

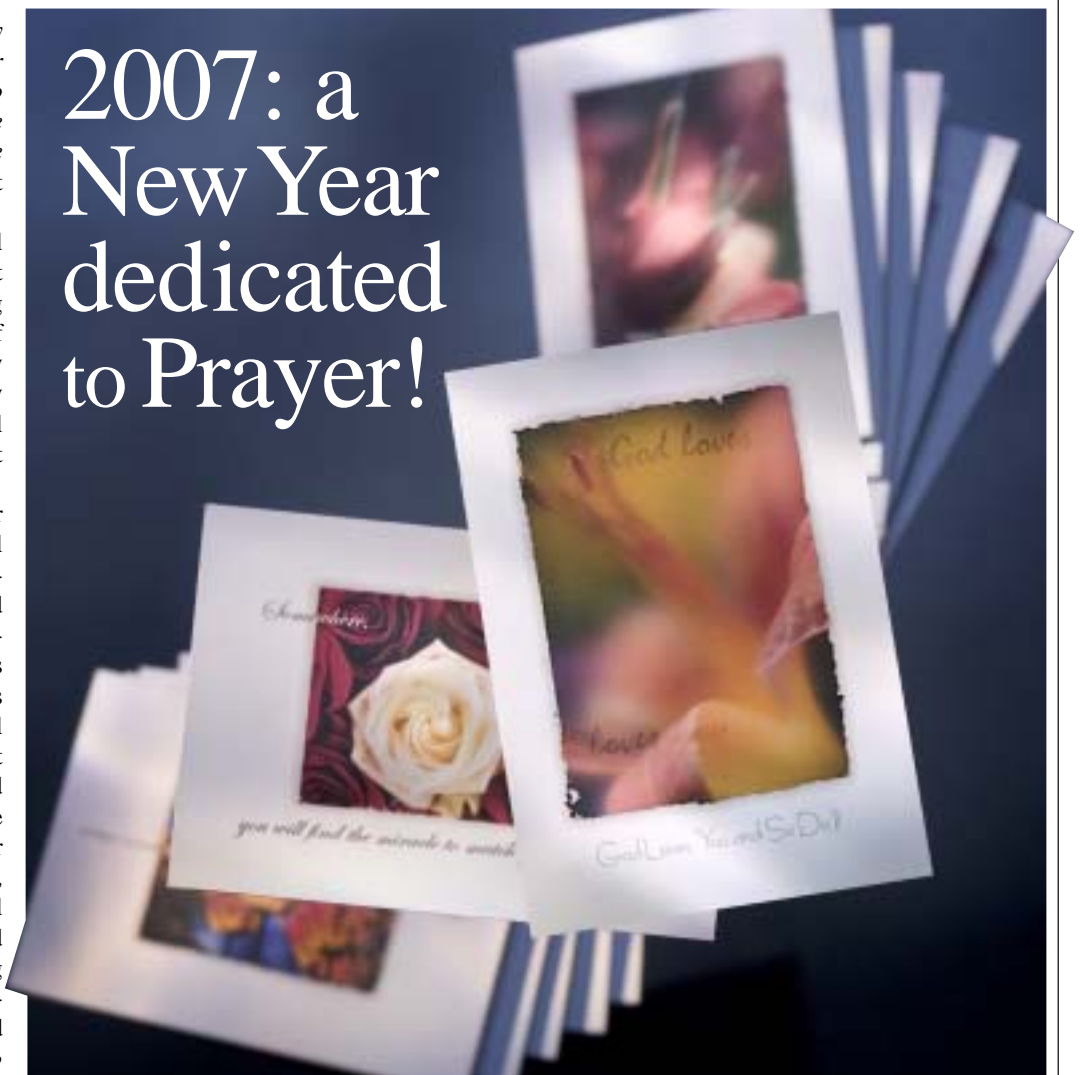
**I** promise that this ministry will continue forward in our unfaltering dedication to helping you, and yours, live lives empowered by the positive power of prayer." - Robert Anthony Schuller

It is because of your faithful and enthusiastic support that the Crystal Cathedral can bring the prayer-focused Hour of Power into your home every week. And Robert Anthony Schuller is especially grateful for your support during his first year as your Senior Pastor.

And to thank you for your participation in the Crystal Cathedral - our "church without walls" - we have designed a set of 12 beautiful, high-quality note cards with envelopes for you so that you may bless others with your thoughtful sentiments and heartfelt prayers. When your friends and family members celebrate important milestones in their lives - birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or other special occasions - choose to send them one of these 12 inspiring cards (two sets of six cards featuring inspirational slogans and

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# 2007: a New Year dedicated to Prayer!



## Thank you for your year-end support!

Without you, we wouldn't have seen the sunrise this New Year! You did it again with your generous gifts and pledges.

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# POWERLINES

MONTHLY NEWS FOR Hour of Power SPIRITUAL SHAREHOLDERS AND FRIENDS



You've read about it...now come to the place where our faith began!

Sunday, October 14, to Tuesday, October 23, 2007

I have had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land dozens of times. And, each time, I'm awestruck by the feelings that well up in my heart when I'm in the place where Jesus was born and lived," says Robert Anthony Schuller. "I would like to invite you to come to the Holy Land with me this October."

***A trip to the Holy Land is the ultimate journey of faith for every Christian.***

A trip to the Holy Land is the ultimate journey of faith for every Christian. It will positively fire up your faith and deepen your understanding of Christianity, as you walk, live, and breathe in the places where Jesus walked, lived, and preached. The journey is comprised of a series of hands-on Bible lessons you'll experience in the very places where our faith began.

You'll walk through the ancient sites described in the Bible - Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of

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## EAGLES CLUB 2007 PREVIEW!



You know the Hour of Power is the only source of spiritual nourishment for an untold number of persons in the United States and around the globe.

You know that, as a member of our Eagles Club, you are part of the core group of supporters of the Hour of Power who provide nearly 30% of the yearly operating budget. Without you, our faithful Eagles Club members, the Hour of Power could not be on television every week.

This year's "thank-you" gift for Eagles Club members is a stunningly cut lead crystal bowl. Etched around the rim is the scripture, Isaiah 40:37: "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength!"

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"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...'" -Luke 11:1

As Christians, God has called on each of us to pray. But, how do we put ""power"" into our prayer lives? How do we, through prayer, experience the ultimate power of God?

As a young man, I remember listening to Dr. Ray Beckering pray. Ray was a beloved pastor at this ministry for many years and one of my father's most influential mentors. One Sunday morning after hearing another one of his powerful prayers, I



## This New Year, Put Power in Your Prayer!

went up to him and said, "Ray, please teach me how to pray. I want to pray prayers like you."

Ray said to me, "The first thing you do, Robert, is to realize to whom you're praying." What Ray taught me with that simple remark was to begin each prayer by describing the God you have in your mind.

When you are having a tough time and need God to intervene, you may want to exclaim, "God, please help me!" But, that is less than the best way to begin. To honor God as you prepare your heart to receive His blessing, it is best to follow the lesson Christ, Himself, taught on how to begin a prayer.

When the Apostles came to Jesus and said, "Lord, teach us to pray," Jesus responded by saying, "When you pray, say these words: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Notice that there has not yet been one single petition. All Jesus did, so far, is to tell us about God and how wonderful He is, how He works, and what He is all about.

That is exactly how Ray Beckering said to start a prayer. To put power in your prayer, first you must recognize to whom you are praying.

I recommend that when you start your next prayer, you say, "Our Father" or "My Father." By doing so, you recognize His power and His ability to intercede in your life to make a difference and to perform amazing miracles that can come only through Him, our Father, hallowed be His name.

ROBERT ANTHONY SCHULLER

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powerful Bible verses).

Request your note card set today! Your gift to this ministry of \$20 or more for each set will keep this prayer-empowered ministry alive!



Join our powerful Prayer Community online!

Robert Anthony Schuller invites you to join our online Prayer Community at [www.hourofpower.org/prayer](http://www.hourofpower.org/prayer) to:

- Submit your prayer requests.
- Start a Prayer Journal.
- Respond electronically to others' prayer requests.
- Develop spiritual friendships with other participants.
- Grow in your understanding of prayer through online resources.

## Behind the Scenes at the Crystal Cathedral Maria Llamas,

"Dr. Schuller's Possibility Thinking message saved my life," says Maria Llamas, a 25-year employee of the ministry who started working at the Crystal Cathedral shortly after turning 18.

Her first position was Data Entry clerk in

Donor Services, and Maria appreciated her supervising her how to use a computer as a good typist and became operators in the department. "I received an award for 1,500 letters daily."

During her 25 years, she has served in just about every position in the department. Today, having been promoted to Manager of Donor Services three years ago, she supervises a 31-person staff. This is her "first stop" for incoming letters where every letter is opened, answered, and every request forwarded to the proper department. Services each day, phone calls are also sent out to thank them for their gener-



"Since I became a Christian several years ago, I have been visiting different churches every Sunday to find my church home. I stumbled upon your ministry while surfing the Internet one evening and was really impressed. I watched the *Hour of Power* the following morning and sang along with the beautiful hymns and prayed along with you. I have felt more

connection. *Power* that has become a Congregation provide, and

## A New Year's resolution: connect, and to



How do people like you benefit from the many learning and fellowship opportunities emanating from our "church without walls?" Here is what Joanne Singh, one of our members from Holtville, California, has to say:

"Dear Pastor Schuller, I serve as a lay speaker in my local church. When the minister asked me to speak in September, I suggested he find someone else, because I was too busy teaching at the local community college. Then I visited the Crystal Cathedral Web site to register for the Women's Conference, and I saw the Crystal Cathedral Learning Network. After listening to one of Dr. Beverly Muffin's lessons and one of yours, I picked up the phone, called my minister, and accepted the speaking assignment. I wanted to tell people about this resource and suggest they use it.

"I have joined your global membership, and I have given two terminally ill cancer patients their 'Tickets to Heaven' cards that you designed. I'm a New Hope Online volunteer counselor and have participated in Dr. Bill's Christ's Ambassadors Group.

"Your ministry is very impressive, and your outreach offers an unbelievable level of encouragement to those of us in your television audience."

"It's amazing how God can connect and teach people,

### Another to connect

"My father (a long-time Club member who got together on a week after we watched *Power* and discussed the program that feeds us. You help us put the right steps in our

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## Maria, Manager of Donor Services

es, and Maria remembers with her supervisor Pat Caseras teaching her to use a computer. "I was a very fast learner and became one of the fastest in the department," she says with a smile. "I received an award in 1988 for processing requests daily."

In 25 years of employment, Maria has learned just about every position within Donor Services.

Today, having been promoted to Manager of Donor Services, she supervises a team of seven person staff. The first thing she notices from her incoming communication from her viewers, Donor Services is that as soon as the letter is opened, each phone call is handled or forwarded to the proper department. From Donor Services, phone calls, e-mails, and letters go out to encourage donors and thank them for their generous support.

Every day in Donor Services, prayers are also prayed over each request received. "We are like a big family," says Maria of her staff and their connection with donors living around the world.

To do the best job possible each day, Maria says she receives much inspiration from three of Dr. Schuller's slogans, which are framed and hanging in her office:

**"Turn your scars into stars."  
"Today's impossibilities are tomorrow's miracles."  
"For every mountain there's a miracle."**

The first slogan is especially dear to Maria's heart. "One of the first things I learned from working at the Crystal Cathedral was how to turn my scars into stars," Maria says. A mother at 15 and a survivor of domestic violence, Maria went through a very tough divorce a number of years ago. During that time,

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connection to church by watching the *Hour of Power* than by visiting local churches. I have since become a member of the Crystal Cathedral Global Congregation. Thank you for the ministry you provide, and God bless you.

— JUSTIN J. LITZ POTTSTOWN, Pennsylvania



## Resolution to ignite, and transform you!



"I fellow-wall with you?" even though they are thousands of miles apart," says Dr. Bill Gaultiere, who, as Executive Director of the Crystal Cathedral's New Hope Crisis Counseling Center (now in its 39th year), leads our Christ's Ambassadors Spiritual Formation Group. "The purpose of this group is to encourage people in their growth as positive disciples or apprentices of Jesus, and it is another illustration that the Crystal Cathedral is truly a 'church without walls!'"

### Another way to connect...

Joanne (a long-time Eagles member who lives in Wood, Washington) and I connect together on the phone every week after we watch the Hour of Power and discuss the program that feeds us spiritually. It helps us put into practice the steps in our walk of faith."

TRESSA NELSON

Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska

"You wouldn't think that people living in Ohio, Minnesota, New Mexico, and California could meet together weekly in order to learn how they may grow spiritually, meditate on scripture, and pray for one another's relationships with God. But, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the use of the Internet, they can!"

Like Joanne, you too may experience new and life-changing principles in our "church without walls" by joining the Crystal Cathedral online.

Ignite your faith in Jesus Christ and expand your knowledge of the Bible while watching the exciting video Bible lessons with our Senior Pastor Robert Anthony Schuller.

Connect with others through Houses of Power, where people may participate alone, as a family, or gather as

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

Many of you have heard about my new vision and new dream to hold the Robert Harold Schuller Forum for Possibility Thinking Leadership – Faith Forward from January 22 to 24, 2007!

What an amazing collection of minds you will hear at this Faith Forward Forum — the broadest group of thinkers ever brought together – Pentecostals to Calvinists and everything in between. This will not be another "preacher's conference." You will not be inspired to preach sermons. We've done that for over 30 years. No, this is a Faith Forward Forum, where you will be inspired to THINK theologically, like you never have before!

I strongly believe God is on the move, raising up His leaders for the future, solidifying the thinking of contemporary pastors, and calling forth seasoned pastors to pour their hearts into the younger church.

Faith Forward doesn't just stage these forward — moving voices. It places them in dialogue - grappling with today's issues and tomorrow's strategies, turning SKEPTICS into SEEKERS!

For information about conference registration and satellite feed details, go to [crystalcathedral.org/faithforward](http://crystalcathedral.org/faithforward). To make reservations by phone, call 714-544-5679.



#### The "Best of Faith Forward" via Satellite!

If you are not able to come to the Crystal Cathedral, bring Faith Forward to your hometown church via satellite! On Wednesday, January 24, Church Communications Network (CCN) will broadcast highlights from the first two days of Faith Forward, plus live segments from the third day. Experience the best of Faith Forward – one powerful day of incredible, uplifting messages from three generations of leaders!

ROBERT H. SCHULLER

### NEW HOPE & TEENLINE COUNSELING

For 24-hour crisis prevention:

dial 1-714-NEW-HOPE or visit [www.NewHopeNow.org](http://www.NewHopeNow.org)  
Teenline: dial 1-714-NEW-TEEN or visit [www.teenline.org](http://www.teenline.org)

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They shall mount up with wings like Eagles! They shall run and not be weary! They shall walk and not faint!"

Golden Eagles will receive their bowl filled with 24 petite roses. Watch for further details in next month's PowerLines.

### You are our best "investment!"

"We have been Eagles Club members for a number of years, and the return on our investment is only known to God. The results are in His hands. We believe that \$50 a month is a small investment to send the message of Christ around the world."

DR. & MRS. ROLLAN GONGWER  
Oro Valley, Arizona



"My husband was tragically murdered one year ago, and the *Hour of Power* has really ministered to me."

LAUREE EARLY  
Mesa, Arizona



#### Dear Sheila,

Every year, I make New Year's resolutions, but I can count on one finger the one I kept. As a father of a teen son, I feel like a bad example. Should I encourage him to set New Year's resolutions even though I can't keep mine? — *Desperately Seeking Better Habits*

#### Dear Better Habits,

Join the club! Most of us fail to keep our New Year's resolutions. I believe we fail because we attempt to correct negative behavior from a negative perspective.

For example, we might resolve to lose weight (a negative behavior) by not eating as much.

A positive alternative for you and your son would be to pray and brainstorm about the goals that God wants you to set. Instead of resolving to quit something, try planting the positive seeds of a dream.

Dad often shares about how Grandpa stopped

pulling weeds on the Schuller farm and, instead, planted alfalfa seeds to push out the weeds. In terms of goal setting, think of it this way - try planting positive dreams in your son and yourself to push out the bad habits.

Most people are afraid to set goals for fear of failure. But, the wonderful thing about pursuing a goal is that, whether the goal is reached or not, in the process positive habits and character traits are formed, something no one can ever take away.

Moreover, remember to make your dreams and goals big enough for God to fit into them. The bigger the goal, the more you will have to depend on God. Of all the things your son will learn from goal setting, this is the lesson he needs the most.

As you dream and set goals together, I pray that this will bring, for you both, a very happy New Year!

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



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Gethsemane, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Mount of Beatitudes, and many more.

This is an amazing opportunity for study and fellowship, and to get to know many of your *Hour of Power* friends from around the world. As part of this unforgettable journey, you and your fellow pilgrims will see and hear Robert Anthony Schuller give a special

talk every day of the trip.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to the Holy Land and experience the "church without walls" that is the Crystal Cathedral, as we take you to experience, in person, the place where our faith began.

For information, please call 714-544-5679. ■

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Evelyn Reingold, a co-worker in Donor Services, became her mentor. "She was a dear friend," says Maria. "Not only did she believe in me, but she also took me under her wing and taught me about patience and understanding."

When Evelyn suggested to Maria that she call Crystal Cathedral's Professional Counseling Center for help with her struggles, Maria followed her advice. "I learned how to love myself and others, and that there were better things in life than being mistreated," says Maria. "I think that was the turning point in my life!"

As she healed and grew in God's love, Maria found happiness with Ezequiel, her wonderful and supportive husband, and joy in mothering her four sons: Richard (27), John (26), Ezequiel, Jr. (8), and Samuel (5).

"You can say I have grown up in this ministry," Maria adds. "I know this is the place where God always wanted me to be." ■

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friends. All you have to do is make a simple statement of positive faith, and decide to make your home a place of Possibility Thinking and Possibility Living, filled with faith, hope, and love.

Transform your soul as you learn the fundamental principles of our church with Dr. Beverly Muffin's Heidelberg Catechism lessons, become a positive influence in others' lives through Pastor Jim Kok's Care and Kindness course, and serve

Christ locally or nationally with the help of our Director of Involvement and Service Ministry Calvie Hughson.

For more information about these and many other opportunities, go to [www.hourofpower.org](http://www.hourofpower.org) ■

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## The Crystal Cathedral Walk of Faith

Honor the life or the memory of your loved one by placing their name along with a powerful and inspiring living Bible verse, on a beautiful granite stepping-stone on the Crystal Cathedral Walk of Faith, along the glorious gardens of the Crystal Cathedral grounds. The proceeds endow the upkeep of the flowers and the beauty of the grounds that offer so much hope, inspiration, and encouragement to people like you visiting the Crystal Cathedral every day.

For information or to reserve your very own stepping-stone, please call Beth Muma at 714-971-4000.

### Millennial Memorial Wall

Remember this ministry in your will and estate, and your name will be remembered forever on this glistening black granite wall in the very heart of the 40-acre Crystal Cathedral grounds!

Call (714) 971-4126 or visit the Crystal Cathedral web site at: [www.crystalcathedral.org/support](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/support)

### The Hour of Power Convenience Gift Plan

Join the *Hour of Power* Convenience Gift Plan and save time, and the hassle of writing checks and mailing letters. Electronic funds transfer is safe and easy. You authorize the amount of your monthly gift and the date each month that you want it deducted from your account. The deduction will show in your monthly bank statement. Call 1-800-9-POWER-9 for more information or visit [www.hourofpower.org](http://www.hourofpower.org)

## January on the Hour of Power



**January 14:**  
**Coach Lou Holtz**, the motivational miracle worker who brought Notre Dame's Fighting Irish to nine bowl games and a national football championship.

**January 21:**  
**Emily Schreiber**, the amazing 14-year-old founder of Laps for Cystic Fibrosis, who has raised \$600,000+ for CF research by swimming laps.



\*All guests scheduled at press time.