



November/December 2024

NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



God Will Not Let You Fall

Visitations are the most important aspect of our ministry. Every week we knock on doors. We visit the children and their families. We encourage them to come out and join us. We pray for families and in visitations relationships are built.

One Saturday morning recently we knocked on the door of some of the children who came almost every week. No one was home. Outside of the apartment was a bunch of furniture and personal belongings. Someone had been evicted.

We reached out to the mother of the children but no response. Soon thereafter we learned it was the family of the children we served who got evicted. Unfortunately, this is the regular reality for many of the families we serve.

Our hearts break for the family and especially for the children. We've seen so much hardship this year in the community. People who came regularly passed away. Several families with children have been evicted.

Drugs and addiction continue to plague the community. Family members of children we serve are gravely ill. There's a lot of new faces and a lot of faces we'll never see again. This is the nature of our ministry. The nature of being the church in the community people live.

These circumstances serve as reminders that we must continue to be present in the community. God will not let us fall. People are stumbling, they've lost their footing, but God will lift them up and be glorified, they will not fall.

We may never see some of the children or families again. What they've taken with them with last for eternity. God's word has been stored up in their hearts, in the hearts of the children. Wherever they are, in whatever situation they find themselves, God's Spirit will bring to remembrance His word which they've been taught.

Seeds have been planted and God will continue to cultivate them. There are so many promises God gives us in scripture. Promises that include but are not limited to peace, protection, hope, strength, comfort, guidance, provision, and direction. God's promises are true, and we can trust Him because He who gave them is faithful.

What God doesn't promise for any of us is tomorrow. Today is the day to rejoice in the Lord; to raise our banner high and lead as many people as possible to Jesus. There's no other way to stand firm, to remain upright in the waves of life, but through the Lord Jesus. He alone upholds us with His hand as we delight in Him.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand." Psalm 37:23-24



MINISTRY UPDATE

January and February will be a time of preparation for the Spring and for the year. Though we won't be having our regular program visitations will continue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Our Spring 2025 Sunday School Schedule will be released in our next newsletter as will a calendar for 2025.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

1/8: Stacey	1/16: Ilaynah
1/9: Emilie	1/18: Raiden
1/9: Evaline	1/30: Liza
1/14: Isael	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. With your support 13 families, 34 children, received Christmas gifts this year.
2. We were blessed with the opportunity to take almost 40 people (children, parents, and volunteers) to First Baptists Singing Christmas Tree Program.
3. At least 6 people (parents/children) responded to the gospel at the program. Praise the Lord!
4. God has faithfully sent us laborers. For a couple weeks we were really struggling but praise the Lord He heard our cries.
5. God's set the stage for new wonderful things to begin this year as we start 2025.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Ongoing Needs

- Volunteers
- Meals 4 Kids
- Prizes 4 Kids (ages 4-12)
- Snacks 4 Kids
- General Ministry Support
- Benevolence Support

Special Needs

Summer Internship. Sponsor an intern. Our goal is to offer a paid internship for someone to gain hands on ministry experience serving in the community for 10-12 weeks this summer. Details to come.

Transportation. Make a contribution. A 15-passenger van or small bus would allow us to take children to church on Sunday, bring them on fieldtrips, and reach other communities.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray for our team as we prepare for this upcoming season.
2. Pray for families who are struggling. Several of them we know are on the verge of being evicted.
3. Pray for our partner base to increase. We believe partnerships will allow us to grow and eventually reach other apartment complexes in the area.
4. Pray for all the pieces to fall together that would allow us to offer a paid summer internship.
5. Pray for favor in obtaining transportation that will serve various purposes.