

crystalcathedral today

Everyone Should Walk in their Own Shoes!

Let's Fill the Truck with Shoes Overflowing!

By Robert A. Schuller

A few weeks ago, I was talking with my mother and sharing with her about my book, *Walking in Your Own Shoes*, which becomes available on November 1, and she had the most wonderful and creative idea. "You know, Robert, if you're serious about the need for people to walk in their own shoes, you should probably collect some shoes and give those shoes to people who need them."

I said to Mom, "You're absolutely right!" As we, as a church body, seek to Know God, Love People, and Serve the World, what she was saying to me was right on.

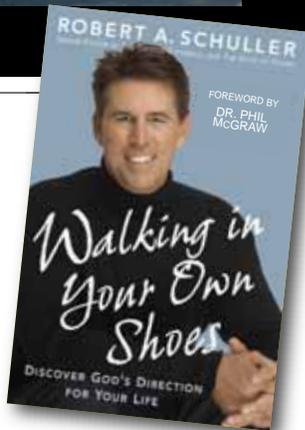
So, immediately I began meeting with our staff and we put together a partnership with Samaritan's Purse, run by Billy Graham's son, Franklin Graham. This wonderful organization is going to help us distribute these shoes - new shoes, thousands of shoes - so that people, in particular children, can walk in their own shoes.

Did you know that there are 1.5
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SHOES for KIDS



Three thousand shoes received and counting! Bring your donations to the clearly marked truck next to the plaza.



Excerpt from our Sr. Pastor's New Book! **Big Shoes to Fill**

By Robert A. Schuller

As I prepared to succeed my father as senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral, on more than one occasion someone said to me, "You've got some mighty big shoes to fill, Robert." The truth is I could never fill my father's shoes: He wears a size 10 1/2 and I wear a size 12!

I knew what they meant, of course. But I also knew I would never fill my father's shoes spiritually or figuratively any more than I could physically because I'm a different person than he is.

In Ephesians 2:10, Paul tells us: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Once God made each of us to walk our unique paths in our own shoes, He threw away the mold.

James Taylor & Sons began making fine shoes for London's best-dressed citizens in 1857. Soon these shoes were being ordered by European royalty. Today, in 2007,

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Pastor Schuller's highly anticipated new book, *Walking in Your Own Shoes: Discover God's Direction for Your Life*, is available on campus at Crystal Cathedral Books & Gifts and through online and local bookstores everywhere beginning November 1!



The Gathering's Bobby and Hannah Schuller.

Celebrating Three Years of Ministry **The Gathering: A Bright Symbol of Christ's Abounding Love**

Having just celebrated its 100th podcast on October 7, The Gathering also commemorated another milestone in October - three years of ministry!

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CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING in the Crystal Cathedral, Thursday morning, Nov. 22. More details, pg. 2.

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november sundays



in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

This month continues the encouraging series of messages based on our Senior Pastor's new book, *Walking in Your Own Shoes*. Join Robert A. Schuller and Robert H. Schuller in the Crystal Cathedral with these special guests...

NOVEMBER 4

On this Prayer Sunday, welcome blind mountain climber **Bill Irwin** and Dove Award-winning **Aaron Shust**.



Bill Irwin



Aaron Shust

NOVEMBER 11

During this Veterans Day celebration, **DJ Williams** will share his Inspiring story of rescuing a newborn baby from certain death. Music by **David Phelps**.



DJ Williams



David Phelps

NOVEMBER 18

The holiday celebration begins with the music of **Darlene Zschech** and the **Crystal Cathedral Academy Chorus**.



Darlene Zschech



Chip Davis

NOVEMBER 25

The celebration continues with the ever-popular Christmas music of the Grammy-winning **Chip Davis** and his **Mannheim Steamroller**.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES

Sunday, November 18, 7 PM

We'll begin the Christmas season with our annual **TREE-LIGHTING SERVICE** in the Crystal Cathedral and on the Plaza with the music of the Crystal Cathedral Academy Chorus.

Thursday, November 22, 10 AM

Spend the morning of **THANKSGIVING DAY** preparing your heart for this day of gratefulness in the Crystal Cathedral with the music of Leatris & Amethyst Hethcoat and the Crystal Cathedral High School Choir.



MORE ON SUNDAY

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

9:30 & 11 AM, FREED THEATER

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

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

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

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

child/student FELLOWSHIP

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

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

adult FELLOWSHIP every sunday

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

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9 AM, T-2.

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

AMERICAN DREAM BUILDERS 11 AM, FLC-234.

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

ASIAN-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP 11 AM, Tower Chapel.

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

BECOMERS 9 AM, FLC-230.

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.

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

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

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

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

EXPLORERS OF FAITH 11 AM, Tower-3.

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

HOMEBUILDERS 9 AM, Art Gallery.

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

NEW COMMUNITY SEMINARS 11 AM, Art Gallery.

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

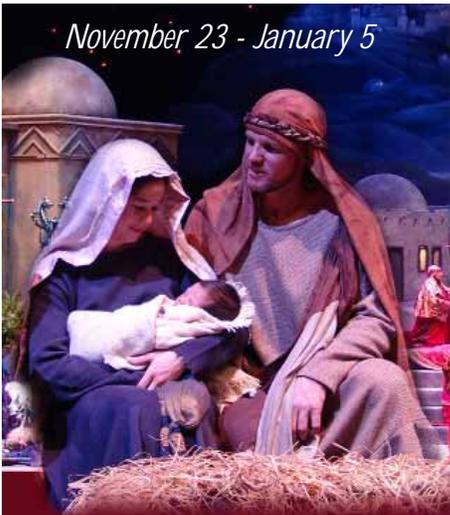
NEW HORIZONS 11 AM, Tower-2.

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

REJOICERS 9 AM, FLC-127.

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

November 23 - January 5

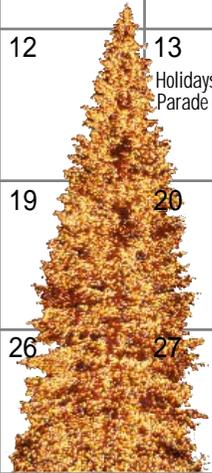


THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS®

Show times: 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 most nights
 Special discount night tickets: \$20 • Regular price tickets: \$35, \$40, and \$45
 For show times and ticket reservations, call 714-54-GLORY or toll free 877-54-GLORY, or visit www.crystalcathedral.org.
 Tickets may also be purchased online.

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
november				1 Divorce/Grief Recovery (11)	2	3 Sing-a-Long (15)
4 Prayer Sunday	5	6 Veteran's Fellowship (5)	7 	8 Divorce/Grief Recovery (10)	9 	
11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 	13 Holidays on Parade (10)	14	15 50+ PrimeTime (11)	16	
18 Tree Lighting (2)	19	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING DAY Worship Service (2)	23 The Glory of Christmas Opens	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	

every week

at the Crystal Cathedral

monday

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

tuesday

Women's NetWork, 9:30 AM, AG 714-971-4080
 Cathedral Singles, 7 PM, FLC-3 714-971-4061

wednesday

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

thursday

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

friday

Jr. High, 7 PM, FLC-gym 714-971-4180
 Soul Food, 6:30 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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december						1 <i>Coming...</i> Rethink Conference: 1/17-19 (15) Experience the CC: 1/27 (5)
2 Handel's Messiah (15)	3	4	5	6 	8	
16 	17	9 Christmas Potluck (10)	10	11	12	13 Boat Parade (10)
18	19	18 ◀Homebuilders Dinner (5)	19	20 	21	22 Radio City Spectacular (10)
23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 7 Glorious Services	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	29	
30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE					



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Over 2,000 Neighbors Attend

Community Fest: A Fantastic Success!



By Michelle Cavinder, Community Fest Committee Leader

Our first ever Community Fest was a fantastic success – well over 2,000 people were welcomed on our campus with great music, delicious food, and lots of entertainment for kids of all ages.

Nearly every Crystal Cathedral fellowship group was represented, all offering something fun for the children of our community. We enjoyed ethnic food of all types, and sweet treats, too! Many community groups participated, as well, like the Police Department, Department of Fish and Game, Fire Department, Laguna Arts Festival, the L.A. Angels, and many more.

One exciting result is how many new neighbor kids are now attending Kid Power Plant on Sunday mornings. Linda Poit, our Director of Children's Ministries, reports that six families that she met at the event registered their children as a result. And ten of these new children have perfect attendance since Sunday, Sept. 23 (the day after the event).

Committee member Doug Robinson shared with me his thoughts about the event, saying, "I am impressed with the level of commit-

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Netherlands Hosts Int'l Ministries Conf.

Anticipating What More God Will Do!

By Erik van Laar, Hour of Power Netherlands

From September 10 to 14, directors and staff gathered at the office of the *Hour of Power* Netherlands for the tenth International Crystal Cathedral Ministries Conference. It was the first time the conference was held outside the US. Delegates from many countries attended, including: USA, Canada, UK and Eire (Ireland), the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, South Africa, Russia, China, Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand. All assembled to discuss local and

New plans
were
constructed
and limits
pushed
forward.

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CCHS Mission Report

To Find...

By Estela Marie L. Go, Crystal Cathedral H.S. Student

"Find" is such a beautiful word.

To find is to discover by experimentation and great hope. Going on a mission trip to the Grace Christian Orphanage in Mexico was the experiment. There were eight enthusiastic volunteers from the Crystal Cathedral High School who took part on this exciting adventure. Mr. Mike DeMaster (principal) and Mrs. Rose Calderon (high school counselor and NHS advisor) brought six students, all members of the National Honor Society, to Mexico for an opportunity to learn firsthand what being part of a mission is all about.

To find is to provide or supply things that are not evidently there. Last year, as a school, we began devoting our hearts to helping the Grace Christian Orphanage by raising funds to give them gift cards to stores that would provide them with essential goods and to give them backpacks filled with school supplies. This year, we

To find is to
attain or
reach for
something
more — for
a higher
expectation.

are trying to impact the lives of the children at the orphanage directly. One way is by sponsoring Yesenia Lopez Sanchez and raising \$2,500 each year for 12 years so she can get a great education that will open up many opportunities in her life. Another way is to go on six mission trips to Mexico this year where we will use our God-given talents in the arts, music, and science to help educate the children. On these mission trips, we will also bring them everything we can - from toys to

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Rose Calderon, CCHS science teacher extraordinaire, brought microscopes and other science activities to teach these children with help from our high school students. Steve Velez, the CCA/HS string teachers brought a guitar donated by Maurey Instruments to leave at the orphanage.

Congregational LIFE

LOGOS BIBLE STUDY

Join in at Any Time!

By Anita Sherbanee, Elder

Winter quarter begins January 14

Monday evenings, 7 - 9 PM in the Freed Theater, we continue the fall quarter of The Bible Plain and Simple with a study of the New Testament books of Luke and Acts. NOTE: No class this month on November 12. Winter quarter begins January 14.



Dr. Bill Creasy

Throughout the academic year, almost 300 people attend this truly ecumenical Bible study taught by teacher extraordinaire, Dr. Bill Creasy, whose lively and animated style of teaching brings the Bible to life like never before. It is lecture style, and there is no homework! Just bring your Bible, and come and listen!

You can begin this series of classes at any time and catch up on any lectures you may have missed. Past lectures of The Bible Plain and Simple are available on MP3 discs (\$85/quarter). You may register for the spring quarter at the Box Office (714-544-5679) or, for further information, contact Logos Ministries at 310-915-2007 (logosmin.org).

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Homebuilders Christmas Dinner Coming!

By Donna Sivachenko, Homebuilder

Mark your calendars now for the always fun and festive Homebuilders Fellowship Christmas

Celebration. It will be held this year on Monday, December 17 at 5:30 PM in the beautifully arrayed Arboretum. More details in next month's Crystal Cathedral Today.

THE VETERANS OF ORANGE COUNTY

Send Holiday Letters to Troops in Need

When it's the hardest to be away from home, at Christmastime, our troops need our support more than ever. In an effort to encourage the Third Infantry Division in Iraq, our Crystal Cathedral veterans have established a program to send mail to these men and women far from home. Would you like to help us in this mission?



Pastor Chuck Trout

What we need are personal letters written to these soldiers, telling them that you appreciate them, that you are praying for them, and that you wish them well. The Commanding General of the Third Infantry Division has assigned specific individuals in each of

his organizations to receive these letters and distribute them to the soldiers who receive little or no mail from home.

Each area of the U.S. has been assigned a specific person to handle these letters, and our representative is SGT Tricia Daniels. Please use the following address, with the exact wording, placed on four lines as shown:

SGT Daniels, Tricia (Any Soldier Mail)
HHOC, STB-3ID Unit # 42167

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL MISSIONS

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Dump Your Change

Help provide Thanksgiving "Turkey and Trimmings" for families in need in our neighborhood through Lampson School. Please bring your cash donation to Tower-8 (labeled "Lampson School") or call Gudelia Ramirez, 714-971-4047.

Thanksgiving in Tecate

Missionaries and donations needed for the upcoming Thanksgiving short-term mission trip to Mexico where we will provide meals and necessities for the boys of the Tecate Orphanage. Donations sought include money to purchase food for meals, boy's underwear and socks, and bath towels. Deliver to Tower-8 or call Gudelia Ramirez, 714-971-4047.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Dry Socks = Christ's Love

Wonderful members of the church and Community Missions helpers, Robert and Deanna Keck, brought in more socks yesterday than is possible to count - boxes and bags, one sock at a time, all the same color and all the same size. These will go out to the very needy mission organizations in our surrounding communities as cold weather and great need hovers on their doorstep.

The need is so great. Even with such great encouragement from the Keck's, it is still not enough. There will always be, cold, wet feet. If you are able to donate clean, new, white socks,

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Experience the CC





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

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

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

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, 714-971-4098.

NEW HOPE

Helen Blizzard: Making a Difference for God

By William Gaultiere, Ph.D., Executive Dir. of New Hope

Helen Blizzard, a recent New Hope Counselor of the month, has volunteered with New Hope since 1999. I asked Helen why she has stuck with New Hope these eight years and she replied, "It's one of the best things I've ever done! It's just absolutely wonderful! I really enjoy it. Every shift there's at least one caller you feel good about. You know that you really helped them and they've helped you too. Calls like this fill me with the Holy Spirit. I feel connected. And they help me to stay grounded and to appreciate my life."

Helen's journey to New Hope was quite painful. In 1974 Helen's husband completed suicide. For eight years, he had suffered from manic-depression (now called Bi-Polar Disorder). He endured eight years of hospitalizations, numerous medication changes, and forty electric shock treatments. He couldn't escape the feeling that his depression and the expense of his treatment was a burden to his family. Furthermore, he was an extremely intelligent man and the shock treatments took a serve toll on him such that his intellectual brilliance dimmed dramatically.

Going through her husband's psychiatric treatment, then dealing with widowhood and being a single parent of three boys was quite the education for Helen. She said that she learned that the world was full of hurting people and lonely people. And she discovered that she found great meaning in offering herself to care for people who were struggling emotionally. This led her into a variety of jobs in health care, including working as an intake counselor at Charter Hospital, where she helped many people and counseled people out of suicide and into the hospital.

Today Helen works as a mortgage loan officer, but she says that if she could do her life over again she'd become a Psychologist. She loves helping people overcome life problems. And she loves to learn by reading the Bible and self-help books.

"New Hope is like a second family for me,"

Helen told me. "It's a real comforting place." She credits her faithful attendance at New Hope's monthly Continuing Education classes for this sense of family. She says that at these classes, "I always go away with something. They help me in my everyday living. I appreciate the reminder to listen better and not to give advice. The more you

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go to the classes the more you get out of them and it makes your time on the phone better and better... I appreciate the calls more. Often in a class, I surprise myself and think, "Wow. How could I have missed that insight?"

The call Helen remembers best came from a man on a cell phone who was all alone on a remote bridge ready to jump. He wouldn't give her his location information so all Helen could do was talk to him and pray – and trust that deep inside he didn't want to end his life and that was why he called. Helen got him to promise not to end his life, but to go home, go to bed, and in the morning call his therapist. However, he was going back and forth in his resolve. And just then – a Godsend! – a car drove up with his headlights shining in the dark and it was a friend of his who drove him to the hospital.

New Hope Training

Learn life skills to help you in relationships with family, friends, and God, and in your capacity to serve God by offering care and encouragement to those in need who contact us by phone or online. For more information, call 714-971-4123.

DR. KOK'S KORNER

This Thanks-Giving Month, Start a Gratitude Journal

Much is now known about the benefits of practicing intentional thankfulness. It isn't just a high-level Christian virtue anymore. It is a way of turning your personal life toward greater health

and happiness.

Appreciative people feel better about their lives. They are physically healthier than those who focus on what has gone wrong, what didn't work, or what they dislike.

Thankfulness can become an intentional activity, like exercise, with beneficial results predictably generated by the process.

Gratitude journaling is the practice of reflecting on a handful, or more, of things that happened during the day that you could recognize as being good for you, directly or indirectly. You then write them down in a notebook and repeat this every day. Each day you will think of that day's goodness or your realization of something you appreciate—small, medium or large.

Research by a University of California (Davis) professor found that those who daily counted their blessings and recorded them:

- Felt better about their lives.
- Had more energy.
- Acted more optimistically.
- Showed more enthusiasm.
- Lived with more determination.
- Became more interested.
- Expressed more joy.
- Exercised more.
- Contracted fewer illnesses.
- Got more sleep.
- Were more helpful.

Another part of the thankfulness focus involves communicating your appreciation to others. Inside each of us is a drawer full of pleasant feels generated by the helpfulness, efficiency, artistry, kindness and reliability of others.

We brighten people's lives when we sprinkle them with the good feelings and appreciative attitudes we are carrying around inside ourselves. In the process, we feel happier as well. Giving gratitude flows in both directions lifting the sender as well as the receiver.

This month, notice and record God's gifts all around you. Let the feeling of gratitude dominate your spirit. Sprinkle, spray and spread, appreciation to those you connect with in everyday life.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL
FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Serving You during Life Challenges

By Burton N. Winer, MBA, MA

To help you and your family, the Family Counseling Center team includes counselors with special interests in helping parents, children, and adolescents, and in the issues of career development, stress management, relationships, recovery,

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