

Family Matters
May 2008
**National Day of Prayer / Children's Ministry Thanks &
Office Staff Changes**

Psalm 28:7 is the theme verse for the 57th National Day of Prayer.

***“The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.”***

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations. (taken from NDP web site -www.ndptf.org)

2008 Prayer for Our Nation

Dr. Ravi Zacharias
2008 Honorary Chairman, National Day of Prayer Task Force

Holy Father, in a world where so many are hungry, you have given us food in abundance;

In a world where so many are hurting, you offer to bind up our wounds;

In a world where so many are lonely, you offer friendship to every heart;

In a world longing for peace, you offer hope.

Yet, we are so stubborn and resistant. Have mercy upon us, Lord.

Our nation is at a crossroads this year; we look to you to be our strength and shield.

*Please give us the guidance to elect one who will honor you and to respond to the wisdom
from above*

so that our hope may be renewed and our blessings be treasured.

In God's holy name.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...

Sharon Cregger, Laura Horn, Nancy, Hap, Danika and Daniel Allison, and the entire Children's Ministry Team. Thank you too, all of you teachers and support staff for serving our kids and the entire New Life Family. Thank you for serving so tirelessly, week after week and with such good hearts. Thanks too, for the special songs that you shared with the congregation. KIDS –YOU DID WELL & TOUCHED OUR HEARTS!!! Parents, when you check your kids in or out, be sure to give our staff a great big thank you!

An FYI regarding a staffing change

Due to some budget constraints, this past January, the position of Financial Secretary, filled by my wife, Debbie Hendershot, was eliminated. I want to publicly thank her for serving so faithfully in this capacity and also for doing so many, many other miscellaneous tasks in support of our church family. She has been greatly missed by all of the church staff. Please tell her thank you on behalf of the New Life Family. A side note to this FYI is that she will working a part time job and will not be having regular office hours during the week.