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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Let The Need Be Your Call

What need do you see in front of you? Jesus walked on this earth throughout His ministry with constant sensitivity to what His Father was doing. When God took initiative to reveal what He was doing, Jesus responded, regardless of how inconvenient or disruptive the revelation may have been.

When the woman who was bleeding reached out by faith to touch the hem of Jesus' garment – He responded. When Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see the Son of God – Jesus responded. When the woman came to the well while Jesus rested – He responded. When the Father revealed a need to the Son of Man, that need became His priority, the need became His call.

The purpose of the call for Jesus was to glorify God. This same purpose He gives to each and every one of us. Regardless of what we do, our roles and responsibilities, our purpose is always to glorify God. God calls each of us to specific a place, at a specific time, to meet a specific need. The need before us becomes our call.

The need may be physical (i.e. money, food, shelter, healing, etc.) but the purpose of the physical is always to bring revelation to the spiritual need we all have for Jesus. Jesus alone satisfies the desires of our hearts and souls. Jesus would meet physical needs of the people before Him in order to bring revelation to the goodness of God. The goodness of God leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4).

Too often our own personal dreams, desires, and wants – our busy schedules and personal agendas – take priority over what the Father desires from us. When God reveals a need to us it's often disregarded because it's inconvenient, it's hard, it's outside of what we had already planned. These moments become a test; a test where our allegiance, our loyalty, are brought into question.

When God exposes a need in front of you what are you going to do? We see in the Bible generations of children being raised up to do evil in sight of the Lord because of the generation that preceded them. Ways of the Lord had often been disregarded as is such today. There's often no Biblical basis for decisions that are being made within the home.

Understanding of who God is and what He's done on our behalf has been displaced by a mountain of ideologies that contradict the Gospel and the work of Jesus who died for all so that all could be saved. We see a great need in the community for children and families to be graciously led to the cross of Jesus. There's no other hope but what God offers through His Son.

The need before us is to see more and more children raised up that love the Lord and strive to do what is right in His eyes. There are so many more children and families in our community that have yet to be exposed to the goodness of God. With your continued prayers and support we believe God will allow us to fulfill this need: to bring more children to Jesus and to bring glory to the Father.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 5/3: WWJD When He Was Around His Friends?
 5/10: WWJD Around His Enemies
 5/17: Commit Yourself Fully to God
 6/7: Relationship & Supply (Psalm 23:1)
 6/14: Rest & Refreshment (Psalm 23:2)
 6/21: Healing, Guidance, & Purpose (Psalm 23:3)
 6/28: Testing & Protection (Psalm 23:4a)
 7/5: Faithfulness, Presence, & Discipline (Psalm 23:4b)
 7/12: Hope, Consecration, Abundance (Psalm 23:5)
 7/19: Blessing, Eternity, & Security (Psalm 23:6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/10: Oak Pointe Apartments Outreach
 5/17: Spring Series Ends
 6/7: Summer Series Starts
 7/26: Summer Camp at Gospel Lakes Ranch!
 7/26: Summer Series Ends
 8/2: FP & CAC Mission Conference

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/1: Mae | 6/28: Michael |
| 5/2: KK | 6/18: Alayna |
| 5/14: Marcelo | 6/22: Benjamin |
| 5/14: Elizabeth | 6/2: Janiyah |
| 5/25: Owen | 6/7: Karla |
| 5/26: Jose | 6/12: Lorena |
| 5/29: Levoy | 6/1: Damien |
| 5/30: Victoria | 6/22: Alexander |
| 5/31: Jeshua | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. Your support allowed us to take almost 30 children and adults to see The King of Kings at the movie theater.
2. Our reservation for camp at Gospel Lakes Ranch this year has been confirmed. We're so excited to be taking another group of children and parents to camp!
3. We had several groups of students and adults come to serve with us from First Baptist Church Pasadena. God's expanding our reach not only in the community but also through His Church.
4. God's opening the door for more possible partnerships that will allow us to reach more children and families in the community.
5. For a long time, we've desired to expand our reach in the community. The first part of May we plan to officially launch our Sidewalk School Program at another apartment close-by.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

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Volunteers: We need people who are willing to help us serve children and families in the community.

Meals: We prepare food for at least 50 people every week. Sponsor a meal and help us feed families in need.

Prizes for Kids (ages 4-12): Children compete in games to earn prizes. Purchase a prize and pray for the child who will receive the gift.

Snacks for Kids: Kids earn snacks for good behavior. Sponsor a weekly snack.

General Ministry & Benevolence: General ministry is operational expenses. Benevolence goes specifically to meet needs in our community (i.e. utility assistance, food, etc.)

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. **Summer Camp.** Pray for every child and parent God wants to send to camp this year. We're believing households will be saved as a result of what God does at camp.
2. **Transportation.** We aspire to obtain a 15-passenger van or mini-bus. This would be such a blessing for so many reasons.
3. **Mobilization.** Pray for laborers. We want to run another abbreviated Sunday School program during the week.
4. **Partners.** Pray God would continue to build upon our partner base. Partners are essential as we grow and expand our reach.