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new perspectives from these global influencers...and more

Rethink is Here!

By Dr. Robert H. Schuller

You've been hearing all about it, and at last it is here!

Rethink is a brand new, cutting-edge conference being held at your Crystal Cathedral from January 17-19, 2008, and you are encouraged by me to attend. And I have the privilege of co-hosting this unique event with one of the nation's leading cultural architects, Erwin McManus.

During Rethink, you along with 2,500 other conference attendees will fill the Cathedral and connect with tens of thousands of simulcast viewers across the country by using your mobile device's text message capability to register and compare your reactions and perspectives in a series of polls conducted for each speaker.

Rethink has orchestrated an unprecedented convergence of some of the most influential Christian and global thinkers, innovators, and leaders of our time. For three days, you will be immersed in the latest thoughts of respected icons in media, politics, faith, science, business, and technology. Each speaker will reveal his or her perspectives, discoveries, strategies, and action plans in 20 riveting minutes utilizing the latest media technology. You will

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Learn more about your Crystal Cathedral at "Experience the CC." Series starts Sun., Jan. 27. More details, pg. 5.



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New Message Series in 2008

"Believe It - See It!"

On Sunday, January 6, Senior Pastor Robert A. Schuller begins what is sure to be a hope-filled, attitude-changing, life-affirming message series entitled "Believe It - See It!"

During the series, not only will you be inspired by our pastor's encouraging words, you will also be motivated by:

INTERVIEW GUESTS who have experienced great triumph over what could have been great tragedy.

MUSIC GUESTS who will share songs that encourage you to overcome, as well.

A CHALLENGE to commit to overcoming the greatest obstacle in your own life - to write it expectantly down and then wait to see what God will do!

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"I encourage you to bring your friends and family. Together, let's 'Believe It - See It!'"

www.worldvisionexperience.org

World Vision's "Step into Africa" Coming this Month!

This illuminating and informing interactive experience is coming to the Crystal Cathedral January 10-21! And you have the opportunity to participate in one or both of these important ways - as a visitor, expanding your understanding of the AIDS crisis in Africa, or as a volunteer, serving as one of hundreds required.

As a visitor, you will be assigned one of four "life lanes" that will transport you instantly to Africa where you will walk in the footsteps of one African

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january sundays



in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

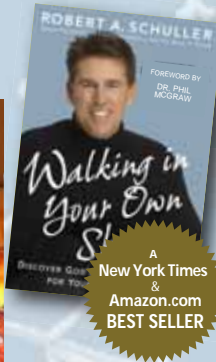
This month we'll learn how to "Believe It, See It" during an encouraging new series of messages, Join Robert A. Schuller and Robert H. Schuller in the Crystal Cathedral with these special guests...

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

Lake Elsinore pastor **Bryan Johnston** will share how, after being crushed by 900 lbs. of equipment, he walked out of the hospital though told he would never walk again. Music by Tony Award winning vocalist **Jeannette Bayardelle**, star of several Broadway productions.



Jeannette Bayardelle



A New York Times & Amazon.com BEST SELLER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

The distinguished Pediatric Surgeon **Ben Carson** returns with the latest in medical breakthroughs and miracles. Music by the lyrically engaging and inventive **Rush of Fools** progressive worship band.



Morris Robinson



Ben Carson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Bass vocalist **Morris Robinson**, of the renowned Metropolitan Opera, will share from his new gospel recording, Going Home.



Matthew West

SUNDAY JANUARY 27

Be inspired by this popular and poignant voice in contemporary Christian music, singer/songwriter **Matthew West**.



Rush of Fools

adult FELLOWSHIP every sunday

Take the next step as you become more involved in your Crystal Cathedral church family! Just drop in, or call 714-971-4062 for details.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9 AM, T-2.

Join this friendly group led by Beverly Muffin for enlightening Bible studies through scripture, praise, and prayer.

AMERICAN DREAM BUILDERS 11 AM, FLC-234.

Led by Paul and Grace Park, learn God-centered life application skills to help you find and build your dream.

ASIAN-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP 11 AM, Tower Chapel.

Led by Joseph Chun and David Cooper, worship, sing, pray, and fellowship (potluck) together.

BECOMERS 9 AM, FLC-230.

Bible Study in Galatians with Pastor Jim Kok starts 1/6/07. Everybody welcome! Bibles provided.

CAREER BUILDERS 9:30 AM, Tower-3.

Apply faith to lives and careers by focusing on personal and professional growth in a Christian context.

CATHEDRAL SINGLES 11 AM, FLC-4.

Learn more about God, make friends, and celebrate with this dynamic group of singles.

CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIP 9:15 AM, FLC-231.

Multigenerational prayer, praise, and worship in fun-loving fellowship.

EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY 8:15 AM Tower-3.

Prayer, great Bible application studies, warm fellowship, and refreshments ignite our day of worship!

EXPLORERS OF FAITH 11 AM, Tower-3.

Chuck Hahn helps this group to explore and discover God's timeless faith lessons through modern applications.

HOMEBUILDERS 9 AM, Art Gallery.

This group of adults led by Glenn DeMaster meets for loving fellowship, prayer, and unquestioned support.

NEW COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP 11 AM, Art Gallery.

This growing group offers verse-by-verse Bible studies and a place to belong.

NEW HORIZONS 11 AM, Tower-2.

Bible study, prayer, missions, and fellowship are foundational to this friendly group led by James and Yvonne Richards.

REJOICERS 9 AM, FLC-127.

Celebrate with this class for the developmentally disabled through visually aided Bible studies and social activities.

MORE ON SUNDAY

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

9:30 & 11 AM, FREED THEATER

Hispanic Sunday Services
Encouraging services in Spanish with Dr. Luiz Lemos
1:15 PM, Cathedral
6:30 PM, Chapel in the Sky

The Gathering Community
Authentic faith through art, worship & community
11 AM, Arboretum, Bobby Schuller

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE
Close the day and meet the week with inspiration!
6:30 PM
Crystal Cathedral
Dr. Jim Poit

arabic ministry
NEW!
1:30 PM,
FREED THEATER
WELCOMING CENTER

child/student FELLOWSHIP

In the Family Life Center,
9:30 & 11 AM,
and 1 PM
For children through grade 5

In the Family Life Center,
11 AM
For students, grade 6-12

calendar of events

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 The Glory of Christmas, closing night (1)	9	10-11 rethink		12
13 Legacy Club Lunch (10)	14	15	116	17 Rethink Conference (1)	18 Rethink Conference (1)	19 Rethink Conference (1)
20	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY			24 50+ Luncheon (11)	15	26 New Hope Training (6)
27 Experience the CC (5)	28 Logos Bible Winter Qtr. (5)			29	30	31

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february					1	2 <i>Coming...</i> The Glory of Easter: 3/14-22 Russian River Cruise: 7/3-18 (11) Nepal Mission: 6/16-7/3 (5)	
3	4	5	6	7 Divorce & Grief Recovery (11)	8	9	
10			12 Women's Potluck (10)	13 	14 Divorce & Grief Recovery (11) VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Divorce & Grief Recovery (11)	22	23	
24 Living by God's Design (5)	25	26	27	28 Cathedral Choir Concert (15) Divorce & Grief Recovery (11)			



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30 Aha! moments
from 30 leading
thinkers and
influencers.



Dr. Robert Schuller



Lee Strobel



Larry King

Be a part of an unprecedented convergence of influential Christian and global leaders this January. Get inside the minds of some of today's top thinkers and innovators. Learn and share how it applies to you – your work, your ministry, and your life.

For tickets:
866-450-9713
rethinkconference.com

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every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

American Dream Builders, 7 PM, FLC-221 562-402-1424
Band of Brothers, 7 PM, FL 714-971-4236

tuesday

Women's NetWork, 9:30 AM, AG (resumes 1/8) . . . 714-971-4080
Cathedral Singles, 7 PM, FLC-3 714-971-4061
Jr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180

wednesday

Men's Bible Study, 7 AM, T-2 714-971-4236
House of Power, 12 NOON, FLC-3 714-971-4095
Sr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180

thursday

Toastmasters, 7 AM & 7 PM, T-2 714-971-4123

friday

Soul Food, 6:30 PM, FL (resumes 1/11) 714-971-4080

saturday

Men's Bible Fellowship, 7 AM, FLC-221 714-971-4236
Laubach/ESL/Literacy, 9:30 AM, FLC-3 714-971-4325
Aerobics, 9 AM, FLC-LL 714-971-4080

AG= Art Gallery ARB= Arboretum BKS= CC Books & Gifts
CC= Crystal Cathedral CHP= Chapel-in-the-Sky
FL=Family Lounge FLC= Family Life Center LL= Lower Level
RCH= Rancho Capistrano T= Tower of Hope

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SECOND Front Page

Dan Whedon: Capturing History

By Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries



Photographer Dan Whedon caught this historic shot of Evel Knievel, encouraging millions around the world through his new-found faith and baptism.

photo by Dan Whedon

Carefully, thoughtfully, artfully - three words that only begin to describe how photographer Dan Whedon approaches his art. "No one has taken more, or better, pictures of this ministry," confided a Schuller family member, recently. The photographs of this long-time Crystal Cathedral member and award-winning professional photographer, will be on display in the Welcoming Center this month.

When a Crystal Cathedral historic event took place recently - the baptism of world famous daredevil Evel Knievel - it was perfectly captured photographically by Dan.

Robert "Evel" Knievel came into a new-found faith in Jesus Christ late in life. A press release issued upon his death in December stated, "Just as he always took great care in surrounding himself with the best people he could depend upon to help him make his jumps during his motorcycle career, Knievel found his greatest friend of all in preparation for his final leap from life. He was profoundly happy that he gave his life to God, who comforted him and gave him the strength he needed to make it through the end."

Dan Whedon's photograph of Knievel's baptism by Dr. Robert H. Schuller marked an enormous personal spiritual event for the daring motorcyclist as well as for

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Crystal Cathedral Congregation Endowment Fund Gathering

January 13 to Honor Legacy Club Friends

This month a special event takes place - the 2nd Annual Legacy Club Gathering! On Sunday, January 13, Robert and Donna Schuller will be on hand to thank a generous group of friends who have made decisions to include the Crystal Cathedral Local Congregation Endowment Fund (CCLCEF) in their long-range giving plans.



What makes one a Legacy Club member? They are those individuals and couples who have:

Made an outright gift to the CCLCEF of money, secu-

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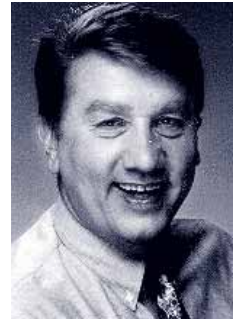
Series Begins Thurs. Evening, Feb. 7

"Divorce & Grief Recovery Works!"

By George Hansel, Divorce & Grief Recovery Facilitator

About fifteen years ago, I struggled through the darkest days of my life, going through a divorce that left me devastated. I was shocked to my core when my wife told me that she no longer wanted to be married, and I never anticipated the excruciating pain and agony that would follow.

I was caught completely unaware, for I had thought that I had achieved the "American Dream." As an immigrant born into a peasant farming family of German nationals in Transylvania, by that time, I had nurtured a wonderful Christian family with two sons, lived in a beautiful home, built a successful manufacturing business, and served as an elder in my Lutheran church. I believed I had been truly blessed with a wonderful



wife and two healthy sons who were attending a parochial school, active in sports, and enjoying life. I was able to love and cherish a life that I dared only dreamed of in the past.

Earlier in my life, I had survived a number of life-threatening experiences. The first was when I escaped communism with my family near the end of World War II. At that time, I was only 13 months old, and my brother was three. At a moment's notice, once we heard the Russians were arriving, the entire village headed for their mother country, Germany, for protection. Ethnic cleansing would have been our demise. My parents gathered a few meager possessions into their cow-drawn wagon and we traveled at night so as not to be harmed in the light of day. When we made it to the Danube in Budapest, the bridges had been blown up by the allies, so we had to give up most of our belongings including the wagon and cow. However, we were blessed to find a cattle train heading to Poland, and another to Austria. We passed through Vienna just two hours before it was bombed by the U.S. We arrived just north of Salzburg, Austria, where we lived in U.S. soldier-built barracks for several years before we moved into an old house with other refugees

Since our father was a trained carpenter, he worked more lucrative out-of-town construction jobs, while most of our relatives worked as day laborers at local farms. With my father gone for months at a time, our mother held the family together with the sheer determination that God

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Congregational LIFE

GET CONNECTED

Experience the CC in January

By Deb Yurk, Pastor of Congregational Life

Colossians 2:6 says, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." When we are in fellowship with other believers, we walk with Jesus and His life flows through us. If you have not yet taken that step in becoming a member of our congregation, "Experience the CC" is for you.

Explore how you and your family can belong to our community filled with people who want to care for you and help you make a difference in the world.

Discover how you can become a member of the Crystal Cathedral family and experience the walk with Jesus and all it has to offer

The local congregation of the Crystal Cathedral is reaching into our community in the name of Jesus Christ and we invite you to join us. God has generously blessed our church with a beautiful campus and a heart for mission and He is bringing to our campus people like you who want to make a difference in the world.

If you would like to be an active participant in the local ministry of the Crystal Cathedral, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to "Experience the CC" which begins on Sun., Jan. 27, 8:30 AM – NOON in the Family Life Center. Over a period of four weeks, we would like to show you what we are all about.

We will begin each morning with a continental breakfast and you will have the opportunity to meet some of our staff pastors and lay leaders.

Discover who we are and what we believe. Come and explore how you and your family can belong to our community filled with people who want to care for you and help you make a difference in the world. Although there is no obligation to join, you will have the opportunity to become a member of the local Crystal Cathedral congregation on Sun. morning, Feb. 17, during the 11 AM classic service.

Children will be cared for by our Children's Ministry Department during "Experience the CC," but reservations must be made in advance. Contact the Congregational Life Ministry at 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

Coming Soon: Living By God's Design

God has designed you to make a difference in the world. He has created you for something special. Sometimes you just need help figuring out what the "something special" is. Let us help. Join us for this Sunday morning series, Feb. 24 – March 16, 9 – 10:30 AM. To register (\$10): 714-971-4062 or maureenw@crystalcathedral.org.

SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Walking in Our Own Shoes

By Gudelia Ramirez, Director of Community Missions

During the last two months of 2007, we were wrapped up the Dr. Robert A. Schuller's "Shoes for Kids" campaign collecting nearly 6,000 shoes (see story, pg. 4). The blessings continue in 2008 as shoes and donations from congregants far way continue to arrive – with all in one accord to "Know God, Love People, and Serve the World."

As we collected and packed the shoes off to Samaritan's Purse for distribution, we thought of the many who would greet their new shoes with happy faces. Our hearts are rejoicing just thinking



Arvella Schuller donated the first shoes to our "Shoes for Kids" drive.

about it! During the campaign, we received a very original letter from Marion Schatts entitled "A Message from Our Shoes":

"Did you know our shoes have a message for us? A shoe has a sole, just like we do; the sole on a shoe is tough and can take a lot of abuse like our soul should. Also the sole is flexible and the very foundation of the whole shoe, just as our soul should be the very foundation or base of our lives.

"At the end of the sole on the shoe, there is a remainder for us – a heel! It reminds us to not be a heel with people with whom we live, work, play, or associate.

The top of our shoe - the finish and color - tells us something too. There are black, brown, red, tan, and white shoes. And they all walk down the same street, paths, and walks of life. So too, we should all walk side by side down the paths of life with all colors of people. Some shoes have a rough finish and some are shined and polished, all like some people we know. And, though different, we must remember, we all can find a way to get along together.

"As this shoe is put on our feet, we will remember that they never walk alone. So, too, we never walk alone through life. There are always others who walk with us!"

GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

The Bible, Plain & Simple; Acts & Luke

By Anita Sherbanee, Elder

Throughout the academic year, almost 300 people attend this truly ecumenical Bible study taught by teacher extraordinaire, Dr. Bill Creasy,

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Experience the CC



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

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

Sundays, JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 17, 2008, 8:30 AM – NOON.
Call 714-971-4062 to let us know you're coming!