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That Midnight Hour...

Tora, Tora, Tora...

The Virgin Mother kneels upon
the floor
And holds her baby in her arm,
Her heart is gladder than her
lips can say,
To keep her new born baby
snug and warm,
A babe more sweet and fair
and dear
Than any rose bud in the
bright sunshine,
Whose little eyes look straight
into her own,
O, blessed maid, God's son is
also thine.
Twas holy midnight, when He
came to earth:
As pours a sun ray through a
limpid glass,
Not leaving any mark upon its
face;
A drop of dew upon the fresh
green grass,
A little star that fell upon her
lap,
A cooing babe, that seeks her
virgin breast.
The hopes of all the sin-cursed
world
Upon this baby's eyelids rest.
And ever since the midnight
hour is holy,
And millions of human hearts
are stirred
To wonderment and love for
Him who came,
To save the world, God's own
incarnate Word.
He came in darkness, He who
was The Light,
His godhead shone from clear
blue baby eyes,
The curse of earth's first sin
was lifted then,
That midnight hour reopened
paradise.
A Christmas Poem
by

December 7, 1941 was called by President Franklin Roosevelt, "A date which will live in infamy."

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin on December 7, 1941 was clear. "War! Oahu Bombed by Japanese Planes."

Here's what happened: At 6:00 a.m. Hawaiian time, Japanese carriers stationed 230 miles north of Oahu launched 360 airplanes including dive-bombers, torpedo bombers and fighters. Using a Honolulu radio station to home in on their targets, the Japanese planes headed for Pearl Harbor. It was 7:49 a.m. when Commander Mitsuo Fuchida called for his planes to attack. At 7:53 a.m. Fuchida advised Vice Admiral Chūichi Nagumo aboard the Japanese carrier Akagi that the U.S. Pacific Fleet had been taken by total surprise. Commander Fuchida's message consisted of one word, repeated three times, "Tora! Tora! Tora!" ("Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!").

By the end of the day eight American battleships, along with other smaller ships, lay in ruin. The Arizona was scrapped for good; the Oklahoma, California and West Virginia were sunk. The Ne-



Mitsuo Fuchida in 1941

vada was beached in a sinking condition; only the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Tennessee were able to be repaired.

Along with the bombing of the harbor the Japanese also

bombed air fields and other military installations. The loss of American life was staggering. 3,077 U.S. Navy personnel killed or missing and 876 wounded, plus 226 Army killed and wounded.

An American soldier who was on KP duty at an Army base in California hurled a potato across the room into a wall and shouted, "JAP! Just wait and see what we'll do to you!"

Jake DeShazer swore an oath of vengeance against the Japanese. One month later he volunteered for one of the riskiest operations of the war—a secret mission to bomb Japan.

On April 18, 1942, DeShazer went to war as a

bombardier with the Jimmy Doolittle Squadron, launching a sneak attack against the Japanese mainland from the carrier deck of the USS Hornet. The mission was hazardous with a near zero probability of survival, but DeShazer got his wish and become one of the first Americans to attack a Japanese city.

After the raid, the Squadron headed for China and ditched their aircraft as they ran out of fuel. DeShazer was captured



Jake DeShazer in 1945

and spent 40 months, the remainder of the war, in a Japanese prison camp. For twenty-five months, DeShazer's hatred for the Japanese intensified as he endured the tortuous treatment of his captors.

After twenty-five months in captivity, DeShazer was handed a Red Cross Bible that had found its way into the Nanking Prison Camp. For three weeks, DeShazer, who had not been a Christian, studied the book and came to the saving

Tora, Tora, Tora continued...

knowledge of Jesus Christ.

While in that prison camp God revealed to Jake that he and the rest of the men in the camp would not be shot. In his testimony DeShazer said, "I was praying, and the Lord revealed to me that the war would end that day. We

would not be shot. We would be released. That was August 10, 1945, the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima."

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor Mitsuo Fuchida became a hero. He went on to see action in the Solomon Islands, Java, and the Indian Ocean.

On June 4, 1942, Fuchida was ill with appendicitis. From sickbay, aboard the Akagi, he heard the sounds of the battle of Midway. Fuchida made his way to the deck of the ship. The carrier's flight deck was full of planes with their engines running, tanks full of fuel and fully loaded with bombs. Mitsuo looked up to see black spots coming toward the carrier. He knew American planes had found their target and bombs were about to hit the Akagi. The Japanese lost ten warships that day as well as the majority of their combat aircraft. Fuchida was the only person from the sickbay to survive.

Later, Fuchida missed being killed in Hiroshima by the atomic bomb. One day before the bomb was released Fuchida left the city.

God had bigger



Mitsuo Fuchida & Jake DeShazer in 1950

plans.

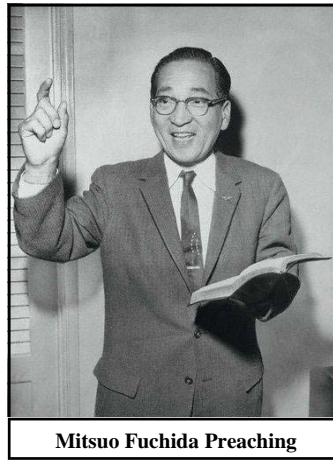
When the war over Jake DeShazer decided he wanted to share the life changing promises of God with the Japanese people. This is what Jake DeShazer said, "How my heart rejoiced in my newness of spiritual life. My body was suffering so terribly from the physical beatings and lack of food! I discovered that God had given me new spiritual eyes and that when I looked at the enemy officers and guards who had starved and beaten my companions and me so cruelly, I found my bitter hatred for them changed to loving pity.

I realized that these people did not know anything about my Savior and that if Christ is not in a heart, it is natural to be cruel. I read in my Bible that while those who crucified Jesus had beaten Him and spit upon Him before He was nailed to the cross, on the cross He tenderly prayed in His moment of excruciating suffering, 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'"

"And now, from the depths of my heart, I too prayed for God to forgive my

torturers, and I determined by the aid of Christ to do my best to acquaint these people with the message of salvation that they might become as other believing Christians."

DeShazer enrolled in Seattle Pacific College and became a minister of the gospel. With an overwhelming love in his heart for the Japanese people Jake and his wife Florence, returned to Japan. During their 30 years of ministry in Japan the DeShazers started twenty three congre-



Mitsuo Fuchida Preaching

gations.

One day, a disillusioned war hero by the name of Mitsuo Fuchida had business in downtown Tokyo. As he stepped off a train he was handed a gospel tract with the title: I Was A Prisoner of Japan. As he read the life changing message of this former POW Mitsuo realized what he needed was a heart change. Mitsuo purchased a Bible, began to read it and turned his life over to Jesus Christ.

God called Mitsuo Fuchida to preach the gospel. He eventually traveled the world preaching the good

news.

In the end two men that had been bitter enemies became close friends through the power of the gospel.

Truly, God can take our most bitter enemies and make them our closest friends.

I told a portion this account in a message on the Sunday following the 2008 presidential elections. Many people were very disappointed and concerned with the outcome of the election. I believe this account proves that we don't always know what God is doing. The number of times God spared Mitsuo's life is amazing. The reason He spared Mitsuo's life was His decision.

We don't always see God's ways or know His plans. He only calls us to follow Him and love our fellow man.

Since November 4, God has given me two portions of Scripture to pray, Proverbs 21:1 & I Timothy 2:1&2. We are not called to pray that God would change the heart of the king. Rather, we are called to pray for our peace.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the



U.S. Warplanes over the Pacific Ocean

Prince of Peace may His peace arise in us.

Christmas Dinner...



Dr. L. D. Kramer

Dr. Kramer invites the ministers and their spouses of World Bible Way Fellowship to enjoy a Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Our own Chef John will be preparing a delicious meal of roast turkey and ham. The fellowship dinner will be

served in the fellowship hall of Rejoice Christian Center.

Come prepared to enjoy a festive evening of fun, fellowship and excitement. We ask you to bring along a special testimony of God's grace at work in your life, a special song you might like to sing, a Christmas carol you've been wanting to sing or hear and some poetry to share.

The World Bible Way Players will be on hand to perform the 2008 edition of The Twelve Days of Christmas. You'll not want to miss this once in a lifetime performance. The World Bible Way Players will be making this their only performance in 2008.

Just to be a little different we invite every one coming to bring a special dessert item from their household. If everyone participates there will be a vast array of chocolate, nutty, gooey, sweet, delicious, decadent, delightful morsels to pass around and enjoy. In fact bring along a copy of the recipe—someone just might want it.

The annual Christmas Dinner is always a great time. This

is one that you will especially not want to miss. There will be something here for everyone. You will laugh, you will cry, you will be blessed and ministered to.

Remember the time and place: Rejoice Christian Center, 14020 County Road 5,



Chef John

**We
Will
See
You
There!**

Renewal Application

The office of World Bible Way Fellowship has already mailed out the 2009 Renewal Applications. Dr. Kramer invites you to fill out your renewals and return them ASAP.

If you did not receive your renewal application in the mail one can be downloaded. Simply go to www.worldbiblewayfellowship.com, click on Media menu, then click downloads. From this menu you can download a renewal application. If you have never applied for credentials with World Bible Way you may do so by clicking on *Ministers Application*.

Perhaps you have a ministry and have not applied for your 501C3. In that case World Bible Way will act as

your covering. Download a *Church Application*. By filling in and returning this application you will be registering your ministry with WBWF. This will give you the covering you need for receiving gifts directly and issuing your own giving statements.

Both applications require a \$125.00 application fee. Thank you for taking time to do this today.



Women of God International

Rev. Jan DeLeo is the guest speaker at Women of God International on Friday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. Women of God meet at Rejoice Christian Center in Burnsville.

Rev. DeLeo has been in ministry for over 30 years and has helped pioneer several churches and ministries. It is Jan's heart to help mentor those who desire ministry.



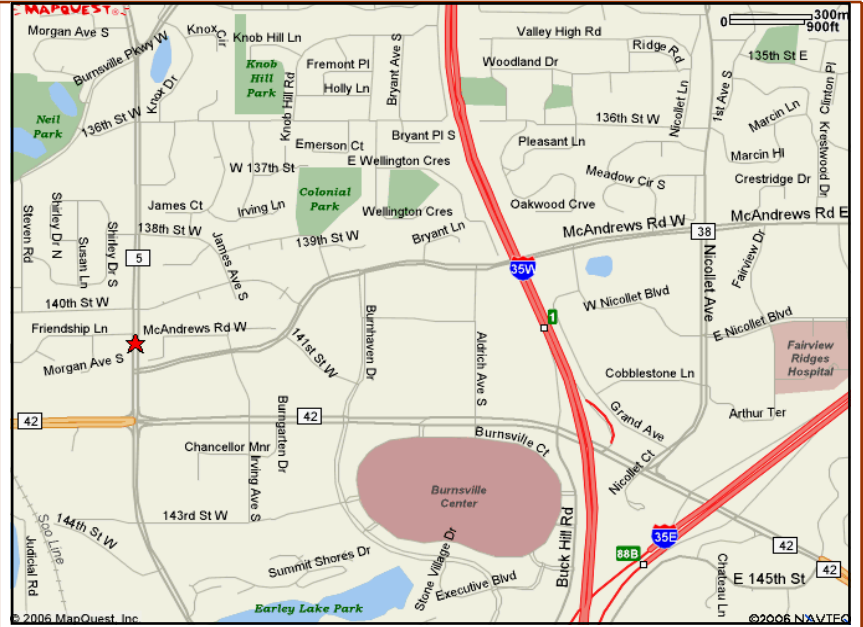
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In honor of our First Lady Laura Bush we offer her favorite cookie recipe for Christmas Cookies:

Laura Bush's Cowboy Cookies

Makes about 36

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter (at room temperature)
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1-1/2 cups packed light-brown sugar

- 3 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 2 cups sweetened flake coconut
- 2 cups chopped pecans (8 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in bowl. In 8-quart bowl, beat butter on medium speed until smooth and creamy, 1 minute. Gradually beat in sugars; beat to combine, 2 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Beat in vanilla extract. Stir in flour mixture until just

combined. Add chocolate chips, oats, coconut and pecans. For each cookie, drop 1/4 cup dough onto ungreased baking sheets, spacing 3 inches apart. Bake for 17 to 19 minutes, until edges are lightly browned; rotate sheets halfway through. Remove cookies from rack to cool. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.



December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Christmas Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Women of God International 7:00 p.m.	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Wedding Javier Gomez & Erin Cole
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			