

# Creative Life

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Creative Life Spiritual Center

Serving greater Houston since 1985

Jesse G. Jennings, Founding Minister



## Faith of Our Fathers



We in the Western world are inheritors of a culture that has been molded more by religious attitudes than by anything else, even the pursuit of material gain. *Faith of Our Fathers* is a lecture course that was created during the summer of 2001 by minister **Jesse Jennings** and was originally scheduled to begin the week of September 11 of that year. Instead, history happened, involving a collision of several of the systems of thought and faith that the course itself was expressly designed to consider. The course title alludes to patriarchy, to the *Pater Noster*, and to our ancestors. Here you will extend your acquaintance with the Bible, and other sacred writings, into a guided tour of religious doctrines,

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## AUGUST 2009



August Sundays & Wednesdays  
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**Our TODDLER ROOM  
reopens this month, now  
staffed every Sunday for  
your convenience!**

## In Between Jobs?

Are you trying to get a job that looks a lot like the last one (that you hated)? Are you convinced you ARE what is on your resume? If so, consider that your resume shows what you have already done, and speaks nothing of your true potential. When was the last time you inventoried your skills, inventories and interests? What does "gainfully employed" mean to you? We are meeting to explore ideas like these using our minds and excerpts from the books *The Money is the Gravy* by John Clark and *Finding a Job in Tough Times* by Gary Selman. Meets the first Monday of the month from 8:30-9:30am, starting August 3. Practitioner **Sandra Check** will host morale-boosting, vibration-lifting activities! Come dressed for the job you would like to have. More info: [sandra.check@creativelife.org](mailto:sandra.check@creativelife.org)



## Heartfelt Living

THE BEST OF YOUR LIFE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

- ☞ Learn how thoughts and feelings combine to form beliefs—and shape our life experiences...
- ☞ Discover how well spiritual mind treatment (affirmative prayer) works, in every area of life...
  - ☞ Gift yourself with a delightful, nurturing experiential playshop...
- ☞ Share your creativity in an artistic, musical or literary project during the closing celebration...
  - ☞ Connect with a group of other like-hearted people to form lifelong friendships...

It's 11 Saturday mornings (and one afternoon) through October 31, led by minister **Jesse Jennings** and practitioner **Lilia Reade-Pellicano**. Tuition is \$250 (payable in installments and/or by credit card) plus books: *The Science of Mind* (on sale now) and a workbook (on sale August 16). If demand warrants we'll have a Monday night class, too!

E-mail [info@creativelife.org](mailto:info@creativelife.org) to enroll or with questions; or sign up in Builders' Hall.

**Saturdays, 9am-noon • starting August 22**



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## We're grateful for...

see pictures of some of these folks on page 5 and elsewhere



♥ Practitioner **Debra**

**Morwood**, our Youth Services Coordinator; all the Sunday teachers; **Larry Dines**, who built a spreadsheet with all the youth registration information; practitioner **Sonya Nelson**, who led the yoga workshop for teens; and **Melody Berryman, Nancy Bonilla-May** and **Bob Pryor**, who performed the youth concert...

♥ **Franceska Perot-Starcevic**, who works every Saturday in the garden and power-washed the sidewalks...

♥ **Ron DeLorme**, for replacing the outdoor lighting on the roof and entrances to the learning center building...

♥ Practitioners **Tammie Sheets** and **Sandra Check**, who spoke at the midweek celebrations on July 15 and 22; and **Nancy Bonilla-May, Chip Carney, Ron DeLorme, Sarah Pitzer, Bob Pryor, Bruce Ross, Dick Schmelzkopf, Marion Wright** and everyone else who helps out "creating the space" on Wednesday nights...

♥ **Rev. Marsha Lehman** and practitioner **Tammie Sheets**, who participated in the practitioner licensing oral panels in Austin...

♥ July's Sunday musical performers **Rachel Lino, Sarah Pitzer, Bruce Ross** and **Geoffry Oshman**...

♥ July event facilitators **Lynn Beckett, Sandra Check, David Dewhurst, Bill Downs, Bill & Cathy MacKenzie, Sonya Nelson, Martha Parkinson, Lilia Reade-Pellicano** and **Sylvia Roeling**...

♥ July's *Heartfelt Usher/Greeters* **Linda Benthall, Bob Biddison, Barbara Brown, John Dantche, Ron DeLorme, David Dewhurst, Ken Dwight, Linda & Tom Grayson, Elly Hard, Lisa Mallozzi, Lilia Reade-Pellicano, Ron Sandlin, Judith Sherbenou, Fred & Rosa Thompson**, and **Marion Wright**!

## New Member

**Margaret Byrd** • Spring



## Wedding

♥ **Sherri Scantling** and **Don Yeary** were

married at the Center on Saturday, July 11.

## Transitions

🕯 **April Flowers**, mother of **Anise Flowers**, on July 14.

🕯 **Gary Payne**, husband of **Linda**. A memorial service was held at the Center on July 21.

🕯 **John Arnold Baker**, father of **John Baker**, on July 22.

## Donations by Mail



These folks mailed in, or automatically charged, a donation to the Center, in the past month. *Thank you!*

**George Abreu**  
**Joe Angel Babb**  
**Barbara Baldwin**  
**Stella & Ted Barrow**  
**Linda Benthall**  
**Rev. Myokei Caine-Barrett**  
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## Creative Life Spiritual Center

"I never knew there was a place that teaches what I've always believed!"

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Creative Life is a spiritual community in suburban Houston, Texas, teaching and living the Science of Mind, a transformational path first articulated by the American philosopher **Ernest Shurtleff Holmes** (1887-1960).

We have activities for all people and interests, and welcome everyone, especially those for whom traditional Western religion has seemingly had no place.

Serving greater Houston since 1985, Creative Life is a member of the *United Centers for Spiritual Living* (formerly known as the United Church of Religious Science), which dates from 1927. "Science of Mind" and the circle-and-v symbol are registered trademarks. Membership in our Center is a statement of your commitment to your own spiritual process, using the principles taught here as a springboard, as well as a way of shaping our Center's collective future and enjoying a symbiotic, caring relationship.

No prior spiritual affiliation need be renounced in order to join us. Membership request cards can be found in the Great Hall vestibule, bookstore, or requested by mail or e-mail.

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## Summer Blood Drive



Our next blood drive happens on Sunday, August 30, with potluck snacks for the donors, and the Bloodmobile on site from 9am-1pm. Because we're now holding these quarterly, you can participate through CLC in the Blood Center's "Commit For Life" program — see [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) for info. The need for blood products (both platelets and plasma) is constantly growing, and it's a gift only we as people can give to others. Also, it's a way to at the same time have your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. Volunteers are gratefully accepted to help set up and clean up after the snacks, place signs, etc.; the event coordinator is **Ruth Catalogna**. Sign up in Builder's Hall to donate or bring food. More info or to help:

[racatalogna@hotmail.com](mailto:racatalogna@hotmail.com)

## Fun-Loving Singles

This group is for all Creative Life Spiritual Center friends or members who are single, divorced or widowed and age 21 or over. We welcome all singles regardless of ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, who are interested in a safe, open environment to meet, form friendships, participate in group events and just have FUN!

The goal of the group is to promote camaraderie among singles. It is not a matchmaking or therapy support group.

The August lunch will be at 1:00pm, Sunday, August 30, at the Aviator Grill at Hooks Airport, 20803 Stuebner-Airline Rd. at FM 2920, very near CLC. The restaurant website is [www.aviatorgrill.com](http://www.aviatorgrill.com) and phone is (281) 370-6279. Please RSVP to our August event coordinator, **Bob Mahan**. If you wish to participate, please e-mail **Bob Pryor** for details on how to join, and how to access the CLC Singles Yahoo group: [robertmpryor@comcast.net](mailto:robertmpryor@comcast.net)

## New Practitioners!

Congratulations to **Libby Beckhelm** and **Aleena~joy Davis**, who passed their oral panels on July 25 and are now licensed Religious Science practitioners serving Creative Life and you. Libby came to us, with husband Phil, a practitioner-in-training, from the Dallas Center for Spiritual Living in 2007. Aleena~joy's been a CLC'er since 1996. See their contact information on page 8.

## KenFest 2009

### in the offing!



The time is fast approaching for the 17th annual edition of our booth, *Creatyve Lyfe Booksellers*, at the Texas Renaissance Festival. The festival runs every weekend from October 10 through November 29, including Thanksgiving Friday. If you are interested in working as a volunteer during the faire or helping out in other ways such as maintenance or inventory, please contact:

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## Conscious Giving

Everything you see around the Creative Life campus, from the carpets to the coffee to the 6+ acres of land we now own and occupy, was manifested through the generosity of our Center members and friends—folks like you! Please remember the ongoing life of your Center, which costs about \$5,000 per week to fund, by doing your part and more if you can! You can donate to Creative Life by credit or debit card on a one-time or regular basis—just visit the bookstore to set up this service— or give via PayPal. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, so your donations are tax-deductible.

## Honduran Support



We are accepting donations of durable used or new shoes, and also clothing (used/clean/in good repair) as part of an ongoing collection

which pilot **Lynn Rippelmeyer** delivers to the people of Honduras each time she flies there. Please place these in the collection boxes in Builders' Hall. Please no extra-large sizes, women's shorts, winter clothing, or high heels. In the bookstore we now sell Honduran-grown coffee for \$10 the pound (whole beans or ground) to help support children's charities in that country. It's also what you're drinking on Sundays and Wednesdays now! More on this: [ljripp@comcast.net](mailto:ljripp@comcast.net)

## Life Center Support

*The Life Center*, founded by Pastor **Winston James** in 1991, is a care facility for the homeless at 4516 Old Yale Street in the Heights. We are pleased to join with other area faith communities in offering support to them through a collection of cleaning supplies, trash bags, nonperishable food socks, men's and women's underwear, and hygiene and grooming products. Please use the collection box in Builders' Hall.

## Center Recordings



Our Sunday services (opening meditation, "encouragement" and closing treatment), as well as longer Wednesday evening talks, are available on CD. **Individual sales:** Each 80-min. CD contains one service, and is \$4. Use the bookstore clipboard to order, then pre-pay, and pickup, or add \$2 each for mailing. **Mail subscriptions** are \$60 for 3 mos.; \$115 for 6 mos.; \$200 for a year; or \$350 for two years, domestic postage included. Subscribe in the bookstore, receive a shipment every two weeks. [info@creativelife.org](mailto:info@creativelife.org)

## Forrest Yoga rocks!



Sonya Nelson

Come see why! It heals the body and soothes the soul. This style of yoga was created by Ana Forrest to use the age-old tradition of yoga to specifically address the physical challenges

that plague modern-day men and women in Western culture.

Join CLC practitioner **Sonya Nelson**, certified yoga instructor, on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:30pm in Katherman Hall (and watch for Thursday morning classes, to be added this fall).

Wear loose, comfortable clothing and do not eat two hours prior to the class start time. Bring a yoga mat. No yoga experience necessary. Drop in for any class for \$15 to CLC. [sonya.nelson@creativelife.org](mailto:sonya.nelson@creativelife.org)

## Faith of Our Fathers



continued from page 1 practices, and their consequences, (for believer, infidel, bystander, and us) from the time of Christianity's legalization by Constantine in 313CE through the Protestant Reformation, ca. 1517-1600CE. In four evenings we will immerse ourselves in the theological, literary, musical, social, political, economic and military history of Western religion — a history most of us didn't hear in school, but that paved the way for all the spiritualities that were to follow, including our own. The cost is \$100 and includes a reference notebook. If you just completed the afternoon course with us and wish to re-enroll here, you need not pay again. We'll meet Mondays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31, 6-9pm (although we may move that time later at the first class session if the students prefer). Register in Builders' Hall or by e-mail to [info@creativelife.org](mailto:info@creativelife.org).

## Dream Interpretation Workshop



Yvonne Ryba

Do you want to know what your dreams mean? Come to this 3½-hour workshop and learn how to interpret the meaning behind your dreams. We all dream in symbolic language. Each of us has a personal dream dictionary within us, coupled with the knowledge of universal symbols, e.g. the ocean, an old woman, a snake. In this workshop we will discuss this symbolic language using our own dreams to reveal their meanings. Practitioner

**Yvonne Ryba** has kept dream journals for over 30 years. Her family recognized the power of dreams and she found she had an ability to help others understand their own. She has hundreds of dreams she collected from people and has written on "Dreams From the Bible" for a St. George, Utah, newspaper as well as having two 30-minute TV programs on dream interpretation and holding workshops across the country.

Dreams fall into four main categories. In this workshop, we will focus on the Message Dream, which comes to us when we have problems and point us towards the solution, but first, we have to unravel the meaning behind the message! Please bring one or more dreams, which you have written out, with you. The class will also discuss several dreams which have, in each case, saved the dreamer's life or brought about a dramatic change in it. You will be given a workbook to keep, and you may bring snacks for the break.

Saturday, August 8, 9:30am-1:00pm. Cost is \$25. More info: [yvonne.ryba@creativelife.org](mailto:yvonne.ryba@creativelife.org)



**Celebration of**  
**AUTUMN**  
 with special musical guests  
**Kenny Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson**  
**Friday, October 23**  
 more info: [nbm8@aol.com](mailto:nbm8@aol.com)

## Carpooling



to Sunday celebrations is being arranged by trustee **Carthel Smejkal**. If you would like to connect for ride-sharing from your neighborhood, the first step is to e-mail her with your name, zip code and cell number. We have particular requests for connections in zip codes 77092 (NW Houston), 77304 & 77384 (Conroe), and 77450 (Katy). Carthel's at [sidhe\\_sings@yahoo.com](mailto:sidhe_sings@yahoo.com)



Darlene K.

## Darlene Koldenhoven to sing/teach

She's a Grammy® Award winner and three-time nominee, the featured soprano soloist in *Yanni, Live at the Acropolis* seen worldwide by over 1.5 billion fans. Her fourth album, recently released, is *Infinite Voice*. Previous album, *Heavenly Peace*, debuted #2 on the New Age radio charts and was named Best Holiday CD by "New Age Magazine" and "New Times Seattle". Her other two albums are *Free to Serve* and *Keys to the World*. *Tune Your Voice* is her first music education book and CD. In the movies *Sister Act* and *Sister Act II*, she was a choir nun and real vocal coach/choir director for the performances. A vocalist with a five-octave range, producer, composer, arranger, keyboardist, lyricist, actress, author, she joins us on Sunday, September 20, performing at both morning celebrations and then leading a vocal workshop for our choir and anyone else who loves to sing! More information: [darlenekoldenhoven.com](http://darlenekoldenhoven.com).



Practitioner and minister-in-training **Debra Morwood** has agreed to become our Center's **Youth Services Coordinator!** Besides the active role she created and has filled for the last six months in developing and presenting interesting and engaging programs for our youth in general, and teens in particular, her expanded work will include assisting the other age groups in teacher recruitment, scheduling, obtaining curriculum, interfacing with parents, and supporting the 17 other teachers and assistants who are currently working, or preparing to work, in CLC Youth Services. Debra welcomes your ideas at [debra.morwood@creativelife.org](mailto:debra.morwood@creativelife.org).

### YOUTH SPECIAL EVENT 1 ACTING FUNDAMENTALS



Using the fundamental tools of an actor – imagination, body, voice, and teamwork – learn techniques to strengthen performance, communication, and cooperation skills. **Joe Angel Babb** has been a member of CLC since 2003 and is currently the Director of Education and Community Engagement at the Alley Theatre. Babb has over 15 years of experience in coordinating theatre education programs. He has facilitated a variety of theatre workshops, residencies, professional development sessions and classes. Babb brings to CLC his experience and passion for developing the capacities of young artists, helping learners of all ages explore the collaborative theatrical process, grasp how artists interpret plays and appreciate the cultural value of theatre. Sunday, August 2, 10:30am-12:30pm. Note the early start time!

### JULY'S YOUTH YOGA WORKSHOP



from left: **Erin Lutz, Tiffany Khorrami, Sydney Wemple, Nikki Saren, Sonya Nelson** (facilitator), **Alexa Homeier, Richard Cloud, Nicholas Ferraz** and **Kyle Saren**

### YOUTH SPECIAL EVENT 2 TEEN DREAM INTERPRETATION

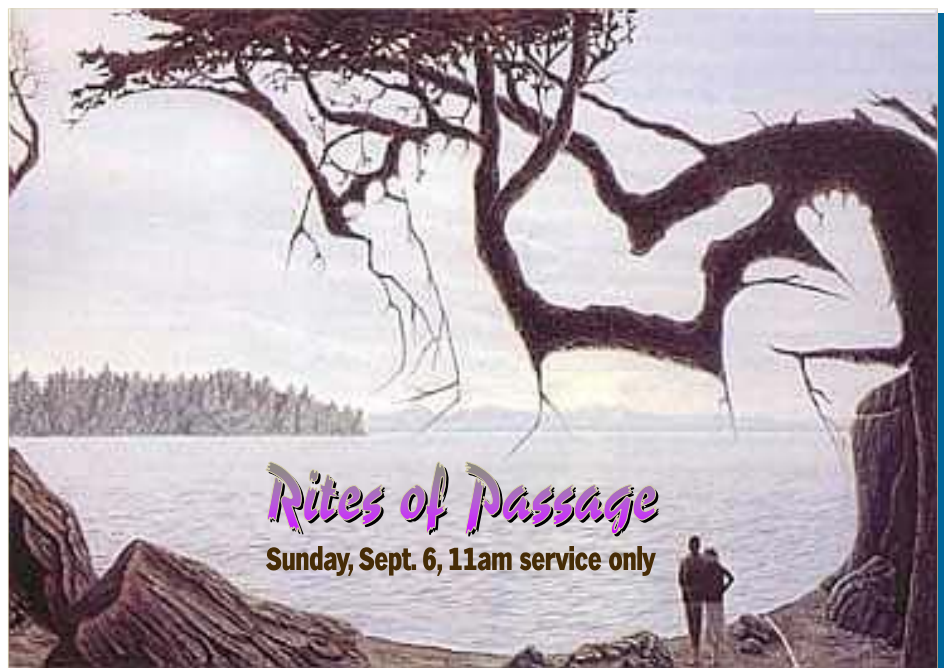
CLC practitioner **Yvonne Ryba** will give a mini-workshop on how to interpret your dreams. What do dreams mean? How can they help us? Do they warn us of future events? Come find out! This workshop is specifically designed for teenagers. Please bring a notebook and if you have a dream you would like interpreted, bring that too! Yvonne has facilitated dream workshops throughout the country. She has written about and been interviewed about dream interpretation on television. She will be holding a half-day Saturday workshop earlier in the month at CLC for both adults and teens (see page 4 for more on this). Sunday, August 16, 11am. RSVP to [debra.morwood@creativelife.org](mailto:debra.morwood@creativelife.org)

### YOUTH SPECIAL EVENT 3 "TRAVELS IN ASIA"



Anne S. Gillis

Join **Rev. Anne Sermons Gillis** as she shares her travels to India, Thailand and Korea. As a teenager, Gillis imagined traveling to far-off places and discovering the magic, wonder and wisdom of diverse cultures. Gillis shares stories of old and insights of the present. This pictorial presentation promises to inform and amuse. Rev. Anne is the founder of the *EZosophy* movement and supports nondualistic living. She is an author, speaker, global citizen, political activist, advocate of social justice and human rights and an avid protector of mother earth. Sunday, August 30, 11am. RSVP to [debra.morwood@creativelife.org](mailto:debra.morwood@creativelife.org)





Sandra Check

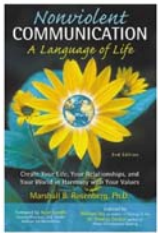


Bill Downs

## The Good Life group

meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 or so. The format is to start with a meditation which will and center us and also allow anyone who can't be there exactly at 5:30 to join a little later. The book discussion starts no later than 6pm and is sometimes accompanied by a worksheet, small group, or experiential activity. We are now reading and discussing the book *Be Yourself, Everyone Else is Already Taken: Transform your Life with the Power of Authenticity* by Mike Robbins, available now in the CLC bookstore. This book is an easy powerful read and will take us through the rest of summer. The group is led by practitioner **Sandra Check** and **Bill Downs**. An EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) demonstration by **David Dewhurst** precedes each week at 4:30pm in the upstairs library.

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## Nonviolent Communication: Relief Through Emotional Freedom

We are continuing to meet on Wednesdays from 4- 5:30pm, using the book by Marshall Rosenberg, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*. We are currently practicing and integrating info in chapters 1-5, learning how speaking from observations (versus judgment) frees us from static thinking (bringing our habitual responses to the situation), and how recognizing and experiencing our feelings frees the soul to flow with childlike abandonment and be in the

moment. In knowing and allowing our feelings to express, our universal needs such as freedom, creativity, support, integrity, protection, compassion, community, understanding and play can surface and bring us awareness of what is presenting itself to be alive in the moment. When speaking in a moment of heartfelt connection with ourselves and others we find giving from the wholeness we truly are, is easy and natural (after integrating the language), then if necessary we are able to make loving request of another. Please feel free to join our group at any time. Facilitated by **Sylvia Roeling** and practitioner **Lynn Beckett**. More information:

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## Wed. Night Celebrations 7pm in the Great Hall

**AUG 5** *The Call: What It Is and Where It Comes From*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and music by **Bruce Ross**

**AUG 12** *No Turning Back On the Path Into Spirit*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and music by **David Mayes**

**AUG 19** *Wanting Out of the Process is Part of the Process*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and verse by **Dick Schmelzkopf**

**AUG 26** *Returning to School, This Time as Faculty*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and music by **Sarah Pitzer** and **Bob Pryor**

**SEPT 2** *And the Point of the Hero's Journey is...*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and music is to be announced

## Lunch of Like Minds

A bunch of CLCers meet for lunch Thursdays at different restaurants from FM 1960 to The Woodlands, and you're invited! To get on the invitation list: **Cathy MacKenzie**, cathy.mackenzie@creativelife.org

## A Course in Miracles discussions

*A Course in Miracles* is "a unique, universal, self-study spiritual thought system that teaches the way to Love and Inner Peace is through forgiveness." (www.acim.org) The *Course* states, "Projection makes perception. The world you see is what you gave it, nothing more than that. But though it is no more than that, it is not less. Therefore, to you it is important. It is the witness to your state of mind, the outside picture of an inward condition. As a man thinketh, so does he perceive. Therefore, seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world." We're in our fifth year of regular weekly meetings, now working through the ACIM Text. With practitioner **Bill MacKenzie** at 7pm Thursdays in the library. Open to all; join anytime. Donation. More information: bill.mackenzie@creativelife.org

## Robin Hackett to perform



Robin Hackett

Since making her musical debut with an acclaimed collection of songs in her first CD *One Foot Barefoot*, she's won the hearts of Internet listeners worldwide.

Most recently her song "Hard Left" debuted on the CBS hit comedy "How I Met Your Mother". She also appeared on KDFW's Good Morning Texas. In addition, Robin's fans voted "Sayin' Goodbye" as the #1 Jazz song on mp3.com and tunes "Jimmy Dean" and "Come On Love" as the #2 and #3 best folk songs of the internet community. Robin performed in the world famous JVC Jazz Festival in New York City and was a Lilith Fair finalist. She's opened up for Elektra Recording artist Keb Mo' and Woodstock legend Richie Havens. Robin was also featured on CNBC television and has appeared in "Acoustic Guitar Magazine", "PC Magazine", and "Mac World Magazine". Today Robin lives near Dallas, is the music director at the Global Heart Church of Dallas, and has been gathering a strong following playing to standing-room-only crowds around the Metroplex. Robin is in the studio again recording all new songs for her next album entitled *Flower in the Rain*. Here Robin at CLC at both celebrations on Sunday, August 16.



**Want to participate in the Center's music program?**

E-mail **Geoffery Oshman** at [music.director@creativelife.org](mailto:music.director@creativelife.org)

# Creative Life Sundays

Come at 9:30 or 11:00 to enjoy the new series



### "I LOVE MYSELF THE WAY I AM"

A chance to sing, laugh, and be here now

### EVOCATION

Centering ourselves in the eternal moment

### "UNIVERSAL LOVE ENFOLDS ME"

A time to deepen within, and then connect with each other

### MUSICAL MOMENT

with **Geoffery Oshman**, the **CLC Singers**, and friends

### ENCOURAGEMENT

A talk by minister **Jesse Jennings** on conscious living today



### SPIRITUAL MIND TREATMENT

An affirmative prayer, the heart of our spiritual practice

### GROUP SONG

An old favorite, or the latest new song we're starting to learn!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING TIME

*Divine love, through me, blesses and multiplies all the good I am and have, all the good I give and receive.  
I am prosperous now, and so it is!*

### MUSICAL MOMENT 2

with **Geoffery Oshman**, the **CLC Singers**, and friends

### CLOSING CIRCLE AND "PEACE SONG"

Something wonderful is happening through you right now!

## CLC's Practitioner Team

*Mind remakes your world!*

Our licensed Religious Science practitioners are trained in the art and science of spiritual support using affirmative prayer, and are committed to serving your needs. Have a new goal, an old problem, or a question about applying our teaching? Work with a practitioner and watch what happens with conscious use of the Law of Mind. Access them by leaving a prayer request in of the boxes, by attending one of their events (see at right), or by appointment. Events are donation-based or free; appointments are fee-based.

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**Sandra Check**, RSc.P.  
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## Power Up with Positive Prayer

What exactly is a “Religious Science practitioner”? Literally, a practitioner is anybody who practices something; our Religious Science practitioners are trained in the *art and science of spiritual support using affirmative prayer*, and are committed to serving your needs. Each has spent literally hundreds of hours in training, to direct natural compassion into helping you through listening, caring, and using spiritual mind treatment — affirmative prayer — to reveal the truth of you that is greater than any apparent limitation. Each is licensed by the United Centers for Spiritual Living, and engages in ongoing study and spiritual development.

## Help is Nearby

Our Creative Life practitioners are outstanding spiritual support persons, available to lovingly and confidentially assist you, and are at your service...

- **Sundays** at “The Power of Prayer” (now in the downstairs meditation room) where requests are received and acted upon in a small group setting, or with the practitioner of your choice in the Great Hall or garden for a quick “meet and treat”...
- **By appointment**, on an individual fee basis for a one-hour session of spiritual support and treatment...
- CLC members receive an annual invitation by mail for a free “**birthday** **checkup**” with the practitioner of your choice (see list at left). Just pick up a form in the Practitioners’ Loft and call for your appointment...
- **More options** requesting and receiving prayer support include using a form on our website by going to [www.creativelife.org/links/prayerrequest.php](http://www.creativelife.org/links/prayerrequest.php). Further, trained, skilled practitioners await your call to the UCSL World Ministry of Prayer, 24 hours a day, every day at (800) 421-9600 or by email to [prayer@wmop.org](mailto:prayer@wmop.org).

## WHAT PRACTITIONERS DO

“No healing can be permanent, no series of treatments, no matter how well-intentioned, is adequate, unless the consciousness of the individual is awakened to the realization that the individual life is God manifesting as that life. A practitioner should never permit people to lean on him personally, except in a very temporary manner.”

—ERNEST HOLMES, from *How to Use the Science of Mind*

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A PRACTITIONER?

It starts with a willingness to be of service to others through prayer. Then there are basic and intermediate Science of Mind classes— beginning with *Heartfelt Living: The Foundational Course*; including *Treatment and Meditation: Spiritual Practices for Daily Living*; plus 45 hours of other intermediate classes such as *Self Mastery* and *Roots of Science of Mind*. These are then followed by two intensive 30-week (90-hour) professional trainings, each comprising a full academic year. During this time, students complete much inner work, in-class and at-home study, including field work, and build connections with established practitioners. The process concludes with a written exam and an oral panel. Practitioners are licensed for two years; they must renew by amassing “continuing licensing units” indicating ongoing education, participation and volunteer service to the community of Creative Life.

(excerpted from our brochure, *You and Your Practitioner*. Request yours today!)



# CALENDAR

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## AUGUST 2009

- EVENT KEY**
- Celebration service
  - SOM certified class
  - Other class/group/wkshp
  - Meditation/prayer/ritual
  - Musical event
  - Social/service event
  - Youth event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>2</b>  <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 &amp; 11  <b>Jesse Jennings:</b>  <b>SOMETHING LOST</b>  <b>BEHIND THE</b>  <b>RANGES:</b>  <b>THE CALL TO</b>  <b>ADVENTURE</b></p> <p><b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12  <b>Teens' Fundamentals</b>  <b>of Acting</b> wkshp 10:30  <b>Children's Circle</b> 11  <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>In Between</b>  <b>Jobs</b>            support group • 8:30am</p> <p><b>Treatment &amp;</b>  <b>Meditation</b>            class #6 • 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Yoga</b>            5:15pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Essential</b>  <b>Ernest Holmes</b>            class #7 • 1pm</p> <p><b>Nonviolent</b>  <b>Communication</b> 4pm</p> <p><b>Good Life</b> 5:15pm</p> <p><b>Midweek</b>  <b>celebration:</b>            THE CALL: WHAT IT            IS AND WHERE IT            COMES FROM  <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> ○</p> <p><b>Lunch of</b>  <b>Like Minds</b>            offsite • noon</p> <p><b>A Course</b>  <b>in Miracles</b>            7pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>8</b> <b>Dream</b>  <b>Interpretation</b>  <b>workshop</b>            9:30am-1pm</p>
<p><b>9</b>  <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 &amp; 11  <b>Jesse Jennings:</b>  <b>RELUCTANCE,</b>  <b>MENTORS AND</b>  <b>THE FIRST THRESHOLD</b></p> <p><b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12  <b>Children's Circle</b> 11  <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Faith of</b>  <b>Our Fathers</b>            opening class • 6pm</p> <p><b>Treatment &amp;</b>  <b>Meditation</b>            class #7 • 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Yoga</b>            5:15pm</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Essential</b>  <b>Ernest Holmes</b>            class #8 • 1pm</p> <p><b>Nonviolent</b>  <b>Communication</b> 4pm</p> <p><b>Good Life</b> 5:15pm</p> <p><b>Midweek</b>  <b>celebration:</b>            NO TURNING BACK            ON THE PATH INTO            SPIRIT  <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> ☾</p> <p><b>Lunch of</b>  <b>Like Minds</b>            offsite • noon</p> <p><b>A Course</b>  <b>in Miracles</b>            7pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b>  <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 &amp; 11  <b>Jesse Jennings:</b>  <b>THREEFOLD</b>  <b>ORDEALS AND</b>  <b>THE SOUL'S DARK</b>  <b>(K)NIGHT</b>            Musical guest:  <b>Robin Hackett</b></p> <p><b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12  <b>Children's Circle</b> 11am  <b>Teens' Dream</b> wkshp 11</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Faith of</b>  <b>Our Fathers</b>            class #2 • 6pm</p> <p><b>Treatment &amp;</b>  <b>Meditation</b>            class #8 • 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Yoga</b>            5:15pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Essential</b>  <b>Ernest Holmes</b>            class #9 • 1pm</p> <p><b>Nonviolent</b>  <b>Communication</b> 4pm</p> <p><b>Good Life</b> 5:15pm</p> <p><b>Midweek</b>  <b>celebration:</b>            WANTING OUT OF THE            PROCESS IS PART            OF THE PROCESS  <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> ●</p> <p><b>Lunch of</b>  <b>Like Minds</b>            offsite • noon</p> <p><b>A Course</b>  <b>in Miracles</b>            7pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Ramadan begins</p> <p><b>Heartfelt</b>  <b>Living</b>            opening class • 9am</p>
<p><b>23</b>  <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 &amp; 11  <b>Jesse Jennings:</b>  <b>REVISITING</b>  <b>MENTORS AND</b>  <b>RETURNING WITH</b>  <b>NEW AWARENESS</b></p> <p><b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12  <b>Children's Circle</b> 11  <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Faith of</b>  <b>Our Fathers</b>            class #3 • 6pm</p> <p><b>Treatment &amp;</b>  <b>Meditation</b>            class #9 • 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>No  <b>Yoga</b>            tonight</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Essential</b>  <b>Ernest Holmes</b>            final class • 1pm</p> <p><b>Nonviolent</b>  <b>Communication</b> 4pm</p> <p><b>Good Life</b> 5:15pm</p> <p><b>Midweek celebration:</b>            RETURNING TO            SCHOOL, THIS TIME            AS FACULTY  <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm</p> <p><b>CLC Board</b>            meeting • 8:30pm</p>	<p><b>27</b> ☽</p> <p><b>Lunch of</b>  <b>Like Minds</b>            offsite • noon</p> <p><b>A Course</b>  <b>in Miracles</b>            7pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Heartfelt</b>  <b>Living</b>            class #2 • 9am</p>
<p><b>30</b> <b>CELEBRATIONS</b>            9:30 &amp; 11 <b>Jesse Jennings:</b>  <b>WHY THE ULTIMATE</b>  <b>PRIZE IS BEING</b>  <b>HERE NOW</b></p> <p><b>Blood Drive</b>            all morning</p> <p><b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12  <b>Children's Circle</b> 11  <b>Teens' "Travels in</b>  <b>Asia"</b> presentation 11  <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30  <b>Singles' lunch</b> 1 (offsite)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Faith of</b>  <b>Our Fathers</b>            final class • 6pm</p> <p><b>Treatment &amp;</b>  <b>Meditation</b>            final class • 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>SEPT. 1</b></p> <p><b>Yoga</b>            5:15pm</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b>            birthdays</p> 	 <p><b>Rites of Passage</b>            Sunday, Sept. 6, 11am service only</p>		