



## Hats Off to the Birthday Girl!

Celebrate Arvella's 80th on Saturday, July 18, 5:30 PM, Arboretum. More details, pg. 16.



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# Sowing Seeds of Faith!



"For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you."  
2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

Crystal Cathedral Ministries...

## Following God into Ever-Widening Fields of Ministry Opportunity

In her message, "Oh, the Seed You'll Sow," during worship services on Sunday, June 7, our new Director of Crystal Cathedral Ministry and Mission, Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman said, "As my brother launches an amazing ministry, I am so excited for what God is going to do through him and my nephew, Bobby (who recently launched his ministry out in the community). I want to celebrate and I want to show you that we are committed to following God, and obeying Him, and scattering the seed. Only God knows where He wants us to sow His seed and we have to leave it up to Him."

The recently announced details about our ministry's vision, leadership, and innovative outreach endeavors, reveal how we are sowing seeds of faith through ever-widening fields of ministry opportunities. Here are just a few... (See articles, right.)

## Sheila Schuller Coleman: Leading Teams and Implementing Vision

In June 2009, Robert H. Schuller stepped back into the center ring when he felt God calling him, once again, to give vision-casting leadership to the ministry for two more years. In spite of his protest—"Lord, I'm too old!"—God assured him that he would not do it alone.

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## Robert A. Schuller: Pioneering New Media

Another example of Crystal Cathedral seeds sown emerged on May 27, 2009 when Robert A. Schuller announced that he would soon return to television with an all-new show on the AmericanLife TV Network™ (ALN), joining forces with God-

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## Bobby Schuller: Blessing the Community

On June 14, Robert Anthony's son Bobby Schuller launched his new ministry at the American Legion Hall in Old Towne Orange.

The Gathering, which began as the college group at the Crystal Cathedral more than four-and-a-half years ago, took a courageous and faith-filled

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## Dante Gebel: Reaching Hispanic Families and Youth

Dante Gebel was installed as Crystal Cathedral's new Pastor of Hispanic Ministry on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Since that time, the Crystal Cathedral Hispanic Ministry's congregation has nearly quadrupled in size.

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# sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Every Sunday, join ROBERT H. SCHULLER, SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN, and special guests including America's most exciting, positive preachers and thinkers, who, in their own unique, God-given ways, promise to inspire you in heart and soul!

## SUNDAY, JULY 5

On this **INDEPENDENCE DAY** weekend, experience an inspirational and patriotic celebration with a church picnic to follow.

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

With the message, **DAN CHUN**, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu. Plus, **FIELDY**, the KORN bass player whose dramatic conversion testimony will change lives forever!



Fieldy

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

**LEE STROBEL** returns with another fascinating, faith-instilling message. Plus, music by popular American Idol contestant **CHRIS SLIGH**.



Lee Strobel



Dan Chun



Chris Sligh

## SUNDAY, JULY 26

Another encouraging and equipping message by **JOHN MAXWELL**.

Interview guests **SAM HASKELL** and **KATHY IRELAND** share how to live principled lives in unprincipled times. Music by singer/ songwriter **MARK SCHULTZ**.



John Maxwell



Mark Schultz



Kathy Ireland

## 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-3  
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  
Enjoy refreshments, caring fellowship, music, in-depth Bible studies by Rev. Glenn DeMaster.

**NEW COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** 11 AM, Art Gallery  
Enlightening Bible study and warm fellowship.

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

**REJOICERS** 9 AM, FLC-127  
This class for the developmentally disabled. Barbara Shimamura leads Bible studies and social activities.

### MORE ON SUNDAY

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONTEMPORARY

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

11 AM, FREED THEATER

**Hispanic Sunday Services**  
Encouraging services in Spanish  
1 PM, in the Cathedral with Pastor Dante Gebel

EN ESPAÑOL

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

**arabic Christian ministry**  
1:30 PM  
IN THE ARBORETUM

**child/student FELLOWSHIP**

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

**Kid Power Breakfast**

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

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL STUDENT MINISTRY

JUNIOR HIGH HIGH SCHOOL

# calendar of events

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
july			1 More Life in the Spirit (4)	2 	3 	4 Carillon Recital (15) Church Picnic (2)
5 Volunteer Choir & Orch (16)	6 	7 Bible Study Lite (10) Veteran's Fellowship (5)	8	9 Difficult People (4)	10 Difficult People (4)	11
12	13	14	15	16 50+ PrimeTime (9)	17 Family Fun Night (10)	18
19		21 	22	23	24	25 Songs of Your Life (15)
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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august					1 New Life 101 (4)	
2 	3	4 Bible Study Lite (10)	5 More Life in the Spirit (4)	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13 	14	15 Coming... Women's Retreat: 9/13-15 (4) Men's Retreat: 9/25-27 (4) OC Live: 9/19 (15)
16 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## Independence Weekend Family Picnic

Sunday, July 5  
12:30 -2:30 pm  
Welcoming Center Lawn

**PICNIC LUNCH**  
Fresh BBQ burgers & hot dogs, chips & beverages, \$5 per person!

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
Including music & magician!

**FUN GAMES**  
For all ages with prizes!

**CAR SHOW**  
Bring your classic car or motorcycle!

**BRING**  
Your own shade, chairs, Frisbee, and dessert!

## every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

### monday

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

### tuesday

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

### wednesday

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

Bible Film Series, Co-ed, 7 AM, FLC-221 . . . . . 714-538-9341  
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 people

## BOB CAVINDER: Band of Brothers Honor their Founder

By the Band of Brothers team

It's no coincidence that the acronym B.O.B. which stands for "Band of Brothers" is the first name of the group's Pastor, Bob Cavinder. He is a Servant Leader whose vision it was to build a core group of men at the Crystal Cathedral united in Christ that would carry on a legacy that he truly believed in - to create an environment



where men feel safe to open up and become the best they can be. Obedient to his calling, Bob followed through and the rest is history, or as Bob would say, "His Story," giving glory to the Lord, the one who gave him the vision.

We have all seen those individuals who work behind the scenes, planning and quietly leading. Bob, to us Band of Brothers, is one of those guys. "Bob always gives credit to others by teaching them to believe in themselves," says Harold Shaw Men's Ministry Chairman. "He continuously set us up in leadership training, teaching us to recognize talents in other men that could be used to build their confidence. Bob has a unique way of using the ideas of others, putting them in motion in a way that valued that person. He also taught us to recognize when another brother needed prayer, and not to

wait, but to do it immediately. It was his selfless way that groomed us to take over when it was time for him to move on."

John Pascarella, also a Men's Steering Team Member, said, "The support and encouragement Bob gave me to facilitate the 'Wild at Heart' series to other men was incredible. It gave me confidence to share it. Bob's direction and guidance in this area was very special to me."

Every man has a story to tell, Bob would say, creating situations during meetings where it was safe to open up and expose our vulnerabilities creating an environment for personal growth to take hold. The result has carries on still today with a core group of guys meeting on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings doing exactly what Bob did for us on the

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## WAYNE CHAMPION: The Music Man

Wayne Champion was born into a musical world. His father was the director of choral music at their church. His mother was the organist and pianist. Music and people were their loves and Wayne still majors in both. He plays trumpet and piano and majored in choral composition at Northern Illinois University and Roosevelt University in Chicago. But his strong mellow voice has been his musical gift, along with creating musical productions. That is why you will see during worship services sitting down front near the orchestra, his friends, every Sunday morning.



It started in Evanston, Illinois where he was the oldest of six children. Hard work and high standards were values his parents modeled. It is no surprise that a city named him "Businessman of the Year." He knew how to work.

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## CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

### More Life in the Spirit!

Wednesday nights, 7 to 9 PM

July 1 & August 5, FLC 470

Free! No RSVP required

Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere

How are you doing at living in the Spirit and keeping in step with him? What is your next step? Join Bill for a time of Bible teaching, experiential prayer, and conversation in "prayer cells." This is a follow up to the "Life in the Spirit" series that Pastor Juan Carlos Ortiz recently led. Also, we will address some of the questions that surfaced in the meeting with Rhea Zakich in June. Newcomers are welcome! For more info, call Barbie at 714-971-4123.

### BIBLE STUDY "LITE": Summer Mini-Retreats for Women

Tuesdays, Tower-3, All FREE

July 7 & August 4, 9:15 - 11:30 AM

Lead by Rhea Zakich

Is your light flickering? This summer, plug into the Power Source. Join women of all ages for three mini-retreats! Come early to get a good seat.

### FREE SEMINAR: Handling Difficult People

Thurs., July 9, 6:45 - 9 PM, or

Fri., July 10, 12:45 - 3 PM

Tower 3, Free of Charge

With Louise Dunn, M.Ed.

RSVP: 714-971-4123

Are you afraid of upsetting others for fear they will get hurt or worse, become angry? Will you do anything to keep others happy, even when it causes you more headaches? Do you often wonder why people keep treating you this way and wish you could get free of other's constant demands? Come learn how to stop being manipulated by people, but still be a kind and compassionate person. Let go of the unnecessary burdens others place on you, and freely live the life God designed for you!

### NEW LIFE 101: Grow with Others!

Sat., August 1

Welcoming Center, Floor 2, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

RSVP: 714-544-5679

Questions: 714-971-4062

Attend a soul-lifting seminar! Whether you're a seeker, a new believer, or want to grow deeper in your faith, come and be encouraged at New Life 101. Through the one-day event, you will be enlightened through life-changing lessons and have the chance to connect with our pastors and others in a casual, relaxing setting. The seminar consists of three lessons:

1. God Loves Me, Personally (He has a purpose for my life)
2. God Forgives Me (His love for me never changes)
3. I Can Change (Through God, I have new life)

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## 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.

714-971-4138

[www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial\\_gardens](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial_gardens)

### IN MEMORY OF:

Irene Ruecker	8/13/16 - 5/01/09
Josue Armendariz	6/07/34 - 5/18/09
Stephanie Skalski	1/20/21 - 2/01/09

# THE COMMUNITY



Three branches of the U.S. Military are represented in full dress uniform. From left to right: Col. Jeff Ramelb, U.S. Air Force (ret); Lt. Col. Chuck Trout, U.S. Army (ret); and Chief Petty Officer Dick Higgins, U.S. Navy (ret), who was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941.

## Veterans Meet Every Other Month

On the first Tuesday of every other month at noon on Tower of Hope, Floor 2, U.S. veterans are provided a forum and a place for fellowship, paying tribute to their efforts in upholding our right to freedom. Another goal of the Veteran's Fellowship is to enlighten youth about the sacrifices made by those who were called, served, defended, and protected the United States of America.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 12 – 2 PM. Bring your spouses and/or fellow U.S. vets to enjoy new friendships, interesting discussions, and special guest speakers. For details, contact Maureen Winer at 714-971-4062 or [maureenw@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:maureenw@crystalcathedral.org), or Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-836-498 or [chaptrout@aol.com](mailto:chaptrout@aol.com).

## FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

### Veterans Honored at Evening Service

Crystal Cathedral veterans, those members currently and previously serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, were honored during the Crystal Cathedral Evening Service on Sunday, May 24, 2009. Special American flag lapel pins were given in gratitude to over fifty service personnel in commemoration of Memorial Day.

The evening message was delivered by Lt. Col. Chuck Trout (ret) who serves as a Crystal Cathedral commissioned pastor and as the Combined Armed Forces Reserve Base chaplain in Los Alamitos, CA. He was assisted by Dr. Bill Bennett, who served both as a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and as a Chaplain/Major in the California State Military Reserve.

### Looking for a Sunday Fellowship?

If you attend worship services on Sunday mornings but would like to get more connected with other church attendees, a Sunday morning fellowship group might be the perfect way to go. There are many to choose from made up of those in different life stages and with varying interests. Call Maureen Winer at 714-971-4062 for help with finding the group that is just right for you!

### Co-Ed Saturday Morning Fellowship

Every Saturday, 7 AM, FLC-221, bring your spouse or friends, and join men and women of the Crystal Cathedral for varying study series inspired by films of faith. Just drop in, or call Bob Hausmann, 714-538-9341, or David Clark, 714-893-3383, for details.

## COMMUNITY MISSIONS

### House of Hope "Game Night"

By Cheryl Lawley, volunteer

Crystal Cathedral Community Missions volunteers recently hosted a "game night" at House of



Hope, a shelter for women and their children operated by the Orange County Rescue Mission.

While the children were entertained in another room watching a movie with a couple of volunteers, 13 moms played the "UNGAME," a communication board game developed by Crystal Cathedral member and lay leader Rhea Zakich. The object of the game is to allow participants to say as little or as much as they want when answering the questions. In a short time, the two groups of women were engaged in lively discussion.

Everyone, residents and volunteers alike, learned a little more about each other during this lively and heartfelt time together.

### Encouraging Lampson Students to Read

By Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions



Haechan Song, son of Eunseok Song and Wonhee Lee, received the "Good Reader Award" certificate and gold medallion.

The school year is over, closing with different events. One of the most exciting events at neighboring Lampson School this past school year was the Reading Program Awards Ceremony. It was a special time to recognize the students' achievement of their reading goal, awarding medallions and certificates for varying levels of achievement.

"At Lampson Elementary School we have a very diverse population of students with many needs," said Principal Laurie Dieppa. "The Crystal Cathedral church... has filled a great need supporting our students' efforts in our 'Lampson Reads' reading program. Your contribution of reading medals made their gains that much more rewarding. They will have fond memories to look back on as they move on in their education. The donation of one book for each of our students... was very generous. Students will cherish this gift as they practice reading over their summer break."

### Summer Reading Program @ Twin Lakes Park

- VOLUNTEER NEEDS: 11 AM to 1 PM every Wed. in July to read to children of our community in the park at the Haster and Lampson.

- LUNCHTIME NEEDS: Peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, cup-of-noodles soup, cookies, snacks, and drinks.

Drop off your donations in the Tower Lobby or Family Lounge, or on the Plaza on Sunday mornings at the Missions table. To volunteer, call Pastor of Community Missions Gudelia Ramirez at 714-971-4047 (leave name, phone number, and details).

### Appreciating Local School Teachers

By Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions

Last May, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by hosting a lunch for 45 teachers and staff from the neighboring Lampson School. It was or-

# care & kindness

## CARE & PRAYER

### 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.

### Need Prayer?

Whenever you or a loved one are struggling, grieving, hoping, or dreaming, here are some ways to connect your need with Crystal Cathedral friends in prayer:

**New Hope:** Call 714-NEW-HOPE or go online to [www.newhopenow.org](http://www.newhopenow.org) (in a private chat room) to speak with a counselor who will encourage you and pray with you.

**General Requests:** Call Care Ministry at 714-971-4031 or forward your prayer request to [careministry@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:careministry@crystalcathedral.org).

**Bulletin Requests:** If you would like your praise, prayer, or condolence to appear in the Sunday bulletin, call Care Ministry at 714-971-4031 or forward your request to [careministry@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:careministry@crystalcathedral.org).

### Online Prayer Community

As a body of believers, God has called each of us to pray... and to pray for one another, simply talking with and listening to God. It can be done privately or with other believers - any time and anywhere. We invite you today to join our online Prayer Community at [crystalcathedral.org](http://crystalcathedral.org) to:

- Submit prayer requests to community or confidential prayer team.
- Respond electronically to others' prayer requests.
- Maintain your own Prayer Journal of prayer requests, responses, and prayers for others.
- Develop spiritual friendships with participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.

This truly is an international community of prayer, binding the Church of Jesus Christ together, lifting each other up while worshipping and praising our unfailing and always-loving Lord.

## DR. KOK'S KORNER

### Calvin Theological Seminary Honors Jim Kok

The Trustees of CTS recently honored Rev. Jim Kok, Crystal Cathedral's Pastor of Care Ministries, with the Seminary's Distinguished Alumni Award for 2009. The award is given annually to recipients

who have brought unusual credit to their alma mater by their distinction in Christian ministry.

An ordained minister of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in North America, Jim has served as Chaplain of Gowanda State Hospital in Gowanda, N.Y.; Home Missionary at Trinity CRC



in Iowa City, Iowa; Chaplain of Pine Rest Christian Hospital, Cutlerville, MI; and, since 1984, as a pastor at the Crystal Cathedral.

In the seminary's statement about the award, it was said, "Jim Kok is a marvelous provider of pastoral care. Blessed by God with very high emotional and social intelligence, Jim serves people with mental illness or cancer, the elderly and the grieving, as well as clergy, seminarians, and ordinary people simply trying to cope - to all of them Jim brings a remarkable combination of understanding, compassion, and sheer common sense."

Congratulations Pastor Jim!

## NEW HOPE

### Show Up...and Save a Life!

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director of New Hope

Recently Jacqueline, one of our New Hope volunteers, worked an extra shift. A call came in from a woman in the Midwest who was very distressed. She had been fired from her job. Her utilities had just been shut off. And her daughter had been unkind. She had nowhere to go. She said her life was hopeless and that she had a loaded gun and was going to kill herself.

Jacqueline had the woman's cell phone number, but that is difficult to locate. Fortunately, the woman mentioned the name of the street she lived on and Barbie, the counselor assisting Jacqueline, contacted the local police.

Then about twenty minutes into the call, the woman became hysterical and fired her gun. Jacqueline kept talking with her, trying to comfort her, but the woman refused to put down her gun and she refused to calm down. The woman fired her gun again and said that she was writing her suicide note. Jacqueline started crying. The woman was crying. Jacqueline prayed. Finally, the police arrived and they got this woman to a hospital for care.

What if Jacqueline hadn't shown up to volunteer this extra shift? What if Barbie hadn't been there to assist Jacqueline? Together, with God's grace, they saved this woman's life! She will get help



now to put her life back together.

You might think that you could never save a life like that. But all it took was...

- Showing up at New Hope to answer the phone.
- Listening, caring, and praying.
- Calling the police so the woman could get to the hospital.

Don't be scared to volunteer to be a hero! Very few New Hope calls are that dramatic. Usually people call because they're lonely or stressed. But when it's a crisis call Jesus and a friend are there to help you. And time after time God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary ministry. He gives you the strength, compassion, and wisdom you need to help others.

Learn how to listen, care, and pray. Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope, and Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, a series of New Hope classes will begin soon. For details, call Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123.

### Be Encouraged Online

Visit [www.newhopenow.org](http://www.newhopenow.org) to find other helpful articles by Dr. Bill and others, plus enlightening self-tests, and a link to online counseling with a trained counselor in a private chat room.

## FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

### Here to Help During All Life-Changes

By Burt Winer, MBA, MA, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

With the help of Crystal Cathedral Family Counseling Center's professional counselors, gain a better understanding of who you are in light of God's wisdom and his purpose for your life.

Our counselors (some bilingual) are available to help you during life-changing events and with everyday coping issues including pre-marital, marital, family (parent, child, and adolescent), grief, career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. Our focus is to reach out to our church members/friends, our C.C. Schools' families, and our community with

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

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affordable counseling on a sliding scale. Counselors are available for individual, couple, family, child, and group sessions. Speakers are also available. Call 714-971-4222.

Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) multi-family sessions, offering ways to bring the family together through caring techniques in a proven program, are available in Spanish and English in the O.C. area. Call 714-538-6387.

SUPPORT GROUP

Recovering from Loss...  
by Divorce or Death

Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 PM  
Family Life Center, room 470  
Phase 1: Sept. 10 – Oct. 22  
Phase 2: Oct. 29 – Dec. 17

Do you seem to repeat the same mistakes over and over again? Find yourself repeating patterns in your life? Find yourself over-reacting to events? Discover you have a hard time loving and trusting again? Discover you love and trust too often and too quickly? Want to join a great group of people? If you answered "yes" to two or more of these questions, you need Divorce and Grief Recovery, a two-phase, 14-week healing experience led by Sharon Lockett and a team of trained facilitators.

Phase 1, which begins after summer break in September, will cover topics such as: Picking Up the Pieces; Grief, Loss and Other Torture; From Where I Was to Where I Will Be; To Thine Own Self Be True; Forgive Him/Her - Surely You Jest; Intimacy as a Single - Help; and Free to Be Me.

Phase 2, considered the "graduate course in recovery" is designed for those who have survived the initial crisis of death, illness, or divorce and are now putting the pieces of their lives back together. Topics include: Embracing the Truth that will Set Us Free; Harnessing those Out-of-Control Emotions; Help - I've Forgotten Who I Am; Seems I've Been Here Before; Letting Go of the Past - Embracing the Future; Learning to Trust Again; and Single-Confident-Compassionate.

Cost: \$50/advance, \$55/@door. A children's program, "Confident Kids," runs concurrently (\$7/child for the series). Call Barbara Bernardin at 714-971-4084 to register. Give yourself the gift of recovery.



Monthly Devotion

Independence: Where Church and State Come Together

By Dr. Bill Bennett, Crystal Cathedral Pastor

*"For freedom did Christ set us free; stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage." -Galatians 5:1 (ASV).*

The separation of church and state finds its scriptural basis in Mark 12:17 in the declaration of Jesus: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's". The point where our church and the state come together is our commitment to freedom.

The force that compelled our forefathers to come to America was not only their love for God, but their desire for freedom, as well. Just as freedom was one of the inalienable rights mentioned by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, likewise, commitment to freedom is at the heart of biblical faith. In the Old Testament the command given to Pharaoh was to "let My people go," and, in the New Testament, Jesus pronounced freedom as the purpose of His life when He personified



Dr. Bennett is an ordained RCA minister, who serves as the Lead Pastor for the Crystal Cathedral Sunday Evening Service. Hear him expand on these thoughts during the Sunday evening service in the Crystal Cathedral on July 5, 2009.

the Old Testament scripture, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom to the captives (Luke 4:18).

Jesus further proclaimed freedom to be the focus of His ministry when He said, "For you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). And, the Apostle Paul stated that, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free." So, we see that the central element of Christian faith and the constitutional mandate of our government is to provide and guarantee freedom. It is at that point, in the support of personal and religious freedom, that church and state come together.

So today we thank God for the freedom that we have: to live in a democratic country, to have freedom of worship wherever and with whomever we wish, to have food on our table and a roof over our head, to have freedom of expression, and to have a government which is established to protect us and our loved ones. We must recognize our duty to support freedom for all people, especially the freedom to worship as they please, and, always remember that, "it was for freedom that Christ set us free."

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Three sports – baseball, football and track (he was an outstanding hurdler) – occupied his life in high school. Then he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he also started his musical career in earnest.

Wayne's military assignment was police work. He became a prison specialist in the army lockups. But every spare moment, Wayne was onstage singing with The Six Tornados of Heidelberg (Germany). He was the one on that fateful night in 1963 who had to share the terrible news that "President Kennedy has been shot."

After his military discharge, Wayne entered the business world. He did well selling for Columbia Ribbon and Carbon. Then he took a big step. When a dealer he knew went out of business, Wayne got a S.B.A. loan and bought in and soon built the small shop into a million dollar a year success. He reflects that, "I was the first black man in that company and I amazed them by my pace-setting ability."

In 1974-1975 his dad died, his wife divorced

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him, and his business failed. His musical talents kept him going and they continued to grow. He sang on the road with a group called The Playboys and he was a part of The Metropolitan Chorals of Chicago and several other groups—anyone who called. Meanwhile he kept bread on the table by working as a late night chef at Lutheran General Hospital.

In 1985, Wayne came west, primarily to stretch himself in the musical entertainment world. All its uncertainties meant he also had to have another job. That turned out to be The Toll Road Company, collecting tolls.

Always a man of faith, his job gave him an unusual opportunity to radiate loving-kindness. "I could heal people in three seconds," Wayne says with a beaming smile. "I would make eye contact, smile, and say something like, 'Have a great day—anyway.'" Once an R.N. sent a letter to his bosses telling how Wayne's kindness had consistently brightened her spirits on hard days.

Today Wayne is retired, but consistently producing CDs and singing nightly with "El Mariachi" of Orange. "Each day I ask God to enable me to bless someone with my music or to let my simple human kindness touch a few lives," says Wayne. A wonderful gift of God to our world, Wayne lives his faith every day.