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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Casting the Net

Without hesitation the disciples left everything to follow Jesus. Their job, career, finances, family – everything was left behind. Jesus would take what was left behind and use all of it for His glory. Experiences, talents, gifts, resources, relationships – nothing was wasted.

Pursuing Jesus was more important to them than any other pursuit. In choosing to follow Jesus, embracing the cost at hand to follow Him, Jesus promises to mold them into something and do greater than they could ever imagine. He says, “I will make you”.

These ordinary, uneducated, hardworking, fishermen would be sent out with one purpose: to fish after men. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. He’s about to prepare these men to send them out to bear witness to the goodness of God that will be displayed through His Son.

The blind will see. The lost will be found. Sinners will be saved. Fishermen use various tools and different types of nets depending on the catch. Jesus will use each of them uniquely to reach a specific group of people. We follow Jesus and He leads us to reach children and families in less fortunate areas of the community.

What’s been placed on my heart as we jump into a new year and new season is to cast our net wide. We’ll use every resource, every talent, every gift, every person God provides to reach as many children and families as He makes possible in the community.

We believe God’s going to allow us this year to start reaching children in other nearby apartment complexes. Through our efforts the last several years we see God opening opportunity for us to go deeper in serving the children and families we’ve been ministering too.

Our partner base has expanded, the ministry continues to grow, several churches and/or organizations are sending students and to serve alongside us. We are just beginning, and God has already done wonders. Children are not only attending but they are serving with us.

They help us set up and tear down. They bring their bibles and follow along with the lessons. They are helping us lead worship. They are eager to serve and help wherever they can. Disciples are literally being raised up before our eyes! What a joy and privilege it is to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Following Jesus cost us everything but there’s nothing more valuable or significant than pursuing Jesus and making Him known. What a beautiful thing to see children being raised up who, by the grace of God, will choose to do what is right and pleasing in sight of the Lord.

Cast your net wide and glory in the beauty of what God will do to reveal Himself to you in the process!

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

“Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.” Matthew 4:19-20



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 3/1: Uncontrolled Anger is Dangerous
- 3/8: Satan Wants You Bitter
- 3/15: Stand Up for What is Right
- 3/22: God Sees More in You than You See in Yourself
- 3/29: Do You Want to be a True Disciple of Jesus?
- 4/5: WWJD Around People Who Didn't Know God?
- 4/12: WWJD When He Was Tempted?
- 4/19: WWJD When He Was Around His Friends?
- 4/26: WWJD Around His Enemies
- 5/3: Commit Yourself Fully to God
- 5/10: God Has Chosen You
- 5/17: You Are Part of God's Royal Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/29: First Baptist Church Serve Day Outreach
- 4/19: Sam Rayburn High School Easter Outreach
- 5/17: Spring Series Ends
- 6/7: Summer Series Starts

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

3/1: Oliver	4/4: April
3/2: Katalina	4/8: Camilla
3/5: Yefferson	4/9: Ivana
3/9: Vicky	4/11: Erika
3/13: Mark	4/20: Edras
3/18: Nathan	4/21: Camila
3/27: Cattaleya	4/23: Mia
3/27: Julieth	4/23: Dereck
3/29: Jade	4/24: Jeremiah
	4/25: Debora
	4/30: Ana

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PRAISE REPORT

1. We're starting 2025 with more updated information for children and parents than we've ever had. This has allowed us to better connect with families.
2. Welcome aboard In His Prescence Fellowship in Deer Park! We're so grateful for their partnership and support. They've officially come on board to partner with us monthly for 2025.
3. First Baptist Church Pasadena has also come on board to partner with us (unofficially). How amazing it was to see a group of high school students serving children with us!
4. Sam Rayburn High School students are asking to come back and serve with us again this year for Easter.
5. Parents have moved or been evicted and yet they plan to bring their children to our program.

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

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. **Summer Camp.** Pray that all resources and everything would come together so we can run another camp this year.
2. **Transportation.** We aspire to obtain a 15-passenger van or mini-bus. This would be such a blessing for so many reasons.
3. **Mobilization.** Pray for laborers. We want to run another abbreviated Sunday School program during the week.
4. **Partners.** Pray God would continue to build upon our partner base. Partners are essential as we grow and expand our reach.