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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Vision Statement

“To inspire and motivate people through possibility thinking to **grow** in a loving relationship with **Jesus Christ** so that they can become the persons God desires, dreams and designed them to be.”



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“You Saved
My Life!”

SPECIAL EDITION

What is heroic faith?

It took heroic faith to organize and build our Crystal Cathedral Congregation. And it'll take even more heroic faith today to sustain and grow it to reach ever-increasing numbers of people who long for the spiritual nourishment that can only come from the living God and his redeeming Son.

During 2009, we moved through many positive changes – welcoming new leadership and new voices in the pulpit, clarifying our vision and refining our

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goals, organizing our ministry to encourage connection and growth, and praying for God's plans to be clear for this ministry – His ministry – reaching thousands locally and millions around the world.

So, as we reach the end of the year, we wanted to create a special edition of

our monthly *Crystal Cathedral Today*, thanking you for the part your played in the successes of this year, and offering you the financial information that is so vital as we make our financial commitments to our church. We also wanted to show you just a snapshot of the lives touched and transformed by God because of our ministry partnership with you.

As you read the information about the dynamic ministry that your heroic faith and generous gifts have made possible, we covet your prayers that each and every Crystal Cathedral ministry and program will do even more to spread the powerful and positive Good

News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 2010!

We, on your ministry's SaLT (Servant Leader Team), believe with every spiritual ounce in the very core of our souls that our message (based on Matthew 19:26, "With God, ALL THINGS are possible...") is the driving force behind the power of our possibility thinking, heroic faith at this church. How excited we are to be partners with you in this ministry.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONGREGATION SaLT TEAM

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Sheila Schuller Coleman, Directing Leader of Ministry & Mission, "Come & See" Invitational Team

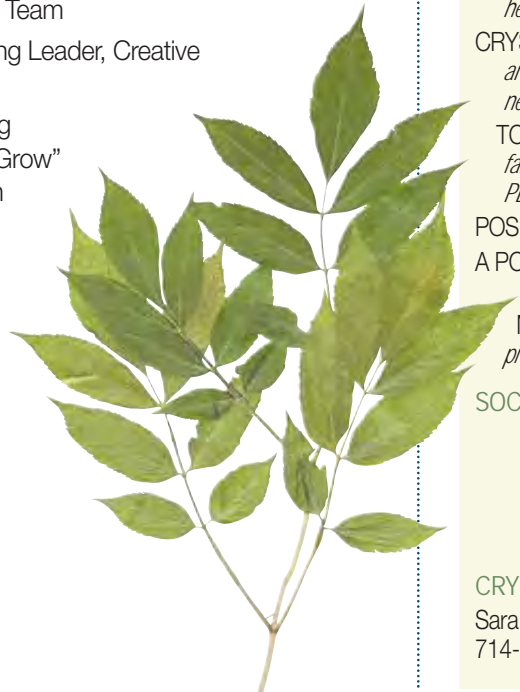
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TOGETHER WE CAN: *A weekly reminder to get the word out to family, friends, and community about upcoming services through a PDF flyer you can print and distribute.*

POSITIVE THOUGHTS: *Full transcripts of recent Sunday messages.*

A POSITIVE MINUTE: *Daily positive devotional message that you can read and share with others.*

MORE: *You may also subscribe for e-mails about upcoming "Glory" productions and the Hour of Power.*

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL TODAY

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“YOU SAVED MY LIFE...”

By Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Founding Pastor

What is a hero? A hero is someone who personally sacrifices his or her life to save the life of another. My brother Henry, a litter bearer with the Red Cross during WWII, was such a sacrificial hero. Not many of us have the opportunity to be that kind of hero—rushing into a scene of destruction, picking up a bleeding body to save it from dying. However, we do have the opportunity to help resituate and save persons' wounded souls.

People from around the world have repeatedly told me, “You saved my life!” Although these words never fail to bring a tear to my eye, I know that I was not the one who did the saving.

First and foremost, the “you” in their statement is Jesus Christ. During church services on Sunday, or through the New Hope help line, or a Sunday morning fellowship group, these people have felt the life-saving power of renewed hope that only Christ can bring.

The “you” is also YOU! YOU are a true, God-ordained hero! The gifts of your tithes, your offerings, your talents and your time make it possible for us to offer our message of hope, love and encouragement, resulting in enthusiasm replacing depression, and hope replacing hopelessness. YOU make this ministry happen.

Today, in the midst of a national and international recession, our message has never been needed more. Unfortunately, our church has likewise been affected by this year's economy, with our revenues down over 30% since January 1, 2009. As a result, we trimmed every single line in our budget to weather the current economic storm. Every one of our staff has taken a 10% pay cut this year.

But I know the Lord has a powerfully positive plan for our ministry. Indeed, our best days are yet to come! God still wants to save millions of lives through our message of hope. To do so, we need your heroic faith—personally sacrificing through an ongoing commitment to this congregation and the bright future of this ministry!

Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for believing in our ministry. Thank you for believing in God's life-saving message. YOU are my hero!

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SAVING LIVES THROUGH A MESSAGE OF HOPE

A LIFE-SAVING POWER

Our ministry's New Hope Hotline received letters from two young women, both callers to our Teenline, that spoke volumes about the healing and life-saving power of a listening ear and a caring heart.

Angela in Washington said, "...yesterday you saved my life! I wanted to die so badly that I had planned it all out. Then the Lord had me in front of the computer and, out of the blue, I typed in the word 'suicide' and your link came up. I read what it said then took a walk and read the passages that were given to me, and I prayed. I am alive now because God sent me to your website. Thank you for having this site for us. And thank you for your love that is put into this site. I pray better and believe more as a result of yesterday.'

Gaby, in an e-mail, said: "I am the teenage girl that was going to kill herself. I just wanted to say thank you for not actually letting me do it. I now know that I still have a big future ahead of me and that, instead of suicide, I will now pray and ask God to help me in my times of need. By hearing your words of wisdom, I feel better knowing that I can still succeed in life. Thank you soooo much."



Then, on Thanksgiving Day a few years ago, my wife, kids, and I were setting out food for our volunteers at New Hope. I asked one of our new counselors, Jose, who was on duty how his shift was going, and what a blessing I heard! He said a woman had called on Thanksgiving day to say, "I called New Hope 16 years ago. I was ready to kill myself, but I talked to a counselor, Sharon, for two and half hours, and I felt better. I am alive and well today because of Sharon and New Hope. Thank you!"

—Dr. Bill Gaultiere, *Directing Leader, Spiritual Formation*

◀ A LIFE HEALED

In 2004, when I first met Julie Abels, she just looked down at the ground, avoided all eye contact, and walked with assistance after surviving a devastating accident. Gradually, as she volunteered at the

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church with her twin sister Janet, Julie began looking up and speaking to me, her self-esteem slowly climbing inch by inch. With a great deal of determination and a "yes I can" attitude, she started walking straight up instead of crunched over.

As time passed, Julie and her sister Janet began to share about the hurtful experiences they'd endured since childhood as a result or both having Tourette Syndrome. These sisters have taught me patience, and understanding as they include me on their journey of healing and spiritual growth at the Crystal Cathedral. I thank God for these two beautiful people.

—Barbie Barrientos, *New Hope Hotline Supervisor*



Paul and Donna came together spiritually in a wonderful and meaningful way.

▲ A FRESH FAITH

After experiencing a devastating stroke, with wife Donna's persistent and loving coaching, Paul Sivachenko regained enough of his strength to do volunteer work. His mind was bright and clear, but words were few and he remained partially paralyzed. In his long months of rehabilitation, Paul met God deeply and profoundly here at the Crystal Cathedral. In that experience, Paul and Donna came together spiritually in a wonderful and meaningful way - a major blessing within this painful loss. Paul lived twenty-two years after his stroke, going home to be with the Lord in 2004.

—Dr. Jim Kok, *Pastor of Care Ministries*

A NEW JOY

It was my Sunday to be available to pray with people between our two services. As I greeted visitors in the front row, I saw something I'd never seen before inside the Crystal Cathedral—a large butterfly flitting above our congregation, eventually landing on the cheek of Evelyn Eubanks.

After church, Evelyn shared with me that recently she had been sinking deeper and deeper into depression since losing two sons in the last few years. Her grief left little motivation to come to church on this morning, but she came and decided to sit in the seat where her son always sat. “The moment the butterfly landed on my cheek, I felt an amazing peace come over me. The sadness lifted, peace came, and I felt a new joy. I didn’t want it to end! I know it was from God.”

—Rhea Zakich, Lay Leader

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A RENEWED TRUST

After 32 years together, two weeks before my retirement, I found out that my husband had been having an affair for six months and had no intention of leaving the other woman. Broken and grieving, I delayed my retirement and kept on working. There were nights when I couldn’t stop crying. My sense of loss and anxiety was so great that I was not able to eat and eventually ended up in the hospital. My daughter told me that if I wanted to get out of the hospital, I needed to go to Divorce and Grief Recovery at the Crystal Cathedral. I do not remember much about the first few sessions. I do remember that I cried a lot. However, I also knew that I found a place that could

help me recover. With the help of my facilitator and the leaders, I felt welcome. I learned that the divorce was not my fault. God did not want the divorce either, but he could help me begin again. Today, almost nine years later, I am happy and more secure than I have ever been. I can have friends again and be myself, knowing I am loved by God just as I am. I also learned again to trust and love other people.

—Anne Davis, Volunteer

A SOUL RESTORED

“You saved my life. I am an incest survivor. As I was going into therapy, I tuned in to your church service. Its positive message of hope got me through the difficult process of healing many traumatic childhood memories and restoring my soul and spirit to a much healthier place.”

—Anonymous Hour of Power viewer

“Its positive message of hope got me through the difficult process of healing many traumatic childhood memories and restoring my soul...”

A FAMILY ENCOURAGED

Just a few short weeks ago, I spoke with the host of a morning talk show in Boston. The first thing she said to me was: “Sheila, before we go live with our interview, I just wanted to tell you that I remember being a small girl sitting on my parent’s lap in our living room in our home watching *Hour of Power* every Sunday morning. Your father’s positive message meant the world to my parents and my family. Thank you.” Her

comment had a deep impact on me as I, too, have grown up in this faith and now accept the responsibility for carrying its positive, life-saving message into tomorrow for future generations.

—Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman,
Directing Leader of
Ministry & Mission



TOGETHER, WE CAN SEE, BELONG, GROW & SOW!

By Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman

This last year has been filled with challenges, but even more so, bountiful blessings and fresh, new beginnings. Our ministry not only survived 2009, but I've seen our congregation—and that includes YOU and me—re-dedicating ourselves to the call of Christ for our church and for our lives.

Here are some of the highlights of what we accomplished together in 2009:

As the new DIRECTING LEADER of two lead teams (Crystal Cathedral Congregation and Crystal Cathedral Ministries), I am now providing leadership to the rebuilding of Robert Harold Schuller's vision for this ministry through a healthy, high-functioning network of teams. A team of staff and members of our congregation spent many hours in thoughtful discussion and prayer to articulate the VISION STATEMENT for our work here:

"To inspire and motivate people through possibility thinking to grow in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ so that they can become the persons God desires, dreams and designed them to be."

We also identified our FOCUSED GOAL, which is to continue to be a ministry, through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, that is:

"Saving lives through a message of hope."

We have begun to accomplish this goal through a newly created MINISTRY PROCESS that clarifies our priority to bring others to:

1. "Come and See" (Invitational Ministries)
2. "Come and Belong" (Relational Ministries)
3. "Come and Grow" (Spiritual Formation Ministries)
4. "Go and Sow" (Transformational Ministries)

Supporting the new vision, goal, and ministry process is the burgeoning network of teams made up of staff and congregation members. We based our new TEAM LEADERSHIP MODEL (organism chart vs. organizational chart) on recent successes in ministries and businesses that have adopted it.

The next few pages will reflect these exciting changes, and help you to see where you can get involved—growing through possibility thinking, a message of hope, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ—as we come and see, come and belong, come and grow, and go and sow together!



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invitational ministries



New Life 101 is step one in our ministry's spiritual growth process. One of our first opportunities to embrace and enfold new church attendees, this seminar teaches each participant that God loves you, forgives you, and will change your life for the better. It focuses on loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. It encourages you to accept the forgiveness of Christ and to dare to dream and live the new life He offers to you—a life that is abundant, overflowing!

- ▶ **Next Class: Sunday, January 24, 1-4 PM.**
- ▶ **Info: 714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.**

The purpose of our "Come & See" Invitational Ministries is to welcome local visitors to Sunday services, the "Glories," and other outreach events. We provide the first step to visitors, inviting them to become part of this embracing family of believers. The Come & See team works together to develop new and creative ways to attract people to come and see what we have to offer to them, so that they may set off on their Crystal Cathedral journey to come and belong, come and grow, and eventually go and sow seeds of faith in others.

sunday services

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CLASSIC 9:30 & 11 AM, *Crystal Cathedral*. Experience a possibility faith-filled morning with Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman, and special interview, music, and speaker guests. See schedule on pg. 16.

HISPANIC MINISTRY 1 PM, *Crystal Cathedral*. Pastor Dante Gebel leads this fast-growing ministry for those who speak primarily Spanish, which begins each Sunday and continues through the week with dynamic opportunities for the whole family!

ARABIC MINISTRY 1:15 PM, *Arboretum*. Christian brothers and sisters gather in a Christian faith community led by Pastor Emeel Shenoda. Invite your Arabic-speaking friends!

EVENING SERVICE 6:30 PM, *Crystal Cathedral*. During this sunset service, join Crystal Cathedral pastors for an encouraging Bible study, and

The Cathedral Ensemble leading songs of worship. Come be lifted in spirit and hope. Upcoming special evening services include:

- **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Nov. 1, remembering loved ones who have passed within the previous year, sharing our grief as we honor their memories.
- **VETERANS RECOGNITION:** Nov. 8, honoring and thanking those who have served the cause of freedom in the U.S. military.
- **THANKSGIVING COMMUNION:** Nov. 29, thanking the Lord for our freedom, our country, and his blessings throughout the year.

sunday fellowship

CHILD & YOUTH

Student Ministries Jr. High "Neon" & Sr. High "Surge," 11 AM, FLC-B22, 714-971-4180.
Kid Power Plant Infants - 5th grade in the FLC, 9:30 & 11 AM & 1 PM, 714-971-4242.

ADULT

For more details, call 714-971-4062.

- American Dream Builders** 11 AM, FLC-234. Discover and build God's dream for your life.
- Asian-American Fellowship** 11 AM, CHP. Warm fellowship and Bible study.
- Becomers** 9 AM, FLC-4. Bible study and fellowship for all ages with Dr. Jim Kok.
- Career Builders** 9:30 AM, T-3. Looking at whole-life ministries.
- Cathedral Singles** 11 AM, FLC-3. Mature singles in fellowship.
- Christian Life Fellowship** 9:15 AM, FLC-231.

Multigenerational worship and fun-loving fellowship.

- Early Bird Bible Study** 8:15 AM, T-3. Energized group of Bible explorers.
- Explorers of Faith** 11 AM, T-3. Historical walk through the Bible.
- Homebuilders** 9 AM, AG. Bible study and caring fellowship led by Rev. Glenn DeMaster.
- New Community Fellowship** 11 AM, AG. Enlightening Bible study and warm fellowship.
- New Horizons** 11 AM, T-2. World missions-oriented class.
- Rejoicers** 9:30-11 AM, FLC-127. Developmentally challenged adults led by Barbara Shimomura.

Experience the Miracle!



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COME & BELONG

relational ministries



New Life 201, our second step in growing in our relationship with God, focuses on understanding the unique God-given vision of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, what God has called us to do as a church. This seminar teaches positive principles to strengthen loving relationships with others and loving our neighbors as ourselves. It also teaches, specifically, what our church believes and practices when it comes to baptism and holy communion, the sacraments of our church.

- ▶ **Next Class: Sunday, January 31, 1-4 PM.**
- ▶ Info: 714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org

Relational Ministries is comprised of several areas of the ministry; each purposed to help people connect with God, each other, and a loving community in a loving and caring way. The Come & Belong team is comprised of volunteers and staff who serve our congregation and visitors. The "Come & Belong" team enjoys offering such opportunities as conferences, monthly luncheons for seniors, camps for youth, children's Sunday school, monthly family nights, men's and women's Bible studies and events, mentoring programs, and more!

adults

MEMBERSHIP

Become a Church Member. On Oct. 11 during the 11 AM worship service, we received these New Members into the life of our congregation: Steve Anson, Rebecca & Ryan Alvarado, Emy Carino, Dr. Roy Ranbing, John Stong, Ashley Penner, Jon Hartowicz, and Joe Cendroski, Jr. Upon completion of New Life 101, 201, 301 and 401, you, too, will have the opportunity to become a church member, as well, and be baptized or have your baptismal vows renewed, if you so choose. Info: 714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's WorkOut. Join Rhea Zakich and Michelle Cavinder every Tues., 9 AM, AG, for a "Spiritual Workout." Begin at the level of training that's right for you with women of all ages who want to discover the love, joy, peace, and power of the Holy Spirit. Info: 714-971-4080, women@crystalcathedral.org.

MEN'S NETWORK

Men's Weekly Fellowship. Info: 714-971-4236, mensnetwork@crystalcathedral.org.

- Band of Brothers: Mondays, 7 – 9 PM, FLC-435.
- Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7 AM, T-2.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

Singles Sundays. Every Sun., 11 AM in FLC-470, mature singles do their best to portray love to each other and every new person who enters the doorway, while sharing the wisdom of the Word as applied to everyday living. Info: 714-971-4084.

Tuesdays Together. Every Tues., 7 PM in FLC-3, share a time of inspiration and fellowship with some of the best people in the world just waiting to become your friends. Info: 714-971-4084.

MATURE ADULTS

Celebration of Life Workshop. On Tues., Nov. 10, 1 - 4 PM, ARB, find out how to make final arrangements for a loved one, including how to plan a memorial service, decide on body burial vs. cremation, choose a mortuary and burial site, handle the grief process, etc. Led by Dr. Jim Kok, Rev. Glenn DeMaster, and Memorial Gardens staff. RSVP: 714-971-4031, kyms@crystalcathedral.org (\$5 materials fee).

50+ PrimeTime Luncheon. On Thurs., Nov. 19, 11:30 AM, in the Arboretum, Mina Asadirad will help you find the best way to let a little or a lot of floral magic into your life today. Dr. Sandra Herron will be back to fill us with some Brain Food. Other highlights include opportunity drawing, great prizes, and a delicious catered lunch. Bring your friends! RSVP: 714-971-4032, 50plus@crystalcathedral.org.

CO-ED FELLOWSHIP

Veterans to Meet. CC's Veterans Fellowship will meet on Tues., Nov. 3, 12 – 2 PM in T-2. Bring spouses and fellow U.S. vets to enjoy friendships, interesting discussions, and a special guest speaker. Info: 714-836-4981, chaptrout@aol.com.

Job/Career & Life Workshop. Build your dream career through possibility thinking faith



relational ministries continued

during this three-week workshop beginning Tues., Nov. 3, 7-9 PM, FLC-234. RSVP: \$10 @ box office, 714-544-5679. Remember, "...all things are possible to those who believe" (Mark 9:23).

Film Series Continues. Every Sat., 7 AM in FLC-221, join those discussing the faith-based films including the award-winning "David," starting Nov. 7. Just drop in, or call Bob (714-538-9341) or David (714-893-3383).

WEDDINGS

Your Dream Wedding. The Crystal Cathedral has been rated by the *OC Register* as "One of the most popular wedding spots in Orange County year after year!" Because of the diversity of world-renowned wedding and reception locations and a service-oriented staff, you're sure to experience the wedding of your dreams. Info: 714-971-4240, karim@crystalcathedral.org.

families, children & students

FAMILY

Monthly "Family Fun Night." Join us Fri., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM in the Freed Theater (WC) for fun, games, dinner, and more! It's FREE! Bring your friends and score more points for your team! Music with Miss Amy and inspiration from Ryan Cavinder. RSVP: 714-544-4569. Info: 714-971-4242.

Infant/Child Baptism. A public expression of the fact that your child belongs to God, is a special moment that you can share with relatives, friends, and your CC family. Info: 714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.



CHILDREN

Kid Power Plant. Every Sun., 9:30 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM in the FLC, kids ignite, connect, and transform through the love of Jesus. Here they'll experience exciting, power-packed, interactive worship, discovery, and the inspiration to plug into the true Power Source – our loving Lord. Info: 714-971-4242, whitney@crystalcathedral.org.

STUDENTS

Jr. High "Neon." On Tues. nights, 7 – 8:30 PM in the FLC-B22, come for hang-out time, games, life topic teachings, small groups, and more. On Sundays, 11 AM in FLC-B22, join our Sr. Highers to experience a great time of worship, community, and Bible teaching.

Sr. High "Surge." On Wed. nights, 7 – 9 PM in the FLC-B22, come celebrate life and relationships through games, life topic teachings, small groups, and more. On Sundays, 11 AM in FLC-B22, join our Jr. Highers to deepen your faith through worship, community, and Bible study.

Student Ministry Leadership. Contact Director Brett DaPena at www.crystalcathedral.org/ccsm, ccsm@crystalcathedral.org, 714-971-4180.

SCHOOLS

Crystal Cathedral Academy & High School. This private Christian school offers excellent academics with the arts and Bible as part of the core curriculum for every student, grades K-12, Mon. - Fri., 7 AM to 6 PM (class sessions, 8:25 AM - 3:15 PM). All levels have received highest WASC accreditation. Info: 714-971-4158, ccacademy@crystalcathedral.org, www.crystalcathedral.org/academy.

Crystal Cathedral Preschool: Recognized with a Five-Star rating, the fully accredited preschool, open 7 AM to 6 PM, Mon. - Fri., offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum for children ages 2-5, a loving Christian environment, low teacher/child ratios, low staff turnover, and a remarkable facility. Info: 714-971-4141, jennyn@crystalcathedral.org, www.crystalcathedral.org/academy.

care

SUPPORT GROUPS

Divorce & Grief Recovery. This time-tested, hope-filled series may be the best thing you could do to heal a broken heart. Through the wisdom of wise presenters and fellow attendees who've "been there," learn to live again. Info: 714-971-4084.

Survivors of Suicide. Adults who have lost a loved one to suicide meet the first and third Sun. at 1:30 PM in T-3. Info: Jeri Livingston, 714-539-1429.

Alzheimer's Disease. This caregiver group meets on T-3 for support and encouragement on the second Fri. monthly at 1 PM. Info: Peggy Woelke, 714-634-2161.

The Unwelcome Journey. For support in your "Life After the Loss" of a spouse, join those who understand on Thurs., 7 PM, FLC-3. Info: Yvonne Osko, 714-992-6272.

CARE & KINDNESS CONFERENCE

Living Your Faith. On March 11 – 13, the 2010 Care and Kindness Conference will boldly proclaim that loving-kindness is the major expression of Christian living. Since every one of us is "the light of the world," we are called to glow brightly. (Note: There will be a major discount for our ministering elders and volunteers.) Info: 714-971-4032, careministry@crystalcathedral.org.

FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Understand Who You Are. Gain understanding in light of God's wisdom and his purpose for your life through the help of professional counselors (some bilingual), available on a sliding scale. They'll help you during life-changing events and with everyday coping issues including pre-marital, marital, family, grief, career development, stress, relationships, recovery, and more. Info: 714-971-4222.

MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY

We're Here for You. Our staff members will listen and care for you, answering the questions you may have during your time of need. Info: 714-971-4138, memgardens@crystalcathedral.org.



spiritual formation ministries



New Life 301 is the third step of our spiritual formation process. It focuses on the importance of growing to become more like Jesus. The more we get to know Jesus better, the more we love Him. The more we love Him, the more time we want to spend with Him. The more time we spend with Him, the more we become like Him. This class provides tangible ways to find peace, purpose and grace as you walk closer to Christ and become more like Him.

- ▶ **Next Class: Sunday, February 7, 1-4 PM.**
- ▶ Info: 714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org

Spiritual Formation ministry is an exciting new focus at the Crystal Cathedral! The Come & Grow team helps lead our congregation deeper and farther with Christ. Each week, this team meets to encourage one another in their discipleship to Jesus and to pray and discern how God is leading our church in this important area. On Wednesday nights, the team has invited you to "Come and Grow" in apprenticeship to Jesus to become like him. Bill and team also lead retreats and book studies.

wednesday nights

Come & Grow, Together. On Wednesday nights, Dr. Bill Gaultiere and team invite you to "Come and Grow" in apprenticeship to Jesus. About 70 people have been gathering to "be with Jesus in order to become like him" through worship, practical Bible teaching, various spiritual practices, and sharing and praying for one another in small groups. Topics thus far have been The Lord's Prayer, The 23rd Psalm, and Fear Not. Watch the bulletin and website for more details about the next Come & Grow Wednesday Night series.

women's midday midweek

"Women at the Well" Book Study. Every Wed., 12 to 1:30 PM on T-2, Louise Dunn, M.Ed., leads a dynamic spiritual formation group for women serious about growing in their relationship with Jesus! Info: 714-971-4045, louised@crystalcathedral.org.

retreats & more

Two-Day Retreats. Throughout the year, Dr. Bill Gaultiere leads retreats at the beautiful and peaceful Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, CA. On these retreats, Bill helps you to meet with Jesus as your Retreat Director, allowing Jesus, himself, to encourage you in your life and your ministry to others! Watch for details. Info: 714-971-4123 or bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.

Morning Retreats. On a few Saturdays each



year, Dr. Bill Gaultiere leads day retreats in the peaceful Crystal Cathedral gardens, where you'll be guided in a time of spiritual discovery through meditation on Scripture, followed by an opportunity to share and pray with others about what God is doing in your life. Info: 714-971-4123 or bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.

care & 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:



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 prayer requests 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.

Prayer Community: Join others online at www.crystalcathedral.org to:

- Submit prayer requests to community or confidential prayer team.
- Respond electronically to others' prayer requests.
- Maintain a Prayer Journal of prayer requests, responses, and prayers for others.
- Develop spiritual friendships with participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.



transformational ministries



New Life 401 is the fourth, but not final, step in the Crystal Cathedral spiritual formation process, for the process is cyclical. As you learn to go and sow, you'll begin planting seeds of hope and faith, encouraging others to "come and see" what we have to offer them at the Crystal Cathedral. In this class, We'll help you to identify and live out your own unique, God-given call. You'll learn how to better care for, pray for and serve those in your local neighborhood or in communities throughout the world.

- ▶ **Next Class: Sunday, February 14, 1-4 PM.**
- ▶ Info: 714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org

Our "Go & Sow" Transformational Ministries sow seeds of hope in the hearts of those experiencing difficulties in their physical, emotional, and spiritual lives. We reflect in action Dr. Schuller's instruction to "find a need and fill it." A nearby school needs help? We provide supplies and programs. Not fluent in English? We tutor and supply books. Lonely? We visit nursing homes, halfway houses, and homeless shelters. Hungry or homeless? We feed neighbors in need, build houses locally and internationally, plant gardens in Africa, and send wheelchairs to China. We are God's servants. He is hiring! Come and apply now!



stewardship

"Giving Thanks" 2009 Stewardship Dinner. Members and friends, you are invited to join Robert H. Schuller, Sheila Schuller Coleman, and your Crystal Cathedral family at an exciting event on Sat., Nov. 14, 5:30 to 8 PM, ARB. During the family-style dinner, hear plans for our congregation as we seek to communicate our unique and life-saving "possibility faith" message to persons and families in our backyard and beyond. Come meet the heroes of the faith who are making our ministry great, and discover how you can take a heroic, life-saving faith into your home, neighborhood, and community! RSVP by 11/11/09, 714-544-5679. A freewill offering will be taken (suggested donation \$20/plate).

volunteer possibilities

Current volunteer opportunities. They include possibilities for those interested in serving as Sunday Ushers, Traffic Guides, Volunteer Security, Gardeners, Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses, Sunday Shuttle Drivers, Tour Guides, Tower Lobby Helpers, Kid Power Plant Assistants, and more. Volunteer online at www.crystalcathedral.org. Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! Or contact Bonnie Balloch at 714-971-4321, bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org.

community outreach

Experience a Real Thanks-Giving. Celebrate the holiday season by blessing our neighborhood families in need. On Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 26 at 10 AM and Sun., Nov. 29 at 7 PM in the Crystal Cathedral, rejoice through giving during the second annual "Joy Drive."

- GIFT ITEMS NEEDED: Diapers, toiletries (for teenage guys and gals), gift cards (from Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, etc.), socks and underwear (in all sizes), blankets, jackets, family-friendly DVDs and popcorn (for family movie night), family games, wrapping paper and tape.
- FOOD ITEMS NEEDED: Canned goods, Vons gift certificates (for turkeys and perishables for Christmas dinner).
- HELP NEEDED: Volunteers to assist at tables on the Plaza in Nov. and Dec.; photographers to capture Joy Drive activities; and those to collect, package, and transport goods following

the events. Info: bethg@crystalcathedral.org, 714-971-4281.

Community Missions. Meeting needs and touching lives by providing:

- A team of tutors to conduct ESL (English as Second Language) classes.
- School supplies, clothing, food, and hygiene items to the L.A. Mission.
- Food, clothing and fellowship to those in transitional housing, including House of Hope and Cactus Garden.
- Volunteers and more to Village of Hope and Mustard Seed Ranch (OC Rescue Mission facilities).
- Uniforms, school supplies, and reading programs to nearby Lampson School.
- Fellowship, food, clothing, and toys for holiday celebrations at local low-income housing associations.

If you would like to be a part of the Community Missions team, contact: gudeliar@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4047.

NEW HOPE

New Hope Training. Follow your heart on a new adventure! Become a volunteer counselor and see how it feels to make a difference by just being there to listen with compassion. Join Dr. Bill Gaultiere and Dr. Jim Kok for New Hope Communications Training. Contact Barbara for upcoming training dates and info at 714-971-4123, bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org.

LET'S TAKE A HISTORIC, LIFE-SAVING FAITH INTO OUR HOMES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY!

What would it take for us, as a congregation, to share a life-saving faith with our neighbors? Never before has our community needed a positive message of faith and hope and love like it does today, and God needs us to share this message through word and deed.

Before we can bring the life-saving message of hope to our community, we need to meet, once again, our financial obligations at this very critical year-end time with our year-end giving and pledges of tithes for 2010. You may know that this year there were days when our cash resources were completely depleted—but God always answered our prayers to keep our ministry miraculously alive. I know that God will use YOU to continue to answer our prayers through your heroic, even sacrificial faith in this ministry.

It's this heroic faith that we hope to teach to the next generation. It is our God-given mandate to reach/teach the children of the world. Already, every Sunday hundreds of children attend Kid Power Plant, and still more teens in our Student Ministry, not to mention the hundreds of students in our weekday preschool through high school. These are the future fathers, mothers, families, and leaders who will shape our country and our world in the years to come, influencing others with the positive values and ideas they picked up during their years spent belonging, growing, and sowing at this church.

Your gifts are being used to positively influence human lives—young and old, alike! They are a spiritual investment—seeds that you are sowing and God is growing through your tithes! Only God can truly measure or know the positive, powerful reach and influence of the heroic good that your gifts are doing.

For 56 years now, a dedicated core of individuals and families in our congregation has provided the support that makes it possible for the Crystal Cathedral to share the life-saving message of hope with our community and the world. We have only been able to do what we've done because of your generous gifts! Thank you for your heroic faith in this positive ministry! God will surely bless you as you continue to partner with us to keep this ministry living, thriving, going and growing for 56 more years! We can't do it without YOU!

Your gifts are being used to positively influence human lives!





THREE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR 2010 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

one

ATTEND THE "GIVING THANKS" DINNER

Heroic Faith - Saving Lives Through a Message of Hope

November 14, 5:30 - 8 PM in the Arboretum

RSVP for this free event at the box office, 714-544-5679.

A freewill offering will be taken during the event (suggested donation, \$20/plate).

two

CONTACT THE CHURCH

Anna Orozco at 714-971-4012, or annao@crystalcathedral.org.

three

PICK UP A PLEDGE CARD

Available at church on Sundays or in the Welcoming Center on weekdays. Return it to an usher or Welcoming Center front desk volunteer, or take it home and mail it back in the envelope provided.





CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CHURCH

Proposed Budget 2010

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,000,000
Estates	85,000
Donations	128,000
Programs & Events	167,000
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$3,380,000

ACTIVITIES EXPENSES

Staffing & Medical Benefits	\$1,891,000
Supplies, Postage, Printing & Telephone	98,000
Fees	95,000
Advertising	70,000
Programs & Events	295,000
Total Activities Expenses	\$2,449,000

SUPPORTING EXPENSES

Insurance	69,000
Personnel	279,000
Systems	118,000
Compliance	32,000
Maintenance	218,000
Utilities	215,000
Total Supporting Expenses	\$931,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,380,000

MAKING A HEROIC COMMITMENT...

O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. 1 CHRONICLES 29:16

GIVING THANKS: projected

1 person/family giving \$200,000 or \$16,667 mo. = \$200,000

2 persons/families giving \$100,000 or \$8,333 mo. = \$200,000

3 persons/families giving \$80,000 or \$6,667 mo. = \$240,000

7 persons/families giving \$40,000 or \$3,333 mo. = \$280,000

15 persons/families giving \$20,000 or \$1,667 mo. = \$300,000

40 persons/families giving \$10,000 or \$833 mo. = \$400,000

100 persons/families giving \$5,000 or \$417 mo. = \$500,000

200 persons/families giving \$2,500 or \$208 mo. = \$500,000

200 persons/families giving \$1,500 or \$125 mo. = **\$300,000**

300 persons/ families giving \$1,000 or \$83 mo. = \$300,000

320 persons/ families giving \$500 or \$42 mo. = \$160,000

Total Projected Support & Revenue: \$3,380,000



sundays

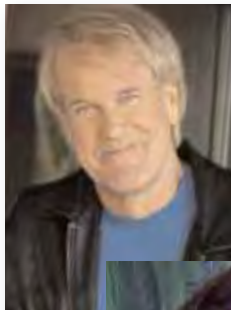
9:30 & 11 AM in the Crystal Cathedral



Throughout November, discover new aspects of the power of prayer and find out how to live your faith-life heroically with **ROBERT H. SCHULLER**, **SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN**, and these special guests...

NOVEMBER 1

BILL BUTTERWORTH will wrap up the message series, encouraging us to have "Victory Over Our Fears" through prayer. Our special music and interview guest will be the multitalented **JOHN TESH**.



John Tesh

NOVEMBER 8

Dr. **ROBERT H. SCHULLER** begins the new message series and welcomes special guests, multiple Dove Award and Grammy Award-winning **REBECCA ST. JAMES**, and Christian pop singer **SARA REEVES**.

NOVEMBER 15

Artist/Photographer **KEN DUNCAN** continues the series with his message, "Transformational Power." Special guests include Miss California



Ken Duncan

KRISTY CAVINDER, Christian recording artist **LAURA STORY**, and our favorite gospel hymn-singer **TOM TIPTON**.

NOVEMBER 22

JASON FRENN will speak on heroic faith. Interview guest **DAVID NASSER** with a riveting story of his escape from Iran and call to Christ. Plus, music celebrating the season by

vocalist **RENEE BONDI** and the **AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY CHOIR**.



Kristy Cavinder



Sara Reeves



Renee Bondi



David Nasser

NOVEMBER 29

SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN, with the morning message, welcomes interview guest **BONNIE ST. JOHN**, sharing her "First Aid Kit for Joy." Young **DANIEL MCGREW** sings a Christmas favorite.



Daniel McGrew

Rebecca St. James

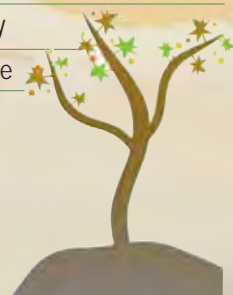
calendar

November

- 3 Veteran's Fellowship (p. 8)
Job/Career Workshop (p. 8)
- 4 Come & Grow Wed. Nights (p. 10)
- 7 Film Series "David: (p. 8)
- 8 Ukraine Missionary (p. 7)
- 10 Celebration of Life Workshop (p. 8)
- 11 Come & Grow Wed. Nights (p. 10)
- 14 "Giving Thanks" Dinner (p. 11)
- 18 Come & Grow Wed. Nights (p. 10)
- 19 50+ PrimeTime Luncheon (p. 8)
- 20 Family Fun Night (p. 9)
- 26 Thanksgiving Service

December

- 3 The Glory of Christmas opens (p. 7)
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve



coming....

- New Life 101: 1/24 (p. 7)
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