

Community of Christ

Fairbanks Branch Happenings

March 3, 2005

The theme for this Sunday is “Open Our Eyes”

Eyes to see
Your path for us
Eyes to
Seek the truth

In II Kings 6, we read about a rather “eye-opening” experience. Early one morning, the Prophet Elisha’s servant went outside, only to observe an army of horses and chariots surrounding the city, with the goal of capturing Elisha. The servant was terrified. “O my lord, what shall we do?” the servant asked Elisha. “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed “O LORD, **open his eyes** so he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Like Elisha’s servant, we too may encounter seemingly hopeless situations. We may feel “surrounded” at times. In these times, the Scriptures provide us with hope. In Ephesians 1, Paul is praying for Believers in Ephesus, as follows: “I pray that the eyes of your heart [that is, your spiritual eyes] may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the **hope** of His calling,...and what is the surpassing greatness of His **power** toward us who believe.”

You see, no matter how desperate our situation may seem, we can pray for the same enlightenment that Elisha’s servant received, so that we might have the right perspective. “Open my eyes” will bring you the same results as Elisha’s “Open his eyes” prayer nearly 3,000 years ago.

Above excerpted from Eschol Valley Ministries

Open the Eyes of my Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You

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www.shouttothelordcanada.com/OpenTheEyesOfMyHeart.html

www.punkie.com/Music/OpenTheEyesOfMyHeart

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Saturday, March 5th – North Houston is hosting a viewing of the “Passion of Christ”. Discussion will follow after the movie. Childcare, clown ministry and refreshments will be provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Sunday, March 13th – 10:30 a.m.- Congregational Conference Election of Congregational Delegates to Special Mission Center Conference for election of World Conference Delegates. (Please let John know if you're interested in serving as a delegate from our congregation to the Mission Center Conference in April.)

Sunday, March 27th- Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 2nd - Special Mission Center Conference to elect World Conference Delegates - Pasadena - 1:00- 3:00 p.m. (Persons interested in serving as a World Conference Delegate or as a World Conference Alternate should contact Mark Euritt so that he can place their name on the ballot.)

June 2-5th - Community of Christ Special World Conference - Independence, MO

The worship and nursery schedules have been posted in the family center for January through March, 2005. Please check these .

Nursery Schedule:

March 6th – Beth & Steve Herold

March 13th – Ruth & Gary Chatburn

March 20th – Sue & Alex Turner

March 27th – Andrea & David Watson

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

Calendar & Mission Center News:

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org

April 2nd – Special Mission Center Conference – Pasadena – 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 1st quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

March 6th – Gary Chatburn

March 13th – Testimony Service (Sue Turner presides)

March 20th – Carole & Leo Caesar

March 27th – John Reimer

The following message was sent out by Dale Jones via the Mission Center E-mail Distribution:

Thanks to your contributions, tsunami aid has reached \$325,000 and continues to grow!

The overwhelming generosity expressed through contributions to Oblation and World Hunger for survivors of the Indian Ocean tsunami is truly exceptional. In response to the needs of several thousands of people, members and friends have already extended a total of \$325,000 to aid those affected by this disaster. This amount will grow, as all contributions above the average to Oblation and World Hunger during February will also be added to the balance. Because of people's unprecedented generous response, aid already totals more than three times what has been given through the church for any single disaster-relief effort.

Initial humanitarian aid was given in January, with a grant to the Red Cross for \$75,000 and immediate assistance to church members in Sri Lanka for \$20,000. The additional \$230,000 will support programs for Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation, and Save the Children. A \$95,000 World Hunger grant for SAP Sri Lanka and a \$60,000 Oblation grant for Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation will be provided through World Accord. A \$75,000 Oblation grant will be given to Save the Children. For more information about the focus of these programs,

please visit the Web site at www.CofChrist.org/hunger/news.asp. On behalf of all those who have been helped through your generosity and prayers, please accept this humble _expression of gratitude.

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

Martha Romig