Celebrating a Birthday

April 11

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Volunteer Needed



Given to date: \$1,919.00

Disciple Now Youth Retreat April 29th – May 1st

You're Invited to Join Us! **Sunday, April 10, 2022**

9:30am – Breakfast Served

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship (In-Person or multiple Saturday & Sunday opportunities for Church Online at FBCGC.live)

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:00pm – Adult, Youth and Children Bible Studies



VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,289.00 Budget Gifts to Date\$7,289.00





Pray for Easter Sunday and invite at least one friend or family member to join you for Worship Service.

OPPORTUNITIES

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April 6, 2022

EYES, HEART, AND HANDS

I hope by now that you are looking forward to, and praying for Easter Sunday, April 17. This is the biggest day each year for us as followers of Jesus – the day we set aside to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

One of the areas I am focused on this year is for God to use each of our **eyes**, **hearts**, and **hands** for the purpose of seeing more people come to salvation in Jesus Christ. I am praying for you (and each of us) to invite others to join us for worship on Easter Sunday.

After almost 2,000 years, there is still something powerful and attractive about the resurrected Jesus. Even though we live in a society that has been called *postmodern, post-religion,* even *post-Christian,* Easter continues to draw men, women, and young people to Christ's church. Churches around the world welcome guests on Easter Sunday. The Resurrection demonstrates the supernatural power of God to bring good out of bad, and life out of death!

I have been meditating on a passage in Matthew's Gospel (9:36-38) that shows the type of "eyes, heart, and hands" that I am praying for each of us:

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

In this passage, Jesus is in the process of fulfilling His ministry calling: teaching, preaching, and healing. And He is aware and present enough to pause (verse 36), open **His eyes**, and "see" the multitudes of people. We all have a tendency to get tunnel vision at times, missing

the bigger picture. Join me in praying for eyes like Jesus to truly *see* the people in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and our community at large for what they are: *weary*, *scattered*, *like sheep without a shepherd*.

We're also told that Jesus was moved with compassion for these "lost sheep." He allows **His heart** to break for the people He sees going through life without a Savior. The Greek word here for compassion means to "have pity or to be filled with tenderness." The root describes an aching in the gut. Do you ache for people who don't yet know Jesus? Let's pray for a heart like Jesus to feel *tenderness* toward those who are far from Him.

Finally, in this passage Jesus points out to His disciples that the harvest (potential) is great, but the laborers are few. He instructs them to pray for more workers who can serve as **His hands** to bring in the harvest. The harvest of lost people coming to faith in Christ requires willing hands like you and me. Together, let's pray for God to *use our hands* for His harvest *and* bring new hands to work into the future.

As you pray for Jesus' eyes, heart, and hands, know that we are praying for God's favor as you invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to Easter @ FBC. It's going to be a special day!

Seeing, Aching, and Working for Jesus,

P.S. Don't miss this Sunday, April 10, for Palm Sunday and conclude our *At the Cross*-teaching series. We will look at Jesus' crucifixion from the perspective of the thief on the cross and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Join us In-Person on Sunday at 11:00am or Church Online at <u>FBCGC.live</u>, (multiple service times).



"Palm Sunday" April 10: At the Cross... with the Condemned Criminal





LORD'S SUPPER April 10, 2022





April 24, 2022

We are planning to Celebrate Homecoming. Following our Morning Worship Service, we will be having a meal, watch Beams for more details.