



November 2023

NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Serving for God's Glory

"Whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11

Service unto the Lord requires reliance on Him. There's no gifts God bestows upon His people in themselves that could accomplish what God purposes. God will do His part to accomplish or complete the work; we must do our part to contribute.

What God has done throughout this year has been so far outside of the ability of any particular person(s), no matter how gifted. When people realize their God-giftedness, surrender their willingness, and let God use them - it's beyond comprehension what God will do.

God supplies strength needed for the workman to serve and His grace is sufficient. The workman needs simply to receive His grace, embrace His strength, and step forward. In addition to our regular program, we aspired to serve at least 150 people for Thanksgiving.

We have limited resources. We don't have tables or chairs. We don't have a large team. We don't have an indoor meeting space. We don't even have any idea if that many people will actually come. What we had was a vision and a desire to see God glorified.

We had a particular set of gifts and abilities that God had given each of us. Continually I was reminded to simply make my contribution and God would complete the work. Faith was most certainly tested but God in His sovereignty continued to divinely make provisions.

There was trial and tribulations, various emotions, sleepless nights and uncertainty – but despite all of these, each day, we put one step in front of the other and walked with the Lord. The end result was something miraculous that only God Himself could have orchestrated.

From the finances required, resources (tables, chairs, serving materials etc.), transportation of those materials (we personally don't have a truck or trailer), volunteers needed – there are so many ways that God supernaturally intervened. The end result:

More than 200 people heard the gospel.
More than 200 people received a free Thanksgiving meal.
More than 6 churches and businesses supported us.
More than 20 volunteers, new and regular, joined us.
Men, women, and children responded to the gospel.

If people knew what God called them to and all that it entailed, the sacrifice it required, most would run away. They'd run away because they'd see something impossible. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1).

No person(s) abilities in themselves are sufficient to complete what God orchestrates. In the end there's one explanation for what took place and how it all came together. Order has been established. In everything God has been glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastor Nick



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

12/2: Christmas is all about Jesus

WE'LL BE BACK AGAIN IN THE SPRING!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/2: Fall Series Ends
Appreciation / Year-End Recap /
2024 Vision Night
- 12/16: Sidewalk Christmas gift delivery
- 12/17: Start Winter Break and Spring
Preparation

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 12/2: Michael | 12/9: Damien |
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| 12/3: Emiliano | 12/15: Daniel |
| 12/6: Zoriyah | 12/16: Kevin |
| 12/6: Victoria | 12/21: Adrian |
| 12/6: Cassidy | 12/23: Larry Jr. |
| 12/7: Joseph M. | 12/29: Carlos |
| 12/7: Joseph A. | 12/30: Ruby |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. By the grace of God alone we were able to serve over 200 people for Sidewalk Thanksgiving. Thank you everyone who prayed and supported us!
2. We have 12 families, 29 children, who have expressed needs this Christmas. All of our families have been sponsored!
3. Relationships with partners, including management at the apartments, has grown significantly. New relationships are being built in the immediate community and outside.
4. Men, women, and children are responding to the gospel. We see a hunger for Jesus that continues to increase.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Scan me!



Ongoing Needs: Volunteers, Meals 4 Kids, Prizes for Kids (ages 4-12), Snacks for Kids, General ministry and benevolence support.

Our primary need for help is support for next year. One of our goals in 2024 is to serve other nearby apartment complexes in addition to where we've been serving. We believe, with your support, God will make this possible.

- Help us serve more children, men and women.
- Help us feed more people who struggle to feed families.
- Helps us provide more families with emergency assistance.
- Help us bring children on fields trips and to lead them to Jesus outside of the apartment environment.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray for all the families we'll be able to bless this Christmas and for all the families we don't know about who are struggling.
2. Pray for light to continue to overcome the darkness in the community as we enter this season of rest and preparation.
3. Pray for all the preparation being made for the new year. We're believing in God for even greater things to come in 2024.
4. Pray for all of our volunteers. Many of them are involved in other areas of ministry.