

C3 is the pioneering contemporary ministry of the Crystal Cathedral and meets every single Sunday to build a community around the love of Jesus Christ. The curious seekers and committed Christ-followers, alike, are invited to come check us out! Come join us to be built up in soul and spirit and to reach out to help change the world for the better as we seek God. C3 has two main pastors – Gretchen Schuller-Penner (host pastor) and Kyle Steven Bonenberger (worship pastor) - and is largely volunteer-run. To get in touch with the C3 team, email us at c3@crystalcathedral.org.



Families Worship Together at C3!

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

ASK DR. SHEILA

WHEN LOST FOR WORDS, SOW SEEDS OF KINDNESS

Dear Sheila,

My neighbor is a very nice woman. We visit at the mailbox from time to time. She recently told me that she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I know that she is not a believer. I want to witness to her, but don't know where to start.

- Lost for Words

Dear Lost for Words,

In the Parable of the Sower, there are four types of soil: shallow (birds came and devoured the seeds before roots could be sprouted), rocky (roots kept everything from growing), thorny (it choked out the plants), and good soil (received the seed and produced good fruit). Your neighbor is probably good soil right now. It's your responsibility merely to sow the seeds, leaving the results to God.

Specifically pray the following Scripture for her daily, "I [God] will give you [insert your neighbor's name here] a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). Then look for opportunities to bring your neighbor to church or encourage her to watch the *Hour of Power*. When one of my neighbors was diagnosed with terminal cancer I filled a small journal with inspiring Bible verses to give to her. She loved it!

When the time is right, you can make an appointment with her and invite her over for tea. Let her know that Jesus loves her and wants to be her friend. Ask her if you can say a prayer with her. Then, pray for her.

Praise God that he has put you in her life! You can be her loving lifeline to Jesus!

- Sheila Schuller Coleman

Send your questions to asksheila@crystalcathedral.org.



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