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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



2026 Ministry Initiative

This year began our fourth year serving children and families in the community. Much of my focus has been on expanding, multiplying, and reaching children in other nearby apartment complexes.

Last year we started this initiative by running our program in another apartment complex. Every other week we'd set up at another apartment. I believe this is God's heart for our ministry: to expand, to multiply, to see vast groups of children across our community served for His glory as we lead them to Jesus.

Though I believe this will continue to happen I'm convinced this isn't to be our focus, not this year. Expansion and multiplication will naturally occur as we more intentionally invest in the children and people God has placed under our care.

Every year we start our ministry it's almost as if we're going into a new community. Some of the children have been coming to our program regularly for a long time but others, the greater majority, are new people that recently moved in.

In apartment complex ministry there's constant turnover. People are always moving from place to place. Families are always getting evicted for one reason or another. We often find that families bounce around between apartments within the same complex, making it difficult to keep up with where they are.

The primary initiative for our ministry this year is strengthen what we do. How can we be more intentional with the children who respond to the gospel? How can we engage more with parents and the family as a whole? How can we more intentionally develop leaders within the complex, amongst the volunteers that serve with us?

Changes are being made that will allow us to more strategically engage with the children, parents, and volunteers. We've began to use a church management software program that will help us to better gather information for families. In doing so we'll be able to better stay in touch with families as they move.

Children who are aging out of our program will be given service and leadership opportunities. We're fostering collaboration within our team and will foster better collaboration with our partners which will allow us to better server together as we focus on going deeper as opposed to wider.

Everything we do must be committed to the Lord. In the life of Jesus, we see discipleship and multiplication was a natural byproduct of His investment in people. Greater investment in the children, the parents, our team, and our volunteers will be our focus this year as we strive to strengthen what we do.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Probers 16:3



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 3/7: You are not invisible.
- 3/14: You might feel alone, but you're not alone.
- 3/21: You are not a mistake.
- 3/28: Be like Jesus part 1.
- 4/4: Be like Jesus part 2.
- 4/11: Be like Jesus part 3.
- 4/18: Never give up hope
- 4/25: Don't stop living for God.
- 5/2: You can always rely on God.
- 5/9: Put OTHERS before yourself.
- 5/16: Learn to control yourself.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/25: First Baptist Church Serve Day Outreach
- 5/16: Spring Series Ends
- 6/7: Summer Series Starts
- 7/25 Summer Camp! (tentative date)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 3/9: Vicky | 4/13: Jada |
| 3/13: Alysia | 4/18: Jayden |
| 3/25: Isamar | 4/19: Alberto |
| 3/27: Julieth | 4/20: Edras |
| 3/29: Jade | 4/21: Camila |
| 4/4: April | 4/23: Mia |
| 4/6: Isabel | 4/25: Debora |
| 4/6: Kendall | 4/25: Marina |
| 4/8: Camila | 4/26: Angel |
| 4/11: Erika | 4/30: Jasmine |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. We've started our ministry this year with a stronger core base of volunteers than we've ever had.
2. Our Sunday School Program is primarily for children ages 4 to 12. Children who have essentially "aged out" of our program are still coming and learning about Jesus.
3. With your support we're able to hire someone to help with administration. Though the amount of money we're able to offer isn't much, we've had a great response from people willing to help.
4. Summer Camp preparations are already underway! We can't wait to take another group of children and parents to camp in the summer.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Scan me!



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. Benevolence goes specifically to meet needs in our community (i.e. utility assistance, food, etc.)

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. **Summer Camp.** Pray for everyone who will attend and for everything to come together as we prepare for camp.
2. **Transportation.** We aspire to obtain a 15-passenger van or mini-bus.
3. **Mobilization.** Pray for laborers. We want to run another abbreviated Sunday School program during the week.
4. **New Families.** Pray for all the new families and children that have recently moved into the community.
5. **Older Children.** Pray for opportunities to connect and keep engaged some of the children who are aging out of our program.