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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!

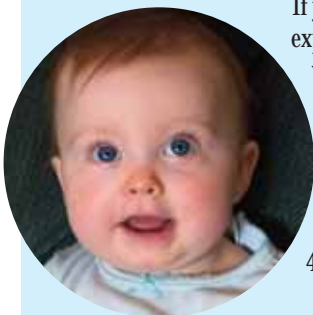
Calling all God-serving individuals who love the Lord and understand the need to bring Biblical truths to our children. Find your niche to serve for the 1st (9:10 AM) and/or 2nd (10:40 AM) hour on Sunday mornings:

- * 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 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 in the Family Life Center basement, room B-22. From 7 - 7:30 PM is Hang Out time. Then, 7:30 - 8:30 PM is Games, Life Topic Teachings, Small Groups, and more!

XLR8 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.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

FUEL WEDNESDAYS: This is where High Schoolers fill up! FUEL shatters the stereotype that church is boring. FUEL is designed to celebrate life and relationships. FUEL meets Wednesday nights, 7 – 9 PM in the Family Life Center basement, room B-22. 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: This is our growth program. Its goal is to be a place where faith would grow deep and be fruitful, where each student steps into real-life relationship with Christ and with one another. SUNDAY FUEL meets on Sunday mornings in the Welcoming Center's Freed Theater at 10:40 AM, and then attends the 11 AM C3 service together.



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
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714-971-4180

ADULT Ministries



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S NETWORK

See retreat story, next page!

What do 60-70 women of all ages do on Tuesday mornings? They attend the Women's NetWork, a creative Bible study unlike any other. No one wants to miss this opportunity to experience the love of God, discover life-changing Biblical truths, and enjoy the sense of community of other women on their spiritual journeys. The mornings include singing, sharing, praying, stimulating object lessons and small group time. The leader, Rhea Zakich, creates each lesson anew and facilitates this time of creativity and insight. All are welcome! Tuesdays at 9 AM in the Art Gallery. Questions? Call Kari 714-971-4080.

SOUL FOOD: "THE SHACK" BOOK STUDY

Is your soul feeling malnourished? Join teacher extraordinaire, Kim Kimpel and go home feeling

satisfied deep within. On Friday, November 21 Kim will begin a special book study delving into the intriguing new book, *The Shack*, by William Young. Come join the discussion and meet some wonderful new friends. Friday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Family Lounge, 714-971-4240.

MEN'S NETWORK

"DARE TO DREAM" REPORT

The "Dare to Dream" evening in October was a night filled with insight and hope for men and women who came from all over Southern California to hear from our Founding Pastor, Dr. Robert H. Schuller, and Dr. Ron Gibson, Pastor of Life Church of God in Christ, Riverside, CA (see photo above, right). Both inspired us to be all God created us to be and encouraged us to "Dare to Dream!" The Men's Ministry of the Crystal Cathedral sponsored this fantastic evening of music, drama, and inspiring testimonies of how to dream big enough for God to fit in!

MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

If you would like the support of other men experiencing your same life-stage journey, call 714-971-4236 for details.

BAND OF BROTHERS: Monday evenings 7 - 9 PM, Family Life Center, Rm. 435.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings, 7 AM, Tower of Hope, Floor 2.

MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: Saturday mornings, 7 AM, Family Life Center, Rm. 221.



Dr. Schuller and Dr. Ron Gibson with our Men's Ministry Team

YOUNG ADULTS

COLLEGE GROUP: JOIN US!

By Mark Wojciechowski, Leader

If you're 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 our own age.

This fall, You can participate, or join in the enjoyment of others' creative expression. We're starting a bimonthly open-mic night where people can share their creative side through live music, singing, artwork, poems, spoken word, rap, dance, etc. We'll explain our inspiration for the pieces and, since the word "inspiration" means literally to "breathe within" or to give life to, we'll see how creative the Creator is in and through His own creation even as we create. Sound like fun? For exact details, please e-mail me 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.

"TURKEY TROT" TEAM

Do turkey's trot? No, probably not, but the turkey team does - to "Hogar para Niños" (a home for needy children) in Baja - with 50 turkeys with all the trimmings to feed a Thanksgiving dinner to 300+ people, including 100 children and 100 workers (mostly volunteers). Depart Tues., Nov. 25 for 4-5 days. The team sleeps in dorms and dines with the hosts. Interested in the experience of a lifetime? Join the turkey team! Call George Hansel at 714-630-5512.

Crystal Cathedral Women's Ministry Presents:
Holidays on Parade Dinner Theater
AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

 **TUES., Nov. 18**
In the Arboretum
5:30pm-8:30pm
 RSVP: 714-544-5679
 INFO: 714-971-4080

Enjoy beautifully decorated tables, a delicious meal, and a lively performance by Echo Entertainment.

DIVORCE & GRIEF RECOVERY: PHASE 2

Led by Sharon Lockett and George Hansel, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, now through Dec. 18 in Family Life Center, Rm. 470, this positive approach to dealing with the loss of a relationship is a life-changing healing experience. Call 714-971-4084 to register. \$50/pre-register; \$55/@door. Children's program available.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Thurs., November 13, 11:30 AM, Art Gallery. Following a delicious luncheon, enjoy a special message from Pastor Glenn DeMaster. Join fellow Crystal Cathedral travelers as you dream of future adventures ahead. Cost: \$10. RSVP: 714-544-5679.

BRANSON, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

Nov. 8 - 16. 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, Grace-land, Grand Ole Opry, BB King's Blues Café, Country Music Hall of Fame, and more. Cost: \$1,999 pp. double occupancy.

NEWPORT HARBOR BOAT PARADE

Dec. 20, 2:15 - 10:15 PM, \$93. One of our most popular trips, this one always sells out quickly. Deluxe motor coach to the legendary Five Crowns Restaurant in Corona Del Mar to enjoy their award-winning prime rib dinner. Then on to Rogers Gardens to view their "Christmas Fantasy" display of themed Christmas trees. Next we head to the Balboa Pavilion for the Boat Parade, where we will sail the calm waters alongside hundreds of decorated boats and homes.

PAGEANT OF OUR LORD

Sun., March 29, 1-6:30 PM, \$33. Enjoy this unique presentation of the life of Christ through life-sized paintings and sculptures, utilizing live models within the art, accompanied by original narration, choir, and orchestra. Join in this beautiful blending of art, drama, and music.

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

Go to the Box Office or call for details and reservations, 714-544-5679. Find more informa-

tion online at www.crystalcathedral.org/ministries/travel. Trips and pricing are subject to change.

MATURE ADULTS

50+ PRIME TIME: IMPROVE YOUR LIFE THROUGH GRATITUDE

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 11:30 AM - 2 PM in the Arboretum, enjoy a delicious low-cost luncheon (\$5), spirited group singing, an "opportunity drawing," and Dr. Jim Kok with words of inspiration. Plus, Dr. Jim Baldwin will introduce us to the fascinating, microscopic world of Nematodes, sharing how his Christian faith has grown and developed through scientific studies. Bring your friends and neighbors for fun, fellowship, singing, and learning. RSVP to 714-971-4038.



Jim Baldwin

MATURE ADULTS Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor	MEN'S & WOMEN'S Michelle Cavinder, Director	TRAVEL Rev. Glenn DeMaster, Pastor
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Women's Retreat Report

October 3 - 5, three dozen Crystal Cathedral women spent time away on a soul-healing retreat with our wonderful Women's NetWork leader Rhea Zakich. Here's what can happen when a group of women decide to spend a weekend without cell phones, TVs, newspapers, computers, and soft beds:

"...a divinely-designed weekend...opened hearts and souls to the healing touch of Jesus."

"...hidden hurts and deep spiritual wounds could be brought to light and healed."

"...a grace-filled time of laughter, tears, prayer, creative activities...the Holy Spirit touched everyone in some special way."

"...my heart feels lighter and my soul renewed...a safe harbor where tears, laughter, dancing, and song are welcome..."

COME IN & BE INSPIRED

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

OPEN DAILY 9AM-6PM

Offering a wide range of inspirational items - Bibles, books, music, toys, jewelry, home decor, and more!

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

MORE NEWS

"Broadway Our Way"

Enjoy this student-directed showcase of Broadway music featuring selections from *Wicked*, *The Lion King*, *Hello Dolly*, *The Music Man*, *Songs for a New World*, and more!

Show times: Sat. Nov. 1, 5 PM; Sun., Nov. 2, 1:30 PM; and Sat. Nov. 8, 7 PM.



If you might be interested in learning more about this unique opportunity to give to the Crystal Cathedral Congregation Endowment Fund, please call Bonnie Balloch at 714-971-4039.

Plan Today for Tomorrow

You are cordially invited to attend a Wills and Trust Seminar (sponsored by Crystal Cathedral Legacy Club) on Sunday, November 16, 12:30 PM in the FLC-3 Boardroom.



The seminar will be presented by Attorney Richard Watts (long-time church member) with a brief overview of the importance of planning today for tomorrow. For reservations, please call Bonnie Balloch at 714-971-4039 or email bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org.

Christmas Poinsettias

Be a part of the wonder of the Christmas season here at the Crystal Cathedral with a gift of \$10 for a Christmas Poinsettia.

Each year the Crystal Cathedral and campus are beautifully arrayed with the beauty of these symbolic flowers provided by members of our congregation in honor or memory, of their loved ones.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful tradition, please pick up a form at the Box Office and return it by Sunday, December 28.



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Don Knabe from L.A. County; a certificate of service from the Mayor of Bellflower, Randy Bomgaars; and a congressional recognition from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Pam is the daughter of Elizabeth (Bette) and the late Dr. Ken Leestma. Ken was a beloved Crystal Cathedral pastor for many years and a college friend of Dr. Schuller, having traveled together in a singing quartet. Pam also has a musical bent like her father – she has been a member of the Cathedral Choir since 1980.

Beyond music, one of Pam's greatest passions is outer space. Pam said meeting Joseph Albert Walker - the American X-15 pilot and USAF astronaut nicknamed "the fastest man alive" - weeks before his June 1966 death first sparked her interest in space travel. "Having a cousin, Astronaut Dave Leestma, who has flown three times in the Space Shuttle, has also been an inspiration for all the space science I teach my students," says Pam.

In an effort to further her students' interest in science and math, Pam brings out lithographs of the moon's surface, passes out NASA mission stickers, and holds stargazing parties and "NASA Fridays." One of the most memorable of all her endeavors was being involved in the nation's first coast-to-coast NASA Teaching in Space downlink chat with American astronaut Garrett Reisman.

"My goal is to bring as much technology into the lives of my students, to excite them to want to learn," said Pam. "If I can do that, my mission is complete."

Pam sees her national recognition as a divine opportunity. "There are plenty of good teachers out there," she said. "If there's a way I can help others to love teaching and children by my experience, then maybe that's the reason (for the award). There's a reason why God has put this in my life."

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Tax Free IRA Rollover 2008/2009

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the main feature of which is the bailout package, also extends certain portions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that expired on 12/31/07. The centerpiece of the legislation from a gift planning perspective is the IRA Rollover.

This law provides that, in each of the years 2008 and 2009, an owner of a traditional or Roth IRA may instruct the trustee to distribute directly to a public charity up to \$100,000 without the distribution being included in taxable income, and that distribution will count toward the IRA owner's mandatory withdrawal amount.

To qualify for IRA rollover treatment, the donor must direct the IRA manager to transfer funds directly to a charity. A withdrawal followed by a contribution will still have to be reported as income. The donor must be at least age 70½ and the organization receiving the donation must be tax-exempt. Donor-advised funds and supporting organizations are not eligible.



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.

SEPTEMBER 2008 INTERMENTS

Lewis Hindley	9/5/08
Lulu Stewart	9/13/08
Wendell Higbee	9/18/08
Jonathan Wolff	9/19/08

STAY IN TOUCH

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E-Mail	info@crystalcathedral.org
Web Site	crystalcathedral.org
Prayer Community	crystalcathedral.org/prayer
One Community	crystalcathedral.org/community

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

Rancho Capistrano	949-347-4000
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Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

Holiday Dining Under Largest Nativity in the OC Plan Your Christmas Event at the Ranch

The Rancho Capistrano Conference & Retreat Center has rooms of all sizes for your Christmas celebrations. As weekends book quickly, call now to reserve your date!

The sparkling lake and tree-lined paths, all decorated for the holidays, along with our award-winning chef's gourmet cuisine, will set the perfect atmosphere for worshipful celebrations of Christ's birthday. Choose from a special menu of mouth-watering holiday favorites such as bourbon glazed spiral ham; roasted prime rib with herbs and brandy sauce; honey apricot glazed breast of chicken; stuffed filet of beef with red pepper, spinach and bacon; filet of salmon with lemon and herbs court blanc; and roasted smoked turkey breast with oyster and sage dressing.

Call 949-347-4000 and ask to speak to our conference sales manager, or e-mail seminars@ranchocapistrano.org.

RC Christian School and Preschool Maximizing Children's God-Given Possibilities

Rancho Capistrano Christian Schools offer an innovative educational program to help preschool through 8th grade students experience their unique giftedness. With small class sizes and ability based learning programs, your child will discover what his or her unique gifts and talents are and apply them to his or her learning style to excel not only

in academics, but in life as well.

Rancho Capistrano Christian Preschool is ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) accredited since May 2002. The ACSI evaluation team summarized their visit to the preschool by saying, "The best way we can sum up the essence of Rancho Capistrano Christian Preschool is the sense that Christ is meeting you at the gate and extending His hand to you with the greeting, 'Come and walk with Me!'"

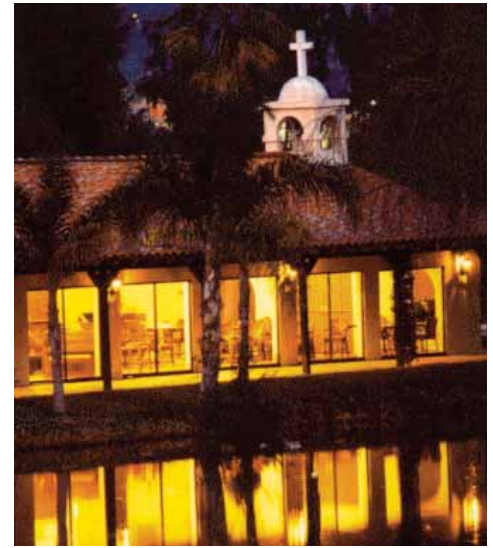
**Rancho Capistrano
Statement of Purpose**
To be a "spiritual oasis" where people may find peace and balance of mind, body and spirit, and grow in the understanding of themselves, others and God.

There are still limited openings for the 2008-2009 school year, so come see where your child can experience enrichment of mind, body and spirit with our caring and dedicated teachers and Rancho

Capistrano staff. For more information, please go to ranchocapistrano.org or call 949-347-4000.

Begin Your Marriage in God's Spiritual Oasis Consider a Morning Wedding... and Save!

Rancho Capistrano offers many options for your dream wedding. Because we have so many different venues, you can have a magical wedding any time of year! Our private property provides a wedding oasis for you and your guests. Picture strolling mariachis at your hors d'oeuvres reception, a string quartet in the sanctuary for your ceremony, and dancing the night away under the stars at the plaza. Your out-of-town guests will appreciate the overnight accommodations, and you may even



choose to enjoy breakfast with them the next morning.

One way to save is by having your wedding ceremony in the morning, followed by a late morning or early afternoon reception. Not only is the facility fee lower than in the evenings, but the meals are less expensive (think lunch prices versus dinner prices at your favorite restaurant). The sun is shining high in the sky, and in the winter months, it's a lot warmer! Call today for even more incentives - including a complementary colored linen upgrade - that we are offering until December 31, 2008.

"The Ranch" is unique among wedding facilities; everything you need is in one beautiful place! Call our Wedding Department at 949-347-4000.

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Global Community

AT CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

HOUR OF POWER

**HOP Switzerland:
New Location = New Possibilities!**

By Managing Director Rosi Blissenbach

April 14, 2008 was the date – finally, after a long search and a lot of prayer for a suitable new office, we opened our beautiful, practical, street-frontage Swiss Hour of Power office on one of the business streets of Spiez in the Swiss Alps. Now our donors, viewers and the general public may come in, have a cup of coffee, purchase inspirational items, or pick a book from the display on a wall, sit at a table, and have a good time reading. But, most important of all, it offers the perfect place and opportunity for our visitors to connect with one or our staff or volunteers and ask questions about the *Hour of Power*.

To introduce the new location to our TV audience and the citizens of Spiez we had a “Day of Open Doors” on August 30. The great weather encouraged many people to make a trip to our new office – which is on the street that leads to the “Most Beautiful Bay of Europe,” the Lake of Thun.

The new office location offers a lot more possibilities for connecting with people than did our former location. Passersby - citizens and foreigners, alike - stand at our big shopping windows studying the different airtimes or materials on display. Plus, we also have the added opportunity to be part of the yearly “Spiezmärit,” a highly attended outdoor market where the whole town turns out to peruse the unique merchandise at the different market stands. This year it was great

for us to have a stand ourselves, selling books, answering questions, and telling everybody about the *Hour of Power* and that it is available for them to watch on Swiss TV!

This has been one of our biggest dreams for the Switzerland arm of Crystal Cathedral Ministries that has now come true. Thanks be to our living God!

GLOBAL MEMBERS

**Get More Connected
Through Membership**

By Pastor Beverly Muffin, Crystal Cathedral Global Community Director

Most of you reading this consider yourselves a member or attendee of the Crystal Cathedral church. However, if you cannot make it to services and fellowship, you can become more connected through Global Membership. For more details go to crystalcathedral.org and click on “membership,” or contact me at beverelym@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4329.

MISSIONS

Int’l Short-Term Mission Trips

International trips are currently being planned to send short-term mission teams to places as close as Mexico and as far as the Dominican Republic, Africa, China, and more! If you have a heart for bringing the love of Jesus to people in need around the world, please call the Global Community dept., 714-971-4194.

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our global congregation to think, as many do, that we represented all the churches in America or the world. We only present a part of the face. And so through the years on television, we have welcomed guest soloists and guest testimonies that come in from all over the country and the world - people of different Christian faith expressions, not just Protestant but non-denominational, Orthodox, and Catholic, too. We are committed to Christ, to the historical Christian religion.

We’ve experienced seasons of early beginnings and seasons of tremendous change. We have always been open to the Holy Spirit. And when the Spirit moves, we prepare to make changes for his glory. The newest God-ordained change has been to invite great preachers in America from many denominations and backgrounds, those who have never been on regular television, to preach the greatest sermons ever preached from the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove. We want to make them known and honor them, and honor the little churches. That’s where I come from, a little country church in Iowa. And I want this ministry to reflect all the churches out there, united in Christ. And, in doing so, the real minister’s name that we honor is Jesus, not Schuller – we honor Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

So, we truly are not a typical church. We are a mission station letting the world know that the church, whatever its denomination, whomever is the face and voice preaching week after week, will say to the unbelievers, “Come watch, then visit the church where you live. Christ is alive everywhere.”

This is our mission! This is our focus! If you are excited about a church that is a mission first, this is where you belong. St. Paul while in prison, persecuted for his faith, wrote these words to Timothy and these are my words to you, today (2 Timothy 4:2a, 5b): “...be ready in season and out of season. Preach the word, endure affliction, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” That’s Christ speaking to you, today.

What is your season of life? Let this be your greatest season ever – the season where you to simply give yourself to Christ, to his ministry, his Church, one body of believers worldwide.

We’ve
experienced
seasons of early
beginnings and
seasons of
tremendous
change...always
open to the Holy
Spirit. And when
the Spirit moves,
we prepare
to make changes
for his glory.



HOP Switzerland participates in the yearly “Spiezmärit,” a highly attended outdoor marketplace.

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you'll be inspired by the many expressions of courage displayed in art and on film.

"Succour: The Gift of Support and Solace" will feature the works of dozens of talented Christian artists in a Fine Arts Exhibit mounted by Cindi Zech Rhodes and Denise Kufus Weyrich. Come to the Grand Opening Gala on November 29, 6 - 9 PM, to enjoy light refreshments and meet Cindi, Denise and many of the artists featured.

Premiering in the Freed Theater that same evening is *Siege on Modjeska*, a Darrell Dorr film, which tells the story of a courageous volunteer fire unit and their battle to save their beautiful canyon town. Meet Darrell Dorr and get the story behind the story during this premiere screening. More screenings of this film will take place through January 9 (see upcoming Sunday bulletins for details).

As a part of the month-long "The Gift of Courage" event, you'll also be able to participate with your children or grandchildren in a "Hands of Courage" Family Art Workshop (see upcoming Sunday bulletins for details).

The timing of event was planned to coincide with *The Glory of Christmas*, so you may enjoy that performance and the art show and film, as well. Or, drop by the Welcoming Center whenever you've visiting the Crystal Cathedral and be blessed by art and images that express God's gift of courage for, and in, us all.



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meet with the staff at Memorial Gardens. When we came to the gardens, I was taken aback. It wasn't a regular cemetery. It was just what the name implied - a garden - a very beautiful one with lush landscaping and the sounds of water cascading and bells ringing throughout the day. As soon as we walked in, I knew that I wanted my son interred there.

The staff of Memorial Gardens made sure that everything went off without a hitch at Joshua's service. As we remained shocked and grief-stricken, they stepped in to make sure that everything was done according to our wishes. Our experience with Memorial Gardens was the best possible and of extreme comfort in a most-difficult time. We have recommended it to other families who have since experienced the loss of a loved one.

To this day, three months later, we are still receiving calls of condolence and being visited by Pastor Kok. We are still in touch with Alma in Memorial Gardens as well as the staff at the preschool - Marlene, Peggy, and Nonni. Never could I have imagined that we would receive so much support, being that Joshua had been there less than three months. I never thought that so many would hear about our loss and be moved to call and offer words of comfort to a family that wasn't even a member of the church.

With God's help,
we are coping
with our loss as
best we can, one
day at a time.

I remember what Marlene had said during our parent interview when enrolling Joshua in the school: "We are all a family at the Crystal Cathedral Preschool." I would have never imagined how much that would be true until we received so much support from everybody at the preschool - parents, staff, and teachers - Miss Rahnee, Miss Delores, Miss Patti, and Miss Deana.

Some have said to me that they thought of my family as strong and inspiring. I say this in response: We are only as strong as the support we receive. This experience could have been more difficult had we been in it alone. But thanks to everybody at the Crystal Cathedral, we've survived better than we could have anticipated. With God's help, we are coping with our loss as best we can, one day at a time.

In retrospect, I can now tell you that although I had scoped out preschools closer to home, I was drawn to the Crystal Cathedral Preschool, a 30-minute drive from our home in Fullerton. Its influence was wonderful on Joshua's life. He was the one that would remind us to pray before we ate, to make good choices, and to sing throughout the day. His favorite song became "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the night."

I would have given my life for Joshua's. Yet, it is not for me to question, but to learn that we all need to come to God. Even though he's always with us, we need to make the effort to come to him, as Joshua would sing, "in the morning...in the night." Yes, God works in mysterious ways.

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cious spaghetti dinner at 4:30 - 6 PM. Tickets (\$5/advance, \$7/door) available Sundays on the Plaza or contact Carol Aspling (714-971-4145).

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & FOOD DRIVE. During this beautiful season of Thanksgiving, Crystal Cathedral members are thankful for so many things - family, friends, miracles, and more. And, together, we thank God for this positive, life-changing ministry that infiltrates our every day with possibility thinking faith. On Thursday, November 27 at 10 AM in the Crystal Cathedral, come experience a special celebration where God's Spirit of Thanksgiving can be shared with your church family. Add to the morning patriotic music praising God for our nation and you'll experience a beautiful start to start your Thanksgiving Day. Be a blessing to others by bringing a non-perishable food item to be distributed to those in need within our community.

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Glory of Christmas We love to tell the story. It's a story of hope...of love...of life.

When people come to *The Glory of Christmas* we want them to come to experience the majesty, the wonder, the glory of Christmas. And they do. When the live fanfare trumpets, dancers, galloping stallions, gentle donkeys, and magnificent camels enter the cathedral, you feel the majesty - transported to the time and place when Jesus was born. When the flying angels that fill the all-glass cathedral "sky" swoop down so you can almost reach up and touch their toes, you experience the wonder. But it's when the beautiful music pauses, a hush comes over the audience, and all you hear is the cry of a baby - that's when you are ushered into the glory - the presence of the Living God.

What a gift God gave us that night when Jesus was born. Jesus is a living, breathing presence who can transform your life with His love, His truth, and His grace. This holiday season, may you discover the true power that can only be found in that one Word—JESUS!

The Glory of Christmas, which opens to all audiences on Friday, November 28, will continue through Sunday, January 4, 2009. For information and reservations, call 714-54-GLORY or go online to www.crystalcathedral.org.

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join our online Prayer Community at crystalcathedral.org.

There you will be able to: SUBMIT prayer requests to all Prayer Community users or to a confidential prayer team. RESPOND electronically to the prayer requests of others. Maintain your own PRAYER JOURNAL of your prayer requests, responses received, and people you're praying for. Develop spiritual FRIENDSHIPS with other participants. GROW in your understanding of prayer through online resources.

Also, find out the statistics on our website regarding the "Top Ten Praying Countries" (you may be surprised to see who comes out on top), and the "Top Ten Countries Needing Prayer" in our Prayer Community. This truly is an international community of prayer, binding the Church of Jesus Christ together, lifting each other up while worshipping and praising our unflinching and always-loving Lord.

THE JOY OF GIVING

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

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Partners in Ministry...

The L.A. Mission & Crystal Cathedral

By Pastor Deb Yurk, Congregational Life

We were much honored on Sunday, October 19 to have the great privilege of hosting some of the L.A. Mission residents and staff for worship, lunch and a tour. The Family Lounge was filled with celebration, conversation and wonderful refreshments donated by our volunteers as we shared stories of what God has done in our lives. Sr. Pastor Robert A. and Donna Schuller and Executive Pastor Jim Poit shared in the festivities as we presented a check to the Mission – donations that Jim collected during Disney's Half-Marathon, which he ran on Labor Day weekend.

As partners in ministry, the local congregation of the Crystal Cathedral and the L.A. Mission work together to reach into a broken world – offering healing and restoration to those who feel helpless and hopeless. We are thankful for the generosity of the volunteers that are helping to build the bridges between our church and our community by giving of their time and donations.



To talk with the men in the program, to share stories of God's healing, to experience the fellowship only found within a body of believers – now that's the way to spend a Sunday!

If you would like to join the Congregational Life team by serving in community missions or by serving on campus as a volunteer,

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we would so much like to help you find your "sweet spot." Call Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions, 714-971-4047, or Nicole Stephens, Director of Involvement and Service, 714-971-4321.

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" -Romans 12:9-13

NICOLE'S NETWORK



connecting with your church community



Help Young Families Worship!

Calling all parents of adult children! Remember trying to balance church and volunteering? Young families, who typically worship at 11AM, need support from YOU in Kid Power Plant 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM. Lead activities and story time discussion. Training provided. Spiritual Gifts of Service, Mercy and Hospitality are a great fit. Call 714-971-4321 for a Spiritual Gifts personal discovery consultation.

Traffic Ministry Guides

Direct flow of traffic in the Crystal Cathedral parking lot. Greet and guide Sunday Service attendees, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. *KNOW how to give directions, LOVE smiling, SERVE our visitors*

Hospitality Team Members

Come join in the fun with the "frontline" of the Crystal Cathedral! If you enjoy service, hospitality, and being an encourager, you are a great fit! *KNOW campus locations, LOVE helping others, SERVE our visitors & congregants*

Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses

Greet people 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 our visitors*

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. *KNOW points of contact, 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 our church, LOVE congregation, SERVE 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 our church, LOVE sharing, SERVE our visitors*

Save the Date

Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6, 8:30 - 10:30 AM, Arboretum. RSVP: 714-54-GLORY.

VOLUNTEER ONLINE

at crystalcathedral.org/volunteer. Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! OR CALL Nicole Stephens, Dir. of Involvement & Service Ministry, at 714/971-4321. OR E-MAIL nicoles@crystalcathedral.org.