

“Let the field be **JOYFUL**, and all that is in it. Then **ALL** the trees of the woods will **REJOICE!**”

Psalm 96:12



**OC LIVE!**  
Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join you on Sat., Sept. 19! More details, pg. 14 & 16.

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## A MONTH FILLED WITH JOYFUL BEGINNINGS!

### September Possibilities for YOU!

In September, it's all about "New Beginnings" as we present a joy-filled new message series, begin a new Wednesday night spiritual growth series on Psalm 23, invite our community to join us at OC Live: Community Fest '09, kick off the fourth annual Kid Power Plant, and more.

Sunday morning speakers in September - John Ortberg (Sept. 6) and Tony Campolo (Sept. 13)

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### Social Networks: Connecting You with Your Crystal Cathedral

We continue to expand our communities and social networks to connect with you where you are. Just as Dr. Schuller first reached out to the early Crystal Cathedral congregation in a drive-in theater, today we are where you are – on Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and YouTube.

Join us on Facebook, one of the most popular social networks today with millions of users and is still growing. In line with our mission to reach the unchurched, we urge you to connect through Facebook to help grow our ministry to reach

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### Let Your Daily Living Become Joyful Giving

By Robert H. Schuller

I want to share something with you that can absolutely transform your life. It will turn it upside down, inside out, and will put a bloom where there was gloom. It's the simple secret of joy-filled living that I first learned many years ago from my

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sundays

9:30 & 11 AM in the Crystal Cathedral

# UNSHAKEABLE

*Joy*

Every Sunday this month, experience unshakable joy with Robert H. Schuller, Sheila Schuller Coleman, and these special guests...

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

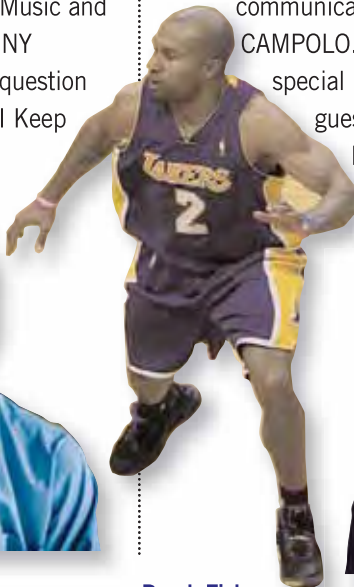
JOHN ORTBERG continues the message series by asking, "How Big is God?" Music and interview guest GINNY OWENS poses this question in song, "How Can I Keep from Singing?"



John Ortberg

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Concluding the message series is renowned Christian communicator TONY CAMPOLO. Plus, special interview guest, L.A. Lakers' DEREK FISHER.



Derek Fisher



Tony Campolo

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ROBERT H. SCHULLER, with the morning message, welcomes interview guest SHAUN KING, and music guests ANTHONY EVANS and NORTJE VON MIDDELKOOP.



Robert H. Schuller



Shaun King

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

SHEILA SCHULLER COLEMAN begins the new message series, "Life Unlimited," and welcomes music guest DEIDRA HUGHES.



Deidra Hughes



Sheila Schuller Coleman

### 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.

### UPDATES

#### Looking for More on Sundays?

Been attending Sunday services, yet long to connect in a more personal way with others and God's word? If that's been your experience, then a Sunday morning fellowship group would be the perfect place for you. Extend your Sunday morning by dropping in to any of the groups listed, or call Maureen Winer, 714-971-4062, for more details and help in finding the group that would be perfect for you!

#### Career Builders September Speakers

Career Builders' provide for you the best speakers and topics based on biblical principles that will help you to succeed. Every Sunday in the Tower of Hope, Floor 3, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, learn from high-paid professionals who give of their time for us:

- 9/6: Career Builders Toastmasters Club.
- 9/13: Celebrating Grandparent's Day with Darlene Merkler, "When is it Time to place an Elderly Loved One?"
- 9/20: Lauri Sompres (topic TBA).
- 9/27: Myra Wilson, "The Entrepreneur in You."

Be encouraged and lift the spirits of others - reach out and invite your friends and business associates! For more info, call Robbie at 888-244-4420.

#### Homebuilders: Offering Vast Choices for Seniors

By Dorothy Gourley Shaw, Homebuilders

Homebuilders overflows with opportunities for seniors to step out and enjoy life. Sunday fellowship begins at 8:45 AM in the Art Gallery, with light refreshments and a half-hour sing-along, followed a "We Care Prayer" time and Pastor Glenn DeMaster with an inspirational message.

A warm reception awaits you, with hopes that you will choose to join us in the joy we share.



### 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 Starbuck's 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 Starbuck's 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

### Bill Weller: "Mr. Hospitality"

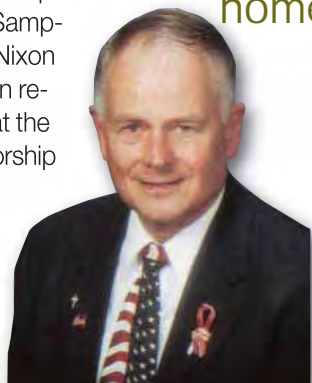
By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

Before most of our ushers and greeters arrive for duty on Sunday mornings, Bill Weller is taking care of the early arriving guests from distant places. These are the folks whose eyes fill with tears as they enter the Crystal Cathedral. They have included a 95-year-old long-time *Hour of Power* viewer, a wheelchair-confined "Make-a-Wish" recipient, and those who have traveled long distances to spend a memorable birthday at this special place. Bill Weller's aim is to make sure their blessing continues. A serious-looking, well-dressed man with an official demeanor, he is there to lead them to the best seats possible every Sunday morning.

His journey to this place began as a child attending Sunday School at a Christian Science church. He says he never met Jesus there. God yes. Jesus no. And after the early death of his young wife Kathryn at age 45, little spiritual activity focused his life as he continued to raise his daughter and two sons.

Bill had an engineering B.S. from UCLA, and an MBA also, but his minimal church experience led him to conclude that churches were unfriendly places. So, that part of his life never developed. He invested his life in a variety of jobs, including many years with North American Aviation and the Apollo Space Program.

Bill started to change when he met a young Crystal Cathedral pastor-in-training, Dunston Sampson, at an event at the Nixon Library. That conversation resulted in Bill stopping in at the early morning Sunday worship service in the Chapel-in-the-Sky. There he started to learn about Jesus. A few weeks later, he slipped into the 9:30 service



where Robert H. Schuller was preaching. Growth was deepening, and this new place was becoming his spiritual home.

It was his Amway sideline that led to the next profound spiritual step in his life, which came sometime after he started growing at the Crystal Cathedral. Seeds had been planted and were germinating, and then one day he attended another of many Amway luncheons. They always included devotions, followed by an altar call. Bill said, "Something happened to me and I floated to the front." Bill was spiritually changed from that day forward. Today he is the committed man we see helping on Sundays – mornings and evenings.

Maybe it is that early experience, where he concluded that churches were not welcoming places, added to his deep appreciation for what he has found in Christ that made him the "Mr. Hospitality" that he is today. Whatever it is, Bill deserves that title for the way he connects with and embraces newcomers on Sundays. He is the kind of person who gives a church a positive reputation, attracting people first to the welcoming place and then to the loving spirit of Jesus Christ.

**Growth was deepening, and this new place was becoming his spiritual home.**



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# COME & BELONG **connect**

## NEW LIFE

### Character-Changing Seminars

Whether you're a church member, a recent visitor, a seeker, a long-time or new believer and want to grow in your faith, 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!



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

## WEDDINGS

### Beautiful Options for Your Special Day

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!" Nestled in the center of a 40-acre, beautifully landscaped campus is the nine-story Crystal Cathedral, it is widely known to be one of Southern California's most spectacular wedding settings.

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 you dreams.

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

## GET CONNECTED

Crystal Cathedral  
714-971-4000  
[info@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:info@crystalcathedral.org)  
[www.crystalcathedral.org](http://www.crystalcathedral.org)

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

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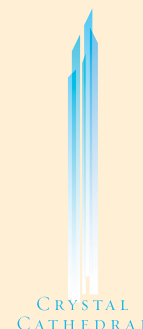
## BAPTISM

### Infant & Child Baptism

A public expression of the fact that your child belongs to God, baptism is 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. Contact Maureen Winer at 714-971-4062 or [maureenw@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:maureenw@crystalcathedral.org).

### Adult Baptism

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, please let us



# COME & BELONG **adults**

## 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 friends.

## MEN'S NETWORK

Fall Men's Retreat

### boys to men MEN TO MENTOR



Sept. 25-27 weekend  
714-971-4187  
With Bob Cavinder &  
Juan Carlos Ortiz  
San Mateo Campground  
San Diego, CA

Be sure to set aside the weekend to enjoy the fellowship of men during the Crystal Cathedral's Annual Men's Retreat, "Boys to Men, Men to Mentor." Bring your sons, brothers, neighbors and friends!



### 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.

## 50+ primetime



## MATURE ADULTS

**50+ PrimeTime: September Luncheon**  
Thursday, Sept. 24, 11:30 AM, Arboretum  
RSVP: 714-971-4032 or  
50plus@crystalcathedral.org

Come for the fun and fellowship and be sure to bring your friends! This month, the 50+ PrimeTime catered luncheon returns, \$5 at the door. Highlights include:

Margie Tabor Zuliani – Sketching profiles and helping us experience the challenge and satisfaction of expressing creativity through art exploration. Owner and director of Legacy Arts Studio & Gallery, this award winning art teacher will show us how art generates joy!

Mr. Stan Brock – Introducing us to the Orange County Council on Aging, a valuable resource few know about.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Women's NetWorkOut**  
Begins Sept. 15, 9 AM  
Rhea Zakich and Michelle Cavinder,  
Art Gallery  
Info: 714-971-4080

It's a new day! God is calling us to stretch and strengthen our spiritual muscles this coming year. We'll fix our eyes on Jesus, and our weekly meetings will be a time to practice spiritual exercises, training ourselves to apply the teachings of Jesus. Instead of coming to a "Bible study," we'll arrive for a "spiritual workout." And, just like at the local gym, we'll begin at the level of training that's right for each one of us. Come and enjoy working out with women of all ages who want to discover the love, joy, peace, and power of the Holy Spirit.

### Fall Women's Retreat

October 13-15, Info: 714-971-4236

Any bridges you need to cross? Wondering how to get from where you are to where you want to be? During the "Love Can Build a Bridge" Women's Retreat, Rhea Zakich and Michelle Cavinder will help you discover that the Bridge over troubled water is available to you!



## CO-ED FELLOWSHIP

### Veterans Meet this Month!

The next meeting of the Crystal Cathedral's Veteran's Fellowship will be held on Tues., Sept. 1, 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@crystal-cathedral.org](mailto:maureenw@crystal-cathedral.org)), or Chaplain Chuck Trout (714-836-4981, [chaptrout@aol.com](mailto:chaptrout@aol.com)).

### 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 more details.

## monthly devotion

### Jaw Dropping Surprises

By Jim Penner, CEO, Crystal Cathedral Ministries

I went for my daily run a few days ago around sunset. At the crest of a small hill, I rounded a stand of trees to reveal that perfect elevated angle where the valley is below, the sky above, and it seems that you can see for miles. What lay before my eyes was a sky seemingly hand painted by God from light to dark blue with orange and varying shades of purple clouds. This sunset was no ordinary sunset. This was something completely unexpected—a surprise—a surprise for my eyes.

The scene was so breathtaking that I began to think about the surprises in our lives. Good surprises and bad surprises. Life is filled with all kinds of surprises, but the ones we really remember are what I call “jaw dropping surprises,” those times when what you just saw, or heard, or was done to you came completely out of left field—for good or bad. They are the times when something or someone literally rocks your world.

Maybe it's a doctors report—for good or bad. The cancer has come or the cancer has gone. Maybe you just found out that a baby grandchild is on the way when your daughter had previously been told she could never have children. Or it's tragic news that your grandchild was just killed in a car accident.

Maybe it's family news. Your son or your daughter announces their engagement and your mouth literally opens in a jaw dropping surprise. Excitedly you say, “Did you see who my son is marrying?” Or filled with anxiety you say, “Did you see the head case my daughter is about to marry?”

Maybe your latest jaw dropping surprise was financial. You opened that envelope in the past year and found that your retirement account lost 30 or 40 or 50 percent. Or you found that your health insurance costs were going up or your benefits were dropping.

Take a moment and think back to the last time you had a jaw dropping surprise. If you've lived life on this earth you don't have to be here very long to receive one. They are a part of life – they are inevitable. They can be painful. Tear in-

voicing. Faith challenging. Withdraw from society inducing. They push us toward relief such as alcohol or painkillers. They push us toward cynicism and skepticism. Jaw dropping surprises can literally tear us apart—or—they can make us stronger because of one simple fact. No matter what happens to you in life, no matter how far you are pushed to the breaking point—as sure as I'm sitting here there is one fact I am convinced of—Jesus Christ is still on the throne. Receive that great gift of contentment Paul talks about in Philippians 4 by giving your cares to Jesus!

*Philippians 4:11 – 13:  
“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be I need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength.”*



# COME & BELONG family

## EVENTS

### "OC Live" Community Fest

Saturday, September 19, 12 – 4 PM

FREE admission!

Crystal Cathedral's North Parking lot will once again be filled with thousands of CC members and friends as we welcome those in our surrounding community to join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship! There'll be bounce houses for the kids, special activities geared exclusively to our youth, hot air balloon rides for all ages, and music and munchies for every taste – something for everyone! Invite a friend! (To volunteer, please call Bonnie at 714-971-4321.)



### "Family Fun Night" September!

Friday, September 11, 6:30 – 9 PM

Freed Theater

Come join other families for a FREE night of fun!

FUN pizza!

FUN games & prizes!

FUN music!

FUN inspiration!

Join us this month when the theme will be "Let Your Light Shine!" Bring your friends and score more points for your team! For more information, please call 714-971-4080.



Congratulations Team Red, the winning Family Fun Night team in August!

## KIDS

### Kid Power Plant

Sundays, 9:30 am, 11 AM, or 1 PM

Family Life Center

In September, Kid Power Plant begins its fourth year! Thousands of children have now learned the essential Bible stories from Genesis through Acts. This month, we'll kick off the fourth year of this exciting Sunday program where kids ignite, connect, and transform with each other through the love of Jesus.

Parents, bring your kids every Sunday to 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 more details.

## SCHOOLS

### CC Schools: We're Baaaack!

The children have returned, filling the halls once again with laughter, and ringing voices!

At the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School (grades K-12), Monday through Friday, 7 AM until 6 PM, positive values are developed, creativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord.

All school levels have all received the highest accreditation report possible by Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The high school has graduated students who have gone on to Eastman School of Music, USC School of Architecture, just to name a few.

For more information, go to [crystal-cathedral.org/academy](http://crystal-cathedral.org/academy), or call 714-971-4158.

### Preschool: Five-Star Rating!

Recognized in Orange County with a Five-Star 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.

### Donate Your Stuff!

Crystal Cathedral Schools is having a rummage sale sponsored by the Parent Teacher Team on Sat., Sept. 19 in conjunction with our OC LIVE Community Fest. Bring your quality items to the Academy Office in the Family Life Center, Room 206; leave outside if the door is closed. Deliver large items to the Arboretum on Fri., Sept. 18, 10 AM to 4 PM.

## STUDENTS

### Jr. High

**TUESDAYS: Returns Sept. 22!** 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:** 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 Sr. Highers for a great time of worship, community, and Bible Teaching.

### High School

**WEDNESDAYS: Returns Sept. 23!** 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!

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### Love God & Love Youth?

If you feel called to encourage our youth on Tues. or Wed. nights, contact us for more volunteer details:

Student Ministries  
Brett DaPena, Director  
crystalcathedral.org/ccsm  
ccsm@crystalcathedral.org  
714-971-4180-4180



## ask sheila

### Abundant Living: A Taste of Heaven on Earth

Dear Sheila,

*I was not a Christian when I married my husband of 23 years. Ten years ago, I gave my life to Jesus. My life has changed somewhat, but frankly I am afraid to grow too deep in my spiritual walk for fear that it will drive a wedge between my husband and me. Whenever I talk about spiritual matters with him he sneers. So, I pray and read my Bible but keep my spiritual life private. Should I keep going this direction or be more forthright about my relationship with Christ?*

- *Hiding My Light under a Bushel*

Dear Light under a Bushel,

Your signature pretty much says it all! You've answered your own question.

**As you do this, your light will grow bright and brighter.**

I would suggest that you grow and grow and grow in the Lord. You do that by reading God's word, spending time with fellow Christians, and by praying. As you do this, your light will grow bright and brighter. You don't have to talk to your husband about your deepening relationship with Jesus—you just have to walk it. And pray for him.

Jesus didn't just come to save us for heaven in eternity. He came to save us so we can experience a bit of heaven on earth. He said, "I have come that you might have life, and...have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). As your husband sees you living a truly abundant life, he will become hungry and thirsty for the same. That's good news!

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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will speak on "Unshakable Joy." During the message series, you will come to understand better the stable trustworthiness of our loving Lord who wants us to experience a depth of joy that only he can offer. Be there – the joy will be contagious!

Sheila Schuller Coleman begins a new message series, "Life Unlimited," on Sept. 27.

On Five Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 9, Dr. Bill Gaultiere, will take us through the beloved and timeless Psalm 23, helping us to discover the "green pastures" and "still waters" that the Lord offers to renew our souls and heal us where we hurt. See more details about this free series on pg. 13.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 12 to 4 PM, we will once again invite our neighbors in the surrounding community to join us for another day of fun-for-the-whole-family at OC Live: Community Fest '09. This is also a great opportunity to bring your friends and family to experience the love and welcoming spirit of your Crystal Cathedral.

Volunteers are needed, so Michelle encourages you to join the OC Live Team by contacting Bonnie Balloch (714-971-4123, [bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org)). See more details on page 14.

Michelle Cavinder, who leads the planning of this outreach event says, "This is an awesome way to get to know others in the ministry and use your gifts to reach our local community in a unique, warm, and welcoming way."

The next day, on Sunday, Sept. 20, we'll re-launch Kid Power Plant into its fourth year. "During the first three years, hundreds, even thousands of children learned the essential Bible stories from Genesis through Acts, and spiritual formation classes are beginning," says Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman, Executive Director of Ministry and Mission. Sheila assures us that the high energy and nurturing environment of Kid Power Plant will continue with new and exciting programs sure to ignite, connect, and transform your child!

Come be an essential part of an exciting "new beginning" at your Crystal Cathedral!

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out to new friends around the world. Leave messages and invite your friends to join in! Become a friend of Sheila Schuller Coleman Join a group. Choose *Hour of Power*, Crystal Cathedral, and Mommy Grace with Sheila Schuller Coleman. Leave a message, add a photo, post a link, and invite your friends to join you! Become a "fan" of *Hour of Power* and Crystal Cathedral. Learn about important events and ministry announcements. Watch videos, read notes, and get widgets you can post on your profile to help spread the word about our ministry.

*Follow us on Twitter.* On this micro-blogging platform, we post ministry updates, daily prayers, devotions, and what's happening in our ministries. Sign up to receive tweets from *Hour of Power*, Crystal Cathedral, Dr. Robert H. Schuller, and Sheila Schuller Coleman.

*Watch video clips on YouTube.* Clips include *Hour of Power* promo clips, unforgettable messages from great pastors, guest interviews, and incredible music.

*Become a MySpace Friend.* Read and comment on our blog. Find out about the upcoming *Hour of Power*, and read articles about the *Hour of Power* and Crystal Cathedral Ministries.

“My mother had **discovered** that the way to put **joy into life** was to forget about yourself and **do something** beautiful in a wonderful way for somebody else.” –Robert H. Schuller

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mother who had a very tough life. She was married to a good man who raised crops on an Iowa farm through some terribly difficult years. I saw my mother have some low days and I discovered what she did to change a gloomy mood into a blooming mood.

When apples were in season she would pick them, peel them, slice them, and then roll out a piecrust to bake an apple pie. Everybody was happy in the household as she started whistling and singing hymns while making her apple pies. She made each pie heaping with apples and sprinkled in lots of cinnamon.

My mother never made just one pie; most of the time she made two. She'd always say, "One is for my family. The other one is for someone who needs it." Then she would send me down the road to deliver that second pie to someone who was sick or had a very meager income. My mother had discovered that

the way to put joy into life was to "forget about yourself and do something beautiful in a wonderful way for somebody else." She understood well the joy that comes through giving.

If you want to be a truly miserable person, just be as selfish as you can. I have never seen a twinkling, happy, enthusiastic person who is also stingy. It just doesn't work.

Next time you're having a "down" day, recall an experience where you were really up. I can tell you when it was. It was the time you listened to somebody who needed to be heard or comforted. Or it was the time you prayed a prayer or gave a word of encouragement and positively lifted someone's spirit. It was the time you packaged a very treasured and gorgeous gift and gave it to someone you deeply love.

Jesus said, "If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it" (Matthew 10:39, NLT). Let your daily living become daily giving and you will have a life filled with JOY!

# 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 for you, 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

Barnes, Ann	7/02/09
Chun, Chris	6/30/09
Clymer, Jack	7/06/09
Kreps, David	4/12/08
Reynolds, Opal	6/17/09
Rodriguez, Guadalupe (Teresa)	6/22/09
Ung, Virak	5/29/09

## FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

### Discover God's Purpose for Your Life!

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 available 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) multifamily 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.

## SUPPORT GROUP

### Divorce & Grief Recovery: Miracles Happen!

By Sharon Lockett

Thurs., Sept. 10 – Oct. 22, 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

After leading Divorce and Grief Recovery at the Crystal Cathedral for 18 years, people have asked, "You work with sad people all the time. Isn't that depressing?" The answer is emphatically no! I can't think of a more rewarding place to serve.

People would give anything not to need to walk through our doors. They come to us in various stages of brokenness. Just getting from the parking lot to our room is a major accomplishment that first night. Three weeks later, still feeling fragile, they have found a home. Sometimes they can even lighten their pain with laughter. It's a wonderful thing to watch, and I see miracles walking around every Sunday.

A couple of years ago I ran into a former participant. She had so changed it took me a while to recognize her. After a hello hug, I asked how she was doing. She responded, "I'm dying. But thanks to you, I'm dying in peace." Her story? Her husband left her when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was sick, angry, broken, and afraid when she walked through our doors. We couldn't change her circumstances, but we

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## Dr. Kok's Kindness Korner

### World Brightening Behavior: Offer Sincere Compliments

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

"You look great." "I like doing business with you." "You have a good attitude." "I love your smile." When a clerk, a stranger, a friend, or a family member says or does something helpful, encouraging, or kindly, inside each of us are appreciative feelings, words of admiration, and gratitude. Such feelings and thoughts are popping up all the time. Yet, often these positive feelings and thoughts remain unexpressed.

It is there, but it is kept inside. LET IT OUT!

Spread, spray, sprinkle appreciative thoughts and grateful feelings on people. Take a second during, or after, any transaction, and put into words a short sentence of thankfulness, appreciation, or admiration. Make it simple, direct, sincere, and personal. Make it a habit.

Sometimes it helps to plan ahead to offer such a parting gift. Take five seconds, while the clerk is ringing up your bill, to plan what you will say, then say it with a smile.

Example: I was on the telephone trying to get repair service for our home phone. As the service representative finished with me, I paused and then said, "You are really a nice person." She literally gasped and then gushed appreciation.

I routinely respond to cashiers and clerks who

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# RANCHO CAPISTRANO

## CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

### Plan Now for the Holidays

During the upcoming holidays, share a magical place with your friends, colleagues, and loved ones. Create lasting memories beside a sparkling lake reflecting twinkling lights, in rooms filled with Christmas trees and festive décor, beside a road lined with Victorian street lights adorned with flowers and wreaths.

Choose from mouth-watering seasonal entrees such as bourbon glazed spiral ham, roasted prime rib with herbs and brandy sauce, honey apricot glazed breast of chicken, salmon with lemon and herbs cort blanc, and roasted smoked turkey breast with oyster and sage dressing.

Your Rancho Capistrano event coordinator will take care of the details so you are free to visit with your guests during the event. Call 949-347-4000 to learn more.

### Build Trust & Communication

Our Ropes Challenge Course, facilitated by Challenge-U, offers Low Ropes, High Ropes, or both.

The low ropes are a series of problem-solving activities that ask a team to come together to complete a task, discovering, developing, and practicing new skills as they move through the exercises. The challenges are low to the ground and increase in difficulty as the day progresses.

The high ropes course takes "challenge" to a higher level, up to 40 feet off the ground. With the support of trained technical staff and their teammates on the ground, a harnessed climber creates the opportunity to experience the value of risk taking in a safe environment. Both the climber and the ground team experience what is possible when courage replaces fear, and when trust, support, and communication are the foundation of teamwork.

Call 949-347-4000 for details.

## CEREMONIES & RECEPTIONS

### Wedding Dreams Come True...

Looking for a place to have your rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony, and reception in one place? Rancho Capistrano is your answer.

Choose from church, garden, plaza or courtyard ceremonies. Enjoy cuisine prepared by our award-winning chef, and the service of a staff who will do all they can to make your wedding a dream wedding. Your photographs and videos will be ones to treasure, with our lush landscaping, rolling hills, and sparkling lake with island gazebo as a backdrop. Overnight rooms are steps away, and you can plan a breakfast the next morning for out-of-town guests!

We offer clergy to perform your ceremony, and a wedding coordinator for your rehearsal and wedding day. Our reception packages offer wonderful enhancements, such as a second-site option of for your hors d'oeuvres reception.

New design packages feature stunningly coordinated options for your reception and offer you more time to put the little details in place because we take care of the major elements such as centerpieces, linens, place settings, linens, and chairs.

Call 949-347-4000 for more info, or visit [www.ranchocapistrano.org/ranchweddings](http://www.ranchocapistrano.org/ranchweddings).

## RANCHO CAPISTRANO

### Crystal Cathedral's South Campus

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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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could love her through it and share those things that help us cope with the unthinkable and forgive the unforgivable. She took that to heart, and as her body began to die, her spirit began to soar.

Do you understand why I do what I do? Really, I do it to say thank you to the dozens of people who invested their time and love in me when my heart and home were broken. Within 13 months, I faced four major deaths in my family, one of them my infant son. Within a month of burying our baby, my husband turned to alcohol. I lost my home and struggled to find employment. My toddler and I began again, and the path was often painful. Fast forward - that "toddler" is now a sociologist helping other families who face handicap in their homes. He recently married and is establishing his own home. What we faced was sad, but dozens of people lightened our load. I do it for them. I do it to "comfort with the comfort wherein you (I) have been comforted" (II Corinthians 1:4).

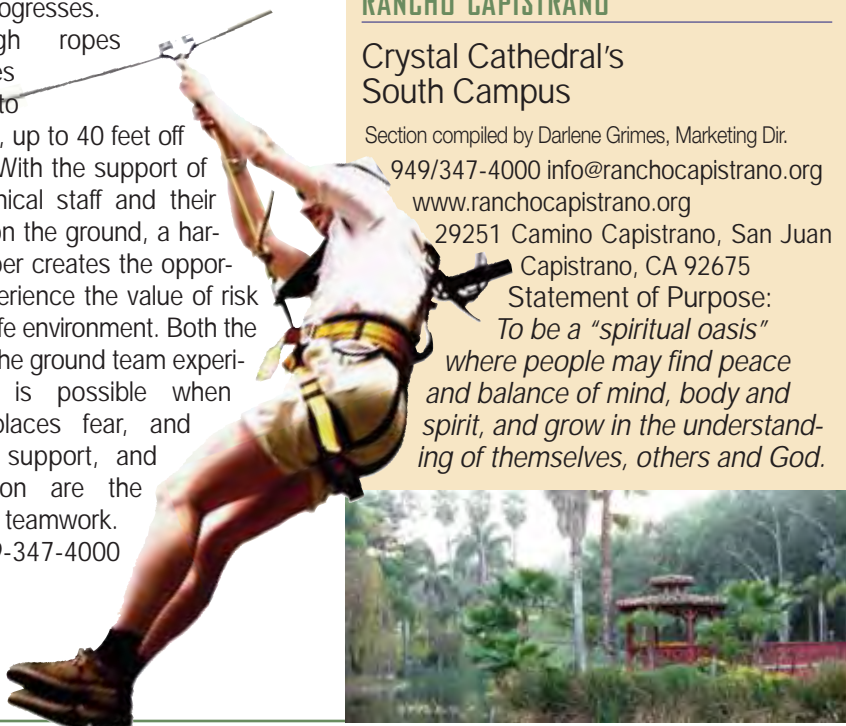
We are far more than "divorce and grief recovery." We become "family" to those who have been displaced through death or divorce. We become a haven to those facing major illnesses or heartaches. This fall we will have special tables for the separated and divorced, widows and widowers, caregivers, Spanish or Chinese speakers, and those with "other grief" (illnesses, family or friend deaths, or heartaches). When adult hearts are broken, children's hearts are broken, too. Our Confident Kids program runs concurrently so we can help families through tough times.

Are you facing heartache? Join us. We can't change your circumstances, but we can love you as you learn that God still has a plan for your life...a plan for good, and not for evil (Jeremiah 29:11).

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mechanically say, "Have a nice day," with these words: "Thank you. You have just made it nicer."

The surprising secret about all these "world brightening" tactics is this: the compliment-giver's life brightens in the process of lifting the spirits of others. Happier people are created by giving kindness from a heart filled with Christ's love.





## spiritual formation

### CLASS SERIES

#### Praying Psalm 23:

#### Following the Shepherd of our Souls

Five Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM, Sept. 9 – Oct. 7  
 Bill Gaultiere, Family Life Center 470  
 RSVP: 714-544-5679. FREE.

Through this beloved and timeless Scripture, discover the “green pastures” and “still waters” that the Lord offers to renew our souls and heal us where we hurt. With Dr. Bill Gaultiere and the Spiritual Formation Ministries Team, learn how to pray to Jesus from your heart: “The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.”

#### “Women at the Well” Book Study

Returns Wed., 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.

### MORNING RETREAT

#### Walk with Jesus

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.

### TWO-DAY RETREAT

#### 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 those who trust in Christ. But we need to 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, 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; \$85 (by 10/5) or \$100 (after 10/5).

### 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 your own Prayer Journal of prayer requests, responses, and prayers for others.
- Develop spiritual friendships with participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.



## Soul Care

### Entrust Your Soul to Jesus

By Bill Gaultiere, Lead Pastor, Spiritual Formation

No matter how hard we try, it seems we just can’t be good enough to be acceptable to God. For instance, how many of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-7) have you violated? Have you...

...looked to someone or something other than the Lord as your top priority?

...given your heart to something you’ve made or bought?

...disrespected God’s holy character with unholy words?

...neglected to set aside time each week to worship God?

...neglected to honor your parents for the good they’ve done?

...attacked anyone with your anger?

...lusted after anyone who is not your spouse?

...taken something that doesn’t belong to you?

...been dishonest with someone?

...coveted what someone else has?

We’ve all violated many of these commandments. So, the starting point in your soul’s journey to God and his blessings is to admit it and ask God to forgive you. Instead of trying to rely on your own attempts to be good and manage your life yourself, turn your life over to Jesus.

Jesus alone satisfied God’s law by living a perfect life. He sacrificed His holy life on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to conquer sin and death. He alone can take away your badness and shame and give to you his goodness and wholeness—now and forever! What greater gift could we receive than this? Nothing. The greatest blessing in the world is

to live with the awareness that we are forgiven and graced as loved children of the King!



## giving and going

### VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

#### Connect With Your Church Community!

*Volunteer online* at [crystalcathedral.org/](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:

**CLERICAL T-10 TEAM:** Kym and the Care Ministry team seek help with answering phones, greeting guests, and light clerical work. Choose shift: M-F, 9 AM – 12:30 PM, or 12:30 – 4 PM.

**NEW HOPE DATA ENTRY:** Louise and Barbie need four hours of your help each week, keying in the volunteer counselors' call sheet info. Choose your shift.

**KID POWER PLANT HELPERS:** Have a heart for kids, and the families of this congregation? We need teacher's aides and check-in kiosk helpers during all services, but especially at 1 PM.

**MORE POSSIBILITIES:** Also seeking those interested in serving as Crystal Cathedral Ushers, Kiosk Hosts/Hostesses, Sunday Shuttle Drivers, Tour Guides, Tower Lobby Helpers, Traffic Ministry Guides, and more. Call Bonnie for more details.

### JOY OF GIVING

#### Have a Green Thumb?

An exciting announcement—there's a new volunteer "Gardening Ministry" at the Crystal Cathedral! This new venture offers you the opportunity to express your stewardship, your love, and your investment in our beautiful church grounds.

The Gardening Ministry's mission is to be a behind-the-scenes volunteer task force that commits time and energy to maintaining the beautiful grounds that God has entrusted to us. 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 expe-

riencing 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.

If you'd enjoy, for one to three hours each week, trimming, pruning, watering and other helpful tasks that will keep our glorious garden grounds beautiful, call Director of Volunteers Bonnie Balloch at 714-971-4321.

#### Join the Crystal Cathedral Choir!

If you can sing well and read music easily, consider becoming a part of the Crystal Cathedral Choir family! We are a group of amateur and professional musicians who come together every week to lead the Crystal Cathedral Congregation locally and around the world in worship.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 PM from September through the end of June. Contact Beth Groombridge in the Music Ministry for more details

and to set up an audition! Call 714-971-4150 or e-mail [bethg@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bethg@crystalcathedral.org).

#### OC Live – Volunteers Needed!

We'll be celebrating our third annual outreach festival to the community with a new name – OC Live! On Saturday, September 19, 12 – 4 PM. That's when all Crystal Cathedral ministries and fellowship groups will roll out the red carpet in our North Parking lot for our neighbors. And we need your Help invite and welcome our neighbors to the CC!

**EVENT VOLUNTEERS:** Help with a variety of tasks including planning, set-up and day-of hospitality and coordination. Contact Bonnie Balloch (714-971-4123, [bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:bonnieb@crystalcathedral.org)).

**PEP RALLY:** Sat., Sept. 12, 9 AM in the Welcoming Center's lower level, join Sheila Schuller Coleman to get the word out to the community. Wear your walking shoes. Water bottles, short scripts, and warm fellowship provided.

### COMMUNITY MISSIONS

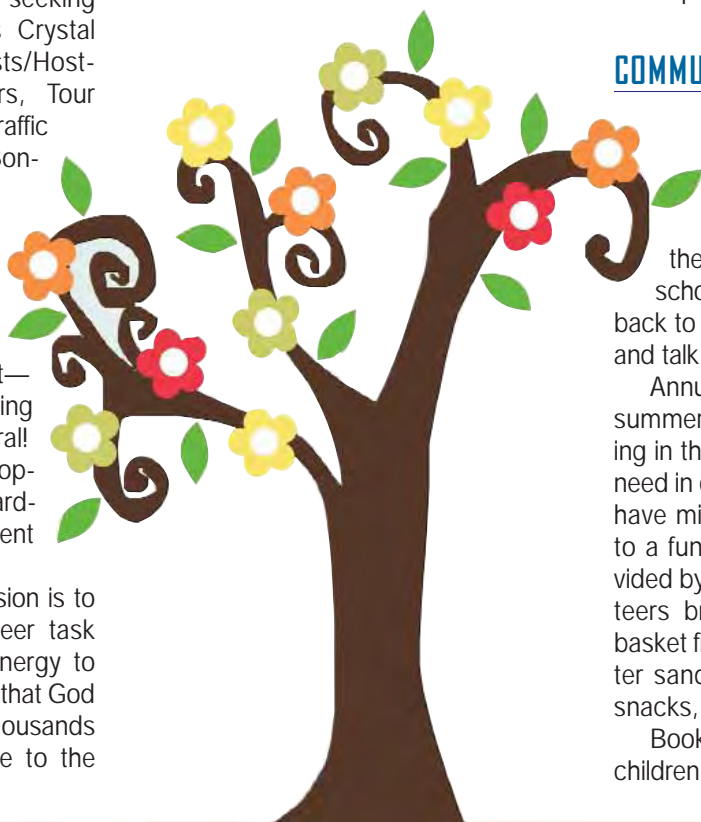
#### Reading in the Park

By Gudelia Ramirez, Community Missions Pastor

It was summertime, at last! All the neighborhood kids were out of school and it was time for them to go back to the Twin Lakes Park to read, play, and talk with old friends.

Annually on most Wednesdays in the summer, Crystal Cathedral hosts "Reading in the Park," a program for children in need in our surrounding community. Many have missed breakfast and look forward to a fun time and a delicious lunch provided by the Crystal Cathedral. Our volunteers bring books, balls, and a picnic basket filled with freshly made peanut butter sandwiches, seasonal fruit, cookies, snacks, and cold drinks.

Books are set beneath the tree for the children to choose one for us to read to them until the all the kids have arrived. We always read a book with a good message to motivate kids to respect and



help each other, especially those who are in physical, moral, or economical need.

For the homeless people in the park, which include even families with children, we provide sandwiches and snacks, words of encouragement, and special blessings to let them know we care about their situation and we welcome them to our program.

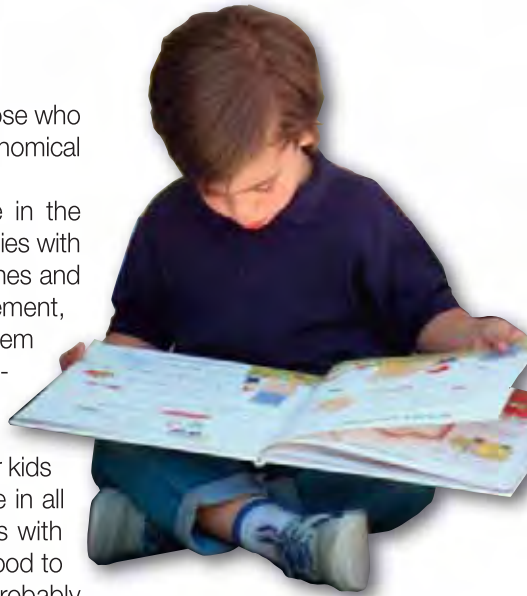
Adults who arrive with their kids are encouraged to participate in all activities and fill grocery bags with leftovers and other donated food to take home. This summer, probably because the recession has hit typically male dominated jobs the hardest, more men arrived with the kids as the moms worked. It was enjoyable to hear the men talking about childhood memories and learning more about the surrounding nature and community dynamics.

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. We accomplish this through multigenerational activities in open spaces, integrating races, cultures, and resources to improve the standard of life within our community. If you would like to be a part of the Community Missions team, contact me at [gudeliar@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:gudeliar@crystalcathedral.org) or 714-971-4047.

## NEW HOPE

### Lend a Listening Ear

If you would like to minister to those struggling in their spirits and with their emotions by listening to, caring for, and praying with them, we have a class for you. Led by Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope and Spiritual Formation, and Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, a series of New Hope classes will begin soon. For details, call Barbara Barrientos at 714-971-4123.



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## Hour of Power

### Angels from the Ashes in New Zealand

*On November 22, 2008, while Hour of Power viewers Rowan and Margaret Smiley were away in Auckland, NZ, the power supply to their house shorted out and their kauri (all-wood) villa burned to the ground. Here's their story...*

The Monday after the fire, we visited the burn site with our pastor and all that was left of our home was some charcoal and shells of the refrigerators. Everything was gone; the heat had been so intense that the brass taps had disappeared, and the glass and pewter had melted. Trees 100 meters away had caught fire. Among the debris, we sighted some white objects. As we cleared away the rubble, there in the ashes were four tiny china angels from a set of six that we had collected from the Crystal Cathedral Ministries over the years. Three of the four were intact, the fourth was split perfectly in two, and we were able to repair it.

The survival of these angels, in what must have been intense heat, has been told over and over by us and by the *Hour of Power* staff in Australia. It has caused many to think about God and what they believed. This experience has affirmed in us a number of valuable lessons:

1. People matter.
2. It is harder to receive than to give.
3. God doesn't send adversity, but gives us the strength to handle it.
4. You can witness even when you aren't present.
5. God can take our worst nightmares and use them for good.

We are so very grateful for the support and prayers from the Crystal Cathedral Ministries team!



# calendar

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### coming...

"Giving Thanks"  
Dinner: 11/14  
Thanksgiving  
Service: 11/26  
The Glory of  
Christmas:  
11/27-1/3

## 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 NetWorkOut: 9 AM, AG, returns Sept.  
15, 714-971-4080

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

## upcoming events

### Family Fun Night <sup>5</sup>

## Let your Light Shine



Friday, September 11, 6:30 – 9 PM  
Welcoming Center, Freed Theater

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

For more details, call 714-971-4080

FREE entertainment!  
FREE bounce houses!  
FREE student zone!  
FUN hot air balloon!  
YUM food faire!  
Bring neighbors & friends!



Saturday, September 19, 12 – 4 PM

## Praying Psalm 23

FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS

Five Wednesdays,  
7 to 9 PM, Sept. 9 – Oct. 7  
Family Life Center 470

With Dr. Bill Gaultiere, discover  
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