

VOLUME 29 ISSUE 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

Children's Ministry Kids ages 5-12 come and learn more about who God is through Bible lessons, snacks, exciting games, worship and other fun activities! 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Every Monday

After School Program

Volunteers help provide academic tutoring. They also invest in the daily lives of over 100 kids through Bible studies, leadership skills, extracurricular activities such as cooking, dance, guitar, & sports. 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Every Monday-Friday

Hearne Children's Ministry Kids ages 5-12 come and learn more about who God is through Bible studies, snacks, games, crafts and other fun activities! 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Every Wednesday

<u>Teen Ministry</u> Youth, ages 13 and up, join us for fun activities, build relationships, share life events, and study

God's word. 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Every Thursday

Vocational Training Program A 12-week course that connects licensed professionals & mentors with those interested in experiencing hands on training and gaining employable trade skills. 6:00-9:00 p.m. | SOS Workshop | Every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Friday Night Worship A night of worship, fellowship, and a message from SOS founder and director JJ Ramirez. Help is needed with the Nursery & Kids, Worship team, and Audio/Video. 7:30-9:30pm | Every Friday

GOD'S POWER AND MERCY FELICIA'S STORY

"I am a living

testament to

God's power

and mercy."

ON THE STREET

As we prepare to celebrate 29 years of ministry, we remember our good God's faithfulness and miraculous works through the testimonies from years past. Meet Felicia, one of the women from SOS Women's Ministry Bible Study who joined our class a couple of years ago. God has written an incredible story of redemption, healing, and transformation in her life displaying His love and grace:

"I grew up in a physical, mental, and verbally abusive home. Both my parents were alcoholics. My mom was in and out of relationships with different men and I was being sexually abused by my cousin. I began

drinking alcohol, using drugs, and became sexually active at a young age. I went to live with Carmen for a while when I was 12. Shortly after that, I got into the same relationships my mom was in and I became pregnant. I stayed involved with SOS for a little while, but left when I turned 18.

Several years later I attempted suicide. I was unresponsive. It was so scary for me because I was afraid I was going to die. I went to a mental hospital for a week and when I was released, I said I'm going to go back to SOS.

The women's Bible study at SOS is my family that prayed and locked arms with me. These women are always ready to fight the fight with me. They helped me recognize the change I needed to make, not only for me but for my children, who are involved in SOS, too. I am now able to pray with my kids and explain to them 'mommy wasn't a good

mommy then. This is who I am now and I'm sorry for those things'. The greatest thing there is for me is to see my children forgiving me and for us to move on.

I understand the hurt and pain that life can bring. Being able to share my story with other people and the goodness that God has done for me is unexplainable. God is really opening the flood gates of Heaven for me and my kids because I'm being obedient to his word.

It's time for us to get up and to go back out there and start fighting. We can get up, we can pray for our city, we can go

to these neighborhoods and pray for them. This is what the Lord is calling me to do, to spread the love of Jesus into neighborhoods and pray for my city. We have an open line of communication with our Father. the Creator and the Ruler of all, the one who brings change, and I am a living testament to

God's power and mercy."

We were so blessed to have Felicia share her story with us during our last year's Banquet. We hope you are encouraged by this story of God redeeming families and performing transforming miracles! THANK YOU to all our partners in sharing the hope of Jesus throughout our streets. Your faithful "YES" helps us move forward, be a tangible expression of the love of Christ for so many, and witness our Savior rescue, restore and release throughout our community!



Children's Ministry



After School Program



Teen Ministry- Pine Cove Camp







Our Women's Ministry had their annual Women's Retreat this past month, on August 26-28 at the Cooper Retreat Center in Roundtop, TX. This year, the theme of the retreat "A Holy Pursuit" came from Hosea 2:19-20 and we were blessed with the company of over 50 women who enjoyed this set-aside time to spend with God, fellowship with one another, receive encouragement from each other through prayer, relax and fun, and also learn more about our loving Bridegroom from the Biblical teachings of Rebecca Huey, our wonderful speaker. It was a powerful weekend filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit and the healing love of our Savior, which made miracles happen! in the words of Carmen Maxwell, our Women's Ministry Coordinator, "One of the most powerful things at the retreat was the 'Prayer Tunnel'. The leaders prayed over the women that walked through the tunnel, and shared words of wisdom and encouragement with them. The women walked out of the other side in tears of joy and freedom by the Holy Spirit! We witnessed three new women,

who had not been to events like this, give their hearts to Jesus! One of our women who has been struggling with health issues for the past few months also received signs of healing and hope within an hour after she was prayed over! To God be all the glory and praise! Our Bridegroom loves His bride so much!"

We are so grateful for the Lord's blessing and goodness that made this retreat possible for our women. Also, a HUGE thank you to our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, our amazing volunteers, and all the generous donors who helped with this event! Your faithful YES, kindness, and support help us share the love of Jesus with so many more women and their families.





DID YOU KNOW?

Over 50 men and women have participated in our Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program this year! A HUGE thank you to Twin City Properties, United Way of the Brazos Valley, and all our incredible volunteers and donors for making this program possible!

Sept

14

Sepi

0ct

IGNITE THE NEXT Generation

The heart of this \$6.5 Million campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love through SOS. The campaign will expand our programs and facilities to widen our reach and deepen our impact for Jesus in the community.

Visit SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 12 Children's Ministry and After School Program Begin

Sept Vocational Training Program 12 Plumbing Class Begins

Hearne Children's Ministry Begins

Teen Takeover

21st Annual Banquet- IGNITE!

