



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Coming Saturday, June 19,  
6:30 – 9 PM, Heavenly Cafe  
and Freed Theater.  
Free! More details,  
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# A House of Prayer for All Nations



## Over 400 Joined Hands and Heart to Pray

By Doug Robinson, Kim Kimpel & Bill Gaultiere, NDP Committee

Thank you to all of you who participated in the National Day of Prayer (NDP) at the Crystal Cathedral last month. We had 400 people pray with us. For 25 consecutive hours the Crystal Cathedral was Jesus' house of prayer for all nations in a special way (Mark 11:17) as we prayed for the gospel of Jesus to be spread from the Crystal Cathedral and other centers of power in America. We can all be

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## Following Jesus Begins at the Cross

By Robert H. Schuller, Founding Pastor

Towering high above the converging Orange County, California freeways is our 90-foot-tall illuminated cross on top of the Tower of Hope. Rising over 250 feet above the ground, it is a light that shines continuously—symbolizing the hope promised by Jesus Christ—and can be seen up to 20 miles away by nearly 13 million people.



Pilots landing at John Wayne Airport tell me they use our cross as a reference point, making certain they are in the right landing path. People lying in hospital beds at the UCI Medical Center (less than a mile away) look out their windows at the

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All-New Show on AmericanLife TV Network™

## Robert A. Schuller Returns this Fall with New TV Series

It was announced on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, that Robert A. Schuller will soon return to television with an all-new show on the AmericanLife TV Network™, which will serve as new premiere destination for family programming. The announcement was jointly made by ComStar Chairman Dr. Robert A. Schuller and ComStar President and CEO Chris Wyatt, who assume oversight of the network.

Commented Wyatt, "For too many years, baby boomers and their children have been assaulted by programming that exemplifies anything but family values. When was the last time you sat down with your family and didn't have to cringe at vulgar language, lewd storylines and inappropriate commercials? We are developing new, original programming by leveraging our relationships with the world's top artists, directors, producers, brands and the adver-

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# sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Every Sunday, join ROBERT H. SCHULLER, JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ, 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, JUNE 7

Regenerate your spirit as Pastor **JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ** guides us in a special life-giving service. Communion will be served. Music by the CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS BAND & STRING ENSEMBLE.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**MARK DRISCOLL**, bestselling author and Senior Pastor of Mars Hill Church in Seattle, WA, his life-changing messages are often rated among the top ten most downloaded on iTunes. Plus, the multitiered NFL tight end and Christian recording artist, **BEN UTECHT**.



Mark Driscoll



Juan Carlos Ortiz



Ben Utecht

## SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Born with no arms and legs, **NICK VUJICIC** returns to share another uniquely encouraging message for with our congregation. Invite your friends! Plus, one of Crystal Cathedral's favorite vocalists, **KERRIS OATES** returns.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

**BISHOP KENNETH ULMER**, the dynamic pastor of Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood, CA, returns. Plus, be lifted by the multiethnic sound by two-time Grammy-award-winning Christian recording artist, **ISRAEL HOUGHTON**.



Bishop Kenneth Ulmer



Kerris Oates



Israel Houghton



Nick Vujicic

## 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, Cathedral with Pastor Dante Gebel

**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

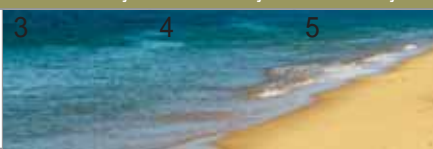






**arabic Christian ministry**  
1:30 PM  
IN THE ARBORETUM

**child/student FELLOWSHIP**  
Children thru grade 5  
Family Life Center  
9:30 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM

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

# 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
	1	2 Bible Study Lite (10)	3 4 5 		6	
7	8 Soul Secrets (4)	9 	10 Father Love (4)	11 Father Love (4)	12 Soul Food (11)	13 Mini-Retreat (4)
14 FLAG DAY	15 Soul Secrets (4)	16 	17	18 50+ PrimeTime (11)	19 Family Fun Night (8)	20 
21 FATHER'S DAY SUMMER BEGINS	22 Soul Secrets (4) Ranch Camps begin (13)	23 	24	25	26 	27 Soul Care Seminar (4)
28	29 Soul Secrets (4)	30				

june

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2	3	4
<h1>july</h1>						
5 Volunteer Choir & Orch (16)	6 	7 Bible Study Lite (10) Veteran's Fellowship (5)	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19		21 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Coming... Women's Retreat: 9/13-15 (4) Men's Retreat: 9/25-27 (4) OC Live: 9/19 (15)



**Family Fun Night**

**INSPIRATION FUN FAMILIES**

Come join other families for a free night of fun!

**FRIDAY JUNE 19**  
6:30 - 9 PM  
PJ's Cafe & Freed Theater

More details, pg. 8

## 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

### friday

Soul Food, 6:30 PM, FL (one Fri/mo.) . . . . . 714-971-4240

### saturday

Co-Ed 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 people

**NICK VUJICIC:**  
"No arms. No legs.  
No worries!"

Born without limbs, Nick has achieved the seemingly impossible in his brief 25 years. Faced with countless challenges and obstacles, God has given Nick the strength to rise above what others might call impossible.

As a child growing up in Australia, Nick could not attend a mainstream school because of his physical disability, but God gave his mother the strength to fight, and the law was changed. Though Nick liked school, he often experienced rejection and cruelty because of his physical difference. "It was hard," Nick admits, "but with the support of my parents, I developed attitudes and values that helped me overcome those challenges."

Today, Nick has an unquenchable passion to share through his ministry ([lifewithoutlimbs.org](http://lifewithoutlimbs.org)) the hope and genuine love he has experienced. "God has used me in countless schools, churches, prisons, orphanages, hospitals, stadiums, and individual encounters to let people know how very precious they are to him." Nick has



"God took my life—one that others might regard as having no significance, filled me with his purpose, and showed me his plans to move hearts and lives toward him."

told more than two million people in over 19 nations that "God took my life—one that others might regard as having no significance, filled me with his purpose, and showed me his plans to move hearts and lives toward him. Like me, God can help you overcome your life challenges, too."

Nick Vujicic believes that if you have the passion to do something and if it's God's will, you will achieve it in good time. For example, Nick enjoys "normal" pursuits such as swimming, music, and fishing. But, how do you fish if you don't have arms? With a fishing rod with an electronic reel!

"As humans, we continually put limits on ourselves for no reason," Nick observes. "What's worse is that we put limits on God who can do all things. Instead of focusing on our capability, we need to concentrate on our availability and God's ability."

In late 2007, Nick depended on the Lord's ability to create a way for him to reach the maximum number of people, and the way was realized in part this year when Dr. Schuller invited him to be one of America's Positive Television pastors. Nick's optimistic approach, outgoing personality, and exuberant love for God resonated not only with Dr. Schuller but also with everyone who hears his amazing story of an extraordinary life. Be sure to be in church when Nick returns on June 21.



## 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:

Carl Carr, 4-22-09

Florence Chase, 2-22-09

Theodorus Doesburg, 2-15-06

## CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

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

Tuesdays, Tower-3, All FREE

June 2, 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.

### SUMMER SERIES: Discover "Soul Secrets"

Mondays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29

6:30-8:30 PM, FLC-470

\$7/session or \$25/series

RSVP 714-971-4084 or just show up!

Join Dr Sandra Herron to find a greater sense of peace and well-being, deeper and kinder relationships, and a satisfying, fulfilling life as you discover the secrets that bring breath-taking, life-giving PEACE.

### SPECIAL SEMINAR: Father Love...

Wed., June 10, 6:45-9 PM, or

Thurs., June 11, 12:45 -3 PM

Tower-3, free class, RSVP: 714-971-4123

New Hope Operations Manager Louise Dunn will share on "Loving Your Heavenly Father when Your Earthly Father was Far from Loving." As Father's Day approaches, discover how to integrate feelings about earthly fathers into a healthy concept of who our Heavenly Father truly is.

### MINI-RETREAT: God is Speaking to You. Do You Hear Him?

Saturday, June 13, 9 AM - 3 PM

With Rhea Zakich, in the Art Gallery

Info/RSVP: 714-971-4236

Hearing from God should be top priority for every Christian. The airwaves around you are as full of divine messages as they are of television, radio, and cell phone waves. But like those electronic waves, without a receiver no message is communicated. Learn to listen for God's response when you pray. Be reminded of the many ways God spoke in Bible times. Discover 50 ways that God might be speaking to you now! Receive a timely message from God just for you today.

### SOUL CARE SEMINAR: Open Your Heart to Jesus!

Saturday June 27, 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Family Life Center, Room 470

Lead by Bill Gaultiere

If you long for a deeper, warmer relationship with Christ and to connect with like-hearted friends, then this experiential morning retreat is for you! Dr. Bill will guide us in some refreshing ways to meditate on Scripture, pray, and share with one another. Be revitalized in your relationship with Christ and also in your ministry to others. For info, contact Barbara at 714-971-4123 or at [bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org). Bring a friend! It's free and no RSVP needed – just show up!

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# Congregational LIFE

## FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

### 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

One of our long-standing Men's Bible Fellowships is now co-ed! Every Saturday, 7 AM, FLC-221, bring your spouse or friends, and join other men and women of the Crystal Cathedral for a series inspired by the wonderful movie, *Joseph*. Just drop in, or call Bob Hausmann, 714-538-9341, or David Clark, 714-893-3383, for details.

### 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, or Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-836-498 or chaptrout@aol.com.

### Career Builders: Speakers in June

Career Builders' goal is to provide for you the best speakers with greatest topics based on biblical principles that will help YOU to succeed in both your professional and personal lives. Meetings are held in the Tower of Hope, Floor 3, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Sundays. All our speakers are professionals who are paid well to speak all over the world, but give of their time for us. Come share the blessing!

- June 7: Career Builders Toastmasters Club.
- June 14: Kerry Gardette, "How To Get Your Dream Job in 60 Days."
- June 21: Barbara Mencer, "Power Networking."
- June 28: Anne DeVore.

During unsure times such as these, this is the perfect way to be encouraged and to lift the spirits

of others. Reach out and invite your friends and business associates! For more info., call Robbie at 888-244-4420.

## WEDDING MINISTRY

### Getting Married?

Nestled in the center of a 40-acre, beautifully landscaped campus is the nine-story Crystal Cathedral, one of Southern California's most spectacular wedding settings. It has been rated by the Orange County Register as "One of the most popular wedding spots in Orange County year after year!"

Because of the diversity of the Crystal Cathedral's world-renowned wedding and reception locations – also including the Arboretum, the Chapel, the Welcoming Center, the gardens, etc. – and the service-oriented staff we offer, we are confident we will be able to provide you with the wedding experience of your dreams. Call Director Kim Kimpel at 714-971-4240 to discuss all the beautiful options available for your special day. We look forward to serving you.

### Assisting Newlyweds & Strengthening Marriages

The Wedding Ministry, under the direction of Pastor Kim Kimpel, has three main goals – to assist engaged couples, encourage newlyweds, and strengthen marriages. If you are interested in how Kim can help support you through all stages of your marriage, call 714-971-4240.



## COMMUNITY MISSIONS

### Second Annual Mother's Day Celebration

By Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions

For the second time the women in Kim Kimpel's Friday evening "Soul Food" book study provided a Mother's Day celebration for the mothers of Fairlane Mobile Lodge. Beautifully decorated cupcakes with ice cream were given to the mothers



and their children. In addition, every mother received a gift bag. New this year was live music to set the mood for the celebration. The evening closed with prayers of thanksgiving and individual prayer requests. The purpose of this event was to encourage the children to always honor and love their mother. It is our hope and prayer that in some way we added value to their lives.

### Help Our Neighbors in Need

As we all are affected in one way or another by these tough economic times, those who live in poverty or on the streets are affected the most acutely. If you are able to stretch your resources to help the needy, these are our most urgent and ongoing needs:

- Tecate Boys' Orphanage: White polo shirts, underwear, socks.
- O.C. Rescue Mission: Dry goods.
- L.A. Rescue Mission: Canned coffee.

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

## STAY IN TOUCH

<b>Crystal Cathedral</b>	<b>714-971-4000</b>
E-Mail	info@crystalcathedral.org
Web Site	crystalcathedral.org
Prayer Community	crystalcathedral.org/prayer
One Community	crystalcathedral.org/community

<b>New Hope Hotline</b>	
24-hr. phone counseling	714-New-Hope or 639-4673
Web Site	newhopenow.org
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F	714-New-Teen or 639-8336
Web Site	teenline.org

<b>Rancho Capistrano</b>	<b>949-347-4000</b>
E-Mail	info@ranchocapistrano.org
Web Site	ranchocapistrano.org

# care & kindness



Free Coffee! Cactus Garden crew with Art, Linda, and Boyd.

## 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 re-

quests, 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

### New "Free Coffee" Venture by "50+"

Hospitality is a spiritual gift. That is why The Becomers Fellowship class initiated the free coffee ministry in 2008. The response was gratifying, but the expense took its toll. Now "50+ Prime Time" is giving its support. The weekly cost is raised by the monthly "Opportunity Drawing" ticket sales at the 50+ events.

Art Gebhardt is the Coordinator of Coffee. His personal ministry to Cactus Gardens, where he leads a class each week, led to recruiting men to come and serve the coffee on Sunday mornings between 10 and 11 AM. Then Linda VanDijk, perennial volunteer from Germany, offered to make the coffee. Joe McInerney contributed four large new Carafes to be used in the service of the coffee, when he heard about the need. Topping off the plan was the offer by long-time church member Boyd Jacques Cohen, owner of First Impressions, a banner and sign-making shop. He created a beautiful table covering that boldly proclaims, "Free Coffee - Compliments of 50+."

Many have said they love the way people linger and talk. Apparently, they feel at home when the coffee is available with tables and chairs to enhance the moments of relaxed fellowship before or after the morning services. So, the spiritual gift of hospitality thrives once again.



## NEW HOPE

### What Every Person Needs to Know

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director of New Hope

There's a message that every person needs to hear and believe about themselves. It's what God the Father spoke over Jesus at his baptism: "You are my beloved son and in you I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16-17). We all need to be confident deep inside that we are loved as God's son or daughter and that he is pleased with us. In prayer give thanks to God as you speak the word of the Father over yourself (it helps if you smile as you say this!)...

"I am a beloved son of the Father and he is pleased with me."

"I am a beloved daughter of the Father and he is pleased with me."

Maybe it's hard for you to trust these words in your heart. Why? Perhaps you need healing. Or need to engage your heart with your Heavenly Father in some new ways...

- Trusting a "Christ's Ambassador" (2 Corinthians 5:20) to mediate God's love to you.
- Learning to meditate deeply on Scriptures that promise the Father's love to you (like 1 John 3:1 or the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15).
- Listening to the birds sing over you and feeling the sun shine on your face.
- Extending compassion in Jesus' name to someone who is poor or needy.

### Extend Jesus' Compassions to Those in Need

Learn how to bring a new sense of love, understanding, and care into all of your relationship. Then, as a trained New Hope Counselor, practice what you've learned as you respond to phone calls or Internet chats from people who need a listening ear, compassion, and prayer. Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope, and Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, a new series of classes will begin soon. For details, call Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123.

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

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## 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

## CC Family Counselors are Here to Help

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

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

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 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 GROUPS

## 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 in your life? 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

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Friday Evening, June 16

## Join Us for Family Fun Night 2!

By Sheila Coleman, Director of Family Ministries

On May 15, Crystal Cathedral Ministries launched the first-ever Family Fun Night! Over 130 people came out for a free night of fun games, playing with and against other families (parents with children and infants in strollers were literally running all around this campus on a scavenger hunt!). There was free pizza (provided by one of our church families) and free music with Miss Amy in Freed Theater (what a sight—moms, dads, and children singing and dancing to fun Christian music), and free inspiration from our youth pastor, Brett DaPena.

All of the families have been assigned to teams. New families will join one of the teams, and the competition is on! Points are earned for the largest team and the team that wins the game of the evening. Winners are announced at the end of the evening. Rumor has it that some of

the families are avidly recruiting friends to join them at our next monthly Family Fun Night in the hopes of taking home first prize. Faces might be painted in their team color or T-shirts worn as they rally around their team.

This is a great way to have fun with your family for free! It is also a great way to get to know other families here at Crystal Cathedral. Family Fun Night 2 is scheduled for Friday, June 19. The theme is camp-out. We will provide the grill—you bring your own hot dogs or burgers to BBQ, and stuff to make s'mores. It starts at 6:30 PM and ends a little after 8:30. Meet at PJ's.

Call 714-971-4159 for more info. Be sure to be there for all the fun!



# Family Fun Night <sup>2</sup>

Monthly Devotion

## Forgiveness - Part I

By Dr. Bill Bennett, Crystal Cathedral Pastor

Forgiveness is a foundational principle to Christian living, yet it is a principal that is easy to agree with but, often, difficult to exercise. Sometimes, because of what someone has done to you, it is almost impossible to forgive him or her. However, we must remember that the absence of forgiveness in a person's life can be a destructive bondage causing strife, division, depression, oppression, sickness, divorce, etc.

It is impossible truly to forgive others in your own strength, especially when they have hurt you deeply or betrayed your trust. Unless your heart is cleansed and changed by God, the memories and the feelings will still be lurking in the background, poisoning your thoughts and

words, and preventing the rebuilding of trust and relationship. There is only one way to overcome these barriers, and that is to admit that you cannot forgive in your own strength and that you desperately need God to come in and cleanse your heart.

In Mark 11:25, Jesus is quoted as saying, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." In Ephesians 4:32, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." We are told to forgive as the Lord forgave you! So, what must we do to be able to forgive someone who has hurt us deeply? It's very clear! We need to ask God to cleanse our hearts and allow us to have the love for others that Christ has shown for us. How about right now? There is no time like the present.

*This meditation is based on his March 15, 2009. You are invited to hear Part II of the forgiveness message at the Sunday evening message on June 14, 2009.*



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"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and, patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." - Colossians 3:12-15 (TNIV)