



The following article is by Stacey Davis, one of our Sunday School teachers and a volunteer helping to organize the Celebration taking place on October 16. As we all pray about our involvement with the Faith to Sight campaign here are some ways the children can be participate.

***“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” - 2 Corinthians 8:9***

Ask your child(ren) about sacrificial giving. Are they willing to share their favorite toy, recent gift, or hard earned allowance? Are they cheerful givers? If you are like me you can recall past incidences when your child followed the model of Christ and gave joyfully and freely, and you can remember times when they refused to share something that is precious to them. If you are like me you can also remember times when you were a cheerful giver and others when you have tried to ignore what was being asked of you. In 2 Corinthians 8-9, Paul outlines a philosophy of Christian giving. He uses Jesus Christ as the model and speaks to proper attitudes about giving. We are to pray and ask God to guide our hearts when deciding how much time, money, and energy to give. What would happen if at every God given opportunity we gave sacrificially? Who could we share the gospel with? What resources could we bring to our community? These are questions we are asking as a church during the Faith to Sight campaign. The CCC Children's Ministry wants to be sure our children are included in this process.



## The children will begin participating in Faith to Sight in three ways:

(1) On September 25th families were given a packet of material and asked to pray as a family to identify people in their lives that need Jesus. You are asked to write the names of these people on a list and return it to the welcome station by October 9th. The names of these individuals will be written on leaves to be displayed in church during the October 16th celebration. We hope this exercise demonstrates to the entire church the immense opportunity to share the gospel in our immediate community and grow the Church.

(2) We will involve children in financial giving. They were also given a “seed” bag with instructions on ways to grow their “seeds” on September 25. Each bag contained a few coins as well as suggestions for ways to earn additional money. The children will be asked to give sacrificially and return the money they earn on October 23rd.

(3) On the morning of October 16th, all ages will decorate pumpkins to be delivered to nursing homes around Gainesville. The kids will give of their time and efforts, and share love with members of our community. While decorating we will be sharing Bible stories that illustrate to sacrificial giving.

We hope that you and your children will take this opportunity to participate in the Faith to Sight campaign. If you didn't receive a packet or “seed” bag please let us know and we will be happy to get you this information. In addition, there will be an opportunity for families to join us as we deliver the painted pumpkins to the nursing home residents. Date and time is to be determined so watch the church blog and your email for coming details.



## CCC T-Shirt Sale!

If you have always wanted one of our Christ Community T-shirts, now is your chance! We will be doing a sale of shirts to raise funds for our Operation Christmas Child Project. We are now taking orders. Adult shirts will be \$12 and children's shirts will be \$10. Visit the church website to place your order or stop by the Children's Welcome Station.



## Spotlight on Operation Christmas Child



Parents be watching for our Fall Service Project! Operation Christmas Child is going to be bigger and better than ever before. Join us as we have a special event on **November 12, 3-5 pm** to serve children in need in other countries.

Children's Ministry will be partnered with Missions and other ministries to make it an all church event. There will be fun and games, shoe box packing and a chili dinner. Please mark your calendars for this evening of fun, fellowship and serving.

