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Bringing Hope to a Hurting World!

Planting Seeds of Hope

By Robert Anthony Schuller

When Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in 2005, several members of my wife's family lost their homes and everything they had. But throughout their ordeal, Donna's family never lost hope. Hope is the common thread that links great survivors throughout history.

"Hope is the conviction that something will turn out well, and the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out," wrote the former Czech Republic President Václav Havel in 1987 before the fall of the communist dictatorship when everything looked hopeless for his country.

In this issue of the *Crystal Cathedral Today*, you will find many stories of hope - of my dad not losing his in 1955

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PHOTO B. MANLEY

During a recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic, Crystal Cathedral youth brought help and hope, care and kindness, and especially Christ's love to all they encountered. "They didn't want to come home!" says Pastor of Student Ministries Jeff Slack.



Question of the Month: Pastor Jim Poit begins an ongoing column answering your questions about your church. See pg. 4.

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Conference on Care & Kindness: March 15-17 Show Up and Be Encouraged

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

In all of my years of ministry, I believe a one-line concept, which I later developed into a book, has resonated more with people than any other thing I've ever communicated. This concept is that "90% of Caring is Just Showing Up." I have had long-time pastors, Crystal Cathedral Ministry executives, lay volunteers in care ministry, and many others come up to me one by one and say in effect, "Jim, that one line always helps me to do the right thing when the worst things happen."

"Showing up" is what we seek to practice at the Crystal Cathedral. Our "Care and Kindness" ministry aims to ignite in all God's children a sense of calling to "show up" and thereby demonstrate to



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The Glory of Easter: March 23 - April 7 History's Most Compelling Story of Hope!

By Jeanne Dunn

Experience for yourself the most compelling story in the world - the last seven days of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Setting the stage for the unfolding events, Director/Writer Paul David Dunn pays special attention to the details of the story and the accuracy of the historical context. "This is not a

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March Sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral!
9:25 & 11:05 am

Finding Happiness from the Inside Out!

This month a heart-filling, soul-encouraging message series continues on "Finding Happiness from the Inside Out!" In the weeks leading up to Easter, share the joy with Robert Anthony Schuller, Robert H. Schuller, and these special guests...

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Kristin Armstrong will share her inspirational testimony of God's healing power in the midst of a public divorce. Music by Crystal Cathedral Academy soloist **Richard Rivale**.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Long-time Cathedral benefactor and friend, **Evelyn Freed** shares about her rare brain tumor and a God-sent miracle. Plus, Oscar-winning actress **Angela Bassett**, and music by inspirational artist **Travis Cottrell**, and the **Purdue Varsity Glee Club**.

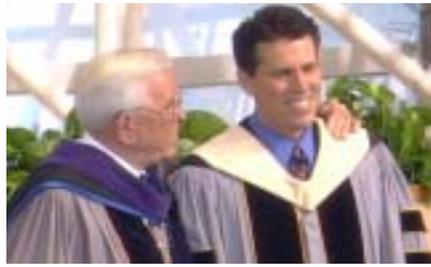
SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Christian illusionist and motorcycle racing champion, **Brock Gill** conveys the fascinating discoveries he made about the *Miracles of Jesus* while producing this mini-series for the Discovery Channel.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Welcome back our wonderful **Crystal Cathedral Academy Chorus!**

Purdue University Glee Club



Karen Armstrong



Richard Rivale



Evelyn Freed



Angela Bassett



Brock Gill



Travis Cottrell



child/student FELLOWSHIP

Sundays in the Family Life Center.

9:25 & 11:05 AM

- For Preschool & Elementary-Aged Kids, 2 yrs. - 5th grade
- For Infants to 2 yrs., loving Nursery Care



11:05 AM

- For Jr. High Students: "Reactive"
 - For Sr. High Students: "Rev: Sunday"
- more details, page 9

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 10:45 AM, FLC-3. 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. Led by Jim Kok, this group offers unquestioned support, heartfelt prayer, and loving fellowship.

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 led by Sande Herron.

CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIP 9:15 AM, FLC-220. You'll find warm hospitality, conversation, coffee, and snacks in a place where Jesus is Lord and love is alive!

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.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE 11 AM, FLC-230. Join young couples and parents seeking to love and honor God as they lead their families. (See pg. 9.)

HOMEBUILDERS 9 AM, Art Gallery. This group of adults led by Glenn DeMaster meets for loving fellowship, prayer, and unquestioned support.

NEW COMMUNITY SEMINARS 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 the foundations of this friendly group led by James and Yvonne Richards.

REJOICERS 9 AM, FLC-127. Celebrate with this class for the developmentally disabled. Enjoy lively Bible studies with visual aids and social activities.

more on sunday

Hispanic Sunday Services:

1 PM, in C.C. with Pastor Luiz Lemos. Spanish to English translation available in So. Balcony. Also, 6:30 PM in the Tower Chapel.

Sunday Evening Service:

6 PM in the Arb. or C.C., Worship and Bible Study with Dr. Jim Poit, the Crystal Cathedral Ensemble & Combo.



FAITH THROUGH ARTISTIC EXPRESSION, WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY
Every Sunday at 11 AM with Pastor Bobby Schuller

THE GLORY OF EASTER

IN THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL



March 23 – April 7, 2007

For tickets and show times call
877-54-GLORY

Special Group Rates available.

www.crystalcathedral.org

calendar of events

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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
march			☘	1 Divorce & Grief Recovery 1 (11)	2 Student Retreat (9)	3 Student Retreat (9)
4 Student Retreat (9)	5	6	7	8 Divorce & Grief Recovery 1 (11)	9	10
11 <i>Set clocks ahead one hour!</i> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS	12	13	14	15 Care Conf. (6) Divorce & Grief Recovery 1 (11)	16 Care Conf. (6)	17 Care Conf. (6) ST. PATRICK'S DAY
18 New Member Discovery Sunday! (5)	19	20	21	22	23 <i>The Glory of Easter opens</i>	24
25	26	27 Women's Easter Luncheon (10)	28 WWW Retreat (13)	29 Divorce & Grief Recovery 2 (11)	30	31

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1 PALM SUNDAY	2 Holy Week Service	3 Holy Week Service	4 Holy Week Service	5 Holy Week Service Divorce & Grief Recovery 2 (11)	6 GOOD FRIDAY Holy Week Services	7	
8 EASTER SUNDAY	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25 WWW Retreat (13)	26 Divorce & Grief Recovery 2 (11)	27	28	
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Coming...

Family Camp: 5/26-28 (8)
Women's RCA Conference: 7/19-22 (10)
Holy Land Tour: 10/14-23 (4)

every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

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

tuesday

WOW Study, 9:30 AM, AG 714-971-4080
Cathedral Singles, 7 PM, FLC-4 714-971-4061

wednesday

Men's Bible Study, 7 AM, T-2 714-971-4236
Women's Book Study, 11:30 AM, 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

Jr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180
Soul Food, 6 PM, FL 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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Crystal Cathedral Today! Second Front Page

From Your Executive Pastor:

Question of the Month

By Dr. Jim Poit



During our congregational meeting in January, Robert and I had hoped we would be able to answer all the questions that had been submitted. What we didn't know ahead of time was what a great response this congregation would have to our request for questions. So, due to a time constraint, we were unable to get to all the questions in the time allotted.

What we decided to do is to answer one of those questions each month in this *Crystal Cathedral Today*. The question this month is:

Q. What is the ministry's level of commitment to continuing the evening worship service?

A. There is no discussion about cancelling the

evening worship; it has the full support of the ministry leaders. In my goals and objectives for 2007, I state: "I hope to revitalize the evening worship service by designating time during the service for personal testimonies that illustrate how the Christian faith transforms everyday life, by encouraging congregational prayer, and by providing opportunities for more social interaction before and after the service."

I hope that the evening service can provide a place for the Crystal Cathedral congregation to celebrate special events and other important spiritual occasions in our life together as brothers and sisters in Christ. For example, it will become a place to receive new members, celebrate baptisms, to hear mission reports, to pray together, and to encourage each other in the Lord. There are many opportunities before us and I am excited about continuing this vital ministry.



When in Doubt, Trust in God!

By Dr. Robert H. Schuller

"What is a drive-in church?" asked the young Dartmouth student sitting before me with pen and pad in hand. "In writing my thesis on the impact of the automobile on society, I came across an article about a church held in a drive-in theater. Tell me more."

Suddenly, I was hurtled back in time to March 1955, when I was a 28-year-old preacher who had said "yes" to building a church in a developing suburb in Southern California. I had no buildings and no land, but I did have \$500 and a God-given dream to do something great for Him.

The manager's face revealed a mixture of skepticism and amusement as I asked if I could hold services at his Orange Drive-in Theater. Once he agreed, with God as my Encourager, I enthusiastically went to work building by hand a large cross for the top of the snack bar, so people in their cars would know this was, indeed, a church. I also bought folding chairs for the choir, plus offering plates and an organ.

Many of my peers scoffed at my idea of a drive-in church, and doubts would also enter

...doubts
would... enter
my own mind,
though down
deep in my heart
I knew I was
following God's
plan..."



Jesus walked through this valley (Kidron) on His way the Last Supper and to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Robert & Donna Schuller to Walk Where Jesus Walked...

"Come Home" to the Holy Land!

"In all my travels around the U.S. and overseas, I have never felt more 'at home' than I did in the Holy Land," says Sara Clark, a Crystal Cathedral staff member, church member, and tour host during the last Crystal Cathedral Holy Land Pilgrimage in 1999.

"It wasn't like being at home where I live, but was, instead, like finding my 'spiritual home' at last. It was like finding the final missing piece to the puzzle of life on earth. To walk where Jesus walked and to worship where the Apostles wor-

shipped and to stand where God-given miracles occurred was a blessing that left me with a lasting feeling of joy that no words can describe. And to experience it with other Believers - Crystal Cathedral members and friends - was satisfying beyond measure. I was also encouraged to find the people of Israel and Palestine to be so warm, welcoming, and respectful of our Christian beliefs. I encourage every man and woman of faith (and older children, too) to make

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Congregational LIFE

HOUSE OF POWER

House of Power Update

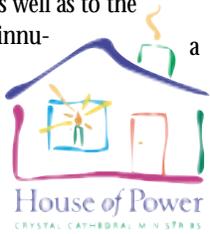
By Dr. Beverly Muffin

Sharing lives and “doing good” should be a part of the fabric and weave of all believers. As sure as a thread count designates the value of a piece of cloth, the number of human connections we make add to the value of our life as well as to the lives we touch - they should be innumerable. It should be impossible to number “community” in the church or body of Christ.

What is “community”? It is the coming together of two or three or more, in the case of believers, where Jesus comes also, to share our walk and journey of faith. How, then, would one count the coffee breaks, lunches, dinners, gatherings, and times of one or two or more coming together, over a fence, on a street or in the market place, sharing lives, embracing hearts, and reflecting God’s love as mirrors, one to the other?

If you would like a place to enter “community” through the Crystal Cathedral, I encourage you to become a House of Power. We have many gathered and scattered all over the nation and the world. And many right here in Orange County. All you have to do to become a House of Power is to commit your life to being one that endeavors to be filled with faith, hope, and love, and you’re in! Upcoming connection opportunities for House of Power participants include:

Special Luncheon: On Sundays, March 18 and April 15, enjoy a lively time of fellowship and lunch with one of our adult fellowship classes in the Family Life Center at 12:30 PM on the



3rd floor.

Easter Sunday Open House: Meet the House of Power staff on the 8th floor of the Tower of Hope. We will be hosting a gathering, 7-11 AM.

Information Calls: Share with our staff and with other Houses of Power what it means to be a House of Power, on Sundays, February 25, March 25, and Apr. 22 at 2:30 PM, Pacific Time.

Teaching Call: Join us as Pastor Muffin starts a new teaching series called “Every Day with Jesus” on the first Sunday of each month beginning March 4 at 2:30 PM Pacific Time.

Heidelberg Catechism Call: Learn the tenets of our faith as Pastor Muffin teaches from this beautifully written document that she loves so well. This teaching series will be

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on the second Sunday of each month beginning March 11 at 2:30 PM Pacific Time.

Special Online Opportunity: Watch Pastor Muffin on streaming video as she teaches the Heidelberg Catechism, then join her online to ask questions, make comments, and discuss what you learned. Call for details.

To receive more information or to let us know that you will be joining us at one or more of our events, call Joanna Kelley at 714-971-4088 or an e-mail housesofpower@crystalcathedral.org.



COMMUNITY MISSIONS

The ESL Experience is an Experiential Journey

By Gudelia Ramirez, Director Community Missions

No matter what happens in the midst of positive or negative circumstances, what the ESL students experience in class is immensely important for them; it belongs to them wherever they go. We help them to accomplish goals, and we encourage them to believe in themselves, and, when discouraged, to try and try again.

Each tutor’s gentleness embraces their students and helps to transfer knowledge and build confidence in the students upon which they may build their lives. They motivate their students to go forward and positively affect others in return. If it were not for the tutors, many of the students would have no hope.

We are so proud of our ESL Center, because it reflects our church missions’ statement: “The ministry is a center and community for spiritual growth, where positive attitudes are developed, where good people become better, where hurts are healed, where lessons are learned, where friendships are developed...”

Please help us — become a tutor, or refer somebody to us who needs to learn English. For info., call Gudelia Ramirez at 714-971-4047.

LOGOS BIBLE STUDY

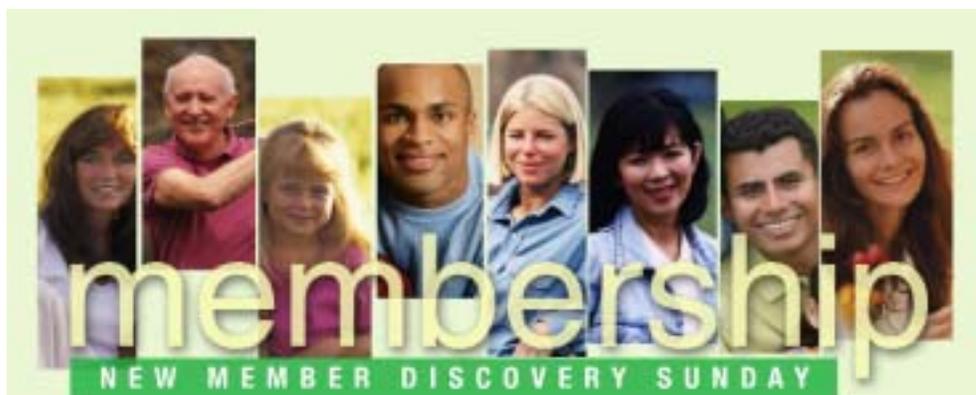
“The Bible: Plain and Simple” Series Continues

Logos classes continue on Monday evenings at 7 PM in the Freed Theater. Join us!

Dr. Bill Cresay’s Bible study series is a systematic, verse-by-verse, expository study of the entire Bible, Genesis through Revelation. It consists of a weekly two-hour lecture; written introductions, notes, outlines, and bibliographies for each book of the Bible; color satellite maps, timelines and photographs; a high-quality leatherette binder



Bill Cresay



March 18, 2007 • 9 AM - 1:30 PM

Meet at the Family Lounge, between the Arboretum and Art Gallery

The Crystal Cathedral is a caring place to find support, encouragement, and fellowship. Learn about God’s love and grace for us, and find your place in the Crystal Cathedral family.

TO REGISTER: sign up Sunday on the Plaza, or call (714) 971-4329

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care & kindness

CARE MINISTRY

Need to Talk?

You may call:
714-NEW-HOPE (Adults).
714-NEW-TEEN (Teens).
Family Counseling Center, 714-971-4222.
Care Ministry, 714-971-4032.
Crystal Cathedral Pastor, 714-971-4000.

NEW HOPE

"I was at the end of my rope..."

By Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Executive Director,
New Hope Counseling Center

New Hope volunteers have been putting strong wings on weary hearts since 1968. Every day someone who wants to commit suicide doesn't after calling New Hope. Another 140 people a day receive the help they need. Occasionally, someone calls, writes, or e-mails us to say thank you. Here is one of the many testimonies we've received:

"I would not be alive today, if it weren't for Marie, the New Hope volunteer who answered my desperate call yesterday at 1:30 in the morning. I was literally at the bottom of the well. My gun was loaded and sitting in my lap when I decide to make one last call for help. I had called seven other places for help. I got answering machines, busy signals, hospital staff who asked me for insurance information, and friends who didn't know what to say to me. Then I looked in the phone book once more and found 714-NEW-HOPE. I cried out once more and New Hope answered my call.

"My fiance broke up with me because she found someone else. We have a precious two-year-old little girl together. We were going to get married. At that moment, I just felt I couldn't handle losing the two people I love the most. Nothing was making sense to me. Nothing mattered anymore. I wanted to end it. But Marie on the other end of the phone seemed so concerned for me. She was very compassionate and caring, even though I didn't tell her about my loaded gun. I was so impressed by her genuine care for me. As I talked with her, I started to feel better. My thinking started to change. Maybe I do matter. Maybe life is worth living. Maybe I can get through this.

"She asked me if I went to church. I hadn't been in so long. She persuaded me to go and that morning, yesterday, I went to the church I drive

by every day on my way into work. I met some friendly people who cared about me, and I heard a positive message about God's love for me, and now everything is different. I can't believe how foolish I was thinking yesterday. To think I almost killed myself! Wow!

"I was at the end of my rope, but now I feel like God does have a plan for my life. I wanted to call back and let Marie and New Hope know that I've bounced back. Thank you! Thank you for giving me my life back!"

"...but now I feel God does have a plan for my life"

You can make a real difference for Christ in the lives of people like the man whose testimony above says it all. So many people out there are hurting and need prayer. Through the Communication Skills & Crisis Intervention Training course, our New Hope Counseling Center will prepare you to serve on our 714-NEW-HOPE hotline on campus or our NewHopeNow.org private chat room from home computers. The class will give you the basics of lay counseling (communication and compassion), as well as help you in your everyday relationships. To learn more, visit the New Hope table on the Plaza after services on Sunday mornings, or call 714-971-4123.



Bill Gaultiere

DR. KOK'S KORNER

More Articles by Pastor Jim Kok...

Go to careministry.org and, click on "Articles" to get more sage advice and inspiration from Dr. Jim Kok, "How to Make Your Garden Grow" and "Death Must Not Win" are just two of many encouraging articles you will find. If you do not have access to a computer but would like to receive an article, call 714-971-4032.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

For Family and Community

The Family Counseling Center staff is here to help you to grow and achieve total wellness - when you're in crisis, or for prevention and support, to integrate the spiritual, the psychological,

Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministry
Dr. Bill Gaultiere, Director of New Hope

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Care &
Kindness
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CARE &
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Conference: March 15-17

For reservations, call 714-544-5679
crystalcathedral.org/care/conference/2007

See pgs. 1 and 16 for more details.

and the nutritional to overcome obstacles, assisting you as you achieve a more fulfilled life through the love of Christ and the help of His people. The Family Center team consists of a good diversity of counselors, all available for appointments at a very reasonable cost. Call 714-971-4222 to set up an appointment on Floor 4 of the Tower of Hope.

SUPPORT GROUPS

No Cost to Attend – Just Show Up!

For more information about these groups sponsored by Crystal Cathedral Care Ministries, call 714-971-4098.

A.C.A. (Co-ed): Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-236. Adult children of alcoholic parent(s), journaling focus.

ACES: 1st Tue., 7 PM, FLC-234. Advocates for Children in Enforcement of child Support.

AL-ANON (Men); Thu., 8 PM, FLC-230.

AL-ANON (Co-ed); Fri., 8 PM, FLC-230.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: 4th Fri., 1 PM T-3. Caregivers support group.

BEREAVED PARENTS/USA: 3rd Mon., 7 PM, FLC-235. Those who have lost a child (of any age).

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (COED): Tue., 8 PM, FLC-221. Overcoming.

MEN AT PEACE: Thu., 7:30 PM, FLC-FRH3. Dealing with anger and/or depression. (May meet court-ordered requirements; check with officer of the court.)

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE: 1st/3rd Sun., 1:30 PM, T-2. Adults who have lost loved one to suicide.

THE UNWELCOME JOURNEY: Thursday, 7 PM, T-10. Widowed persons group.



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fictional event we're presenting," he asserts. "These events really happened. We present the passion of Christ in the cultural, historical, and spiritual climate of the day." Dunn, who lived and studied in the Holy Land for more than five years, draws from his extensive knowledge of the culture and the land to develop the characters, narration, and dialogue.

The Glory of Easter blends historical and Biblical accuracy with the staging power of the most glorious building in the world. Hollywood's nearby talent pool lends great actors, musicians, and dancers to the volunteer cast of Cathedral members who dramatize the power, emotion, and passion of Christ. Theatrical special effects illuminate the production.

The all-glass setting presents a marvelous arena for the story to unfold around and above the audience. Flying angels dazzle the audience — as do the emotionally charged live performances of such classics as "Were You There?" and "Because He Lives."

The Glory of Easter, which begins with *The Glory of Christmas*, ends with our personal participation in history's most compelling story of hope, love, and grace.

The Glory of Easter comes to life at the Crystal Cathedral again this year - Friday, March 23, through Sunday, April 8. For information and reservations, visit crystalcathedral.org/glory_easter or call 714-54-GLORY.

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(pg. 4), of a couple encouraged not to lose theirs in "Ask Sheila" (pg. 8), of a conference that promotes hope through care and kindness (pgs. 1 and 16), of a passion play that depicts the very beginnings of true hope for Christ followers (pgs. 1 and 3), and more.

At the Crystal Cathedral, we encourage you to look to God when you are faced with tough times. When you do, you will see the face of Jesus Christ — you'll feel it in your spirit and in the actions of those whom God has called to comfort and encourage you. Then I encourage you to be God's messenger, planting seeds of hope in the hearts of others in need.



You're Invited to

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

student art exhibition

March 15 – 19, 2007

in the Grand Lobby of the Crystal Cathedral Welcoming Center

A student reception for the Crystal Cathedral High School Art and Music Department will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 6 PM at the Crystal Cathedral Welcoming Center.



CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

Time to Enroll for 2007-2008

By Marlene Kikta, Preschool Director

The Crystal Cathedral is now opening enrollment to the public for the new school year that begins in September.

The highly rated and accredited Preschool program is characterized by "hands-on" learning, a developmental curriculum, low teacher-child ratios AND lots of fun! It is also a "faith-forming" experience for the children as they make their way through the Children's Bible on a daily basis!

Stop by the Family Life Center building for a tour, or call 714-971-4141 for more details.

ACADEMY & HIGH SCHOOL

Educating & Encouraging Students K-12

By Sheila Coleman, Director of Family Ministries

The Crystal Cathedral Academy began in the fall of 1977, Arvella Schuller started a new school

model: a private Christian school with excellent academics with the arts and Bible as part of the core curriculum for every student. In the nearly thirty years since, the Crystal Cathedral Academy expanded to include an excellent middle school and outstanding high school.

The elementary, middle and high schools have received the highest accreditation report possible by Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The high school, only in its sixth year, has already had students accepted at Eastman School of Music, USC School of Architecture, and pre-medicine, just to name a few.

Educating and encouraging students in grades K-12, 7 am until 6 pm, Monday through Friday, at the Crystal Cathedral Academy and High School, positive values are developed, creativity is valued, friendships are formed, love is alive, and Jesus Christ is Lord.

For more information, go to crystalcathedral.org/academy, or call 714-971-4158.

To thank him for being the pre-school pastor, last month one pre-K classes delivered a valentine to Pastor Jeff Slack (far right), who visits the children every month to share God's word.



family ministries

Family Ministries
Sheila Coleman, Director

Children's Ministry
Linda Poit, Director

Student Ministry
Jeff Slack, Director

Ministry to Couples & Parents
Bob & Michelle Cavinder

NEW "CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL CONTEMPORARY" WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE FREED THEATER!

Starting Sunday, April 15, 9:30 & 11 am!
Live Music/Worship Band
Live Message Video Feed
Live Connection with Others



Connect with God...Connect with Others...Connect with Your Faith. Experience community and a meaningful, new worship service designed with you in mind! Following both services, we invite you to stay, have a cup of Starbucks® coffee, and connect with other young families in PJ's Heavenly Café. Watch for a front-page story in next month's *Crystal Cathedral Today*.

FAMILY

JOIN US FOR CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL'S FAMILY CAMP 2007

"Your family shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever you do shall prosper" (Psalm 1:3). Come "prosper" your family with us at Family Camp at Forest Home on Memorial weekend, May 25-27. We'll take care of all the planning - you just show up. Compared to a typical family vacation, Crystal Cathedral Family Camp is a GREAT value and STRESS-FREE.

Space is limited to 150 this year, so make your reservations today! Prices per person are \$111 (ages 3-8), \$165 (ages 9-17), and \$225 (18 and older). Included is lodging, delicious all-you-care-to-eat meals, recreation, teaching, drama, worship, and fun! Make your reservations at the Box Office (714-544-5679), or, for more information, go to crystalcathedral.org/family or foresthome.org.

At Family Camp...

- Enjoy lots of free time together
- Celebrate each family member's unique gifts
- Create a family mission statement
- Experience family team-building exercises
- Make new friends and lasting memories

MISSION: POSSIBLE



PARENTS



"FRIENDS FOR LIFE" SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Are your kids in Kid Power Plant, Reactive, or Revolution? Did you know that we have a special fellowship group for the parents to experience what the kids are experiencing?

Come and join us on Sunday mornings at 11 AM in the Family Life Center, Room 230 for an hour of inspiration, encouragement, and an interactive study of the scripture. We're currently studying the same material as the children are in Kid Power Plant, but at an adult level that allows you to take the teaching home and apply the principles within your family.

**Attention
All
Parents!**

Come and join other Kid Power Plant, Reactive, and Revolution parents on Sunday morning. For more information, call Kari Moeller at 714-971-4080.

HOLD ON TO HOPE!

Dear Sheila,

My husband and I have tried for over a year to get pregnant without success. It is so painful, month after month, to find we are unable to bring a new life to our world. I'm ready to seek medical help, even though we will go into debt, but we are desperate. Those around me - especially my sister (who has three children) and my mother - are hesitant to give us false hope, only to see us let down again. Do you think we have reason to hope?
— Childless & Hopeless



Dear Hopeless,

Although I have never gone through the pain that you describe, I have known many who have, and can only imagine how difficult it is for you and for your husband. I agree that often those around us are afraid to be encouraging, fearing that we might only be hurt more if our dreams don't come true.

Years ago, I grasped onto the phrase, "There is no such thing as false hope." Even if the path leads to a different destination,

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the hope that carries us along the journey makes the journey bearable, and there is nothing false about that! Also, hope helps us see the possibilities to which we would otherwise have been blind.

For followers of Christ, the symbol of hope is an anchor. I encourage you to anchor your hopes in Jesus Christ, Who loves you and only wants the best for you and your husband. Pray boldly and ask the Lord to give you the desires of your heart. But start by aligning your desires with Christ's desires for you; in other words, commit your life totally to Him.

I pray today that a seed of hope will be planted in your heart and will bear much fruit. God loves you and so do I! – Sheila



KIDS

IGNITE! CONNECT! TRANSFORM!
SUNDAYS, 9:30 AND 11 AM

Children (2 years old through 5th grade) are invited to an exciting new, free, weekly program in the Family Life Center. Bring a friend and get a treat! For more details about Kid Power Plant, go to www.kidpowerplant.org.

BLESS YOUR BABY WITH BAPTISM!



Baptism is a public expression of the fact that your child belongs to God. It is their first step in growing a relationship with the God who loves them. Contact Maureen at

714-971-4062 (maureenw@crystalcathedral.org).



SR. HIGH "REVOLUTION!"

In an upbeat and casual atmosphere, the Revolution on Wednesdays is a safe and positive place where students can learn about God, experience community, and have fun in the process. The night includes small groups, open gym, high-energy games, videos, and relevant teaching.

The Rev:Sunday is a time for students to worship God, dig deeper into the Bible, and explore together how to live for God. Through the praise and worship, discussion, and Bible study, students are strengthened and encouraged in their faith.

Wednesday Night Revolution @ 6:30-9 PM
(FLC-B22), March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Special Events

Fri., March 2: Leave for Winter Retreat
Sat., March 3: Winter Retreat
Sun., March 4: Return from Winter Retreat
Sunday Morning Revolution @ 11 AM (FLC-236), March 11, 18, and 25 (*NO GROUP* on March 4 due to Winter Retreat).

JUNIOR HIGH "REACTIVE!"

Edgy, creative, loud and fun, REACTIVE Fridays is a place where students can find some answers to some of the questions that kids deal with today. It's a place students can be introduced to God and get to know Him as well; in an environment that strives to make Him understood through small groups and other various means,

media and methods.

Toned down a bit from Fridays, REACTIVE Sundays is a time where students can learn some of the deeper truths of the faith they are attempting to own. REACTIVE Sunday strives to teach the Bible in such a way that students will see it as culturally relevant and applicable to the world they live in.

Friday Night REACTIVE @ 5:30-8:30 PM
(FLC-B22), March 2, 9, 16, and 23.



Special Events

Fri., March 2: Leave for Winter Retreat *NO GROUP*
Sat., March 3: Winter Retreat
Sun., March 4: Return from Winter Retreat
Fri., March 9: Topic - Step-Up / Apologetics
Fri., March 16: Topic - Step-Up / Outreach
Fri., March 23: Topic - Step-Up / Missions
Fri., March 30: Ice Skating / Disney Ice, 7-9 PM
Sunday Morning REACTIVE @ 11 am (FLC-B22), February 4, 11, 18, and 25.
Sun., March 4: *NO GROUP* due to Winter Retreat
Sun., March 11 & 18: Topic - Ten Commandments
Sun., March 25: Topic - The Light of the World



CONTACT STUDENT MINISTRIES
crystalcathedral.org/ccsm or e-mail:
ccsm@crystalcathedral.org
714-971-4180



NEW!

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.

ADULT Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SOUL FOOD

On Friday nights, 6-8 PM in the Lounge, we invite you to a nourishing, refreshing, and fulfilling evening Bible study taught by the one-and-only Kim Kimpel. For more info., call 714-971-4080. March dates are: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.



Spend Springtime in the WOW-ZONE!

Join Rhea Zakich Tuesday mornings at 9 AM in the Art Gallery for WOW Women of the Word Interactive Bible Study. March Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27

SPECIAL CHICAGO CONFERENCE: "ALIVE WITH CHRIST"

Travel other Crystal Cathedral women to the Reformed Church Women's conference, July 19-22 at the beautiful Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Registration includes conference programming, tote bag, two dinners, and Cynthia Clawson concert. Hotel, additional meals, and transportation are extra. Register at www.rca.org/alive. Limited scholarships available - call Kari for details, 714-971-4080.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR WOMEN

Annual Women's Easter Luncheon will be held on Tues., March 2. Celebrate "A Brand New Day" with Gretchen Schuller-Penner, Arvella Schuller, and the Crystal Cathedral Academy Chorus.

Annual Mother/Daughter Tea on Sat., May 5, 11 AM in the Arboretum, will feature Sheila Coleman and Arvella Schuller. Mothers, daughters, sisters, best friends, come celebrate the special ones in our lives!

Make your reservations for one or both events at the Box Office or by calling 714-544-5679.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

GEL: Growing Exceptional Ladies: Since Sept. 2006, we have met with nearly 30 Crystal Cathedral Academy middle school girls once a month for a time if fellowship, prayer, and mentoring. The girls have loved it so much that we are expanding to twice a month. If you would like to support this awesome ministry (to cover cost of books and snacks), send a check to the Crystal Cathedral c/o Women's Ministry.



2007 Easter Garden: Fill the cathedral with the bright color and sweet aroma of freshly blooming blossoms with a gift of \$10 in honor or memory of your loved one(s). Pick up forms Sundays at the Box Office before April 6 to be included in a list that will appear in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

MEN'S NETWORK

BAND OF BROTHERS

Band of Brothers is designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. Join us on Monday nights, Family Lounge, 7 PM.

More than just a rally or a Bible study, the Band of Brothers provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God. Currently our study is "The Quest for Authentic Manhood," followed by "Authentic Manhood: Winning at Work and Home," and concluding with "The Great Adventure" series.

For more information, call 714-971-4236.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

HOLLAND & BELGIUM TOUR & CRUISE

April 28 - May 9, 2007, \$3,299+ pp double occupancy. Join Pastor Glenn and Marilyn DeMaster on a spectacular 10-day tour/cruise along the Dutch and Belgium waterways. Highlights include the historic city of Amsterdam, Rijksmuseum (artist Rembrandt), 15th century Enkhuijen Port, Antwerp (artist Rubens), Keukenhof Gardens (Robert and Arvella Schuller tulips), and more. Plus, enjoy windmills dotting scenic landscapes and a visit to the Dutch *Hour of Power* office.

RAMONA PAGEANT

Sat., April 21, 2007, 11 AM - 9 PM, \$77 (by 3/15/07). A California tradition since 1923, this beloved play set in the 1850s depicts a dynamic



PHOTO: KEN DUNCAN



Upcoming trips include Hollywood Bowl, Pageant of the Masters, Oak , the Will Rogers Ranch, and more.

SINGLES MINISTRY

SINGLES MEET...

...throughout the week in the Family Life Center. Pastor Sande Herron hopes you will join us!

SUNDAYS: "Back to Basics" Bible Study, 11 AM, FLC-4.

TUESDAYS: "Tuesdays Together," 7 PM, FLC-3.

THURSDAYS: Divorce & Grief Recovery, 6:30 PM, FLC-470. Sharon Lockett, George Hansel, and a team of trained facilitators will lead this Phase 2 series, March 29 to May 10. Participants receive special materials to lead you through the process. Cost is \$50/advance, \$55/door. Childcare and a "Confident Kids" program available. Call 714-971-4061 to

MATURE ADULTS

EXCITING NEW PROGRAM FOR SENIORS!

"Stay Alive all Your Life" kicks off on Thursday, April 19, 11:30 AM - 2 PM, in the Family Life Center, Floor 4! Then continues the second to last Thursday of each month. Highlights include lunch (a reasonable \$4 ea.), 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, Sande Herron, Frank and Evelyn Freed, Linda Kok, Norma Wilson, and Anne Waltz. For more details, look in next month's Crystal Cathedral Today and upcoming Sunday bulletins, or call 714-971-4032..

love story and the conflict between the Indians and the American settlers. Trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, lunch at Hometown Buffet in Hemet, free time at the Ramona Marketplace, and reserved seats in the lower section of the outdoor Ramona Bowl.

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.

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.

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 Congregation with Robert and Donna Schuller, and Bobby and Hannah Schuller, and Ken and Pam Duncan. Excellent accommodations arranged by the tour company that facilitated our extremely successful 1999 trip. For more info., attend the upcoming **HOLY LAND TRIP PREVIEW** on Sunday, March 11, 1 PM in the Freed Theater for a film of the sites we will visit and more.

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 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.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

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

WATCH FOR MORE EXCITING TRIPS!

DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Sat., Sept. 15, 9 AM - 5:30 PM, \$92. Deluxe

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Bob Cavinder, Director

SINGLE'S MINISTRY
Dr. Sande Herron, Director

TRAVEL MINISTRY
Rev. Glenn DeMaster,
Director

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Michelle Cavinder, Director

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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— and no homework! Students simply sit back and enjoy Dr. Creasy's dynamic weekly presentations. His deep knowledge of the literature, languages, history, and culture of the Bible, his love for the Scriptures, his dynamic teaching style, and his remarkable sense of humor bring the Bible to life as never before.

The course consists of three 10-week quarters each academic year, and students can enter the program at any time, back-ordering material they may have missed. The cost is \$85/quarter and you can register at the Box Office, 714-544-5678, or contact Logos Ministries at 310-915-2007 (logosmin.org).

THE VETERANS OF ORANGE COUNTY

Attention Veterans!

On the first Tuesday of every month, 7 - 9 PM in the Art Gallery, experience warm fellowship and a special guest discussing issues of interest to U.S. Veterans.

Meet other men and women who have served or are still serving their country at this O.C. Veterans' Group Meeting for sharing, worship, encouragement, and more.

Call for information, 714-971-4062.

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lake, and rolling hills.

Since 1995, Discovery Camp activities have included swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, hiking, arts and crafts, and drama with activities to enhance the weekly themes. New this year are Full-Day Specialty Camps (see sidebar below) such as "Splash Zone"!

Visit our Web site for more information and a registration form you may print out and mail in, or e-mail the Camps Department at camps@ranchocapistrano.org.

DISCOVERY CAMPS:

Fishing, swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts, drama, archery, and more!

Academic Summer School Camps:

Afternoon option for 1st-8th graders for accelerated or remedial learning.

New Full-Day Specialty Camps:

Week 1 - June 18-22: "Fun in the Sun" Camp Kick Off, team-building activities and games.

Week 4 - July 9-13: "Creepy Crawler Week," learning about mammals, reptiles, and insects.

Week 7 - July 30 - Aug. 3: "Splash Zone" featuring many wacky water games.

Week 9 - August 13-17: "Survivor Challenge," thrilling adventures throughout the Ranch.

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friends, colleagues, next door neighbors, and the stranger at the car wash extraordinary kindness, attentiveness, and compassion. This is God's work for us to carry out. It is good. It is possible. Our faithfulness in this practical day-to-day care-fullness will reassure humankind that God is alive and active today and restore hope in a pessimistic world.

Expressing care doesn't mean you have to know the exact words to say, or the correct thing to do. It may be as simple as a touch, a hug, or a smile. Today, more than ever, we as God's people need to show care and kindness towards everyone, everywhere, every day.

If you would like to know more about this concept of "showing up," I encourage you to join us on March 15, 16, and 17 for the tenth annual International Conference on Care and Kindness. The annual gathering presents speakers and workshops on a wide variety of topics designed to equip and inspire greater expressions of compassion and loving action in everyday life.

Informational seminars on topics such as



Today, more than ever, we as God's people need to show care and kindness towards everyone, everywhere, every day.

Alzheimer's, cancer, depression, and diabetes will enlighten you to what those with these challenges experience. Skill-building workshops like "Listening," "Visiting the Sick," "Story Telling," "Basic Care Tactics," and more will equip you and make you more confident as you help and encourage others. Inspirational speakers will spark fresh enthusiasm in God's people for giving of themselves to the challenged and troubled.

I encourage you to just "show up" at this year's conference and see what God has planned for you as you explore the concept of Care and Kindness. I'm showing up, and I truly hope to see you there, as well!

For more information about this year's Conference on Care and Kindness, go to page 16.

The Hope Revealed in "The Lord's Prayer"

Discovering the Caring Character of God

By Brooke Abbott, Crystal Cathedral Member

Which face of God do you see? How do you pray?

When the disciples asked that question, Jesus answered, "pray simply." This was his instruction. "Pray, Our Father..." Like the disciples, we have seen and prayed the Lord's Prayer many times, but have we ever thought about to whom we are praying?

How do you see God? Do you see Him as your Protector? Your Guide? Mighty Warrior? Gentle Shepherd? I used to see God only as "judge." But now, my favorite "name" of God used in the Bible is the name He uses to refer to Himself in Exodus. When Moses asks him, "Whom shall I say sent me?" God replies, "I AM that I AM."

God says to us, I AM able to lead you through any trouble you may encounter. I AM able to love you completely, with all my heart...always! I AM able to forgive anything. I AM the answer to your questions. I AM.

And yet, The Lord's Prayer begins, "Our Father..." Jesus, God's own Son, when He was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed to

God, His Father, and called him "Abba." Abba is a term of extreme tenderness, used by a child to a father with whom he/she has an intimate relationship. The Bible in Romans 8:15-17 says that since we are members of the family of God, through our belief in Jesus Christ, we too, are given permission...NO...we are asked and invited into such an intimate relationship.

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come to Me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." As I ponder that scripture, I think of my five-year-old son, so tired at the end of his day, wobbly and sleepy and climbing up into my lap, laying his head on my shoulder, taking one long sighing breath, and closing his eyes to sleep. He knows I am there, to love him, protect him, to keep watch while he sleeps.

When we pray, "Our Father which is in Heaven" we are invited to climb in our Abba's arms and rest...rest our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. The I AM of the universe is our Abba, our Father, always loving us, always waiting, always right here.

God says to us, I AM able to lead you through any trouble you may encounter. I AM able to love you completely, with all my heart...always!

Rancho Capistrano

The South Campus of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries

Conference & Retreat Center

Spring Getaways at our Spiritual Oasis

If you and your sweetheart have a weekday available, we have romantic accommodations near the lake or with a garden view. Renew your commitment to each other and spend some quality time without the distractions of television, phones, and stressful demands.

We are located near many fine restaurants and attractions. Take a walk around the Dana Point Harbor, or around our lake and lush landscaped grounds. Seconds from the freeway and miles from the hustle and bustle – visit us and see for yourself what an oasis we have in Southern Orange County, conveniently located halfway between San Diego and Los Angeles. In addition, this is the perfect spot for marriage enrichment retreats for your group!

Call 949-347-4000 for more details, or visit www.ranhocapistrano.org.

"Walking in Wisdom & Wellness" Retreat Be Empowered on the Last Wednesday of the Month

Understanding the emotional, physical and spiritual connections of health is vital to the wellness of the body, mind and soul as an integrated whole. WWW is a lifestyle wellness program designed to do just that - to educate and empower individuals with Biblical principles and practical disciplines to improve and manage their health, enhancing the quality of their lives.

Positive standards and practical tools for health and wellness will be expressed through proper nutrition, supplementation, physical exercise and its relationship to eliminating the risk of disease, stress management, healthy relationships, proper rest, massage, and more.

The beautiful grounds and peaceful oasis that

Rancho Capistrano's Conference and Wellness Center offer will leave you empowered with inspiration and motivation that will enable you to change the quality of your life for the better! Seminars are held on the last Wednesday of the month. Contact Wellness Consultant & Facilitator Linda A. Buttson at 949-400-3130, or e-mail possibilityliving@ranhocapistrano.org. Registration is limited to 20 people, so contact Linda soon to register.

"We highly recommend Walking in Wisdom & Wellness. You will enhance the quality of your life by discovering the power to find health, wholeness, and peace. It can be your own personal miracle!" -Robert & Donna Schuller

Rancho Capistrano Christian School Where the Focus is on Each Child's Unique God-Given Giftedness

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN: On March 1 and 2, there will be Chancy & Bruce screenings open to any child regardless of where he or she attends preschool. This screening assesses the child's readiness for Kindergarten on many levels. Results will be presented at a workshop at 7 PM on March 12. At Rancho Capistrano, we have both a Jr. Kindergarten and full-day Kindergarten program. Call the preschool at 949-347-4023 and speak with Director Jennifer Ferguson for more information and registration.

FAMILY EVENT: Mark your calendars for the Springiest Carnival and Open House on Thursday May 3, 6 - 9 PM. This is a wonderful event for the whole family, with carnival games, great food, and a Summer Camp preview.

SCHOOL DETAILS: Your child can experience enrichment of mind, body, and spirit with our caring and dedicated teachers and staff of Rancho Capistrano Christian School on an incredible 170-acre property with a pool, lake,



seven championship-sized athletic fields, chapel with staging, and more. Special extra curricular programs include self-defense, theatrical arts, music, photography, and sports. Programs include special Flex schedules for Middle school students who participate in professional sports or performing arts, and social and athletic integration programs designed for home-schoolers who are transitioning to schools. Call 949-347-7860. Rancho Capistrano Christian School serves preschool through 8th grade.

Summer Day Camps: June 18 - August 17

Our Popular Summer Camp programs begin on June 18 with caring counselors and a safe environment designed to make a positive impact on your child as it energizes his or her mind, body, and spirit! Children aged 5-14 enjoy an expansive gated property with towering trees, glistening

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Web Site newhopenow.org
TeenLine, 4-10 PM, M-F ... 714-New-Teen or 639-8336
Web Site teenline.org

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E-Mail info@ranhocapistrano.org
Web Site ranhocapistrano.org



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 more information, call 714-971-4138, or go to www.crystalcathedral.org/memorial.

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Free Concert Appealing to All Ages U.S. Air Force Academy Stellar Brass in Concert!

On Sunday, March 18, 2007, at 6:30 PM in the Crystal Cathedral the Stellar Brass of the United States Air Force Academy will be presenting a special free public concert for you, your family, friends, and neighbors.

Described by the International Trumpet Guild as an ensemble full of variety, panache, and virtuosity, Stellar Brass combines percussion instruments with a traditional brass quintet, resulting in an original and innovative musical ensemble performing a broad range of eclectic, musical styles. These styles include music from the Renaissance period, American folk songs and dances, Latin styles, orchestral transcriptions and

Dixieland. In performances, Stellar Brass magically and instantly transforms into many different forms: from a marching band, to a jazz band, and even to barbershop quartet!

As truly one of the most popular and outstanding ensembles of its kind in North America, Stellar Brass' list of achievements is long and impressive, including internationally distributed audio and video recordings and broadcasts; nationally recognized and respected as clinicians, presenting university, college, and high school master classes; performances at civic and military ceremonies; performances at prestigious symposia such as the International Trumpet Guild Convention, the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, and the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic and Conference; and highly-

coveted public performances at major concert halls throughout America, including Carnegie Hall in New York.

So bring your loved ones of all ages to enjoy this special free concert!



During the Homebuilders Potluck Dinner before the Celebration of Life Singers concert on February 10, five Chinese tourists were delighted to have their photo taken with Dr. and Mrs. Schuller, who were special guests at the event.

Homebuilders Concert a Success Songs of Life Lift Hearts!

By Carolyn Harnes, Homebuilder

The Celebration of Life Singers concert on February 10 in the Arboretum attracted over 200 guests and was a huge success. A love offering was taken and over \$1,100 was collected to support

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CALVIE'S classified ADS

Tour Guides

(Gifts: Hospitality, Service)

Jump on board this dynamic team of loving and helpful people. Greet people from around the world. Serve as Tour Guide, Receptionist, or Greeter in the Crystal Cathedral. If you have flexible schedule, help us one shift a week or every other week. Shifts: 9 AM - 12:30 PM, or 12:30 - 4:30 PM. Great benefits and rewarding experience.



Sunday Shuttle Drivers

(Gifts: Service, Hospitality, Encouragement)

Drive our eight-passenger golf cart shuttles around the campus on Sundays to assist members and visitors from parking areas to the doors of the Crystal Cathedral, or from one building to another. Two shifts: 8:30 - 10:30 AM, or 10:30 AM - 12:45 PM. Great fun for a person who loves to make people feel special.

The Glory of Easter Ushers

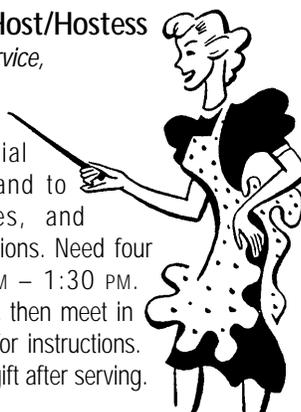
(Gifts: Hospitality, Service, Wisdom)

Help visitors and members find their seats at *The Glory of Easter*. Serve on nights with two performances and receive a complimentary dinner. On nights with one performance, enjoy coffee and baked goods between services. Receive six free tickets once you have completed the nights you signed up to serve.

Special Event Host/Hostess

(Gifts: Hospitality, Service, Encouragement)

Help direct 150+ guests to a special campus activity and to appropriate buses, and answer basic questions. Need four helpers, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Attend early service, then meet in front of Box Office for instructions. Surprise thank-you gift after serving.



Ticket Stuffers for The Glory of Easter

(Gifts: Helps, Service)

Join others at Service Center to stuff and alphabetize glories tickets for *The Glory of Easter* performances. Serve during week of March 5-7 between 9 AM - 5 PM.

Crystal Cathedral Greeters

(Gift: Hospitality)

Warmly greet people and shake hands as they enter the Crystal Cathedral on Sunday. This is a 30-min. assignment once a month; choose your worship service.

VOLUNTEER ONLINE at 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. OR SEE ROTO-RACK on the Plaza every Sunday morning for complete listings.

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my own mind, though down deep in my heart I knew I was following God's plan for a dynamic church that would present the positive, life-changing message of Jesus Christ needed by these new suburbanites. The unique church would be the answer to the prayers of many — the disabled and ill, the alcoholic, young parents with babies, those afraid of church, and the celebrated in need of privacy — all would come with the very special need to experience God "...as you are, in the family car."

In answering the student's question, I realized that the greatest lesson I learned during the early development of our ministry was this: Create a life that will help people. When in doubt, trust God. For, as you do His work, He will put hope in your heart, show you the possibilities, and lead the way to success.

TELL A FRIEND!

SUNDAY
KCAL-9, 10 am

HOUR OF POWER
Watch Every Week!

SUN LIFETIME CABLE
8:00 AM EAST/PAC

SAT TBN
6:00 PM
PACIFIC

PJ'S ABBEY HEAVENLY CATERING

Complete Catering & Cafe

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the choir.

Sponsored by the Homebuilders Sunday School Class, the Celebration of Life Singers presented a beautiful concert celebrating the joy of life. The choir is comprised entirely of cancer survivors and their caregivers. Before she opened the evening with prayer, Arvella Schuller, herself a 28-year cancer survivor, presented the "newest survivor" choir member with a "Pass it On" bag filled with pertinent literature, a book, and other encouraging items.

Also singing that evening were a group of eight Korean men called the Sonora Singers, who brought the crowd to their feet several times with their fabulous music. The concert ended with Dr. Robert H. Schuller thanking the singers for an inspirational evening and blessing all in attendance with his wonderful, heart-felt benediction.

Our Ministry in China Now Self-Supporting Hong Kong Leaping Forward!

by James Chak, Honorary CEO,
Hour of Power Hong Kong

Back in 2003, at the pit of the Hong Kong's economy after the SARS attack, Dr. Robert H. Schuller visited the city again. The message of

Possibility Thinking rooted in Christ Jesus was well received by an audience of close to 5,000. At the Board Meeting, Dr. Schuller threw a challenge to the Hong Kong Directors to become totally self-supporting for the ministries in Hong Kong starting in 2004.

Despite all odds, with the help of God and the generous support from the viewers, after struggling for two years, the mission is accomplished! The financial situation of *Hour of Power* in Hong Kong has turned around in 2006. The next goal is to have our own office in 2007, and to move to a Chinese TV channel in three years.

The ministry in Hong Kong, and among all the Chinese, is leaping forward, and is aiming to increase the viewership by four to eight times what it is today. Plans are currently underway to expand the support base so that this dream can come true. We have so appreciated your prayers and support over the years, and ask you to continue to pray for this life-saving, hope-encouraging, God-sustaining ministry to China.

Through the visit of Robert and Avella Schuller to Beijing and other cities of China last November, relationship with the Government has been strengthened. We pray that the *Hour of Power* can be broadcast in Mainland China in the very near future.

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this incredible journey 'home.'"

You are invited to "come home" to the Holy Land with Robert Anthony and Donna Schuller, Bobby and Hannah Schuller, Ken and Pam Duncan, and hundreds of members of the Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power* Global Congregation. On this pilgrimage of a lifetime, we will walk, stand, and pray in the actual places where Jesus was born, lived His life, and performed His miracles.

This is only the second time in over a decade that this pilgrimage to the Holy Land by members of the Crystal Cathedral Global Congregation has taken place. So, don't miss this amazing opportunity for this trip of a lifetime where you'll "come home" to the Holy Land!

A Holy land preview meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11 at 1 PM in the Freed Theater.



"I have never felt more 'at home' than I did in the Holy Land."

PHOTOS: KEN DUNCAN

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"One poor widow...gave two mites... her whole livelihood" Mark 12:41-44



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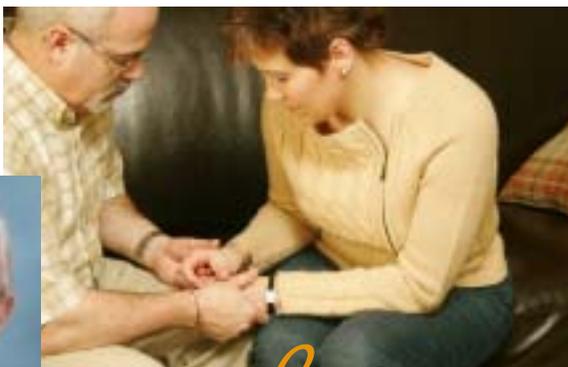
90% of Helping is Just Showing Up

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

Expressing care doesn't mean you have to know the exact words to say, or the correct thing to do. It may be as simple as a touch, a hug, or a smile. Today, more than ever, God's people need to show care and kindness towards everyone, everywhere, every day.



To meet this need, ten years ago we designed a conference that includes inspiring keynote speakers, enlightening workshops, and more, and here are just a few of the comments past attendees have shared:



CARE & KINDNESS Conference

March 14 and banquet on the March 16 - and let us show you what it means to "Just Show Up!"



"I came here so empty and hurting myself. But I am leaving with my cup overflowing! Thank you for caring for us... allowing us to be renewed and confirmed in our mission."

"God's spirit shined through all the tasks and faces...I was shown many acts of kindness, and all gave me insight and understanding for my own journey" (Thornhill, Ontario, Canada).

"What an exhilarating experience. I came here so empty and hurting myself. But I am leaving with my cup overflowing! Thank you for caring for us...allowing us to be renewed and confirmed in our mission" (Clinton, Iowa).

"This is my third conference and each one is better than the last. The spirit of the conference renews me and helps me do more caring and to do it better" (Prescott, Arizona).

So, come "Be Empowered to Care" (this year's theme). Join us at the tenth annual International Conference on Care and Kindness - March 15-17, with a special workshop on Forgiveness on

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New Hope Counselors and our Ministering Elders receive a special conference discount of \$10, which includes the Pre-Conference workshop on "Forgiveness," meals (excluding banquet), and materials. Sign up at the Box Office.



Friday Evening, March 16

Care and Kindness Banquet

With Keynote Speaker Dr. Robert H. Schuller and entertainment by the Dave Stevens Jazz Quartet. Dr. Kok encourages you to "share this extraordinary meal with warm-hearted people!" Get your tickets at the Box Office soon for the banquet usually sells out. Cost: \$30 per person. Call: 714-544-5679.

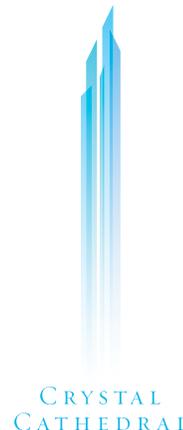
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Kenneth E. Schemmer M.D., author of *Tinkering with People*, will address the acute question with which Christians struggle and have moral questions.

Dr. Donald Postema of the University of Michigan Chapel, Ann Arbor, will speak on "Caring About People of Other Faiths."

Dr. Edith Eger, Holocaust survivor, will speak on "The Art of Survival."



Conference Reservations: 714-544-5679 or crystalcathedral.org/care/conference