

# Community of Christ North Houston 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

by Martha Romig

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

By: Paul Baloche

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** – 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. Activities begin at 6 pm. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

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

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm, Covenant Discipleship Group meeting at David and Rachel Siddall's home.**

**Tuesday, March 22** - 7-8:30 pm at the Coit's house, Book Club/House Church. First book will be Becoming A Thinking Christian by Dr. John B. Cobb, Jr. It can be purchased at Amazon.com new for \$9.75 or used from \$3.75 plus shipping. Book should be read before the meeting and will be discussed at the meeting. Please let Jonathan know if you are coming.

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** - 7 pm - Maundy Thursday Service at North Houston.

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**- 10 am Fellowship & Refreshments; 10:30 am Worship; 12:15 Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 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 and their pastor so that your name can be placed on the ballot.)

**June 2-5<sup>th</sup>** - Community of Christ Special World Conference - Independence, MO

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin and update Dorothy with any new information and current status of the prayer concern.
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**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](http://www.coastalbendmc.org)

**North Houston Worship Schedule**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Mike Turner presiding, Jonathan Coit assisting

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Biz. Mtg. at 10:30, Sunday School will end early; 11:00 am Worship - Dorothy Hibbard presiding, Janine Turner speaking

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Baptismal service: John Brosemer presiding, Teri Portz speaking, Dorothy Hibbard baptizing Sarah Brosemer

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** - Maundy Thursday Service: Mike Turner presiding, Olivia Turner assisting

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Easter: Olivia Turner presiding, Dorothy Hibbard speaking

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](http://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 North Houston. 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.

*Dorothy Hibbard*