

4) PRAY FOR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS TO SHARE JESUS WITH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.

Acts 10:1-3 “At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and **prayed continually to God**. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.”

Acts 10:4 “And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your **prayers** and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.”

Acts 10:9 “The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about **the sixth hour to pray**.”

Acts 10:30-31 “And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was **praying in my house** at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, ‘Cornelius, your **prayer** has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.

Acts 11:4-5 “But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa **praying**, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.”

- Share a brief story of how you repented of your sins and believed in Jesus for salvation.
- Pray that God would empower you/us to connect with people of other religious faiths (Muslim, Hindus, etc.) and provide divine appointments to share the gospel.
- Pray that God would empower you/us to connect with people of different cultural backgrounds (Asian, Hispanic, African, Middle Eastern, etc.) and provide divine appointments to share the gospel.
- Pray that entire households would come to trust in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that these individual and families would get connected to FBC.



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1) PRAY THAT PEOPLE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE CHURCH AND THE EXPANSION OF GOD’S KINGDOM.

Acts 2:42 “**And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.** ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**”

- Discuss how you got connected with FBC Murphy.
- What are some ways you have been involved at FBC Murphy?
- What are some ways the Lord is leading you to become more involved at FBC Murphy?
- Pray that God would move people to become devoted to teaching in worship and small groups.
- Pray that God would move people to fellowship together inside and outside the church and in one another’s homes sharing meals together.
- Pray that God would move people to pray for and with one another.

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2) PRAY FOR BOLDNESS TO SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE JESUS IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 4:23-31 (Recorded prayer) “When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, **they lifted their voices together to God and said**, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’— ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and **grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness**, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ **And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**”

- Share a brief story of how you repented of your sins and believed in Jesus for salvation.
- Share the name(s) of specific people (family, neighbors, coworkers, teammates, classmates, etc) you know who do not have a relationship with Jesus. PRAY for them by name.
- If you do not know any lost people by name, then ask God for boldness to meet and share the gospel with lost people. PRAY for boldness.
- Pray for our gospel connections team that will begin praying and sharing the gospel in every home in Murphy beginning at 4pm, Sunday, September 12.
- Pray that God will fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we can speak the word of God with boldness.

3) KNEEL AND PRAY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING AND NEED HEALING. PRAY THAT PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE IN THE LORD.

Acts 9:36-43 “Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and **knelt down and prayed**, and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² **And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.** ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.”

- Share a story of how someone or an FBC member prayed with you or for you during a time of need.
- Take turns sharing one specific way that people in your group can pray for you. PRAY for one another.
- Name some friends, family members, coworkers, or others who are struggling with health issues right now. PRAY for them by name.
- Pray for the Murphy Fire Department, Murphy Police Department, and health care workers who help hurting people every day.
- Pray for some of the different conflicts in our nation.
- Pray for some of the different conflicts around the world.
- Pray that God will work through tragic circumstances to bring people to believe in Jesus.