

# family ministries

Family Ministries  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

C3 LEADERS SAY, "COME, JOIN US!"

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

C3 is the pioneer contemporary ministry of the Crystal Cathedral and meets every single Sunday. Our goal is to be a community built around the love of Jesus Christ that reaches seekers, builds believers, and changes the world. C3 has two main pastors and is largely volunteer-run.



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



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



Lisa Ramsland Bonenberger is a volunteer in charge of connection ministries, volunteers, and a smiling warm face at C3 every single week. Lisa's love for Jesus is evident to everyone who meets her. Lisa formerly served as a small groups pastor of a large church in San Diego called "The Church at Rancho Bernardo." Currently, she is studying to complete her Master's Degree in Christian Ministry and Leadership.



## ASK DR. SHEILA

DEAR SHEILA,

*These times are tough and I have to confess that my faith has been faltering. I have just enough money in my account to make my last mortgage payment and I have no job. In the past, I have prayed and my prayers weren't answered. Was it because I didn't have enough faith? Was it because God doesn't love me as much as he does others? I'm afraid that will God fail me again.*

—Faltering Faith



DEAR FALTERING,

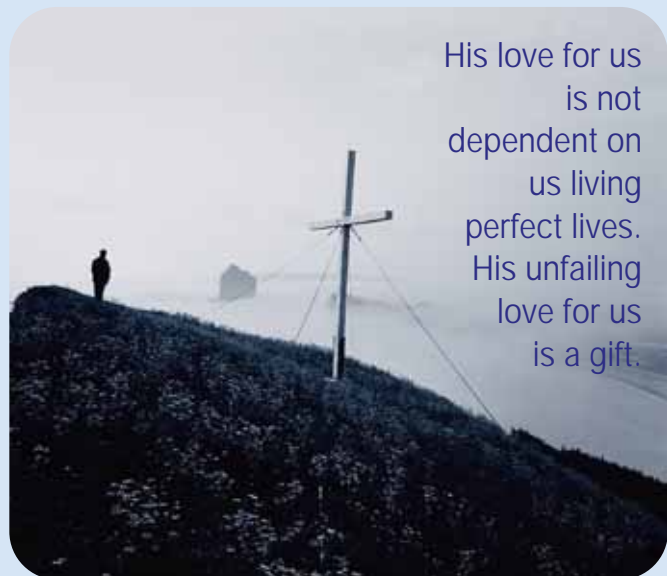
You are not alone in your faltering faith. Even the best of us have our moments. We are all human, fallible. We all fail to have enough faith. However, God's love for us is not dependent on our faith. His love for us is not dependent on us living perfect lives. His unfailing love for us is a gift. We cannot earn it by working hard enough or being good enough. The door knocks and God is there, holding out a present. This present is His presence—His love for us. All we have to do is accept it.

I suspect that what appeared as God failing you was confusing your will for your life with God's will. When our prayers aren't answered the way we think they should be it is important to thank Him for answering our prayers the way He thinks is best!

God wants the best for you! Thank Him for knowing you better than you know yourself and giving you the best. Thank Him for His unfailing love for you. Thank Him for the present—His presence. Father knows best. Hallelujah!

—Sheila

Send your questions to [asksheila@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:asksheila@crystalcathedral.org).



His love for us is not dependent on us living perfect lives. His unfailing love for us is a gift.

# YOUTH



## KIDS

### KID POWER PLANT

Attention all Families: Bring your kids to join us each and every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, 11 am, and 1 pm for the third year of Kid Power Plant where kids experience an exciting, power-packed, interactive worship and learning experience. Here children are inspired to plug into the true Power Source – our loving Lord. If you have any questions, please call 714-971-4087.

### KPP NEEDS YOU!

Calling all God-serving individuals who love the Lord and understand the need to bring Biblical truths to our children. Find your niche to serve for the 1st (9:10 AM) and/or 2nd (10:40 AM) hour on Sunday mornings:



- \* Volunteer Sunday School Teachers
- \* Kiosk Check-In Helpers
- \* Tech. Crew

Please contact Children's Ministry Department 714-971-4087 for more information.

### BLESS YOUR BABY WITH BAPTISM!

If you are a local attender and have a child or are expecting a child, we invite you to call Maureen Winer in Congregational Life for more information about infant baptism, 714-971-4062.



### JR. HIGH STUDENTS

**XLR8 TUESDAYS:** 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 – 8:30 PM at the Youth House. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 - 8:30 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

**SUNDAYS:** It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Sr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**FUEL WEDNESDAYS:** FUEL shatters the stereotype that church is boring. FUEL is designed to celebrate life and relationships. FUEL meets Wednesday nights, 7 – 9 PM at the Youth House. 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:** It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Jr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



Love  
God  
and  
Love  
Youth!

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

### FAMILY SUNDAYS

**Parking:** Families park next to Family Life Center and take shuttle to church!

**Shuttle:** Stops next to Family Life Center and other spots around campus!

**Quiet Room:** In the Tower Lobby, watch the service with your child.



Contact Student Ministries  
Brett DePena, Director  
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# ADULT Ministries



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WOMEN'S NETWORK

Join us for a creative Bible study unlike any other. 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. Leader Rhea Zakich creates each lesson anew and facilitates this time of inspiration and insight. All are welcome! Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, at 9 AM in the Art Gallery. Questions? Call Kari, 714-971-4080.



### SOUL FOOD

Friday evenings, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Family Lounge, join Kim Kimpel for a refreshing time of fellowship, prayer, and community. Currently reading and discussing "The Shack." Info: 714-971-4240

*Soul Food*

### WOMEN AT THE WELL

Come be a part of an energized group of women who want to drink of the "Living Water" that Jesus provides to anyone willing to come and drink. Each week we gather at noon on FLC-3 to engage in a lively book discussion to discern the message the Lord is giving each of us from our readings. For info, call Louise Dunn, 714-971-4045.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who so graciously donated to the 2008 Christmas poinsettia fund!



## MEN'S NETWORK

### MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

If you would like the support of other men experiencing your same life-stage journey, call 714-971-4236 for details.

**BAND OF BROTHERS:** Monday evenings, 7 - 9 PM, Family Life Center, Rm. 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, Rm. 221.

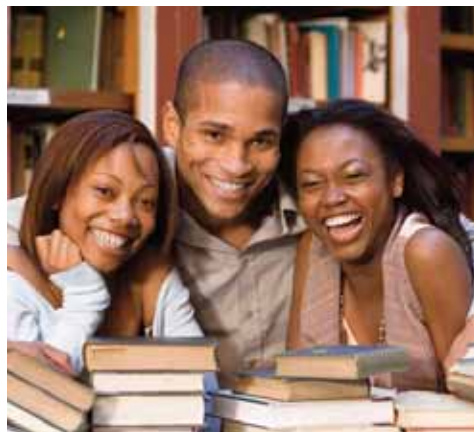
## YOUNG ADULTS

### COLLEGE GROUP: JOIN US!

By Mark Wojciechowski, Leader

If you're college-age (18-29) and looking to connect with others your age, please join us on Sunday nights, 6 - 7 PM in the Youth House. We are devoted to diving into God's Word and connecting with others our own age.

This winter! You can participate, or join in the enjoyment of others' creative expression. We've started a bimonthly open-mic night where people can share their creative side through live music, singing, artwork, poems, spoken word, rap, dance, etc. We'll explain our inspiration for the pieces and, since the word "inspiration" means literally to "breathe within" or to give life to, we'll see how creative the Creator is in and through His own creation even as we create. Sound like fun? For exact details, e-mail me at [markw@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:markw@crystalcathedral.org).

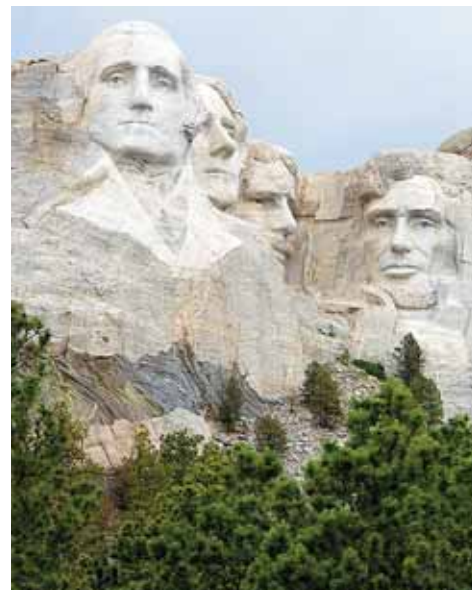


## SINGLES

### 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: PHASE 1

Led by Sharon Lockett and George Hansel, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, February 12 - March 26 in Family Life Center, Rm. 470, this positive approach to dealing with the loss of a relationship is a life-changing healing experience. Call 714-971-4084 to register. \$50/pre-register; \$55/@door. Children's program available. Phase 2 will be held April 2 - May 14.

## TRAVEL MINISTRY

### FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

*Thurs., Feb. 12, 11:30 AM, Art Gallery.* Following a delicious luncheon, enjoy a special presentation about upcoming Travel Ministry tours. Join fellow Crystal Cathedral travelers as you dream of future adventures ahead. Cost: \$10. RSVP: 714-544-5679. Future luncheons: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11.

### PAGEANT OF OUR LORD

*Sun., March 29, 1-6:30 PM, \$33.* 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.

### HERITAGE OF AMERICA

*March 13 to 22, \$2629 dble occ.* Fly to New York City and enjoy two days exploring the city your own way using a double-decker bus pass that will take you to the city's most famous attractions



and includes a guided tour along the way. We join the group on Day 3 and travel to Philadelphia for a tour of the historic city that includes the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Day 4 features a tour of Amish Country including dinner in the home of an Amish family. On the days following, visit Gettysburg, the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, Monticello, and Colonial Williamsburg. The tour ends with two days in Washington D.C., where we will visit many attractions including Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery and the White House Visitor's Center. The memories of this historic tour will stay with you for a lifetime.

**CANADIAN ROCKIES BY RAIL**

*May 18-27, \$3899 pp.* Fly to Vancouver to start your 10-day tour filled with exciting stops including British Columbia, Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Jasper, Columbia Ice Fields, Lake Louise, Banff, and Calgary.

**SOUTH DAKOTA: BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS**

*Aug. 13-19, \$1929 pp.* Your 7-day tour starts in Rapid City, SD, with visits to Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Wall Drug Store, and the Badlands National Park.

**PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS**

*Aug. 23, \$69 pp.* When a painter faces a blank canvas or a sculptor confronts a block of stone, where do they look for inspiration? "The Muse." This 2009 event in Laguna Beach will devote its uniquely theatrical celebration of the art of living pictures to an exploration of the nature of the artistic inspiration.

**SOUTHERN CHARM**

*Oct. 11-17, \$2589 pp.* Highlights include historical Charleston, Boone Hall Plantation, Beau-

fort, Savannah, Factors Walk, a two-night stay at Jekyll Island Club (once described as "the most exclusive...club in the world"), and St. Simons Island.

**MORE IN 2009...**

Look for more information on other upcoming trips:

- Oak Glen, 10/23/09.
- Sequoia & Kings Canyon, 11/2/09.
- Christmas in Cambria: 12/1/09.

**RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION**

Go to the Box Office or call for details and reservations, 714-544-5679. Find more information online at [www.crystalcathedral.org/ministries/travel](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/ministries/travel). Trips and pricing are subject to change.

**MATURE ADULTS**

**HAVE A SAFE NEW YEAR!**

On Thursday, Jan. 15, 11:30 AM in the Arboretum, we will devote our first meeting to being prepared for the New Year. Judi Possnack will provide the latest info on personal safety, ID theft, and self-defense, plus visit disaster preparedness and community medical care resource displays. Other highlights include an opportunity drawing for a handcrafted walnut bowl (a one-of-a-kind work of



art), fellowship, singing, and a wonderful catered lunch (\$5 @ door). To reserve lunch,

call 714-971-4031 or e-mail [50plus@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:50plus@crystalcathedral.org). Bring your friends and neighbors!

MATURE ADULTS  
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S & WOMEN'S  
Michelle Cavinder, Director

TRAVEL  
Rev. Glenn DeMaster, Pastor

**COME IN & BE INSPIRED**



**CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS**

**OPEN DAILY 9AM-6PM**

Offering a wide range of inspirational items - books, music, toys, jewelry, home decorations, and more!

*Lovely Settings for Your Special Day*

*Crystal Cathedral Weddings*

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the light-filled Crystal Cathedral or beautiful 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 available.

Call 714-971-4240



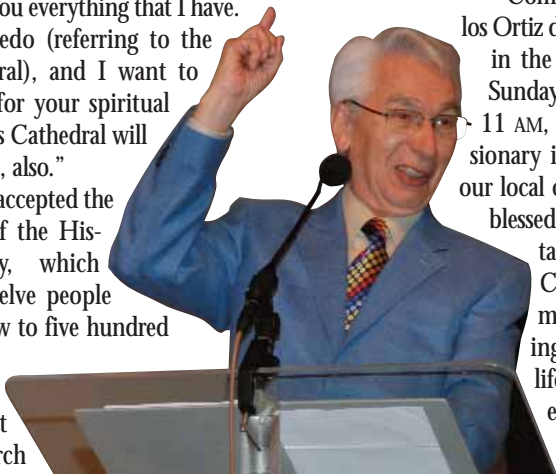
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cal church in Buenos Aires.

Juan Carlos Ortiz's ministry expanded greatly as he ministered at conventions, religious congresses, universities, seminaries, and churches in five continents. In 1974, Billy Graham hosted the first Congress on Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland. Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Schuller, delegates at the Congress, were deeply moved after listening intently to this famous Argentinean evangelist. It would be a while longer until Drs. Schuller and Ortiz would finally meet, and when they did in 1990, Dr. Schuller said, "Juan Carlos, something within me tells me to give you everything that I have. This is my tuxedo (referring to the Crystal Cathedral), and I want to lend it to you for your spiritual party so that this Cathedral will be for Hispanics, also."

Juan Carlos accepted the call as pastor of the Hispanic Ministry, which started with twelve people and quickly grew to five hundred people, then to over 2,000 people. At the height of this church

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growth, Juan Carlos was diagnosed with a malignant form of cancer that spread rapidly. With less than a twenty percent chance of survival, Juan Carlos reminisces, "I was sick, in bed, and struggling to hold onto my hope in God." However, the Lord did not disappoint this dedicated man of God - a healing miracle happened in Juan Carlos' life. When asked about it, he says, "God was in everything — the doctors, the surgeries, the prayers. They all contributed to my miraculous healing."

To enhance continuity of ministry as we seek a new senior pastor, on Nov. 29, 2008, Juan Carlos accepted the position of Interim Senior Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral congregation.

Come hear Pastor Juan Carlos Ortiz during morning services in the Crystal Cathedral on Sunday, January 4, at 9:30 or 11 AM, when he will share visionary ideas for the future of our local congregation. "I am so blessed to be back at the Crystal Cathedral," says Juan Carlos. "We will be in ministry together, allowing God to give us new life and a new power. I'm excited to see what God has in store for us all!"

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Dr. Jim Poit



Dr. Bill Gaultiere



Dr. Jim Kok

ing a wide range of classes covering a myriad of topics.

They include: "An Interactive Study on Romans" (every Sunday with Dr. Jim Poit), "Soul Journey: Making Sense of a Chaotic World" (Thursdays starting Jan. 8 with Dr. Sandra Herron); "Changes & Choices in 2009" (Tues., Jan. 13. or Fri., Jan. 16, with Barbara Barrientos); "Learn to be Care-Full" New Hope Training (Sundays starting Jan. 25 with Dr. Bill Gaultiere and Dr. Jim Kok); and "Finding Perfect Love in an Imperfect World" (Tues., Feb. 10, or Wed., Feb. 11, with Louise Dunn).

Traveling all the way from Houston, TX, will be Suzette Caldwell and team to lead a free "Becoming Closer to God" two-day retreat (Fri. evening, Jan. 9, and Sat. morning and afternoon, Jan. 10).

For more details on all of these spiritually enriching possibilities and more in 2009, see inside or go to [www.crystalcathedral.org](http://www.crystalcathedral.org).

**NICOLE'S NETWORK** connecting with your church community



**Help Young Families Worship!**

Calling all parents of adult children! Remember trying to balance church and volunteering? Our young families, who typically worship at 11AM, need support from YOU in Kid Power Plant Sundays, 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM. Lead activities and story time discussion. Training provided on site. Spiritual Gifts of Service, Mercy and Hospitality are a great fit. Call 714-971-4321 for a Spiritual Gifts personal discovery consultation.

**Traffic Ministry Guides**

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

*KNOW how to give directions, LOVE smiling, SERVE our visitors*

**Hospitality Team Members**

Come join in the fun with the "frontline" of the Crystal Cathedral! If you enjoy service, hospitality, and being an encourager, you are a great fit!

*KNOW campus locations, LOVE helping others, SERVE our visitors & congregants*

**Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses**

Greet people in need of information about programs or classes. Sundays, half-hour prior to service and 10 min. before end of service, then stay until replacement arrives.

*KNOW campus info, LOVE communicating, SERVE our visitors*

**Tower Lobby Helpers**

Assist in the Tower lobby between 9 AM- 4:30 PM. Answer visitors' questions and phones, direct people to the cor-

rect floor, monitor traffic, sort mail, etc.

*KNOW points of contact, LOVE being helpful, SERVE people on campus*

**Crystal Cathedral Ushers**

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

*KNOW our church, LOVE congregation, SERVE hospitality team*

**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 M - F, 9 AM - 4:30 PM, and Sundays as well!

*KNOW our church, LOVE sharing, SERVE our visitors*

**VOLUNTEER ONLINE**

at [crystalcathedral.org/volunteer](http://crystalcathedral.org/volunteer). Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved!  
OR CALL Nicole Stephens, Dir. of Involvement & Service Ministry, at 714/971-4321.  
OR E-MAIL [nicoles@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:nicoles@crystalcathedral.org).

# Rancho Capistrano

*The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries*

*Ropes Challenge Course*

**Team Building and So Much More!**

Our Ropes Challenge Course Programs, facilitated by Challenge-U, can be comprised of Low Ropes, High Ropes, or both. The low ropes are a series of problem-solving activities that ask a team to come together to complete a task. The group's current team dynamics are evident as each participant discovers, develops, and practices new skills as they move through the exercises. The challenges are low to the ground and increase in difficulty as the day progresses. The facilitators establish the context for each activity, observe the process to support the learning and help the team recognize valuable insights.

**Experience what is possible when courage replaces fear, and when trust, support, and communication are the foundation of teamwork.**

The high ropes course takes "challenge" to a higher level, up to 40 feet off the ground. With the support of trained technical staff and their teammates on the ground, a harnessed climber creates the opportunity to experience the value of risk taking in a safe environment. Both the climber and the ground team experience what is possible when courage replaces fear, and when trust, support, and communication are the foundation of teamwork.

These programs embody our purpose at Rancho Capistrano which is: "To be a 'spiritual oasis' where people can find peace and balance of mind, body and spirit and grow in the understanding of themselves, others, and God." Call 949-347-4000, and ask to speak to our Conference Sales Manager, or e-mail: seminars@ranchocapistrano.org.

*Begin Your Marriage in God's Spiritual Oasis*  
**Planning a Winter Wedding?**

Our private property provides a wedding oasis for your dream winter wedding. Because we have so many different venues, you can have a magical wedding any time of year! Picture strolling mariachis at your hors d'œuvres reception, a string quartet in the sanctuary for your ceremony, and



dancing the night away under the stars at the plaza. Your out-of-town guests will appreciate the overnight accommodations, and you may even choose to enjoy breakfast with them the next morning.

One way to save is by having your wedding ceremony in the morning, followed by a late morning or early afternoon reception. Not only is the facility fee lower than in the evenings, but the meals are less expensive (think lunch prices versus dinner prices at your favorite restaurant). The sun is shining high in the sky, and in the winter months, it's a lot warmer!

"The Ranch" is unique among wedding facilities; everything you need is in one beautiful place! Call our Wedding Department at 949-347-4000.

*RC Christian School and Preschool*  
**Nurturing Students in Mind, Body and Spirit**

Rancho Capistrano Christian Schools offer innovative educational programs to help preschool through 8th grade students experience their unique giftedness. With small class sizes and ability based learning programs, your child will discover what his or her unique gifts and talents are and apply them to his or her learning style to excel not only in academics, but in life as well.

Rancho Capistrano Christian Preschool is ACSI (Association of Christian Schools Interna-



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

tional) accredited since May 2002. The ACSI evaluation team summarized their visit to the preschool by saying, "The best way we can sum up the essence of Rancho Capistrano Christian Preschool is the sense that Christ is meeting you at the gate and extending His hand to you with the greeting, 'Come and walk with Me!'"

There are still limited openings for this school year, so come see where your child can experience enrichment of mind, body and spirit with our caring and dedicated teachers and Rancho Capistrano staff. For more information, go to [ranchocapistrano.org](http://ranchocapistrano.org) or call 949-347-4000.



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pioneer church movements, including those that emphasized relationships and small groups. "He will be recognized in the history of the Christian church as one of the top founders of the small group movement," said Dr. Schuller.

Bruce served pastorates in New York and Illinois before serving from 1980-1990 as Senior Pastor of University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, WA. During a decade of strong growth, membership tripled in size to about 4,400 members.

From 1990-1995 he served as co-pastor at the Crystal Cathedral, frequently appearing on the *Hour of Power*. Crystal Cathedral members and staff who were blessed by his pastoral wisdom remember his warmth, encouragement, and authentic and impacting words. Bruce shared with one member: "Most people think you should trust people and love God, when it's God who is trustworthy and people who are most in need of love."

His son, Mark, said that his father "touched people in a very powerful way. He cared about people and encouraged them. He saw what God made in each of us. He didn't get caught up in our foibles. There was an authenticity in that."

"Bruce Larson was the Copernican thinker and visionary of the church in our times," said the Rev. Lloyd Ogilvie, former chaplain of the U.S. Senate. "He envisioned a whole new direction for the church and not only proclaimed it, but lived it. He modeled for others an honest, open life that was based on authenticity."

Bruce's wisdom lives on in 23 books that he wrote or co-wrote including *Where Will You be When You Get to Where You're Going*, *Dare to Live Now*, and *There's a Lot More to Health Than Not Being Sick*. All of his books were filled with examples of God's loving grace and emphasized the practical side of Christian living.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 58 years, Hazel; his son Mark of Mercer Island, WA; his daughter Christine Larson of Fort Myers, FL; son Peter Larson of Lebanon, OH; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on January 8, 2009 at 2 PM at University Presbyterian Church. The family suggests that contributions be made to the Bruce Larson Memorial Student Internship Fund at University Presbyterian Church, 4540 15th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105.



"There is probably no minister in my lifetime who did more to help me become a better person," said Dr. Robert H. Schuller about his dear friend Bruce Larson.



**HOUR OF POWER INTERNATIONAL**  
Spreading the Love of Christ Around the World!

"I am writing this letter to thank you for being who you are. Your books and the *Hour of Power* has been an inspiration to me since I started to watch it some years ago in Holland. I held on to a coin I got from *Hour of Power* some years earlier, which had on it: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Confident in this one thing...that God who has begun a good work in you will complete it.'" -Cathy B., Netherlands

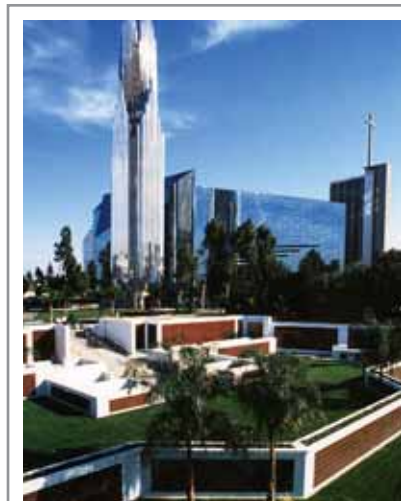
"I am a divorced mother of two children, have no job and no friends, no family. I've been watching *Hour of Power* for 20 years and read all your books that have translated in Germany. For me you are a very important part of my life. Every Sunday I watch your program and obtain so much strength for the coming week." -Brigitte Z., Switzerland

"Please convey the sentiments with my deep gratitude for the message brought to me directly and in a sensible, understandable, tangible way from the *Hour of Power* through the almighty God." -Peter J., South Africa

"I was so inspired and touched by the *Hour of Power* and am deeply impressed. I thought I must write to you and let you know how pleased I am to have watched this programme." -Grace L., Hong Kong

"I have been watching your *Hour of Power* for a while now on ETV and came across it by chance. I find your program very inspirational and refreshing." -Gwenda U., South Africa

"I watched *Hour of Power* this morning (Sunday 26th Oct) and the message was wonderful - challenging and uplifting, thoughtful." -Bon S., New Zealand



**Memorial Gardens Cemetery**

We're here for you, with staff members who will listen and care for you, answering all of the questions you may have during your time of need. Call 714-971-4138 or go to [www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial\\_gardens](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial_gardens)

**NOVEMBER 2008 INTERMENTS**

- Hok Oan Ching 11/15/08
- Otilia Crocolo 11/07/08
- Kenneth Grubbs 11/19/08
- Alvin Jacobson 11/26/08
- Zakaria Kilagblian 11/03/08
- Lois Larson 11/08/08
- Flora Lopez 11/13/08
- Carol Marganian 11/15/08
- Martha Schoepe 11/11/08
- Adolf Schoepe 11/11/08

**STAY IN TOUCH**

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Web Site [crystalcathedral.org](http://crystalcathedral.org)  
Prayer Community [crystalcathedral.org/prayer](http://crystalcathedral.org/prayer)  
One Community [crystalcathedral.org/community](http://crystalcathedral.org/community)

**New Hope Hotline**  
24-hr. phone counseling 714-New-Hope or 639-4673  
Web Site [newhopenow.org](http://newhopenow.org)  
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F 714-New-Teen or 639-8336  
Web Site [teenline.org](http://teenline.org)

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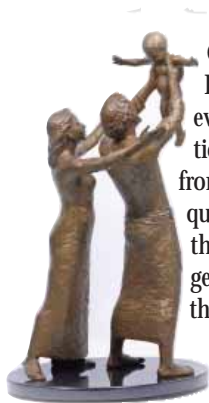
**MORE NEWS**

**Christmas Poinsettias "Thank You!"**

By Michelle Cavinder, Director of Women's Ministry

We're still tallying the total donations received toward the annual Christmas Poinsettia campaign. However, we do know that every gift of \$10 toward a Christmas Poinsettia helped the Crystal Cathedral and campus to be beautifully arrayed with these symbolic flowers provided by you, generous members of our congregation in honor or memory, of your loved ones. Thank you, once again, for being a part of the wonder of the Christmas season here at the Crystal Cathedral. Watch the bulletin for details as to when your names and the names of your loved ones will appear online or in a flyer that you may request from Women's Ministry, 714-971-4080.

**Art Exhibit Continues through Jan. 9**



The landmark fine art exhibition, "Gifts of Courage," continues through January 9 on Floor 2 of the Welcoming Center. This free event is open to the public. The all-media national group exhibition of 45 artists, takes a cue from the scripture, "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12b). Two years in the making, this exhibition honors the courageous people in the lives of the artists and reveals the personal struggles and triumphs of all people and cultures. Each work is accompanied by a personal explanation, adding an insightful element to this compelling experience.

**From Your IRA: Make an Endowment Fund Gift**

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the main feature of which is the bailout package, also extends certain portions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that expired in 2007. The centerpiece of the legislation from a gift planning perspective is the IRA Rollover. This new law allows people who are 70 years and older to make a current gift of up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA. Gifts made this way are not subject to income tax.

At 70, owners of IRAs must begin taking taxable distributions from their plans. (Remember that IRAs were never intended to avoid taxes, only to defer them.) At 70, it is time to pay the piper. Many people will, therefore, find it more advantageous to use their IRAs to make charitable gifts, than to make gifts from other resources.

This opportunity applies only to gifts made during 2008 and 2009. The transfer of the funds must be made directly by your plan administrator.

To further explore the possibility of supporting the CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT FUND, call Bonnie Balloch at 714-971-4039.

Please also consider naming the CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT FUND as a beneficiary of a portion of the amount left in your IRA at the time of your death. Generally, it is better to leave IRA assets to charity, and cash and stocks to family.



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**CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER**

**Here to Help You...**

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

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

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

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

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**No Cost – 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. Advo-



ates 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.) Led by Dave Meyer.

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

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



**PJ's Heavenly Cafe**

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

New on Sundays!  
Breakfast Buffet  
9 - 11 AM

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

## THE JOY OF GIVING

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# 'Tis the Season to Care and Share

## NetWork Women Give Gifts of Love this Christmas

By Michelle Cavinder, Director of Women's Ministry

What can happen when one woman gets an idea of how to reach out to others? Susan Uriarte, a member of the Tuesday morning Women's Network Bible Study, had a dream of gathering a group of women to sing at nursing homes. After one rehearsal, off went 20 excited women with maps and lyric sheets in hand to minister to precious people, many lonely at this time of year, who needed a touch of Jesus at Christmas!

"We made a lot of people happy with our visit and songs, but we received the biggest reward of all," Susan said about her experience and the smiling faces that greeted them.

We invite every woman to join us every Tuesday at 9 AM in the Crystal Cathedral Art Gallery for an interactive Bible Study led by the humorous, insightful, and though-provoking facilitator and communicator, Rhea Zakich. For more information, please call 714-971-4080.

## "Glory" Aids Santa Barbara Wildfire Relief Effort

In response to last month's devastating wildfires in Santa Barbara County, 50% of the proceeds from the Sunday, December 7 and 14 performances of *The Glory of Christmas* were donated toward reconstructing the devastated portions of Westmont College. A discounted ticket price of \$20 was offered for both evenings to encourage a great turnout.

"Upon hearing the news that the Tea Fire damaged and destroyed buildings on the campus was heartbreaking," says Paul Dunn, producer and director of *The Glory of Christmas*, and Westmont College alumnus. "This is an opportunity to begin the healing, and start rebuilding."

## 10,000 Pounds of Canned Food

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

Five thousand elementary school children streamed in to experience *The Glory of Christmas* right after Thanksgiving Day. The cost? One can of food. Two days and four "Glory" performances later, sixteen large barrels of gift food was col-

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Mission. Our own Gudelia Ramirez of Community Missions personally took at least a ton to the Tower of Hope to be packaged as gifts for needy folks in her out-reach.

It was pleasant to see the look of satisfaction, on the children's faces as they donated their gifts of nourishment for neighbors in need. I imagine that they knew they were doing something good and, in doing so, were filled with joy.

(More details about last month's Food & Toy Drive on pg. 5.)



lected and awaiting delivery to helping ministries and agencies around Orange County.

The recipients were Second Harvest, Hispanic Ministries, and the Orange County Rescue

## The Miraculous Power of Jesus

By Ben Hadley, Elder and "Red Coat" Volunteer

A teacher who had brought a group of young students to see *The Glory of Christmas* free performance came up to me with tears in her eyes. Her class had just witnessed the beautiful pageant. She could hardly speak. Finally, she pointed to the little boy at her side. She said, "We have never heard him speak! But, when we stood up to leave, he looked at me and said 'Jesus loves me.' Those are the first words we have ever heard from him!" A Christmas miracle, indeed!