

# Grace

## **GIG (Growing in Grace) Portland Zoo Trip**

**Tuesday, April 14th 11 a.m.**

GIG is leaving the church at 8:30 a.m. to spend the day at the Portland Zoo. They will be carpooling/ caravanning to the zoo, so please bring a little extra money to help with the cost of gas and parking fees. You may pack a sack lunch or purchase your lunch at the zoo. Zoo entry cost: \$2 per person.

Contact people:

Michelle Evarts (503) 871-1298

Christy San (503) 383-8101

## **Church Work Day Saturday, May 2nd 9 a.m.**

Saturday, May 2nd, from 9 - noon is our annual work day. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to use your talents and skills and fellowship with other members at Grace while we clean our church inside and out. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in and make this day as productive as possible.

Contact person:

Wil Evarts (503) 569-0041

## **Volunteer Training Sunday, April 19th 9 a.m.**

Terese Gillespie and the Children's Ministry team will teach on "People Driven Passion. Meet in the Prayer Room at 9 a.m. for some great teaching and encouragement. Refreshments will be provided.

Contact person:

Terese Gillespie (503) 871-8608

# Community

## **Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 18th 8 a.m.**

Attention all men! Our monthly men's breakfast is this Saturday, April 18th, at 8 a.m. Join us for a hearty breakfast cooked by Ryan McClelland. This will be followed by a short teaching presented by Pastor Dave. Don't miss this opportunity to feed your body and spirit.

Contact person:

Ryan McClelland (503) 999-4515

## **AWANA Family and Awards Night Wednesday, April 29th 6:30 p.m.**

Family and friends are invited to come out and celebrate the achievements of the AWANA Clubbers on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. The AWANA Store will be open after the program for the clubbers to spend their AWANA dollars. Refreshments will be served.

Contact person:

Mike Gillespie (503) 871-8688

## **ROWDY "Acquire the Fire" Portland Memorial Coliseum Friday and Saturday April 24 - 25**

This year's theme for Acquire the Fire is "HERE COMES TROUBLE." Teens will be enjoying drama, worship, and bands, along with learning about having a real relationship with Jesus. ROWDY will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. on Friday and will stay the night in Portland. They will return to the church late Saturday night. Cost: \$65.

Contact person:

Karri Manning (503) 580-7280

# Extended

## **Operation Christmas Child and Grace Community: Touching the World**

For the past nine years we at Grace have packed and sent shoe boxes to needy children around the world at Christmastime through The Samaritan's Purse. Here is a report of how God used the shoe boxes for the country of Zimbabwe:

Life in Zimbabwe has changed dramatically. Its people now rely on food aid to survive. Tourism has come to a standstill. And educated people are unable to find jobs. But even in national turmoil, the Gospel continues to advance in some of the country's most remote regions and forgotten places.

The Operation Christmas Child National Leadership Team has established regional networks in the country's 10 provinces despite difficult circumstances. In 2008, Operation Christmas Child worked through churches to distribute 130,000 shoe boxes with Gospel literature to give children and their families hope in the midst of this crisis.

The shoe box gifts provide hope to girls like Abigail. The 13 year old is artistically inclined and wanted to pursue her interest, but her parents couldn't afford the supplies. Then she was given an Operation Christmas Child box at a local church. "I received my gift box and was shocked," she said. "The drawing equipment I needed was inside. Today I have joy, and I understand that Jesus is my provider."

As many families struggle to provide for basic needs, the shoe boxes represent the promise of Deuteronomy 31:8: *"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

## Sermon Notes

### **This Week at a Glance...**

#### Tuesday 4/14

- GIG: Portland Zoo Trip \$2/person & gas money. Leaving church at 8:30 a.m.
- Celebrate Recovery 5:45 p.m.
- Community Outreach 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. "Veggie Tales"

#### Wednesday 4/15

- ROWDY 6:30 p.m.
- AWANA 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday 4/18

- Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at the church

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### Sunday 4/19

- Volunteer Training & Refreshments 9 a.m. in the Prayer Room

#### Thursday 4/23

- JEWELS "The Tie that Binds" 7 p.m. in the overflow room

#### Friday and Saturday 4/24 - 25

- ROWDY: "Acquire the Fire" at the Portland Memorial Coliseum Meet at the church Fri. at 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$65

#### Wednesday 4/29

- AWANA Family Night & Awards 6:30 p.m.
- ROWDY "Daring Dinner Dash" 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday 5/2

- Church Work Day 9 a.m. to noon

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**Easter Sunday**  
**April 12, 2009**  
**10:30 a.m.**