



June 2024

# NEWSLETTER

## *Sidewalk Sunday School*



### Highways and Hedges

"And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'" Luke 14:23

Many had received Invitation for a great banquet. The master sent his servant to tell them, "Come, for everything is now ready!" Everyone invited had excuses not to come. Uninvited guests from the street were brought in but the masters house was unfilled.

He sent his servants into the highways and byways, to compel people to come in, that his house might be filled. In this parable the people are compelled, not forced, to come into the Master's house.

God sends us out to compel people to receive Jesus Christ our Redeemer as Lord and Savior. We go into the community and we invite children and families to join us as we learn about Jesus during our Sidewalk Sunday School program.

Everyone's invited but not everyone accepts the invitation. Often times we'll start with a small number of children on the tarp. Before we know it, the tarp is full and parents are sitting beside them watching and listening.

What I love about what God allows us to do is we get to bring the Church and be the Church in the community. We get to go out to the "streets, the highways and hedges", places unreached and often unchurched, and compel people to come to the Lord.

Particularly when it comes to things of the Lord, there's always temptation to make excuses. Some people are invited but have "better things to do". Watching tv or playing video games at home is more important. Some people are too busy. Some people just outright don't want to come.

We never force anyone to come but we know that those who do will be blessed. God's constantly drawing people to Himself, inviting them into His presence, into a divine relationship with Jesus. A table has been prepared, our seat has been reserved, and our Master eagerly awaits.

He eagerly awaits for us to accept the invitation to join Him and to rejoice, to celebrate, the glorious work He's done to set us free. God longs to see His house filled with sons and daughters who accepted the right to become His children through Jesus.

There is no place God can't go or won't go to compel people to come in. We're simply His servants going out into the world, compelling people to come in, to join Him in the glory of His salvation. What will you do when the invitation has been extended to you? Will you be ready for that day when Jesus returns?

*Pastor Nick*

MEMORIZE IT

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

7/27: Summer Camp  
 End of Summer Series  
 9/14: Start Fall Series  
 11/23: Sidewalk Thanksgiving  
 12/14: Sidewalk Christmas

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

7/2: Aylin	7/20: Ezalayah
7/3: Roxanne	7/21: Chris
7/8: Hansell	7/23: Luis
7/15: Sabrina	7/27: Abraham
7/18: Sophia	7/29: Violet
7/20: Aaliyah	7/31: Hailey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## PRAISE REPORT

1. God has offered us opportunity to take 30 children to a free day camp in partnership with Gospel Lakes Ranch.
2. Transportation for camp has been provided and the cost has been fully sponsored. Praise the Lord!
3. We've been short on volunteers but God has been sending new people to serve with us.
4. We continue to see new faces on the trap. Family, friends, people from other surrounding communities are joining us.

Scan me!



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We need people who are willing to help us serve children and families in the community. If not yourself consider family, friends, people within your circle of influence who may be interested.

Every week we offer free food for the community, snacks for the children, prizes that children earn as rewards. Other ways you can help:

- Sponsor a Meal
- Sponsor a Snack
- Sponsor Prizes
- Sponsor the Ministry

If you want more information or are willing to help in any of these areas scan the QR code above.

## HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray for all the children, parents, and volunteers who will attend camp.
2. Pray for laborers as we need more volunteers to help us serve the community.
3. Pray for opportunity to grow deeper in relationship with the children and parents in the community. We want to see disciples raised up that makes disciples.
4. Pray for opportunity to expand our ministry in other apartments in the surrounding area.