

*Jesus' followers are in the dark.*

*Darkness fell upon the land. Jesus was dead. He was buried in a tomb. A big stone was rolled in front of the entrance, and the people all went home. For Jesus' followers, that dark day was followed by a long night.*

*The hours passed very slowly. Jesus' friends cried.*

*They had thought he was the King.*

*But now their hearts were filled with sorrow, and their minds filled with fear.*

*"What happened? "Why did Jesus have to die?"*

*"Wasn't Jesus God's forever King?"*

*The questions kept coming until the next day turned into night.*

*As Jesus' followers tried to sleep, they thought,*

*We will be sad forever.*

*"Will God ever rescue his people from sin?"*

*"Will we ever have our place with him?"*

*"Will God ever bring again his blessings on all peoples of the earth?"*

*It was the third day after Jesus had died on the cross. The sun was not yet up. One woman, Mary Magdalene, couldn't sleep. She believed in Jesus and had hoped he was the King. She got up very early while it was still dark and went to the tomb where Jesus was buried.*

*As she was close, suddenly she grew anxious and afraid. The big stone that covered the entrance was gone. Jesus' tomb was open, and it was empty.*

*-Excerpt from The Big Picture Story Bible by: David R. Helm*



Seeing the story through children's eyes is amazing. This children's book is simple, but it gets the story across. Sometimes we just need to get back to basics. Maybe this Easter you will read a children's Easter story or watch a Veggie Tales Easter movie. It can be refreshing to read or watch something simple, and it brings our focus back on what is important, that Jesus died on the cross for us. Indulge yourself in the simple this Easter season.



~Ariel



# HOLY WEEK



*Palm Sunday*

**Sunday, March 24**

**Lunch &  
Easter Egg Hunt  
after worship!**

FBC OKC

## Journey to the Cross

A Guided Worship Experience

**Thursday, March 28**

**4:00-8:00pm  
(Come & Go)**

**GOOD  
FRIDAY  
SERVICE**

**March 29 - 6:00pm**

# EASTER

BREAKFAST | 9:00 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
EASTER WORSHIP | 10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

### **Palm Sunday – March 24**

Join us as our little ones wave the palm branches in worship as we welcome the presence of Jesus into our midst! After worship, kids and their families are invited to lunch and an easter egg hunt.

### **Journey to the Cross – Thursday, March 28 from 4-8pm**

Join us for a guided worship experience where you'll be invited to meditate on the journey Jesus walked to the cross. This interactive event is come-and-go from 4:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of FBCOKC. We encourage you to join us on this journey as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

### **Good Friday Service March 29 at 6:00pm**

Join us as we fix our eyes on the Cross of Jesus and how his love is magnified through His death. The service will be in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm.

### **Easter Sunday – March 31**

Join us for a delicious breakfast at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall and then our special worship experience begins at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. All bible study groups (including kids, youth, and adults) will be cancelled.



# FIRST FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*Ministry Opportunity\*\***

**CareforOKC is in need of volunteers this Monday, March 18th. Please consider coming to help unload at 9am. We will need volunteers to distribute food at 4:30pm.**

## COLORING POSTERS IN THE COMMONS

We will have coloring poster illustrations depicting scenes from the life of Jesus available for you to color. Please help us bring these beautiful illustrations to life with a little color! Also, you are invited to join us on March 17 for "Color Through the Story" as we dedicate an afternoon to color and have fellowship. Thanks for helping us color all these illustrations before Easter!



## Color Through the Story

**Sunday, March 17**

Do you like to color? Join us in The Commons at 4:00pm on Sunday, March 17 as we color posters that depict scenes from the life of Jesus. We will color, have some snacks, and enjoy conversation together. We would LOVE for this to be an intergenerational event. All ages are welcome and invited!

## Spring Fling

60+ Rooted Luncheon

**21 March 2024 | 11:30AM**

**FBCOKC Dining Hall**



## Spring Fling Luncheon

### Rooted Event



Spring Fling Luncheon for the "Rooted" 60+ group is March 21 at 11:30 in the dining hall. We will have a meal prepared by David Swenson and gang. Menu is fried catfish, coleslaw, hushpuppies, veggie, and dessert. The meal will cost \$7.00. Please sign up in the commons so we will know how much food to prepare. The entertainment will be provided by a group called "Traditions" which is part of the Oklahoma City Traditional Music Association. Our own Pam Williams is part of this group. This will be a time for great food, fellowship, and fun. I hope to see you there! ~Toni

## Men's Ministry – Day Hike in

### Wichita Mountains

Calling gentlemen of all ages! Join us for a day hike in the Wichita Mountains on Saturday, April 6. We will leave early morning and return in the evening. We will hike the Bison Trail which is around 6 miles roundtrip and mostly flat. More information coming soon, but go ahead and save the date! Email [bradstewart@fbcokc.org](mailto:bradstewart@fbcokc.org) if you have any questions or want to sign up! If you want more information about the trail, check out the link below.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/oklahoma/bison-trail>

**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
**DAY-HIKE**  
**WICHITA MOUNTAINS**

**Saturday, April 6**



# World Mission Opportunities

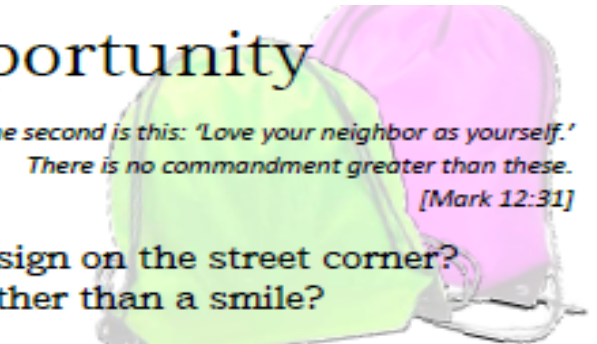
Would you like to travel to Uganda? Would you like to help others with limited healthcare be able to see again? Our church is considering a trip led by Jay and Jill Gregston in conjunction with Africa Renewal Ministries. During the trip, the team will conduct several eye clinics in rural villages. You don't need any medical background to go. We need people willing to help with specific tasks and to engage villagers with friendly smiles and the love of God. Soon, we will hold an exploratory information meeting to share all the details. If you are interested, please contact Joey Clifton ([joeyjclifton@gmail.com](mailto:joeyjclifton@gmail.com), 405-517-7078) or Jay Gregston ([jgregston@gmail.com](mailto:jgregston@gmail.com), 580-467-1872).



## New Ministry Opportunity

### NEIGHBOR BAGS

*The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'  
There is no commandment greater than these.  
[Mark 12:31]*



Rarely have cash when you see someone with a sign on the street corner?  
Wish you had something you could give them, other than a smile?

We are beginning a new ministry called Neighbor Bags!  
(Could they be called Blessing Bags? Yes, it's the same idea!)

For the month of March, we will collect basic items identified as most needed by the Homeless Alliance. Once assembled, these bags will be available in The Commons for you to take and keep in your car. So, the next time you see someone in need, you can hand them this reusable drawstring backpack filled with items they can use.

#### Items to donate:

- Lip balm
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Protein bars
- Tuna to-go kits / packets (no cans, please)
- Rehydration powder packets (e.g., Gatorade, Pedialyte)
- Band-aids / first aid kits
- Reusable water bottles
- Feminine hygiene products



Example items can be found on  
our Amazon Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CFRU4LOZZGKJ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CFRU4LOZZGKJ?ref=wl_share)



Note: Right now, we are only collecting these items. No monetary donations at this time, please.

