

KIDS

SPECIAL FAMILY "DATE NIGHT"

Friday, June 6, from 6-11 PM, the Crystal Cathedral Children's Ministry is offering FREE date night childcare. Just drop off your kids in the Family Life Center for a fun and encouraging time while you and your spouse head off on a date!

The cost for care is free; Pizza and soda is \$5 if pre-ordered. RSVP by Monday, June 2, by calling 714-971-4087. Upcoming dates are Aug. 29, Oct. 17, and Dec. 12!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPECIAL DATES

Parents, just a reminder that Kid Power Plant goes on summer break after June 9! Then our Summer Sunday School begins with these special dates:

June 15: Awards Day!

June 22: VBS Kick-off Sunday!

June 29: VBS Sunday! Parents are encouraged to attend, 11 AM to 12 PM, to see all that the kids learned during VBS, plus special entertainment.

SPECIAL TIMES

During the 9:30 AM Service: We're offering a video venue plus worship.

During the 11 AM Service: Cathedral Kidz will embark on an "Incredible Race." This is an opportunity for kids to get out of the grandstands and prepare for the all-important race of life. This program will help them fill up their tanks with God's Word and tune up their engines (hearts). For more info, call 714-971-4087.

SUMMER MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP

For the very first time Children's Ministry is offering a Summer Music & Drama Camp at the Crystal Cathedral. Each day, August 4 - 23, 8 AM - 5:30 PM, your child will learn and grow, not only in their musical and drama ability but also in their faith. This camp is open to kids entering the 3rd - 8th grade. Performances of "Life School Musical" will be held on August 22 and 23 in the Welcoming Center's Freed Theater.

The cost is \$150 (\$10 a day), and includes crafts, recreation, drama, music, Bible study, performances, snacks, and more. To help with the camp, we are seeking to hire high school or college-aged kids with backgrounds in, and a love for, either music or drama. For camp info, call 714-971-4087.

BLESS YOUR BABY WITH BAPTISM!

If you have a child or are expecting a child, we invite you to call Maureen Winer in Congregational Life for more information about infant baptism, 714-971-4062.

YOUTH

JR. HIGH STUDENTS

XLR8 TUESDAYS: It's a place where Jr. Highers come together! If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, XLR8 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!

XLR8 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.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

FUEL WEDNESDAYS: This is where High Schoolers fill up! FUEL shatters the stereotype that church is boring. FUEL is designed to celebrate life and relationships. FUEL 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!

SUNDAY FUEL: This is our growth program. Its goal is to be a place where faith would grow deep and be fruitful, where each student steps into real-life relationship with Christ and with one another. SUNDAY FUEL meets on Sunday mornings in the Welcoming Center's Freed Theater at 10:40 AM, and then attends the 11 AM C3 service together.

FUEL SAVE THE DATE:

- Project Timothy: July 3-16
- Mexico Mission: July 24 - Aug. 2
- Summer Camp: Aug. 10-15



VBS ON OUTRIGGER ISLAND!

During Vacation Bible School this summer, June 23-27, 9 AM - 1 PM, we'll travel to Outrigger Island to learn how to live God's unshakeable truth! Early registration: \$25 (thru 6/8, then \$35). Registration forms are available now.

We are currently seeking volunteers to commit to all five VBS days and two training meetings. Volunteers receive a discount rate of \$10 per child. Training dates: either June 2 or 9, 7 - 9 PM, FLC-3, and June 2 (walk-thru), 10 AM - 12 PM in the Family Life Center gymnasium.

Please call for more information, 714-971-4087.

Love God & Love Youth!

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

714-971-4189 or janiez@crystalcathedral.org

FAMILY SUNDAYS

Parking: Families park next to Family Life Center and take shuttle to church!

Shuttle: Stops next to Family Life Center and other spots around campus!

Quiet Room: In the Tower Lobby, watch the service with your child.



Contact Student Ministries
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ADULT Ministries



Rhea Zakich

WOMEN

A SUMMER SERIES FOR WOMEN

Rhea Zakich takes us into the Laboratory to discover important principles of prayer, communication, and healing. Enjoy a morning of creative activities and experiments that let YOU decide what works best for you. Join women of all ages and walks of life for these exciting, innovative, and insightful Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 on Tower 2.

June 10. Laboratory of Prayer: Praying with the mind, praying with the body, praying with the Spirit.

July 8. Laboratory of Communication: Talking to yourself, talking with others, talking with God.

August 12. Laboratory of Healing: Healing the mind, healing memories and healing the heart.

For more info, please call 714-971-4080.

MEN'S NETWORK

BAND OF BROTHERS: MONDAY NIGHTS

Being part of the Band of Brothers is about faith, friendship, and living our dream to God's glory. Today, more than ever, our homes and our workplaces need men of faith focused in Kingdom-

building in all areas of their lives. Are you connected with other men who want to make a difference for the sake of the Kingdom? We invite you to consider joining our Band of Brothers on Monday evenings in the Family Life Center, Room 435, 7 - 8:30 PM.

For more info, call 714-971-4236 or e-mail bandofbrothers@crystalcathedral.org.



YOUNG ADULTS

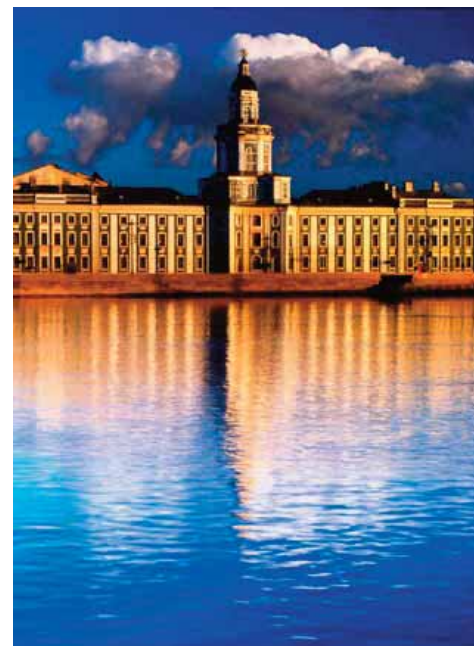
NEW COLLEGE GROUP

Are you college age (18-29) and looking to connect with others your age? Please join us on Sunday nights, 6 – 7 PM in the Youth House. We are devoted to diving into God's Word and connecting with others who are college age. For more info, e-mail Mark Wojciechowski at markw@crystalcathedral.org.

SINGLES

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP: SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS

Every Sunday, 11 AM in FLC-470, 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. Every Tuesday, 7 PM in FLC-3, 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 friend.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

TRAVEL MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Thurs., June 12, 11:30 AM, Art Gallery. Following a delicious luncheon, our featured speaker from Main Street Tours will make a presentation about our upcoming trip to Yosemite in the fall. Cost: \$10.

RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISE

July 3 – 18. Join Pastor Glenn and Marilyn DeMaster for this memorable trip, visiting the fascinating cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, then board our luxury cruise ship, the Viking Kirov, for the next 12 nights. Highlights include the famed Bolshoi Theater, Red Square, an evening of Russian folkloric music and ballet, Kremlin and Armory Museum tours, etc. Starting at \$5749 pp. double occupancy.

"BIG A" FOURTH OF JULY

Fri., July 4, 6:05 PM. Celebrate Independence Day with family and CC friends at the Angels vs. Toronto game with a fireworks display like no other! \$21/ticket.

PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Sun., Aug 17, 5:30–11:30 PM. Travel by deluxe motor coach to the Laguna Arts Festival, where local artists display their unique creations, then enjoy the evening performance of "The Pageant of the Masters" where artists magically transform live



actors and intricate sets into remarkable recreations of famous works of art. Dinner is on your own. \$66/ea.

YOSEMITE FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

Oct. 20-22. Spend three days and two nights in California's most famous National Park, where the lush valley is surrounded on all sides by cascading waterfalls, granite-faced peaks, and beautiful meandering meadows. In the fall, the leaves are turning many shades of red and gold and the scenery is even more breathtaking! Cost: \$329 pp. double occupancy; add \$80 for single occupancy.

BRANSON, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

Nov. 5 - 13. You'll want to be a part of this delightful nine-day tour of America's musical heritage! Highlights include Branson shows, a showboat cruise, the new Clinton Presidential Library, Grace-



land, Grand Ole Opry, BB King's Blues Café, Country Music Hall of Fame, and more. Cost: \$1,999 pp. double occupancy.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Solvang Danish Days, 9/20.
- Reagan Library, 10/6.
- Newport Harbor, 12/20.

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

Go to the Box Office or call for details and reservations, 714-544-5679. Find more information online at www.crystalcathedral.org/ministries/travel. Trips and pricing are subject to change.

MATURE ADULTS

50+ PRIME TIME:
"MENTORING SAVES LIVES!"

During the "50 + Prime Time" monthly luncheon on Thurs., June 19, 11:30 AM to 2 PM in the Arboretum, the California Mentoring Foundation's Andy Mecca will share the surprising and heart-warming effects of this simple life-changing approach to damaging problems. Did you know that 98% of youth matched to a Mentor stay in school, 98% of youth with Mentors did not become teen parents, and 85% of Mentored youth avoid drug use? Also, enjoy Joan Howe's excellent fan collection. Plus, we'll be surrounded with joyous group singing and warm fellowship. Come for the fun, the food, the friendship, and stimulating activities. Lunch is \$5/door; RSVP by 6/16, 714-971-4032.



MATURE ADULTS
Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor

MEN'S
Bob Cavinder, Pastor

TRAVEL
Rev. Glenn DeMaster,
Pastor

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Michelle Cavinder,
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Lovely Settings for Your Special Day

Crystal Cathedral Weddings

What could be more glorious than a wedding in the light-filled Crystal Cathedral? Or more moving than in the beautiful 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 settings are available.

Call 714-971-4240.



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ism. She also wants to work with college students, and eventually become a president of a college or university. She loves creating programs and implementing them. She loves the idea of working with students who will challenge her. She relies on her relationship with God. When she ran into obstacles, she prayed about it and she discovered that her obstacles were opportunities and her challenges made her stronger, which in turn led her to dream even bigger dreams.

Way to go class of 2008! You make us proud. We will pray for you because you are our hope for the future!

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
ARVELLA SCHULLER
SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

On Saturday, May 13, the Cathedral was filled with supporters of all ages who came to celebrate the accomplishments of the students of the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School. The choirs, instrumental ensembles, and dancers raised the roof of the Crystal Cathedral with glorious sounds. This year, the graduating seniors, many of who were accepted into the most prestigious colleges and universities, such as Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA, USC, Northwestern University, and Georgia Tech (some with full ride scholarships) knocked our socks off with vocal, organ, and dance solos.

Ted Ziegenbusch and Lauren Kitchens, formerly of KFSH (the Fish), served once again as the master and mistress of ceremony. Their play-

ful banter and obvious love for the children provided the glue for the dizzying pace of the concert.

Honorees this year included Chris Sligh, a finalist of the America Idol TV show. Chris sang two songs, leading the entire cathedral in spine-tingling worship. Nick Vujicic, the inspirational young man who has no limbs, challenged us to be all we can be for the glory of God. Kathy Ireland, whose brand is listed as #23 in the world, between Ferrari and Ford, paid tribute to Mrs. Schuller and her accomplishment of building this amazing school.

Over 80 children were awarded scholarships totaling over \$25,000 for lessons in the arts, voice, strings, piano, instrumental, dance, and drama. Another 15 families have received over \$25,000 in financial aide for the next school year towards their tuition. Many of these families have a single parent (due to the death of the other parent, or the loss of a parent to alcoholism), or a parent who is struggling with serious health issues, such as cancer. Nevertheless, there were still 20 families who were not helped this year due to a shortage of funds.

The Arvella Schuller Scholarship fund is an endowment fund. The entire principal is invested in FDIC insured certificate of deposits. Only the interest is spent. Many throughout this ministry have donated to the fund throughout this past year. In fact, this past year alone, we raised an additional \$23,300 for the fund. Thank you for your generous support of the children. They are receiving Christian instruction in the arts and academics thanks to many of you!



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Catalina Island on the way to Ensenada. Joining the fellowship group was Pastor Jim Poit and his family as well as Pastor Lawrence Wilkes and his wife Nancy. While the focus of the trip was on many different activities, time was taken to fellowship as a group every morning and to consider God's Word.

New Community meets for an hour every Sunday at 11 AM in the Art Gallery. While each meeting includes a Bible-based discussion, usually led by Pastor Wilkes, the purpose and focus of the group is to build a community of Christians who help each other in their walk with Christ. Those who attend New Community all agree that it is not only a place to learn more about the Christian life, but it is truly a place to make connections and build new friendships with some great people who like to have fun. We invite you to join us in this warm community of future friends.

Join Other U.S. Veterans

The first Tuesday of every month, 12 - 2 PM on Tower of Hope, Floor 2, U.S. Veterans meet for fellowship, updates, special speakers, and encouragement. For more details, please contact Chaplain Chuck Trout at 714-971-4062 or chaptrout@aol.com.



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.

APRIL 2008 INTERMENTS

- Shotwell, Phyllis 4/4
- Wegelin, Thelma L. 4/4
- Henry, Thomas R. 4/5
- Lee, Waitak Peter 4/5
- Ambriz, Efigenia 4/12
- Bates, Oliver 4/26
- Daniel Wilson 4/30

STAY IN TOUCH

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 Web Site crystalcathedral.org
 Prayer Community crystalcathedral.org/prayer
 One Community crystalcathedral.org/community

New Hope Hotline
 24-hr. phone counseling 714-New-Hope or 639-4673
 Web Site newhopenow.org
 TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F 714-New-Teen or 639-8336
 Web Site teenline.org

Rancho Capistrano 949-347-4000
 E-Mail info@ranchocapistrano.org
 Web Site ranchocapistrano.org

Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

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 wedding ceremonies and receptions this summer, especially on Sundays. We offer a Rancho mini-brunch that makes a morning ceremony and reception even more affordable! Please call our Wedding Department at 949-347-4000.

LAKESIDE, PATIO OR GREENHOUSE DINING Christmas in June?

It's not too early to schedule your holiday banquet or Christmas party and experience holiday dining in view of the "Largest Nativity in Orange County." The Rancho Capistrano Conference & Retreat Center has rooms of all sizes for your Christmas celebrations. As weekends book quickly, call now to reserve your date! The sparkling lake and tree-lined paths, all decorated for the holidays, along with our award-winning chef's gourmet cuisine, will set the perfect atmosphere for worshipful celebrations of Christ's birthday. Call 949-347-4000 to speak to our Conference Sales Manager, or e-mail seminars@ranchocapistrano.org.

FISHING, SWIMMING, CANOEING, ARTS & CRAFTS AND THEMED EVENTS Summer Day Camps Begin June 23!

During our Summer Day Camps, campers 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. We offer a variety of options for your camper including Discovery Camps, Academic Camps, and a year-round ACSI-accredited Preschool for children under age 5. Extended before and after daycare is also available.



Discovery Camp activities (weather permitting) include swimming, canoeing, archery, fishing, hiking, arts & crafts, field games, drama, and themed events with special speakers. Activities for June and July are:

Week 1, June 23- 27: Fun in the Sun is the theme for this "Summer Kickoff" week. Activities include extended pool activities, team building, and games that will start the summer off right. Top teams get an ice cream party! Speakers and exhibitions include police officers, firefighters, and a terrific "magic show."

Week 2, June 30 - July 3: Celebrate the fourth with costumes, patriotic arts & crafts, sing-a-longs, and a parade. Dress up as your favorite American hero and celebrate in style! Speakers include a FBI agent and members of the Armed Forces. (No camp on July 4th.)

Week 3, July 7-11: During "Water Works," get wet and wild with our annual beach ball water sports, balloon races, and camp wet zone. Enjoy extended pool time games, water balloon antics, and beach-themed activities, plus special events and speakers.

Week 4, July 14-18: Meet the friendly and fun mammals, reptiles, and insects that make our world a better place. These "creepy crawlers" will amaze you with their intellect and engaging natures. Campers will find new ways to "talk to the animals." Speakers include the "Lizard Lady" who will lead a hands-on experience with birds and reptiles!

Week 5, July 21-25: Win the gold during our annual "Ranch Camp Olympics." Swimming, fishing, canoeing, and field game activities highlight this week. Exclusive arts and crafts activities, outdoor games, and fun awards will be part of the Olympic experience.

Visit www.ranchocapistrano.org/ranch-camps.html 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.

MAXIMIZING THE GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD

Rancho Capistrano Christian School and Preschool

June is a time of great celebration for our students as preschool, kindergarten, and 8th grade students attend graduation ceremonies and awards banquets. The preschool will also have a special recognition chapel.

There are a few openings for the 2008-2009



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 in 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 Karate.

For more information, please see our website at www.ranchocapistrano.org. Rancho Capistrano Christian School serves preschool through 8th grade, and our preschool is ACSI accredited.

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new ways by participating in guided meditations before statues depicting scenes from His life and teaching. Each statue will come alive as a prayer station!

Walking quietly along the beautiful garden grounds, we'll pause before each work of art to read the Gospel story represented and to practice an ancient spiritual discipline that will help us to connect deeply with Christ. What joy will be ours to behold the smile of Jesus along with rescued sheep, skipping children, forgiven men and women, and devoted disciples. You'll be renewed in your devotion to Christ and your ministry to others.

RSVP today! Call Barbie at 714-971-4123 or e-mail bbarrientos@crystalcathedral.org and receive a schedule listing each of the statues and spiritual practices for the morning retreat. Be sure to bring walking shoes, sun protection, a water bottle, snack, pen, journal, and a folding chair (if you want to sit during meditations at each statue).

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audience via television, at the suggestion of Billy Graham. Expanding our ministry online is the next step in our commitment to connect people in new and creative ways."

Our ministry has tapped into the insights and services of Emmy-winning broadcaster and long-time *Hour of Power* viewer Errol Smith to be the architect for the new media initiative, dubbed, "Connecting YOU to God, Wherever, Whenever, However™." The projected launch for the new media expansion is this coming fall.

What joy will be ours to behold the smile of Jesus...



HOURLY OF POWER INTERNATIONAL

Hope, Amid the Rubble

By David Rathbun, Hour of Power Beijing

The people of China greatly appreciate the heartfelt prayers of people from around the world, including viewers of the *Hour of Power*, as they find a way to triumph over the devastating consequences of the 8.0 magnitude earthquake on May 12 in southwestern China's Sichuan Province.

It is feared that the final death toll may rise to more than 80,000 dead. There is also a race against time to provide emergency shelter in tents for five million people made homeless by the massive quake.

Dr. Schuller says that God is the first "power" that arrives on the scene after a tragedy. Among the many "soul-stirring" stories filled with God's power:

One brave first grade student singing a children's song called "Tiger, Tiger"... inspiring his classmates to hold onto hope as they lie trapped, scared and in darkness underneath the collapsed rubble of their school building.

A young teacher rushing into her classroom again and again to rescue her first grade students - frozen in shock and fear - amid the violent shaking and swaying. But losing her own life after entering the collapsing building one too many times.

Who knows how many miraculous stories of survival, hope, courage, and bravery may have been secretly aided and positively influenced... even if unknowingly... by countless heartfelt prayers from around the world?

And just over the horizon - a new daunting challenge - constructing over one million new temporary homes over the next three months before the harsh winter arrives in the earthquake-stricken region. Please pray for this devastated region, as it rises from the rubble and grieves its losses, that God's power is revealed through those who come to the rescue.

the Bible with others in what she is calling "Bible Trivia" for beginner/intermediate/advanced players.

Each week on One Community there will be a series of questions: five for beginners, two for intermediates, and one for advanced. During that week, everyone participating will be welcomed to be in community with one another to discuss the questions, share their answers, and ask their own questions. At the end of each week, Dr. Muffin will give the answers to that week's questions and post another set of questions to continue the fun of learning more about the Bible.

Go to crystalcathedral.org; click "Community" (at top of pg.); click "One Community" (middle of pg.); click on "Spiritual Growth; go to "Bible Trivia."

Global Membership: How to Get Connected

By Pastor Beverly Muffin, Crystal Cathedral Global Community Director



For most of you reading this, you consider yourself a member or attendee of the Crystal Cathedral church. However, if you cannot make it to services and fellowship, you have the opportunity to become more connected through Global Membership. For more details go to crystalcathedral.org and click on "membership," or contact me at beverelym@crystalcathedral.org or 714-971-4329.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Short Term Missions Bless the World

In 2008, we're offering many opportunities to bless people around the world through short-term missions. Already this year we have traveled to the Dominican Republic to help build homes through Habitat for Humanity, and are on our way to assist a pastor in Tanzania. Future trips include those to minister to orphaned boys in Tecate, Mexico, and Bobby Schuller is leading a group to Nepal this month. If you aren't called to go on a mission trip, you may want to consider sending others to do God's work. For more details, contact Pastor Beverly Muffin at 714-971-4325.

GLOBAL MEMBERS

A "Fun Zone" for Spiritual Growth

Join our new spiritual growth fun zone, with Pastor Beverly Muffin on our One Community website. Pastor Muffin wants to share her love of

KCAL-9
check local listings
HOUR OF POWER
Watch Every Week!
SUN LIFETIME CABLE
8:00 AM EAST/PAC
TBN 8:30 AM PAC
SAT TBN
6:00 PM
PACIFIC

MORE NEWS

Jim Poit to Visit Fellowship Groups

To share this ministry's vision for the future of Crystal Cathedral church growth and revitalization, our Executive Pastor Jim Poit will visit the Sunday fellowship group meetings. He will unveil plans already in place and those in the planning stages, and elicit comments and suggestions from those in attendance. If you would like to play a part in the future direction of our congregation, plan now to join any of the groups listed below.

- June 1: New Community, Art Gallery, 11 AM
- June 15: Becomers, Family Life Center, Rm. 230, 9 AM
- June 22: Early Bird Bible Study, Tower 3, 8:15 AM
- July 20: Homebuilders, Art Gallery, 9 AM

Other groups will be added in the near future, as well.

Dr. Schuller at NASCAR Coca-Cola 600

Lowe's Motor Speedway officials invited Dr. Robert H. Schuller to be among the special guests who participated in pre-race ceremonies leading up to the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event last month. Dr. Schuller led race fans



in the pledge of allegiance before the race. The official believed that our founding pastor should feel right at home addressing an audience in Lowe's Motor Speedway's 1.5-mile oval since he had performed his first religious services amongst cars at the Orange Drive-In Theater.

Concert for Natalie

On Saturday, August 23, 4:30 PM at the Crystal Cathedral, Jana Alayra & Rob Biagi will present a Family Concert with proceeds to benefit Natalie Biagi, daughter of Rob, in her fight with leukemia. Tickets at the Box Office: \$8 Pre-Sale; \$10 At Door. Call 714-54-GLORY.

Annual Independence Day Volunteer Orchestra & Choir

Join with the Crystal Cathedral Choir and Orchestra on Sunday, July 6 as we celebrate God's faithfulness to our country! Musicians must be able to read music easily, and have training and experience in choral and orchestral music. For more information, call 714-971-4095 (orchestra) or 714-971-4150 (choir), or go online to www.crystalcathedral.org/ministries/music.

A Simple Way to Keep Us Strong!

You can keep our ministry strong by including the Crystal Cathedral Congregation Endowment Fund in your estate plans. It can be as simple adding the Crystal Cathedral as an additional beneficiary on an existing insurance policy. For information, contact Rev. Glenn DeMaster at 714-971-4311 or glenn@crystalcathedral.org.

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and no doubt always did. He was always in the thick of things, even in the midst of enduring a ton of rejection, abuse, teasing, and sick humor, but does not seem bitter though sometimes asks God about the fairness of life.

Spina Bifida (Latin for "split spine") is the birth defect that deformed his legs. Within one year, all efforts at the Shriner's Hospital in Chicago failed to give vitality to his lower legs. The family agreed that artificial legs would be better. The hospital was his home for his first 18 months. There he learned to walk on artificial substitutes for his legs. These were "peg legs." No joints. Just narrow tips on the end of wooden rods. Joel happily stiff-legged around for his first four years. Then, more highly developed artificial limbs were developed and acquired. This allowed Joel to walk in a more conventional gait.

At age 21, he announced to his parents he was sick of the weather in northern Illinois, moved to California to attend college, studying engineering. A couple of years later he persuaded his parents to leave Zion and join him in California. Joel worked 29 years for Interstate Electronics as Senior Checker in the Drafting Dept., helping to develop electronic equipment for the Nuclear Submarines.

One of the satisfactions in Joel's life has been

inspiring and encouraging G.I.'s who have lost their limbs, or are in some other way disabled. He enjoys visiting V.A. hospitals where he can talk "hope" and "possibilities" to the wounded.

Presently he is without his artificial legs. He fell on our church Plaza and broke them. He gets around in a wheelchair waiting for his insurance company to agree to replace them. I asked Joel if many people ask him about why he has prosthetic legs or, as of right now, none at all. I also inquired whether it bothers him when people do ask. Joel said few ever speak to him about his legs, but he actually appreciates it when they do. (writer's note: I consider Joel's comment as valuable and important information for caring folks.)

He has lived as a widower for nearly 10 years, since Evelyn died, and is the proud grandfather of Crystal Cathedral Academy drama and music standout, Matt Laub, his daughter Marci's son.

Joel is a lifelong Democrat who talks like a Conservative: (1) "Let me tell you if I can't do it." (2) "Ask me what I need and let me tell you." (3)

Once you meet him, you notice little more than an interesting man of God with a quick smile.

"We can do it. Let us do it." (4) "If I fall down, it is easier to get up by myself than with your help. Let me take my time." (5) "Don't spell handicapped "h-e-l-p-l-e-s-s."

Joel has been nurtured in the Christian faith since childhood, and his friends have always been eager to include him in their church groups. As a result, Joel believes he has worshipped in every Christian church there is. A near accident coming down Big Bear Mountain when the brakes went out on his car is one positive spiritual experience Joel recalls. A man in a tiny VW steered in front of him and gradually slowed Joel to a stop. "Thank you, God, for saving my life" sprang from his heart, that day.

Today Joel leads a quiet, interesting life as a retired workman. He loves coins and stamps and regularly hunkers down to play Bridge. He is a happy man, still getting around in his wheelchair with empty pant legs dangling. Once you meet him, you notice little more than an interesting man of God with a quick smile.

The wisest words he heard from medical helpers when he was just a little guy turned out to be a powerful lifelong influence. They advised his parents to "Let him live his life. Never tell him he can't do something." His parents followed that advice, and a healthy, happy, significant Joel Swanson is the result.

Another Tour Guide Story

By Ben Hadley, Crystal Cathedral Tour Guide

Many years ago, I took a writing class at Chapman College. One lesson included composing "existential" sentences, i.e., sentences containing a gerund, e.g., "Happiness is doing, loving, enjoying, etc." I'll tell you one morning this past April was truly an existential experience.

Early in the morning a Russian tour group arrived for which their own director took charge, conducting the entire tour in Russian. One woman split off from the group and came into the cathedral where two of us tour guides were talking. I asked if she was part of the group and she said, "Yes, but I broke off from them because they are hearing mainly information about the buildings, grounds, etc. But I feel the holiness here as though I have just been lifted from earth and transported to a heavenly place where the Spirit of God surely dwells. I can't tell you what this visit means to me. I have dreamed for

years of coming to the place from which I have surely been brought closer to God." This woman now lives in Philadelphia.

Soon a group of senior citizens from Canada arrived. I greeted them and, after pointing out the rest rooms, went to the Hospitality Center where I said I would meet them to start our tour. While waiting there, I met three young people from the U.S. Air Force who were dressed in civilian clothes. Stationed in New Jersey, they were here attending USAF convention in Anaheim. When

the Canadian seniors arrived, I asked if it would be okay if three young people from New Jersey joined us. I told them it would have the advantage of lowering our group's average age. They thought that was a great idea. Then I told them that these young folks were members of the United States Air Force. The entire group of seniors broke into applause and thanked them for keeping us all safe. It brought tears to their eyes.

Half way through the tour, the Russian woman showed up again. In heavily accented Russian, she told the group what our ministry meant to her. She continued for several minutes extolling the virtues of the ministry. When she finally stopped, I said to the group, "There you are - an unsolicited testimonial from a woman who found our ministry in Russia." They were very touched.

What a day - it truly was an existential day of happy doing, loving, and enjoying. Thank you, Jesus!



NICOLE'S NETWORK connecting with your church community



Tower Lobby

Assist in the Tower lobby between 9 AM- 4:30 PM. Answer visitors' questions and phones, direct people to the correct floor, monitor traffic, sort mail, etc.
KNOW points of contact, LOVE being helpful, SERVE people on campus

Kiosk Ministry

Greet people in need of special information about programs or classes. Sundays, half-hour prior to service and 10 min. before end of service, then stay until replacement arrives.
KNOW campus info, LOVE communicating, SERVE our visitors

Crystal Cathedral Ushers

Assist churchgoers to their seats. Meet at either 8:30 or 10:15 AM for instruction and prayer. Be one of the first smiling faces someone sees at the Crystal Cathedral!
KNOW our church, LOVE our congregation, SERVE the hospitality team

Traffic Ministry

Direct traffic inside the Crystal Cathedral parking lot. Greet and guide attendees of our Sunday Services, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
KNOW giving direction, LOVE smiling & greeting, SERVE our visitors

Crystal Cathedral Tour Guides

Give guided walking tours of the Crystal Cathedral to visitors from around the world! Share your knowledge while you share

your heart. Shifts available M - F, 9 AM - 4:30 PM, and Sundays as well!

KNOW our church, LOVE sharing, SERVE our visitors

Encourage our Kids!

Have a hand in shaping the future of our community and our world through our children!

Sundays - Kid Power Plant: Group leaders and assistants needed on Sundays; 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM.

Weekday Evenings - Youth Ministries: Volunteers to love and encourage our Jr. & Sr. High students, Tue. & Wed. evenings.

Weekday Afternoons - Kidz Klub: Materials provided. Serve some special neighborhood kids in need once a week, 3:30 - 5 PM.

KNOW patience, LOVE children, SERVE our future

VOLUNTEER ONLINE at crystalcathedral.org/volunteer. Complete a profile and discover ways to become involved! OR CALL Nicole Stephens, Director of Involvement & Service Ministry, at 714/971-4321. OR E-MAIL nicoles@crystalcathedral.org.