



April/May 2026

NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Gods Ways Are Greater

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,' declares the Lord." Isaiah 55:8

We've been intent this year on engaging more specifically with parents. We started this year by offering an opportunity for families to win a \$100 gift card for Kroger. The gift card could be used to purchase groceries or gas for vehicles. To win parents have needed to be present for our program.

The idea was to do this maybe once every semester (spring, summer, and fall) but God quickly showed us He had other plans. Through people's generous support we've been able to give away \$500 worth of gift cards to families in need. Parents who never joined us came and sat for the entire Sunday School program.

God has used this initiative to connect us with parents we've never met. One of the families who won happened to win on the same day they were moving out of the apartments. Had they not won we wouldn't have known they were leaving. Their children came every week. They had only recently moved into the apartments.

In talking with the mother, she told me how dangerous it was and how unsafe they felt in the apartments. Both parents worked at nighttime, and they weren't comfortable being at work while their children were at home. She told me that the kids loved our ministry and loved learning about Jesus.

The mother insisted that her children still be involved with our ministry. Though they have now moved, the entire family plans to join us for camp in July. This simple gift card and act of generosity allowed us to connect with parents we otherwise wouldn't have been connected.

We have several families now that have moved but are still involved with our ministry. Some still bring their children to the apartments for our program. Others can't come regularly but they still participate in larger events we have in the community (i.e. Summer Camp, Sidewalk Thanksgiving, Sidewalk Christmas).

The more we can connect with the parents the better we can serve the community as a whole. The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 comes to mind. The little we have we use it and God not only multiplies it, but He does exceedingly beyond anything we can imagine.

Not only has this initiative allowed us to meet a physical need; it's allowed us to connect more personally and pray for families that we otherwise wouldn't have met. Meeting a physical need has opened doors for us to lead families in understanding the greater spiritual need they have for Jesus. Praise the Lord that His ways are always better than our ways.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 6/6: Prayer Introduction (Jeremiah 33:3)
 6/13: Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9)
 6/20: Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:10)
 6/27: Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:11)
 7/4: Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:12)
 7/11: Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:13A)
 7/18: Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:13B)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/6: Summer Series Starts
 6/20: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 Serve Day Outreach (1PM)
 7/25: Summer Camp!
 7/25: Summer Series Ends
 Aug.: Volunteer Break & Fall Series
 Preparation
 9/12: Fall Series Start

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 6/1: Damien | 7/2: Aylin |
| 6/2: Camille | 7/3: Roxanne |
| 6/2: Janiyah | 7/7: Joanna |
| 6/5: Aina | 7/7: Samuel |
| 6/5: Marissa | 7/8: Daisy |
| 6/7: Liliana | 7/11: Emerson |
| 6/15: Jasveen | 7/12: Andrew |
| 6/22: Alexander | 7/13: Samuel |
| 6/22: Benjamin | 7/20: Aaliyah |
| 6/25: Adriana | 7/23: Luis |
| 6/28: Michael | 7/25: Joel |
| | 7/30: Timothy |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

1. With your generous support we've been able to bless families with \$500 worth of gift card for Kroger.
2. Summer Camp registration is underway! About half the 50 spots we have available for camp are already full.
3. God has already worked out transportation for camp. This year we have a full size 52 passenger bus!
4. We've had and will have this summer new church groups joining us. We love to see so many different students and adults joining us to serve the community.
5. We have several new families joining us weekly. Some of the new children coming have already responded as they've heard the gospel. Praise the Lord!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Scan me!



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.

Gift Card Giveaway: Help us provide a \$100 gift card for families in need every month for the remainder of the year.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. **Summer Camp.** Pray for everyone who will attend and for everything to come together as we prepare for camp.
2. **Transportation.** This is an ongoing aspiration. We've love to obtain a 15-passenger van or mini-bus for field trips.
3. **Laborers.** Pray God would send laborers willing to help us but also for those who already serve with us regularly.
4. **Summer Program.** Pray for everyone who will attend our summer program as we learn about the Lord's Prayer.
5. **Older Children.** Pray for continued discernment as we consider how to stay connected and engaged with older children who attend.