

# family ministries

Family Ministries  
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## FAMILY EVENT

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Friday, May 15, 6:30 – 9 pm,  
Heavenly Cafe & Freed Theater

COME JOIN OTHER FAMILIES FOR A FREE NIGHT OF FUN! Enjoy games, food, and an awesome talk by our youth pastor Brett DaPena! Music by our high school worship team! Bring strollers for the little ones and wear comfy shoes. PLEASE RSVP (so we order enough pizza!) at one of the Kid Power Plant kiosks (check-in booths) on Sunday, or by calling 714-971-4159, or by sending an e-mail to sheilac@crystal-cathedral.org.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### C U @ C3 EVERY SUNDAY

By Kyle Bonenberger, Worship Leader

C3 is the pioneering contemporary ministry of the Crystal Cathedral that meets every Sunday morning, at 11 AM in the Freed Theater with the goal of being a community built around the love of Jesus Christ that reaches seekers, builds believers, and changes the world.

**What should I expect at C3?** C3 is a LIVE video venue of the Crystal Cathedral with the same interview and message as Crystal Cathedral Classic, plus full contemporary (rock-style) worship in an awesome venue called Freed Theater located on the lower level of the Welcoming Center building. After the service, connect with others over free coffee in an environment where people know your name.

**Who attends C3?** Anyone is welcome at C3. We have all ages ranging from seniors in their latter years to infants. Children are welcome to worship with their families in C3, though we encourage kids to attend Kid Power Plant or Student Ministries in the Family Life Center.

**How can I get involved in C3?** For starters, start by simply attending every week, and then let us know your volunteer interest and you're on your way. There is a small interview/questionnaire and training in the areas you need!

**How can I plug my family into the broader church?** At C3, we care about families — all sizes, shapes, and life-stages. It is our goal to help you connect with families similar to yours.

For more details, go to [www.crystalcathedral.org/c3/about](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/c3/about).



## ASK DR. SHEILA

### LEARNING TO FOLLOW

Dear Sheila,

*I have prayed to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior, but I haven't noticed that much has changed in my life. I was under the impression that my life would be transformed. Is there something I'm missing?*

—Wanting More from My Faith

Dear Wanting More,

I love your question and your spirit! It's good not to feel overly satisfied with your life and relationship with Jesus. In fact, I get concerned when

I hear followers of Christ talk as if they have it all figured out. The truth is—the more we get to know Christ, the less satisfied we frequently are with ourselves. My prayer is often that people will hunger and thirst after Christ more and more because this is the most crucial step in spiritual growth.

Following Jesus is a journey that begins with a radical change in the direction of our lives. It's a journey of transformation that leads from life under the lordship of culture to a life of companionship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. How do we become companions with Christ? Take time each day to read God's word, pray, and ask God to guide you. If you don't have someone in your life who can mentor (disciple) you, pray for God to provide that person. In the meantime, there are books you can read that will enhance your walk with Christ. I recommend *Experiencing the Depths of Jesus* by Jeanne Guyon, *Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God* by Dallas Willard, and *Praying to Change Your Life* by Suzette Caldwell.

Enjoy the journey of getting to know Jesus more and more. I am thrilled to hear of your desire to follow Christ!

— Sheila Schuller Coleman

Send your questions to [asksheila@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:asksheila@crystalcathedral.org).



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# YOUTH



## KIDS

### KID POWER PLANT

Attention all Families: Bring your kids to join us each and every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM for the third year of Kid Power Plant where kids experience an exciting, power-packed, interactive worship and learning experience. Here children are inspired to plug into the true Power Source – our loving Lord. If you have any questions, please call 714-971-4087.



### KPP NEEDS YOU!

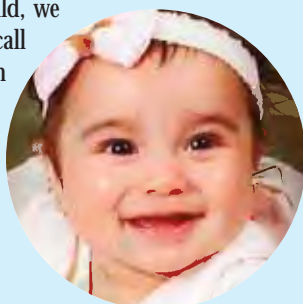
Calling all God-serving individuals who love the Lord and understand the need to bring Biblical truths to our children. Find your niche to serve for the 1st (9:10 AM) and/or 2nd (10:40 AM) hour on Sunday mornings:

- \* Volunteer Sunday School Teachers
- \* Kiosk Check-In Helpers
- \* Tech. Crew

Please contact Children's Ministry Department 714-971-4087 for more information.

### BLESS YOUR BABY WITH BAPTISM!

If you are a local attender and have a child or are expecting a child, we invite you to call Maureen Winer in Congregational Life for more information about infant baptism, 714-971-4062.



### JR. HIGH STUDENTS

**XLR8 TUESDAYS:** It's a place where Jr. Highers come together! If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, XLR8 is



where you want to be. We have wild and crazy Tuesday night programming, 7 – 8:30 PM at the Youth House. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time.

Then, 7:30 - 8:30 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

**SUNDAYS:** It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Sr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**FUEL WEDNESDAYS:** FUEL shatters the stereotype that church is boring. FUEL is designed to celebrate life and relationships. FUEL meets Wednesday nights, 7 – 9 PM at the Youth House. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 – 9 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

**SUNDAY FUEL:** It's for students who really want to deepen their faith. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Jr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



**Love God and Love Youth!**

If you feel called to encourage our youth on Tues. or Wed. nights, contact Brett DePena for more volunteer details:  
714-971-4180



**FAMILY SUNDAYS**

**Parking:** Families park next to Family Life Center and take shuttle to church!

**Shuttle:** Stops next to Family Life Center and other spots around campus!

**Quiet Room:** In the Tower Lobby, watch the service with your child.



Contact Student Ministries  
Brett DePena, Director  
crystalcathedral.org/ccsm  
or e-mail:  
ccsm@crystalcathedral.org  
714-971-4180

# ADULT Ministries

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WEEKDAY "WOMEN'S NETWORK"

Every Tuesday, 9 AM in the Art Gallery. Discover life-changing Biblical truths, and enjoy the sense of community of other women on their spiritual journeys. During this creative Bible study unlike any other, enjoy singing, sharing, praying, stimulating object lessons, and small group time. Leader Rhea Zakich creates each lesson anew and facilitates this time of inspiration and insight. All are welcome! Questions? Call Kari, 714-971-4080.



MEN'S NETWORK

### EVENING "SOUL FOOD"

Every Friday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Family Lounge. Join the dynamic Kim Kimpel for a refreshing time of fellowship, prayer, community, and a stimulating Bible/Book study. Info: 714-971-4240.



### LUNCH HOUR "WOMEN AT THE WELL"



Every Wednesday at noon on Family Life Center, Floor 3. Come be a part of an energized group of women who want to drink of the "Living Water" that Jesus provides. Louise Dunn leads this lively book discussion to discern the message the Lord

is revealing through the readings. For info, call, 714-971-4045.

### MEN'S WEEKLY MEETINGS

Call 714-971-4236 for more details:  
 Band of Brothers: Monday evenings 7 - 9 PM, FLC-435.  
 Men's Bible Study: Wednesday mornings, 7 AM, Tower-2.

### CONNECT WITH MEN'S MINISTRY

As a man, if you understand how important it is to connect with other men as you grow to be more like Christ, the person you need to know at the Crystal Cathedral is Harold Shaw, Men's Steering Team Chair. Harold and his wife and family have been members of the Crystal Cathedral since 1982. He has lead many groups and volunteered on mission trips and more, plus is a Ministering Elder and a graduate of the Crystal Cathedral MAT (Minister Associate Training) Program. As a



leader in the Men's Ministry, he focuses on helping men to grow in leadership skills and abilities in their family, home, community, and church. To connect with Harold, call 714-971-4187.

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP

### CO-ED SATURDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

One of our long-standing Men's Bible Fellowships has just gone co-ed! On Saturday, May 9, 7 AM, FLC-221, bring your spouse or friends, and join other men and women of the Crystal Cathedral for a six-part film 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.

## 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 friends.

## TRAVEL MINISTRY

### ANGELS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at 6:05 PM at Angel Stadium. Join your CC friends for fun fellowship, a game, hot dog, soft drink, and patriotic celebration! Tickets, \$21 each.

For women of ALL ages. Bring a friend, neighbor, or relative.

# Bible Study Lite



### 3 MINI-RETREATS

**First Tuesdays:**  
6/2, 7/7, 8/4

9:30-11:30 AM

Tower of Hope, floor 3

Taught by

Rhea Zakich



MATURE ADULTS  
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S & WOMEN'S  
Michelle Cavinder, Director

PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Be sure to be there for this year's spectacular live recreation of the world's greatest art. On Sun., Aug. 23, the motor coach will leave the CC for Laguna Beach at 5:30 PM, returning at approx. 11:30 PM. Tickets, \$69 each.

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

Go to the Crystal Cathedral Box Office in the Welcoming Center 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.

MATURE ADULTS

EASE THE PAIN!

On fourth Thursday of every month in the Arboretum, enjoy fun, great food, music, and inspiring guest speakers! On May 28 at 11:30 AM, enjoy guest speaker Dr. Grace Walker DPT, PT, OTDm, Orange County's leading physical therapist addressing the challenge of pain. Also, we'll hold a Used Book Sale; bring a dozen or two of your old books to be sold for \$1 each as a fundraiser. Plus, always spirit-lifting music by Anne and Linda and other surprises. To reserve your lunch (\$5 @ door), call 714-971-4031 or e-mail [50plus@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:50plus@crystalcathedral.org). Bring your friends and neighbors!



*Lovely Settings for Your Special Day*

*Crystal Cathedral Weddings*

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the light-filled Crystal Cathedral or 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 available.

Call 714-971-4240

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS



CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL FILLED WITH HAPPY FACES!

By Marlene Kikta, Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool classrooms were bursting with activity last month as students and their families joined the staff for our Annual Open House. Each classroom had fun activities for the children and their parents to enjoy together. The rooms were filled with happy faces!

On April 23, the preschool was honored by the Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council for its national accreditation and United Way Star Quality 5-star rating. At a breakfast held at Heritage Park Community Center in Irvine to celebrate "Quality Child Care" in the county, our Preschool was awarded a Certificate of Congressional Recognition signed by Loretta Sanchez, Member of Congress. In addition, our school received a State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition signed by Lou Correa, State Senator, 34th District.

Most importantly, the Preschool celebrated Easter with a special Chapel presentation by Room 137. In the photo above, Aimee Ta proclaims, "He is Alive!" It is very exciting to see the faith formation taking place in these young children.

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS EXCELLENT EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD

At the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School (grades K-12), Monday through Friday, 7 AM until 6 PM, positive values are developed, creativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord.

This private Christian school was established in 1977 to offer excellent academics with the arts and Bible as part of the core curriculum for every student. In the over thirty years since its inception, the Crystal Cathedral Academy has expanded to include an excellent middle school

and outstanding high school.

The elementary, middle and high schools have all received the highest accreditation report possible by Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The high school, now in its sixth year, has students who have gone on to attend Eastman School of Music, USC School of Architecture, and pre-medicine, just to name a few.

For more information, go to [crystalcathedral.org/academy](http://crystalcathedral.org/academy), or call 714-971-4158.

LEARNING NETWORK'S "PATH 4 TEENS" SOPHOMORES FIND A NEW PATH AND A NEW PURPOSE

Over February and March, Crystal Cathedral's Learning Network department had the privilege of bringing the Laurie Beth Jones "Path 4 Teens" program to sophomore students at the Crystal Cathedral High School.

The Path 4 Teens program challenges, inspires, and equips youths to live lives of purpose and achievement. Through an exciting interactive process the students discovered their personality styles, created personal mission statements, learned how to manage negative influences over their lives, realized their gifts and talents, defined their core values, created a vision statement for their future, increased their leadership potential, and most of all, discovered who they are in Christ.

One student's mission statement says, "My mission is to create, explore, and understand inner peace in myself and others."

One of the questions we asked the students at the end of the session was, "What part of the training did you enjoy the most?" One student answered, "Taking the things about my life that I knew I believed and wanted, and organizing them into complete thoughts and goals."

The students left the class with a sense of purpose and a new determination to be all God created them to be. If you would like more information or to make a donation to the Path 4 Teens program, please call 714-971-4080.



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Counselors (some bilingual) are available to help you during life-changing events and with everyday coping issues including pre-marital, marital, family (parent, child, 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? 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 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 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 re-

covery" 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.

No Cost – Just Show Up!

For more information about these groups sponsored by Crystal Cathedral Care Ministries, call 714-971-4098.

A.C.A. (Co-ed): Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-236. Adult children of alcoholic parent(s), journaling focus.

ACES: 1st Tue., 7 PM, FLC-234. Advocates for Children in Enforcement of child Support.

AL-ANON (Men); Thu., 8 PM, FLC-230.

AL-ANON (Co-ed); Fri., 8 PM, FLC-230.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: 4th Fri., 1 PM T-3. Caregivers support group.

BEREAVED PARENTS/USA: 3rd Mon., 7 PM, FLC-235. Those who have lost a child (of any age).

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (COED): Tue., 8 PM, FLC-221. Overcoming.

MEN AT PEACE: Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-FRH3. Dealing with anger and/or depression. (May meet court-ordered requirements; check with officer of the court.) Led by Dave Meyer.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: 1st/3rd Sun., 1:30 PM, T-2. Adults who have lost loved one to suicide.

THE UNWELCOME JOURNEY: Thursday, 7 PM, FLC-3. Widowed persons group.

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lar 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 you 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.

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God has called us all to be heroes of the faith. And to accomplish this, he has granted to us his precious and magnificent promises that, by those promises, we may become partakers of his own nature.

This is grace. All that we need in this life to be a brave soldier, a caring parent, a faithful prayer warrior, an upright citizen, a good neighbor, a hard worker, a loyal friend – all the resources have been granted to us since we have come to know Christ. And not only that, all the things we need to be good children of God – morality, ethics, character, worship, obedience, service to Him – all have been granted to us since we have become believers.

To accomplish that, God gave us his precious and magnificent promises, and that by believing in those promises, we may become like him. Jesus Christ is the example, the paradigm, the astounder, the model that we can look to if we want to be like him.

God says, "I'll help you. See my Son. Be like him." That is grace. It is all that mothers...all that soldiers...all that prayer warriors...all that you and I need to become heroes of the faith.



# Rancho Capistrano

## *The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries*

Summer Day Camps: Preschool –14 Years  
Fishing, Swimming, Canoeing, Arts  
& Crafts & Themed Events

By Ms. Hubert, Camp Director

Our Summer Day Camps offer caring counselors and a safe environment designed to make a positive impact on your child as it energizes his or her 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. Activities include swimming and water play, canoeing, art projects, field games, hiking, and drama. Your camper will experience a day chock full of activities to enhance the weekly themes from “Awesome Oceans” to “Extreme Sports” featuring special guests and camp cheers and songs.

Academic Summer School Camps for 1st-8th graders feature a specialized curriculum for accelerated or remedial learning in specific subjects.

Each unique week is action-packed and full of fun with special themes and special guests – all this without leaving our beautiful campus:

**Week 1** (June 22 - 26) Fun in the Sun: With an emphasis on summer safety, enjoy making new friends through teambuilding relays, daily pool activities, explorations, and special guests (an EMT and a Crime Buster).

**Week 2** (June 29 – July 2) Celebrate USA: With an emphasis on honoring our nation, join in patriotic games, potato sack races, and spirited team relays, with special guests (a member of the military and firefighters).

**Week 3** (July 6 –10) Beach Blast: Beach themed activities including water relays, luau limbo, lava tubes, our annual WET ZONE, and special guests (beach lifeguard and professional surfer).

**Week 4** (July 13 –17) Green Planet: Discover what you can do to make a difference creating eco-friendly art, cooking s'mores using solar power, and discovering what a carbon footprint is and its effects.

**Week 5** (July 20 – 24) Heart, Brain & Body Power: Explore the power within your amazing heart, brain and body by engaging in hands-on activities.

**Week 6** (July 27 – 31) Superstar Talent:

Calling all “superstars” to take part in our Talent Show! Special guests include a super star dancer and a performance by our very own camp counselor band.

**Week 7** (August 3 –7) Extreme Sports: Discover the science behind awesome roller coasters, hang gliders, rocket blasters, and parachutes, plus capture the flag, ultimate Frisbee, and an outdoor obstacle course.

**Week 8** (August 10 –14) Awesome Oceans: Explore creatures of deep blue sea – luminous jellyfish, sharks, and other creatures of the deep abyss, with deep-sea scuba divers and the Aquarium of the Pacific.

**Week 9** (August 17 –21) Jungle Safari: Take a walk on the wild side as we go on a jungle safari! As a member of your tribe, you will participate in tribal relays, survival scenarios, and even a jungle boogie.

Visit our website at [www.ranchocapistrano.org](http://www.ranchocapistrano.org) for detailed information and a registration form you can print out and mail in, or e-mail the Camps department at [camps@ranchocapistrano.org](mailto:camps@ranchocapistrano.org). Find out why, since 1995, Discover Camps is the first choice of southern Orange County campers on the most beautiful campus!

Weddings and Receptions

**Is God Blessing You with a “Harmonious Match”?**

Rancho Capistrano is a natural choice for a place to have your rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony, and reception - all at one location, and where the overnight rooms for you and your guests are just steps away. You can even have a breakfast the next morning for your out-of-town guests!

Choose from church, garden, plaza or courtyard ceremonies. Enjoy cuisine prepared by our award-winning chef, and the service of caring staff members who will do all they can to make yours a dream wedding. Your photographs and videos will be ones to treasure, with our lush landscaping, rolling hills, and sparkling lake with island gazebo. We have clergy available to perform your ceremony, and a wedding coordinator is included in all



packages for your rehearsal and wedding day. Our reception packages offer wonderful enhancements, such as the option of a second site for your hors d'oeuvres reception.

New Design Packages feature stunning coordinated design options for your reception, giving you more time to put the little details in place that make your wedding even more memorable because we take care of the major elements such as centerpieces, linens, place settings linens, and chairs. Call 949-347-4000 for info, or visit [www.ranchocapistrano.org/ranchweddings](http://www.ranchocapistrano.org/ranchweddings).

Conference and Retreat Center

**Have You Been to Rancho Capistrano Lately?**

In addition to the beauty of the sparkling lake and gazebo view from meeting rooms, and beautifully detailed mission-style architecture, we have added new delicious menus inspired by French cuisine, turn down service in our guest rooms, and welcome cookies at registration on Fridays.

If your retreat can be scheduled during the week, we have accommodations near the lake or with a garden view at special pricing that will surely come in under your 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 Orange County, conveniently located halfway between San Diego and Los Angeles. In addition, it's the perfect spot for marriage enrichment retreats for your ministry group!

Call 949-347-4000 to learn more.

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**Global Community**  
 AT CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

HOUR OF POWER INTERNATIONAL

What They're Saying  
 Around the World...

"I enjoy your services so much and hope they will continue. As an elderly person, I no longer get out. So it is wonderful for me to be able to attend a service at home on TV."

-MARY C., ENGLAND

I would like to say that the *Hour of Power* is needed more now than when it began on television. You are showing hurting people that there is a better way and change is never too late.

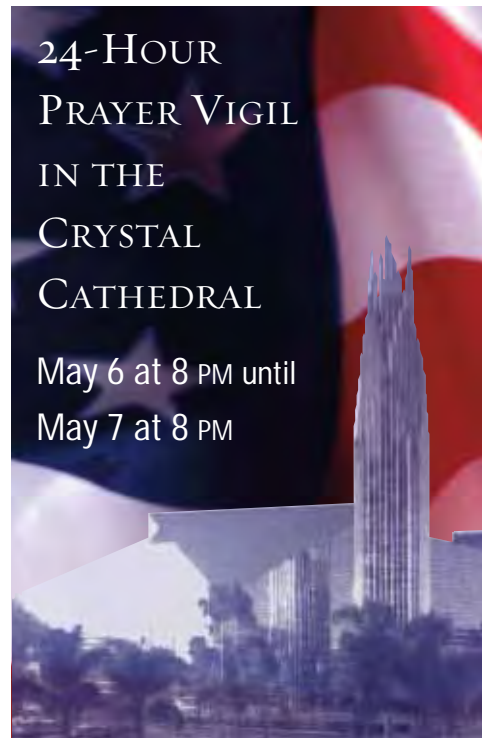
-GARRY L., AUSTRALIA

"I am absolutely loving the new format of *Hour of Power*! I get the same thrill, blessing, and encouragement as I did in the old days (35 odd years ago!). I have a lot of friends who say they don't like watching American preachers, but I tell you what... they do now!"

-BETTYE H., AUSTRALIA

"We, here in Oamaru enjoy so much each Sunday watching the *Hour of Power* and all the guests and beautiful music. I have so much enjoyed watching Daniel McGrew grow up and still singing. We do enjoy the message and music before we go out to our own church."

-MRS. K., NEW ZEALAND



24-HOUR  
 PRAYER VIGIL  
 IN THE  
 CRYSTAL  
 CATHEDRAL

May 6 at 8 PM until  
 May 7 at 8 PM

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Burgers (limited availability) with pre-order coupons available (watch the bulletin for details).

- Live country/patriotic music

Between services at 10:45 AM there will also be a special event honoring fallen soldiers in Memorial Gardens with a 21-gun salute.

BRING towels/blankets or beach chairs to sit on, beach balls for fun, and a big smile, because this is going to be an unforgettable, fun family event for EVERYONE!



PJ's  
 Heavenly  
 Cafe

Welcoming Center,  
 Garden Level  
**Mon. - Fri., 9 AM - 2 PM**  
**Sunday, 8 AM - 2 PM**

**New on Sundays!**  
**Breakfast Buffet**  
 9 - 11 AM

Catering  
 714-971-2289

your home or office.

24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: From 8 PM on Wed., May 6 through 8 PM on Thurs., May 7, you are invited to be Christ to others by joining us in prayer and/or praying for others in the Crystal Cathedral. We especially need some "night owls" and "early birds" to pray with others from midnight to 6 AM. A prayer guide handout will be provided.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR AMERICA: From 8 PM to 9 PM on Thurs., May 7, help us close our 24-hour prayer vigil by joining us in our one-hour prayer, praise, and worship service, joining millions of people across the U.S. as we pray together for America's seven areas of leadership: government, education, military, business, media, family, and church.

PRAYING FROM HOME: If you cannot attend, we invite you to call our 24-hour crisis intervention and prayer hotline at 714-NEW-HOPE (714-693-4673). You may also join us in our online Prayer Community or sign up for an "at home" time slot.

For more information or to volunteer to pray at the Crystal Cathedral or online during the 24-hour vigil, go to [www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/national\\_day\\_of\\_prayer](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/resources/national_day_of_prayer), or contact Doug Robinson at [dougr@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:dougr@crystalcathedral.org). To find out more about the National Day of Prayer, go to [www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org).

What will God do if we join together to devote ourselves to prayer for 24 hours straight? How might his glorious kingdom break into our lives, the ministry of the Crystal Cathedral, America, and the world? Let's find out!

## MORE NEWS

### Legacy Club Information Meeting

For more information about how you may help keep our ministry strong through the Crystal Cathedral Congregation Endowment Fund, you're invited to attend a Legacy Club luncheon with Rev.



Glenn DeMaster and church member Charlie Nunn on Sun., May 31, 12:30 PM, FLC-4 Boardroom. RSVP for this free lunch and info. session at 714-971-4039. For more Legacy Club, contact Glenn at 714-971-4311 or glennnd@crystalcathedral.org.

### Easter Lily Thank You

If you graciously sponsored lily plants this past Easter, a complete list of sponsors and honorees may soon be viewed/printed online at [crystalcathedral.org](http://crystalcathedral.org). Watch the bulletin for details. No computer access? Call Kari at 714-971-4080.



### Grace—Family Style!

By Robert H. Schuller, Founding Pastor

With Mother's Day celebrated this month, and Father's Day in June, my thoughts turn to family—the greatest institution on planet Earth. The central unit of society in the Old Testament, its value is intrinsic to the Judeo-Christian faith and philosophy. Over the centuries, the family has remained strong in spite of forces trying to malign and destroy it. Today, the strength of the family foretells the success of every culture and society in the world.

I was blessed with a wonderful family growing up. My father and mother loved each other. They took us to church, taught us the Bible, and prayed for and with us. Our family was solid—unbreakable. We were the Schullers! I married a woman who came from the same kind of family. Arvella and I have been married for almost 59 years, and have five children, nineteen grandchildren, and one great-grandson. They all deeply inspire my soul and are the happiness-generating center of my life. Yes, I have been blessed being surrounded by a strong family.

To build a strong family, we had to be positive followers of Jesus Christ. As parents, we exhibited this lifestyle to our five children, including the essential quality of GRACE. As a result, we're very proud that all of our children have embraced the Christian faith and are involved in some form of ministry.

Even though we have had, and continue to have, our own ups and downs as a family, how did we make ours work as well as it has? There are four simple principles we've tried to live by in the Schuller household:

**Be alert.** Keep your antenna up. Listen to what your children are saying both verbally and non-verbally. Look for signs that indicate there is trouble brewing and be attentive to the emotions behind the actions.

**Be appreciative.** Learn to appreciate your children as friends (regardless of age). I count my children among my best friends, today, and have often found them to be my best encouragers, as well. When the world lets me down, my family has always been there cheering me on.

**Be affirmative.** In a world where many people thrive on putting others down, it's essential to affirm your children—their future, their potential, and their possibilities. Give your children a boost.

**Be available—always!** My children can find me at any time. I'm never far from a phone, and my wife always knows where to reach me.

That's the kind of father God is. He is alert. He is attentive. He appreciates us. And he is always available. That's grace—family style!

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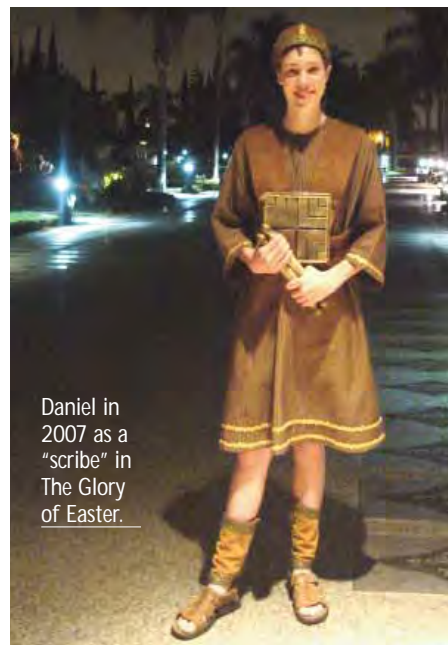
to join the cast. We did. Our daughter Linda, then a college student, finished her college drama performances and joined *The Glory of Christmas* participating in the first group of dancers. Linda has worked in the Glories in various capacities for 14 years.

My husband Ted was the first volunteer GOE "Barabas." Your driver back then was one of the "Roman Soldiers" guarding him. Backstage he told Ted how meeting you on the grounds one day had changed his life. One of the "Kings" that year told me he was from Pakistan and had moved from New York just to be part of these productions. Christmas 1984, you graciously gave each lady in the cast a kiss on the cheek as you greeted hundreds of cast members on arrival at your home, making us all feel very special.

Daniel (also an Eagle Scout and Silver Congressional Award recipient) and his mother Linda now tutor student Glory cast members as needed. The newly formed free "cast school" they run emphasizes help in science or math all the way up to calculus. Daniel (who played the "scribe" through 2007) still trains the new "scribes" each year.

Crystal Cathedral's *The Glory of Christmas* and *The Glory of Easter* are life-changing and character-developing experiences. How many lives have been changed because of this ministry will only be known in eternity. God bless you and your lovely wife for making all of this possible.

– Ted and Beverly Schulz



Daniel in 2007 as a "scribe" in *The Glory of Easter*.

There was such an anointing of the Holy Spirit that we could not hold back our tears at the portrayal of our Lord suffering and dying.

**COME IN & BE INSPIRED**

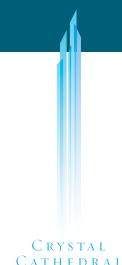
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# THE JOY OF GIVING

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



## "God is doing a great work through the Hour of Power"

By Ben Hadley, Volunteer Tour Guide

While in the Chapel of Hope one recent Friday morning leading a Crystal Cathedral campus tour of people from Germany, Canada, and several U.S. states, I had just started to explain how the *Hour of Power* came into being when the elevator door opened and two men (ushered in by my daughter Susan) entered the chapel and joined us. The two men were from two different countries in Africa – Uganda and Malawi. They told us they were attending a conference in Anaheim and learned that the Crystal Cathedral was close by, and hurried over for a quick visit.

One of the men (on the left in the photo) is a church leader and scientist in Uganda, currently living in Michigan while working on his PhD in biology. The other man is a student at the same university, and a member and leader of a Seventh Day Adventist Church in Malawi.

After hearing what I had just said about the *Hour of Power*, the Ugandan man smiled broadly and said, "Oh yes, yes the *Hour of Power*. There is not a place in all Uganda where people have not heard of the *Hour of Power*."

He went on to say, "The *Hour of Power* has meant more to me and multitudes of people across Africa than you can ever imagine. When I was twelve years old, I saw this man on television ex-

plaining why Christianity was not just another religion but was a God-inspired way of life." The other man nodded his head in agreement as he continued, "I watched each week and started to collect Dr. Schuller's 'power thoughts.' I now have a stack of them," and he spread his hands about a foot apart, "that I have collected over the years. I use them and my people use them for Bible study. God is doing a great work through the *Hour of Power*."



Two new friends from Africa

A man from Germany looked at me and gave a thumb's up in agreement.

In jest, I started to hand the Ugandan man my "red coat" jacket and said, "Lead on brother."

He laughed and said, "No, no, I want to hear more about your local church, its ministries and its history." So, after we left the chapel, we continued walking around the campus talking about the entire ministry, laughing, sharing stories.

After about a half-hour, the two men excused themselves to leave for an appointment, but before they did, I persuaded them to walk to the Welcoming Center for a photograph. Upon leaving both said they were greatly surprised and blessed by God to be able to visit the place where the *Hour of Power* originates.

When our tour finally ended, the rest of the group stated that they had been blessed far more than they could ever have anticipated. All agreed that when watching the *Hour of Power* in the future they will recall a very fond memory and have a much better appreciation of how this ministry impacts people around the entire world.

I thank God every day for this ministry. And every time I tour guide, I thank Him, also, for the opportunity to see His work in the lives of people from around the world.

## VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

connect with your church community!



### Kid Power Plant Needs YOU!

As our Hispanic Ministry grows under the leadership of Pastor Dante, the kids of the congregation need your love and nurturing spirit, 1 – 3 PM during the Kid Power Plant Sunday school program in the Family Life Center. No Spanish required - the children all speak English. Needed: teacher's aides and kiosk volunteers to work the computerized check-in.

### 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!

### 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!

### Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses

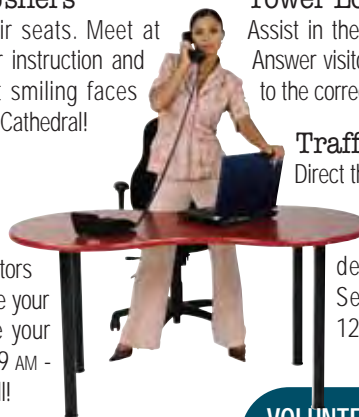
Greet people who are in need of information about programs or classes. Sundays, half-hour prior to service and 10 min. before end of service, then stay until replacement arrives.

### Tower Lobby Helpers

Assist in the Tower lobby between 9 AM - 4:30 PM. Answer visitors' questions and phones, direct people to the correct floor, monitor traffic, sort mail, etc.

### Traffic Ministry Guides

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.



### VOLUNTEER ONLINE

at [crystalcathedral.org/volunteer](http://crystalcathedral.org/volunteer). Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved!  
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