

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it.  
The Lamb is its light. Revelation 21:23



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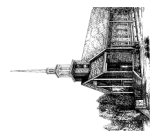
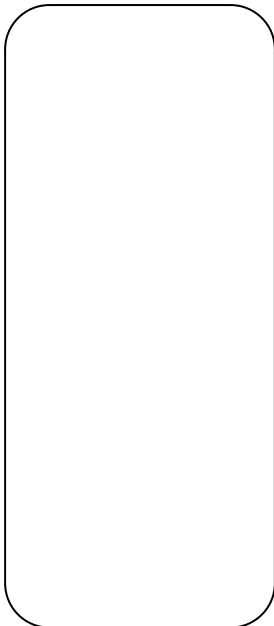
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## TIE Article March 2024

After Mom died last fall, Melody & Sharon, the church administrative assistants, bought me a plant. They didn't know that I'm not the best person to keep a plant alive. The plant looked to be on its last legs around Christmas due to lack of attention. I failed to water it on a regular basis, and there were times it was deprived of natural sunlight. When the rush of Christmas was over, I started making a concerted effort to care for the plant, and it got a second wind. Fast forward to the latter half of March: the plant is vibrant.

Our faith and our spiritual life are a lot like that plant. We didn't create the plant. We didn't cause it to initially grow. We entered the equation as a means to help keep the plant vibrant and growing. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds that our salvation comes from God through faith. We do nothing to earn our salvation. In fact, God, more than likely, planted the "seeds" that lead us to faith in Him. Paul writes that this gift of salvation gives us no reason to boast (Ephesians 2:9), i.e. "I did it." Although our salvation is a gift from God, we factor into the equation when it comes to keeping our faith and spiritual life

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vibrant and growing. We must keep our spiritual life alive by practicing spiritual disciplines or habits that help stay connected to God. It is important to be silent and listen to God. We need to have solitude, so that we may be alone with the Lord. Bible study is another discipline that helps us hear from God. In addition to study of the Bible, we need to meditate on it and on the ways that God is working in our life. Also, prayer is a strong part of the conversation with God. Habits, such as silence, solitude, Bible study, meditation, and prayer, may serve as water, soil, and sunlight that helps our spiritual life flourish.

In Christ,  
Rev. Scott Henson

### Year Round Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child

First Baptist Church will collect items for **Operation Christmas Child year-round**. Below is a rough draft list based on several suggestions listed on-line. How nice it would be, by getting a head start, to have more OC boxes from our church. Place your gifts in the boxes located in the CLC lobby.

**April** – Collect stuffed animals: While stuffed animals are a GREAT item to include, they can be one of the more costly as you want to be sure to get one that will hold up to all that loving.

**May** – Collect hygiene items: Hand washing can help prevent many diseases including those that kill thousands of children worldwide daily. Bars of soap & wash clothes might help a child and their family avoid infection. Oral hygiene can protect teeth, increasing the variety of food the child can eat, and help their overall nutrition and health. Even though we aren't allowed to send toothpaste, we can send toothbrushes. Combs, brushes, and stick (not liquid) deodorant can help improve the child's self-esteem.

**June** – Collect toys: Toys are not just fun items but can help a child's social and cognitive development. The type of toy depends on the age, but some toys that may be packed include: jump rope, musical toy (recorder, whistle, etc.), card games, marbles, plastic animal figurines, yo-yo, puzzle, toy cars, etc.

**July** – Collect clothing: Clothes can be both practical and fun. Hats, socks, flip flops, shorts, t-shirts, etc. are items that a child may need and also may be a source of pride.

**August** – Collect school supplies: Please consider donating lined paper, crayons, pencils (with small sharpener), pens, ruler, and/or erasers.

**September** – Collect games: These games need to be small and portable. Good card games to include are Uno, Go Fish, Old Maid, and playing cards. Dominos and marbles are also **small game options**.

**October** – Catch-up: This month will be used to catch-up on items and item categories that are lacking.

**November** – Packing time is here!

### Note from Franklin Graham.....

As we pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), let's also lift up the families in Gaza who are living in desperate conditions, even as Hamas uses them as human shields and their hospitals as camouflage. Humanitarian access in Gaza has been limited, but Samaritan's Purse has long-standing Christian partners there, and we are working hard to equip them to help their neighbors.

### Bereavement Ministry

Group 1 will serve the next meal to a bereaved family.  
Group leaders are Geneva Deal, Lisa Lowe  
and Linda Odom.



Reminder that there will be no Wednesday night activities on April 3, 2024.

### A Prayer for the coming month.....

O' Lord, help me to focus on the new month ahead and not waste time with regrets from the prior month. I declare your goodness over these coming months and I rejoice as I run towards your purpose for my life. *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

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