

Sparrows Club Members

REAP POSITIVE REWARDS THROUGH SEEDS OF GENEROSITY SOWN



Each 2009 Sparrows Club Member will receive this treasure-like porcelain seed box containing one 7½-foot biodegradable strip that hosts the Dahlia Zinnia flower.

Every year we wait with glorious anticipation for the dark days of winter to give way to the vivid colors and sweet fragrances of spring that usher in new life, new moods, new ideas, and new faith. However, before we reap the rewards of spring, we must first plant and water the seeds that miraculously unfold into beautiful colors and fragrant

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Peace Be Still

Sculpted by Dallas Anderson, 1999

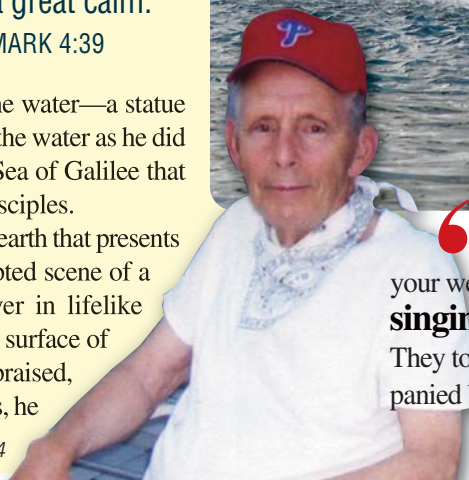
Peace Be Still is one of three works of art sculpted for the beautiful Crystal Cathedral garden grounds by internationally acclaimed sculptor, Dallas Anderson. This bronze masterpiece is located in the large reflective pool immediately adjacent to the Tower of Hope.

Dr. Schuller often referred to the water courtyard area as a “garden of peace” and, in the early 1980s, he began imagining an inspirational sculpture actually in or on the water—a statue of Christ walking on the surface of the water as he did when he calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee that threatened his fearful, fisherman disciples.

There may be no other place on earth that presents such a dramatic and dynamic sculpted scene of a documented event captured forever in lifelike detail. As Christ takes a step on the surface of the rippling water, with one hand upraised, his headdress filled by stormy winds, he

“And (Jesus)... rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.”

—MARK 4:39



“I can’t begin to tell you how much I appreciate your weekly *Hour of Power* program. I especially **enjoy singing the old hymns** because I grew up with them. They touch my soul like nothing else as I hear them accompanied by the Cathedral’s **majestic pipe organ.**”

L. DALE WANNER, Williamsburg, VA

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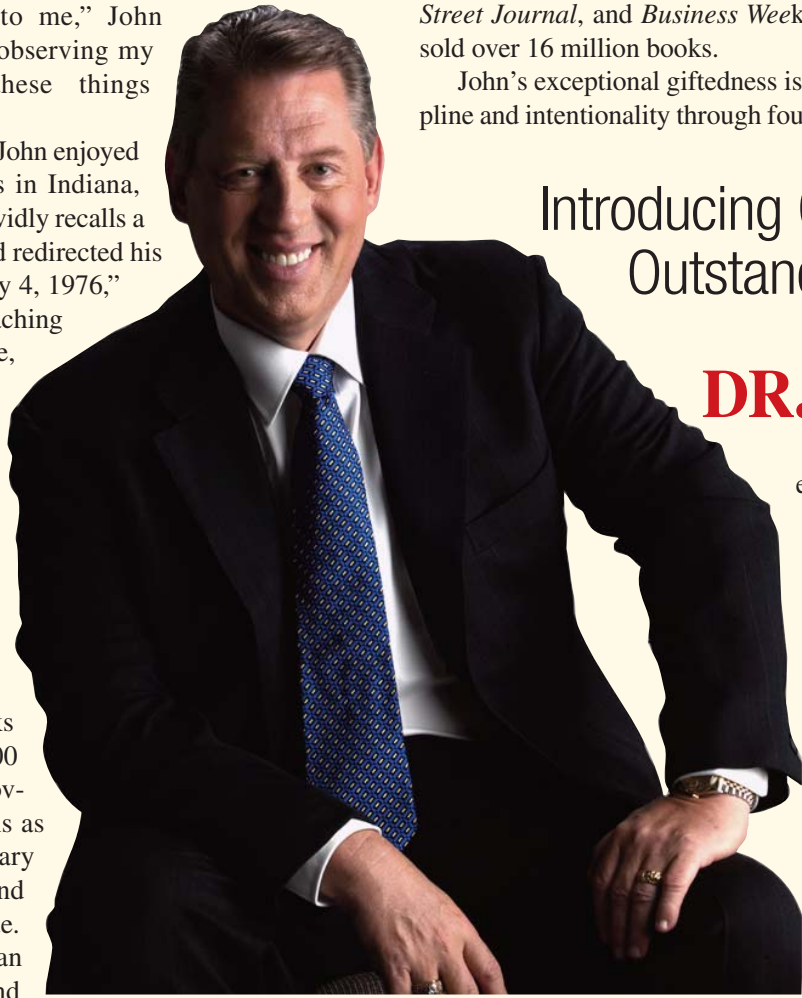
Early on, John Maxwell understood that God had placed a call to ministry on his life. "At age three, I recognized that I was special and that God's hand was on my life," John recalls. "But it wasn't until I was 17 that I made that call public."

Following in the footsteps of his pastor father, Melvin Maxwell, John prepared for ministry by completing a bachelor's degree at Ohio Christian University, a Master of Divinity at Azusa Pacific University, and a Doctor of Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. "Preaching and leading were second-nature to me," John says, "because I grew up observing my father who modeled these things so well."

For more than 25 years, John enjoyed being a pastor in churches in Indiana, Ohio, and California, yet vividly recalls a defining moment when God redirected his focus. "I'll never forget July 4, 1976," John shares. "As I was preaching I felt God clearly say to me, 'John, I'm going to give you a ministry of leaders.'" In the week that followed, he received two phone calls from pastors inviting him to train leaders in their churches. John said "yes" to God and has never questioned that direction.

Every year John speaks to leaders of Fortune 500 companies, international governments, and organizations as diverse as the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the National Football League. John has trained more than 2 million worldwide, and founded INJOY, Maximum Impact, ISS, and EQUIP. John is convinced that if Christian leaders are trained, resourced, and encouraged, there is no limit to what can be accomplished toward fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.

When asked how he's honed his communication talent to what it is today, John answered, "Once I have a thought, I work at finding just the right words and the right way to express it,



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simply, practically, and memorably. For instance, a way to express the idea of obedience to God would be to say, 'Don't ask God to guide your footsteps unless you're willing to move your feet.'" Phrases like this have built John Maxwell's reputation as an extraordinary communicator and *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Business Week* best-selling author, having sold over 16 million books.

John's exceptional giftedness is well grounded in self-discipline and intentionality through four daily disciplines. "I READ

Introducing One of Our Outstanding Pastors

DR. John C. Maxwell

every day, FILE every day, THINK every day (about what I'm reading and filing), and WRITE every day," says John, who has files that include over 1600 subject categories that enhance and streamline his efforts as a speaker and writer.

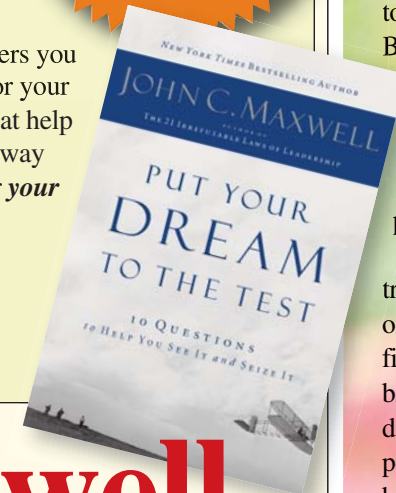
John is currently a teaching pastor at Christ Fellowship in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where he and his wife Margaret live. Though John regularly teaches there, he believes, more importantly, that he is there to serve the senior pastor and the congregation.

John Maxwell's history with the Crystal Cathedral is long and sweet. A past speaker of the Crystal Cathedral's Institute for Successful Church Leadership, he holds Robert H. Schuller in the highest regard. "One of the books that most influenced me as a leader was Dr. Schuller's *Move Ahead with Possibility Think-*

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Watch John Maxwell on *Hour of Power*, Sunday, April 5, 19, 26 and May 3.



Watch for this great new JOHN MAXWELL book in April, available through the *Hour of Power*.

ing," John discloses. "In fact, it was that book that eventually inspired me to write, *Failing Forward: Turning Your Mistakes into Stepping Stones for Success* (2000)."

Ever positive and always encouraging, John expressed how much he enjoys the ease and acceptance he feels when preaching at the Crystal Cathedral. "I love my time there with the people," John reminisces. "They are so warm and responsive."

The feelings are mutual. Arvella Schuller was quick to say about John, "When we first met with John to discuss the possibility of him coming to speak as a visiting pastor, he told us, 'Anything I can do, I will do for you, Dr. Schuller, and for the Crystal Cathedral—I'm here to serve.'"

A pastor at heart, a tireless developer of leaders, a prolific communicator, a consummate encourager—John Maxwell leaves a positive imprint in the lives of people wherever he goes.

Watch for these upcoming dynamic speakers in March on the Hour of Power:*

- March 8 – Robert H. Schuller
March 15 – Nick Vujicic
March 22 – Juan Carlos Ortiz

*Scheduled at time of printing.

Bloom Where You Are Planted!

By Robert H. Schuller

Faith is smelling the flowers; it's enjoying the sweet fragrances of faith, hope, and love that blossom in the "garden of belief."

A friend of mine, Bill Camp, is credited for importing the first cotton to California from the Deep South. Shortly after his move west, Bill's wife died. So Bill set about hiring a housekeeper who came and stayed for over forty years until she died. Bill told me, "I asked three things of her: Cook a delicious meal, keep a clean kitchen, and put a fresh flower on my table every day."

Let me encourage you to do the same—try to find a way to place a blooming flower on your table every day. And by that I mean, find a circle of positive-thinking people who bring color to your life and brighten your day because when they leave, it's as if the perfume of joy they bring with them lingers behind.

You can be a blossom like that, too, spreading joy to brighten someone else's day.

Bloom where you are planted!

God has called you to bloom. Has he called you to motherhood? Bloom! Have you been called to manage people? Bloom and help those you manage to bloom, too. Are you in a less-than-desirable job? Bloom! Have you been struggling with a complicated health condition? Ask God to help your faith to bloom!

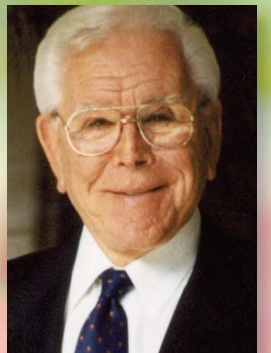
You will bloom if you develop the habit of nurturing positive thoughts. It's like smelling the flowers along the way because positive thoughts add color and brighten your day.

Today, plant your feet in the soil of positive thinking and you will quickly discover that beautiful, unexpected things can happen.

Bloom where you are planted!

Signature of Robert H. Schuller

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT • Speaker, author and journalist Verla Gillmor Wallace graciously permitted PowerLines to reprint her Christianity Today article about Pastor Bill Hybels in our January newsletter. However, we failed to mention that she is president of LifeChasers, a ministry to marketplace leaders (www.lifechasers.org). We apologize for this oversight and sincerely thank her for her submission.

Sowing Seeds of Kindness When Lost for Words

Dear Sheila, My neighbor is a very nice lady. We visit at the mailbox from time to time. She recently told me that she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I know that she is not a believer. I want to witness to her, but don't know where to start. - Lost for Words



daily, "I [God] will give you [insert your neighbor's name here] a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). Then look for opportunities to bring your neighbor to church or encourage her to watch the Hour of Power. When one of my neighbors was diagnosed with terminal cancer I filled a small journal with inspiring Bible verses to give to her. She loved it!

When the time is right, you can make an appointment with her and invite her over for tea. Let her know that Jesus loves her and wants to be her friend. Ask her if you can say a prayer with her. Then, pray for her.

Praise God that he has put you in her life! You can be her loving lifeline to Jesus! - Sheila Schuller Coleman

E-mail your questions to asksheila@crystalcathedral.org

Dear Lost for Words, In the Parable of the Sower there are four types of soil: shallow (birds came and devoured the seeds before roots could be sprouted), rocky (roots kept everything from growing), thorny (it choked out the plants), and good soil (received the seed and produced good fruit). Your neighbor is probably good soil right now. It's your responsibility merely to sow the seeds, leaving the results to God.

Specifically pray the following Scripture for her



APRIL 2 – 12, 2009

THE GLORY OF EASTER in the Crystal Cathedral

Come and experience the most compelling, hope-filled story in the world through drama, song, pageantry, state-of-the-art special effects, live animals, living flying angels, and brilliant trumpeters as a cast of 200 recreates the last seven days in the life of Jesus.

Performances are at 6:30 and 8:30 PM on most nights, with some performances at 7:30 PM. For show times, ticket prices and reservations, visit www.crystalcathedral.org or call toll free 877-54-GLORY. Special Discount Nights also available.

My husband and I are so thankful for your Crystal Cathedral and Hour of Power website. It makes us feel like we're part of your church even though we live in Australia. We also love your daily "Positive Minute" devotionals; they encourage us to live a life of faith.

Mrs. D. Concha, via email



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blossoms, delighting the eye, exciting the senses, and bringing joy to our souls.

That same principle holds true for the Crystal Cathedral's weekly televised *Hour of Power*. Without YOU, we simply could not continue to produce and air the life-giving, life-nourishing *Hour of*

Power program week after week. Persons across America and around the world are depending on you to plant seeds that will yield the beauty, love, joy, peace and hope that has characterized "America's Positive Television Church to the World" for more than 39 years now. And we must continue to plant

the seeds that will guarantee that the *Hour of Power* continues to blossom and bloom throughout 2009 and for years to come.

One of the ways we've been able to bloom and grow over the years is through the contributions of our Sparrows Club. Every year, over 20,000 Sparrows Club members sow positive seeds of generosity and faithfulness by each providing a one-time gift of \$240 or a gift of \$20 a month for 12 months. We are praying that God will increase the number of Sparrows Club members in 2009 to help carry the *Hour of Power* through these tough financial times. And we're asking you to join our Sparrows Club today!



The seed you sow will be multiplied, yielding positive results many times over.

We've created a wonderful thank-you gift for each of our Sparrows Club members for 2009...a beautiful, treasure-like porcelain box. Inside the box is a 7½-foot biodegradable strip, which hosts the Dahlia Zinnia flower. This seed strip, when buried in shallow rows in your garden, will grow in full sunlight and, within 5 to 10 days, sprout beautiful blooms that will last through summer. The porcelain box that carried the seed may be used as a precious accessory for your home to hold jewelry, candy, or other personal collectibles.

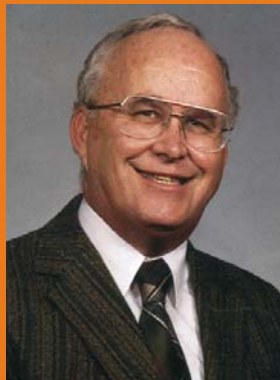
As a Sparrows Club member, you make it possible for the *Hour of Power* to continue bringing the life-changing seed of God's word to the receptive soil of people's hearts through the extraordinary teaching gifts of the visiting pastors who are part of "America's Positive Television Church to the World." The seed you sow through your \$20-a-month gift will be multiplied, yielding positive results many times over.

Our prayer for you, our faithful Sparrows Club members, is that you would reap the kind of fruitful blessing the apostle Paul describes in 2 Corinthians 9:10—"Now (God) who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."



“My wife and I have been **faithful viewers** of the *Hour of Power* for **35 years**. We love the fabulous music, guest interviews and, of course, your inspiring messages. We've been to the Crystal Cathedral twice and just love walking around your garden grounds. And I want to just say that the **recent messages** given on your program by **Dr. John Maxwell** were **stupendous**; I've ordered his book.”

RICHARD ROBICHAUX, *Thibodaux, LA*



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appears to be in motion, as if the viewer is witnessing in person this historic and miraculous event.

About the Sculptor

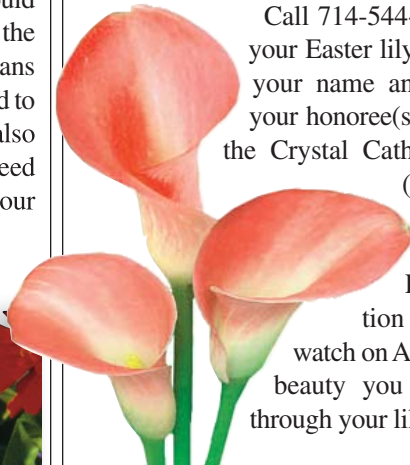
Dallas Anderson was born in Neenah, Wisconsin. He graduated from St. Olaf's College in Minnesota, trained at the Danish Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen, and taught at Brigham Young University before joining Robert Schuller in Garden Grove as an artist-in-residence at the Crystal Cathedral in the early 1980s. Anderson has enjoyed a long and prolific career as a sculptor. Even today, at age 77, he is a skilled artisan who uses his talent to express human truths in a way that moves people emotionally.



Sow a Seed of Beauty, Contribute to the 2009 Easter Lily Garden

Each year the Crystal Cathedral invites its members and *Hour of Power* viewers to participate in the Easter Lily Garden. The lilies you provide with a gift of \$10 each in honor or memory of your loved one(s), fill the Cathedral with the beauty and fragrance of these majestic trumpet-shaped flowers, symbolizing purity, virtue, innocence, hope, and life – the spiritual essence of Easter.

Call 714-544-5679 to submit your Easter lily donation. Both your name and the name of your honoree(s) will appear on the Crystal Cathedral's website (www.hourofpower.org) following the Easter celebration that you may watch on April 12 to see the beauty you made possible through your lily donation.



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• **Convenience Gift Plan:** Save time and stamps with safe and easy electronic funds transfer of your donation to this ministry. Call 1-800-549-6177, or go to hourofpower.org/support.

• **Legacy Gift:** By remembering this ministry in your will and estate, your name will appear on the beautiful granite "Millennial Memorial Wall" in the Crystal Cathedral garden grounds. Call Cynthia Blalock, 714-971-4000, or go to hourofpower.org/support.

• **"Walk of Faith":** Honor the memory of a loved one by having a stepping stone, inscribed with their name and favorite Bible verse, set in the Crystal Cathedral garden grounds, which the proceeds will endow. Call Beth Muma at 714-971-4000.