

crystalcathedral today

This month celebrating...

Life, Liberty, Faith & Love!



True Freedom

By Robert A. Schuller, Senior Pastor

When members of the United States Second Continental Congress approved the remarkable document we know as the Declaration of Independence, they plainly declared their belief in God. The drafters of this noble proclamation knew that the far-reaching freedoms they were proposing could only work well in a society where God is acknowledged and honored. They boldly declared that God has "endowed" all people with the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" because he values each one of us.

"Together, let's thank God for the wonderful freedom we enjoy as citizens of this great country."

Our founding fathers loved the concept of individual freedom, but what they had in mind was not a permissive lifestyle that allows us to do anything we please. That's merely self-indulgent living. True freedom that acknowledges God and is deeply rooted in godly principles is best expressed in "faith working through love" to serve one another. Paul captures this idea in Galatians 5:13 where he clearly

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"Experience the CC" this summer on Wednesday evenings in July. See pg. 5 for details...

July Sparkles with Possibilities!

This month, join your Crystal Cathedral family in celebrating life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness through activities that encourage wholeness and holiness in our lives. Here are just a few fun-fellowshipping, soul-deepening, and heart-lifting possibilities for you...

JULY SUNDAYS: Come every Sunday to get a fresh perspective on how to live a positive life through relevant Bible-based messages by Robert A. Schuller, Jim Poit, and Sheila Coleman. Plus, be inspired by the music of special guests, including American Idol favorite, Phil Stacey, who beautifully expresses his Christian faith through his own brand of contemporary music.

JULY 4 - Angels Baseball: Celebrate Independence Day with family and CC friends at the Angels vs. Toronto game with

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Help an O.C. family in need during our next Habitat for Humanity build in Fullerton.

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Fuller Theological Seminary Graduation

Rev. Bobby Schuller Receives Masters of Divinity Degree

Bobby Schuller's family and friends were surely blessed, on Saturday, June 14, in Pasadena, CA, to watch him receive his Masters of Divinity degree during the 59th Fuller Theological Seminary Grand Commencement ceremony with nearly 4,000 in attendance.

The now Rev. Bobby Schuller, our pastor of Emergent Ministry and The Gathering, walked with classmates from all corners of the U.S. and world, in-

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july sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Spend July summer Sundays encouraged by the messages of **Robert A. Schuller**, **Sheila Schuller Coleman**, and **Jim Poit**. And be inspired by these special guests...

JULY 6

This Independence Day celebration will feature an inspiring message by **Pastor Jim Poit**, plus patriotic music by vocalists **Jason Catron** and **Sophie Thurston**, and the **Crystal Cathedral Volunteer Choir & Orchestra**.

JULY 13

Laura Story, recording artist, worship leader, and author of the popular "Indescribable" (recorded by Chris Tomlin) will share her gift of song. Message by **Robert H. Schuller**.

JULY 20

American Idol finalist **Phil Stacey** with an original song of encouragement entitled "It's Who You Know." Message by **Robert A. Schuller**.

JULY 27

On this final Sunday in July, our Director of Family Ministries, **Sheila Schuller Coleman**, will reveal "What to Do When Your Dream Turns into a Nightmare."



Jason Catron



Jim Poit



Laura Story



Phil Stacey



Sheila Coleman

every sunday adult FELLOWSHIP

Take the next step as you become more involved in your Crystal Cathedral church family! Just drop in, or call 714-971-4062 for details.

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

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

BECOMERS 9 AM, FLC-230.
Bible Study in Galatians with Pastor Jim Kok continues. Everyone welcome! Bibles provided.

CAREER BUILDERS 9:30 AM, Tower-3.
Apply faith to lives and careers by focusing on personal and professional growth in a Christian context.

CATHEDRAL SINGLES 11 AM, FLC-4.
Learn more about God, make friends, and celebrate with this dynamic group of singles.

CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIP 9:15 AM, FLC-231.
Multigenerational prayer, praise, and worship in fun-loving fellowship.

NEW! COLLEGE GROUP 6-7 PM, Youth House
Devoted to diving into God's Word and connecting with others of college age. More details, pg. 10.

EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY 8:15 AM Tower-3.
Prayer, great Bible application studies, warm fellowship, and refreshments ignite our day of worship!

EXPLORERS OF FAITH 11 AM, Tower-3.
Chuck Hahn helps this group to explore and discover God's timeless faith lessons through modern applications.

HOMEBUILDERS 9 AM, Art Gallery.
This group of adults led by Glenn DeMaster meets for loving fellowship, prayer, and unquestioned support.

NEW COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP 11 am, Art Gallery.
Bible study led by Dr. Lawrence Wilkes.

NEW HORIZONS 11 am, Tower-2.
Bible study, prayer, missions, and fellowship are foundational to this friendly group led by James and Yvonne Richards.

RCA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9 AM, T-2.
Join this friendly group led by Rebecca Caldwell for enlightening Bible and church doctrine studies, praise, and prayer.

REJOICERS 9 am, FLC-127.
Celebrate with this class for the developmentally disabled through visually aided Bible studies and social activities.

MORE ON SUNDAY

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

 9:30 & 11 AM, FREED THEATER

Hispanic Sunday Services
 Encouraging services in Spanish with Dr. Luiz Lemos
 1 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 PM
 Crystal Cathedral
 Dr. Jim Poit

arabic ministry
 1:30 PM
 IN THE ARBORETUM

child/student FELLOWSHIP
 In the Family Life Center, 9:30 & 11 AM, and 1 PM
 For children through grade 5

Summer Cathedral Kidz
 Jr. High: FLC, 11 AM
 Sr. High: Freed 10:45 AM

calendar of events

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

Summer Camp for Kids!

Music & Drama Camp

August 4 - 23
@ Crystal Cathedral.
Details, pg. 9.

High School Summer Camp

August 9 -15.
For details, call 714-971-4180.

Rancho Capistrano Discover Camp

All summer long.
Details, pg. 13.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
july		1	2 Veteran's Meeting (10)	3 Project Timothy begins (9)	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7	8 Laboratory of Communication (10)	9 Experience the CC (5)		11	12
13	14 	15	16 Experience the CC (5)	17	18	19
20	21 New Hope Training (6)	22 New Hope Training (6)	23 Experience the CC (5) New Hope Training (6)	24 H.S. Mexico Mission leaves (9) New Hope Training (6)	25 New Hope Training (6)	26
27	28	29	30 Experience the CC (5)	31		

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
august					1	2 <i>Coming...</i> Crown Financial Seminar, 9/13 (5) Community Fest '08: 9/20 (8) Spiritual Formation Retreat: 10/1-3 (4) Women's Healing Retreat: 10/3-5 (10) Children/Youth Auction: 10/18 (8)
3	4 Music & Drama Camp begins (9)	5	6 Veteran's Meeting (10)	7		8
10 H.S. Summer Camp begins (9)	11	12 Laboratory of Healing (10)	13	14		16
17	18	19	20	21 50+ Prime Time Luncheon (11)	22	23 Family Concert (15)
24 Pageant of the Masters (11)	25	26	27	28 	29	30
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every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

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

tuesday

Cathedral Singles, 7 PM, FLC-3 714-971-4061
Jr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180

wednesday

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

thursday

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

saturday

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



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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL TODAY!

SECOND Front Page

Steve Manchester: 1924-2008

Feeding Hungry Souls for 18 Years

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

A month ago in this publication, we shared with you Steve Manchester's update on our Real Help ministry that he has led faithfully and brilliantly for so many years. He was so excited to report that he and his volunteer team had fed 100 homeless and hungry people in that week, alone.

"Yes, Jim," he said, "It's now been 18 years shopping, cooking, and feeding the homeless. And my faithful team of volunteers are always right there with me." In his nearly two decades as our chief volunteer cook and food shopper, Steve and his crew have served thousands of meals. All hot. All delicious. All free.

Sadly, not long after our conversation, on Friday, May 30, Steve died of a heart attack and stroke at nearby UCI Hospital. His loving wife Estrella and two children - Shirley Manchester of Mission Viejo, CA, and Arthur Manchester, Jr., of Mobile, AL - survive him. "He was such a happy man," shares Estrella, "enjoying services at church and the Homebuilders Bible Class every Sunday, and of course dancing every Saturday night."

Steve was a WW II and Korean War veteran, retiring as a highly decorated U.S. Army Major. "With heart and soul, Steve loved America," says Estrella, "and defended the values of this country, always involved patriotically communicating values to the younger generations."

He was also an expert marksman with handguns, and the National Champion with the .22 caliber pistol, having been invited to participate in the Olympic Games. In 1958, he was decorated with The Distinguished Pistol Marksmanship Award.

Steve loved to cook. When people asked him how he became a cook, he would say, "I started cooking when I was three years old helping my grandmother while my mother worked. I grew up during the Depression, and took care of myself a lot, so I became used to fixing my own meals, and



Joyful Steve at surrounded by his faithful volunteers.



Steve & Estrella Manchester, ready to hand out Christmas goodies to those in need

then it just grew from there."

The Care and Kindness Conference presented Steve with the 2004 Crystal Wave Award, given annually to a person whose life is characterized by care and charity. He loved

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Fun Fact from the Archives

Lassie's Big Flag Flies at the Crystal Cathedral

Shortly after the Crystal Cathedral was built, Jack Wrather, a friend of Dr. Schuller's and the man who built and owned the Disneyland Hotel, told Dr. Schuller that he needed a flag worthy of the grandeur of the new Cathedral.

Dr. Schuller agreed and asked, "How about if you donate it?" So, Jack and wife Bonita, the producer of the weekly televised *Lassie*, donated the magnificent, nine-stories-high American flag that is proudly raised inside the Crystal Cathedral every Independence Day and on other patriotic holidays. It was also there to comfort us during the Gulf War and for an entire month after September 11.

"This flag signifies our freedom under God," says Arvella Schuller, "just like the words in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country. Our nation

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL
LEARNING
NETWORK

Spiritual Growth Adventure: "A Soul Journey"

Thurs. thru July 10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, FLC-470

During these weeks of simple and profound teachings, your heart will be warmed, your mind stretched, and your soul healed. Dr. Sandra Herron offers wise insight into the process of discovering who you are in life and in Christ. Cost: \$8/class. RSVP: 714-971-4084 (or just drop in).

About the Series Leader: Dr. Sandra Whitacre Herron is the former Director of the Singles Ministry at the Crystal Cathedral and trainer at the Fuqua International School of Christian Communications. Her many careers include being a credentialed and licensed teacher, speech pathologist, and psychotherapist.



Sande Herron

Sande's personal experiences with several life-threatening illnesses and divorce are what give her both compassion and credibility. Her blended family includes eight children, eleven grandchildren, and a new dachshund puppy. Her favorite activity is flying with her husband Jim in a plane that he built.

Spiritual Formation Retreat: "Praying The 23rd Psalm With Jesus"

October 1-3, 1 pm Wednesday - 2:30 pm
Friday, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA

By Bill Gaultiere, PhD, Executive Director,
New Hope Counseling Ministry

Jesus is the Shepherd of our souls. Let's meet him together in Psalm 23 and in the beautiful and peaceful setting of the Prince of Peace monastery. Let's respond to his invitation: "Come away with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31). We'll use Psalm 23 in a variety of ways to help us meditate, be still, pray, and share together in order to be renewed for our lives and ministries "down the hill." You will personally meet with the Good Shepherd to discover that it's really true: "He restores my soul."

In May of 2008 we took a similar spiritual

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Congregational LIFE

Experience the CC this Summer

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life



Deb Yurk

If you're yearning to become a more active participant in the local ministry of the Crystal Cathedral, I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to "Experience the CC." We move this month from our normal Sunday schedule to Wednesday evenings,

July 9 - 30, 7 - 8:30 PM, in the Family Lounge. Over a period of four weeks, we will:

- Show you what we are all about.
- Encourage you in your walk with Jesus.
- Explore options to connect within our church family.
- Help you make a difference in the world for Christ.

There are people here who want to care for you, so if you have not taken that step in becoming a member of our congregation, this class is designed with you in mind. To RSVP, contact Maureen Winer in the Congregational Life Ministry office at 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

Find Freedom in Your Finances

The "Journey to True Financial Freedom" seminar will be held Saturday, September 13 from 8:30 - 4:30 PM in the Arboretum. It will be led by Kevin Dodge, CFA, of Crown Financial Ministries, a nondenominational, evangelical Christian ministry with the mission of equipping Christians around the world to learn, apply, and teach financial principles based on the Bible.

"When my business went bust after the untimely death of my business partner, I turned to Crown Ministries for financial instruction," says one Crystal Cathedral member. "The first thing they taught our group was that there are more scriptures in the Bible on finances and money than on any other one subject. How great to know that the Lord cares about every detail of our lives, including our finances. I also appreciated how Crown helped us to look at our personal issues surrounding money, like stinginess or overspending. Because of Crown, I was put on the right path financially, am finally free of debt, and have my affairs in order. What a blessing this ministry has been in my life."

Cost: \$25/person. Make your reservations at the box office (714-544-5679). Cash or check only with checks payable to "Crystal Cathedral."

Sunday Toastmasters

The CC Career Builders Club of Toastmaster's International invites you: "Let's Do Lunch!" Come every Sunday, 12:30-2 PM on the T-3. Everyone is warmly welcomed. (We will also continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month, 9:30-10:30 AM, T-3.) Questions? Call 714-971-4062.

Join Other U.S. Veterans

The first Tuesday of every month, 12 - 2 PM on Tower of Hope, Floor 2, U.S. Veterans meet for fellowship, updates, special speakers, and encouragement. For details, contact Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-971-4062 or chaptrout@aol.com.

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a fireworks display like no other! More details, pg. 10.

JULY 8 - Laboratory of Communication: Rhea Zakich takes us into the Laboratory to discover important principles of faith through creative activities and experiments that let you determine what works best for you, this month focusing on communication. More details, pg. 10.



JULY 9 - Experience the CC: On four Wednesday evenings in July, take that next step in becoming and member of our congregation. Come connect with a community filled with people who want to care for you and help you make a difference in the world for Christ. More details, pg. 5.

JULY 12 - HFH Construction Day: Be an important part of the team while helping an O.C. family in need during our next Habitat for Humanity build in Fullerton. No experience required; just a big heart and TLC for others. More details, pg. 5.



JULY 21 - New Hope Training: Life is about relationship connections. During five afternoons, find out how to connect with God and other people in new ways that bless, inspire, and transform. Learn to help people in need of a listening ear who call the New Hope Hotline. More details, pg. 6.

This July, join your friends at the Crystal Cathedral to celebrate freedom through Christ as we come to know God genuinely, love people sincerely, and serve the world intently!



Experience the CC



Discover who we are and what we believe. Meet the pastors to learn how you and your family can belong to our community that wants to care for you and help you make a difference in the world. Learn how we, at the Crystal Cathedral, come to:

- ◆ **KNOW GOD** THROUGH WORSHIP & PRAYER
- ◆ **LOVE PEOPLE** THROUGH FELLOWSHIP & CARE
- ◆ **SERVE THE WORLD** THROUGH GIVING & GROWTH

Includes Continental Breakfast and Sunday Worship time!

Special Summer Schedule: Wednesday nights, July 9, 16, 23 & 30 in Family Lounge, 7-8:30 PM. Call for details: 714-971-4062

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.

DR. KOK'S KORNER

"Bobby Polanco" Defibrillator in Place

Crystal Cathedral Academy has recently acquired an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (A.E.D.). This amazing instrument has saved many lives around the world. The purchase and training were made possible by a \$3,000 gift from the Becomers Fellowship Class. They collected the money to make it possible and dedicated it to Bobby Polanco.



Bobby Polanco was a student at the Academy when, during gym class on what would become a very sad day in January of 2003, his heart failed and he died. He was the oldest son of Rose and Robert Polanco, and brother to Christopher who is now an 11-year-old Academy student.

The A.E.D. is a nearly foolproof instrument to be used whenever anyone becomes unconscious in an unexpected way. It is so highly refined that everyone can use it, but it will only function when the person's body actually needs it. Although any person can use the device, the Academy administrators and teachers have received careful training in its proper use. We hope it is never needed, but it is a great comfort to have it on hand.

(Cheerful Footnote: The Polancos are expecting a baby girl in August. Remember Rose and the entire Polanco family in your prayers.)

Book Group to Start

A brand new book group is gearing up to start Saturday, September 13, and you're invited to join us! The first book to be discussed is *The Victory of Reason* by Rodney Stark (Random House, 2005). It is an important, interesting, and easy-to-read account of "How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success." It's BYOC (bring your own coffee). For details, call Pastor Jim Kok's office 714-971-4038.

On-the-Job Care & Kindness

When you go to the bookstore to make a purchase, did you know that you are still on the job? I assure you, you're not completely on your own free time. The same is true when you go to your doctor's office to keep an appointment. Trust me; you have work to do while you are there. This also applies when you park your car in a public parking garage, or drive through McDonalds. In every instance, you have an assignment to complete.

In each of those situations, the job is similar. You are there to brighten the lives of those who help you. You are not just a receiver, a taker, or a shopper. You are a giver, as well. Your task is to find simple ways to lift spirits, and encourage and appreciate those you meet.

It starts, of course, with eye contact and a smile. Then come the words—like "I really admire the way you do your work." Or, "I love your smile." Or, "You are so attractive." It can be as easy as admiring a decorative pin on someone's blouse or complimenting penmanship.

A few days ago there was a knock at our front door. It was an older woman with a dog on a leash. We did not recognize her. She said she often walked past our house. Then she said, "I want you to know how much I enjoy hearing the piano as I stroll by." She elaborated about her appreciation of music and about her son who was a musician. Both Linda and I were glowing as she departed. She had gone out of her way to leave us a gift.

We experienced a living example of care and kindness when she stopped in. Our spirits were lifted, and hers may have been as well. Whether she knew it or not, she was being a light in our world. That is our assignment every day, everywhere we go.

"POWERFULLY SIGNIFICANT"

Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) Ends

C.P.E. is a special training track in ministry for pastors and students of theology. Our Crystal Cathedral Congregation has been an accredited site for this training since 1984. A total of 176 men and women have completed this intense experience, receiving seminary credit and ecclesiastical endorsement for completing the process. Due to other demands on his time, Pastor Jim Kok, who is the Certified Supervisor of C.P.E., has asked that the program be discontinued. The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education is guiding the conclusion of the program that was powerfully significant to all who completed it.

Bert Mies
marvels at
how God
works
through him
at
New Hope.



NEW HOPE

New Hope Brought God's Miracles for Bert

By Bill Gaultiere, PhD, Executive Director of New Hope

"When I first started as a New Hope Counselor I was so tense," Bert Miles told me. "I was trying too hard to figure out the problems of people who called in. And I felt like I had to hurry to get to the next call. But I learned to focus on one call at a time and be present for people by listening. I just probe a little, let them unload, and then offer God's comfort. The other thing I've learned was how not to take calls home with me, but to pray and let people go into the Lord's hands."

And this is what Bert, our New Hope Counselor of the Month for July, has been doing for 22 years! That's a long time to be faithful!

Why would someone like Bert continue to volunteer? I asked Bert, he smiled, and shared, "New Hope has enriched my life tremendously. We all go through difficulties, like the health problems that my wife and I have had. But I've learned to be grateful for God's blessings."

I am inspired by Bert's relationship with Christ. He loves the Lord and he loves being in a conversational relationship with him. His openness to God's intervention in his life and through his life to others has led to incredible things happening, like meeting a homeless man and using a message by Dr. Schuller to help him become a Christian.

Bert has had numerous phone calls at New Hope that he's convinced God directed to him specifically to use him to minister profoundly to someone in need. He says that after his night shift at New Hope, when he gets in the elevator to go home, he waits awhile before pushing the button to go down and he looks out the window and exclaims to God, "Wow!" After 22 years, he still marvels at how amazing it is to have God work through him to care for hurting people. "If you open your eyes you see miracles every day! Life with the Lord is so exciting!"

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

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Bert volunteered for New Hope because a friend named Linus Keating. (Who besides me remembers Linus and his passionate appreciation for Dr. Schuller's sermon booklets?) Linus invited him first to Crystal Cathedral Men's Ministry events and then to New Hope. Linus singled Bert out and kept after him to join New Hope, but Bert's reply was, "What do you mean? I'm the guy who needs to call 714-NEW-HOPE!" At the time, Bert was a heavy drinker and had been for many years. But he had to admit that he couldn't stop drinking and that this was a problem. So, he put his trust in Christ and volunteered for New Hope.

Bert hasn't had a drink since! And what a wonderful adventure with the Lord it's been for him.

Summer Training Class

Join Bert on your own "wonderful adventure" with New Hope by attending a condensed week-day communications class, Mon.-Fri., July 21-25, 1-5 PM, Tower of Hope, Floor 3. During this class series, you will learn the crisis counseling ABCs - how to help grieving people, how to set boundaries with difficult people, and how to prevent suicide. To register, call Barbie Barrientos at 714-971-4123 or go to www.newhopenow.org.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Gain New, Healthful, Helpful Habits

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

Family Counseling Center's professional counselors are here to help you to create new, healthful, helpful habits that will give you a new outlook on the possibility-filled future that awaits you.

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. Speakers are available to church and community groups. Just 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 by calling 714-538-6387. Learn ways to bring your family together by using caring techniques in a proven program.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS NURTURING LIVES OF POSSIBILITY AND PURPOSE

Founded on the principles of positive Christianity, Crystal Cathedral Schools offer students - elementary, middle school, and high school - positive education and nurturance as unique children of God, giving each one a real head start on a life filled with possibilities and purpose.

This K-12 performing arts school offers courses in the visual arts, drama, music, and P.E. classes twice a week in addition to a dynamic accelerated general curriculum.

NOW ENROLLING: This is the perfect time to choose to bless your children with a positive education through the Crystal Cathedral Academy & High School. For more information and tours, contact Mrs. Mulady, School Registrar, 714-971-4159.

PRESCHOOL

SUMMER FUN FOR OUR LITTLE ONES!

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool is geared up for summer fun! We will start the month off

with our Annual Fourth of July Parade. In addition, the children will enjoy Teddy Bear Week, Bathing Suit Days, and a special camping unit this month. The teachers are committed to making this time a joyful experience for the children.

NOW ENROLLING: Enrollment for the new school year that starts in September is high, but there are still spaces available. Contact the school office at 714-971-4141 for a tour where you'll see for yourself the distinctive program that the preschool has to offer!

SCHOOL NEWS

MUSIC TEACHER TO CONDUCT

In August, when the nonprofit Corona Symphony Orchestra plays its first symphony at the Historic Civic Center in Corona, its conductor will be Marco Mejia, the Crystal Cathedral School's talented music teacher.

"We interviewed conductors, but our choice was easy," said co-founder Don Kindred. "He's young, but Marco Mejia really gets our vision to be active in the community. He has a fire in the gut that we liked and need for this project."

For the symphony's opening performance, Mejia is planning a night of firsts, including a performance of Beethoven's First Symphony.

Serving the cultural needs of the Inland Empire with performances and outreach to local schools and community groups, the founders hope the new orchestra will become a major regional draw. For info, go to www.coronasymphonyorchestra.org

It's easy to cool down during "Bathing Suit Days."



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.

family ministries

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

Student Ministry
Brett DePena, J.H. & H.S. Dir.
Ministry to Couples & Parents
Bob & Michelle Cavinder



UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

COMMUNITY FEST '08

Following the wonderful success of our first event in 2007, you're once again encouraged to join your Crystal Cathedral family and local community at the 2nd annual Community Fest on Sunday, September 20, 10 AM - 2 PM on the beautiful Crystal Cathedral campus. Come and enjoy free activities and entertainment for kids and adults, plus delicious food at great prices, and the opportunity to make new friends along the way!

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S AUCTION

Help support our children and our youth at our annual Youth and Children's Auction scheduled to be held on Saturday evening, October 18, on multiple levels of our glorious Welcoming Center. Save the date!

In preparation for the event, the auction committee is seeking new or gently used items to auction off to raise funds for camp scholarships and supplement our children and student ministries' budgets. Last year we were able to send kids to camp and save funds toward a much-needed resurfacing of the playground through such donations as a car, timeshares, fishing trips, and vintage art.

Call Rosa at 714-971-4180 to make a donation.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FAMILIES WORSHIP TOGETHER AT C3!

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

- ▶ Host, Gretchen Penner
- ▶ 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. 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 the service, get connected as you stay, have a cup of Starbucks® coffee, and meet other young families and new friends in PJ's Heavenly Café. See you Sunday!

FAMILY ADVICE

THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Dear Sheila,

I'm nearly forty years old and working at a job that I can barely tolerate. I would like to go back to college and complete my education, but I don't really know what I want to do with my life. Besides, the thought of going back to school is overwhelming, especially at my age. Being at this stage of life and feeling like I missed out on living my dream is depressing. How do I know what I should do? Am I too old to change?



Dear Never Too Old,

Believe it or not you are at the optimal age to go back to school, so if that's all that's stopping you, don't let it! I was fifty when I entered the doctoral program and most of my colleagues were of a similar age. We are fortunate to live in a country where we have the freedom to make choices. And going back to school just might be the choice you'll want to make.

It sounds like this is the perfect time for you to take stock of your life and God's purpose for you. My parents taught me, "Only one life, 'twil soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." Ask yourself, "What's my passion?" And, "If I threw my heart into my passion, would it glorify God?" Finally, pray and ask God to reveal your true purpose in life.

You have the freedom to do anything you want! Choose to do something beautiful for God!

—Dr. Sheila

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

