

# ADULT Ministries



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WOW: SUMMER SALT!

Summer Salt! An Interactive Bible Study for Women with Rhea Zakich, June 12, July 10, and Aug. 14, 9:30 to 11:30 AM on Tower 2. Summer Salt will preserve you through the summer, season your life with the love of God, become the salt that makes others thirsty for more of Jesus, and bring the Bible to life! For more information, call 714-971-4080.



Rhea Zakich to speak on "Summer Salt." Read about her recent WOW experience on pg. 4.

### RCA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: "ALIVE WITH CHRIST"

Travel with Crystal Cathedral friends to Chicago, July 19-22. Registration includes all programming, tote bag, two dinners, and concert by Cynthia Clawson. Hotel, additional meals, and transportation are extra. Register online at [www.rca.org/alive](http://www.rca.org/alive). For limited scholarships available, please call 714-971-4080.

## MEN'S NETWORK

### MEN'S NIGHT OUT: EVERY MONDAY

If you have a passion for sports, hiking, fishing, hunting, or you name it, you'll find it on Monday nights, 7 PM in the Family Lounge (between Arboretum and Art Gallery). Join men from all walks of life,



but with common interests coming together for a time a laughter, learning and growing together. Men, you weren't called to do life alone - come and become part of the Crystal Cathedral Band of Brothers! Questions? Call 714-971-4236.

### FATHER/SON NIGHT AT THE BIG A!

Come and enjoy Angels' baseball with the Crystal Cathedral "Band of Brothers," plus sons, nephews, grandsons, godsons, friends, etc., on Saturday, June 23, 6 PM. It's the L.A. Angels of Anaheim vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates, and tickets are \$12 each at the Box Office (714-544-5679).



## TRAVEL MINISTRY

### SHOWTIME CABARET

Sat., June 23, 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM, \$83. Travel by deluxe motor coach to the Pomona Valley Mining Co. for a delicious lunch followed by "A Salute to the Super Stars of the '40s to '60s" performed by professional singers and dancers with audience participation, recreating the days of Vaudeville and Broadway. Door prizes will add to the fun.

### FRENCH FESTIVAL

Sat., July 14, 9 AM - 6 PM, \$66 (by 6/15/07). Deluxe motor coach transportation to Santa Barbara for this Bastille Day Celebration, which includes a French-style continental



The Casenhiser family

breakfast on the bus. At the festival to enjoy impressionist painters at their easels, accordionists and other musicians, Can-Can dancers, and cabaret. Sample French food (crepes, escargot, pâtés, pastries, etc.), and enjoy the outdoor marketplace.

### PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Sun., Aug 19, 5 - 11:30 PM, \$66. Visit one of the summer's most popular attractions by deluxe motor coach to the Laguna Arts Festival and the evening performance of *The Pageant of the Masters*, where artists magically transform live actors and intricate sets into remarkable recreations of magnificent works of art.



### DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Sat., Sept. 15, 9 AM - 5:30 PM, \$92. Deluxe motor coach transportation to San Diego History Museum, where you will enjoy a catered luncheon at the Rooftop Terrace Restaurant, and a 90-min. audio tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit, featuring one of the world's greatest treasures, with free time to explore the museum on your own.

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**OAK GLEN A LA MODE**

*Wed., Oct. 10, 9:30 AM - 6 PM, \$60.* Relax in a deluxe motor coach and arrive to enjoy a delicious lunch and apple pie dessert. Enjoy the shopping stops in picturesque Oak Tree Village and Parrish Pioneer Ranch, established by the first settlers 120 years ago. Everyone will receive a **WHOLE APPLE PIE** to take home.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ROBERT & DONNA SCHULLER**

*October 14 to 23.* Come "Walk Where Jesus Walked" with hundreds of members of the Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power* Global Congre-

gation, Robert and Donna Schuller, Bobby and Hannah Schuller, and Ken and Pam Duncan. Excellent accommodations.

**NEWPORT CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE**

*Sat., Dec. 15, 2 - 10 PM, \$85.* Travel by deluxe motor coach to Corona del Mar's legendary Five Crowns Restaurant to enjoy their award-winning prime rib dinner. Then, it's a short drive to Roger's Gardens for their "Christmas Fantasy" display. Next, is the Boat Parade, cruising alongside hundreds of decorated boats and homes.

**RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Go to the Box Office or call for details and reservations, 714-544-5679. Trips and pricing are subject to change.

**MATURE ADULTS**

A "50+ CELEBRATION!"

Come! Sing! Laugh! Enjoy! Learn! Grow! Eat! Listen! Observe! "50+" continues on Thursday, June 21, 11:30 am - 2 pm, in the Arboretum!

Highlights include lunch (a reasonable \$5 ea. at the door), music, love, prayer, humor, Bible, health, brain-care, inspiration, education, speakers, friendship, and more. Among other Crystal Cathedral friends, those expected to attend are Jim Kok, Sandra Herron, Frank and Evelyn Freed, Linda Kok, Norma Wilson, and Anne Waltz. For more details and to RSVP, call 714-971-4032. No meeting in July; meetings resume monthly in August.



MATURE ADULTS Dr. Jim Kok	MEN'S Bob Cavinder, Director	TRAVEL Rev. Glenn DeMaster, Director	WOMEN'S Michelle Cavinder, Director
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*Shopping Possibilities at*  
**Crystal Cathedral Books & Gifts**



Crystal Cathedral Books & Gifts, located in the Welcoming Center, offers inspirational books, music and gifts, unique jewelry and decorative items for the home, 9 AM - 6 PM, 714-971-4148.

*Lovely Settings for Your Special Day*

**Crystal Cathedral Weddings**

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the sparkling, light-filled Crystal Cathedral? Or more moving than in the beautifully designed Arboretum? Or more serene than in the Good Shepherd garden? Or more exhilarating than in the Chapel atop the Tower of Hope? These and other lovely settings are available. Call 714-971-4240.



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attend the weekly, Tuesday morning Bible study to do the same. Then I caught a vision of a room with various places to pray, each with reminders of Jesus to help everyone stay focused.

The women took to the idea and, on May 1, eleven prayer stations were set up, each designed around a theme, to encourage constant communion with Jesus. There were stations for Praise, Thanks, Confession, Petition, Intercession, Healing, Unity, and Rededication. There were stations where one could receive Communion, have your hands washed, be anointed with oil, and be prayed over for healing. All 60 women were involved in creatively designing and assembling the stations on the morning of the adventure.

After a time of singing and a prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide each person from station to station, the group began the hour of silent prayer. The challenge was to keep minds and hearts attuned to Jesus for an hour. For the next 60 minutes, the women moved freely around the room, kneeling, sitting, lying down, raising hands, being anointed, taking communion, lighting candles, all the while, without a word. The presence of the Holy Spirit filled the room and there were tears.

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Not only did the group accomplish their goal, they were transformed in the process. Here are some of the comments from those who attended:

Doris C. said, "I have never, in all my years, experienced anything like our day of prayer. I was in tears the entire time. I still feel the covering, a day later. I do believe it is the longest I have ever been silent before the Lord."

"Yesterday was and is, and always will be a blessing in my memory," shared Anne W. "I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in all that happened - the touches, the music, each one of us, the eye contact, the anointing, and crumpling of my sins and tossing them in the trash."

Michelle said, "Today was a magnificent expression of God's love and creativity!"

"I experienced the holiness of the Lord," shared another. "If heaven is like this I can't wait! We were alone and together at the same time."

"When I came today, I was overwhelmed with grief over my husband's recent death," said Shirley A. "By the time I sat at the various stations I began



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to be thankful for all the happy years we had."

"Rhea, I thought the morning was a huge success," said Ann C. "I am sure Jesus was smiling down on us."

"I felt so light," shared another. "I have experienced a bit of heaven!"

"We were light and salt today! Tuesday's celebration was very inspiring and I found many ways to worship my Lord," said Liz G.

Ruth G. told me, "Dear friend, thanks for the blessings I received from our worship stations yesterday - another of your God-given inspirations."

"I was so touched by the presence of the Holy Spirit and how it touched so many," said Carole. "(My friends) were overwhelmed by the hugs, love, and the whole experience. What an awesome God we honor with our obedience."

If you would like to join women for a WOW (Women of the Word) interactive experience as we continue to delve into God's Word and grow closer to Jesus, see pg. 10 for details on our Summer Salt series.

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Like so many other New Hope volunteers, Clyde says that he has learned so much from answering calls and from attending New Hope Continuing Education classes. In particular, he said he loves having Christian spirituality brought into his understanding of the counseling process because it helps him to grow in his relationship with God and to be more effective in his New Hope ministry.

"A lot of people are just hurting," Clyde told me, "and they just need to be listened to. I've learned from my second wife Yvonne that I can't fix people. She really talks the talk and walks the walk. I talk the talk but stagger the walk!" Clyde regularly debriefs (keeping the names of callers

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anonymous, of course) after his New Hope shifts with his wife Yvonne who is an outstanding Life Coach. Personally, I can relate to Clyde, as I've learned more about listening from my wife Kristi than anything else, including getting my PhD! (And I still need reminders from Kristi!)

About leaving his New Hope shift in the middle of the night Clyde told me, "I get a real good feeling that I helped somebody. I know that I am really putting something back into the community."

*If you would like to know more about New Hope opportunities, possibly joining Clyde as a phone counselor, see pg. 6.*

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of The Visitor Center - Norman Vincent Peale, Rev. Billy Graham, Bishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr Robert H. Schuller - are also the works of our guest artist.

Mr. Soderberg is an ordained Christian minister who has lived all over the world, served as a U.S. Marine, and presently resides near Sedona, Arizona.

On Friday, June 22, the day following our 50+ gathering, John will meet with interested individuals in a workshop format. He will guide and instruct you in the mechanics of sculpture. A sign-up opportunity will allow art-thirsty 50+ participants to take part in this unique activity.

The "50+ Celebration" will be held on June 21 at 11:30 AM in the Arboretum. Lunch is \$5 (pay at the door). Reservations are required - call 714-971-4032.

## TELL A FRIEND!

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**HOUR OF POWER**  
Watch Every Week!

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# Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries



## News from Lake Rancho Capistrano Seven Adorable Canadian Goslings Arrive!

Several Canadian Geese return to Rancho Capistrano each year to enjoy our perfect weather and tranquil lake. This year, on May 2, we were blessed with the birth of seven very cute, fluffy baby goslings. Mom and Dad are very protective, hissing at anyone who comes near, though from a distance our guests are able to enjoy watching Mom and Dad "train up their children in the way they should go!"

## Rancho Capistrano Christian School & Preschool Maximizing Each Child's God-Given Potential

June is time for great celebration for our students, with preschool, kindergarten, and 8th grade graduation ceremonies and the Sports Award Banquet. The preschool will also have a special recognition chapel.

There are a few openings for the 2007-08 school year, so come see where your child can experience enrichment of mind, body, and spirit with our caring and dedicated teachers and staff of

Rancho Capistrano. In addition to an outstanding academic curriculum, we offer enrichment programs of Theatre Arts, Music, Spanish, Daily Physical Education and Sports, Technology and the Arts, as well as great electives and after-school activities including such varied programs as Christian Yoga Club and Knitting.

For more information, please see our website at [ranchocapistrano.org](http://ranchocapistrano.org). Rancho Capistrano Christian School serves preschool through 8th grade, and our preschool is ACSI accredited.

## Summer Weddings at the Spiritual Oasis We Have June Dates Available!

If you know of anyone who is making last minute wedding plans, we do have a few select dates available for their wedding ceremony and reception this summer. We are offering a Rancho mini-brunch that makes a morning ceremony and reception even more affordable! Please call our Wedding Department at 949-347-4000.

Fishing, Swimming, Canoeing, Arts & Crafts, Themed Events

## Summer Day Camps Begin June 18!

Our Summer Day Camps offer the opportunity for campers to discover the wonders of Rancho Capistrano's beautiful property, make new friends, and have fun all summer long!

Since 1995, Rancho Capistrano's popular Summer Camps offer well-rounded day camp programs filled with enriching activities in a fun and safe environment, led by a caring staff of trained and dedicated counselors. Choose from a variety of options for your camper, including Discovery, Academic, and Preschool (year-round, ACSI-accredited, for children under age 5). Extended before and after daycare is also available.

Discovery Camp activities (weather permitting) include swimming, canoeing, archery, fish-



ing, hiking, arts and crafts, field games, drama, and themed events with special speakers. Activities planned for June:

Week 1, June 18-22, "Summer Kickoff": Fun "team building" activities and games will start the summer off right! The top teams are awarded an ice cream party at the end of the week. Speakers/exhibitions include police officers, firefighters, and a "magic show."

Week 2, June 25-29, "Fun in the Sun!": Combine the beginning of summer with fun, the outdoors, and beach balls! Enjoy extended pool time, arts and crafts, and exciting beach-themed games, plus speakers and events.

Visit [ranchocapistrano.org/ranchcamps](http://ranchocapistrano.org/ranchcamps) for detailed information and a registration form you can print out and mail in, or call the camps office at 949-347-4043 and speak to our Camps Director, Rich Kelly. You may also e-mail us at [camps@ranchocapistrano.org](mailto:camps@ranchocapistrano.org).

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**New Hope Hotline**  
24-hr. phone counseling ... 714-New-Hope or 639-4673  
Web Site ..... [newhopenow.org](http://newhopenow.org)  
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F ... 714-New-Teen or 639-8336  
Web Site ..... [teenline.org](http://teenline.org)

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## Crystal Cathedral Memorial Gardens

Crystal Cathedral Memorial Gardens is here for you in your time of need, with staff members always willing to listen and help answer all of your questions. For information, call 714-971-4138, or go to [www.crystalcathedral.org/memorial](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/memorial).

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Doblon, Melchor	4/16/07
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I recently asked Janie a number of questions about her passion for youth ministry and her plans for ministering to the youth of the Crystal Cathedral. Here are her very concise, articulate, and enthusiastic responses:

**Q.** Janie, what is it that you like about youth ministries?

**A.** *I love youth ministries! This is a time of transition and growth in students lives. Being a part of youth ministry, whether it's your full-time job or working with students as a volunteer, places all who work with students in a unique and honored position of being a bridge, encouraging students as they mature from childhood into young adulthood and a life of deepened faith. I cannot think of a greater calling than to invest in the lives of students. They aren't just the church of tomorrow; they are the church of today.*

**Q.** Can you describe your call to our ministry and how you made your decision to accept it?

**A.** *As I look at back on the journey on which God has taken me, I can say with confidence, my call to ministry at the Crystal Cathedral is one ordained by God. When God called me out of full-time ministry in the summer of 2005, I heard His voice whisper, "Two years." I thought OK, but "What?" "Where?" "How?" Two years is pretty vague.*

*Our Heavenly Father is faithful and I am blessed and honored to partner in this ministry.*

*This spring I received an e-mail from a faithful brother in Christ basically saying, "I told leaders at the Crystal Cathedral about you and I think you will be a good fit." I soon met with Dr. Poit and Dr. Sheila Coleman, and, as I walked the campus, I could feel the movement of the Holy Spirit.*

*After being offered the position of director of student ministries, I prayed, asking God if this was where I was suppose to be. I said, "God, I just need someone I don't hear from often to tell me to go for it." The next morning, I received an e-mail from my mom's best friend that simply said, "Go for it." I sat staring at my computer screen. Those are the words I asked God for! I love how God uses e-mail to speak!*

*Then I remembered, "Two years." We serve a faithful God and I am honored that he has called me, two years later, to this place at this time.*

**Q.** What do you envision for the Youth Ministries department here at Crystal Cathedral Ministries?

**A.** *My vision for Youth Ministries at Crystal Cathedral is that it would be a maximum impact ministry where the lost are found, the found are disciplined, and the disciplined are trained to be leaders for the Kingdom of God.*

**Q.** Anything else that you would like to add?  
**A.** *Our Heavenly Father is faithful and I am*

*blessed and honored to partner in this ministry. I look forward to the great things God is going to do in Youth Ministries at the Crystal Cathedral.*



## CALVIE'S classified ADS

### Vacation Bible School: Kid Power Plant

*(Gifts: Hospitality, Service, Creative)*  
June 25-29, "Take the Plunge." Join kids for exciting days of summer fun. Assist with games, refreshments, registration, crafts and so much more, 8:30 am - noon daily. Call today!

### Tower of Hope Host/Hostess

*(Gifts: Hospitality, Service, Encouragement)*  
Join our new Tower Lobby Volunteer Team. A fantastic ministry to greet and assist people. Our team captain is ready to help you, and Dr. Jim Poit is excited about your participation. Call to learn about serving from either 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, or 12:30 - 4:30 PM. You will have another person with you at all times, and you will be trained well.

### Sunday Shuttle Driver

*(Gifts: Hospitality, Service)*  
Enjoy driving our eight-passenger shuttle on Sunday, transporting members and visitors from parking areas and from one building to another. Serve once a month. Early and late shifts available.

### C3 Worship Service

*(Gifts: Tech, Music, Pastoral, Hospitality)*  
Become a volunteer with the new and energizing Crystal Cathedral Contemporary worship service:  
Audio/Visual Tech: Help 1-2 Sundays each month.

Worship Team: Sing or play and instrument; set tone for worship.

Facilitators: Help get people connected through small groups.

Ushers and Greeters: Greet and seat people as they arrive.

### New Hope Counselors

*(Gifts: Mercy, Encouragement)*  
Sign up to become a New Hope Counselor. Training begins soon, so don't miss this opportunity to change a life by being a listening ear.

### Prayer Volunteers

*(Gift: Intercessory Prayer)*  
For those of you who love to pray, please come forward and assist New Hope. Every morning, prayer requests from the New Hope night shift need to be picked up and prayed over. Call to

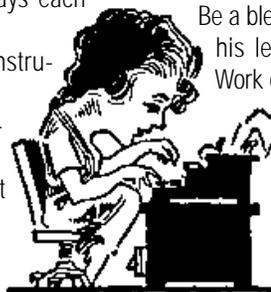
learn how you can become a prayer warrior for New Hope.

### Typist for Pastor De Master

*(Gift: Helps)*  
Be a blessing to Dr. Glenn De Master and type his lessons for the Homebuilders Class. Work on T-11 under the supervision of Nancy Wilkes.

### Box Top Battle Volunteers

*(Gifts: Service)*  
Clip the pink "Box Tops for Education" from your cereal boxes and return them to the Crystal Cathedral Academy to help with fund raising. Each coupon is worth 10 cents.



VOLUNTEER ONLINE at [crystalcathedral.org/volunteer](http://crystalcathedral.org/volunteer). Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! OR CALL Calvie Hughson, Dir. of Involvement & Service Ministry, at 714/971-4321. OR E-MAIL [calvieh@crystalcathedral.org](mailto:calvieh@crystalcathedral.org). OR SEE ROTO-RACK on the Plaza every Sunday morning for complete listings.

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Democracy, has been a very educational and unique opportunity. With world leaders in politics and religion, we have listened to and dialogued about how to create more understanding and ultimately more peace between the three major religions of the world.

When Robert spoke yesterday, he addressed the theory of Quantum Mechanics to illustrate that there is so much that we do not know about God and the many dimensions of time and space. Thus, we must humble ourselves to create trust and community among people of diverse faiths.

One of the most impressive guests was the Former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto, an incredibly brave, yet humble, gracious, and beautiful individual. Not only did she spend six years in prison, both her father and brother were murdered, and she has been in exile for several years in the United Arab Emirates. She anticipates a return home to Pakistan to help prepare for the next elections, so please pray for her as her life is in grave danger.

Also, among us was the extraordinary head Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yona Metzger, as well as other religious leaders and policy makers from the U.S. and abroad including Tom Ridge, the first head of U.S. Homeland Security. There were about 120 of us total.

I am convinced that God's Holy Spirit is moving for good through this conference and its participants. Candid conversations with several Middle Eastern Muslims validated that the only impression they have of Americans has come through TV and film - they really don't know us at all! After spending time with them, I realize that we don't really know them either, and need to continue to look at all people as children of God, not allowing some to affect negatively our beliefs about the whole.

Our experience here has reminded us of what a huge world this is with so many hurting people who need to hear the positive message of Christ's love!



The Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany, reminds us all that we can tear down our own walls to find freedom in Christ.

**HOLLAND: Conquering our "Midianites"!**

By Erik van Laar, Hour of Power Netherlands

During Pastor Robert A. Schuller's visit to the Netherlands, over 3,600 *Hour of Power* viewers attended three services in the ancient cathedrals of the historic cities of Apeldoorn and Leiden.

In his sermon, Dr. Schuller spoke about the Midianites (Judges 6), a tribe of nomads who would destroy anything in their way. When God appointed Gideon to fight the Midianites, the appointee responded saying, "How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh and I am the weakest in my father's house." God encouraged Gideon by promising to help him overcome his shortcomings to win the battle. Pastor Schuller told us that we all have our own Midianites to fight: "It may be cancer, or a broken relationship, but if we put our faith in God, we can be conquerors!"

During the program, prayer cards were collected on which people had written their personal needs. Once baskets full of cards piled up on stage, Pastor Schuller joined hands with the congregation, and the prayer that followed may have been one of the most powerful in history.

The *Hour of Power* has an important role to play in fast-secularising Holland. To many Dutch people, the weekly program is their only church. For Pastor Schuller to get on an airplane to meet the Dutch viewers was a very great - and much needed - encouragement.

**GERMANY: Tearing Down the Walls!**

By Frank Handrich, Hour of Power Germany

Pastor Robert A. and Donna Schuller visited Berlin, the capital of Germany, for the first time, and spoke before 550 people who came together to experience their TV pastor in person!

In his sermon, Pastor Schuller shared the story of the relationship between Armand Hammer, Ronald Reagan, and Mikhail Gorbachev, resulting on June 12, 1987, Reagan's famous speech at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate: "Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, TEAR DOWN THIS WALL!" These words have left a powerful, positive, and lasting legacy.

Pastor Schuller encouraged the congregation to tear down their own walls, to put their faith and trust in God to tear down relationship problems, financial challenges, and health issues. Then, all could feel the Holy Spirit as we joined hands to ask God to

give us the courage to tear down our own walls.

The Schullers left with first-hand evidence that the televised Crystal Cathedral services are making a huge difference in Germany, with many saying, "Pastor Schuller, the *Hour of Power* has saved my life!"



In Switzerland Robert A. Schuller, met with the Keller family - Bruno, Mara, Deborah, and Nico - who watch Crystal Cathedral services together and share that their lives have been changed because of the weekly faith-building, life-encouraging program.

**SWITZERLAND: Building Faith through Community!**

By Rosi Blissenbach, Hour of Power Switzerland

On Thursday, May 3, Robert A. and Donna Schuller spoke during a church service at the Reformed Church Zürich-Altstetten to about 500 enthusiastic persons.

After an introduction by the President of Hour of Power Switzerland, Heinz Strupler, an enthused viewer, Xaver Weber, shared how the televised church service had positively impacted not only his life, but the lives of his wife and children. Then Donna shared challenges she had experienced in her youth that God had helped her to face and overcome.



Martin Goldinger (23) had back problems that took from him his livelihood and emotional well-being, but the televised Crystal Cathedral services have given him new strength for his life.

Robert followed with a message of faith-building through community, and sharing abundance to reach those with less around the world. He closed with a blessing and invited every person to hold hands in a human prayer chain to become a community of uplifted and encouraged believers!

Pastor Bobby Schuller

# Reaching new generations in emerging ways for Christ

By Ronald E. Keener, Church Executive magazine



*After Robert Harold and Robert Anthony there is Robert Vincent Schuller, or Bobby as he prefers to be called. He's 25, married to Hannah, a graphic designer, and in his third year at Fuller Theological Seminary. And he pastors a weekly service at the Crystal Cathedral called The Gathering for about 150 people.*

Q. Tell me about The Gathering and what you and your wife are doing there.

A. We started a church plant within our church. Sometimes it is hard to define clearly, because we still have a somewhat symbiotic co-journey relationship with the Cathedral. We are not a ministry that is told what to do by the Cathedral but we are also not an independent church. I am working with a group of people, and also under my dad and granddad, and reaching a different group of people in — I guess you can say in business terms — our target market.

We are looking for someone who is a little bit more of a post-modern thinker and a lot of time the cure is we'll answer post-modernism with a sort of post-modern Christianity and I've found that this has been difficult. I don't think you can have a post-modern Christianity in a literary, philosophical sense.

I do think though that modern American Christianity is not the answer for post-modern seekers or post-modern people. I think what they're looking for is more of an existential/romantic-type of Christianity, something that focuses

a little bit more on beauty, on art, on vintage. I think that the old and the ancient are a lot more relevant than it used to be. We're studying church history, our connection to the high church, and how we evolved as evangelicals out of the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Church. I think a lot of these are relevant towards painting Christianity not as this new, fun, awesome thing, but as a 2,000-year-old journey that began with God Incarnate.

Q. You used the word vintage. What does that word mean to you in ministry?

A. Vintage means it's something that is old but its value is found in being old and being choice. So Christianity oftentimes has been in the modern concept packed into a fresh-type clean box, the "Wal-Mart Christianity," a fast food Christianity. Sometimes this would be the criticism of the post-modern seeker. What we're trying to do is really present Christianity by stepping back to its ancient roots.

Usually in our service, we begin with a sermon and a time of testimony, then we mediate and pray, we have prayer stations that people interact with, and then we take communion together.

Q. How does this meet the different needs of that age group?

A. Originally, it was targeted at an age group, it was an evolution of the college group, but we found that our per-

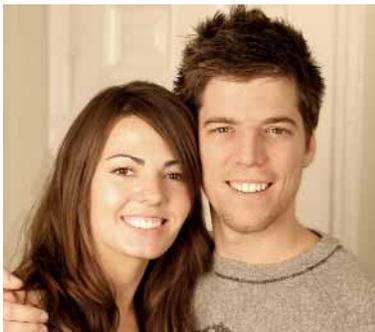
spective of worship appealed to much more than just younger people. A better way is to approach it not as an age group but as a worldview. So in other words, there are a lot of moms and even grandmothers and grandpas that come and consider themselves post-modern, who like Latin liturgy and they like soft music and like meditation and prayer. We've done Greek liturgy and Hebrew liturgy too.

Q. Your title is director of emerging ministry? Define that for me.

A. I like to consider emerging ministries because I think that an emerging church can come out. But also, I think there are other ministries as well that are springing up. For instance, we did a hip-hop service not too long ago, and that's not exactly what is now being categorized as an emerging church service, but it's still an emerging group of people who need to be reached. It is evangelism outside of the box.

The Cathedral was founded on taking risks, pushing the envelope, making people think outside the box of evangelism. The great thing about The Gathering is that

Bobby with wife Hannah (above) and partner in ministry, Collin Pursley (left). Below, Bobby administers the sacrament of baptism.



I can continue my family's legacy in being able to think of new innovative ways to reach our changing culture.

Q. As a young man in a famous family, and coming into your own ministry, were there obstacles to overcome?

A. One of the things I had to get used to quickly was all the attention. I went to school at Oral Roberts University and when I got back

here, I got bombarded at first with high expectations and assumptions. All of these were a lot of struggles for me at first, but my wife, my dad, and my grandpa really helped me through it. I think my dad experienced, if not the same, more of that than I did as a kid. But I'm at a real place of peace now. I'm loving it. I love being able to have a voice and work with my dad and our family.

Q. Do you and your grandfather have long talks about your ministry and the church?

A. Oh, of course. We are a family. There is definitely a dialog between all the members of our family. I live not even five minutes from my grandpa. I'm able to go over there and have tea and to pull from him, and also from my grandma, a lot. She's a genius, a brilliant woman, so both of them have been able to really pour into my life and Hannah's life. And of course, I dialog with my dad

as well. There's always, always a dialog going.

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