

# crystalcathedral today

## “...where two or three come together...” - Matthew 18:20



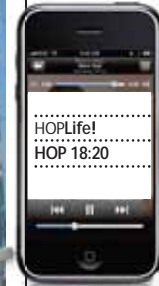
### HOP 18:20 – Your Place to Connect, Communicate & Care

By Robert A. Schuller, Senior Pastor

You've heard about it. Now you can experience it!

Sunday, October 5, 2008, is a defining moment in the history of this ministry – your ministry. It will be a defining moment, because on that day we're launching an exciting New Media Ministry that will shape and determine our future for years to come.

What you'll find when you go to [houropower.org](http://houropower.org) will be more than ever before. You will still be able to view the *Hour of Power* service from the Crystal Cathedral, and access classic *Hour of Power* messages from my father and messages by my son Bobby Schuller from *The Gathering*. You'll also be inspired by the best interviews with past guests in "Celebrity Voices." New video programming includes "Eve's Five" for women, "HOP 365" featuring behind-the-scenes insight about what goes on at the Crystal Cathedral 365 days a year, and much, much more. But what I want to



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Dare to Dream God's dream for your life! With Dr. Schuller and Dr. Ron M. Gibson. See pgs. 3 & 4 for details...

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## CommunityFest '08 Welcomes 1500 Neighbors!

By Michelle Cavinder, Community Fest Committee Leader

Our second annual Community Fest was, once again, a fantastic success, with well over 1,500 people warmly welcomed to our campus with great music, delicious food, and lots of entertainment for kids of all ages.

Twenty-five Crystal Cathedral ministries were represented with nearly every Sunday fellowship group involved, all offering something fun for the children and adults of our community. We enjoyed ethnic food of all types, and sweet treats, too! Many community groups participated, as well, like the Fire Department, Habitat for Humanity, KKLA radio, and many more. Thirty-five outside organizations were involved

The hot air balloon was a huge success! I heard children giggling and laughing in a place where they were safe and free to run and have fun. And I saw ministries interacting with each other, community partners, and our neighbors in a beautiful way.



## Annual Children's & Youth Auction Help Illuminate the Dreams of our Kids

By Dr. Sheila Coleman, Dir. of Family Ministries

On Saturday, October 18, join your Crystal Cathedral family to play a very significant role in helping our children, helping to provide the funds needed for Sunday school, camps, camp scholarships, and more. During "A Night of Crystal Reflections: Illuminating a Child's Dream," you



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# october sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

Spend October Sundays, with Pastor Robert A. Schuller and Dr. Robert H. Schuller, inspired by edifying messages, and encouraged by these special guests...

## OCTOBER 5

Experience a one-of-a-kind special performance by a **The China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe** made up of physically challenged and extraordinarily talented persons who were recently featured in the Paralympics Opening Ceremony before an audience that included the President of China.

## OCTOBER 12

Resilience, faith, focus, triumph... be inspired by the journey of **Alonzo Mourning**, a foster care kid who became an NBA star and Olympic Gold Medalist.



Alonzo Mourning

## OCTOBER 19

Texas Ranger outfielder and 2008 All-Star Homerun Derby winner, **Josh Hamilton** shares the miraculous story of how God's love transformed him from a desperate heroin addict into a joy-filled home run hero.



Josh Hamilton

## OCTOBER 26

A true possibility thinker, **Craig DeMartino**, who lost part of his leg after a 90 ft. fall, is now a double gold-medal winner at the Extremity Games, an extreme sports competition for athletes missing limbs. Credited as one of today's most spectacular singers, **David Phelps** returns!



Craig DeMartino



David Phelps

## 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, T-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

- ▶ Live Contemporary Worship
- ▶ Live Feed of Morning Message & Guest!
- ▶ Live Connection with Friends!

 9:30 & 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 ministry**  
 1:30 PM  
 IN THE ARBORETUM

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

**CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL STUDENT MINISTRY**  
 Jr. High: FLC, 11 AM  
 Sr. High: Freed, 10:45 AM

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

# DARE to dream



Dr. Robert H. Schuller      Dr. Ron M. Gibson

**AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION FOR EVERYONE**  
 Tuesday, October 7,  
 7 PM, Freed Theater  
 \$10/pre-sale, \$15/@door  
 714-544-5679 (reservation)  
 714-971-4187 (info)

More details, pg. 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

# calendar of events

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
october			1 Spiritual Formation Retreat (4)	2 Spiritual Formation Retreat (4)	3 Spiritual Formation Retreat (4) Women's Healing Retreat (10)	4 Women's Healing Retreat (10) Krump Dancing (11)
5 Women's Healing Retreat (10) Experience the CC begins (4)	6	7 Dare to Dream (4) Veteran's Meeting (10)	8 	9 New Hope Training begins (8) Travel Luncheon (11)	10 	
12 	13	14	15	16 50+ Luncheon (11)	17 Men's Retreat (10) Parent's Night Out (9)	18 Men's Retreat (10) Children/Youth Auction (8)
19 Men's Retreat (10) Joyce Jones Recital (12)	20 Yosemite Tour departs (11)	21	22	23	24	25 Walking with Jesus (4)
26	27 	28	29	30 Divorce/Grief Rcvry 2 begins (11)	31	

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november						1 Father/Daughter Dinner Dance (8) <i>Set your clock back one hour before you go to bed</i>
2 FALL BACK: Daylight Saving Time ends	3	4 ELECTION DAY Veteran's Meeting (10)	5 Branson Trip departs (11)	6	7 	8
9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13 Travel Luncheon (11)	14 	15 <i>Coming...</i> Newport Boat Parade: 12/20 (11) Parent's Night Out: 12/12 (9) Travel Luncheon: 12/11
16	17 	18 Holidays on Parade (10) 	19 50+ Luncheon (11)	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28 The Glory of Christmas begins	29 "The Gift of Courage" art exhibit opens



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# Crystal Cathedral people



## Richard Todd: Quite a Character

By Al Schlinger

It was Sunday morning, August 17, 2008. We were getting ready to leave the house for the Crystal Cathedral when the telephone rang. It was Barbara Todd and she told me she had bad news. Richard, her husband, had passed away sometime during the night. She said she had gone to bed early and Richard wanted to stay up and watch television. When she woke up the next morning, she found her dear husband still sitting on his couch where she had left him.

This was a terrible shock as Richard was one of my best friends. After he and Barbara moved to Missouri several years ago after Barbara retired. Richard, who was involved in the original construction of the stage and sets for the "Glories" continued to return to the Crystal Cathedral twice a year to supervise the set installation and removal. In fact, he was arranging to come out for load-in of *The Glory of Christmas*. His craft was his ministry.

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## Bill & Ruth Russell: Two Beautiful People

By Dr. Jim Kok,  
Pastor of Care Ministries

A warm and friendly Tour Guide invited them to Home-builders. That is largely why they are here, explains Bill and Ruth Russell, when asked how they became members of the Crystal Cathedral congregation. His name was Roland Manson, now with The Lord, but well known to so many of us.

What brought them here for a tour was Ruth's discovery through her study of genealogy that one of her eighth great grandmothers was Anneke Jans, whose second husband was the second minister of the original Dutch Reformed Church in America near the tip of Manhattan Island, itself the ancestor of our Marble Collegiate Church. Sometime after Anneke's husband, Everardus Bogardus, was tragically lost at sea, she is thought to have leased some of her land to Trinity Church, Episcopal. This church was mentioned frequently in press coverage of the destruction of the Twin Towers. In the mid 1800s, some of Anneke's descendants decided they should try to retrieve the land from the church, resulting in the longest running case in American jurisprudence and a vast

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## Liza Aldaz: Growing through Divorce Recovery

My Name is Liza Aldaz. I grew up in Guadalajara Mexico and moved to San Diego; later I moved to Orange County where I was married and started a family. Little did I know that the courtship that once was part of my happiness would become the nightmare I never dreamed would happen.

Five years into the marriage, I knew things were not right. I tried hard to make positive changes, but my spouse was unfaithful and eventually moved out, leaving me with two boys, ages 2 and 4. I just could never have foreseen myself in a situation like that. He was completely out of contact with us for a year. Eventually we got to the point where I would drop off the boys to visit only to find out later he had left them with a sitter or family member.

I saw how my children suffered, yet I was still not ready to let go of my marriage. In my dictionary, divorce was not a word, and in my life plans, divorce was not a solution. Though he had been unfaithful, I felt deep within me that forgiveness could give us a second chance. He moved back in, promising never to cheat again, and I

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## CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL LEARNING NETWORK

### ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITIES

#### Dare to Dream: An Evening of Inspiration for Everyone

Hosted by Men's Ministry

Be inspired to dare to make your dreams a reality. Join Dr. Robert H. Schuller and Dr. Ron M. Gibson of the Living in Fullness Everyday television broadcast and CEO for Life Church of God in Christ in Riverside, CA. Be energized, empowered and inspired to pursue what God has planned for your life!

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7 PM, Freed Theater, \$10/pre-sale, \$15/@door, 714-544-5679 (reservation), 714-971-4187 (info).



#### Walking with Jesus in the Gardens of the Crystal Cathedral

Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere

Incorporating the beauty of our church's garden grounds, be inspired and encouraged through a guided prayer and meditation experience that is themed on devotion to Christ.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 AM - 12 PM, Art Gallery, no charge, 714-971-4213 (info).

#### Father / Daughter Dinner Dance

Sponsored by Learning Network & Men's Ministry

Saturday, Nov. 1, 6 - 9 PM, Arboretum, 714-544-5679 (reservation), 714-971-4080 (info). (See pg. 8 for details.)

### SUNDAY POSSIBILITY

#### Experience the CC

Led by Deb Yurk, Congregational Life

Sundays, Oct. 5 - 26, 8:15 AM - 12 PM. (See pg. 5 for details.)

### MID-WEEK CLASSES & BIBLE STUDIES

#### Women's NetWork, Soul Food, Band of Brothers & More

Sponsored by Men's & Women's Ministries

For men and women's Bible study details, see pg. 10.

#### Counseling Training & Continuing Ed.

Sponsored by New Hope Ministries

For more details about the Fall Communications Class (counselor training) and counselor continuing education classes, see pg. 6.

# Congregational LIFE



The Congregational Life Team invites you to stop by for a visit at the Family Lounge! (Top row, L – R) Bre Joiner, Administration; Maureen Winer, Administration; Pastor Gudelia Ramirez, Missions; (bottom row, L – R) Pastor Kim Kimpel, Weddings & Prayer Ministry; Nicole Stephens, Volunteers; Pastor Deb Yurk, Congregational Life.

## MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

### Experience the CC

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life

If you have been worshipping with us or attending any of our groups or Bible studies, I invite you to join me at Experience the CC. Maybe you have kids in the Academy or children in Kids Power Plant or in one of our programs for teens and you want to know more about us – join me.

Every Sunday morning in October, people like you will be gathering in the Family Lounge from 8:15 – 11 AM, getting to know each other and finding out more about the local Crystal Cathedral congregation. After the four-week class, if you decide that you want to be part of our ministry, we will warmly welcome you into membership on Sunday evening, Nov. 9 during the 6:30 PM service.

You may register at by contacting Maureen Winer in the Congregational Life office: maureenw@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4062.

### CC Members: PowerWeb

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](mailto:deby@crystalcathedral.org).



## WEDDING MINISTRY

### Experience Bridal Fair "Live Tour"

Come share this unique experience on Saturday, October 18, 12 to 5 PM. See our Welcoming Center transformed into a one-stop shop for brides and grooms to help you or a loved one plan that special day - stress free! Meet vendors who'll handle the details and help make dreams come true, from florals to food and cakes, gowns and dresses, invitations, transportation, makeup and hair, music, photos and videos, hotel accommodations, and more.

Plus, each Crystal Cathedral wedding venue - the gardens, Arboretum, Courtyard, Cathedral, and Art Gallery - will be staged to reflect an actual event.

You don't have to guess – you'll be able to envision clearly a wedding celebration as if it were happening right in front of you. Also, enter to win a free night's stay at the Marriott in Anaheim, and there'll be lots of extra goodies and wonderful surprises.

FREE PARKING! Bridal Fair Entry Fee: \$5 (good for up to three persons) or \$10 at the door. Contact Bre at [brej@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:brej@crystalcathedral.org) or 714-971-4240 (M-F, 9 AM – 6 PM).

## 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 challenges. Classes now forming. Call for dates, 714-971-4240.

## COMMUNITY MISSIONS

### Opportunities to Bless our Neighbors in Need

Call Gudelia Ramirez, Pastor of Community Missions, at 714 971-4047 (leave name, phone number, and interest) to get involved:

#### Local Habitat For Humanity Build:

- Sat., Oct. 11, 7 AM – 3 PM.

#### Collections:

- 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).

#### Special Event:

- Sunday, Oct. 19, 11 AM – 3 PM, Crystal Cathedral will host the L.A. Mission interns with tour and lunch. Need tour guide hosts, servers/greeters, and donations for lunch.

## Mathew's Kids go to the Beach!

With our local neighborhood kids getting ready to go back to school, those who participated in the Crystal Cathedral "Mathew's Kids" outreach program were invited to end their summer vacation with a day at the beach. Crystal Cathedral's Explor-

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# Experience the CC



Discover who we are and what we believe. Meet the pastors to learn how you and your family can belong to our community that wants to care for you and help you make a difference in the world. Learn how we, at the Crystal Cathedral, come to:

- ◆ **KNOW GOD** THROUGH WORSHIP & PRAYER
- ◆ **LOVE PEOPLE** THROUGH FELLOWSHIP & CARE
- ◆ **SERVE THE WORLD** THROUGH GIVING & GROWTH

*Includes Continental Breakfast and Sunday Worship time!*

**Sundays, October 5 - 26, 8:15 - 11 AM in Family Lounge.**  
Call for details: 714-971-4062

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:careministry@crystalcathedral.org).

## DR. KOK'S KORNER

### Nov. 14 & 15: Crystal Cathedral & Fuller Seminary Event



Stephen Post

We have received a special invitation from Fuller Theological Seminary to bring the Crystal Cathedral Care and Kindness Conference to Pasadena. One person described our plans for the upcoming event, 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 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](http://careandkindness.com) or call 714-971-4031.

## NEW HOPE

### Fall Communications Class

During the fall New Hope Counselor training series, Oct. 9 - Nov. 13, 6:15 - 9:30 PM, Art Gallery, 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 at 714-971-4123.

### Counselor Continuing Education

For those who have completed the New Hope Counselor training course, New Hope Operations Manager Louise Dunn offers these two opportunities to enhance our care skills as we approach the holiday season:

**Thanksgiving in the Face of Adversity:** Oct. 6, 6:45 - 9 PM, or Oct. 8, 12:45 - 3 PM, Tower-3.

**Holiday Grieving:** 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](http://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.



### Responding to Angry People as Jesus Did

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

Jesus' response to aggression is revolutionary. It's so wise, so beautiful, so strong, and so different from what is normally done. In tense and angry situations, when he's being judged, baited, or hit, he tells a story, asks a question, calmly explains, heals people, wiggles out of traps, walks away, prays, or silently accepts the mistreatment. In all cases, he holds his ground, de-escalates the conflict, and speaks the truth in love.

What's he doing? He's practicing what he preached! "Make the first move to resolve a conflict. Turn the other cheek. Bless those who curse you. Pray for your enemies. Take the log out of your own eye before you remove the speck in another's eye."

All of Jesus' teachings about conflict have to do with the fact that if you go Jesus' route you upset the dynamics of the situation. If someone curses you and you curse him back, then the other person knows exactly what to do. But if you bless that person, then he or she doesn't know what to do. Jesus is teaching us a kind of spiritual martial arts for those who put their faith in him and live within the dynamics of the invisible Kingdom of the Heavens.

(Read the full article at [newhopenow.org](http://newhopenow.org).)

## CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

### Gain New, Healthful, Helpful Habits

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

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Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministry  
Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

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those who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Pre-Marital or Marital Communication Sessions 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.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL  
IT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The first month of the new school year at the Crystal Cathedral Preschool got off to a great start! The children are feeling very comfortable in their new classes and are enjoying a myriad of experiences. There are new friends to get acquainted with, new activities to explore and of course, new teachers to learn from!

This month in our weekly Chapel, our children are learning what it means to "worship" and how to pray. They have been lifting their sweet voices to the Lord in song. Religious education at this tender age provides the opportunity to "plant the seeds of faithfulness." Daily Bible stories help the children learn God's Word. By the end of the school year, the entire Children's Bible will have been read aloud to each class.



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  
POSITIVE EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL  
NURTURANCE

The Crystal Cathedral schools offer students – elementary, middle school, and high school – positive education and 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.

If you are interested in blessing your children or grandchildren with a positive education through the Crystal Cathedral Academy & High School, for more information and tours, contact Mrs. Mulady, School Registrar, 714-971-4159.

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truly trusted him. I wanted things to work out. But when five years later he repeated this same behavior, I knew that my love was not enough.

His unfaithfulness to me and to God and was beginning to draw me far apart from God, as well. The pain that came upon me was one that choked me and I went into a deep depression. I did not want to tell anyone. But a loving neighbor left a card on my doorstep one day inviting me to this program at the Crystal Cathedral called Divorce and Grief Recovery (DGR). I made the call, and though walking through those doors was difficult, it was the first step on a journey of hope toward a new beginning to my life.

When I first arrived, I worried that I would break down and cry, not knowing if anyone would understand the excruciating pain in my heart. However, at DGR, I found people hurting just like me, those willing to pick up the broken pieces of their lives. Hearing others talk about their pain made me feel I was not the only one and that others had situations even more difficult than mine.

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At the beginning of the program, it was hard for me to talk and during the first seven-week Phase I, I tried to make sense of what was I going through. During Phase 2, I got even more in touch with my feelings and my life.

My boys, who were also very affected by the loss, found healing, understanding of their brokenness, and the ability to make changes in their lives for a better tomorrow through the concurrent Confident Kids program. It provided them with knowledge on how God is always by their side, regardless of how difficult things may be.

Today I can look back at what I went through and see all the changes I have made in my life and how DGR allowed me to feel confident about who I am and what I needed to do to heal and be whole again. I don't have enough words of thanks for the Divorce and Grief Recovery program and Confident Kids program because it made us a new and transformed family and it is the reflection of who we are today. I encourage all of you who need to take the journey whether it from a loss of a spouse though death or though divorce to make and take that first step to a better tomorrow. (See pg. 10 for details.)

# family ministries

Family Ministries  
Sheila Coleman, Director

Children's Ministry  
Linda Poit, Director

Student Ministry  
Brett DePena, J.H. & H.S. Dir.  
Ministry to Couples & Parents  
Michelle Cavinder

## FAMILY CLASSES & EVENTS

### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S AUCTION

Help support our children and our youth at our annual Youth and Children's Auction scheduled to be held on Saturday evening, October 18, on multiple levels of the our glorious Welcoming Center. Save the date!

In preparation for the event, the auction committee is seeking new or gently used items to auction off to raise funds for camp scholarships and supplement our children and student ministries' budgets. Last year we were able to send kids to camp and save funds toward a much-needed resurfacing of the playground through such donations as a car, timeshares, fishing trips, and vintage art.

Call Rosa at 714-971-4180 to make a donation.

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### FATHER / DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE

Are you ready for an evening of dining and dancing in the beautiful Arboretum with the "apple of your eye"? Fathers and daughters of all ages, join us on Saturday, November 1, 6 to 9 PM. Call 714-544-5679 for reservations (cost includes dinner, dancing, entertainment, and more). Sponsored by Crystal Cathedral Learning Network and Men's Ministry. Call 714-971-4080 for information.



### DRAMA CAMP REPORT: "LIFE SCHOOL MUSICAL!"

The Children's Ministry wishes to thank all of you who embraced the opportunity to attend the Music and Drama Camp's production of Life School Musical on August 22 and 23 in the Freed Theater. Nineteen children ages 7 – 13 participated in this energetic and educational musical directed by Linda Poit, Director of Children's Ministries.

The kids worked very hard during a three-week camp and took home with them not only music and drama skills, but also the message of faith, hope, and love that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Twenty Bible study lessons were included in the 15-day camp as well as crafts, recreation, set design, costume design, acting skill games, and of course learning 10 songs, choreography, and scene memorization.

Valeria Serratos who played 'Cheerleader Hope' in the musical, wrote, "I had a great time. I love Life School Musical!"

Immediately after seeing the performance Gail Benson commented, "They [the LSM kids] did an absolutely fantastic job... you'll enjoy their enthusiasm."

Gail's husband Paul added, "The program was awesome! Allow yourself to experience Church as it should be - spiritually fun and rich. It appeals to you from the inside to the outside and you learn a lifelong lesson."

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### ARE YOU DREAMING BIG?

By Kyle Steven Bonenberger, C3 Worship Leader

**N**o church encourages people to "dream big" more than the Crystal Cathedral, and with good cause! Our Founding Pastor Dr. Robert H. Schuller has encouraged us all to make our dreams big enough for God to fit in. I love the huge dreams that this church is built upon, but like Dr. Sheila Coleman said in her recent Sunday message, "A lot of times our dreams seem to turn into nightmares."

If I had a nickel for every BIG dream I had that didn't come true or, even worse, went wrong, I would be one rich man right now! It's not that God isn't in the dream-accomplishing business. It's that oftentimes when we pray for God to fulfill our dream, we've already mapped out exactly how he's supposed to do it and we don't let Him be God and take control.

If you have a dream (I certainly do) and want to see God bring it to pass in your life, here are some practical suggestions you might want to consider:

#1 Find a clear starting point to put your dream into action. When Dr. Schuller started this ministry, he had less than \$300 and the use of a drive-in theater. This was his starting point for what turned out to be a revolutionary new way of "doing church"!

#2 Create a system for your dream to be quantifiable. Allow experts in what you're trying to accomplish critique your work and give advice. Everyone gets better with time and every dream that comes true involves many people.

#3 Work HARD. At 82 years old, there remains no harder-working man than Dr. Schuller. He gave everything he had to help build what is the Crystal Cathedral, today, and it took many hours of labor and sacrifice.

#4 Allow God to refine/recalibrate your dream. You never know, the future of God's dream for you might involve incorporating it into someone else's new dream. Stay humble and allow God to take your dream to the next level, however that may be.

Our dream is to see C3 thrive and grow. Similar to when Dr. Schuller's dream started humbly and grew, I see C3 as a beautiful seed from God waiting to be watered. Is God calling you to join our dream for C3 at the Crystal Cathedral? If so, we would love to have you join our team.

What is your dream? I'd love to hear from you – go to [crystalcathedral.org/c3](http://crystalcathedral.org/c3) and leave me a comment.

### Families Worship Together At C3!

Every Sunday, 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