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# NEWSLETTER

## *Sidewalk Sunday School*



### **Seeds Bound to Grow**

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

In Luke 8 Jesus explains the parable of the sower. The seed the sower sows He says is the word of God. When a seed is planted and nourished it's bound to grow. The Bible says in Isaiah 55:11, “God's word will not return void, it shall accomplish what He pleases or purposes.”

We show up every week in the community to serve as sowers sowing seed; planting the word of God in the hearts and hands of every child, man, and woman we encounter. The reward for our labor won't always be evident but as the Bible says in due time, if we don't give up, we will reap a harvest (Galatians 6:19).

We always encourage scripture memorization. For over a year we've encouraged and challenged everyone to memorize and recite the Ten Commandments. (Which we taught on in depth all last year.) Since returning and beginning our Spring Series this year we've seen an increase in hunger for God's word.

Not only in the children we serve but also the adults. Questions are being asked, engagement has increased, spiritually we've been able to go deeper into understanding God's word. Last week two kids came forward with excitement. “Pastor Nick! We memorized the Ten Commandments.”

They were so excited to share what they had learned and had been practicing. The two children could only recite them in Spanish. They both come almost every week and one of them speaks absolutely no English. I can't understand him, he can't understand me, yet he's faithful to come.

This particular child wrote out and translated in Spanish all of the Ten Commandments so he could learn and memorize them. My heart rejoiced in seeing God bring growth in these children only He could bring. Not only that but there's absolutely no barrier between God and His people.

The sower plants seed and he nourishes it but he cannot control the weather or elements that make it possible for the seed to grow. As we read in 1 Corinthians, “Paul planted, Apollos water, but God gave the growth.” Seeds have been planted and despite the language barrier between us and them, God still brings growth.

What I'm certain is that in our labor unto the Lord for His namesake and for His glory seeds are bound to grow. Before our eyes God is raising up children, leaders, pastors, and people He's going to use in mighty ways. The fruit of which we may or may not see but God's word will not return void, it will accomplish what He purposes.

*Pastor Nick*

MEMORIZE IT

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 4/6: Everyone Needs to Hear the Word of God  
 4/13: You Have No Right to Judge  
 4/20: The Devil is a Liar  
 4/27: Be Faithful to God  
 5/4: Prayer is Powerful  
 5/11: God Requires Your Obedience  
 5/18: Your Time is Now

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/28: Oak Pointe Outreach  
 5/18: Spring Series Ends  
 5/26: Weston Oaks Outreach

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 4/4: April     | 4/20: Edras    |
| 4/8: Camilla   | 4/22: Elijah   |
| 4/9: Ivana     | 4/23: Mia      |
| 4/15: Jose     | 4/24: Jeremiah |
| 4/17: Jeremiah | 4/30: Ana      |
| 4/18: Alaiz    |                |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## PRAISE REPORT

1. Our in the reach in the community has expanded. We had around 20 students join from Sam Rayburn High School. People are joining us from other apartment complexes nearby.
2. The number of children we serve has increased. We're not only growing in size but spiritually we're going deeper into God's word. Children are asking really good questions and bringing their bibles every week.
3. Parents and adults are more engaged. They'll even message us in advance of the weekend asking if we'll be coming.
4. Children are so excited that they come out early to help us set up and tear down. God is literally raising up leaders in the community.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

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Volunteers: We need people who are willing to help us serve children and families in the community.

Meals: We prepare food for at least 50 people every week. Sponsor a meal and help us feed families in need.

Prizes for Kids (ages 4-12): Children compete in games to earn prizes. Purchase a prize and pray for the child who will receive the gift.

Snacks for Kids: Kids earn snacks for good behavior. Sponsor a weekly snack.

General Ministry & Benevolence: General ministry is operational expenses and benevolence goes specifically to meet needs in our community (i.e. rental assistance, food, etc.)

## HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray for laborers. We're growing and we need more people who are willing to serve alongside us.
2. Pray for the children and their parents. God is really moving all across the community but so is the devil.
3. Several children can't read at all. Some of them can't speak English but want to learn. Pray that God would open opportunities for them where they can learn to read and speak in English.
4. Pray for continued provision as we seek to reach other apartments nearby and replicate what's started at Pecan Place.