



***75 Years of Blessings from the Lord  
Psalm 45:17***

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From Randi Soderstrom

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Family Fun Fair



Mother & Daughter  
Sleepover



Roller Skate Night



Father & Son  
Campout

Great memories of Special Events for kids and families!

*From Jeff Velasco*

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Baseball trip to Chicago in early 2000's and reunion in 2021

During the middle 50's the young boys Sunday School Class 9-12 years old (taught by Wayne Fitch) would have class in his 1954 Studebaker during the summer months in the church parking lot .He also would take us boys on camping trips..  
One of the best Sunday School teachers I can remember.

Many memories here. Started at Church in 1956. Pastor Ken Meyer led me to the Lord at Camp Shamineau in 1962. Pastor McDill prayed with me in his office on 45th Avenue for my safety as I headed out to Vietnam as an Infantry Lieutenant. Today I live in Sonoita, Arizona attending Sonoita Hills Community Church an EFCA church started in my living room 25 years ago. God is faithful and He is good.



I started coming to the Genesis coffeehouse just after I spent some time in a drug rehabilitation facility in the mid seventies. At the time I was pretty rough around the edges and was not ready to go to church. But I found acceptance and community on Saturday nights in the G house where I was discipled, learned how to give my testimony and share my faith. I joined the volunteer staff there and went on a journey that powerfully transformed my life. I met many friends there including my wife of 35 years. I became the manager after Randy Moselle, and Steve McDill for two and a half years and saw many people come to faith in Christ and be discipled toward full maturity in Christ. I later went to Bible school and was credentialed as a pastor in the Free Church and had three very successful pastoral ministries before moving with my family to North Carolina taking a chaplain post with NASCAR race teams where I found myself ministering with some of the biggest stars in sports and entertainment. I love the Free Church and consider it a great privilege to have had Crystal Free church during the seminal years of my Christian life. As a result, God's kingdom is being advanced.

One of my earliest memories is of Pastor Ken Meyer and the "blessing basket." Every Sunday before the adult and children's classes split up he would invite young and old to come up front, put a little money in the basket, and tell your blessing from that week.





Bible quizzing was a huge part of our high school lives. It was intense but rewarding activity, hiding God's Word in our heart. The top picture shows Jim Fultz in between #1 and #2, near the microphone. The bottom picture was taken in 1971.

In the new youth area there are several autographs on the wall, do you know why? When the gym was larger, we installed a rock-climbing wall, those who climbed all the way to the top would sign the wall. Most of those signatures represent the youth group, youth leaders, and wall construction team from the 90s. Sadly, the wall didn't last long as the insurance company didn't think it was a good idea, even though all the correct safety precautions were in place. Stop by the youth room and look up to see a small piece of our history.





We started attending Crystal Free Church when I was in 7th grade. CEFC had a major impact on my family and me. When I was in 8th grade a special guest came to the youth group and shared his testimony. I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to follow Jesus with all my heart. Our Youth Group was led by the DREAM TEAM - Youth Pastor, Keith Krueger, Music Pastor Jim Fultz, Randy and Diane Moselle, Ray and Kathy Pinson, Dee Chesser, Chuck and Myrllis Aycok, Tim Benhardus, to name just a few. They taught us to live out our faith with unforgettable experiences - Camp Shamineau, Choir Trips, Boundary Waters, Harvest Crew, CEFC Nationals, Ski and Bike Trips, Retreats, etc. We were challenged to walk worthy of a follower of Jesus Christ. After college, I attended Crystal Single Adults (CSA) where I met and married my awesome husband of 35 years. My parents were members for almost 50 years, singing in choir and serving in various ministries. We thank God for the ministry of New Hope Church!

When I was a young girl, my neighbors (Bernie and Ethel Johnson) took me and my older sister (Gae and Joy Stoll) to Crystal Free Church (now called New Hope Church) every Sunday where the church began meeting at Crystal City Hall. I remember the first time I went, because the small congregation sung, "There's a welcome here, there's a welcome here...".

I was 7 years old in 1949 when the Church began, and during that first year at age 8, I went forward when an altar call was given. Not fully understanding what "receiving Christ into my life" meant, God honored the prayer of that little girl and He slowly transformed me as a born again believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Confirmation classes there instilled His Word into my soul and that of my sister Joy's. Now at age 81, soon to be 82 in a few weeks, I have grateful and heartfelt memories of the many blessings received from New Hope Church.

Happy Anniversary!

-Gae (nee Stoll) Veit

Walker, MN



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*From Bunny attends date night with her sister Natalie*

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I was blessed to attend Burbank Free Church as well as New Hope!  
Honored to be on the Mission Committee and participate in the choir.  
Pastor Steve and Pastor Matthew went out of their way to show me  
and my family great kindness in Christ! Special honor to pray as a  
watchman for both as part of my spiritual Calling. Nicholas Gill

*From Ginny Stone McMillan*

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Grandma Ruth Westlund, a prayer warrior of CEFC



We loved the Sunday School picnics at a lake with the whole church family participating in games and contests. It was fun to see the adults competing and then having the kids and adults do contests together. Here is a picture of Paul Stone and Gene Strait at the pie eating contest in 1961.



*From Ginny Stone McMillan*

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Who doesn't remember Pastor Lester and Esther Nelson, pillars of the church! (Picture of them from March, 2004)!



Bible quizzing was a huge part of the youth group activities. This was the quiz team in 1961 with the sponsors, Mr & Mrs Widholm, and Mr and Mrs Knappen. The quizzers were George Strait, Ginny Stone, Gail Carlson, Sherry Widholm, Dawn McNeal and Diane Knappen.





Women's Ministry has always been an integral part of the church, focusing on the Word of God, and obedience to His commands. And of course, warm connections with other women! Here is a picture of a Real Women's leadership team in 2011--Ginny McMillan, Andrea Tyson (the Women's Director at the time), Judy Wilson, Karen Cimenski, Sally Burkett, Beth Pederson and Kathy Severson.

From Tsitsi Hungwe

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Tsitsi and Pastor Jeff and his wife

*From Tsitsi Hungwe*

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*From Tsitsi Hungwe*

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From Tsitsi Hungwe

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*From Tsitsi Hungwe*

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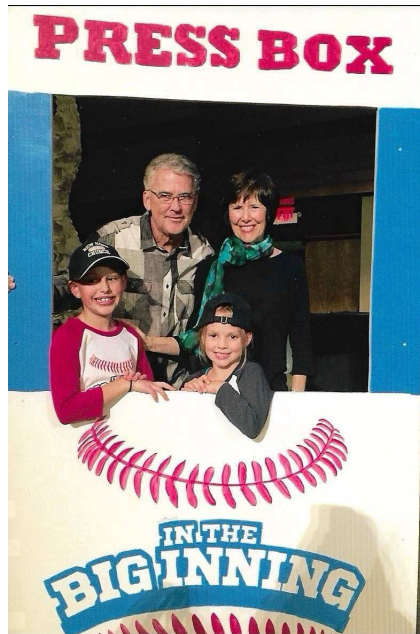
I rememeber our junior high youth group in the late 1950's and early 1960's trying to come up with a name for the group. There was a contest and Sherry Widholm won with the name "Junior Highlights," using the verse Matthew 5:17--"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." I don't know how many years we were known by that name, but I remember the excitement around the contest!

*From Pam Goold*

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Pam Goold with Granddaughter Suzy Goold and her Crossroads  
teachers Sharon Larson and Director Mary Tessmer 2014



Pastor Steve and Pam Goold with granddaughters Betty and Suzy Goold following a MAD CAMP performance.2016





Pastor Steve and Pam Goad's granddaughter, Kayley Shedd with Crossroads teachers Gayle Peterson and Director Sarah Johnson 2016.



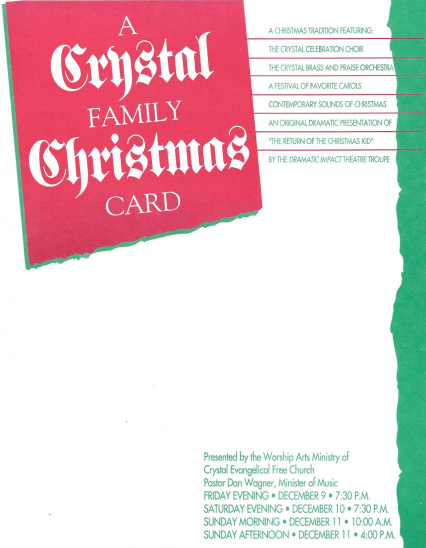
Pastor Steve Goold preaching final sermon, An Ebenezer of Thanks, June 22, 2016.

*From Pam Goold*

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## "A Crystal Family Christmas Card"

Compiled, Produced and Directed by  
**Dan Wagner, Minister of Music**  
 "Return of the Christmas Key" Written and Directed by  
 Joe Lovitt

>Welcome to the Fourth Annual "A Crystal Family Christmas Card"! The Music and Worship Ministries Team is honored that you made this Celebration a part of your Christmas this year. If you don't have a church to attend, we hope you will visit us on a Sunday in the near future, where you can enjoy the singers, actors, and many of the instrumentalists you see today, doing what we enjoy the most, worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. Please visit our information boards before you leave. If you would like to find out more about Crystal Evangelical Free Church, there are wonderful ministries to Children, Youth, Singles, Couples, and Senior Adults. And for those who may be experiencing struggles in their lives, please look into the counseling opportunities, care and support groups, and freedom in Christ ministries. If you are a guest with us, please take a moment to fill out the survey card in this program and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. If you'd like to become involved in Music and Worship Ministries at Crystal, or any of the other ministries or growth opportunities at Crystal, please feel free to call the church office at any time at 533-4444. It is our prayer that Jesus Christ, God's Greatest Gift, would touch your life in a new way this Christmas season.

Sincerely,  
 Pastor Dan Wagner  
 Minister of Music and Music

### Christmas Seals

On behalf of Pastor Dan Wagner and the entire music and drama ministry team, I want to wish you warm Christmas greetings. "A Crystal Family Christmas Card" is our gift to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Gift to the world.

These great Christmas musical celebrations are becoming a wonderful tradition for thousands every year. Each performance is offered in the hope that every guest will be touched with Christ's love. Thanks for being present this Christmas.

Charitely,

Pastor Dan Wagner  
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Menzel, Tammy Soderstrom, Lynne Smith,  
Eileen Sommers, Judy Voss, Betty Weber,  
Shirley Wood, Phyllis White, Phyllis  
Rounder, Diane Moselle, Marla Demmon,  
Donna Poyasoff, Mary Denfarth

**Makeup/Hair Dressers**  
Phyllis Nelson, Sandy Peterson, Chris  
Schadler, Coordinators  
Shir Wiesner, Kim Omas, Elaine Finster,  
Mary Jo Sanchez, Verna Nelson, Gloria  
McClung, Nancy Pollock, Jane Zerbst,  
Brah Drews, Barbara Grodahl, Kelly Moselle,  
Dana Poyasoff

**Banner Ministry**  
Sandy Engwall, Choirperson  
Loree Christiansen, Angie Edson,  
Margaret Lindborg, Bobbi Schmidt,  
Harlan Zieska

**Banner Bearers**  
Polly Nygard, Diane Kegelby,  
Cynthia Theisen, Amber Theisen, Dee Boal,  
Brenda Sandberg

**Props**  
Amber Zimmerman, Don Madson

**Stage Decorators**  
James Madson, Jim & Joan Fleming, John &  
Carolyn Fugate, Sue & Neil Johnson, Liza  
Johnson, Peter Johnson, Eileen Sommers and  
Family, Mary Beth Frank, Darwin Melin, Rich  
Eaton, Brad Olson, Carly Olson,  
Harlan Zieska

**Properties Coordinator**  
Amber Zimmerman

**Lighting Design**  
Michael Burgeson  
**Set Design**  
Reed Soderstrom, Vickie Wagner,  
Harlan Zieska

**Stage Draperies**  
Shirley Wood  
**Stage Crew**  
Daryl Meyer, Tim Oberg, Stage Managers  
Eric Thomas, Marc Soderstrom, Polly Nygard,  
Brenda Sandberg, Aaron Moselle, Dan Meyer,  
Dave Mikkelsen, Darrin Buck, Peter Johnson,  
Aron Moselle

**Sets**  
Dick Wise, Jack Sinner, Dan Knudtzen, Jim  
Janick, Bernice Duschinger, Rob Eaton, David  
Mikkelsen, Ken Bergstrom, David Heist,  
Benjamin Thibodeau, Nathan Thibodeau, Ron  
Bowman, John Rawls, Dan Stewart, John  
Stewart, Marven Kosher, Charles Lundblad, Le  
Harlan Zieska, Lea Harler, Michael Wibstad,  
Joseph Duhon, Georgia Duhon, Vickie Wagner,  
Clark Tremelick, Steve Jaworski



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Co-Produced by  
*Vickie Wagner*  
"Just A Show Before We Go" Written and Directed by  
*Joe and Jennifer Lovitt*

**W**ELCOME TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL "Crystal Family Christmas Card!" Music and Worship Ministries Team is honored that you made this Celebration a part of your Christmas this year. If you don't have a church to attend, we hope you will visit us on a Sunday in the near future, where you can enjoy the singers, actors, and many of the instrumentalists you see today, doing what we enjoy the most, worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to find out more about Crystal Congregational Free Church, please visit our information kiosks before you leave. There are wonderful ministries for Children, Youth, Singles, Couples and Senior Adults. For those who may be experiencing struggles in their lives, please look into the counseling opportunities, care and support groups, and Freedom in Christ ministries. If you are a guest with us, please take a moment to fill out the survey card in this program and leave it in the byrnal holder in front of you. If you would like to become involved in Music and Worship Ministries at Crystal, or any of the other ministries or growth opportunities at Crystal, please feel free to call the church office at any time at 553-2449. It is our prayer that focus Christ, God's Greatest Gift, would touch your life in a new way this Christmas season!

Sincerely,  
*Dan and Vickie Wagner*  
Minister of Worship and Music



**Crystal Family Christmas Card**  
December 12, 13, 14, 1997

Crystal Evangelical Free Church  
New Hope, Minnesota

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 24, 1997  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
4:30 p.m. Family Service  
10:30 p.m. Candlelight & Carols

January 18, 1998  
**"Power of Your Love"**  
A Contemporary Praise Celebration  
7:00 p.m.

February 8, 1998  
**Instrumental Praise! Concert**  
7:00 p.m.

March 8, 1998  
**Praise Night III featuring**  
"Heart of the City" singers and band  
7:00 p.m.

March 15, 1998  
**Choral Classics Concert**  
7:00 p.m.

May 16, 17, 1998  
**Gospel Musicals**  
7:00 p.m.

**Christmas to Remember**

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Co-Produced by  
**Vickie Wagner, Susan Johnson**

Drama Directed by  
**Susan Johnson**

To Every Christmas Guest,  
We are so pleased to share the 1997 Crystal Family Christmas Card with so many wonderful friends this year. These yearly celebrations are becoming a delightful tradition for people from far and near. Your presence will truly make this, "A Christmas To Remember."

Our purpose is threefold—  
To provide wholesome Christmas entertainment of the highest quality, to express our love and appreciation for the honor of serving the Twin Cities metropolitan region, and to share the love of Jesus Christ as a gift available to everyone.

So thank you for joining in the fun. If you do not have a Church Family, we invite you to make Crystal Free Church your home. Above all, have a joyful Christmas and be sure to accept God's personal gift of salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

From the Crystal Free Family



Dan Wagner  
Worship,  
Music and  
Dramatic Arts  
Ministries



Stephen Gold  
Senior Pastor

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**Choral Accompanist**  
John McLeod  
**Staff of the Kingdom Theater**  
Vickie Wagner  
**Music Administrative Assistant**  
Lori Melis  
**Music Librarian**  
Shirley Biele, Jackie Smith  
**Director of Technical Resources**  
Gary Wachter  
**Staff of the Kingdom**  
**Religious Accompanist**  
Chris Lorenz  
**Quilts & Choreography**  
Shirley Biele, Vickie Wagner  
**Power Assistance**  
Shirley Biele, Lynn Larson  
**Library Assistance**  
Taraue Goff, Lori Melis  
**Table Maintenance**  
Neil, Susan and Lynn McCreo  
**Food Service/Refreshments**  
Technical Director  
Jim Francis  
**Assisted Technical Director**  
Steve Gillette  
**Stage Manager**  
Donna Lindberg, Cheryl Meyer  
**Sound Technician**  
Gary Wachter  
**CRC: Sound Ministry Team**  
Lynette Rasmussen  
**Lighting Technicians**  
Steve Gillette, Jeffery Brunner  
**Spot Alerts, Tim Alerts, Brian Karsten, Bob Hargrove**  
**Video Technicians**  
Neil Johnson, Vickie Wagner, Michael Nemo, Julia, Dawn Kauer, May Thomsen, Patsy Biele, Brad Olson, Tim Oberg, David Seiders  
**Scripting and Choreography**  
Susan Johnson, Michael Moore

**Acknowledgments**

**Armen Pianist**  
Shirley Wickham, Melissa Brewer, Judy Tule  
**Female Soloists**  
Michael Moore  
**Padlock**  
Jean Brown, Lori Miller, Coordinator  
Sandy Biele, Kim Ruppel, Don Clark, Teri Halton, Ron Pedersen, Laurie Harter  
**Program Design**  
Lori Miller  
**Staff of the Administration Staff**  
Patsy Thomsen, Supervisor Terry Brunson, Phil Hansen, Susan Hays, Merrill Hill, Lori Johnson, Bob Kuhn  
**Staff of the Kingdom Choir**  
Valerie Acker, Amy Anderson, Kristine Anderson, Michael Bigger, Laurie Binkus, Elizabeth Bink, Rachael Binkus, Renee De Brui, Abby Crowley, Andrea Devoe, Deborah Duce, Ross Edwards, Janel Haines, Jocelyn Hank, Brantley Greenwald, Britanna Harper, Kara Hueston, Gary Henry, Kristin Hyatt, David Hubbard, Julie Holbrook, Jackie Lortie, Erika Larson, Crystal Martin, Amy McNeil, Stephanie McNeil, David Mikulakovic, Jacob Miller, Kimberly Morrille, Lauren Nelson, Colleen O'Connell, Nadine Olson, Elise Oroski, Adilyn Peterson, Britney Pugh, Melissa Ramirez, Debra Romanik, Kate Rosalie, Maurine Rahn, Courtney Saffell, Dorey Schwartz, Melissa Shefferson, Jennifer Taylor, Brady Thibault, Heidi Walker

**PROGRAM**  
ACT ONE: Part 1

\*\*\*Intermission\*\*\*

ACT TWO: The Night The Angels Sang

ACT THREE: Return Square

ACT FOUR: The Celebration Choir

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Crystal Evangelical Free Church  
invites you to the premiere U.S. church-produced presentation of

# child of the promise

a musical story celebrating the birth of Christ

A Musical by Miriam and Steven Olanoff. Libretto and Lyrics by Steven Olanoff. Music by Miriam Olanoff. Adapted for the stage, orchestrated by Lou Galloway. The production adapted and licensed by Creative Commons (CC) to Child of the Promise.

Crystal Evangelical Free Church is pleased to present this powerful musical-telling of the timeless story of Jesus' birth.

"Child of the Promise" beautifully traces the thread of God's promise throughout the tapestry of history.

Come...  
Remember the Promise~  
Feel the Hope~  
this Christmas.

In telling the story, I wanted to show that God always keeps His promise, that He uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and that this is a real story that happened to real people like you and me. I also wanted to remind us that God's love for us is so great that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to be with us. He is a light in the midst of our darkness. He is a hope in the center of our hopelessness. ~Steven Olanoff

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Executive Producer  
Jeff McCourt, Pastor of Worship Music & Celebration Arts  
Director & Producer  
Susan Johnson  
Producer  
Reed Soderstrom

Dear Christmas Guest,

Thank you for attending this presentation of "Child of the Promise." Whether you're a first-time guest or have made Christmas at Crystal Evangelical Free Church an annual tradition, your presence is a gift and we're delighted that you're here!

Our primary desire in presenting this powerful musical is to spread the hope found in Jesus Christ, God's Child of the Promise. Our prayer is that, during the next couple of hours, you will experience Him in a fresh way.

If you don't have a church home, we invite you to attend one of several Worship Celebrations with the Crystal Free family on a Sunday morning. Above all, have a joyful Christmas, filled with the reality of God's love through Jesus Christ.



Jeff McCourt  
Pastor of  
Worship Music &  
Celebration Arts

Gratefully,  
Pastor Steve Coold, Pastor Jeff McCourt and  
the Worship Music & Celebration Arts Team



Steve Coold  
Senior Pastor

## Acknowledgments

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Gary Woldhaus  
House Manager  
Pattie Dave Rodgers  
Technical Director  
Steve Eckholm  
Instrumental Music Director  
Kevin Mills  
Music Administrative Assistant  
Karin Hestman  
Music Office Assistant  
Peggy McCourt  
Choral Accompanist  
Sheila Wicklund  
Children's Choir Director  
Judy Olson Abroad  
Christmas Through the Decades  
"Memories in a Box"  
Written by Lane Johnson  
Directed by Rachel Caspar  
Costume and Make-up Coordinators  
Lori Lofgren  
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Above all, we thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank Him for His gracious heart in enabling us to share the beautiful message of hope found in His coming to earth as a baby. When we accept His "Christmas gift" of life, death and resurrection, our relationship with Him is renewed forever!

Special Thanks to:  
Pastor Steve Coold, Pastor Dave Rodgers and the Elder Leadership Team. We appreciate your return for and support of this ministry. Those who assist with set assembly and set down.  
"Red Cook and the CFC's Helping Ministry."  
"Dancing for Strangers" - Twin Theaters and the CFC's Choral Staff - Helpers who assist with the Children's choir - Hands Enterprise, shared annual supplies.  
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~ THANK YOU ~  
When you visit the refreshment area in the lobby, you are supporting the Student Ministries PowerHouse outreach!

## Cast

Cast, in Order of Appearance  
Christmas Through the Decades-  
"Memories in a Box"  
Mama... Mary McCasman  
Dad... Mark Olsen  
Jenna... Jenna Luck  
Zach... Zachary Holman  
Child of the Promise-  
Isiah... Kevin Gordon  
Mikah... Kyle Riggar  
Jeremiah... Reed Soderstrom  
Gabriel... Jon Olson  
Zacharias... Paul Drews  
Elizabeth... Jodi Woldhaus  
Mary... Lina Sahl  
Joseph... Brad Caspar  
Shepherds  
Ezra... Steve Grimaldi  
Zuke... Marshall Hestman  
Jed... Greg Bates  
Danielle... Tracy Maas  
Chorus... Mark Christensen,  
Mike Larson, Dave Pappalop  
Eris... Scott Soderstrom  
Seth... Sam Olson  
Ruth... Mackenzie Mills  
Hazel... Rick Luck  
Melchior... Reed Soderstrom  
Balthaar... Kevin Gordon  
Casper... Kyle Riggar  
Baby John and Baby James... Matthew Hansen, Christina Becker  
Townsperson... Mark Christensen,  
Mick Larson, Steve Grimaldi, Dave Pappalop,  
Marshall Hestman, Jon Soderstrom, Gal Peppers, Kerry Kasler, Darin Logg  
Stammer... Mark Olsen, Chris Chaffee  
Jon Olsen...  
We're glad to welcome Jim Olson (Gedda) as our special guest artist. Jim has served intimately with the Twin Cities band a couple groups, "The Father's House", and was a brother for KATE. It's Memorable that comes in 2002. He lives in Blaine with his wife, Patricia, and their three children. Jim teaches elementary school in the English Language district and attends Salem Baptist Church. (Jim is not afraid of height.)

The Celebration Choir  
Tracy Anderson, Lynn Becker, Katherine Bentley, Kyle Riggar, Bob Hise, Kathryn Wadden, Greg Bates, Janet Brown, Dave Cooney, Mark Christensen, Sandy Dahl, Paul Drews, Kathy English, Cathy Fischer, Steve Grimaldi, Tim Harken, Brent Hartzell, Marshall Hestman, Dave Johnson, David Johnson, Sue Johnson, Kerry Kasler, Lindsey Kiefer, Jay Laanema, Michael Larson, Michelle Larson, Lori Lofgren, Elaine Logg, Tracy Maas, Peggy McCourt, Kristin McElmurry, Colleen Nelson, Bob Miller, Chase Ansell, Jaron Nebergall, Rose Olsen, Don Olson, Dave Pappalop, Gal Peppers, Paula Platt, David Sandberg, Mary Schmit, Jon Soderstrom, Reed Soderstrom, Joanne Sobel, Elizabeth Tiedeman, Chantoni Telle, Mark Tenner, Sharon Under, Jodi Woldhaus, Renee Wood, Barbara West

The Crystal Praise Orchestra  
Amy Anderson, Susy Abroad, Caitlin Albrecht, Carter Oles, Christopher, Kelly Hill, Tim Fisher, Lisa Henning, Lori Golden, Pooze Casdenson, Angela Hansen, Chris Jones, Lisa Malara, Ben Miller, Kevin Mills, Cecore O'Brien, Denny Pelton, Joe Peters, Kate Quilty-Peterson, Chen Quinn, Adriana Rose Miller, Tom Schober, Bob Sorensen, Amybeth Still, Matti Tomponen, Sheila Wicklund

Kids of the Kingdom and  
New Song Kids Choir  
Alia Abroad, Nadia Abroad, Caitlin Albrecht, Anthony Butler, Lisa Becker, Logan Becker, Cassidy Bates, Alysa Beckson, Megan Bevilza, Kimberly Davis, Jane Drake, Sarah Espall, Joseph Irving, James Cabellson, Kristen Casner, Sarah Grimaldi, Anna Hansen, Beanna Hocher, Kaitie House, Brenda Karth, Alysa Laanema, Emily Johnson, Hannah Lindberg, Robert Malakar, Madeline Mills, Ashley Olsen, Samuel Olsen, Mira Parnell, Candice Patsch, Jon Sahl, Merrin Sahl, Kendall Soderstrom, Amy Sahl, Inesha Vignoli, Luke Whitmann, Adam Whitcomb, Marissa Vignoli

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December 9-11, 2005







## new hope for christmas

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

"God Rest, Ye Merry Gentlemen" prelude featuring the Praise Orchestra

- "Go Tell It On the Mountain"  
featuring soloist Aaron Gutierrez
- "Christmas Praise"  
a Christmas Singalong
- "Sing Aloud"  
featuring Kids of the Kingdom
- "Jello Salad is NOT a Dessert"  
featuring Dramatic Impact
- "Jeg Er Så Glad Hver Julekveld"  
featuring Engleken, solosist Karri Halzeman
- "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
featuring soloist Louise Gutierrez
- "Betelehemu"  
featuring drummer, Erika Siguiki
- "Salvation is Created"
- "Te Alabo"
- "You Who Reigns"
- "Glory, Glory, Glory"  
featuring GB5/LL with GB5
- "Silent Night"
- "The Rest of the Story"  
A Personal Invitation from Steve Good, New Hope Church Senior Pastor
- "Who Would Imagine a King"  
featuring Kid of the Kingdom, Aaron Gutierrez, Rachel Gaspar
- "Here With Us"  
featuring Mark Gutierrez
- "Feliz Navidad"

**Directed** by Pastor Jeff McCourt, Worship Music & Collaboration Arts Director

**Kids of the Kingdom Choir** - Craig Jamieson - Director: Ajae Anderson, Julia Anderson, Caitlyn Burck, Davina Spill, Dawson Rieger, Armani Beck, Megan Brooks, Malena Brown, Christina Brown, Demario Brown, Kinzie Burke, Collin Ah Bui, Graham Ganser, Kristen Ganser, Kaja Gish, Sofia Gonzalez, Emma Clark, Lindsay Lewis, Karli Mills, Samuel Dean, Shea Peterson, Jacob Pinsky, Nicole Pinsky, Nicole Stephens, Malena Stewart, Kiana Stolt, Elle Sparks, Meg Burke, Angel Ballesteros, Heidi Vander Pong, Aaron Vogel, Joshua Vogel, Luke Whitcomb, Mark Whitcomb.

**Praise Orchestra** - Matt Riley - Director: Mary Anderson, Guisela Andrade, Ernie Bergard, Oria Bryant, Scott Carter, Eric Davis, Tim Fischer, Lauren Geddes, Lori Geddes, Bruce Gusterson, Chris Jones, Kevin Mills, Jeff Ouel, Michael Pichler, Bob Santos, Tom Santos, Peter Wu, Bob Santos.

**Technical Team** - Gary Whitaker, Nathaniel Berhausen and the NHC Technical Ministries Team.

**Video** - Produced and directed by Tim Oberg. Thanks to Mikaela Kim, Gloria Holcomb, Andre Yermakovich and Heidi Anderson for their special appearances.

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**Dramatic Impact** - Rachel Gaspar - Director: Jamal Anderson, Kathy Blecker, Brad Gaspar, Dave Johnson, Jeff Nees, Tracy Oberg.

**Worship Choir** - Terri Beale, Collin Ahnert, Tracy Allesen, Jamal Anderson, Malena Beck-Brooks, Helen Bourgart, Kaitlyn Berkey, Kaja Egger, Ben Bar, Kathryn Blecker, Lissa Blecker, Ben Buckley, Mark Christensen, Sandy Dahl, Katty English, Rachel Gaspar, Bob Gilgen, Mirra Grillon, La Grasser, Alisa Harrel, Rich Harris, Karri Halzeman, Dan Henninger, Kathy Henninger, Dave Johnson, Lynn Larson, Michael Larson, Lori Ledford, Blake Logg, Jaqueline Lohrey, Erik Lund, Rachel Lund, Tracy Mass, Rob Mathen, Peggy McCourt, Wendy McCullough, Kristen McElmurry, Colleen Mohler, Bob Moore, Pam Moore, Julianna Mikkelsen, Bob Miller, Kristin Miller, Chara Moske, Al Nguyen, Ross Oberg, Dan Oberg, Ryan Oberg, Dave Pflugkopf, Gal Parkins, Jane Rhone, Barbara Sandberg, Daniel Sandberg, Mary Schmit, Aali Soderstrom, Reed Soderstrom, Joana Sotelo, Mikaela Stewart, Elisabeth Teichrow, Mark Teesrow, Joel Whitaker, Renee Ward, Barbara West, Anne Zastrow.

**GB5** - Hailing from San Jose, California, the Gutierrez brothers were honored to honor God in everything they did. Louis, James, Isaac, Mark and Aaron started from a young age that God was making their hearts together around something more than their love of music. As their parents were passed down from their grandfathers' table to a legacy of musicians and their mother's unrelenting singing at the top of her voice in their home. The legacy made music one of the main languages of their home and hearts. Learn more at [www.gb5online.com](http://www.gb5online.com).



## new hope for christmas

nueva esperanza para navidad

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

presented by New Hope Church  
Featuring GB5 with the  
New Hope Church Worship Choir  
and Praise Orchestra

saturday, december 8 • 7:30 P.M.  
sábado 8 diciembre • 7:30 P.M.

Many years of reaching our community through the Christmas Card!

**THE WORD**  
became fresh

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new hope for christmas • saturday, december 12 • 7 p.m.  
alicia willamson garcia • greater friendship church • church of new life • new hope church

**Welcome to New Hope for Christmas!**

**Concert Order**  
Joy to the World  
Joyful Noise  
A Christmas Carol Storytelling  
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
Children's Chorus

Welcome Alicia Williamson Garcia  
He is Still the Christ of Christmas  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
You Dugita Know  
Sweet Little Jesus Boy / We Didn't Know  
I Love the Lord  
Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child  
Freewill Offering  
You Are the Living Word  
soloist: Chavez Russell  
Christmas Worship Medley  
Hallelujah (Light His Come)  
soloists: Rachel Gaspar, Jewel Grant and April Harrison  
Something Happens

**Alicia Williamson Garcia**

Blending articulate communication with heartfelt emotion, Alicia Williamson Garcia reaches her audience with her knowledge of the gospel and a genuine desire to see lives changed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

A native of Florence, South Carolina, Alicia began singing in church at age five. Following graduation from Winthrop College, she traveled six years with the contemporary Christian group TRUTH where she first recorded her signature song, "There Is a Hope." Alicia began her solo ministry in 1993 and is now predominantly leading a ministry to the local church called Women In Worship. Learn more about Alicia's ministry at [www.inworship.org](http://www.inworship.org).

God has opened doors for Alicia to partner in ministry with Precast Ministries, The Brooklyn Tabernacle, Dr. Tony Evans of the Urban Alternative, Women of Faith, The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, INSP, CBN, In Touch with Charles Stanley, The Gather Homecoming, Food for the Hungry and Liberty University.

Alicia is married to Richard Garcia and they have two sons, Michael Chandler and Richard David.

**Special Thanks**

Pastor Steve Gould, Pastor Sam Neno and Pastor Billy Russell for shepherding our churches with grace and for their support and encouragement in preparation for this evening.

Greater Friendship IMBC Choir, Church of New Life Praise Team and the New Hope Church Worship Choir.

The New Hope for Christmas Festival Orchestra and Praise Band.

David Billingsley, Jeff McCourt and Reggie Warren, Choir Directors.

Gezelle Carr, April Harrison and Cindy Jamieson, Children's Choir Directors.

Matthew Riley, Instrumental Director.

Rob Barnett, Technical Director, Kyle Johnson, Technical Assistant, and the Technical Crew.

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Lisa Bodkin, Set Design.

Rachel Gaspar, Drama Director / Writer.

Lisa Severson and the Communications Team, Publicity.

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Come celebrate the birth of our Savior as we join together in the Family Center on the lower level immediately following the concert. While meeting new friends, you'll enjoy some beautifully prepared desserts!

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The people who  
walked in darkness  
have seen a great light

Isaiah 9:2 ESV

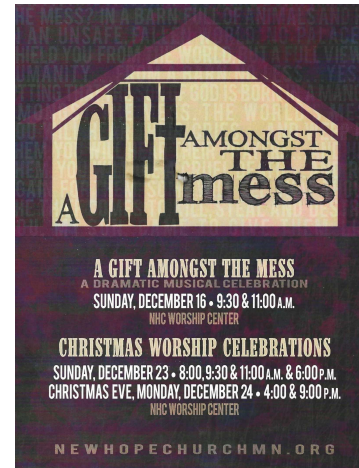
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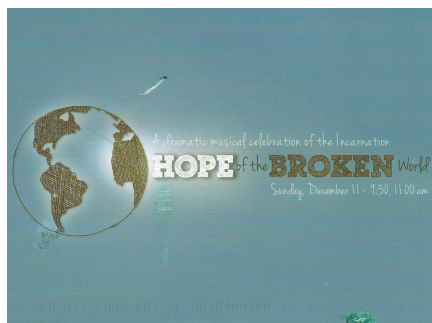
**A GIFT AMONGST THE MESS**

The perfect **SON OF GOD** was born in a smelly barn full of rude animals and rotting hay in an unsafe, fallen world. That barn is a parable that points to the reality that **JESUS** was born amongst our mess – our brokenness, sadness and sin. He is God with us. **GOD'S GIFT** to us in the messiness of our world.

The Worship Music & Celebration Arts team at New Hope Church is pleased to invite you to "**A GIFT AMONGST THE MESS**," a creative re-telling of the birth of Jesus using music, drama, visual and technical arts. Come with a guest, bring a friend and extend an invitation to your family as we celebrate God's indescribable gift. **JESUS CHRIST**.

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday Worship Celebrations will be a great way to start off your **CHRISTMAS WEEK** as a church family! Set aside time to fix your heart on Christ, his birth and what it means for us today. Then join the NHC family for special **CHRISTMAS EVE** celebrations together on Monday, December 24.



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A dramatic musical celebration of the Incarnation • Sunday, December 11 • 9:30, 11:00 am

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## Jesus and his apostles gather for the Last Supper



Star Tribune photo by Bruce Bisping

The Crystal Free Worship Arts Department presented "The Living Last Supper" on Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday) at the Crystal Free Evangelical Church in New Hope. The apostles gathered around Jesus, played by David Schwandt, during their meal, which celebrates the institution of the eucharist. The cast featured 16 actors, and the congregation participated through song. In general, the liturgy can include a reenactment of Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples or of individuals' washing others' feet as a sign of service to the community.


Today is Good Friday, the day Jesus was crucified. There is no Catholic mass this day, but there are prayers and remembrances of Jesus' passion and death, such as the Stations of the Cross.

Churches will hold vigils on Saturday night and sunrise services on Easter Sunday.


**"Shouts of Praise  
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...a celebration of sacred classics

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1998  
6:30 P.M.**



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Guest Soloist Robert Robinson  
Crystal Free Church's Celebration Choir, Praise Orchestra, Praise Band and Ensembles



**DAW WAGNER** is Minister of Music and Worship Arts at Crystal Evangelical Free Church, where he directs the church's choirs and ensembles, and oversees varied worship services, drama, and productions. He holds his degree in Vocal Performance from Arizona State University and has served as President of the Central Arizona Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. He has performed as professional chorister and soloist with early music and chamber music ensembles, including the Concerto Solists of Philadelphia, the Phoenix Bach Choir, the Bach Society Chorus, and Sebastian Singers of the Bach Society of Minnesota. Wagner will serve as professor of a course in worship through the distant learning department of Bethel Theological Seminary, and is honored to have been asked to conduct the instrumental ensembles for the Greater Twin Cities Billy Graham Crusade in June of 1996. He serves presently as Repertoire and Standards Chair for Music in Worship with the Minnesota Choral Directors Association.



**SHEILA WICKLUND** is Organist at Crystal Evangelical Free Church and Accompanist for the Celebration Choir and Crystal Chorale. She has held this position since February 1992. Prior to her coming to Crystal, she served at First Baptist Church, downtown Minneapolis, for twelve years and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley for five years. She has directed choirs of all ages and has also accompanied a variety of Christian artists. Sheila received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and Church Music from Bethel College. In addition to all of her church responsibilities, Sheila also teaches private piano and organ students through the Crystal School of Music.



**MICHAEL FISCHER** is the Director of Instrumental Music at Crystal Evangelical Free Church where he directs the Crystal Praise Orchestra and contemporary Praise Bands as well as administers the School of Music. Michael received B.M. degrees in piano performance and piano pedagogy from Drake University in Des Moines studying with Chin Ling Lin. He received his M.M. degree from The New England Conservatory in Boston studying piano with Veronica Jochum and Stephen Drury and composition with Joseph Maneri. In Boston, Michael also had the opportunity to study with the late composer John Cage in a program of study provided by Harvard University. Michael is an active performer and arranger. He has written and arranged for recordings, videos, and a virtual reality ride simulator, and has recently had a piano duet accepted by Genevex Music for publication later this year.

Music and Worship Arts community outreach!

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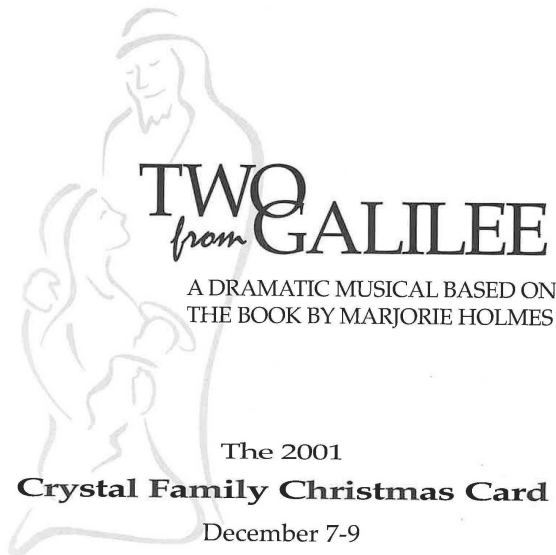
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Boys Brigade 2001



## Religion

### 'Family Christmas Card' returns to Free Church

*Orchestra, soloists and 90-voice choir join drama project*

**By Gary Johnston**  
Staff Writer

**A** Crystal Family Christmas Card is a contemporary Twin Cities holiday program that packs the people in at Crystal Evangelical Free Church in New Hope.

Last year close to 5,000 people attended the annual tradition that combines music and drama.

"This year the two-hour program features the 90-voice Celebration Choir with live orchestra and outstanding soloists," says Dan Wagner, pastor of music and worship ministry.

Like last year, this year's production also premieres an original one-hour dramatic presentation called "Just a Show Before We Go" written by Joe Lovitt of Brooklyn Center. Last year Lovitt wrote and directed the popular "Return of the Christian Kid."

"I got the idea for this year's story shortly after finishing last year's script," Lovitt says about his third manuscript.



"Family Christmas Card" cast in 1940s outfits includes Joe Lovitt (left) of Brooklyn Center, Lori and Darwin Melin and Tracy Oudekerk, all of Crystal. The program opens Friday at the Crystal Evangelical Free Church in New Hope. (Bill Jones/Staff Photographer)

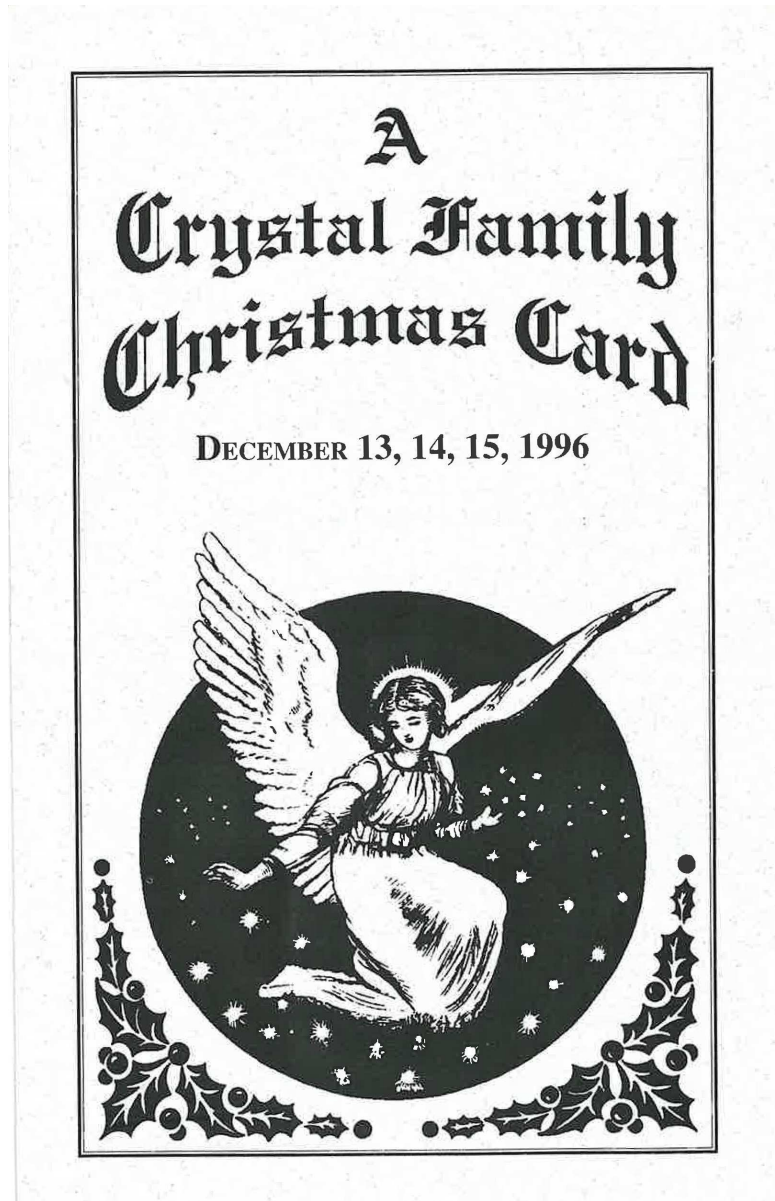
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Choir Retreat 1999



Family Christmas Card 1996



# Free

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His wife, Jennifer, will direct this year's show.

"Just a Show Before We Go" is set during World War II and features a poignantly comedic script and many 1940s Christmas musical favorites.

Lovitt plays the lead role of Johnny Morgan, who leads a USO touring show through Europe and North Africa in 1944.

"We're a traveling Gospel variety show that seems to be caught in the shadow of Bob Hope's more-publicized USO show," says Lovitt.

The revue includes a men's quartet that resembles the Mills Brothers and a female trio styled after the Andrews Sisters plus an Abbott and Costello duo named Jake and Louie.

The comedy take-off includes an Italian acrobat named Vito, played by Brad Olson.

Tracy Oudekerk of Crystal plays Johnny's wife, Rita, with Susan Johnson of Plymouth as



"Just a Show Before We Go" is sung by Tracy Oudekerk and Joe Lovitt at Crystal Free Church. (Bill Jones/Staff Photographer)

**What:** "A Crystal Family Christmas Carol."

**Where:** Crystal Evangelical Free Church, 4225 Gettysburg Ave. N. in New Hope.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8-10.

**Tickets:** \$4-6.

**Information:** 533-2449.

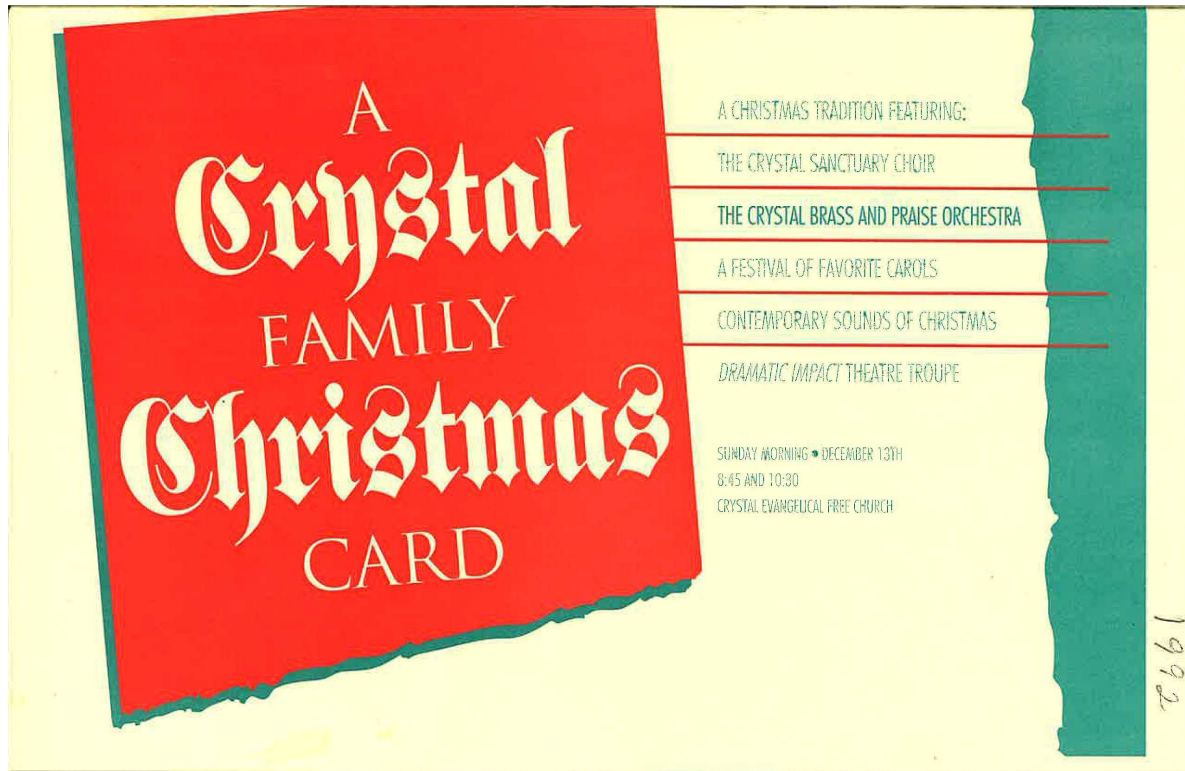
Charlotte, the show's road manager who is the wheeler-dealer of the group.

Lori Melin, administrative assistant to the music ministry, plays Goldie McGuire with her husband, Darwin, playing her

love interest, Cpl. David Steel.

"A Crystal Family Christmas Card" closes with a festival of carols and a beautifully staged live nativity, all set in the handsomely decorated sanctuary of Crystal Free Church.





Family Christmas Card 1992

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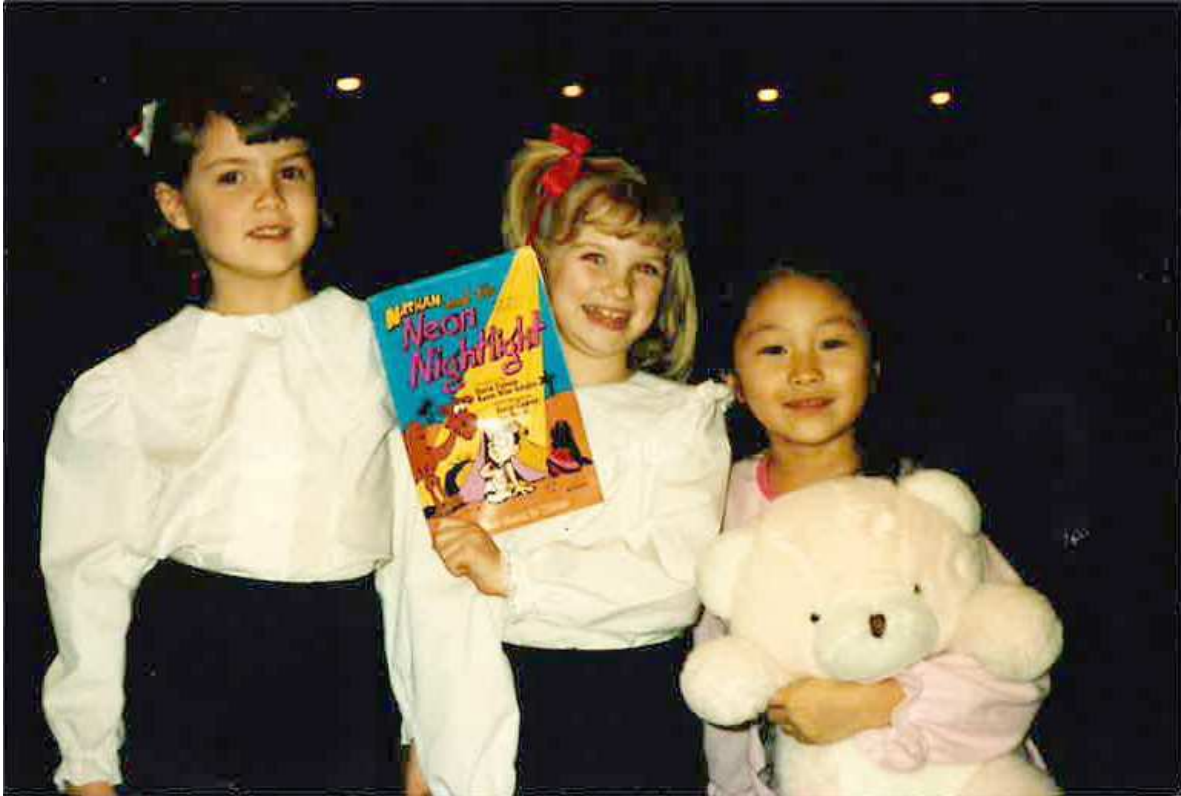
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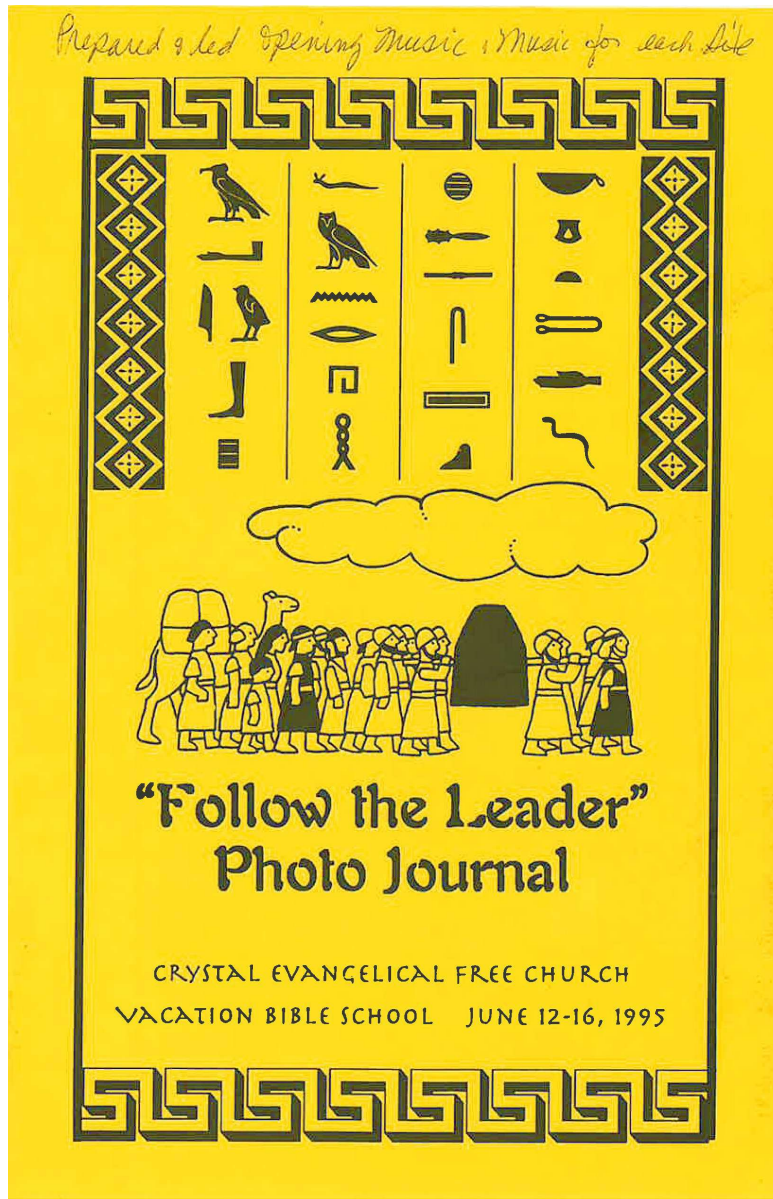
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