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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



God's Always Working

“And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27

Religious leaders in Scripture constantly ridicule Jesus for work He did on the Sabbath. God calls His children to observe the Sabbath as a day to rest and focus on Him. Just because we are resting from our work doesn't mean the Father rests from His.

We live in a culture where we are often trained to work to rest. Many are taught to work hard throughout the week in order to rest over the weekend and to return to work on Monday and repeat. Man was not created for the Sabbath, for a day of rest.

Jesus says the Sabbath was created for man. God established this day for man to enjoy but He never intended it to become a religious ritual or weekly escape. God's desire for us is to rest in Him, to set aside time to be intentional with Him, and in doing so to acknowledge Him in what He's doing.

We've taken a sort of break from our daily Sidewalk Sunday School program but God our Father never ceases in His efforts to show us what He's doing. He's always taking initiative and presenting opportunities for us to join Him in what He's doing, even during the Sabbath.

Throughout this month we've seen God working in miraculous ways to reveal Himself. Even in this time of “rest” God has shown us other ways He's called us to be part of His greater work amongst us. God our Father is always working.

Just this month, by the grace of God, we've been able to provide free backpacks and school supplies for about 50 kids. Many of the kids on our roster and even kids that weren't were blessed. God sent us the exact number of volunteers and supplies needed that was required to satisfy the need.

In ways least expected, we were asked to host Sidewalk Sunday School in multiple Day Care Facilities throughout Pasadena. What a beautiful opportunity God presented for us serve a completely different group of kids, staff, and volunteers unaccustomed to us.

One of our church partners, Powerhouse Church, in Las Vegas, asked me to come out and to preach. They've seen what God is doing and have come on board to support our ministry to children. This became a great opportunity to share more of what God has been doing here in Pasadena.

When God's clearly working amongst us there should be no other response but to heed to His invitation. We've rested from our typical routine but God has still been working. Praise God He didn't create us so we can work to rest but rather to rest so we can enjoy wholeheartedly the work He's set forth before us, whatever that might be.

Pastor Nick

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PRAISE REPORT

1. About 50 kids received free backpacks and school supplies! Thank you for the people who helped us pull this off as it fell in the middle of a crazy busy time where it seemed impossible.
2. Children and staff at three day care facilities in Pasadena heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise God for relationships He continues to build and opportunities He continues to present!
3. God continues to build our network of volunteers and supporters. Thank You Jesus for being the Lord of the Harvest and the faithful Father that You are.
4. Coming into our Fall Series we have a handful of new children and relationships with parents that God has established. We can't wait to get back into the community to serve.
5. God has already started to provide resources that will allow us to have Thanksgiving meals for families. Thank You Jesus!



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9/16: You Need to Decide to Live for God
9/23: Everyone Struggles with Sin
9/30: Start Strong Finish Strong
10/7: God Wants to Transform Your Life
10/14: God Wants to Transform Your Mind
10/21: God Wants to Transform Your Heart
10/28: God Wants to Transform Your Actions
11/4: God Speaks
11/11: God will Provide for You
11/18: It's Not Thanks-Taking, it's Thanksgiving
11/25: God Desires to be Your Father
12/2: Christmas is all about Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/16: Fall Series Kick-Off
11/18: Sunday School Thanksgiving
12/2: Fall Series Ends
12/16: Sunday School Christmas

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

9/11: Christopher	11/16: Savanah
11/3: Liom	11/24: Gratel
11/13: Breana	12/2: Angelyn
11/17: Iris	12/6: Cassiay



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Only through the support of people God sends can we accomplish what He has called us to do. Prayer will always be our most important work. Next to that our greatest needs for our upcoming fall series, in order of need are:

1. Volunteers
2. Food (we prepare food every week for around 40-50 people);
3. Prizes for kids ages 4-12 (under \$10);
4. Snacks for kids; and
5. General ministry and benevolence support.

If you are interested in joining us and/or if you have questions on how you can help, please contact Pastor Nick.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray God sends laborers for our fall series.
2. Pray God continues to provide resources and everything needed to bless the community with a Thanksgiving Meal for all families and Christmas gifts for kids during the holidays.
3. Pray for opportunity to reach more kids and people in the community. We believe God wants to multiple our efforts to reach more people for His glory.
4. Pray God prepares the hearts of every man, women, and child God will allow us to serve this fall.