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Discover God's Direction for Your Life!

New Message Series Begins Oct. 7
"Walking in Your Own Shoes"

By Pastor Robert A. Schuller

This month, starting on Sunday, October 7, I will share with you from my soon-to-be-released new book, *Walking in Your Own Shoes: Discovering God's Plan for Your Life*.

My hope, upon hearing this message, is that you'll know beyond a doubt that God had a specific reason to form you as an individual, unique creation to fulfill a special purpose. Everything we are, have been, and will be is all part of God's grand and loving plan to shape us into the people He wants us to be and to show us where to find our inner satisfaction, joy, and meaning.

During my series, I will encourage you that we each have a personal destiny that is ours alone, and that, in discovering and understanding the uniqueness of your gifts and our purpose, we can

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Annual Youth Auction

A Night of Crystal Reflections: Illuminating a Child's Dream

By Dr. Sheila Coleman, Dir. of Family Ministries

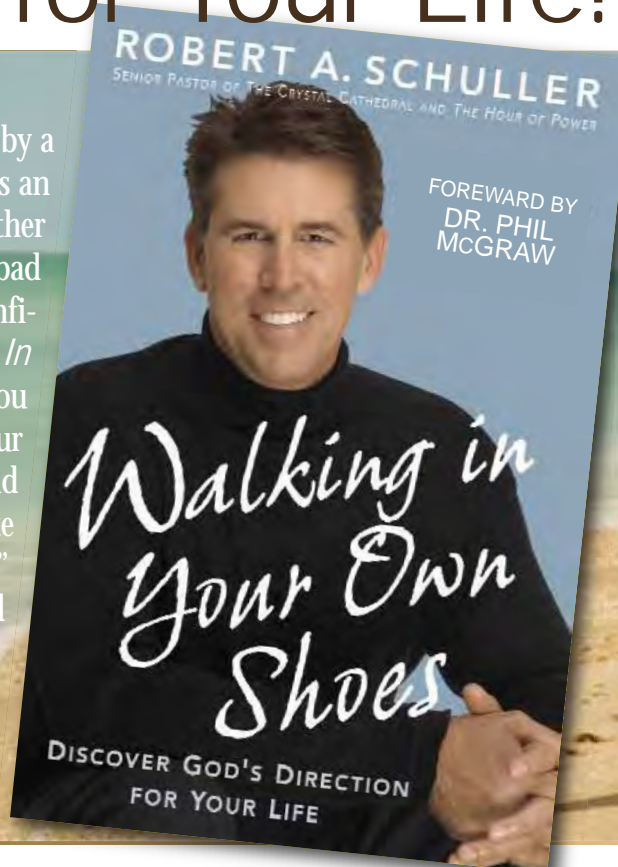
On Saturday, October 6, join Dr. Robert H. and Arvella Schuller, Pastor Robert A. and Donna Schuller, as well as Pastor Bobby and Hannah Schuller for a night to remember, and be a part of helping children in the process.

"A Night of Crystal Reflections: Illuminating a Child's Dream," this year's Annual Youth Auction, is one in

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"You are about to be inspired by a man whose steadfast faith is an example for us all. And whether you feel you've been dealt a bad hand or you're living with confidence and strength, *Walking In Your Own Shoes* will bring you

closer to your true self and your ultimate purpose."
 -Dr. Phil McGraw



WELCOMING TWO KEY MINISTRY LEADERS TO THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL STAFF

Our New Director of Involvement & Service: Nicole Stephens

By Nicole Stephens, Director of Involvement & Service

"Be patient, yet ready, to do God's will." My husband, Dave, has posted this quote on our refrigerator as a reminder to me that God's timing is full of reason, and it's our responsibility to take in everything around us. We must embrace these experiences as tools for the Lord's work. And that's the attitude I am taking as I step into the role of Crystal Cathedral's Director of



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Our New Jr. High Pastor: Brett DaPena

By Janie Zinn, Dir. of Student Ministries

I would like to introduce you to our new Jr. High Pastor, Brett DaPena. Brett has been involved in Youth Ministry leadership since he was sixteen. He has served in the roles of Associate Youth Director, Jr./Sr. High Pastor, and High School Pastor. Brett is married to his lovely wife Lina, whom he met at church. They have a daughter who is 2 years old named Abigayle and are expecting their second child in mid-October.



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DR. ROBERT H. SCHULLER to speak during Yale University conference on sacred space. See details, pg. 15.

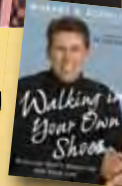
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october sundays

in the Crystal Cathedral! 9:30 & 11 AM

This month begins the highly anticipated series of messages 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...



OCTOBER 7

On Worldwide Communion Sunday, **Pastor Robert A. Schuller** begins an exciting message series based on his new book. Special guests include **Tyler Perry** whose extraordinary faith took him from homelessness to success in Hollywood, and a classical sisters duo, **Min & Yoon Kwon**.



Min & Yoon Kwon



Tyler Perry

OCTOBER 14

Famous country singer Alan Jackson's wife **Denise Jackson** shares her inspiring story of forgiveness, and former Selah lead singer **Nicol Sponberg** performs a song from her new solo album.



Denise Jackson



Nicol Sponberg

OCTOBER 21

Crystal Cathedral staff member **Maria Fury** shares her inspiring testimony of miraculous healing from cancer. Plus, gospel recording artist **Lynda Randle**, and the **Azusa Pacific University's Oratorio Choir** comprised 160 talented music majors.



Maria Fury



Lynda Randle

OCTOBER 28

Enjoy a morning of "Total Praise" with the **Crystal Cathedral Choir and Orchestra**, **C3 Worship Team** led by **Kyle Steven**, and elements of The Gathering as our church venues come together under one roof! Be inspired by REAL stories from people whose lives have been extraordinarily blessed by this ministry.



Crystal Cathedral Choir

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.

MORE ON SUNDAY



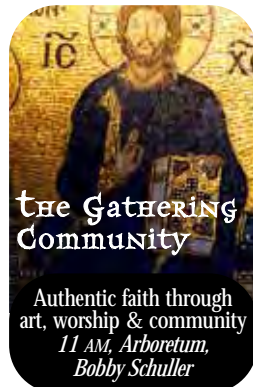
- ▶ Live Contemporary Worship
- ▶ Live Feed of Morning Message & Guest!
- ▶ Live Connection with Friends!

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,
MEINDER'S HALL
FAMILY LIFE 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



A Night of

CRYSTAL REFLECTIONS:

Illuminating a Child's Dreams.

Youth & Children's Ministry Auction

Saturday evening, October 6
 In the beautiful Welcoming Center
 Silent Auction/Hors D'oeuvres:
 6 - 7:30 pm
 Dinner and Live Auction: 7:30 pm.
 Reservations: 714-544-5679,
 \$100 per person
 Ask about our special
 "Tables of Eight"
 SUPER SNEAK PREVIEW: Fri.,
 Oct. 5, 3-6 pm, Welcoming Center,
 no entrance fee, bid or buy it now!

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
	1 Experience the CC	2 Veteran's Fellowship (5)	3 New Hope Training (6)	4 	5 Habitat Work Day (5) Men/Women Marketplace (9)	6 Child/Youth Auction (8)
7 Experience the CC (1,5)	8	9	10 New Hope Training (6) Oak Glen Tour (10)	11	12 	13 
14 Holy Land Tour	15 Holy Land Tour	16 Holy Land Tour	17 Holy Land Tour New Hope Training (6)	18 Holy Land Tour	19 	20 Holy Land Tour
21 Holy Land Tour	22 Holy Land Tour	23 Holy Land Tour	24 Holy Land Tour New Hope Training (6)	25	26 	27 
28 	29 	30 	31 New Hope Training (6) Writing Your Story (10)	october		

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

Women's NetWork, 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
 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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
november				1 Divorce/Grief Recovery	2 	3
4 Prayer Sunday	5	6 Veteran's Fellowship (5)	7 	8 Divorce/Grief Recovery (10)	9	10
11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 	13 Holidays on Parade (9)	14	15 50+ PrimeTime (10)	16	17 Coming... Rethink Conference: 1/17-19 Experience the CC: 1/27 (5)
18 Tree Lighting	19	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING DAY	23 Glory of Christmas Opens	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Helping Boys in Tecate, Mexico

"Better than Disneyland!"

By Nick Dvorak, Crystal Cathedral Student Intern



Gaudelia Ramirez shares words of wisdom with Alice Miller and an orphanage staff member.

Victoria & Alexandria Miller

"Better than Disneyland" were the words spoken by Victoria Miller (age 8) to her father, David, when he asked if she were enjoying the Crystal Cathedral missions trip to Tecate, Mexico. Her sister Alexandria (age 7) agreed; she too preferred being a short-term missionary in Mexico to being a tourist at Disneyland! What was the appeal?

English television was not available. They slept on a mattress with their grandmother Alice Miller. The bathroom facilities were sub-par and not one cell phone worked. But, perhaps it was interacting with the respectful young boys who wished they could have a dad like theirs. Perhaps it was blowing up hundreds of balloons and playing games with their dad and the boys. Perhaps it was the feeling in their hearts of gratefulness for what they have and the hope that somehow they could make a difference in the lives of these precious boys, wonderful new friends that they had come to know.

Gudelia Ramirez, Director of Missions, led Victoria, Alexandria, David, Alice, and a small group of Crystal Cathedral "neighbors to the north" down to Rancho San Juan Bosco, an orphanage for boys, at the edge of Tecate, Mexico, 50 miles southeast of San Diego. The mission was to stay and work at the orphanage for four days to provide relief for the volunteers who work there each weekend. We also provided

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A Simple Act of Love Changes Lives

Paperbacks for Prisoners

By Elayne Alexander

In the Crystal Cathedral's continuing effort to reach out to inmates in Southern California, a new Paperbacks for Prisoners ministry has been formed.

Except for culinary, sewing, and parenting classes, L.A. County's Century Regional Detention Facility prisoners are locked down 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. "It is the highlight of an inmate's day when the book carts arrive," said Ms. Lynn Grosch, their only academic teacher. "The women are allowed three books each in a two-person cell and trade among themselves in between library visits. Those who do not use reading for recreation are bored and spend too much time thinking about their problems. But, in the majority of those who do read, we see a marked increase in grade level skills."

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Pat Nordberg Rebuilt Her Life

By Dr. Jim Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries

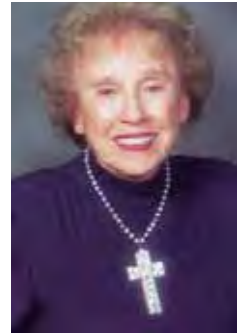
They literally lifted out her brain, with their hands, and repaired it. But the life-saving repair set Pat back a long way, in her day-to-day functioning. First of all she had difficulty recognizing familiar words, then too, her motor functioning was dealt a major setback. She could not walk or stand like she had and needed to. The bright and able 32-year-old wife and mother was knocked back to childhood, in some respects.

It started with a burst aneurysm and then the discovery that there were two more waiting to break. She was told that only surgery could save her life but there was only a 10% probability of survival. Pat decided for the surgery, quietly confident that with God's embrace she would be in the 10% survivor group. She was right and a new life dawned.

Her new life included a vision of getting a college education. So Pat applied at Cal State Fullerton and entered the educational track. But the serious handicaps she now struggled with forced Pat to devise tactics to reconstruct both her memory and her physical agility.

Pat went to work copying books, letter by letter, on a manual typewriter to regain her ability to recognize and use words. Her husband, Olie, bought her a car with a clutch-activated stick shift to push her to regain the strength of her legs. There were many other carefully planned tactics as she fought to restore her capacities and move her grade-point average to the 4-point level. She had been a bright, fast-thinking, athletic woman and she insisted on getting back there.

Later Pat was able to share some of the deeper parts of the surgical experience which contributed potently to her motivation for regaining everything. Pat recalls going through a "near-death" experience in the hours following the surgery. She seldom told anyone about it but it strongly boosted her relationship with God, and proved a powerful motivating force in recovery. She remembers clearly, floating down a long tunnel with a sense that her life was now over. At the end of the tunnel she knows she met God, who told her, "You will recover." She still remembers a countenance filled with loving-kindness and compassion. It was so overwhelmingly loving it defies description, Pat



Pat Nordberg

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