

# ADULT Ministries



YOUNG ADULTS

## NEW COLLEGE GROUP

Are you college age (18-29) and looking to connect with others your age? Please join us on Sunday nights, 6 - 7 PM in the Youth House. We are devoted to diving into God's Word and connecting with others who are college age. For more info, e-mail Mark Wojciechowski at markw@crystalcathedral.org.

## SINGLES

### SINGLES FELLOWSHIP: SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS

Every Sunday, 11 AM in FLC-470, mature singles do their very best to portray love to each other and to every new person who enters the doorway, and share the wisdom of the Word as applied to everyday living. Every Tuesday, 7 PM in FLC-3, they do the same during "Tuesdays Together." On Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings at the Crystal Cathedral, find some of the best people in the world just waiting to be your friend.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### SOUL FOOD

Join Kim Kimpel on Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Family Lounge for Soul Food. This month on May 2, 9, and 16. For more info, please call 714-971-4247.

### WOMEN'S NETWORK

- Interactive Bible Study: Join Rhea Zakich and Michelle Cavinder on Tuesdays, 9 AM in the Art Gallery. This month on May 6 & 13. Just drop in or call 714-971-4080 for details.
- Year-End Potluck: Tues., May 13, 11:30 AM in

the Art Gallery. Please RSVP to Kari at 714-971-4080.

### A SUMMER SERIES FOR WOMEN

Rhea Zakich takes us into the Laboratory to discover important principles of prayer, communication, and healing. Enjoy a morning of creative activities and experiments that let YOU decide what works best for you. Join women of all ages and walks of life for these exciting, innovative, and insightful Tuesday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 on Tower 2.

- June 10, Laboratory of Prayer: Praying with the mind, praying with the body, praying with the Spirit.
  - July 8, Laboratory of Communication: Talking to yourself, talking with others, talking with God.
  - August 12, Laboratory of Healing: Healing the mind, healing memories and healing the heart.
- For more info., please call 714-971-4080.



Rhea Zakich

## MEN'S NETWORK

### BAND OF BROTHERS: MONDAY NIGHTS

Being part of the Band of Brothers is about



faith, friendship, and living our dream to God's glory. Today, more than ever, our homes and our workplaces need men of faith focused in Kingdom-building in all areas of their lives. Are you connected with other men who want to make a difference for the sake of the Kingdom? We invite you to consider joining our Band of Brothers on Monday evenings in the Family Life Center, Room 435, 7 - 8:30 PM.

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR...

We offer these additional opportunities to the men or our church:

**KNOW GOD**: Wednesday Morning Men's Senior Bible Fellowship, Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship, and Crystal Cathedral Learning Network Classes.

**LOVE PEOPLE**: Father/Daughter Dinner Dance, Father/Son Evening, Marriage Retreat, and Dare to Dream Evenings for Men of all ages.

**SERVE THE WORLD**: Community Missions projects and Mentor Me program for fatherless boys.

For more info, call 714-971-4236 or e-mail bandofbrothers@crystalcathedral.org.

## TRAVEL MINISTRY

### TRAVEL MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Thurs., May 8, 11:30 AM, Art Gallery. Following a delicious luncheon, we will move to the Freed Theater to enjoy an exciting presentation of highlights of our Yosemite Fall Foliage trip coming Oct. 20-22, 2008. Cost: \$10.

### ANGELS VS. DETROIT

Mon., May 26, 6:05 PM. Join us at the "Big A" for what will be a hotly contested game. Then stick around for a fabulous fireworks display. Bring all your friends and family for this Memorial Day celebration. (Transportation on your own.) Cost: \$12.

### YOSEMITE FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

Oct. 20-22. Spend three days and two nights in California's most famous National Park, where the

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA

# Expressions of Joy

Let's celebrate the special mothers, daughters, sisters, best friends in our lives!

**SATURDAY, MAY 3: 11 AM - 1:30 PM** in the beautiful Arboretum

### SPECIAL GUEST:

World-Renowned Artist, Susan Rios

### PEARLS OF WISDOM:

By Trudi Amerkhanian

### RESERVATIONS:

Box Office or 714-544-5679



Susan Rios

lush valley is surrounded on all sides by cascading waterfalls, granite-faced peaks, and beautiful meandering meadows. In the fall, the leaves are turning many shades of red and gold and the scenery is even more breathtaking! Cost: \$329 pp. double occupancy; add \$80 for single occupancy.

**BRANSON, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE**

Nov. 5 – 13. You'll want to be a part of this delightful nine-day tour of America's musical heritage! Highlights include Branson shows, a showboat cruise, the new Clinton Presidential Library, Graceland, Grand Ole Opry, BB King's Blues Café, Country Music Hall of Fame, and more. Cost: \$1,999 pp. double occupancy.

**UPCOMING TRIPS:**

- Santa Barbara Surf & Turf, 6/14.
- Angels v. Toronto, 7/4.
- Pageant of the Masters, 8/24.
- Solvang Danish Days, 9/20.
- Reagan Library, 10/6.
- Newport Harbor, 12/20.



**RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION**

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

tidbits from Dr. Sande Herron. Bring your friends and invite your neighbors! (Lunch is \$5/door; please RSVP, 714-971-4032.)

**MATURE ADULTS**

**50+ PRIME TIME: A BIT OF HOLLYWOOD**

During the "50 + Prime Time" monthly luncheon on May 15, 11:30 AM to 2 PM in the Arboretum, guest speakers will be professional stuntman Keith Tellez and Hollywood agent Steve Tellez, with Hollywood inside scoops, exciting stunt movie clips, and revealing details about how important Hollywood is to our state and national economy. Keith and Steve are the sons of 50+ regular Yvette Manson. Plus, enjoy "Brain Food," tasty



Dr. Jim Kok with Shauna Fleming at recent 50+ event.

MATURE ADULTS  
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S  
Bob Cavinder, Pastor

TRAVEL  
Rev. Glenn DeMaster,  
Pastor

WOMEN'S  
Michelle Cavinder,  
Director

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Offering a wide range of inspirational items - books, music, toys, jewelry, home decorations, and more!  
Open daily, 9 am – 6 pm, in the Welcoming Center



*Lovely Settings for Your Special Day*  
**Crystal Cathedral Weddings**

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the light-filled Crystal Cathedral? Or more moving than in the beautiful Arboretum? Or more serene than in the Good Shepherd garden? Or more exhilarating than in the Chapel atop the Tower of Hope? These and other settings are available.

Call 714-971-4240.

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Last summer, I spent hundreds of hours reading through the Bible and highlighting thousands of positive verses as I read. I included these highlighted Scriptures in the new POWER for LIFE Bible because I believe their life-changing message connects us to the positive power we need to move forward into possibility living.

The Word of God is powerful. The same word that called worlds into being is the power that breathes life into each of us every day as we hear, receive, and believe it. And when we really listen to what God says and put it into practice, we walk forward in the power of the Word and become all that God longs for us to do and become.

With summer just around the corner, usually offering us a little extra time to kick back and relax, why not take advantage of that opportunity by going on a spiritual adventure with God in His Word? The POWER for LIFE Bible is a great place to begin. Its positive devotionals, introductions, "power people" portraits, inspiring quotes and prayers, and creative study aids will energize your faith and help you plug into God's love and power in your life in exciting, new ways.

Also, bring your POWER for LIFE Bible (and your loved ones, friends, and neighbors) with you to church every Sunday so we may read the Scriptures together from our new Bibles during worship services.

My prayer for you is that this POWER for LIFE Bible will help you move forward in God-inspired possibility thinking, living, and doing. My prayer for all of us is that we – as a congregation – will ignite together through God's power for life!



Genuine Leather



Softcover



Deluxe Hardcover

## POWER FOR LIFE BIBLE

All gifts – tax deductible

Pick Up Your Bible:

Sundays mornings through May 11 at tables at all Crystal Cathedral entrances/exits. Special Crystal Cathedral versions are bound in...

- Genuine Leather - gift of \$150, or \$30 for 5 months
- Deluxe Hardcover - gift of \$75, or \$15 for 5 months
- Softcover - gift of \$50, or \$10 for 5 months

*The dollar amount noted above includes a donation in support of our ministry. POWER for LIFE Bibles at retail prices will be available soon at retail locations and online.*

### Power Features:

The Power for Life Bible includes these eight unique features:

1. **POWER POLES:** 66 introductions to each book of the Bible, illuminating the themes of power and positive potential you will discover throughout.
2. **POWER LINES:** Thousands of life-transforming Scriptures highlighted, and the powerful words of Christ printed in easy-to-read red letters.
3. **POWER PAGES:** 111 positive devotionals keyed to specific Scripture pages in themes that will inspire you to embrace God's best for your life.
4. **POWER PRAYERS:** 31 specific, encouraging petitions to God written in such a way that you will feel your heart connect directly with His.
5. **POWER TOOLS:** 66 thought-provoking and illuminating short study aids that will help and encourage you to respond actively to God's Word.
6. **POWER PEOPLE:** 48 profiles of key Biblical personalities that will encourage you in your life's goals and ignite your passion for excellence.
7. **POWER QUOTES:** 66 positive, powerful sayings from Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Pastor Robert A. Schuller, and other notable Christian and public leaders.
8. **POWER MINI-BOOKS:** The Ten Commandments, 23rd Psalm, and Beatitudes presented in positive language to help you apply their timeless wisdom to every day living.

### Bonus Features

- **Presentation Page:** For writing the names of those honored with copies.
- **Colorful Maps:** Charting historical events, plus a map of the Holy Land today.
- **Reference Guide:** Directing you to each specific "Power Feature."
- **Tables of Weights & Measures:** Comparing those of Biblical times with those of today.



## Crystal Cathedral Memorial Gardens

Crystal Cathedral Memorial Gardens is here for you in your time of need, with staff members always willing to listen and help answer all of your questions. For information, call 714-971-4138, or go to [www.crystalcathedral.org/memorial](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/memorial).

### MARCH 2008 INTERMENTS

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| Drumm, Jacob         | 3/17/08 |
| Lavielle, Richard    | 3/08/08 |
| Mc Grail, Lois Nell  | 3/29/08 |
| Plummer, Richard     | 3/18/08 |
| Rodriguez, Hector    | 3/27/08 |
| Shultz, George       | 3/13/08 |
| Wells, Walter Simeon | 3/26/08 |

## STAY IN TOUCH

### Crystal Cathedral

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| E-Mail           | 714-971-4000 | <a href="mailto:info@crystalcathedral.org">info@crystalcathedral.org</a>           |
| Web Site         |              | <a href="http://crystalcathedral.org">crystalcathedral.org</a>                     |
| Prayer Community |              | <a href="http://crystalcathedral.org/prayer">crystalcathedral.org/prayer</a>       |
| One Community    |              | <a href="http://crystalcathedral.org/community">crystalcathedral.org/community</a> |

### New Hope Hotline

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| 24-hr. phone counseling | 714-New-Hope or 639-4673                           |
| Web Site                | <a href="http://newhopenow.org">newhopenow.org</a> |
| TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F  | 714-New-Teen or 639-8336                           |
| Web Site                | <a href="http://teenline.org">teenline.org</a>     |

### Rancho Capistrano

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| E-Mail   | 949-347-4000 | <a href="mailto:info@ranchocapistrano.org">info@ranchocapistrano.org</a> |
| Web Site |              | <a href="http://ranchocapistrano.org">ranchocapistrano.org</a>           |

# Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

## SUMMER CAMPS

### Discovery Day Camps Start Next Month!

With caring counselors and a safe environment, the Discovery Day Camps are designed to make a positive impact on your child they are energized in mind, body, and spirit! Children ages 5-14 enjoy a multi-acre gated property with towering trees, a glistening lake, swimming pool, and rolling hills.

Daily activities include swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, hiking, and drama, with crafts, special guests, and projects to enhance weekly themes from "animal amazement" to "fit, fun & food." We also offer Academic Summer School Camps for 1st - 8th graders for accelerated or remedial learning.

Our popular summer camp programs begin next month. Go to [ranhocapistrano.org](http://ranhocapistrano.org) for detailed information and a registration form you can print out and mail in, or e-mail [camps@ranhocapistrano.org](mailto:camps@ranhocapistrano.org). Since 1995, find out why Discovery Camps are the first choice of O.C. campers!



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combined choirs. On May 25, experience the emotional raising of our magnificent 80-ft. American Flag as the music of the Mt. Rubidoux Pathfinder Drum Corp plays, plus between services, we'll pay special tribute to our fallen soldiers in Memorial Gardens with a 21-gun salute, "Taps," and dove release.

So, come be inspired together, as we celebrate life, its many blessings, and the grace-filled love of God in the Crystal Cathedral!

For more details about these Sundays and more, go to pg. 2.

## WEDDINGS & RECEPTIONS

### May to July Wedding Packages

Book a Sunday afternoon wedding in spring or summer and receive these savings a reduced facility fee, a \$4 discount per wedding meal entrée, and a honeymoon room or suite (based upon availability) for the newlyweds' wedding night. Mention the "Sunday Packages Promotion" to receive this offer. Call 949-347-4000 for more info, or [ranhocapistrano.org/ranch-weddings](http://ranhocapistrano.org/ranch-weddings).



## CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

### Retreat Discount Midweek

A retreat scheduled during the week equals savings! Experience wonderful accommodations near the lake or with a garden view at special prices

ing that will surely come in under budget! Spend some quality time with the Lord, without the distractions of television, phones, and stressful demands. Seconds from the freeway and miles from the hustle and bustle – visit us and see for yourself what an oasis we have in South O.C., conveniently located halfway between San Diego and L.A. It is also the perfect spot for marriage enrichment retreats or annual retreats for your ministry group! Call 949-347-4000 to learn more.

## RANCHO CAPISTRANO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Maximizing Each Child's Giftedness

Now registering for next fall, our students experience the best in core education instruction, and music lessons, computer courses, daily physical education, and training in the arts, along with great electives round out the day.

At our beautiful Spiritual Oasis at Rancho Capistrano Christian School, your child will be enriched in mind, body, and spirit. The preschool serves 2 years through Pre-K, and the Elementary School serves Jr.-K through 5th grade, with Middle School serving 6th through 8th grade. Kindergarten is a full-day program.

Learn why we believe in identifying and maximizing each child's individual giftedness by calling the school office at 949-347-7860, or by e-mailing to [schools@ranhocapistrano.org](mailto:schools@ranhocapistrano.org).

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Welcoming Center, Garden Level  
Daily, 9 AM to 3 PM

*Complete Catering:*  
For your Crystal Cathedral wedding or event.  
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**HOUR OF POWER**  
Watch Every Week!

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8:00 AM EAST/PAC  
TBN 8:30 AM PAC

**SAT** TBN  
6:00 PM  
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healed. Dr. Sandra Herron offers wise insight into the process of discovering who you are. Series cost: \$40 (or \$8/class). RSVP: 714-971-4084 (or just drop in

## Spiritual Formation: Gospel Statues Brought to Life!

Saturday, June 7, 9 AM to 12:30 PM, Art Gallery

On this free morning retreat, "Walking with Jesus in the Gardens of the Crystal Cathedral" led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, you will meet Jesus in new ways by participating in guided meditations before statues depicting scenes from His life and teaching. Each statue will come alive as a prayer station!

Walking quietly along the beautiful garden grounds, we'll pause before each work of art to read the Gospel story represented and to practice an ancient spiritual discipline that will help us to connect deeply with Christ. What joy will be ours to behold the smile of Jesus along with rescued sheep, skipping children, forgiven men and women, and devoted disciples. You'll be renewed in your devotion to Christ and your ministry to others.

RSVP today! Call Barbie at 714-971-4123 or e-mail [bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org) and receive a schedule listing each of the statues and spiritual practices for the morning retreat. Be sure to bring walking shoes, sun protection, a water bottle, snack, pen, journal, and a folding chair (if you want to sit during meditations at each statue).

## Sunday Elective: "Parenting"

Sundays starting in June, Family Life Center, Room 435

Tough times never last, but tough parents do! Coming in June will be a special Sunday morning elective series that will help parents find balance, strength, and success in childrearing through biblical insight and practical application. This Learning Network elective is one in a series on the topics of Spiritual Formation, Old Testament, New Testament, Faith Sharing, Marriage, Parenting, and Time, Talent & Treasure.

Watch the Sunday bulletin and next month's Crystal Cathedral Today for more details. If you have any questions, please call 714-971-4080. It is our hope that the Sunday morning elective class will be a safe and transforming place for you to discover all that you are in Christ with others who care for you.

What joy will be ours to behold the smile of Jesus...



### GLOBAL MEMBERS

#### Spiritual Growth Fun Zone

Join our new spiritual growth fun zone, with Pastor Beverly Muffin on our One Community website. Pastor Muffin wants to share her love of the Bible with others in what she is calling "Bible Trivia" for beginner/intermediate/advanced players.

Each week on One Community there will be a series of questions: five for beginners, two for intermediates, and one for advanced. During that week, everyone participating will be welcomed to be in community with one another to discuss the questions, share their answers, and ask their own questions. At the end of each week, Dr. Muffin will give the answers to that week's questions and post another set of questions to continue the fun of learning more about the Bible.



Go to [crystalcathedral.org](http://crystalcathedral.org); click "Community" (at top of pg.); click "One Community" (middle of pg.); click on "Spiritual Growth; go to "Bible Trivia."

#### Get Connected through Global Membership

By Pastor Beverly Muffin, Crystal Cathedral Global Community Director

Most of you consider yourself a member or attendee of the Crystal Cathedral church. However, if you cannot make it to services and fellowship, you have the opportunity to become more connected through Global Membership. For more details go to [crystalcathedral.org](http://crystalcathedral.org) and click on "membership," or contact me at [beverelym@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:beverelym@crystalcathedral.org) or 714-971-4329.

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

#### Serve the World by "Going" or "Sending"

In 2008, we're offering many opportunities to bless people around the world through short-term missions. Already this year we have traveled to the Dominican Republic to help build homes through Habitat for Humanity, and are on our way to assist a Pastor in Tanzania. Future trips include those to minister to orphaned boys in Tecate, Mexico, and Bobby Schuller is leading a

group to Nepal in June. If you aren't called to go on a mission trip, you may want to consider sending others to do God's work. For more details, contact Pastor Beverly Muffin at 714-971-4325.

### HOOR OF POWER INTERNATIONAL

#### "...He Cares for You!"

By Frank Handrich, Hour of Power Germany

2008 has begun as a very exciting and challenging year for the *Hour of Power* in Germany. We had to change our airtime from TV channel VOX one they changed their TV programming, plus we needed to find a more cost-effective outlet. At the beginning of the year we began telecasting *Hour of Power* on a national channel called "The fourth Channel" and on the regional channel Rhein-Main TV. We're very thankful that we can still broadcast the positive message of Jesus Christ through the *Hour of Power* in Germany. The bible verse, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7), came true. God cared for us and provided us with new airtime options in Germany.

One viewer, D.V., wrote: As I heard that VOX has cancelled the contract with the *Hour of Power*, I was desperate. I sat there and cried for an hour. It was too much for me. Then I prayed, Lord, my God, please help them to find new airtime. I don't want to miss the *Hour of Power*. Now I still can watch the *Hour of Power* and I'm very glad. God's goodness is never ending."

For us it's great to see how God is working through the *Hour of Power* in Germany and the deep impact it has in the lives of the people. Right now eight people are working in our German ministry and we can see strong monthly growth. Our goal is to have a big impact in this country with the positive message of Jesus Christ in the daily life of the people.



Frank Handrich

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work, if you can make your life's passion your work, you ain't working. Well that's what we're doing. I highly recommend it to kids. Media is important. It's our culture. This is critical work because when I see kids like you, I'm rejuvenated. When I was your age, I didn't believe what you believe. And now I see you, I know what you believe. It's what I believe. It's all about the Cross. You guys have that and I say okay, God's in charge, ain't me.

*Jason Illian is the Vice President of Contest and Programming for GodTube.com. He has published many inspiring books and speaks at many shows and conventions.*

Jason Illian: Who's my role model? You know, I love to read some of the old thinkers like C.S. Lewis, Albert Einstein. In terms of somebody I look up to, I look up a lot to my mom. She was beautiful, intelligent, and caring. She also taught us to be well-rounded in all the things we do, kind of like the whole Renaissance man type. They wanted us to do all this stuff and try all this stuff. So all the boys, we were all athletes, played an instrument for a while and graduated at the top of our class. So instead of having just one role model that did everything, I have a role model in every category. You know, try to play basketball like Michael Jordan, try to think like Albert Einstein, try to do ministry like C.S. Lewis, try to do all these things. Kind of like create your own path, blaze your own trail.

## ON LOVE

*Robert A. Schuller is the Senior Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral and its Hour of Power television program. He is a great orator who also writes books.*

Robert A. Schuller: Now love is an interesting thing. Relationships between people take place in various ways. It's hard to determine what love is as opposed to infatuation or just, what we used to call "twitter-pated." Love is really making a commitment. That requires maturity and it requires an understanding of what a commitment is.

I want to encourage young people today to focus on what God has called you to do, what God's called you to be, and to really walk in the shoes that God has given you. Every single individual is unique and every single person has also been designed by the journey that they lived. Many things are part of the journey you experience and some things are unique to you. That's part of God's way of shaping you. Give God enough time to shape and mold you so that you can discover who you are before you bring more people into the mix to confuse the journey you're called to walk.

*Donna Schuller, the wife of Senior Pastor Robert A. Schuller, is involved in many charitable organizations and mission outreaches. She is also a certified nutritional consultant who helps people find healthier, more productive lives.*

Mrs. Donna Schuller: For me at least, it was in my personal experience; I lost my father when I was really young. I think that's one main reason why people come together to say "I love you" so soon. As a young person in junior high, I felt like I had to have a boyfriend. I needed to feel loved by a man because I didn't have a dad. I think that also happens when you don't have a healthy relation-

cide if it makes sense or if it doesn't, in which case I'll reject it. If it makes sense, then she observes that I will live with that concept for a while and I'll be doing research all through that time trying to understand what's going on related to it. Then eventually, I get to the point where I can't contain it any more. I have to get it out... and I go away for a week and she says I explode the book. I usually will write a book in anywhere from a week to two weeks... I can't write a book in a long period of time because I lose the continuity of the thought. So I will go in 18 hours a day, 7 to 8, 10 to 12 days in a row, whatever it is. I will just be there at the computer with my two fingers pecking away and putting it together. That's how it works.

Q: In one of your recent books on revolution, you share this idea that we are the church and that incumbent upon us to be the church. We have to do it. We have to honor the process of how the Holy Spirit leads us to be the church. We can't just show up to a building for an hour or two.

A: There's nothing in scripture that says you are supposed to go to church. The only thing it talks about is you being the church. How? Your life is supposed to be transformed through your relationship with Christ and the Holy Spirit living within you and doing the constant new work of God within you from day to day. So if you see your life that way, it changes everything. All I do suddenly has to be an act of worship. It has to be an act of service. It just takes on a very different understanding of why I get out of bed this morning. It wasn't just to go make money, not to go put in time, wasn't to do anything else other than to honor God. He takes me here just to do a handful of things: love Him and other people, obey him, worship, serve other people. If I've done that, I've done what I was here to do, and that's what being the church is all about. It may take place in a conventional church building with all the ceremonies and rituals or it may not. But when you look at how Jesus lived his life, he didn't say, "Wait a minute, wait a minute, I've got to go to the synagogue and be the church." Wherever he was, he was the church... This is what it means to be part of the kingdom of God. Don't think of it as a place where you're going. Think of it as who you're being – what you are called to do right now. God didn't put you here to take up space on the planet. He put you here to be an agent of transformation. How can you do that? You have to do it 24/7. That's what being a revolutionary Christian is all about.



"Give God enough time to shape and mold you so that you can discover who you are before you bring more people into the mix to confuse the journey you're called to walk."

Robert A. Schuller

ship with God. We've seen this in our own kids' lives; when one of my sons felt disconnected from God, he got very attached to a young girl. Now looking back, I see that he had an emptiness about him and he somehow needed that girl to help fill and complete him.

I sometimes think Robert and I are so alike but we're so different. That's why we get along so well. You have to look for compatibility. If you start dating and you find yourself always in fights about this and that, then that person isn't the right person for you. Look for somebody that brings out the best in you. If you're with somebody that's bringing out the worst in you – by making you cry, lose your temper, or cuss all the time – that's the wrong person. That's your message from God. God has another plan for you. Make sure you're with a person that wants the best for you, one who supports your strengths and doesn't bring out your weaknesses.

## STRIKING POINT

*George Barna is the founder of Barna Research Group, a leading marketing research firm focused on the intersection of faith and culture. He works in media-related organizations to spread God's Word.*

Q: Your productivity is quite inspiring, but how do you do it?

A: My wife says I don't write books, I explode books. What she means by is that I get an idea for a book and I live with it for a little while. I'll de-

# THE JOY OF GIVING

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

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

## Carol Harris: Her Glass is Half-Full...and Filling!

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

Carol Harris's life is a testimony to the power of living in the joy of the Lord. Her smile, her words, and her spirit radiate in unison with a genuine optimism that makes a wonderful difference for Christ. Her glass is half-full...and still filling!

Carol volunteered for New Hope in 1992 because she wanted to bloom where she was planted – to serve God right now, right where she was. Never mind that she had just weaned her sixth baby! When Dr. Schuller gave an altar call for New Hope volunteers, she responded. She had always wanted seven children and so New Hope became her seventh baby!

"I am so happy," Carol smiled as she explained. "I've had such a wonderful life with my husband and kids. It seems only right that I should do something to help people who aren't happy. You know, very few people who are happy call New Hope. And Nobody in my family knew I was gone! Nobody missed me." (She took the 12 midnight to 4 AM shift!)

Carol has been a New Hope night owl for 16 years, now serving on the 4 to 8 am shift and says she that

shift because that's where there is the most need.

So far, Carol has answered about 5,000 New Hope calls. What keeps her going? She knows that by caring for hurting people she is part of God's work. "When I leave the New Hope phone room I don't worry about calls. I say a prayer, 'God please take care of (name of caller). His/her problem with (depression, divorce, etc.) is in your hands.'"

## John Allen: He is a Witness for Christ

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

John Allen describes his eleven-year New Hope counseling ministry as a as, "a way to be a witness for the Lord." John explains: "At New Hope, the Lord sends people to my phone that have problems I match up to. David, my longtime shift mate, says it's the same for him. We talk about the calls we take and marvel at how God works!"

In 1992 John's wife died. They had raised their children and were

looking forward to enjoying their golden years together and suddenly she was gone. John recalls trying to be pragmatic about his grief, reminding himself that she was in heaven. The next Sunday he was in church at the Crystal Cathedral where he and his wife had attended since 1979 and when he sang the hymn, "Count Your Blessings," his tears began pouring. He cried in loneliness for her.

Is it just by chance that John gets so many calls at New Hope from people grieving? No! He believes that the Lord directs these calls to him. In fact, in the hours before his New Hope shifts, John prays for God to direct calls to him. Recently, John received a call from a man who lost his wife and is still recovering. John could identify, and was able to share the Lord's love and to encourage the man that Christ is working in his life.

Since John retiring in 1997 from his 30-year teaching position, John has gone into full time ministry, volunteering for 12 different ministries at a time! He feeds the homeless through Crystal Cathedral's "Real Help," and has enjoys playing Barnabas in *The Glory of Easter*.

John, who has walked with Christ since his youth, reads the Bible every day. But it was from Christian fiction, "The Medford Series," that he learned this simple prayer: "Lord, make me a blessing today!" He prays it each morning as a way of asking for God's help and then looks expectantly to see what the Lord would do through him that day. Indeed, he's been amazed by the results!

*If you're curious about what it takes to become a New Hope counselor, all Barbie at 714-971-4123.*



Carol Harris (in blue) and family.

John Allen



## NICOLE'S NETWORK

connecting with your church community



### Traffic Ministry

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

*Know = Giving direction, Love = Smiling and greeting, Serve = Visitors to the Cathedral*

### Kiosk Ministry

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

*Know = Campus Info, Love = Communicating, Serve = Visitors of the Crystal Cathedral*

### Computer Assistant

Assist on Tower 9, 9 AM - 4 PM. Help Women's Ministry with word processing documents, light data entry, answer phones, mailing, copying. Enjoy a very fun, positive atmosphere!

*Know = Computer basics, Love = People, Serve = Crystal Cathedral staff*

### Table Hosts

Help distribute new Power for Life Bibles on Sunday mornings while meeting many new friends! Through June 8, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM in the church and Welcoming Center lobby, hand out Bibles and assist with forms while smiling and having fun! Training on site. Assistance needed.

*Know = How to offer a smile, Love = Being helpful, Serve = people on campus*

### Crystal Cathedral Ushers

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

*Know = People, Love = People attending our church, Serve = The Hospitality Team*

### Crystal Cathedral Tour Guides

Give guided walking tours of the Crystal Cathedral to visitors from around the world! Share your knowledge while you share your heart. Shifts available M - F, 9 AM - 4:30 PM, and Sundays as well!

*Know = The Crystal Cathedral, Love = Sharing your church, Serve = Visitors*

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

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May we share any of the above information with other church members?  Yes  No

Are you currently attending worship at the Crystal Cathedral?  Yes  No

If so, which one? CLASSIC:  9:30am  11:00am  6:30pm | THE GATHERING:  11:00 am

C3:  9:30am  11:00am | HISPANIC:  1:00 pm  6:30 pm

NAMES OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD	DATE OF BIRTH	ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP	MINISTRIES IN WHICH YOU CURRENTLY VOLUNTEER	PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES/GROUPS YOU ATTEND THROUGH THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL	HOBBIES/VOLUNTEER ROLES IN YOUR COMMUNITY
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CHILDREN

NAME	BIRTHDATE	GRADE	SCHOOL	BAPTISM DATE	PROFESSION OF FAITH DATE	HOW IS YOUR CHILD INVOLVED AT THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL?
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