

## Prayer Needs

Please complete and place in the offering plate.

April 21, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like a phone contact? Yes  No

Telephone # and best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

## Be About Praying One For Another

Please keep this with you to remind you to pray for  
Trinity's Missionaries.

«IndividualLabelName»

«Address1»

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Visit our website for information about upcoming events, online giving  
and find the link to our streaming platform.

## Announcements

### Serving Today in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Jean Lewallen & Kaitlyn Roy-Lindquist  
Toddlers: Brooke Connors & Taylor Connors  
Preschool: Jennifer Myrick & Rebecca Barnett  
Elementary: Ross Hill & Tommy Dyer

### Serving Next Sunday, April 28 in the Nursery and Children's Church

Infants: Diana Groom & Natalie Monjarrez  
Toddlers: Kara Boyles & Alison Salley  
Preschool: Diane Wolff & Janice Bullard  
Elementary: Cheri Jordan & Fred Salley  
Tweens: Emilee Kirby & Mikayla John

### Today's Ministry Minute - Ladies Tea - Mary Kay Belissary

Cell - 843-229-4649 Email - marykayb3@aol.com

### The 1st Love Project Testimonies

We would love to hear testimonies of what the Lord does through The 1st Love Project. If you would like to share your testimony anonymously, please email it to [tepcfloreance@gmail.com](mailto:tepcfloreance@gmail.com) by noon on Friday, May 3. We will be reading these during the Congregational Prayer & Praise on Sunday, May 5.

### Congregational Prayer & Praise - TODAY - 5:00pm - Sanctuary

As part of the 1st Love Project, we hope you will join us today for prayer and praise.

### New Members Class - Friday, May 17 & Sunday, May 19

These classes are for anyone interested in joining Trinity or learning more about the church and the EPC. For more information or to sign up to attend, see the green insert in the bulletin, go to our website [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com) or call the church office at 843-665-8022.

### Graduate Recognition - Sunday, May 19

We will recognize our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 19. If you have a student graduating from high school or college, please email his/her full name, school they are graduating from, any future plans and a digital picture to [tepcfloreance@gmail.com](mailto:tepcfloreance@gmail.com) or call the church office no later than noon on Friday, May 10.

### International Ministry Pantry Wish List

The International Ministry has a need for canned goods and dry foods as well as basic household and toiletry items. Paper bags are available in the narthex that you can pick up, fill up and return. For more information contact Annette Diaz at 843-687-0930 or Shand Lesemann 843-345-3216.



# The 1st Love Project

## Week 3: The Healing Of Our Eyes

**Mark 8:22-26**

**Matthew 9:35 - 10:1-8**

### Final Thoughts:

1. When Jesus encountered the overwhelming needs of the people, His first action was to call His disciples to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As He called them to \_\_\_\_\_, He expected that they would be part of the answer to those \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The work did not start with prayer, it started with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Compassion doesn't just happen; it is a learned \_\_\_\_\_ that develops through regular proximity to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

## Announcements



Please join us for a  
*Better Together*  
*Ladies Breakfast*

Saturday May 4th  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Trinity EPC G Building

Our speaker will be Melek Arevalo  
with music by Cathy Aydin.

Please RSVP on the church website.

One of the true blessings in life is the gift of a friend  
who laughs with you, cries with you, prays for you,  
and pushes you closer to Christ.  
Bring your blessing with you as we grow together.



Ladies Tea  
Saturday, May 11  
10am - 12pm  
TKA Gym  
All ages welcome!

**"Fill My Cup"**

**Psalm 23: 5b-6**

Sign up begins April 28.

## Information

**Children** - A comfortable room with sound from the service is available off the Narthex for nursing mothers and mothers with crying infants. A nursery is also available in the G Building for the length of the service for children ages 0-3. If you are needed in the nursery during the worship service, you will received a text.

**Sermons** - Our sermons are available for free online in streaming form or as a podcast. Go to our website, [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com), and click on the "Media" tab on the front page. You can subscribe to our podcast from there or listen to the sermons online from your computer.

## Welcome to Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian

### Our Vision

The Vision of Trinity is to be a dynamic fellowship that loves Jesus Christ and which unites cultures and generations through the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel to love and transform individuals, families, and communities.

### Our Mission

The Mission of Trinity is to make disciple-makers who are committed to gathering for the teaching of the Word, prayer, worship, and fellowship, and then scattering for ministry, service, and proclaiming the Gospel from Western Florence to the ends of the earth.

## The Celebration of the People of God

April 21, 2024  
10:30am

Preparation For Worship

God Is Able  
Praise

Welcome

Ministry Minute

Ladies Tea

Worship Through Prayer

Worship Through Giving

Give as you exit: A giving box is located in the narthex.  
Give online: [www.trinityepc.com/giving](http://www.trinityepc.com/giving)  
Give by mail: TEPC, 1021 S. Ebenezer Rd., Florence, SC 29501.

Worship Through Praise

Behold Our God  
Worthy Of It All

Worship Through The Word

Rev. Matt Walton

"The 1st Love Project"  
Week 3: The Healing Of Our Eyes

Worship Through Response

Benediction



## The 1st Love Project

April 21 - 27  
Bless someone or a family  
in the name of Jesus.

April 21  
Congregational  
Prayer & Praise  
4pm - 6pm - Sanctuary

May 5  
Congregational  
Prayer & Praise  
4pm - 6pm - Sanctuary

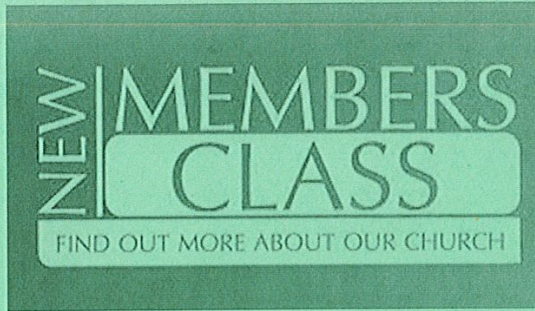


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Friday - 8:00am - 12:30pm

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**Friday, May 17, 2024 6:30pm - 9:30pm**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2024 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

This class is for anyone interested in joining Trinity, or learning more about the church and the EPC. Please plan to attend both sessions. Dinner and childcare will be provided for the session on Friday night. For the Sunday night session, your children and youth are invited to come to our children and youth activities. You can register to attend several ways: sign up below and place this form in the giving box located in the narthex, online at [www.trinityepc.com](http://www.trinityepc.com), email the church officer at [tpcepc@aol.com](mailto:tpcepc@aol.com) or call the church office at 843-665-8022.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

If childcare is needed, please list names & ages of children below.

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## Going Deeper - The 1st Love Project

### Thinking About Sharing Well

This week I want to offer another Going Deeper of sorts to help prepare us for our upcoming encounter with the person that the Lord is preparing to share His love with. Sharing the Good News about who Jesus is and what He has done for us can be incredibly intimidating and can easily overwhelm us. Yet some of that intimidation can be overcome with understanding and preparation. Let's start with understanding. The Lord has not only Sovereignly ordered your steps to make sure that you encounter the specific person that you'll be giving your money to but He is also preparing their hearts to receive the message of His love from you. That includes making space in that encounter for you to share the Gospel with them if He allows. Spend some time looking at the following four ways to share about who Jesus is and what He has done over the course of this week in preparation for encountering your person in the near future.

**1. The 3 Circles Method.** If you would like an in-depth look at this method check out the book "Turning Everyday Conversations Into Gospel Conversations." It is very visual, easy to share, and takes 5 to 7 minutes when done well. You can also look on YouTube for a short video demonstrating this method. Look for "The 3 Circles" on the Evangelical Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel.

**2. 1 Peter 2:24** is the complete Gospel message in just one verse. "He Himself, bore our sins, in His body, on the tree so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed." Perhaps you'd like to memorize this verse so that you will be ready if you only have a few moments to share the Lord's love with someone as you give your financial blessing to them.

**3. Use the 1st Love Project Card** that is inside your envelope. It is business card sized so you can carry it with you in your wallet or purse. There are also some extra cards available on the table in the narthex if you'd like a couple to use along the way. It has a brief statement on the back and references 1 John 4:19. Personally giving them this card can be a way to tie the gift your giving them to the reason you are giving it to them.

**4. Revelation 12:11**, "They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony. They did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Never forget, the most powerful Gospel message you can share is how the Gospel has changed your own life. You are a walking billboard to the effectiveness of the Gospel. When in doubt, simply tell the people you encounter what Jesus has done for you and trust the Holy Spirit to use that in their lives as He desires.

**5. The Romans Road.** There are a series of verses in the Book of Romans that you want to make sure that you can find if the occasion arises. Look at:

-Romans 3:23-This is a reminder that every human being has sinned and fallen short of God's holy standard for them.

-Romans 6:23-This verse tells us that the wages we earn when we sin is death. But there is good news! The Gift of God extended to us in the Gospel can free us from our sin and offer us new life in Jesus Christ.

-Romans 5:8-Here we see that God demonstrated His love to use before we had cleaned up our lives or done anything to deserve that love. This is another powerful verse that goes along with the 1st Love Project theme. God loved us and demonstrated His love for us before we could ever deserve it. The call on our lives is to accept that love.

-Romans 10:9-10-Once we understand what Jesus has done for us we are called to believe in our hearts that Jesus is Lord and confess to others that we are trusting in that reality. This is the entry way into salvation.

Memorizing these five verses and being ready can be a very useful tool as we minister to those we encounter over the next couple of weeks.

## Going Deeper - April 21, 2024

### The 1st Love Project Week 3: The Healing of Our Eyes

**Monday: Read Mark 8:22-26.** So let's get right to it for the week. Christ progressively healed the blind man until he not only saw but he saw people as they should be seen. That was a physical reality for him. Yet most of us need Jesus to do a spiritual healing of the same type in us. It is easy for us to go through our day and pass person after person and not really see them. We encounter them in the Wal-Mart check-out...the Jiffy Lube waiting area...on the sidelines of our kid's soccer match...in the halls of our university...and in the breakrooms of our workplace. People who are hurting. People who are spiritually dead. People who are seeking to find some semblance of life from anything they can get their hands on but end up feeling more and more empty. There is a real and present need for people to be saved from Hell after they die. But we must not forget that people need to be delivered from the Hell they are living right here on earth. Lord Jesus, please come heal our spiritual eyes so that we might see people as you see them. Amen!

**Tuesday: Read Matthew 9:35-10:1-8.** So how will we know when our eyes have been healed? We'll know because we'll see the struggles of people around us and seeing those struggles will move us to compassion. We know because that's what happened to Jesus. As Jesus saw the crowds He never lost the forest for the trees. He saw individuals. He saw their pain. He saw that they were harassed and helpless...like sheep without a shepherd. He saw how Rome oppressed them, took advantage of them and filled them with fear. He saw how the Enemy preyed on their sinful patterns and spiritual darkness. He saw how the religious leaders of their day heaped obligation and guilt upon them but never lifted a finger to help them bear it. He saw...and He was moved to compassion. His guts literally twisted at the sight of their pain. That's how we know He saw them as the Father saw them. And when we are moved to the same compassion then we'll know we see them as Jesus did. Holy Spirit, do that work in me!

**Wednesday: Read Matthew 9:35-38.** When we are moved with compassion we are often tempted to jump right to action. We see real needs, real pain, and desire real solutions to real problems. Yet Jesus responded differently. Note what I said; He responded, He didn't react. We react when our compassion overwhelms us. We respond when our compassion moves us and we refocus ourselves on seeking the One who knows best how to address the issues. Jesus' first act was not to send the disciples into the fray but to command them to pray. He told them to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send workers out into His harvest field. Prayer is the first work of the Church, it's the most important work of the Church, and it is the most effective work of the Church. Yet it is often the last thing we try and the lowest on our list of priorities. Prayer connects us to the One who knows all things including the best strategy to address the problems we face. Prayer allows us to tap into eternal perspectives and supernatural resources. Prayer keeps us connected to the One who is our joy and fulfillment so that we can bear the weight of not being able to meet all the needs we see around us. Prayer is the work! If the pain of someone in your radius has moved your heart lately, start your journey to helping them with prayer. Only the Lord knows how best to meet their needs and you cannot afford to waste your energy and resources on the wrong response. Stop and pray now. Don't read further. Don't move on to the next thing on your agenda. Stop and pray for someone in need right now.

**Thursday: Read Luke 10:1-3.** Prayer is the first step in ministering well but at some point we need to get up off our knees. In fact, we are often the answer to our prayers and we don't realize it. We ask for the Lord to bring comfort to those who are hurting but we won't reach out because it is uncomfortable to step into someone else's pain. We petition the Lord to provide for their financial need but there is money in our pocket that we often spend on our comfort. We pray that they will hear the Good News of who Jesus is and what He's done but we want take the risk and share what we've experienced of Him. As we pray for others, assume that God means us to be the answer to those very prayers. How can you love others who are hurting in the Name of Jesus today?

**Friday: Read Exodus 4:12, Acts 4:29-31, Galatians 5:25.** So as we begin distributing the funds that have been entrusted to us during the 1st Love Project, may we be moved by the needs of those around us. May that compassion lead us to pray for how we should give, who we should give to, and how we should communicate Christ's love as we do. Then may we go in faith that the Lord has been preparing someone for this very encounter. Consider that He has not only Sovereignly placed these resources in your hands for this encounter but that He has actually Sovereignly allowed that person to experience need at this time so that they will be fertile ground to receive this gift in love! God is going before us and He is preparing the work. We need only to respond to what He's doing.