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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Beauty and Order

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." Genesis 1:3

During the week I work as a janitor. Every day a teacher would walk by and tell her kids, "Say hi to Mr. Nick. He brings beauty and order." People make a mess, in a sense create chaos, and we bring beauty and order to the facility.

When God created the heavens and the earth; the earth was without form, void, and everything was dark. God spoke and there was light. By His word He created all that exists. With His word He brought light to darkness; where there was a void, He spoke and brought beauty and order.

What God did at the time of creation He's still doing today. He's bringing beauty and order in the dark places of the earth and into our lives through Jesus Christ. That's what I've seen God doing in the community. A community that was void of the word of God is coming to life.

Children are not only attending but they are serving. Parents are sitting with their children and getting involved. There are children being raised up whom I believe will someday become pastors and leaders, people of influence in the community and across the nation.

Darkness and disorder still exist but in the community with these children, men, and women we see the light shining in the darkness. We see a familiarity and sense of order being established where we're able to dive deeper into God's word. Deeper into discipleship through relationships that have formed.

Questions are being asked, children are bringing their Bibles every week, parents are asking us for Bibles to read at home. In the middle of the darkness and often chaotic circumstances of people's lives we see God moving in powerful ways. We see God reaching people personally where they are.

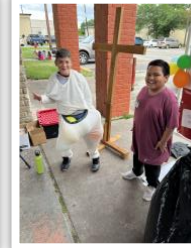
God still speaks today through His word and through us as His church. Let us be a people who heed to the voice of our Creator as His Spirit guides and stirs up our soul. There are a couple new volunteers serving with us. Each of them recently shared how as children they sat on a similar trap and participated in a bus ministry.

Fast forward many years later now, well into adulthood, they come encouraged that they get to do for these children and families what was done for them. They get to share the love of Jesus and impact lives the way theirs was impacted long ago. God is bringing beauty and order.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 5/4: Prayer is Powerful
- 5/11: God Requires Your Obedience
- 5/18: Your Time is Now
- 6/8: The Fruit of Love
- 6/15: The Fruit of Joy
- 6/22: The Fruit of Peace
- 6/29: The Fruit of Patience
- 7/6: The Fruit of Gentleness & Goodness
- 7/13: The Fruit of Faithfulness
- 7/20: The Fruit of Kindness
- 7/27: The Fruit of Self-Control

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/8: Summer Series Starts
Snow Cone Outreach
- 7/27: Summer Camp
End of Summers Series

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/1: Mae | 5/14: Elizabeth |
| 5/2: KK | 5/20: Angel |
| 5/14: Evan | 5/29: Levoy |
| 5/14: Marcelo | 5/20: Kaiyah |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. Student leaders are being raised up. Several of our children are not only attending but participating in serving others. From praying, to set-up/tear-down, and registration children are helping us run our program.
2. We've been praying and God has been answering by sending us new volunteers. Some of the volunteers who served with us from Sam Rayburn High School are now serving with us regularly.
3. We were praying about an enclosed trailer and God blessed us with one for free. Praise the Lord! This will allow us in various ways to better serve 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.