

# AMAZING GRACE



LEFT, SINGERS SPREAD THE LOVE OF JESUS TO RESIDENTS  
ABOVE, CHELSEA CHIOTTI SHARES HER HEART WITH SKIPPY EWERT

## M & M Singers and S.P.L.A.T. sing at Heritage

It was a happy day for residents and singers alike as M & M (Music and Ministry) Singers and S.P.L.A.T (Sing Praise Learn Adore Tell) traveled to Heritage Manor March 23rd. Residents enjoyed the singers so much that they asked for 3 encores! After singing, the

children mingled through the audience who were more than happy to share hugs with the youngsters. Some children even shared their flashing hearts with older adults who loved them too.

Watch for more of S.P.L.A.T during worship during April or early June. M & M is finished for the season, but watch for them to reconvene next fall! A big thanks to Renee Griffith for leading these groups.



S.P.L.A.T.



RANDY, ALEX, & CHELSEA



JENNA & DALE

# April a Busy Month for Outreach!

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Whether you personally invite a friend or neighbor, or mail them an impact card, reach out to someone this Easter. There are several events planned at Grace this season. Any one, or all of them, would be great for helping someone experience the love you have found in Jesus.

**Good Friday April 10th**  
"Passion of the Christ" 7:00 p.m.  
Grace Auditorium

Communion Meditation following  
(Rated R) We strongly suggest you watch this intense, passionate film with your high school and older children.

**IMPACT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT GRACE TO PICK UP AND MAIL**

### **Saturday, April 11th**

Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. at LIBRARY PARK

(In case of rain, this event will be held at Grace.)

### **Easter Sunday, April 12th**

8:00-9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Served by the men of Grace in our Fellowship Hall

10:15 a.m. Easter Worship

### **Saturday, April 18**

"Whispers from the Wilderness" Dinner Theater

5:00 p.m. at Grace

Tickets \$5.00/adult. Children 12 and under free.

**Please purchase tickets by April 5 by calling 527-2920.**

**DON'T FORGET**

**THE MEN OF GRACE ARE SERVING A FULL BREAKFAST ON EASTER SUNDAY RIGHT BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M.**



# New Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning April 19!

Watch your bulletin for details.

## Pam Finck's Small Group meeting April 5th.

Pam Finck's small group meets Sunday, April 5th after church. We have not met for a long time, so please stay for this very short update. No meal is being planned. Stay plugged in!

## Care Team to Wash Windows

On April 25th, Linda Garrels and the Care Team will be washing car windows at the Shell Station on Rt. 24 from noon to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this practical way to show the love of Jesus, there is a sign up sheet on "The Table" in the foyer.

## Overnight Mission Trip to Little Galilee for Young and Old Alike

May 8th and 9th your Missions team will be traveling to Little Galilee Camp, near Clinton, for a weekend of marshmallow roasting around the campfire...and ok...some work too. If you would like to attend, please sign up at "The Table", or call 527-2920 or tell Deb Kingdon, Sheila Pinkham, Ron Griffith, Bill Walden, or Linda Garrels.

## Jr. High Youth group plans special activity on April 5th

Mark Whitcomb will be taking the Junior High Youth group door to door on Sunday, April 5th. Youth should meet at Grace at 4:00 p.m. (not the usual 6:30 time.) Mark and Kipp will travel with the youth to homes around town distributing information about the many events Grace will be sponsoring surrounding Easter. The group will return to the church around 5 for games and pizza!

## New Section in our Website

The "Do You Care" section of Grace99.org is available to view. Check it out at <http://www.grace99.org/page26/page26.html>



Church camp is a life changing experience. Most youth make a decision to become Christians during Church camps or conferences. You too can sign up for a week of Church Camp this summer. There are registration forms and schedules in the foyer or go to [www.littlegalilee.com](http://www.littlegalilee.com) to download a

form. Their website also has directions to and pictures of Little Galilee. Be sure to fill out the form on the Youth bulletin board in the fellowship hall to let the church know which week you are attending. - Kipp

From the Secretary...

## April 22 is Earth Day.

The United States Environmental Protection agency says that somewhere between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are used and discarded worldwide each year. It costs \$4000 to process and recycle one ton of plastic bags. These bags would be worth only \$32 if resold. Studies have shown that the reason the world's landfills aren't overflowing with plastic is because most of it ends up in ocean-fills. Plastic bags break down over time into MORE toxic waste which contaminate soils and waterways and as a consequence, can enter the food chain..What can we do?

If we use a cloth bag, we might each save 6 plastic bags a week. That's 288 bags a year. Multiply this by the current population of America of 306,114,693, and we could save over 17 billion bags per year.

Because of our God-given position of authority over the earth (Gen. 1:28), the actions of no other species will affect the environment more acutely. We are responsible for this place God has created for us to live.

Do something drastic....cut the plastic!

## Has Anyone Ever Spat in Your Face?

Talk about the ultimate insult, hatred and disgust! In soccer, it results in an immediate ejection from the game. In life, it guarantees a fight! Yet Matthew writes that "they spat in His [Jesus] face and beat Him" (Matt 26:67). And this wasn't just a crowd. It was the leaders of God's chosen people who spat in the face of their own Lord!

Can you imagine the amount of self-control it would have taken for Jesus to not respond in anger? Can you imagine the tremendous love it takes to forgive those who treat you like that?

Even though these men who spit on Jesus refused to acknowledge Him as Lord, He still went to the cross and died for them. His love for them was unwavering, unshaken and unaffected by their wrong actions! When you think about how others have wronged you, does it affect your desire to love and forgive them? God's love isn't fickle. He loves, no matter what!

To celebrate Easter is to love like Jesus loves us. It means being so overwhelmed by the incredible love God has for us that we can't help but share it with everyone around us. It's such good news that I can't keep it to myself! It means loving those who are saved and those lost; friends and enemies... even those who spit in our face!