

crystalcathedraltoday

Celebrate the Seasons of Life!

Seasons of Beginnings, Seasons of Change...

By Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Founding Pastor

Recently I've been thinking a lot about the seasons of life. God has created seasons of changing weather and light: summer, winter, spring, and fall. He has created seasons of life, as well.

This ministry has experienced different seasons including the season of early beginnings - we were called to start a mission, a place for non-believers to come and find hope! Being a mission first is what made this church, from the very beginning, a church unlike any existing church at the time in the United States. Because of our unique message and mission, 50,000 pastors have come through our Institute of Successful Church Leadership to pick up this spirit and go home, build upon it, and do even better.

Early on, we became a television church, the first and still the longest-running television church in history. As a television church, more than just local members came to embrace the Crystal Cathedral as their church - millions of people are listening and looking, watching and waiting to catch our spirit.

However, we never wanted those in

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“...be ready in season and out of season... fulfill your ministry.” 2 TIMOTHY 4:2a, 5b

JOHN C. MAXWELL NOV. 9

BILL HYBELS NOV. 23 & DEC. 7

LUIS PALAU DEC. 14

JUAN CARLOS ORTIZ NOV. 16

As America's Television Church to the world, Dr. Schuller has invited pastors who have never been on television regularly to preach the greatest sermons ever preached from the Crystal Cathedral.



Experience God during an upcoming all-church prayer vigil and night of worship. See pg. 4 for details...

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Special Holiday Services

Give Thanks and Welcome the Coming Christmas

NIGHT OF MUSIC & TOY DRIVE. Join in a night of festive seasonal music on Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 PM in the Crystal Cathedral as we welcome in the holiday season with the singing of carols with the CC Academy Chorus, High School musicians, and special guests. Bring an unwrapped, new toy for a girl or boy to be distributed among the thousands of children in need within our community. The Academy Chorus will serve a deli-

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The Glory of Christmas

Experience the Reason for the Season

By Dr. Sheila Coleman, Family Ministries

When Jesus was born that starry night in Bethlehem. Jesus Christ - the perfect, all-encompassing expression of God - came to life, and the cry of a newborn baby changed the world forever.

So it is that we at the Crystal Cathedral Ministries celebrate that life-changing event every Christmas season with our annual presentation of *The*

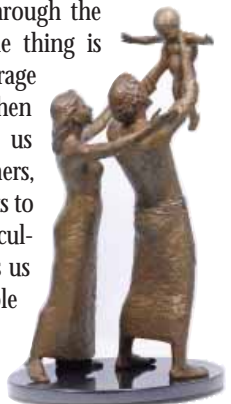
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Free Art Show & Film Screening

Receive "The Gifts of Courage"

What gets us through the seasons of life? One thing is God's gift of courage that lifts us up when we're down, gives us strength to help others, emboldens our hearts to carry on despite difficulties, and encourages us to dream impossible dreams.

In the Welcoming Center, from Saturday, November 29, through Friday, January 9,



GIFTS OF COURAGE

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november sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Join Dr. Robert H. Schuller and "America's Television Church" pastors (see pg. 1). Plus, these encouraging special guests...

NOVEMBER 2

Guest **Marilyn Carlson-Nelson**, who ranks 78 on Forbes' "100 Most Powerful Women," shares key values needed by leaders in today's business climate. Music by Christian R&B standout **Anthony Evans**.



Marilyn Carlson-Nelson
Anthony Evans



NOVEMBER 9

Ten years ago, French-Canadian brothers **Jean-Luc and Yves Lajoie** headed for Hollywood with dreams of stardom, but God inspired them, instead, to form the popular Christian acoustic-rock group, **The Kry**.



Roger Williams



The Kry

NOVEMBER 16

Our Crystal Cathedral friend and favorite pianist, **Roger Williams** returns! Plus, *The Glory of Christmas* soloist, **Sophie Thurston**, with the voice of an angel.

NOVEMBER 23

Music by the worshipful and wonderful Christian recording artist, **Fernando Ortega**, and the always-inspiring vocalist, **Renee Bondi**.



Fernando Ortega



Travis Cottrell

NOVEMBER 30

Sharon Kips, winner of the "X Factor" (Netherlands) to share her extraordinary gift of song, and welcome back the memorable and prolific singer-songwriter, **Travis Cottrell**.



Sharon Kips



Renee Bondi

every sunday adult FELLOWSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOMEBUILDERS 9 AM, Art Gallery
Enjoy refreshments, caring fellowship, music, in-depth Bible studies by Rev. Glenn DeMaster.

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

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

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

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 with Dr. Luiz Lemos
1 PM, Cathedral
6:30 PM, Chapel in the Sky

the Gathering Community
Authentic faith through art, worship & community
11 AM, Arboretum
Bobby Schuller

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE
Close the day and meet the week with inspiration!
6:30 PM
Crystal Cathedral
Dr. Jim Poit

arabic Christian ministry
1:30 PM
IN THE ARBORETUM

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

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL STUDENT MINISTRY
JUNIOR HIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Jr. High: FLC, 11 AM
Sr. High: Freed Theater, 10:45 AM

calendar of events

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

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS
in the Crystal Cathedral

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714 54-GLORY
OR TOLL FREE
877 54-GLORY

OR ORDER ONLINE:
www.crystalcathedral.org



NOVEMBER 28 – JANUARY 4

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, resumes 9/9, 9 AM, AG . . . 714-971-4080

wednesday

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

thursday

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

friday

Soul Food, resumes 9/12, 6:30 PM, FL 714-971-4240

saturday

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
november						
					Set your clock back one hour before you go to bed	1 Father/Daughter Dinner Dance (8)
2 FALL BACK: Daylight Saving Time ends	3	4 ELECTION DAY Veteran's Meeting (10)	5 Branson Trip departs (11)	6	8 	
9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY Holiday Grieving seminar (6)	12	13 Travel Luncheon (11)	14 Care & Kindness Fuller (6) Holiday Grieving seminar (6)	15 Care & Kindness Fuller (6)
16	17 	18 Holidays on Parade (10)		20 50+ Luncheon (11)	21 	
23	24	25 Turkey Trot departs (11)	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28 The Glory of Christmas begins	29

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	1	2 Veteran's Meeting (10)	3	4	5	6 <i>Coming...</i> Living by God's Design: 1/25 - 3/8 (5) Care & Kindness Conf.: 3/12-14 Pageant of our Lord: 3/29 (11)
7	8 	9	10	11 Travel Luncheon (11)	12 Parent's Night Out (8)	13
14	15	16	17	18 50+ Luncheon (11)	19	20 Newport Boat Parade (11)
21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	december		

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Crystal Cathedral people

LITTLE JOSHUA:

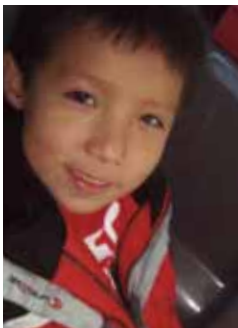
"Jesus in the morning... Jesus in the night"

By Martha Felix, Joshua's Mom

Many of us go through the daily motions of work, kids, home – so busy we don't take a breath, let alone stop, reflect, and give importance to that which really matters. This year, my family had to stop in our tracks when we experienced the heartbreaking death of our four-and-a-half-year-old son Joshua.

The day of the accident started out as a typical morning, getting him ready for preschool at the Crystal Cathedral. He was always so excited to go, and every morning as we rounded the corner to the preschool and the bell tower would appear he would clap and yell, "Yea, Joshua's school!" The first time he heard the bells ringing, he stopped, turned to me and said, "Listen Momma. What's that?" I replied, "Those are bells ringing. Isn't it beautiful?" After that, whenever he would hear the bells, he'd say, "That's beautiful, Momma."

He had a stuffed lion named "Michito" (kitty) that he carried with him everywhere, but as soon as we pulled into the parking lot, I would say, "Okay. What do we need to do now?" He would look at the



kitty and say, "Okay, Michito. Time for me to go to school. Wait for me here, okay?"

That last day was a typical day – school, a ride home with dad, a



snack and errands to run. When we all were finally together around 7:20, Joshua shared with me about his day, and then he went off to play. Twenty minutes later, we were on the phone with 911 – our precious son had somehow ended up in our pool and was now unresponsive. After days of coming to terms with the severity of his condition, we were advised to take him off life support. Both sides of the family said their good-byes while preparations were made to donate his viable organs. When he was taken off life-support, he took his last breath and was gone.

With Monday morning came the grievous task of notifying the preschool of Joshua's death, and we decided to do so in person. As soon as we shared the news, the love of the staff and teachers surrounded and enfolded us. We cried together as many pastors came to comfort us and lift us in prayer.

Since we didn't know what to do about a memorial service for Joshua, we were encouraged to

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PAM LEESTMA: An American Teaching Star

On Friday, September 26, 2008, long-time Crystal Cathedral church member and Cathedral Choir member Pam Leestma was one of five private school teachers honored by the Department of Education in Washington D.C. during the National Private Schools Conference. The Valley Christian Elementary School teacher received the prestigious National Award of American Stars of Teaching.

Pam has also been recently honored with a proclamation from Supervisor John Moorlach of Orange County; a proclamation from Supervisor

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

PRAYER VIGIL:

Praying Together, United Under Christ

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Exec. Director, New Hope

Save the evening of Friday, November 21, 7 PM for an important all-church Prayer Vigil. Come join your church pastors, staff, lay leaders, elders, members and friends as we pray as one church body united under Christ.

We'll pray for spiritual renewal at the Crystal Cathedral with a focus on prayer, singing praise songs, meditation/prayer on Scripture, community prayers of thanks and praise for God and what he's doing, pastor-led prayers of submission/dedication to Christ, petitions for personal and church needs in small groups, silent space for self-examination and confession, and more. The ending time is open-ended – you may leave whenever you want – with breaks every 1½ hours or so. Our first Prayer Vigil ended at about 1 AM; the second at midnight.

Watch the Sunday bulletin and crystalcathedral.org for additional details including location.

ONLINE PRAYER COMMUNITY:

"...a house of prayer for all peoples"

Crystal Cathedral's online Prayer Community was founded on the beloved scripture verse: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). As a body of believers, God has called each of us to pray... and to pray for one another. Prayer is 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

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Congregational LIFE

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

CC Members: Connection Power

If you are a member of the local congregation and would like to access/update your information, contact other members, view online calendar, register for classes or events, and join groups online, call 714-971-4062 or email deby@crystalcathedral.org.

Living by God's Design

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life



Do you have a sense of urgency in your life? Are you searching for significance? Do you ever wonder if this is all there is? Do you want to leave a legacy? Do you have difficulty setting boundaries? Do you have a story? Do you want to make a difference in the world? Do you live life with a sense of expectation? Are you questioning your purpose or struggling with your call?

In Living by God's Design, you will be challenged to imagine God's ultimate desire for your life. Through your story timeline, you will discover how God has been preparing you for the work he has called you to do so that, together, we can become conduits to positive change in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Join us, Sundays, January 25 – March 8, from 9 – 10:45 AM in the Family Lounge. (NOTE: No meeting on President's Day weekend, Feb 15.) Register (\$10 material fee) at 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Every Sunday on the Plaza!

The Becomers fellowship class invites you to enjoy free coffee, cookies, and warm fellowship between services weekly, 10:15-11:15 AM. See you on the Plaza!

Career Builders: November Speakers

Each Sunday in Tower of Hope, Floor 3, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, under the direction of Ken Inhelder, the Career Builders fellowship class offers a great lineup of speakers. You are invited to join in at anytime for insightful, biblically based personal growth presentations. This month:

Nov. 9: Jo Dela Penna on "Building Strong Business Through Relationships"

Nov. 16: Gwen Finstein, PhD, on "I Won't Make You Quack Like a Duck"

Nov. 23: Alice Tomlinson on "Time Appreciation - Time Management"

Nov. 30: Terry Lanhans, Maverick Marketing CEO, on "More Than a Paycheck, Better Than Burnout: Real Life Ways to Make Every Work Day More Rewarding"

Join Other U.S. Veterans

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

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

See *L.A. Missions* story on pg. 16!

Opportunities to Bless our Neighbors in Need

Call Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions, at 714-971-4047 (leave name, phone number, and interest) if you are able to provide any of these desperately needed items:

Tecate Boys' Orphanage: white polo shirts, underwear, socks.

O.C. Rescue Mission: Dry goods (an ongoing need).

L.A. Rescue Mission: Canned coffee (an ongoing need).

Report on Local Missions

By Debbie Lips, Volunteer

I am thrilled to report that on Sunday, September 14, The Orange County Rescue Mission unveiled their new Village of Hope in Tustin. Their mission is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to the least, the last, and the lost in our community. I can attest that their mission is in action at this new location!

What is truly amazing is the beauty of the for-



mer Tustin Marine Corp. barracks. Each unit has been transformed by the talents and generosity of local interior designers who volunteered their time and funds to make each apartment feel like home.

I toured the grounds, complete with cafeteria-style dining room, state-of-the-art health clinic, and a 290-seat chapel. In addition were a creatively decorated study and playrooms and a playground for the children. Works of art by world-renowned artists make the Village of Hope true to its name!

Come, be a part of local missions! You can help the least the last and the lost in so many different ways. Do you have a few hours per week or one day per quarter? If you are looking for a way to make a difference, call 714-971-4047 and get connected!

WEDDING MINISTRY

What Do We Do Before We Say "I Do"?

This 10-week course for engaged couples is designed to equip you and your future spouse with the answers to those hard-hitting questions that come up right before your wedding. Learn the keys to a life of love together. Classes now forming. Call for details, 714-971-4240.



"Mentoring Marriages" for Newlyweds

During your first year of marriage, this 12-month program will be a place to discuss your experience and receive objective advice on how to grow closer while overcoming challenging situations. Classes now forming. Call for dates, 714-971-4240.

"Bridal Fair" Thank-Yous

By Kim Kimpel & Bre Joiner

To all of you who helped last month with advertising, ideas, suggestions, logistics, volunteers, staffing and development, thank you. Thank you all for your hard work, commitment, and dedication in creating the first of many "Bridal Fair: Live Tour" here at the Crystal Cathedral! You have truly made it a phenomenally successful event!

care & kindness

CARE MINISTRY

Need to Talk?

You may call:

714-NEW-HOPE (Adults).

714-NEW-TEEN (Teens).

Family Counseling Center, 714-971-4222.

Care Ministry, 714-971-4032.

Crystal Cathedral Pastor, 714-971-4098.

PRAYER

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:

PRAYER COMMUNITY ONLINE: Go to www.crystalcathedral.org/prayer and submit a prayer request. It won't be long until you start receiving online prayers from fellow community members that you can read, print out, and/or save in your own online Prayer Journal.

NEW HOPE: Call 714-NEW-HOPE or go online to 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.

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.

DR. KOK'S KORNER

Care & Kindness in Pasadena: Nov. 14 & 15

Upon the receipt of a special invitation from Fuller Theological Seminary, we are excited to bring the Crystal Cathedral Care and Kindness Conference to their beautiful campus in Pasadena! One person described our plans, saying, "We are loaded!" Here are some of the outstanding speakers:

Dr. Stephen Post, author of *Why Good Things Happen to Good People*, brings his inspiring account of the benefits of giving, forgiving, and gratitude.

David Kinnaman, author of *Un-Christian: What a new Generation Really thinks About Christianity* and President of The Barna Team, presents solid research Christians need to know, and the changes we must make if we are to draw our young people to God.

Dr. Douglas Diekema, Pediatric Bio-Ethicist at

the University of Washington and a committed Christian, tells Ashley's story, which includes bold innovative medical choices for her rare medical condition.

Dr. Richard Mouw, President of Fuller Seminary and one of the country's most sought-after Christian speakers, shares on "Uncommon Decency: a Case for Civility."

Dr. Jim Kok, our own Pastor of Care Ministries, outlines the "12 Simple Steps for Brightening the World," the solid, simple, indisputable, basics of how everyone can make a positive difference in the world.

Dr. Siang Yang Tan, pastor and professor, presents a strong, unforgettable, challenge on "Being Messengers of Love."

For the entire roster of workshops and times, go to careandkindness.com or call 714-971-4031.

"...you who weep...will laugh."

An ancient wise man is reputed to have inquired of disheartened and dispirited people, those who knew no pleasure or joy in life: "When did you stop dancing? When did you stop singing?"

Through this unique line of exploration, he often arrived at the origin of their unhappiness. The cause of their loss of vitality very often harkened back to a major grief in their lives. It may have been the death of a dear one, loss of a fortune, a significant illness, or some other major blow in their lives.

Some people didn't even realize they had stopped singing or dancing, which this teacher regarded as the symbols of loss of joy. Their zest for life had often just quietly seeped away leaving them dry, dispirited shadows of their old selves.

Grief can do that. It can slowly drain survivors of their vitality.

Jesus says, "Blessed are you who mourn for you shall be comforted." That is the version in Matthew's Gospel. Luke puts it this way: "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." This is the Lord Jesus' promise: healing and happiness follow mourning. Proper, natural weeping and sorrow leads to renewal. Weep first, laugh later, Jesus implies. Psalm 30 puts it this way: "Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

Understanding Jesus creates a safe place to be real, which is a prerequisite for proper mourning. Knowing the Lord weeps with us is a major encourager, as we shed our tears and grieve. Psalm 23 helps with these thoughts: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me."



Little comforts as much as loving people "walking with," "sitting with," "weeping with," those who are hurting. That is the presence of the Lord in the flesh. Joy then comes "in the morning."

NEW HOPE

Continuing Education: "Holiday Grieving"

New Hope Operations Manager Louise Dunn offers this opportunity to enhance our care skills as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas time: "Holiday Grieving" on Nov. 11, 6:45 - 9 PM, or Nov. 14, 12:45 - 3 PM, Tower-3. Call Hotline Supervisor Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123 to RSVP.

"New Hope" Online

Visit www.newhopenow.org to find helpful articles, enlightening self-tests, and a link to online counseling with a trained counselor in a private chat room.

New Hope Communications Class

During the New Hope Counselor training series, learn the crisis counseling ABCs - how to help grieving people, how to set boundaries with difficult people, and how to prevent suicide. Cost: small materials fee. Call Hotline Supervisor Barbara Barrientos for more details and the schedule for the next series at 714-971-4123.

Compassion in Place of Criticism

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Exec. Director, New Hope

If you are trying to overcome a judgmental attitude, here are some ways to use compassion in place of criticism:

Don't Condemn Immorality: Don't judge other

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Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministry

Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

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people for their sins or failings. Let God be the judge. Be known for being gracious, kind, and gentle. Remember you are an acquaintance, friend or family member and not a moral authority.

Don't Condone Immorality: Don't excuse, minimize, or overlook people's sins or failings. That's playing God in the opposite sense. It's important to help but not hinder people in taking responsibility for their behavior.

Do Respect God's Laws: Since there are painful consequences to immoral behavior, addressing these issues should be done in a Christian moral context in a way that is gracious.

Reflect True Guilt Feelings: "It seems you feel guilty about this" is an example of a standard feeling reflection. This is warm and connecting. It also validates what the person is feeling and focuses the discussion on the moral issue.

Summarize the Negatives: Stating the possible negative consequences of their sinful behavior might be just the right dose of loving reality that will help motivate the person to do what is right.

Use Open Questions: "What do you believe is the right thing to do?" "How do you think that God feels about this issue?" "What could you do to feel forgiven and at peace?" "What can you do about your guilt feelings?" "What ideas do you have for resolving your conflict?" All of these may be appropriate questions to solicit healthy, moral decision-making.

Only God holds people accountable for their actions on earth. When we attempt to do that, we are bound to get into serious trouble. Remember that we are striving to be known as Christians by our love, not our morally superior attitudes. When we look at others with compassion, we feel the pain they are feeling, often for the choices they have made. Stand as an example of God's love, compassion, mercy and grace. We can only positively influence people who believe we care about who they are more than what they do.

(Read the full article at newhopenow.org.)

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Here to Help You...

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

Professional Counselors are available to help couples, families, and individuals during life-changing events. Find help with pre-marital, marital, family, career, grief, and every day coping issues from a counseling team that includes counselors with special interests in parents, children, adolescents, career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. There are bilingual counselors for those who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Pre-Marital or Marital Communication Ses-

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

**PRESCHOOL
ALIVE WITH WORSHIP MUSIC
AND PRAYER!**

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral Preschool is alive with worship music and prayer. Religious education is a thread that is woven into the curriculum every day.

This month the children learned that God watches over them just as he watched over baby Moses when he was floating down the river in a basket! Children in Miss Nonny and Miss Dolores' class re-enacted the story of Moses for the preschool in Chapel. Each week the children learn about a Bible story, dress up as Bible characters, and participate in activities that will help them keep the story in their hearts!

Please feel free to contact the office at 714-971-4141 for more information about the Preschool program. The school is open Monday - Friday from 7 AM until 6 PM, and serves children

ages 2-5. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the school offers a well-developed Early Childhood Education program.

Parents interested in touring the Preschool may contact the office at 714-971-4141. The Preschool, open Monday-Friday, 7 AM - 6 PM, is located in the Family Life Center on the first floor.

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS
BLESS YOUR CHILD WITH A POSITIVE
EDUCATION**

If you are interested in blessing your children or grandchildren with a positive education, Crystal Cathedral schools offer elementary, middle school, and high school students nurturance as unique children of God, giving each one a real head start on living a life filled with possibilities and purpose.

Founded on the principles of positive Christianity, this K-12 performing arts school offers courses in the visual arts, drama, music, and P.E. classes twice a week in addition to a dynamic accelerated general curriculum, and continues to be an example of abundant giving to the community.

For information about and tours of the Crystal Cathedral Academy & High School, contact Mrs. Mulady, School Registrar, 714-971- 4159.



sions are also held as well as affordable individual, couple, family, child, and group counseling on a sliding scale. Call the Family Counseling Center at 714-971-4222 for an appointment and a counselor will return your call.

Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) Multi-family sessions are available in Spanish and English in the Orange County area Call 714-538-6387.

SUPPORT GROUPS

No Cost to Attend – Just Show Up!

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

- A.C.A. (Co-ed): Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-236. Adult children of alcoholic parent(s), journaling focus.
- ACES: 1st Tue., 7 PM, FLC-234. Advocates for Children in Enforcement of child Support.
- AL-ANON (Men); Thu., 8 PM, FLC-230.
- AL-ANON (Co-ed); Fri., 8 PM, FLC-230.
- ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: 4th Fri., 1 PM T-3. Caregivers support group.
- BEREAVED PARENTS/USA: 3rd Mon., 7 PM, FLC-235. Those who have lost a child (of any age).
- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (COED): Tue., 8 PM, FLC-221. Overcoming.
- MEN AT PEACE: Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-FRH3. Dealing with anger and/or depression. (May meet court-ordered requirements; check with officer of the court.)
- SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: 1st/3rd Sun., 1:30 PM, T-2. Adults who have lost loved one to suicide.
- THE UNWELCOME JOURNEY: Thursday, 7 PM, FLC-3. Widowed persons group.

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Linda Poit, Director

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Ministry to Couples & Parents
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FAMILY EVENTS

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

While we encourage your children and have fun, enjoy that long-awaited date night out with your spouse, or take time alone to renew your spirit, or go Christmas shopping without the kids! Our Children's Ministry is offering FREE CHILD-CARE on Friday, Dec. 12, 6-11 PM, Family Life Center. Optional pizza & soda dinner, \$5. RSVP 714-971-4087.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

REAP THE BLESSINGS AT C3

By Kyle Steven, C3 Worship Leader

First off, I join you in feeling the oncoming busyness of the holidays, plus activities including school, church, and changing seasons (not really in California right?). Second, I'm so excited to partner with you at C3 and worship with you. You are an integral part of what we do each and every week. Without you, we're just an empty building. You are the next generation here.

I want to encourage you, if you've been busy the last few weeks - maybe life is just a bit more hectic (I know mine is) - I want to challenge you to come back this Sunday again to C3. We are at a critical phase of ministry where every single face that comes really makes a huge difference.

I can't tell you how many times I have considered something important God wanted me to do like going to a Bible study, church, or a conference but didn't go, and knew I missed out on something great. But every time I listen to God's "nudge," I reap the blessings. Come reap the blessing with me at C3!

Families Worship Together at C3!

Sundays, 11 AM, Freed Theater (Welcoming Center, Garden Level)

- Host, Gretchen Penner
- Live Music/Worship Band with Kyle Steven
- Live Message & Interview Video Feed
- Live Connection with Others

FAMILY ADVICE

TIPS TO TEMPER SIBLING RIVALRY

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director of New Hope

It only takes two. When a new sibling arrives, most often some negative behaviors result. Here are a few tips from Dr. Bill to help you when you find your children at odds with each other.

COACH - Don't Referee. Especially with older kids, you need to let them resolve it themselves (unless one child is physically or emotionally abusive). Try saying, "It sounds like you two are disagreeing. Who can think of a good resolution?" Or, "The two of you need to learn to agree to disagree. Now if I hear either of you argue this again, you'll both be punished." Or, "I have a reward for whoever stops arguing and starts being kind and respectful." Calm patience and firm, loving persistence wins in the end.

SET BOUNDARIES - Don't Cater. Sibling rivalry ignites if you cater to the child who makes the biggest fuss. When you say "no" to something, stick to it. You may have to put up with whining, fussing, and moaning, but eventually the child will learn to manage the feelings and be patient to get what he or she wants.

ENCOURAGE - Don't Force Sharing. Comparing siblings encourages competition and feelings of superiority or inferiority, neither of which represent positive self-esteem. Instead of comparing kids with each other, it's better to measure kids up against themselves, like, "It sounds like you want Daddy to feed you like he used to. I enjoyed those times too. But you're growing up now and you can learn to feed yourself. After you're done eating, you can sit in my lap and I'll read you a story."

Disciplining our children and teaching them these values and skills takes a concerted effort year after year. And on those occasions when we catch our kids playing together nicely and looking so adorable and loving - that's when we'll know for sure that it was worth it!

