

Share Cluster Ministries - 2011

Name: Tent City Ministry

Requested Funding: \$3000 (Every Saturday @ ~\$60 each)

Budgeted Funding:

Contact person(s): Jeff Kyser, Hamlin Caldwell, Matt Fowler

When: Every Saturday throughout the calendar year

Description: FPC members meet at the church every Saturday morning; an early group arrives at 7:00 a.m. to prepare a simple breakfast for 40-50 people, and a larger group arrives at 7:40 a.m. to pray. The group travels to Tent City, rotating between the three camps there under I-565 each week. Prayer, fellowship, and singing all take place over a 1-1.5 hour period, and then folks return to the church to clean up, return equipment.

Other church participants: As many as 50 members of the congregation have participated in this ministry multiple times, including families.

Volunteer opportunities: Purchasing and preparing food, ministering to the homeless at Tent City.

Evangelism opportunities: This ministry has been a wonderful way to bring the gospel to those who do not feel worthy/welcome in a church, and we have brought a number of folks from Tent City to church. We have reached out in other tangible ways such as providing food, clothing, eye glasses, helping folks find work, bringing folks to Sunday School classes, and have had one member of Tent City join the church.

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:13-15a)

He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:18-19)