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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Never Abandoned

"Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel." Joshua 24:31

Have you ever felt abandoned? Divorce, loss of a loved one, betrayal by a friend or loved one - these are only some of the ways people may experience the feeling of abandonment.

Many of the children and families we serve have often been abandoned. Family members cut them off because of drugs or addiction. Fathers are often absent as mothers take care of their children. The community has often disregarded them.

Moses dies and Joshua succeeds him. Appointed by God, Joshua faithfully leads Israel into the promised land. Israel constantly abandoned the God who created them yet God never abandoned them.

What if God abandoned us the way we so often abandon Him? Without a leader Israel would have never made it to the promised land. God may allow seasons of drought to get one's attention but He'll never abandon His people.

Joshua's influence, along with that of the elders, would lead a nation to serve the Lord. That influence however was shortly lived. Joshua dies and so begins the time of judges where "everyone did as they saw fit" (Judges 17:6).

God needs people like Moses, Joshua, and the elders who have experienced everything the Lord has done. People who are unwilling to compromise faithfulness to the Lord who has been faithful to them.

There's opportunity before us every day to show people that God is alive today and active in His pursuit of every individual. So many people have felt abandoned that they abandon in return. We as Christians and followers of Christ must choose to do opposite.

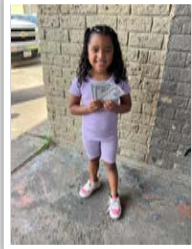
God has not abandoned us and we must not abandon Him. We must refuse to abandon our neighbor regardless of the cost. We must make a choice to faithfully serve the Lord throughout our lifetime that a people around us would be encouraged to do the same. Nothing is more significant than influencing people to turn to Jesus, to follow Jesus.

Without Jesus we would all stand condemned. God chose not to abandon us when He sent Jesus to die on the cross on our behalf. Through Jesus we are forgiven of our sin and experience eternal life in Him. What privilege it is that we've been given to proclaim this good news. Even when we abandon God; God refuses to abandon us.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9/21: When Life is Tough, Don't Keep Silent
 9/28: God Has Always Loved You
 10/5: Put on the Full Armor of God
 10/12: Don't Trade God's Truth for Satan's Lies
 10/19: Do What is Right in God's Eyes
 10/26: Satan Brings Storms, God Brings Peace
 11/2: Put Your Faith in Jesus
 11/9: Holy Spirit Breathe Into Me
 11/16: We All Face Battles
 11/23: Don't Conform to the World
 11/30: Is Your Heart Overflowing with God?
 12/7: People Matter to Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/21: Start Fall Series
 11/23: Sidewalk Thanksgiving
 12/14: Sidewalk Christmas

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

9/4: Zaryia	9/15: Jaylah
9/10: Edgar	9/20: Mariangel
9/11: Christopher	9/22: Jocelynn
9/12: Martin	9/23: Qvention
9/13: Breanna	9/30: Michael
9/14: Andrea	Jayden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. In spite of the rain, we had more than 50 people who still went to camp – children, parents, and volunteers.
2. By the grace of God at least 15 people who responded to the Gospel while at camp.
3. We see more and more parents involved and engaged with their children and our ministry.
4. Everything we've needed God has faithfully provided and more – from monetary support, laborers, counsel and direction – the Lord is truly faithful.
5. Praise the Lord we were able to provide backpacks and school supplies for children through one of our church partners.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We'll soon be kicking off our fall semester. We need volunteers who are willing to serve with us on Saturdays. We need help providing meals and snacks for the community.

We need monetary support that allows us to purchase prizes and materials needed to run our program. We need to be covered in prayer because as much as God is working in our community so is the enemy that opposes His work.

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 our team as we prepare to serve in the community.
2. Pray against some of things happening in the community that are making it more difficult for us to serve.
3. Pray for all the children, parents, and families that will hear the gospel.
4. Pray for those this year that have responded to the gospel, for opportunity to grow deeper with them.
5. Pray for parents and adults to be responsive as we encourage them to serve with and alongside us.