

## Jesus Christ—Our True Source of Freedom!



### Uphold the Courageous

By Rev. Robert A. Schuller, Senior Pastor

As we celebrate the birth of our country this month — and the birth of freedom as we know it — let's continue to support and uphold our courageous troops around the world, and the many others from different countries, cultures, and faith who are bravely putting their lives on the line for world peace.

*"If my people will humble themselves and pray, I will heal their land."*

My wife and I were invited to participate in the World Foundation for Democracy in Kiev in April, an inaugural event where political and religious world leaders gathered to discuss ways to promote world peace among people of different faiths. One of the most impressive guests we met was the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto.

-2 Chronicles 7:14

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**MORE SUMMER FUN!** Women's "Summer Salt," Summer Logos Bible Study, and more. See details inside...

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### Introducing Our New Pastor of Congregational Life

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life

I consider it a great privilege to join to the staff of the Crystal Cathedral as the Pastor of Congregational Life. I come to you from Kalamazoo, Michigan where I served as the Director of Spiritual Life at Third Reformed Church. Your brothers and sisters in Christ from Third Church send warm greetings to you.



Deb Yurk

When I received a phone call from Jim Poit several months ago, asking me to consider coming to the Cathedral, I began a very long journey of discernment. "But God, I love ministering at Third Church." "But God, my family is in Kalamazoo County!" "But God..." Through my questioning and pleading, God was faithful in gently revealing His will for our family, and here we are! We are truly grateful and amazed at how God has orchestrated our move to sunny California.

My husband Pat and I are in the beginnings of "empty nest syndrome"

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### Continuing to Share Our Church Around the World

By Dr. Beverly Muffin, Global Community Pastor

We, who make up the Crystal Cathedral congregation, are uniquely blessed in that our church is not just a local church, but also a "home church" to millions internationally. After the amazing Sunday where Robert "Evel" Knievel shared his testimony, followed by his and hundreds of others' baptisms,

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# July Sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:25 & 11:05 am

Experience summertime with these special guests...

## JULY 1

With our nine-story American flag as the backdrop, it will be a "God Bless America" Independence Day celebration with inspirational and patriotic music by vocalist **Kerris Oates** and the **HOP Volunteer Orchestra**.



Kerris Oates



Kim Meeder

## JULY 8

Hear the inspiring **Kim Meeder**, author and cofounder of an organization that rescues horses and pairs them with children in need. Music by the always-inspiring vocalist **Renee Bondi**.



Renee Bondi



Natalie Leonard

## JULY 15

**Dr. Mick Hager**, Curator of the intriguing Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit, plus the young and talented Crystal Cathedral vocalists **Ryan Lisack** and **Natalie Leonard** singing "The Prayer."



Nick Vujicic



Ryan Lisack

## JULY 22

**Nick Vujicic**, born without limbs, returns to the Crystal Cathedral with a message to inspire all. Music by the classical pop vocalist **Jason Catron**.



Jason Catron



Rachel Williams

## JULY 29

On this annual **All-Church Communion Sunday**, be inspired by **Dr. Jim Poit** with the morning message. Music by the soulful country songstress **Rachel Williams**.

## child/student FELLOWSHIP

Sundays in the Family Life Center

10:30 AM

• For Preschool & Elementary-Aged Kids, 2 yrs. - 5th grade

9:30 & 11:00 AM

• For Infants to 2 yrs., loving Nursery Care



11:05 AM

• For Jr. High Students: "Reactive"  
• For Sr. High Students: "Rev: Sunday"  
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## adult FELLOWSHIP every sunday

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.

**ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** 9 AM, T-2. Join this friendly group led by Beverly Muffin for enlightening Bible studies through scripture, praise, and prayer.

**AMERICAN DREAM BUILDERS** 11 AM, FLC-234. Led by Paul and Grace Park, learn God-centered life application skills to help you find and build your dream.

**ASIAN-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP** 11 AM, Tower Chapel. Led by Joseph Chun and David Cooper, worship, sing, pray, and fellowship (potluck) together.

**BECOMERS** 9 AM, FLC-230. Led by Jim Kok, this group offers unquestioned support, heartfelt prayer, and loving fellowship.

**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.

**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. This group of adults led by Glenn DeMaster meets for loving fellowship, prayer, and unquestioned support.

**NEW COMMUNITY SEMINARS** 11 AM, Art Gallery. This growing group offers verse-by-verse Bible studies and a place to belong.

**NEW HORIZONS** 11 AM, Tower-2. Bible study, prayer, missions, and fellowship are the foundations of this friendly group led by James and Yvonne Richards.

**REJOICERS** 9 AM, FLC-127. Celebrate with this class for the developmentally disabled. Enjoy lively Bible studies with visual aids and social activities.

### MORE ON SUNDAY



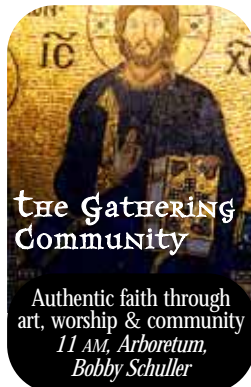
- ▶ Live Contemporary Worship
- ▶ Live Feed of Morning Message!
- ▶ Live Connection with Friends!

9:30 & 11 AM, FREED THEATER



### Hispanic Sunday Services

Encouraging services in Spanish with Dr. Luiz Lemos  
1:15 PM, Cathedral  
6:30 PM, Chapel in the Sky



### The Gathering Community

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

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Close the day and meet the week with inspiration!  
6:30  
Crystal Cathedral  
Dr. Jim Poit





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## Holy Land Spiritual Renewal

**OCTOBER 14 TO 23, 2007**

October 14–23, 2007  
Reserve by July 15!  
Reserve at the Box Office  
or call 714-544-5679

walk  
Where  
Jesus  
Walked

# calendar of events

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7 
8	9	10 Women's "Summer Salt" (10)	11	12 	13	14 French Festival (10)
15	16	17	18	19 Women's RCA Conf. (10)	20 Women's RCA Conf. (10)	21 Women's RCA Conf. (10)
22 Women's RCA Conf. (10)	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30 Summer Logos Bible (5)	31	july			

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august			1 	2	3	4 <i>Coming...</i> Youth Auction: 10/6 (8) Holy Land Tour: 10/14-23 (4)
5 Toastmasters launch (5) 	6 Summer Logos Bible (5)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Summer Logos Bible (5)	14 Women's "Summer Salt" (10)	15	16	17	18
19 Pageant of the Masters (10)	20 Summer Logos Bible (5)	21	22	23	24	25 Europe Mission Trip (5)
26	27 Summer Logos Bible (5)	28	29	30 	31	

## every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

### monday

American Dream Builders, 7 PM, FLC-221 . . . . . 562-402-1424  
Band of Brothers, 7 PM, LNG . . . . . 714-971-4236

### tuesday

WOW Study, 9:30 AM, AG (semester break) . . . . . 714-971-4080  
Cathedral Singles, 7 PM, FLC-4 . . . . . 714-971-4061

### wednesday

Men's Bible Study, 7 AM, T-2 . . . . . 714-971-4236  
Women's Book Study, 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

Jr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym . . . . . 714-971-4180  
Soul Food, (semester break) . . . . . 714-971-4080

### 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

AG= Art Gallery ARB= Arboretum BKS= CC Books & Gifts  
CC= Crystal Cathedral CHP= Chapel-in-the-Sky  
FL=Family Lounge FLC= Family Life Center LL= Lower Level  
RCH= Rancho Capistrano T= Tower of Hope

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# Crystal Cathedral Today!

## Second Front Page

### I Am the American Flag

By Robert H. Schuller

At a time like this, it is good for us to listen to the message of our American flag, for it speaks to us from the perspective of history:

I am the American Flag. I speak from the wisdom of a long life. I first felt the vigor of wind on my multicolored face when I unfurled my thirteen stars over two hundred years ago.

Since then, I have known forty-three presidents. I have traveled across continents, oceans, and deserts; I have soared through space, until I stood proudly on



the moon. I have lived long and traveled far to bring peace and freedom to oppressed people of

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#### Arvella Schuller Scholarship Concert

## Dr. Phil Spoke From His Heart

By Sheila Coleman, Director of Family Ministries

"The Crystal Cathedral Academy should be cloned nationwide," Dr. Phil McGraw proclaimed as he accepted his award from Dr. Robert H. Schuller. Dr. Phil, his wife Robin, and the pop star Brian Littrell were this year's recipients of the Arvella Schuller Award for promoting positive values through the media.

The May 2007 Arvella Scholarship Concert was the 12th annual event, and it drew a record attendance. The children "shock and awed" all

with their performances as crystalline voices and melodic violin strains rang through the cathedral. The baby ballerinas (kindergarten and first grade) brought smiles as they bounced alongside the fountains to "Thank Heaven for Little Girls." High school junior Matt Laub raised the rafters at the Hazel Wright organ.

The honorees - Dr. Phil, Robin McGraw, and Brian Littrell - spoke from their hearts to the children and their families, encouraging each one to live their dream. Dr. Phil shared how he had been

without parents as a late teen, but was helped by a positive adult mentor in his life. He encouraged each adult in the audience to come alongside a young person, put their arms around him or her, and make a positive difference in a young life. As he held up his award, Dr. Phil pledged to all that he took the opportunities he had been given seriously and that he would always uphold the values for which he and his wife had been honored.



Dr. Schuller with Robin and "Dr. Phil" McGraw.

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## Remembering Joann Art The Blessings of Just Showing Up to Care

By Patrice Rakhshani, Ministering Elder

As a ministering elder, I went to encourage Joann Art who had brain cancer. She encouraged me. God used my visits to this special woman to bless others and me. On my first visit, Joann greeted me with a wonderful smile just because I "showed up." Pastor Kok's concept is "90% of Caring is Just Showing Up." I can add, "You will be blessed in many ways by Just Showing Up to care."



Patrice Rakhshani

I met Joann only a few times prior to our visits. Through our times together, I came to both know and admire her because of her faith, her gratitude and joy, and her courage. My husband Nick and I also became close to her daughter and son-in-law, Dianna and Frank DeGrave. I learned that Dianna's incredible

Joann continued to inspire me as her illness progressed, and I found additional blessings in the experience.

gratitude came from her mother. I felt especially honored when they asked me to speak at her funeral.

On several occasions, God sent me to another person through Joann. When I entered the building for one visit, I noticed a woman who seemed quite upset. I spoke with her and found her mother was very ill. I asked if she wanted prayer and she said that she very much did. As I walked on, I noticed a marked change in her face and a look of some relief.

People are particularly reluctant to visit those who are extremely ill and have difficulty communicating. I also felt concern about this. Joann continued to inspire me as her illness progressed, however, and I found additional blessings in the experience. Just by opening her eyes or squeezing my hand, she communicated the same warmth I felt before and, in some ways, I felt an even stronger connection with her. God can fill in what we are not able to.

God continued to minister to others through Joann after the illness limited her communication. One way He does this is through the choice

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# Congregational LIFE

## LOGOS BIBLE STUDY

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

### Summer Series: "God, a Biography"

By Anita Sherbanee, Elder

Join Dr. Bill Creasy, Rabbi Michael Mayersohn, and hundreds of Logos students this summer, July 30 - August 27, as Logos Ministries presents a special five-week "Summer Session" of our on-going Bible study, "The Bible, Plain & Simple."

Throughout the academic year, Monday nights, 7 - 9 PM, Dr. Creasy teaches a systematic, verse-by-verse study through the entire Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. During the "Summer Sessions," he chooses a "special topic" for more in-depth examination. This year's topic will be "God, a Biography."

In this summer series, Dr. Creasy and Rabbi Mayersohn will lift out God as a unique character in Scripture, and place him "under the micro-



Rabbi Mayersohn and Dr. Creasy.

scope." In the Book of Malachi, the last book of the Hebrew Scriptures, God says, "I the Lord do not change." Yet many people have difficulty reconciling the God of Joshua and Judges - a God who commands the Israelites to attack their enemies and totally exterminate them - with the God of the Gospels who says, "Love your enemies as yourself."

This Summer Session promises to be an extraordinary one, as Dr. Creasy and Rabbi Mayersohn tackle this very difficult topic. And as those of you who attend our Logos classes during the year might guess, with Dr. Bill and Rabbi Michael on the microphone, it will also be a lively and entertaining series!

Join us each Monday evening, July 30-August 27, 7 - 9 PM in the Freed Theater. Register for this series at the Box Office (714-544-5679) or, for further information, contact Logos Ministries at 310-915-2007 (logosmin.org). Don't miss this lively series of classes!

### Career Builders Toastmasters Club of Crystal Cathedral to Launch

By Robbie Motter, Career Builders Communications VP

On the first Sunday of each month starting with the first Sunday In August, 2007, our Career Builders fellowship class will host a meeting of the Toastmasters Club of Crystal Cathedral, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, Tower of Hope, Floor 3.

"Over the years, serving the needs of Career Builder members at the Crystal Cathedral has always been important," says Ken Inholder, Crystal Cathedral's Career Builders' President. "We strive to always bring in the current topics and teachers to help our members grow in their careers. We feel that adding of this once-a-month Toastmaster Meeting is another milestone for Career Builders."

The Board of Directors consists of Ken Inholder, President; Rich Hauser, VP; Dr. Patricia Adelekan, VP; Robbie Motter, VP; Tommy Jennings, Sec./Treasurer, and Araceli Baldaras-Dovine; Tammy Brewer; Laura Jorge; James Burnell; Elaine Gurley; Sean Khan; Ray Larson; Chuck Hudiburg; Tom Link; Pastor James and Yvonne Richards; Rita Tijerina; Dan Wegner; and Catherine Yost. Every board member is very excited to offer the individuals who attend the weekly meetings the opportunity to learn communication and leadership skills at its best through Toastmasters.

Toastmasters is a proven way to become a better speaker and leader. No matter whether one is seeking employment or moving up the career ladder, these skills are very important, and include learning how to:

- Give better sales presentations.
- Improve your management skills.
- Work better with others, including other employees.
- Effectively develop and present ideas.
- Learn how to offer constructive criticism.
- Accept criticism more objectively.
- Speak and think quickly on your feet.

Join us on Sunday, August 5, for the launch of this enriching program. For more information, contact Dr. Patricia Adelekan at 714-628-9844 or p\_adelekan@yahoo.com; or Ken Inholder, Career Builders President, at 714-423-6217.

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The Cathedral team with Rozio, Vincente, and family sit on top of the gravel that would be shoveled and distributed by bucket brigades to become the base of the floor of a new, safe, and sturdy home.

## CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL MISSIONS

Dr. Beverly Muffin, Director

### GLOBAL MISSIONS

#### We Helped to Build a House!

By Sara Clark, Short-Term Mission Participant

The Crystal Cathedral short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic in May was AWESOME! It was hot, humid, and the team (see photo above) worked physically hard - eight hrs. a day, five days straight, mosquito-bitten, sunburned, carrying buckets of rocks, sand, cement, and prying rusty nails out of old boards or digging holes for the septic system. And - it was FANTÁSTICO!

Rozio, the wife/mom/recipient of the home we helped to build, said that they were so blessed to be chosen to be a Habitat for Humanity family, but that they had never imagined that brothers/sisters-in-Christ would come from so far away and work so hard to make their dream come true.

The act of helping to build this house for Rozio, Vincente, and their children felt like a state of constant worship of our awesome Lord. I returned home so calm in spirit and joyful in heart, with deepened relationships with my Cathedral friends, new friendships in the Dominican Republic, and a clearer view of God's indescribable love for all His children around the world.

Dr. Beverly Muffin and team leader Gudelia Ramirez tell me that more trips like this are in the works - locally and internationally. If you have even an inkling that this is something that interests you, call Gudelia at 714-971-4047 and find out more - and be BLESSED!

### Experience a "Vacation with a Purpose" in Europe

Experience what God is doing through national workers in four former

**New Date!**

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# 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, 714-971-4000.

## NEW HOPE

### Worth Waiting For

By William Gaultiere, Ph.D.

"I can't imagine not doing New Hope," Joan Grant said to me. Joan is in her third year of service as a New Hope Counselor and she insists that she'll be one of those counselors who stays for many years. Maybe that's because she waited over 30 years to volunteer!

35 years ago, Joan had to be hospitalized, and when no one from her church came to visit her despite her active involvement, she felt like no one missed her. She started attending the Crystal Cathedral and immediately knew that this positive, caring community was to be her church. Then, when she heard about New Hope from a friend, she said, "That sounds like a great ministry! I'm going to do that as soon as I retire."

In these years of retirement, Joan has found renewed zest for life, not only through her New Hope ministry, but in other areas, as well. For instance, she's been taking a creative writing class for seven years to help her write her memoirs. Joan is the youngest of nine children born to missionary parents, though, sadly, her dad died when she was just a baby. Her mother supported the family with the sale of eggs from raising chickens.

New Hope's philosophy has become a part of Joan's blood. It's no wonder since she's read all of Pastor Jim Kok's books, regularly attends New Hope Continuing Education classes, and listens to tapes of classes in her car. She's learned to listen to people, to take an interest in their point of view, and to recall personal details they share with her. This has helped her greatly in her relationships with others, especially her adult son as she has supported him through some challenging times.

Joan says that she learns so much from the callers. She has become increasingly appreciative



Joan Grant, New Hope Counselor of the Month, June 2007.

of her own health, not just physically, but mentally too. Until being a New Hope Counselor, she had never thought about what it was like for people who hear imaginary voices or those who are so lonely that they have no one to talk to.

Often Joan serves her 4 to 8 AM shift alone. At first, this scared her, but she realized that Jesus was with her and this gave her comfort. Since then, she's even taken suicide calls alone. One day she

*She's learned to listen to people, to take an interest in their point of view, and to recall personal details they share with her.*

received a call from a man who wanted to kill himself because he was tortured with horrifying memories and guilt over killing women and children in Vietnam. Sharing his story helped him to realize that he didn't really want to die. Joan isn't scared of getting suicide calls anymore because she knows that Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor, is with her. And that despairing callers are reaching out for help and, in that sense, they don't really want to die.

Joan's love for volunteering with New Hope shows up in her cheerful smile and faithful service. And yet, she admitted to me, "I actually hate talking on the phone! I try not to call people. But, New Hope is different. It's a caring connection."

### New Hope Communication Training

If you would like to form a "caring connection" with those in need, learn listening and communication skills that apply as a New Hope volunteer as well as to your everyday life. A special five-day summer Counselor Training Class is coming July 23-27, 1 to 5 PM. Details at the Plaza table on Sunday mornings, or call 714-971-4123.

### New Hope Seminar: Parents and their Adult Children

Join Dr. Bill Gaultiere on Wed., July 11, at 12:45 PM, or Thurs., July 12, at 6:45 PM in the Tower of Hope Floor 3 for a special seminar for parents struggling in their relationship with an adult child.

When children grow into adulthood, a seismic shift occurs in the parent-child relationship. It's not that children don't need their parents anymore

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

(though it may feel that way to the parent!), it's just that the needs and roles have changed. It's important that we understand the dynamics of this relationship.

This is a topic that hits home for us. Probably you have one or more adult children. For some of us our parents are still alive. All of us would want to do whatever we could to improve these relationships!

Let's learn and share together. Bring your questions. Bring a friend. Or, better yet, bring your adult child or parent! (If not literally, then emotionally.) Call 714-971-4123 for more details.

## DR. KOK'S KORNER

### "Why Good Things Happen to \*Good People"

Quotes from author Stephen Post, *Hour of Power* Pulpit guest, May 20, 2007:

- A church is a community designed to organize and deliver love.
- We are as human beings hard-wired to give.
- Love cures people; both the one who gives it and the one who receives it are equally benefited.
- Adolescents with nobility of purpose become happier adults. They have less depression and less suicide.
- Churchgoers live longer.
- Involvement in generous behavior protects against problem drinking and other addictions.
- Happiness is a bi-product of serving others—even in old age.
- Prayer is giving. Those who pray have lower stress hormones.
- Volunteering saves lives. Giving reduces mortality significantly ... in later life, even when you start late (research on 2,000 people over age 55). "Those who volunteer for two or more organizations have an impressive 44% lower likelihood of dying." This beats exercising four times a week, and attendance at religious services. Only stopping smoking reduces mortality more – 49%.

(The book, *Why Good Things Happen to Good People* by Stephen Post, is available at Crystal Cathedral Books & Gifts, in the store and online.)

### Donna Schuller Feeds Food Facts to 50+

During the May 50+ luncheon (see more details, pg. 11), Donna Schuller, a registered nutritionist as well as the busy wife of our Senior Pastor, shared these valuable tips on nutrition:

- Eat "God's Food" - that



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is, as natural as possible, and something uncooked at every meal.

- The darker the color, the more nutrient dense is the vegetable.
- Drink water - it lowers the risk of heart attack.
- Breakfast - definitely the most important meal of the day.
- Fast food lacks nutrients, even their salads.
- Sugar is devastating to your whole body.
- Everyone needs Vitamins C and E and Beta-Carotene. Beyond that, everyone has different needs.

One part of our monthly gatherings you can always count on is group singing with Anne Waltz and Linda Kok. Here's why: "Singing is good for your health"— it can elevate your mood, provide an outlet for sadness and it is also physically good for us. It can improve the body's immune response. In elderly people, it can reduce the use of prescription drugs, doctor visits, and emergency room care. The conscious breathing from the diaphragm involved in singing can itself reduce stress.

Researchers compared two groups of socially active adults over age 65. One group sang weekly. The other did not. After one year, the singers' health was significantly better than the non-singers were. After the study, everybody wanted to join the singing group. (From *L.A. Times*, Susan Brink, Times Staff Writer.)

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, T-10. Widowed persons group.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

Serving God's Precious Preschool Children

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool is a nationally accredited (NAEYC), fully licensed, non-profit school for children ages two through five. Offering a distinctive, high quality early childhood education program, our school is dedicated to educating and ministering to God's precious preschool children. We proudly maintain:

- A loving, Christian atmosphere.
- Professional staff with low turnover.
- Very low teacher/child ratios.
- Safe, secure, stimulating environment.

If you are interested in taking a tour of the school to see for yourself, please contact the office at 714-971-4141.



ACADEMY & HIGH SCHOOL

Abundant Scholarships Now Available

By Susan Lashier, Teacher, Crystal Cathedral Academy

A new Scholarship Fund has been created under the Arvella Scholarship Foundation with the purpose of helping families in need within the community.

Available to new, first-year K-5 students, the fund was developed based on the principle, "Ask, Believe, and Receive." Students receiving scholarships must maintain a G.P.A. 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.

*Arvella Schuller Scholarship Awards: See story, pg. 4.*

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.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Helping You to Cope with Everyday Issues...

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

The Family Counseling Center continues its support effort to reflect our mission to serve families and individuals during the life challenges of pre-marital, marital, family, career and every day coping issues.

The Family Counseling Center Team includes those who have a special interest in helping parents, children, and adolescents, and with career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. There are bilingual counselors for those speaking Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.



"Parenting with Loving Control" Multi-Family Sessions are available in Spanish and English each month by calling 714-538-6387. Pre-Marital or Marital Communication Sessions are held quarterly with information available by calling 714-971-4222.

Our focus is to reach out to each ministry, the Academy, and the community with affordable counseling on a sliding scale. Counselors will be available for individual, couple, family, child and group sessions. Speakers are available to speak to church and community groups on the topics indicated. Just call the Family Counseling Center at 714-971-4222 for an appointment and a counselor will return the call.

# 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

EXPERIENCE WARMTH AND WORSHIP

Every Sunday, 9:30 & 11 AM  
in the Freed Theater

- ▶ Live Music/Worship Band!
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- ▶ Live Connection with Others!



When you experience C3, the new Crystal Cathedral Contemporary service, you will feel the warmth of community and a meaningful worship style designed with you in mind.



Your host pastor Kim Kimpel, plus Kyle Bonenberger with the Kyle Steven 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 community. Following both services, Pastor Kim, along with Pastor Bob and Michelle Cavinder, 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.

The Miller family shared that "meeting all the great people was meaningful and it was the perfect amount of free time."

Every year, Crystal Cathedral Family Camp becomes a tradition for those who have never experienced it before and continues a tradition for those who have. If you and your family have not yet joined other Crystal Cathedral families of the for this annual fun, relaxing, and meaningful getaway, next year is your year to begin a tradition that will bless your family with memories to last a lifetime!

### IN OCTOBER: YOUTH AUCTION!

Saturday evening, October 6: This year's youth auction in the Hospitality Center, will be "A Night of Crystal Reflections: Illuminating a Child's Dreams!" Ed Arnold will once again be our Emcee/Auctioneer and Dr. and Mrs. Schuller will be in attendance. The Silent Auction/Hors D'oeuvres will be held 6 - 7:30 PM, with the



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## FAMILY

### CAMP: A MISSION POSSIBLE!

Enjoying miniature golf, milkshakes, and making family mission statements, 18 families of the Crystal Cathedral had a marvelous time at our fourth annual Family Camp held at Forest Home Retreat Center in June. Here are reactions from some of the families, in their own words:

Chuck Flynn said, "O.C. Cota and I had a SUPER time at Forest Home Family Camp. One of my best memories was when O.C. came back to the room one evening after drinking chocolate shakes and playing miniature golf and said to me, 'Gosh, Chuck, I have never met so many friendly people in my whole life, and the boys here are so nice. They don't push me or make fun of me. They are just nice.' O.C.'s favorite time was sliding down the slide into the water at Lakeview. We hope to see you there next year!"

"Being able to get away from our fast-paced lives and relax with our family was most meaningful to us," remarked the Kreitner family.

The Thomas family noticed that "people raved about the food and camp staff. They loved being treated so well. The level of programming was excellent."



## PARENTS

### LETTING GO WITH LOVE

Dear Dr. Sheila,

*I am so proud of my son, who is an officer in the US Air Force. However, when I recently learned that he would be deployed to Iraq, I couldn't help but wish he wouldn't go. Does he need me to be courageous and hide my fears and tears, or is it okay for me to let him know how I feel?*

-Proud (and Scared) Mom



Dear Proud and Scared,

I can only guess at the depth of your pride and fear for your son. Friends of mine have children who have been deployed, and my eyes tear up every time I pray for them.

I have a son in the police academy and another in the reserves. Letting go of our sons and daughters to serve their country and communities is a supreme sacrifice for moms and dads. Yet, it is comforting to realize that our Heavenly Father and Christ's earthly mother, Mary, know first-hand the pain of sacrificing a child for the lives of others.

I think that letting our children know how much we love them never has negative results. Be proud and hug your son tightly, letting the tears flow as he hears how you'll miss him and be praying for him. Pack a small Bible and cross in his duffel, and I promise you that he will need them and appreciate you for being so thoughtful and for showing your love in such an honest and caring way.

-Dr. Sheila

*Do you have a question for Dr. Sheila? E-mail your question to asksheila@crystalcathedral.org.*