

AMAZING GRACE

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Over 200 hear The Good News!

On April 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. Egg Hunt leaders and volunteers stood inside the foyer at Grace and prayed. It was raining and we desperately needed a word from God. Our carefully laid plans for an outdoor egg hunt were being drenched. Ideas and suggestions on how to incorporate the rain into our plan had been flying across airspace all morning. Even our carefully laid out "in case of rain" plan didn't seem ideal anymore. Finally we realized WE couldn't do it. When we cried out to God a peace settled in the room. It was agreed we should continue with the hunt at the park.

Cars and vans were loaded with supplies and we headed for Library Park...in the rain.

Several more times that morning our plans were jumbled and our faith tested. Eggs were "hidden" on the lawn of Library Park, collected when the rain began, and re-hidden when it stopped. Undaunted, a group of men held up a plastic tent to protect the sound equipment.

At 10:30, which after all, was the appointed time, the sun appeared. Puppets began proclaiming the Gospel, kids scrambled for eggs, and 300 hot dogs disappeared. God is good.





12-hour prayer vigil May 6th National Day of Prayer

May 6 is the first planned prayer vigil to take place in our new prayer room. Be sure to sign up for a time slot on the list in the foyer. We would like to have continuous prayer between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. You can call Pam (527-2920) and reserve a time!

Some might be asking, "Why do we need a prayer room anyway?" Did you know that the Holy Spirit can fill a place as well as a person? Acts 2:2 says: "Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting." David Blackwell says in his book "24/7", a prayer room creates and sustains holy space in the real world. Our culture is hungry for holy places. Have you ever noticed how places where tragic accidents have happened quickly turn into shrines with flowers, candles, toys, and crosses? We long to feel the presence of God. Many people experience this "walking on holy ground" sensation when entering an active prayer room.

A prayer room with creative elements can enable people to pray nonverbally by providing a spot to post artwork, poetry, and graffiti. A prayer room provides accountability. It is a place where people have to turn up to ensure a constant flow of prayer. As one shift ends, the baton is passed on to the next person. Visiting the room can be like a mini-pilgrimage.

A prayer room creates a sense of community. By sharing requests on the "wailing wall" or leaving praises for answered prayer, we can share each other's burdens and celebrate the breakthroughs together. Evangelistically, a prayer room provides a place for non-Christians to pray privately as well as anonymously. Those who don't want to be preached at may still like to be prayed for. There is little doubt that God is calling His people around the world to pray as never before.

Grace prayer room provides: adjustable lighting, prayer cards, bibles, pictures of God's creation, music, natural sounds, a map, names of servicemen, requests from missionaries, posters to write on, and even some art supplies to express yourself to God.



The United States will be covered with prayer events on the National Day of Prayer: May 6, 2010

AT OTHER TIMES, THE GRACE PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN 8:30 - 2 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

CALL BONNIE HAAS: 527-5071

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER?

"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him" Nahum 1:7

Mission

The National Day of Prayer Task Force's mission is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in the seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

1952: *On April 17 a bill initiated by Mr. Conrad Hilton of Hilton Hotels and Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas was passed (Public Law 82-324) that the President of the United States was to set aside an appropriate day each year, other than Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer.*

1988: *Thursday, May 8 – Ronald Reagan signs into law Public Law 100-307 the designation of the first Thursday in May as the annual observance for the National Day of Prayer*

1991: *Shirley Dobson accepts the role as Chairman of the NDP Task Force.*



VBS FUNDRAISING AT MONICALS

Remember the Monical's Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 4th. That just might be what we need to reach our goal of \$1000!!! Take a flyer to coworkers, family, and friends. Monical's donates 20% of all sales accompanied by a flyer to our summer VBS Flyers can also be printed from this website <http://www.monicalspizza.com/events/month.aspx>.

GRACE SUPPORTS MISSIONS

The Grace Mission team is excited to announce the support of two new ministries! One, Mark and Jill Savage's newest venture, Hearts at Home Family is added to the current support of Hearts at Home. Secondly, the Joy Care Center. This center helps individuals and their families overcome the life-changing impacts of incarceration.

Currently we support Nancy and Steve Jefferys' Kingdom Seekers, The El Paso Food Pantry, and the Russian Kovrov church. You can see current requests from these missions on the World Mission wall in the prayer room.

BETH MOORE ANYONE?

Gladys Carr is considering having a Ladies' Bible Study this summer. Perhaps a Beth Moore study of Daniel is the ticket. If this sounds interesting to you, please talk to Gladys so she can include you!

PAM FINCK TO BE OUT OF OFFICE IN JUNE.

In order to welcome her new grandson by (hopefully) being present at his birth, Pam Finck will be out of the office in June. Marina Walden has agreed to take over some office duties during that time. Watch your bulletin for contact information and other details.

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RAFIKI MEANS "FRIEND"

You may have noticed that this year's chosen area of mission support during summer VBS is the Rafiki Foundation. Established in 1985 by Rosemary Jensen and others who desired to help Africans, the Rafiki Foundation befriends orphans and widows in their distress (James 1:27). The mission of the Rafiki

Foundation is to help Africans know God by caring for and educating orphans, providing materials and training in education and Bible study, and giving economic opportunities to widows. Thanks to Amie Carr Yoss for bringing this organization to our attention. Her in-laws are highly involved with this foundation which brings an element of authenticity and familiarity to our outreach.

Check out Dan's sermons at [www. http://web.me.com/dgoose/grace](http://web.me.com/dgoose/grace)



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TEAM 99.9% SURE ITS NOAH'S ARK

In an article dated April 27, 2010 Fox News.com reported that the remains of Noah's ark have been discovered 13,000 feet up a Turkish mountain. Evangelical explorers say wooden remains found on Mt. Ararat are 4,800 years old. The Noah's Ark Ministries International research team is 99.9 percent sure that this is actually Noah's ark. "The significance of this find is that for the first time in history the discovery of Noah's Ark is well documented and revealed to the worldwide community," Dutch Ark researcher Gerrit Aalten said at a press conference announcing the find.



There have been several reported discoveries of the remains of Noah's Ark over the years, most notably a find by archaeologist Ron Wyatt in 1987. At the time, the Turkish government officially declared a national park around his find, a boat-shaped object stretched across the mountains of Ararat.

See the entire article at: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/04/27/noahs-ark-found-turkey-ararat/>