

CHRISTMAS GIVING

We've been given the greatest gift on earth with the birth of Jesus. Through His birth, God showed the extent of His love for us, a love that is sacrificial, present, and life-giving. Jesus is called Emmanuel, God with us. He meets us where we're at and doesn't leave us there. Life with Him would not be possible without His first sacrifice to dwell among us. Christmas is a season that repeatedly serves as a reminder of God's greatest gift in Jesus.

As Christmas approaches we are gearing up for a season of remembering the impact of Christ's birth in all of our ministry programs. The Christmas parties for our kids and teens consist of serving a special meal, doing a Christmas activity, hearing the good news of Jesus, receiving a New Testament Bible from the Gideon's, and receiving a gift. At SOS, we are on mission to extend the love of God in tangible ways. We plan to provide gifts for entire families who wouldn't be able to experience it otherwise. This is done through the generosity of our community and ministry supporters.

We are continuously challenged through our ministry to extend the love of God in tangible and sacrificial ways during these times and we ask that you join us! We cannot do this without the generous stewardship of our community and supporters. Would you consider partnering with us this Christmas season? Details for how you can do so can be found on the insert. Thank you for extending God's love towards the kids, teens, and families in our ministry!

"UNHINDERED: RUN THE RACE"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

Last month, the SOS After School Program & Monday Night Children's Ministry took 50 4th-6th graders and 20 staff and volunteers to Frontier Camp in Grapeland for our inaugural Weekend Fall Retreat. Kids had the opportunity to take part in competitive team challenges, try new activities such as horseback riding, ropes courses, canoeing & fishing, and hear transformative messages from guest speakers. It was amazing to witness the children from SOS be unified as they leaned into what God had for each of them. The theme for the weekend was "Unhindered: Run the Race" based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Saturday night, Pastor Christian Dorsey shared a powerful message on what it looks like to throw off every weight and sin that hinders us from running unrestrained to Jesus. Kids were challenged to set aside the things of this world and instead, pursue the things of the Kingdom.

Many of the children we serve are bound by fear and anxiety due to their circumstances, but as Pastor Dorsey spoke, they began to understand what freedom in Jesus looks like and how to walk in it.

Lisa McKenzie also shared an incredible message on how to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." The evening ended with a powerful time of prayer. Children and volunteers were praying over one another and the Holy Spirit filled the room. One of our After School Program girls has recently been walking through some heavy family situations

and has been seeking God for help. During the prayer time, we saw the Holy Spirit flood her heart as chains were broken off of her. For the first time, she experienced true joy, freedom & breakthrough. Even though her situation had not changed, she realized she had a Father in Heaven who was working all things together for her good & for His glory. Sunday morning, Lisa was able to lead this young lady to Jesus! Her eternity and heart were forever changed. The following Monday, as she walked into school, multiple teachers and administrators noticed something different about her; she was walking with a joy and confidence they had never seen in her. Since then, we have been able to walk alongside her in forgiveness and healing as she begins her beautiful walk with Jesus.

One of our weekly volunteers served as our worship leader for the weekend and did an amazing job ushering in the presence of the Lord.

Many of the kids we serve have never experienced a worship service and were able to stand arm-in-arm with their peers with hands lifted high in surrender to Jesus. Each night our volunteer led us in worship around the campfire and the kids leaned in as they sat in awe of the goodness of God.

Thank you to Mays Business School's Strategic Philanthropy Class for providing funding for this event. Thank you to all our volunteers who planned, prayed for and led during the weekend. Because of your generosity and faithfulness to serve, kid's lives were forever changed as they encountered the love of Jesus.

"Kids learned what freedom in Jesus looks like."



Children's Ministry Fall Retreat



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Teen Ministry Holy Ghost Party

Arise

Women's Ministry Conference 2022

This year's Arise Conference was an incredible reminder of God's transforming power to heal and deliver. Nearly 120 women attended, and we were blessed to hear two testimonies of God's redemptive power. Jessica told us about her encounter with Jesus while mourning the tragic death of her son. She said "About two years ago, my world was shattered into a million pieces. . . I was informed that my oldest son had been shot and murdered in his apartment. I was in shock and disbelief; a mother's worst nightmare had come to pass, and I cried like I had never cried before. But then. . . Christ came! God met me there. If anyone knew what it was like to lose a son, it was God. I leaned deeply into God and His Word. God reminded me of the deep talks I had with my son.

I remember him asking me what it took to be right with God. So now when I think about him, it's not tears of sadness, but tears of joy because I know he is with Jesus. Coming to SOS has helped me because these women pray for you. Many women here prayed for my son for years and he is with Jesus because of all the prayers and love that we shared in our Bible Study. They hold me accountable, and when I'm not here, I know that I will be missed. The teaching here is something you can take off the pages and live it out in love and never in judgment. I, too, want to lead a Bible study and disciple women just like I'm being disciplined!"

The Presence of the Holy Spirit was so powerful throughout the conference. Women stood boldly and unashamedly with tear filled eyes all across the gym to receive Jesus. Our women were led to the truth and were encouraged to "Arise" & allow God's glory to shine upon them!

We thank Jesus for the wonderful time of fellowship, prayer & worship during our Arise Conference this year! Also, a HUGE thank you to our incredible speaker, Rosa Munoz, our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and over 40 volunteers who helped make Arise 2022 possible! Thank you for your faithful YES to JESUS that gives us the power to share His love with women and their families in our community!



DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, as a part of SOS Ministries' annual giving of Christmas gifts, **OVER 500** kids, teens and their families received presents! It is because of the generous donations of people like you that we are able to be the tangible expression of the gift of Christ.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 14-17** Ministry Programs Thanksgiving Parties
- Nov 18** Vocational Training Program CDL & Plumbing Graduation
- Nov 19** Women's Ministry Heavenly Market
- Dec 2** Volunteer Banquet
- Dec 5-8** Ministry Programs Christmas Parties



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