

# LIGHT POST



## GRACE PRAYER GARDEN

Do you need a quiet place to meditate, reflect and pray? Let me encourage to come to the "Grace Prayer Garden" and regularly spend time there with God. Hebrews 4:16 says, *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

Prayer has always been and forever will be indispensable to a close walk with God. How is it then that in practice our lives are characterized by prayerlessness? The only time we seem to truly believe in prayer is when we

face a crisis, or tragedy. Why do we, followers of Jesus Christ, have to be forced to our knees? Why do we have so little time to commune with the one who knows us best, yet loves us most?

Just a little history: Inspiration for the "Grace Prayer Garden" came from the example of one EBCC's faithful members who labored in prayer. Now with the Lord, Diane Springstead believed in and practiced prayer. She frequently called me on the phone to ask me what the needs of our congregation were for which she could pray. Diane eventually became debilitated by Multiple Sclerosis, which vastly limited her ability to do many other things, but she continued to faithfully pray until the Lord called her home. The garden was built in Diane's memory, but it was built for you to use. Overlooking a panorama of God's creative beauty, the garden is located on the northwest side of the church just beyond the offices. Open 24/7 God is always in. No appointment necessary!



*Pastor Kendale Dennis*

## NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS!

### THE ESSENTIALS...FOR EVERY CHRIST FOLLOWER

July 10

Essentials for Christ Followers

July 17

Worship is Life!

July 24

Service is Ministry

August 7

Growth is Intentional

**WORSHIP**  
**CHRIST**

**GROW**  
**IN CHRIST**

**SERVE**  
**CHRIST**

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## REPORT FROM VBS 2011

At East Bay Calvary Church we love our kids and we recently had an incredible week at Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year was "God is Wild About You". Exciting worship, skits, crafts, and games made the week a blast for the kids. We used several Bible stories to illustrate God's great love to the kids. We praise God that our attendance was the highest it has ever been for VBS. All week our attendance was around 180 kids. We had over 40 kids who responded to the gospel to accept Christ. We discovered that most of these kids who responded to the gospel were unchurched kids, while others were children wanting assurance of their salvation. We know we cannot do this ministry without the prayers and support of our church family. We are extremely grateful for each of the 80 children's workers who helped make the week a success. Pastor Reist and the Junior Highers played a central role in



our VBS this year as part of their Junior High Jam. They ministered to the kids in games and lesson time as part of their emphasis on leadership and ministry training. We are especially grateful to Shirley Bell who heads up this ministry each year and puts in countless hours organizing and recruiting workers. The kids did an excellent job with their ministry project by raising \$374.07 to help the Russian orphans associated with the Slavic Gospel Association. Thanks to all for your help and prayers.

*-Pastor Dallas Dix*



## JUST A THOUGHT

Often the people God uses are those we may tend to overlook. He used a small boy with and his lunch to feed 5,000 (Jn. 6:4-14). He used a penniless widow who only had a handful of flour and a little oil (1 Ki. 17:12). God doesn't require much to work with in order to do something great. He just needs a surrendered and willing heart. When God's work has a need, He looks for someone with a seed, stretches their faith, and both the giver and God's work are blessed.

