



■ Inside, meet Hope Center member Susan Austin

■ Join us for the first service in our NEW CHURCH HOME on Sunday, June 2!

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HOPE CENTER OC NEWS

JUNE 2013

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Sunday Service at 10AM

Hope Center Has a New, Permanent Church Home

The Board of Directors for Hope Center of Christ church recently announced that they have now found and secured property for their church's first permanent home.

"We're of course very excited", Senior Pastor Sheila Coleman said. "Since March 2012 we've been conducting our Sunday morning services in the rented Crystal Ballroom of the Marriott Suites Hotel. Over this period of time, the persons in our membership have remained faithful, and we've even seen many new families and persons join our congregation," Coleman continued. "Our offering revenues have remained consistent, providing us with the confidence we needed to go shopping for a new and permanent location...more conducive

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A Message from Pastor Sheila Home Sweet Home!

As my husband, Jim and I have been in the process of selling our home and buying another, I found myself some days fretting. What if the buyer changed his mind? What if the lending didn't go through? What if the seller didn't accept our offer? Where would we live?

I realized I wasn't living by faith enough when I overheard Jim say, "Sheila needs a nest."

I was feeling "homeless." No, I didn't have to sleep on the streets like some of my friends do. But I was feeling without a home sweet home. I was feeling in limbo – nothing was defined – I couldn't envision future

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birthday parties for the grandchildren (our first is on the way!), or baking lemon pie, or where I would sip coffee in the morning and where I would kneel and pray as I start my day. I was feeling without a home sweet home.

Silly me! I know better! God has never failed to come through! And of course He opened the door for our family to move into the perfect home at the perfect time! What a day of rejoicing when both escrows closed!!

As we have been studying the gospel of John I found myself in John 14:1-4:

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

I was reminded that escrow has closed on the most important home we will ever live in! Because Jesus gave His life and died on the cross, and is alive and has returned to heaven – escrow has closed on our heavenly home! You never have to worry about

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.”

Psalms 84:4



being truly homeless. You know you have a forever, eternal, beautiful home in heaven and escrow closed on that first Easter Sunday!

As important as our earthly homes are to God, they are only temporary. When Christ lives in your home, when you allow Him to abide, to make your heart His home – you are always home sweet home!

We are also celebrating the blessing God has given us of a new church home! After pitching a “tent” Sunday after Sunday for over a year we are eagerly anticipating coming home! June 2, 2013 – is our “Housewarming Sunday” for Hope Center of Christ! I am excited about announcing the visions of what we can do for God from our new church home.

Thank you for your prayers and support the past year. You have saved a life – the life of a ministry! I was only able to go on because of you! I was only able to cross the Red Sea and pitch a tent in the wilderness because of you! We have now crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land – because of you! I thank God for you! And I hope you will feel every time you step into our church, every time you watch on the web, every time you hear our message, music, and devotions – that at Hope Center of Christ – you are home sweet home!

In Christ,

Sheila Coleman

HOPE CENTER OF CHRIST holds exciting weekly Sunday morning worship services, Every SUNDAY at 10am, in our new church home, located at 1090 N. Batavia St, at the corner of Struck Ave. and Batavia in Orange. Sunday School is provided for children. SEE YOU THERE!



**WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU**

Enclosed is a handy response slip and return envelope to let us know your prayer needs and concerns. Also, you can continue to help support the Hope Center of Christ Ministry by mail at this important time. Thank you.

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Meet Susan Austin

BY MARGAUX JORDAN

Susan was born in a wonderful Christian home with parents heavily involved in their church. Growing up with such warmth and love, she was a person who knew the Lord all her life, and officially accepted him as her Lord and Saviour at age 13. At the time she started high school the world started to intervene on her beautiful path.

High school brought challenges and the temptation of the world entered her peaceful existence with Christ. Those years turned into heavy drinking and partying with her friends, and eating disorders turned her once sweet world upside down.

She went on to marry young and have four beautiful daughters, however the invasion of the world continued into this idyllic life. The alcohol had a powerful hold, and while it took a different face of “social drinking” the issues continued.

During this time she went to see a wonderful preacher at Knott’s Berry Farm—Dr. Schuller. She knew at that moment that she had to go to his church. “The decision that the Lord gave to me in that time with this Godly man brought me to where I am today,” Susan said. She went on to enjoy 40 years of hearing Dr. Schuller and being involved in a multitude of ministries.

She says, “Alcohol continued to pose a problem in my life.” While all looked beautiful from the outside, the internal struggle was still going on. “I couldn’t stop the speeding

train,” says Susan...“I didn’t have what I needed, I wasn’t equipped to make the turn.” On June 10 1995, (yes, she remembers the exact date), she said “enough,” and began to finally let the Lord guide her out of the life she had clung to for so long.

She continued reveling in her church family, and when Pastor Sheila announced that she was starting a new church, there was no hesitation—the answer was an exciting “yes!” Following the Schuller legacy was instrumental in changing her life, and that has wholeheartedly continued in her numerous new roles with our beloved Hope Center of Christ.

Susan holds onto her favorite verse daily:

“...that you also aspire to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing. But I do not want you to be ignorant, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.”

I THESSALONIANS 4:11-13

This verse provides Susan the inspiration she now seeks for her own daily life.



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- Please let us know how we can pray for YOU
- Consider tithing to this hope centered church and ministry for Jesus Christ
- Send us your email address so we can keep you up-to-date

Come for Fellowship!
Tuesday evenings @ 7PM
All are invited.

Band of Brothers & Women of Hope
Now meeting every Tuesday evening at 7PM
in our new church home!
1090 North Batavia Street, Orange, CA
corner of Batavia & Struck (our church actually faces Struck).

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CHILI BOWL UPDATE

Number of bowls of chili served by Hope Center of Christ Volunteers to the hungry and homeless in Central Orange County, working in cooperation with Orange County Rescue Mission and their "Chili Van"

1099 BOWLS TO DATE!

1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900

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to the needs of our young and growing congregation," Pastor Coleman said.

The new 12,000 sq. ft. facility is located in the city of Orange, at 1090 N. Batavia St., at the corner of Struck Ave. (the new church building actually faces Struck). Hope Center of Christ will be the third church to occupy the space. A light industrial building that has been converted into functional church space, it includes a 200 seat sanctuary—with pews already installed—a kitchen; a large multipurpose room; and many other rooms and areas for Sunday School classes, Bible Study groups or other purposes.

Our new church home will immediately

provide the space for:

- After worship fellowship.
- Our weekly men's Band of Brothers and Women of Hope Bible Studies (7pm every Tuesday).
- Us to be a Mission Outpost
- A Thrift Store—(a great source of revenue).
- Our Youth Ministry to begin!
- Christmas Eve and Good Friday Services.
- Prayer Rooms.



- An infant "cry room"—so moms and dads with babies don't have to miss morning worship.
- Vacation Bible School—THIS Summer!
- and more, and more, and more!!

"We intend to hold our first service in our new church home on Sunday, June 2, 2013," Pastor Sheila said. "Many, many months ago, under the leadership of our Board Member, 'Dr. Thomas,' we prayed for our new church home and God has answered our prayers more than we ever imagined! The possibilities for Hope Center of Christ with our new church home are endless. We can now begin the work of fulfilling Christ's commission for our ministry. Our best days are ahead!"

Pastor Sheila and forty other persons met recently at Hope Center's new church home for a "walk through" and prayer.