

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

## Mission 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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# Renewed & Energized through Prayer Power!

## Crystal Cathedral Ministry Staff on Retreat...

Is there anything more powerful than prayer? The Crystal Cathedral Leadership Team doesn't think so, and they made it a priority this fall when they "closed" the ministry for three days and whisked away the entire church and Hour of Power staff to Rancho Capistrano (Crystal Cathedral's retreat center in San Juan Capistrano) for a daytime staff retreat.

Prayer was at the heart of the retreat. Under the thoughtful direction of Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman and Dr. Bill Gaultiere, staff members were given time and space to be alone with God each day midst the beauty of a sparkling lake, grassy hills, warming sun, and singing birds.

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## Experience the Adventure of Two-Way Prayer

By Robert H. Schuller

I grew up in the Midwest where I had never seen an avocado. Even though I went to college and finished three years of post-graduate work, I had never even heard of an avocado!

Then I moved to California and all kinds of people gave our family what I thought were the biggest, most unusual pears I'd ever seen. I tried every way I could think of to eat them, but finally gave up and ended up throwing them away. Fortunately, someone discovered my ignorance and showed me how to eat an avocado—and enjoy it.

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## Go Deeper with Prayer

During Sunday morning services on Oct. 18 and 25, Dr. Robert H. Schuller, and Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman will help you gain a deeper understanding of the power of prayer. Find out that, though God sometimes says, "no," "slow," or "go" in answer to our prayers,

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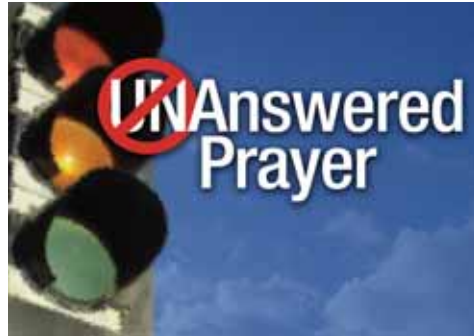


sundays

9:30 & 11 AM in the Crystal Cathedral



The first two Sundays in October, find out how to live a full life with ROBERT H. SCHULLER, SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN, and these special guests...



During this message series, discover new aspects of the power of prayer with these special guests...

**OCTOBER 4**

International speaker JASON FRENN returns to show us how to "Break the Barrier to Live a Life Unlimited!" Plus, our favorite "Mr. Piano," ROGER WILLIAMS, returns.



Roger Williams



Jason Frenn



Timothy Brown

**OCTOBER 11**

Guest speaker DR. TIMOTHY BROWN, President of Western Theological Seminary (Dr. Schuller's alma mater), concludes our message series. Plus, HANK HOUGH and his amazing dog will demonstrate the values that parents and kids can share. Plus, the EKATERINBURG TRIO and the CCA CHORUS.



Hank Hough

**OCTOBER 18**

ROBERT H. SCHULLER kicks off the new series and welcomes CMA- AND ACM-winning and Grammy nominated country music superstars DIAMOND RIO. Plus, receive the hot-off-the-press 2010 *Hour of Power* wall calendar – FREE to all attending morning services.



Natalia Leonard

**OCTOBER 25**

SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN continues the series on prayer, and welcomes music guests, DANIEL MCGREW and NATALIE LEONARD singing "The Prayer," and gospel greats, the ALBERT MCNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS.



Diamond Rio

MORE SUNDAY SERVICES



**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 Pastor Bill Bennett or one of the many Crystal Cathedral pastors with an encouraging Bible study, plus The Cathedral Ensemble leading songs of worship. Come be lifted in spirit and hope.



## sunday fellowship

### CHILD & YOUTH

#### STUDENT MINISTRIES

Jr. & Sr. High, 11 AM, FLC-B22, 714-971-4180.

#### KID POWER PLANT

Infants - 5th grade in the FLC, 9:30 & 11 AM & 1 PM, 714-971-4087.

### 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. 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 taught by Barbara Shimomura.

### SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

#### More on Sunday Evenings

Upcoming special services in the Crystal Cathedral, Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM:

- **WORLDWIDE COMMUNION**, Oct. 4: As many churches of all denominations celebrate Communion on this one day together, we sing: "In Christ there is no east or west, no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide world."
- **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**, Nov. 1: Remembering our loved ones who have passed within the previous year, sharing our grief as we honor their memories.
- **VETERANS RECOGNITION**, Nov. 8: Honoring those who have served the cause of freedom in the U.S. military.
- **THANKSGIVING COMMUNION**, Nov. 29: Thanking the Lord for our country and his blessings throughout the year.

#### Have Dreams for Your Life?

"As Dr. Schuller says, 'If you can dream it, you can do it,' and we will show you how," say Paul and Grace Park, founders and teachers of the American Dream Builders fellowship group for the last 15 years. During the Sunday class, 11 AM to 12:15 PM, Family Life Center, Room 234, Paul and Grace will share God's time-tested and proven ways to help you build your dreams. Their heart-felt goal is to help individuals from all backgrounds to renew their hopes and dreams by applying God's instructions and wisdom for their lives while building American Dreams. Questions? E-mail [maureenw@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:maureenw@crystalcathedral.org) or call 714-971-4062. Come discover God's dream for your life!

#### Extend Your Sunday Mornings

Sunday services fill us with God's love and prepare us to see his possibilities for our lives during the week ahead. Adding to that blessing are our Adult Sunday Fellowship Classes that help us connect in a more relational way with others and God's word. If that sounds like something you'd like to do, extend your Sunday morning by dropping in to any of the groups listed to the left, or call Maureen Winer, 714-971-4062, for more details and help in finding just the right group for you!

### IN THE WELCOMING CENTER...

#### Visitors Reception

Following both Sunday morning services, visitors are encouraged to bring their bulletin tear-offs to the Grand Lobby for a warm reception and free cup of Starbucks coffee!

#### Campus Tours

Following both morning services, visitors may meet in the Grand Lobby at the Hospitality Desk for a tour of the gardens and grounds. Tours are also available Monday to Saturday, 9 AM to 3:30 PM.

#### Crystal Cathedral Books & Gifts

Open daily, 9 AM to 6 PM. Come in and be inspired! Offering a wide range of inspirational items, including books, music, toys, jewelry, home decor, and more!

#### PJ's Heavenly Cafe

Enjoy delicious, fresh baked goods, sandwiches, salads, specials, desserts, and a wide variety of beverages including Starbucks coffee. On the lower level, Sunday, 8 AM - 2 PM, and Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM.



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**CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL PEOPLE**

**DONNA SIVACHENKO:  
Possessing the "Light of Life"**

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

*"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" -John 8:12*

Donna is a self-confessed talker. When asked to share her story with me, she warned me that if someone asks her for the time of day, she is likely to tell him or her how to build a clock. This quality adds to her delightful, lively, lovely personality.

Chicago is her birthplace. There, her mother and a terrific stepdad raised her four brothers, (one of whom was her twin, and died very young) and her. Donna's mother was a Ziegfeld Follies performer, and her dad was a genius at taking care of and fixing anything mechanical. When she was 15, the family moved to Texas.

As Donna talks about her early years of education, what stands out are all the grades she skipped, and how she started high school at age twelve. She clearly is intelligent and, to this day, a voracious reader. She was an athlete, too, loving to play softball and other sports. Beside that, her spirit is dependent on music, and her life nearly turned toward becoming a virtuoso piano player. That was her major, along with English, at Trinity University in San Antonio, where she was a Cum Laude graduate.

Donna's dad saw to it that she and her brothers were in Sunday School faithfully and, to



Miss California and Children's Ministry Team leader, Kristy Cavinder, with one OC LIVE attendee.

**OC LIVE Welcomes Hundreds of Neighbors to Crystal Cathedral**

By Michelle Cavinder, Lead Pastor, Relational Ministries

Our 3rd annual OC Live Community Fest on Saturday, September 19 was an awesome success! We welcomed hundreds of visitors to our campus. Most of our fellowship groups were represented and enjoyed meeting people from the neighborhood. We had over 25 vendors join us to share with our attendees.

The children had a blast in the bounce houses and the teens loved hanging out in the big blue blob to play video games. We enjoyed delicious food and awesome music all day! There was even a hot air balloon!

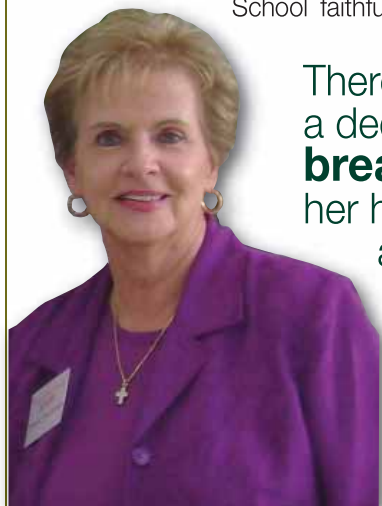
Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff for making it an amazing day!

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this day, she is very close to God. She says, "I was totally immersed in God." She even took classes to become a Christian Science Practitioner, since she grew up in that tradition.

After college, Donna worked as a legal secretary, where she remained for twelve years. During that time, she was fixed up on a blind date with a brilliant accountant, Paul Sivachenko. When she was in dire need of a companion to accompany her to a party, Paul's name popped into her mind, and the rest is history.

They weren't on the same page spiritually at first. Paul was a non-participating Russian Orthodox. Donna

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There she took a deep **breath**, put her head back against **the wall**, and started to **weep**.



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# COME & BELONG **connect**

## NEW LIFE

### A "New Life," A New Path

Want to grow in your faith, in your life, in your walk with Jesus? Whether you're a church member, a recent visitor, a seeker, a long-time or new believer, come and be encouraged as church leaders build spiritual strength in YOU!

- NL-101 "I Want to Have New Life": Deepen your faith and discover exciting new tools to use every day as you grow to understand the wonderful plan that God has for you.



- NL-201 "I Want to Grow Spiritually": Every time we adopt a habit of Jesus, we become more like Him. Find out how to grow spiritually by living, experiencing, and putting into practice the teachings of Jesus and His apostles.

- NL-301 "I Want to Serve the Lord": Discover how you can use your time, treasure, and talent to help accomplish them, as you are motivated to find your purpose and place in the Crystal Cathedral church family.

Call 714-971-4062 for more details about these free seminars!

## WEDDINGS

### The Wedding of Your Dreams!

Nestled in the center of a 40-acre, beautifully landscaped campus is the nine-story Crystal Cathedral, widely known to be one of Southern California's most spectacular wedding settings. The Crystal Cathedral has been rated by the Orange County Register as "One of the most popular wedding spots in Orange County year after year!"

Because of the diversity of the Crystal Cathedral's world-renowned wedding and reception locations – that also include the Arboretum, Chapel-in-the-Sky, Welcoming Center, and many gardens – and the service-oriented staff we offer, we will be able to provide you with the wedding experience of your dreams.

Call Kari Moeller at 714-971-4240 to discuss all the beautiful options available for your special day.



## BAPTISM

### The Blessing of Baptism

**INFANT & CHILD:** This is a public expression of the fact that your child belongs to God. It's a special moment that you can share with relatives, friends, and your Crystal Cathedral family. And more importantly, it is your child's first step in growing a relationship with the God who loves him or her. We are here to provide that special and important moment for you and your child.

**ADULT:** If you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior and want to take the next step and be baptized as a public declaration of your newfound faith and commitment, we're here to help you take that next important step in your walk with Jesus.

Contact Maureen Winer at 714-971-4062 or [maureenw@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:maureenw@crystalcathedral.org).

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## GET CONNECTED

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Online Communities  
Prayer Community:  
[www.crystalcathedral.org/prayer](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/prayer)  
One Community:  
[www.crystalcathedral.org/community](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/community)

Pastoral Care  
Share joys and concerns, or when your family has illness, injury, or death:  
714-971-4032  
[careministry@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:careministry@crystalcathedral.org)

New Hope  
24-hr. crisis/suicide prevention:  
714-NEW-HOPE  
[www.NewHopeNow.org](http://www.NewHopeNow.org)

TeenLine  
4-10 pm, M-F  
714-NEW-TEEN  
[www.teenline.org](http://www.teenline.org)

Family Counseling Center  
Individual, couple, family, and group counseling on a sliding scale:  
714-971-4222

Divorce/Grief Recovery  
714-971-4084

Rancho Capistrano  
949-347-4000  
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### SOCIAL NETWORKS



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# COME & BELONG adults

## MEN'S NETWORK

### Men's Weekly Meetings

Call 714-971-4236 for more details:

- Band of Brothers: Monday evenings 7 – 9 PM, FLC-435.
- Men's Bible Study: Wednesday mornings, 7 AM, Tower-2.

## SINGLES

### Singles Fellowship: Sundays & Tuesdays

Sundays, 11 AM in FLC-470

Tuesdays, 7 PM in FLC-3

Every Sunday, 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. 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



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women's NetWorkOut

Rhea Zakich, Art Gallery

Info: 714-971-4080

Ladies! Does your spiritual life seem flabby? Is it time to tone up your spiritual muscles and strengthen your faith? Then come to the NetWorkOut, a time and place to practice spiritual exercises, training to apply the teachings of Jesus. In other words, instead of coming to a Bible "Study," you will come to a "Spiritual Workout." And just like 24 Hour Fitness, you can begin at the level of training that's right for you. Come and enjoy working out with women of all ages who want to discover the love, joy, peace, and power of the Holy Spirit.

*"...so why not embrace God's training so we can truly live? God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best." -Hebrews 12:9b -10*

## MATURE ADULTS

### 50+ PrimeTime: October Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 22, 11:30 AM, Arboretum

RSVP: 714-971-4032 or 50plus@crystalcathedral.org

YEE HA! Come hear the music of Bill Cassidy, a lead singer and guitarist who specializes in country/western and Christian music. This will be an exciting and joyful program of fun and inspiring music. Other highlights include an opportunity drawing for great prizes and a delicious catered luncheon. Come for the fun and fellowship and be sure to bring your friends!

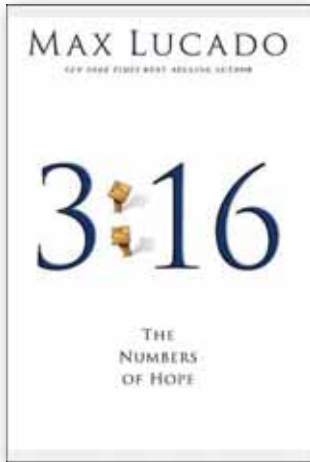


### "Your Life Story" Writing Class

Create your life story as a lasting legacy for your children! Tuesdays, Oct. 27 – Nov. 17, 1 – 3 PM, T-3, be motivated by others also beginning their writing journeys, encouraged and guided by instructor Rev. Glenn DeMaster. (We'll all attend the Celebration of Life Workshop as part of the class.) RSVP: 714-971-4031 or kyms@crystalcathedral.org (\$5 materials fee).

### Celebration of Life Workshop

If you had to make the final arrangements for a loved one who just passed away, where would you begin? Get answers to all your questions by attending the Celebration of Life Workshop on Tues., Nov. 10, 1 - 4 PM in the Art Gallery. The workshop will address such questions as choosing a mortuary and burial site, body burial vs. cremation, planning a memorial service, tips on working through grief, etc. Dr. Jim Kok, Rev. Glenn DeMaster, Memorial Gardens' staff, and a mortuary representative will lead the workshop. RSVP: 714-971-4031 or kyms@crystalcathedral.org (\$5 materials fee).



## CO-ED FELLOWSHIP

### Saturday Morning Film Series Continues

Every Saturday morning, 7 AM in Family Life Center, Room 221, join other men and women at the Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship, now discussing the film based on the best-selling religious book, *3:16 – The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado. Just drop in or call Bob Hausmann, 714-538-9341, or David Clark, 714-893-3383, for details.

### Veterans Meet in November

The next meeting of the Crystal Cathedral's Veteran's Fellowship will be held on Tues., November 3, 12 – 2 PM in Tower of Hope, Floor 2.

Through this enlightening forum and welcoming gathering, every other month U.S. veterans are honored for their efforts in upholding the freedoms we hold dear. The Veteran Fellowship also reaches out to youth to enlighten them about the sacrifices made by those who were called, served, defended, and protected the United States of America. Bring your spouses and fellow U.S. vets to enjoy new friendships, interesting discussions, and special guest speakers.

For details, contact Maureen Winer (714-971-4062, maureenw@crystalcathedral.org), or Chaplain Chuck Trout (714-836-4981, chaptrout@aol.com).

## monthly devotion

### An Attitude of Gratitude - Part I: THE BLESSING OF GRATEFULNESS

By Dr. Bill Bennett

GRATITUDE IS TO BE EXPRESSED. Now, that is excellent advice because a grateful person is a happier, healthier, and holier person. But more than just good advice, this is a command from our all-knowing and loving God. Gratitude is not an option; it's an obligation. God knows what happens to the ungrateful, and that's not what he wants for you or me.

"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). "But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy..." (2 Timothy 3:1-2). "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

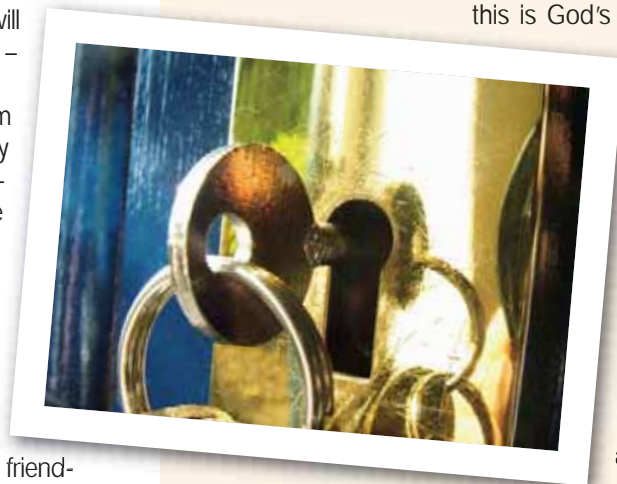
GRATITUDE IS TO BE EXPANSIVE. We are told to give God thanks in "everything." Not just in "most things." Not just for "good things." But in "everything."

Now a caution here is in order. Nowhere in the word of God are we commanded to FEEL grateful. Feelings come and go, and can be affected by the weather, your health, how rested you are, etc. The thanksgiving God commands of us has nothing to do with feelings. Whether things are good or bad, we are to be grateful.

Now lest you think, "Well, that may be easy for Paul to say," let me tell you that it was not easy for Paul, the inspired writer of these words, to say. He had been run out of Thessalonica at the threat of losing his life. He had been beaten, whipped, imprisoned, shipwrecked, stoned, and left for dead. Yet he wrote (in 1 Thessalonians 5:18), "In everything give thanks; for

this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ."

*"In everything  
give thanks;  
for this is  
God's will for  
you in Jesus  
Christ."*



In Acts 16, we are told that Paul and his partner in ministry, Silas, were beaten with rods, whipped and scourged, and thrown into prison in Philippi. But rather than sighing, they began singing. I don't know what they sang, but the lyrics may have been something like this: "Thank you Lord for saving my soul. Thank you Lord for making me whole. Thank you Lord for giving to me thy great salvation so rich and free."

GRATITUDE IS A BLESSING. Because of their thanksgiving, Paul and Silas were enabled by God to rise physically, psychologically, and spiritually above their circumstances. Gratefulness is a priceless gift from a loving God who desires only the best for us all.

*Dr. Bill Bennett is an ordained RCA Minister serving the Crystal Cathedral as the Lead Pastor for the Evening Service. This devotion is based on a message Dr. Bennett delivered during the Evening Service on August 15, 2009. (Additional scripture references: Philippians 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Luke 17:11-19.)*

# COME & BELONG family

## EVENTS

### Join us for "Family Fun Night 6" !

Friday, October 9, 6:30 – 9 PM  
Welcoming Center's Freed Theater

Come for fun, games, dinner, and more! Meet other families of the Crystal Cathedral and bring your friends and neighbors to score more points for your team! You'll be glad you came when you see the excitement in your children's faces as they join you in team competition that is fun for all ages. Each month there are many newcomers, so if this is your first time, you'll fit right in!

This month's theme is "Plant Seeds!" So, come see how we work that into the evening's activities. Also, enjoy music with Miss Amy and inspiration with Whitney Patterson.

Reservations are requested, 714-54-GLORY (714-544-5679). Contact Whitney with any questions, 714-971-4242 or whitneyp@crystalcathedral.org.

## Family Fun Night 6



September's "Family Fun Night" winning Violet Team with 166 points!



## KIDS

### Ignite, Connect & Transform @ Kid Power Plant

Sundays, 9:30 am, 11 AM, or 1 PM  
Family Life Center

Now in its fourth year, thousands of children have learned the essential Bible stories from Genesis through Acts in Kid Power Plant! You'll want to get your kids involved in this exciting Sunday program where kids ignite, connect, and transform with each other through the love of Jesus. Every Sunday they'll experience exciting, power-packed, interactive worship and discovery. 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 first (9:30 AM), second (11 AM), or third (1 PM) Kid Power Plant hour on Sunday mornings. Volunteers needed:

- Teachers (lessons & love)
- Kiosk Helpers (check-in)
- Tech Crew

Please call 714-971-4087 for details.



## STUDENTS

### Jr. High

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

SUNDAYS: Go deeper into God's word during this time of discovery. We meet Sundays at 11 AM in the Family Life Center basement, room B22 along with our Sr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.



### High School

WEDNESDAYS: This mid-week program shatters the stereotype that church is boring. It is designed to celebrate life and relationships, and 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!

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



### Have a Heart for Youth?

If you are strong in your faith and feel called to encourage our youth with the love of Christ on Tues. or Wed. nights, contact Brett DaPena for volunteer details: 714-971-4180. If you're that person, our students need YOU!

## Student Ministries

*Where dreams become reality!*

Brett DaPena, Director  
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 714-971-4180-4180



## SCHOOLS

### CC Schools: Positive Values & Curriculum

At the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School (grades K-12), Monday through Friday, 7 AM until 6 PM, with school in session from 8:25 am to 3:15 pm, positive values are developed, creativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

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

For more information, go to [crystalcathedral.org/academy](http://crystalcathedral.org/academy), or call 714-971-4159.

### Preschool: Loving Christian Environment

Recognized in Orange County with a Five-Star Preschool rating, the fully accredited Crystal Cathedral Preschool offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum for children ages 2-5.

Open from 7 AM until 6 PM, Monday through Friday, the school features a loving Christian environment, low teacher/child ratios, low staff turnover, and a remarkable facility. Please stop by the preschool, located on the first floor of the Family Life Center, any time to visit, or call 714-971-4141 for more details.

## ask sheila

### Mommy Grace, Not Mommy Guilt

Dear Sheila,

*I hardly ever feel like I'm doing enough as a parent. Where's the joy in parenting that I thought I'd feel? There are moments, but fewer and farther between, and I feel so guilty that I'm not living up to my own standards, no less God's. Help!*

- Guilty Mom

Dear Guilty Mom,

I can relate! One thing I wanted to do more than anything else was to be a great mom. I expected my years as a young mom to be this amazingly wonderful time. But God in his great sense of humor gave Jim and I four sons within seven years' time and, to tell the truth, I felt completely overwhelmed a lot of the time. I was not the mother I expected I would be.

**Find your way into God's loving arms, and he'll help you...**

In fact, mommy guilt was one of my daily companions as I'd yell at my boys. I'd lose my temper with them, and my house would feel completely out of control. But through it, I learned amazing lessons in grace that I would not otherwise have learned. As mommy guilt pushed me to my knees before my heavenly Father, it was there I discovered mommy grace. And what a gift! Would I have learned mommy grace if I hadn't felt the mommy guilt? No.

Find your way into God's loving arms, and he'll help you, especially, to live in his grace, so your precious years as a young mom can be filled with more joy for you and your kids!

In Christ,  
 Sheila Schuller Coleman

*Do you have a question for Dr. Sheila? E-mail your question to her at [asksheila@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:asksheila@crystalcathedral.org).*



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was a fervent and faithful Christian Science believer. It all came together after many years living in Beverly Hills, Lake Tahoe, and eventually Orange County, where they began attending the Crystal Cathedral.

However, life was going to hammer them. At age 46, Paul was knocked down with a major stroke that changed their lives forever.

They were living in Lake Tahoe at the time. There, Donna had become a Campaign Manager for a neighbor, a real estate developer, who was running for the U.S. Senate from Nevada. Though he lost the election, she continued as his "right arm" as he continued to work in politics with such notables as Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Donna and Paul attended both the Reagan and Bush inaugurations.

Paul's first blow was a ruptured aneurysm in his brain. It did not kill him, but medical mistakes nearly caused him to lose his life. Then a stroke paralyzed his right side and took his speech. Years of rehabilitation followed with Donna the faithful coach and cheerleader.

In the middle of the crisis, Donna happened upon the hospital chapel, and decided to go inside. She sat down in the back row, took a deep breath, and started to weep. The tears flowed like a flood and would not stop. Gradually she became aware that a man had come in and sat down close beside her. He was lightly touching her with his arm and shoulder, leaning slightly against her. He just stayed there quietly. A warm and comforting presence, he soothed her soul profoundly. Finally, she stopped crying and turned to look at the man. "No one was there," says Donna. "No one was in the room! I know it was Jesus."

With Donna's persistent and loving coaching, Paul regained enough strength to do volunteer work. His mind was 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, he and Donna came together in a wonderful and meaningful way - a major blessing within this painful loss. Paul lived 22 years after his stroke, going home to be with the Lord in 2004.

Their son Roger is a young tech-genius who lives with his family in Boston. Geographically he is far away, but remains very close to his mother.

Donna is a treasured volunteer, serving in a variety of capacities at the Crystal Cathedral. She was recently commissioned as a Minister-of-the-Day, serving Care Ministries. She is also a MAT graduate, and has been a ministering elder for 11 years. Her most recent venture is serving as the lead volunteer on Crystal Cathedral's "Soup Kitchen" team called "Monday Meals." She loves to help, and her life experience highly qualifies her to do so. She is truly a "light of life" in this world!

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Many people tend to discard prayer in the same way I threw away those avocados. They talk to God and it doesn't seem to work. So, they just give up.

But prayer is an adventure! And real prayer involves both listening to God as much as it does talking to him. God told the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you..." (Jeremiah 33:3). That's two-way prayer. Let me describe how you can enjoy the experience of this kind of prayer:

Begin by relaxing, closing your eyes and blocking out the distractions of the eye and the world. Focus your mind on

something that calms you. When you are relaxed, quietly wait until you feel the stillness of God's presence with you.

Then ask the Holy Spirit to control your thinking so that God's thoughts and ideas will come into your mind. In a humble, expectant attitude, begin to ask God questions about situations, challenges, and decisions you're facing. As you ask each question, pause and wait patiently for God to answer. When you finish, write down what you heard God say to you in the quiet.

There is mountain-moving power in two-way prayer. If you've never prayed in this way before, why not start the adventure of two-way prayer today?

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These times of "solitude and silence" were carefully prefaced with an encouraging message designed to help staff members personalize the ministry's new Mission Statement (see pg. 1), focusing on what God was saying to them about:

- The possibilities in their lives.
- Their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Becoming the person God dreams, desires, and designed them to be.

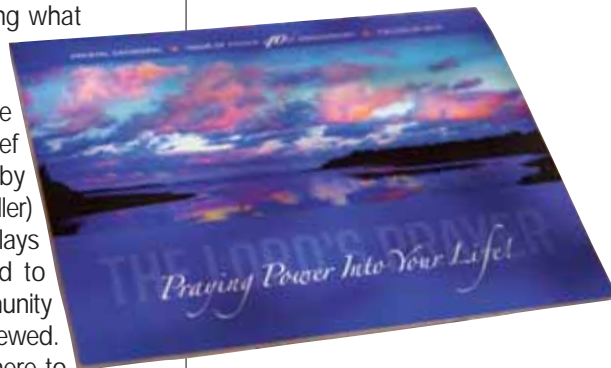
When asked what the highlight of the retreat was, many staff members shared how much closer they felt to fellow ministry team members after sharing what God had revealed during their alone times with him.

Underscoring the entire staff retreat was the belief (prayerfully supported by Robert H. and Arvella Schuller) that a staff that prays and plays together is better prepared to serve the needs of its community members—YOU! We're renewed. We're reenergized. We're here to serve YOU!

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he is ALWAYS listening.

Come on Oct. 18 and you'll receive a free, hot-off-the-press copy of the *Hour of Power's* 2010 wall calendar, which focuses on the Lord's Prayer. A special feature of this coming year's calendar is a description of the importance of each section of the Lord's Prayer, plus special stickers you may apply to your calendar that will help you keep track of God's response to your prayers.



# COME & BELONG

care

## Need to Talk?

Please call us. We're here to listen and to care:

Family Counseling Center, 714-971-4222.

Care Ministry, 714-971-4032.

Crystal Cathedral Pastor, 714-971-4098.

## Extended Care Names

Please contact Care Ministry (714-971-4031, [kymh@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:kymh@crystalcathedral.org)) with names, phone numbers, and addresses of family and friends confined at home or in a care facility. Help us reach out with the love of Christ to our loved ones in need.

## MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY

### We're Here for You...

...with staff members who will listen and care, answering all of the questions you may have during your time of need. Call 714-971-4138, online at [crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial\\_gardens](http://crystalcathedral.org/resources/memorial_gardens)

### JULY 2009 INTERMENTS

Nazario, Carol	8/15/08
Price, Linda	5/14/09
Varner, Betty	7/10/09
Lotspeich, John	7/29/09
Wilterink, Dale	7/31/09

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Divorce & Grief Recovery: Phase 2

Thurs., Oct. 29, 6:30 – 9 PM

Family Life Center, Floor 4

RSVP: 714-951-4084

Cost: \$50/pre-register; \$55/@door; \$7/child (Confident Kids)

Includes: 7 weeks tuition, book, and workbook  
Co-coordinators: Sharon Lockett & George Hansel

Divorce & Grief Recovery continues with Phase 2, where you will find great speakers, understanding, small group support, and even laughter. The "Discovering the Path to Growth" topics are:

- Embracing the Truth that will Set Us Free
- Harnessing Out-Of-Control Emotions
- Help! I've Forgotten Who I Am
- Seems I've Been Here Before
- Letting Go of the Past; Embracing the

### Future

- Learning to Trust Again
- Single, Confident, Compassionate

Concurrent with the recovery program, the "Confident Kids" program enables school-age children to deal with their heartache. It costs only \$7 for each 7-week segment. You cannot even hire a babysitter for that!

### More Support Groups

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE:** Adults who have lost a loved one to suicide meet the first and third Sundays at 1:30 PM in Tower of Hope, Floor 3. For more info, call leader Jeri Livingston at 714-539-1429.

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE:** This caregiver group meets for support and encouragement on the second Friday of each month at 1 PM on Tower of Hope, Floor 3. Call Peggy Woelke, 714-634-2161, for details.

**THE UNWELCOME JOURNEY:** For support in your "Life After the Loss" of a spouse, join leader Yvonne Osko (714-992-6272) and others who understand on Thursdays, 7 PM, in the Family Life Center, Floor 3.

## CARE & KINDNESS CONFERENCE

### "Living Your Faith"

Care & Kindness Conference Coming!  
March 11 – 13, 2010

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

A fresh new banner will promote our 2010 Care and Kindness Conference. It will read, "Living Your Faith," because that is what this event has always been about.

Living Your Faith 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.

Thinking about loving-kindness, consider this powerful statement by one of the leaders of Christian Faith in China today: "To say that God is Love is to affirm God as the Cosmic

## Dr. Kok's Kindness Korner

### Minister-of-the-Day Experiences a "Widow's Mite" Moment

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

In April of '08, Harry called our Care Ministry to ask that someone visit him. Pastor Warren Nelson located the 81-year-old man sitting in a wheelchair in a nursing home. He found out that Harry is alone in the world. Both his wife and his only son have died. A brother visits now and then, but not often.

Pastor Nelson has made a commitment to care for Harry, and makes regular visits.

During each visit, Harry asks Warren to find his wallet, which may be in a closet or a drawer; Harry's never quite sure where he put it last. One time, Harry asked Warren to reach into his pocket for the money he wanted to give. Then, each time, Harry offers some coins, a dollar or two, which he calls his "tithe." He says, "This is for the church."

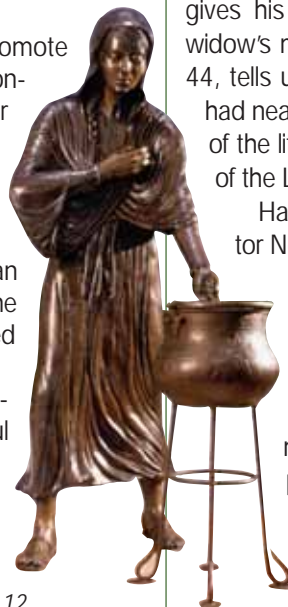
From his meager allowance, Harry gives his all. His gifts are akin to "the widow's mite." The Bible, in Mark 12:41-44, tells us of a woman who, like Harry, had nearly nothing and gave the entirety of the little bit she did have to the work of the Lord.

Harry always perks up when Pastor Nelson arrives. He smiles and declares, "You are my best friend."

"When we pray," Pastor Warren says, "Harry first makes sure he takes off his baseball cap. Then he thanks me for remembering his roommate in the prayer."

This is loving-kindness. Simple. Powerful. Christ-like.

From a meager allowance he is given, Harry gives his all.



# RANCHO CAPISTRANO

## Introducing "Celebrate the Day Teas"

Designed to allow all to experience the blessings of time, meaningful relationships, strong values, and traditions. A truly unique event!

**TEAS FOR CONFERENCES & RETREATS.** Empower your program with "celebrate the day teas" as an added enhancement to your retreat, conference, family reunion, or meeting.

**TEAS FOR CELEBRATION EVENTS.** Foster timeless treasures and traditions as you create heirloom moments to cherish forever with friends, family and loved ones at reunions, girlfriend getaways, anniversaries, birthday celebrations, or your organization's next fundraiser.

**TEAS FOR BRIDES.** Honor brides, their families, and friends with personalized teas. Excellent for bridal showers, bachelorette celebrations, bridal party appreciation teas, and engagement celebrations.

## Beautiful Weddings in God's Spiritual Oasis

Have you considered Rancho Capistrano for your dream wedding? Offering many unique venues year-round, picture strolling Mariachis at your hors d'œuvres 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 overnight accommodations, and meeting you for breakfast the next morning. Our private gated property also features:

- Shimmering lake, towering palms, weeping willows, and eucalyptus trees.
- Spanish mission-style architecture.
- Church or outdoor ceremonies, receptions, rehearsal dinners.

Award-winning chef preparing healthy, gourmet meals.

- Wedding Coordinator for your rehearsal and wedding day.

Offering incentives for morning weddings, and those booked November through February, call 949-347-4000 for details.

## Magnificent Venue for Sparkling Christmas Celebrations

Rancho Capistrano's Conference & Retreat Center offers rooms of all sizes for Christmas celebrations. Imagine a sparkling lake reflecting twinkling lights, rooms with Christmas trees and festive décor, and the road lined with Victorian street lights adorned with flowers and wreaths - the perfect atmosphere for worshipful celebrations of Christ's birthday.

Rancho Capistrano's Event Coordinator will take care of the details so you can be free to engage with your guests during the event. Choose from holiday favorites created by our award-winning chef.

Call our Conference Sales Manager at 949-347-4000 now to reserve your date! Or e-mail: [info@ranchocapistrano.org](mailto:info@ranchocapistrano.org).

## Year-Round Preschool, Kindergarten & After-School Programs

Rancho Capistrano Christian Schools offer an Innovative Educational Program that helps students discover their unique giftedness. With small class sizes and ability based learning, your child will discover their unique gifts, talents and learning style to excel in academics and life.

The school is ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) accredited, with the evaluation team reporting that "...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!'"

For more info, go to [www.ranchocapistrano.org](http://www.ranchocapistrano.org).

### RANCHO CAPISTRANO

#### Crystal Cathedral's South Campus

Section compiled by Darlene Grimes, Marketing Dir.

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#### 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.*

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Lover and to see love as the force directing God's ever-continuing work of creation, redemption and sanctification. Love is the supreme attribute of God, above all other attributes and subordinating them all. Christians are to make Christ-like love the definition of God and the motivation in all God's work...." (From "God is Love" by Bishop K.H. Ting, of China.)

Also this by K.H. Ting: "...it seems to me that to confess that Christ is Godlike is not half as important as to affirm that God is Christ-like and that Christ-like love is the way God

runs the cosmos."

P.S. Once again, there will be a major discount for Ministering Elders and Volunteers.

## FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

### Understand Better Who You Are!

By Burt Winer, MBA, MA,  
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

Gain a better understanding of who you are in light of God's wisdom and his purpose for your life through the help of our Counseling Center's professional counselors.

Our counselors (some bilingual) are avail-

able to help you during life-changing events and with everyday coping issues including pre-marital, marital, family (parent, child, and adolescent), grief, career development, stress management, relationships, recovery, and more. Counselors are available for individual, couple, family, child, and group sessions on a sliding scale. Speakers are also available. Call 714-971-4222.

Parenting with Loving Control (PLC) multi-family sessions, offering ways to bring the family together through caring techniques in a proven program, are available in Spanish and English in the O.C. area. Call 714-538-6387.

# COME & GROW spiritual formation

## CLASS SERIES

### "Come & Grow" Wednesday Nights!

Five Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm, Oct. 21 – Nov. 9  
 Bill Gaultiere, Location TBD  
 RSVP: 714-544-5679. FREE.

We invite you to join old and new Crystal Cathedral friends during "Come & Grow" Wednesday Nights. Come grow closer to Jesus and learn how to walk daily with him. Through beloved Scripture study, wise instruction, song, and small group discussion, discover timeless truths for living and how you can walk with Jesus TODAY in the Kingdom of God on earth.

During this coming Wednesday five-night session with Dr. Bill Gaultiere and the Spiritual Formation Ministries Team, learn to "FEAR NOT." In a time where life, finances, home ownership, and personal freedoms are uncertain, we need to know with complete assurance that our Lord is here to protect, defend, and love us through whatever life brings our way.

Pre-register for this free series today!

### "Women at the Well" Book Study

Wednesdays, Sept. 9, 12 to 1:30 PM  
 Louise Dunn, M.Ed., Tower of Hope, Floor 2

The dynamic spiritual formation group returns, focusing on Bruce Wilkinson's *Dream Giver* (books available for small fee). Join women serious about growing in their relationship with Jesus! Questions? Call 714-971-4045.

## 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](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 prayer requests 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).

### Online Prayer Community

We invite you to join our online Prayer Community at [crystalcathedral.org](http://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.

## TWO-DAY RETREAT

### Come Away to "Breathe with Jesus"

Thurs., 1 PM, to Fri., 3 PM, Oct. 22-23  
 Bill Gaultiere, Prince of Peace Abbey

God is all around us. His Spirit is within us who trust in Christ. But we need slow down to take a breath and open our heart to his life-giving word and his loving embrace. What will Christ do in your life if you set aside 24-hours to breathe with Jesus? On this retreat, Bill will help you to meet with Jesus as your Retreat Director. And Jesus himself will encourage you in your life and your ministry to others! RSVP: 714-971-4123 or [bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org); \$85 (by 10/5) or \$100 (after 10/5).

## MORNING RETREAT

### "Walk with Jesus" in the Gardens of the Crystal Cathedral

Sat., Oct. 10, 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Bill Gaultiere, Art Gallery, FREE

Join Bill in the peaceful Crystal Cathedral gardens with its Bible statues, walk of faith, and flowing waters. Your soul will be renewed as you're guided in a time of spiritual discovery through meditation on Scripture, your own private prayer walk with Jesus, and an opportunity to share and pray with others about what God is doing. RSVP: Barbie at 714-971-4123 or [bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org).

## Soul Care

### Is the Good Shepherd Good Enough for You?

By Bill Gaultiere, Lead Pastor, Spiritual Formation

We pray, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." But do we really mean this?

There are a lot of things that we want in life - things that we're excited about. Food. Projects. Family and friends. Ministry. Movies. Sports. Vacations. These are all good things.

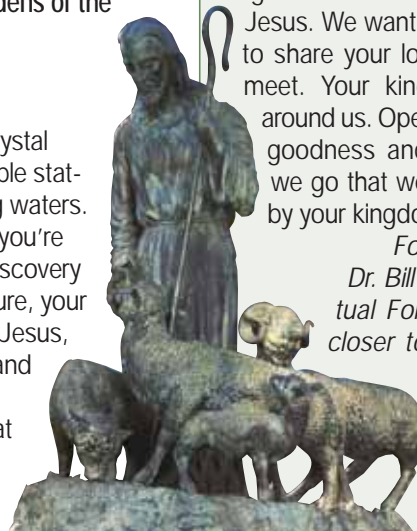
But what about the one thing, the best thing? Is Jesus the one we are most enthusiastic about? Are we most eager to spend time with him? Do our thoughts drift to Jesus? When we lie awake at night, do we speak Jesus' name? Do we look for opportunities to love Jesus in the people we meet?

What would happen to us if we became persons devoted to Jesus like that? You may not want to love Jesus that much! You may not be ready to pray in earnest, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want."

David prays in Psalm 63:3: "Your love, O Lord, is better than life." Many times David's heart leaps with joy as he expresses whole-hearted devotion to the Lord and the Christ who was to come.

Let's pray with David... "O Lord Jesus Christ your love is better than anything else in life! You are the Good Shepherd, the Best Shepherd, the Only Shepherd for us. Yes, the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Jesus, you are our portion - you are enough for us, more than enough - right now and for always. We love you Jesus. We want to love you more and to share your love with everyone we meet. Your kingdom is glorious all around us. Open our eyes to see your goodness and beauty everywhere we go that we might be captivated by your kingdom always. Amen."

For more thoughts from Dr. Bill Gaultiere about Spiritual Formation and drawing closer to Jesus, go to [ccm-grow.blogspot.com](http://ccm-grow.blogspot.com).





## giving and going

### VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

#### Connect With Your Church Community!

VOLUNTEER ONLINE at [crystalcathedral.org/volunteer](http://crystalcathedral.org/volunteer). Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! OR CALL Bonnie Balloch at 714/971-4321. OR E-MAIL [bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org). Current volunteer opportunities:

**SUNDAY 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.

**TRAFFIC GUIDES:** Direct the flow of traffic inside the Crystal Cathedral parking lot. Greet and guide attendees of our Sunday Services, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

**VOLUNTEER SECURITY:** Join a team of people who watch and facilitate a safe worship environment in the cathedral during worship services. Background in security or customer services helpful.

**MORE POSSIBILITIES:** Also seeking those interested in serving as Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses, Sunday Shuttle Drivers, Tour Guides, Tower Lobby Helpers, Kid Power Plant Assistants and more. Call Bonnie for details.

### COMMUNITY MISSIONS

#### Meeting Needs & Providing the Human Touch...

By Gudelia Ramirez, Community Missions Pastor

The purpose of the Community Missions Department is to support local organizations with their efforts to serve the community. The department operates through the generous donations of volunteer time, goods, and money from the Crystal Cathedral Congregation and the local community. We then funnel these donations through to the agencies that need help with food, clothing, school supplies, and a human touch.

We also work with:

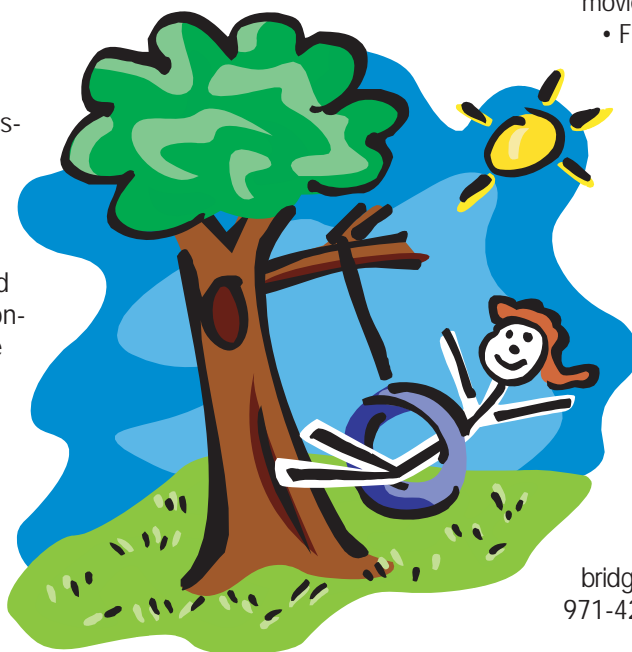
- A team of tutors to conduct ESL classes.
- L.A. Mission, providing school

supplies, clothing, food, and hygiene items.

- House of Hope and Cactus Garden, offering food, clothing and fellowship to those in the transitional housing.
- Village of Hope and Mustard Seed Ranch, supporting these facilities with volunteers and more.
- Lampson School, helping with school supplies, uniforms, and reading programs.
- Local low-income housing associations, providing fellowship, food, clothing, and toys for holiday celebrations. And more.

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

Celebrate the upcoming holiday season by collecting and donating canned goods and toys for our neighborhood families in need.



### NEW HOPE

#### New Hope Fall 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 on five Sundays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 1, 2 - 5:30 PM, on Tower of Hope, Floor 3. Contact Barbara at 714-971-4123 or [bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org) to register or for more info.

### JOY OF GIVING

#### Experience the Joy of Giving!

Celebrate the upcoming holiday season by collecting and donating canned goods and toys for our neighborhood families in need. On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26 at 10 AM and Sunday, Nov. 29 at 7 PM in the Crystal Cathedral, celebrate through giving the second annual "Joy Drive."

GIFT ITEMS NEEDED:

- Diapers
- Toiletries (for teenage guys and gals)
- Gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, etc.)
- Socks & Underwear (in all sizes)
- Blankets
- Jackets
- Family-Friendly DVDs & Popcorn (for family movie nights)
- Family Games

• Wrapping Paper and Tape

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

- Canned Goods
- Vons Gift cards (for turkeys and perishables for Christmas dinner)

HELP NEEDED:

- Volunteers to assist at tables on the Plaza in November and December.
  - Photographers to capture activities relating to the Joy Drive.
  - Help collect and transport goods following the Nov. 26 & Nov. 29 events.
  - Help to package goods following services on December 6 & 13.

For details, contact Beth Groombridge ([bethg@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bethg@crystalcathedral.org), 714-971-4281).

## Garden Ministry is Blooming!

By Bonnie Balloch, Director of Volunteers

The new volunteer "Gardening Ministry" at the Crystal Cathedral is blooming! You have probably already noticed that the gardens in our beautiful campus are looking more manicured. We want to thank the great volunteers who have dedicated hours each week to weeding, pruning, and watering our gardens and grounds.

Each year, thousands of people make their pilgrimage to the Crystal Cathedral with the intention of coming closer to the presence of God. For many, nothing brings them closer to our Lord than experiencing the beauty of his magnificent creation. It is our goal to bring the presence of God to those enjoying the beauty of our outdoor ministry.

For one to three hours each week, if you'd enjoy, trimming, pruning, watering and completing other helpful tasks that will keep our glorious garden grounds beautiful, call me at 714-971-4321.



The purpose of the Community Missions ministry of the Crystal Cathedral is to plant seeds of Christ's love that help to strengthen family communication.



Most of our Gardening Ministry team so far. Join us!

## Hour of Power

Dr. Schuller, you have been an inspiration to me for many years, especially when I was surrounded by a great deal of negativity.

Your **positive messages** have contributed so much to my life.

People around the world have come to

**know**

Jesus through the *Hour of Power* because of your positive and inspiring messages. Jon and I love the *Hour of Power*.

Dee & Jon Vaughters, Surprise, AZ



The messages I hear on the *Hour of Power* week after week are so simple, yet profound and life-changing. And I love the guest interviews, too—they always add flavor and offer an extra blessing to your program.

Debbie Swaby, Manchester, Jamaica

Please keep preaching your positive message. With all the negativity put out by the media today, we need your message more than

ever. Hearing the positive message reminds us just how blessed we are and that we are really fortunate to live in this wonderful country.

Walt O. Anderson, Arvada, CO

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 traumatic childhood memories and restoring my soul and spirit to a much healthier place.

Anonymous

# calendar

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26	Thanksgiving Service



### coming....

The Glory of Christmas: 12/3-1/3  
 Christmas Eve Services: 12/24  
 Care & Kindness Conference: 3/11-13

## 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

Women's NetWorkOut: 9 am, AG, 714-971-4080  
 Cathedral Singles: 7 pm, FLC-3, 714-971-4061  
 Jr. High "Neon": 7 pm, FLC-gym, 714-971-4180

### wednesday

Men's Bible Study: 7 am, T-2, 714-971-4236  
 Women at the Well: 12 noon, T-2, 714-971-4095  
 Sr. High "Surge": 7 pm, FLC-gym, 714-971-4180

### thursday

Toastmasters: 7 am & 7 pm, T-2, 714-971-4123

### saturday

Bible Film Series: Co-ed, 7 am, FLC-221, 714-538-9341  
 Laubach/ESL/Literacy: 9:30 am, FLC-3, 714-971-4325  
 Aerobics: 9 am, FLC-LL, 714-971-4080

### KEY

AG Art Gallery	FLC Family Life Center
ARB Arboretum	FT Freed Theater
CC Crystal Cathedral	LL Lower Level
CHP Chapel in the Sky	MG Memorial Gardens
FL Family Lounge	T Tower of Hope
	WC Welcoming Center

## upcoming events

# Family Fun Night <sup>6</sup>

## Plant Seeds



Friday, October 9, 6:30 – 9 PM  
 Welcoming Center, Freed Theater

Join other families for a FREE night of...  
**FOOD! GAMES & PRIZES!**  
**MUSIC! INSPIRATION!**

For more details, call 714-971-4080

With Dr. Bill Gaultiere, discover how to "FEAR NOT." Be assured that our Lord is our loving Protector day and night, 24/7. To register for this FREE seminar, call 714-544-5679.



# COME & GROW

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Five Wednesdays  
 Oct. 21 – Nov. 18, 7 to 9 PM  
 Location TBD

# WALK WITH JESUS

## Morning Retreat

Sat., Oct. 10, 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
 RSVP: 714-971-4123, FREE  
 Meet @ Art Gallery

Walk with Dr. Bill Gaultiere through the peaceful Crystal Cathedral gardens to renew your soul as you're guided in a time of spiritual discovery.