

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.

NEW HOPE

Communication Skills & Crisis Intervention Training

This New Year, make a real difference for Christ in the lives of the hurting. New Hope will train you to volunteer on the 714-NEW-HOPE hotline on campus or in the NewHopeNow.org private chat room from home. The class series starts Sat. morning, Jan 26. Call 714-971-4123.

DR. KOK'S KORNER

On Gratitude...

1. Gratitude has profound health effects. In research looking at recipients of an organ transplant those who expressed gratitude – directly or indirectly by writing it in journals – felt physically better and functional at a higher level than those who did not.

2. Gratitude begets joy. People who see themselves as grateful – to others as well as to God and His creation – are healthier, more energetic, optimistic, and empathic, and less vulnerable to clinical depression.

3. Five minutes of gratitude shifts the nervous system to calm. When we are in states of appreciation, gratitude, love, and compassion, heart rhythms are coherent and ordered. A fifteen-minute focus on appreciation results in an immediate and significant boost in the immunity system.

4. Gratitude correlates with positive social behavior and health. If you feel grateful, you are more likely to nurture, care for, and contribute to the welfare of others. You will be more empathetic, forgiving and helpful. (Just writing about gratitude has a positive health impact).



...serving families and individuals during the life challenges of pre-marital, marital, family, career, and everyday coping issues. Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) multi-family sessions are available in Spanish and English each month in the Orange County area by calling 714-538-6387.

Just call the Family Counseling Center at 714-971-4222 for an appointment and a counselor will return your call.

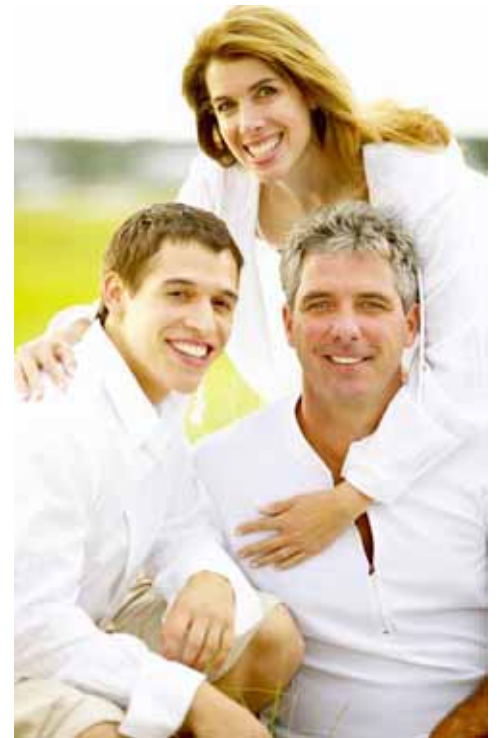
CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

A New Year...New Goals

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

With a new year, we often set new goals. If you'd like help setting healthy ones in your life, the Family Counseling Center team is here for you and your family. Our team includes counselors with special interests in helping parents, children, and adolescents, and in the issues of career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. There are affiliated bilingual counselors for those speaking Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

The Family Counseling Center continues its counseling support effort to reflect our mission



SUPPORT GROUPS

No Cost to Attend – Just Show Up!

For more information about these groups sponsored by Crystal Cathedral Care Ministries, call 714-971-4098.

A.C.A. (Co-ed); Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-236. Adult children of alcoholic parent(s), journaling focus.

ACES: 1st Tue., 7 PM, FLC-234. Advocates for Children in Enforcement of child Support.

AL-ANON (Men); Thu., 8 PM, FLC-230.

AL-ANON (Co-ed); Fri., 8 PM, FLC-230.

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

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

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

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: 1st/3rd Sun., 1:30 PM, T-2. Adults who have lost loved one to suicide.

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

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

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rities, property, or other marketable assets.

Created a life estate gift or charitable remainder trust to benefit the CCLCEF.

Named as a beneficiary the CCLCEF of a new or existing life insurance policy, or a bequest in a will or living trust.

It is the commitment, rather than the amount, that is the overriding factor in qualifying for membership in the Legacy Club.

If you now qualify for membership and have not yet been contacted by the club,

please let us know so that we can sign you up and send you an invitation to the event. If you would like more information about this club or estate planning, in general, please call Rev. Glenn DeMaster at 714-971-4311 or e-mail glennnd@crystalcathedral.org.



"Passing the torch to future generations!"

what they say

Serving the World

Through the Hour of Power

"The Hour of Power was such a blessing to me during the darkest hours of my life. Your positive message and your beautiful Cathedral have been a source of inspiration and encouragement to me. I pray for you often."

-Emmanuel Kitayimbwa,
Kampala, Uganda

"The Hour of Power is the highlight of our week. The guest interviews are a source of encouragement, and the music - WOW!"

-Ody Deans,
South Africa

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL



PRESCHOOL

Jonathan Shares a "Gift of Music"

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool was happy to have CCA sixth grader, Jonathan Williams visit and share his "gift of music" with us.

Jonathan has recently learned to play the saxophone and he agreed to play for our children. Playing Christmas carols and explaining about his instrument, we are sure that he inspired future musicians in our school! Preschool student Lauren Williams was particularly proud to have Jonathan visit because he is her big brother! Lauren participated by holding the music for her brother!

The Preschool has openings at this time. Contact us at 714-971-4141 or take a tour to see the distinctive program our school offers!

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
"Ask, Believe, and Receive"

By Susan Lashier, Teacher,
Crystal Cathedral Academy

Available to new, first-year K-5 students, a new Scholarship Fund that was developed based on the principle, "Ask, Believe, and Receive." Created under the Arvella Scholarship Foundation, its purpose is to help families in need within the community. Students receiving scholarships must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or equivalent and satisfactory or above in citizenship. Those wishing to apply, or to make a donation to the fund, please call Kristen at 714-971-4159.

The Crystal Cathedral Academy is a K-12 Performing Arts School offering Visual Art, Drama, Music, and P.E. classes twice a week in addition to a dynamic accelerated general curriculum. The school was founded on the principles of positive Christianity and continues to be an example of abundant giving to the community.



The results are in!

The CCA/HS 2007 Penny Battle raised \$1,503.33! Congratulations to Mrs. Peguero's 8th Grade Class for winning the classroom competition! Start saving those pennies for next year!

family ministries

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

Student Ministry
Janie Zinn, Director
Ministry to Couples & Parents
Bob & Michelle Cavinder

Sunday Worship



WORSHIP WITH THE C3 FAMILY!

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

Q. My daughter married a man who doesn't have a faith. Even though I took my daughter to church and Sunday school every week, my grandchildren are not going to church. It breaks my heart that they are being raised in a home with no faith. We don't live close enough for me to make much of a difference. Do you have any ideas on what I can do to help with the faith of my family?

—Faithful but heartbroken

A. Although it is of little consolation, I hear this story frequently. But, as an administrator in a private school, I have seen over and over again what a powerful, positive influence grandparents can have on the lives of children. Never underestimate the power of a grandparent's influence—even if there is little time due to schedule or distance.

I'm afraid my ideas are relatively simple, but don't underestimate their effectiveness. The first idea is to pray daily for them. My mother prays for all of her children and grandchildren individually by name every night on her knees. I prefer to pray in the morning for my children because otherwise I tend to fall asleep (even on my knees). I like a prayer journal where I can record my prayers as well as how God answered. There's no right or wrong way—just pray!

My second idea is to do everything you can to keep contact and hence communication open and frequent. Visits in your home are a prime opportunity. Surely your daughter and her husband would love to have free babysitting so they can have time away! Then you can cuddle up with them (no matter how old they are) and read to them from a children's Bible with pictures or if they are old enough, (7 years and up) you can read C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* aloud to them. These reading times will provide a marvelous time for you to talk to them about what God means to you.

I am thrilled that God has put you in their lives! That is a praise and reason to celebrate! Trust that between God and you—they will find their way home to Jesus.

—Dr. Sheila



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

YOUTH



KIDS

IT'S A NEW YEAR @ KPP!

This month, beginning Sunday, January 6, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 1:30 PM, we're digging deep into the 23rd Psalm, discovering what it's like to walk with Jesus. For ten weeks, come learn the power of having Jesus as your Shepherd! Here are some highlights:



Make your own 23rd Psalm Book, and if you submit all 10 artwork pages, you'll have your book bound as a keepsake!

Come all 10 weeks, through March 9, and you'll receive an extra prize!

Enter a video of you reciting the 23rd Psalm for a contest with results announced on March 16!

Come join us in the Family Life Center for lots of fun and excitement as we learn about Jesus and his Power Manual (BIBLE) for our lives!

2007 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Recognizing these special Kid Power Plant kids for their accomplishment!

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| Diego Arevalo | Briana Nguyen |
| David Brooks | Kyle Nguyen |
| Bella Cadiz | Josh Poit |
| Neo Cadiz | Zach Poit |
| Danny Luna | Estefania Sales |
| Dennise Luna | Daraeli Salas |
| Brian Martinez | Alex Western |
| Jeannie Martines | Ivana Zamora |
| Ashley Nguyen | |

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!

New Jr. High Pastor - see pg. 1 for details!



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.

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 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.



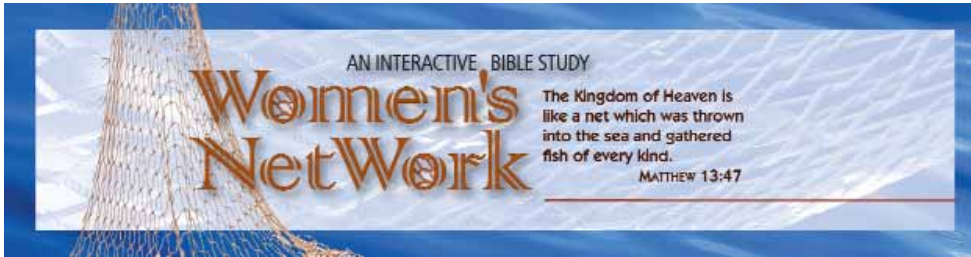
FAMILY SUNDAYS

Parking: Families park next to Family Life Center and take shuttle to church!
Shuttle: Stops next to Family Life Center and other spots around campus!
Quiet Room: In the Tower Lobby, watch the service with your child.



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

ADULT Ministries



A CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to all of you who so graciously donated to the 2007 annual poinsettia fund! Because of you, the Crystal Cathedral campus became a warm, welcoming and festive place for all who celebrated with us the birth of our Savior. You are a blessing!

WOMEN'S NETWORK: YOU ARE VALUED!

Teacher extraordinaire Rhea Zakich will help you discover your Net-Worth during this New Year's Women's NetWork interactive Bible study with every Tuesday, 9 AM in the Art Gallery. January dates: 1/8, 1/22, 1/29. For info., call 714-971-4080.



Women's Network Outreach story, see pg. 16!

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. January meeting dates: 1/11 (potluck), 1/18, 1/26. For more info., call 714-971-4080.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY VALENTINE POTLUCK

On Tues., Feb. 12, 11:30 AM in the Art Gallery Bring your favorite salad to share. Enjoy a special guest who will encourage us all about the subject of love. RSVP at 971-4080.

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.



TRAVEL MINISTRY

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 Just a few more spots available!



within the art, accompanied by original narration, choir, and orchestra. Join in this beautiful blending of art, drama, and music.

RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISE

Next summer, July 3-18, 2008, join Pastor Glenn DeMaster and his wife Marilyn on this exciting 12-night tour. A special highlight will be a two-day, pre-cruise visit to our Moscow Hour of Power office, Russian Orthodox Curriculum Project, and Russian Farm Project sites led by our Director of Hour of Power Russia, Andrei Danilenko. Other stops include Uglich, Yaroslavl, Goritsy, Kizhi Island, Svir River, and St. Petersburg. Special discounts before Dec. 12.



BRANSON, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

Next fall, Nov. 5 - 13. You'll want to be a part of this delightful nine-day tour of America's musi-

cal 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.

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

JANUARY "50+ PRIMETIME"

At the "50 + Prime Time" monthly luncheon on January 24, 11:30 AM in the Arboretum (\$5/door; RSVP by 1/21, 714-971-4032), our Senior Pastor Robert A. Schuller will speak, and professional photographer Dan Whedon will share about his life behind a camera. (Read more about Dan on pg. 4.) Come gain a personal connection with both of these talented and influential men of faith.



SINGLES

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP:
SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS

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



DIVORCE & GRIEF RECOVERY: EMBRACING THE FUTURE!

Join us for the next series beginning Thurs. evening, February 7. It will change your life. Divorce & Grief Recovery has been described as "a place where miracles happen" and helps one 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 of classes, you will find great fantastic facilitators George Hansel (see story, pg. 4) 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.

See facilitator George Hansel's story on pg. 4!

MATURE ADULTS
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S
Bob Cavinder, Pastor

TRAVEL
Rev. Glenn DeMaster, Pastor

WOMEN'S
Michelle Cavinder, Director



Crystal Cathedral Books and Gifts offers a wide range of inspirational books and music, decorative items, and gifts for children and adults to suit every taste and need.

Open daily, 9 AM – 6 PM
Welcoming Center

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.



During your journey through "Step Into Africa," you will travel interactively through dusty villages, and ramshackle homes.

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child whose existence has been devastated by AIDS. Through the use of headphones and an MP3 player, your journey begins as you travel through dusty villages, and ramshackle homes. As you listen and travel through the exhibit, you will begin to appreciate the sense of fear, rejection, and pain endured by AIDS-affected children and families in a raw and compelling way.

World Vision intentionally chose churches like the Crystal Cathedral to feature the exhibit, recognizing that Christians are com-

pelled by Christ to support widows and orphans, and this includes those widowed and orphaned by AIDS.

As a volunteer – hundreds of which are needed - you will make this important exhibit possible, by helping World Vision representatives as tour guides, headphone/MP3 player distributors, etc.

For more details about the experience and to receive immediate confirmation of your free tour reservation or volunteer shift, sign up online at worldvisionexperience.org. No Internet access? Call Kym Smith at 714-971-4094.

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This would be a perfect time to invite loved ones, dear friends, and acquaintances in your sphere of influence to come to be encouraged and seek healing and hope about their physical health issues, family estrangements, addictive behaviors, or dreams unachieved.

Come 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!

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whose lively and animated style of teaching brings the Bible to life like never before. It is lecture style, and there is no homework! Just bring your Bible, and come and listen!

In the winter quarter of The Bible Plain and Simple, which begins Mon., Jan. 28, 7 – 9 PM in the Freed Theater, we will continue in the book of Luke and then move on to Acts with a study of the early church.

You can begin this series of classes at any time and catch up on any lectures you may have missed. Past lectures of The Bible Plain and Simple are available on MP3 discs (\$85/quarter). You may register for the spring quarter at the Box Office (714-544-5679) or, for further information, contact Logos Ministries at 310-915-2007 (logosmin.org).



Dr. Bill Creasy

Join the ESL Family in 2008!

In this New Year full of promise, would you like to become a part of our English as a Second Language (ESL) family? It's a warm and welcoming one. If you would like to help others in life through the ESL program, we'll help you become a tutor. Or, if you know anyone who desires to improve their English language skills, please send them our way. For more information, call Gudelia at 714-971-4047.



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.

NOVEMBER 2007 INTERMENTS

Grambow, Alton	11/16/07
Kratka, Irma	11/2/07
Thomas, Catherine	11/9/07

GET IN TOUCH

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info@crystalcathedral.org
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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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ranchocapistrano.org

Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

New Year...New Life...New You!

It's a New Year, and time to take a refreshing personal spiritual retreat at Rancho Capistrano to map out God's plan for 2008. If you have a week-day available, we have wonderful accommodations near the lake or with a garden view for your retreat. Spend some quality time with the Lord, without the distractions of television, phones, and stressful demands. We are located near many fine restaurants and attractions.

Meditate while walking on the beach or at the harbor, or around our lake and lush landscaped grounds. Seconds from the freeway and miles from the hustle and bustle – visit us and see for yourself what an oasis we have in Southern Orange County. Conveniently located halfway between San Diego and Los Angeles. Also the perfect spot for marriage enrichment retreats for your ministry group! Call 949-347-4000 to learn more.

WEDDINGS & RECEPTIONS

Romantic Valentine Vows

If you or someone you know has had a recent proposal, Valentine's Day might be the perfect time to wed. Consider Rancho Capistrano for your February nuptials, for this romantic time of

the year is perfect for weddings.

Rancho Capistrano has been deemed by the OC Register and others as one of the top ten "Most breathtaking places in Orange County" to have your extra-special wedding. It's 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 are steps away for you and your guests. Choose from church, garden, or courtyard ceremonies. Enjoy cuisine prepared by our award-winning chef, and the service of a caring staff who will do all they can to make your wedding a dream wedding. Your photographs and videos will be ones to treasure, with our lush landscaping, rolling hills, and sparkling lake with island gazebo. We have clergy available to perform your ceremony, and a wedding coordinator is included in all packages for your rehearsal and wedding day.

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

RANCHO CAPISTRANO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Enriched in Mind, Body, and Spirit

At Rancho Capistrano Christian School, your child can experience enrichment of mind, body,



and spirit on our beautiful Spiritual Oasis. 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. Rancho Capistrano Christian School serves preschool through 8th grade.

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photo by Dan Whedon

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most who witnessed it in person or on the *Hour of Power*. The power of that hour also marked a pivotal moment in Robert A. Schuller's view on the offering of baptism to searching and hungry souls, having joyfully baptized hundreds since that day.

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KCAL-9, 10 am

HOUR OF POWER
Watch Every Week!

SUN LIFETIME CABLE
8:00 AM EAST/PAC

SAT TBN
6:00 PM
PACIFIC



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also have time to process what you've learned. Small groups led by presenters and other facilitators will give you an opportunity to wrestle with, dialogue about, and take what you've learned a step further by deciding how it applies to you – your work, your life, your ministry.

I strongly believe that God is on the move, raising up leaders who are better equipped to influence our culture in positive ways for Jesus Christ. No gathering of this kind has ever been done before. I strongly urge you to be part of it!

For reservations and information, visit www.rethinkconference.com, or call 866-450-9713.



Conference hosted by Robert H. Schuller and Erwin McManus, and features George Foreman, and more.

“...consider new ideas...”

I am eager to speak at Rethink alongside a powerful line-up of world-class speakers. The line-up includes everyone from ex-presidents to renowned entrepreneurs, from respected pastors to brilliant professors and authors. If you are willing to consider new ideas, to listen to people who won't always tell you



what to think or how to act, and to allow your imagination and the Spirit of God to take you to new places, join me!
 –George Barna, Rethink Speaker and distinguished Christian Ministry Researcher

serve the world
Global Community
 AT CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

HOUR OF POWER INTERNATIONAL

Hour of Power Russia: 15 Years & Now Self-Supporting!

By Vladimir Smirnov, Assistant Director
 Hour of Power Russian

Since April of 1992, the *Hour of Power* has been available in Russia across the territory of most of the former Soviet Union every week on Sunday.



Vladimir Smirnov

Over the years, we have received many letters with heart-warming stories of happiness, joy, gratitude, and most importantly – inspiration. Many viewers have become Christians, changed their attitude

toward their families, and some sincerely believe that they would not be alive today if it were not for the inspirational messages from the *Hour of Power*.

The Russian Farm Community Project, which was launched in 1993 by Dr. Schuller, has become a nationally known non-profit corporation that is one of the largest providers of agricultural food products in Russia today. Our achievements are highly valued by the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, who visited one of our farms in September, 2007.

The year 2007 also marks the year when the Russian ministry became totally self-sustainable. We continue to expand our coverage, broadcasting through the CNL network to the population of the former Soviet Republics, European countries, and the Russian-speaking audience of the United States.

The *Hour of Power* is continuing to be an important part of God's work in Russia at it, most importantly, has a positive impact on many people's life.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

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. If you are interested in ministering to God's children in this remote region of the world, don't let the

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, please call the Global Community dept., 714-971-4194.

GLOBAL COMMUNITY

How to Become a Global Member

By Pastor Beverly Muffin, Crystal Cathedral Global Community Director

Would you like to take the next step in becoming more connected to the Crystal Cathedral Ministry? Would you like to share in our wonderful community and fellowship?

If you consider the Crystal Cathedral your church, but attend only or mostly by viewing the *Hour of Power*, then we invite you to take that next step of commitment to this ministry - share your journey of faith by becoming a Crystal Cathedral Global Member.

We are a family of Christ followers - people of positive and possibility-thinking faith, gathered and scattered around the globe. We want to say to the world, "God loves you and so do we!" Will you join us in *Hour of Power* mission, telling the world of God's love, finding needs and filling them, finding hurts and healing them?

Move your positive faith into action today. Contact me at beverelym@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4329.

MORE NEWS

New Community Fellowship at the CC

By Dustin Funderburk

If you have been looking for a place to find friendship, encouragement, and Bible-based teaching, check out the New Community Fellowship. This group of Crystal Cathedral members and attendees meets every Sunday at 11 am in the Art Gallery. During our one-hour meeting, we spend time in fellowship, prayer, and listening to the teaching of Pastor Lawrence Wilkes. Pastor Wilkes has long been associated with the Crystal Cathedral and is known for his warm, friendly, and informative style of teaching. Current topic is "Rebuilding the Walls of Jericho."

From time to time, interesting guest speakers come to New Community to teach and offer practical information on a wide range of topics related to Christian living in a contemporary world. In addition, this active group fellowships and engages in various recreational activities. Casual get-togethers, as well as trips to local attractions, concerts, and museums are scheduled throughout the year to encourage members to develop a deeper relationship with God and with fellow believers.

Does this sound like something you might be looking for? Come and meet us over a cup of coffee and something sweet some Sunday morning and be built up and supported in your walk with Jesus. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



February Concert Announced

By Sean Groombridge, Senior Organist

The Cathedral Choir will perform an hour concert of their most loved anthems, accompanied by our Cathedral Organists and Orchestra on Thursday, February 28 for the annual convention of the American Choral Directors Association. Join more than 1,000 Choral

Directors for the free concert, held in the magnificent Crystal Cathedral.

Easter TV Special Slated for March

Our ministry was recently approached by ABC Television to produce an Easter special on behalf of the Reformed Church that will air on or around Easter this March.

The special will tackle important questions many have as we approach this most important Easter season. Who was Jesus? Was he more than a man? During the special, our aim is to portray the awe-inspiring life and miracles of Jesus Christ in *The Hope of Easter* (working title), hosted by Dr. Robert H. Schuller.

The special will trace the extraordinary life of Jesus through sensational musical performances – including songs by top artists Natalie Grant, The Gatlin Brothers, David Phelps, and pianist Roger Williams – and moving Easter reflections and stories from well-known personalities. Rounded out by beloved scriptures, *The Hope of Easter* will be a must-see special that will inspire and uplift the entire family this Easter season.

Tell your friends and family *The Hope of Easter* is coming. More details to come.

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had a plan for us; she often prayed out loud and sang hymns with us that showed us God's face in the midst of our plight.

After living 12 years in Austria, God answered our call to come to America with the Lutheran church sponsoring our move to Dearborn, Michigan. During our flight from Munich to New York, the plane was hit by lightning, one engine was knocked out, and everyone panicked as we headed for a crash. Miraculously, our pilot pulled off an emergency landing in Canada. Once we made it to New York safely, our mother reminded us to count our blessings as God was in charge.

I became an American quickly, made friends easily, acquired a paper route, and enjoyed the outdoors. After high school, I was blessed with an apprenticeship in the tool and die trade, the beginning of my manufacturing career. I moved to "Paradise" in California where two of my high school buddies and I volunteered to serve our country in Vietnam. While there, I received a "Dear George" letter that led me to believe, sadly, that marriage might not be a part of my future.

Once home, I worked at a couple of tool and die companies while earning a bachelor's degree and MBA. During that time, I met my wife-to-be, quashing my fears of forever bachelorhood. We

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married and started a family. After a couple of years, my best friend and I pooled our resources and started a manufacturing business. I thought I was doing all the right things, as our family enjoyed regular vacations, and community and church activities. I thought things were going well as I worked many long hours building the business so my wife could be a stay-at-home mom. The problems we did have seemed normal, and I dealt with them the way I thought was best: I worked harder and earned more money.

None of the life-threatening experiences of my youth prepared me for the pain of divorce. When it was for sure and eminent, my European background did not allow me the freedom to feel that I could talk with anyone about the mental pain that I was experiencing. I became very angry with my pastor and most of all God. How could this happen to me, a faithful, hard-working, God-serving citizen?

I was so embarrassed by my divorce, that the first time I sought help through a Divorce

Recovery program, it was an hour's drive from my home to ensure I would not run into anyone I knew there. And it was a God-send. I learned so many life skills: how to articulate my grief, how to express my love, and how to learn from my past. It was too late to save my marriage, but I learned the skills needed to save the relationships between me and my sons.

Soon, I was introduced to the Crystal Cathedral by an acquaintance and business associate who invited me to come hear Dr. Schuller's message. That dear man, over the years since, has become a very close friend and confidant.

As I attended the Divorce and Grief Recovery program several times at the Cathedral, I not only learned to deal with my own problems, I came to understand that other people had similar problems, and that we all have a loving God who is there in our midst and is bigger than our failures or circumstances. Eventually, I began to "pay it forward" by facilitating a few sessions. I have now served as the co-coordinator with Sharon Lockett for over 10 years, and it has changed my life. DGR (Divorce & Grief Recovery) works!

If you are in a place of pain that needs healing as a result of a divorce or death, please join us for the next session beginning Thursday, February 7. Call 714-971-4084 to register. I can say with assurance, "It will change your life!"

THE JOY OF GIVING

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

Rejoice in the Lord with Peter

By William Gaultiere, Ph.D.m

I called Peter Ignatius on the phone and his first words to me were: "This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

"What's your secret Peter?" I asked. "How is that you are such a joyful person?"

"If I could be wealthy, strong, or have a high position – it wouldn't matter," Peter answered. "I choose contentment – to be at peace with God and myself. I've learned to be thankful for what I have and to help whoever I can."

Peter first volunteered to be a New Hope Counselor in 1999. He had retired from his job as a civil engineer and was looking for something meaningful to do when his friend Bushra Solomon told him about New Hope. At first he didn't think that he was adequate to be a counselor, but the training and support of the staff and volunteers showed him that God could use him too!

"I don't have all the knowledge," Peter smiled, "but I do have the love of Christ in my heart and that's what the callers are looking for."

I asked Peter why he's stayed with the New Hope Counseling ministry for eight years and his answer was simple and right from his heart: "I like



helping people. So many people are lonely and just need to talk to someone who cares. We all need someone to lean on."

Peter has learned how to be sustained by God for his ministry with New Hope. He begins every shift in prayer. One of the prayers he uses is the Serenity Prayer which helps him to entrust each caller into God's hands.

Peter was born in Egypt to a Christian family. Over time, as Christian in a Muslim country he

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saw that things were getting harder for Christians and that they were treated differently. He foresaw a time of persecution in his homeland and at the same time he saw new opportunities in America. So, in 1969, he and his wife immigrated to America. He is proud to say that he adopted the American culture. He earned a Masters of Science in Education and worked as a foreign language instructor for the Department of Defense. He and his wife have two children and seven grandchildren.

I asked Peter what he'd like to say to the rest of our New Hope Counselors. "Keep up what you're doing," he urged. "Being a New Hope Counselor is worth doing. Don't forget how blessed you are to be used by God. When you listen with compassion to callers it does make a difference. Let's love God and love people all the time, everywhere!"

New Hope Training

I you would like to join Peter in blessing others through New Hope on the 714-NEW-HOPE hotline on campus or in the NewHopeNow.org private chat room from home, training starts Sat. morning, Jan 26. Call 714-971-4123 for details.

NICOLE'S NETWORK

connecting with your church community

Step into Africa Assistants

Guide participants through the experience of living in Africa! An exciting new exhibit is coming to the Crystal Cathedral this January. Plan some time to connect with your community by assisting with this experience. Many times, days, and positions will be available.

Know = plight of those in global community; Love = people; Serve = our community.

Administration Assistance

Enjoy a fun, positive atmosphere as you assist on Tower 11 between 9 AM – 4 PM. Help with typing, light data entry, phones, mail, copying.

Know= computer basics; Love= people; Serve= Cathedral staff.

Tower Lobby Hosts

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

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



Traffic Ministry

Direct the flow of traffic in the Crystal Cathedral parking lot. Greet and guide Sunday service and "glory" attendees. Sundays, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Know= giving direction; Love= smiling and greeting; Serve= Cathedral visitors.

Crystal Cathedral Tour Guides

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.

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!

Know= church grounds layout; Love = our guests; Serve= Involvement & Service Ministry.

Encourage our Future Leaders!

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

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

Mid-Day - Book Shelver: Crystal Cathedral Academy needs assistance in their library, Mon.-Fri. during school hours.

Afternoon - Kidz Klub:

Materials provided.

Serve once a week, 3:30 - 5 PM.

Know= patience; Love= children;

Serve= our future.



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.