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# NEWSLETTER

*Sidewalk Sunday School*



## The World is a Battlefield

Throughout the fall we've been learning about the Armor of God. Every day, though we may forget at times, we face a spiritual war and an enemy who is real. Our adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).

Satan's primary priority is to bring defeat. His only desire is to steal, to kill, and to destroy. Whether we want to believe it or not the world is a battlefield. God wants us to be prepared for the battle at hand. Therefore, He gives us armor to protect us. Armor which we must pick up, put on, and wear with confidence.

God has given us His Word and the Spirit which provide the wisdom and protection we need to stand firm against the enemy. Important to emphasize are the first few words of the memory verses. "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

The devil wants us to be self-sufficient and worldly reliant. Our strength will fail. Our power will forever be limited. In and of ourselves we have not the ability to stand firmly in the war the wages so strongly against us. Praise the Lord for Jesus Christ!

Whom through all power in heaven and earth has been given (Matthew 28:18). The authority God gave Jesus, by His Spirit, has been given to us who believe. No matter how cruel or vicious the devil's schemes may be, he has not the power to chain the spirit that has been set free by Christ Jesus.

When we go into the community to serve, we enter into a battlefield. Drugs, addiction, destruction, gangs – they plague the community. Families are still displaced by hurricanes this year that severely damaged buildings in the complex. Parents are going to prison; families with children are being evicted.

In Matthew 8 Jesus is on a boat with His disciples. A fierce storm brews on the lake. The disciples are afraid for their lives. Jesus is calm and in fact He's asleep. The disciples cry out, "Lord save us!" Jesus responds, "Why are you afraid? You don't have enough faith." With a word Jesus calmed the storm.

Jesus instantaneously provides hope, peace, and comfort for our lives in the middle of the storm. The battle has been won; the storm has been calmed. Strength is secure, provision has been made, hope is eternal, and peace is promised. Pick up the full armor of God, put it on, and wear it with confidence

In Christ there's no reason anymore to be anxious, afraid, doubtful, or discouraged by what's happening in us or around us. Praise the Lord that this is the message of hope we are privileged to share on battlefield which God has called us to wage war against the enemy.

*Pastor Nick*

MEMORIZE IT

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:10-11



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

12/7: Fall Series Conclusion Celebration  
 12/14: Sidewalk Christmas

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

11/1: Diland	11/18: Zavion
11/3: Liom	11/18: Kayla
11/6: Alessia	11/21: Angie
11/9: Amaya	11/21: Makaila
11/12: Savanah	11/24: Briany
11/13: Gavin	11/24: Gratel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## PRAISE REPORT

1. We consistently have more children and parents who are joining us for our program. Children who never use to come but who lingered in the background are even joining us.
2. We've been asking the Lord to send laborers as we've been short volunteers. Praise God we've seen some new faces in response!
3. Several children have been so excited to help us lead everyone in a time of worship. What a joy it's been see them come forward excited to lead others in worshipping Jesus.
4. Children are so excited they are helping us more and more with setting up, tearing down, and picking up trash in the community they live. We've been serving them and they are learning to serve too. Praise the Lord!

Scan me!



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers - We need volunteers who are willing to serve with us on Saturdays.

Sidewalk Christmas - We still have a few families needing sponsorship. Would you consider sponsoring a family by providing Christmas gifts for a family in need?

Monetary Provision - Support we receive goes directly into the community. Resources are used to purchase food, gifts, supplies, and to help families in need.

Sponsor a Meal - Provide a meal for the community. We prepare food every week for around 50 people.

## HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. We've been short on volunteers and support this fall. Pray God would continue to glorify Himself by filling this need.
2. Pray for the children and families that are really struggling. Some children don't come anymore because they were evicted. This breaks our heart but God is still faithful in the storm.
3. Pray God provides everything needed to bless families in need of help this Christmas. Families that have expressed need and those that haven't yet.
4. With so many families moving pray God would help us know how to better serve and stay in touch with those who no longer live in the apartment.