

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

At the end of every year, we love to ring in the Christmas season with exciting Christmas parties for everyone in our ministry. From our Children's Ministry all the way up through our Adult Bible Studies, we celebrate the birth of Jesus with presents, food, & most importantly, the powerful story of how Jesus came to earth as a baby to save a broken and dying world!

This year, we were able to bless more families than ever before thanks to the generosity of so many in our community. Every kid and teen in our ministries received a Bible from the Gideons and nearly 250 children received gifts provided by our generous donors. Each child received a warm blanket as well as a warm meal thanks to Global Catering, Brotherhood of Christian Aggies, and Philadelphia Sisters. Nearly 50 teens enjoyed a delicious meal donated by Chicken Express. They also received gifts and had a fun evening playing games & spending time together. We were also able to have many men and women this year gather to celebrate and fellowship at their Christmas parties. But above all the gifts & celebrations, our heart this year was that every child, teenager & adult would experience the love of Jesus this Christmas season.

At the end of this year, it was a blessing to be able to focus our eyes and hearts on the birth of our Savior. It is our prayer that the families of SOS would experience the gift of Christmas through the relationships they've built at SOS, the generosity of our community & most importantly, the faithful love of Jesus.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ARISE 2023

This year's Arise Conference was an incredible reminder of God's mighty move to heal and deliver. Nearly 150 women attended, and we were blessed to hear three testimonies of God's redemptive power. Mary told us, "I was coming out of a divorce and was in desperate need for God's guidance and healing over my kids and struggles. God brought Carmen my way and she invited me to SOS Women's Bible Study. The women there prayed over me and showed me what sisterhood in Christ looks like. Through these years, God has brought my family out of so many things! He has broken so many generational curses in my kids and grandkids' lives, and all I can say

is WOW!" Susie shared, "At 12, I was molested by my uncle, which led me into rebelling, drinking, fighting, and looking for love in all the wrong places. For years, I drank & fought my anger away. The devil was determined to ruin my life. I encountered the love of Christ and His forgiveness at SOS for the first time. It took me a while to realize I was stepping into the same path my parents took, and the same anger that ruined my youth was now after corrupting my kids. God's love opened my eyes to all that! Carmen and my SOS sisters prayed me to repentance, surrender, and freedom! I gave my whole heart to Christ and asked Him for healing. My kids are now learning daily how to behave according to the heart of Christ, and I'm blessed they attend SOS Teen Bible Study! God is so faithful, and when you truly give your all to Him, He will transform

you!" Vivan said, "I was sexually & mentally abused at a young age. I felt disgusted and unworthy. All the internal battles from childhood and unresolved issues grew into a cloud of darkness hovering over me, and for a long time I was stuck in it. I hit rock bottom. One night, out of complete desperation, I cried out to God and asked Him to save me from my pain. That's when God directed me back to SOS. I used to attend SOS Teen Ministry for a while, but this time, I came back to the Women's Bible Study! The ladies began to pray for me & once I fully surrendered, I felt peace, joy, and pure FREEDOM!" Our guest Speaker, Angelica Tucker, also shared powerful teachings on God's desire for women to seek Him daily and ARISE & shine for His glory! During the altar call, the presence of the Holy Spirit was so powerful. Women stood boldly and unashamedly all across the gym with tear filled eyes to receive Christ. We saw almost all the guests coming forward for salvation and coming

home to the Father's heart. Our women were led to the truth and were encouraged to "Arise" and 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, Angelica Tucker, our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and our volunteers who helped make this event possible. Thank you for your faithful YES to Jesus that gives SOS the power to share His love with women and their families in our community!

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Adult Bible Study Thanksgiving 2023



CDL & Plumbing Classes Graduation





We are so thankful for all the support we received in making our Thanksgiving & Christmas parties special for the kids and teens in our ministries. We had holiday feasts, blankets, and Christmas presents for over 300 kids, teens, and their families!



## DID YOU KNOW?

SOS has over 300 volunteers that partner with us each year! People serve with kids, teens, men, and women, as well as Friday Night Worship, and special events. We could not fulfill God's vision for this ministry without our selfless, hard-working volunteers.



Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 2023

## IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION

The heart of this capital campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love through SOS. We are excited to announce we have received a \$1.45 million Challenge Grant from the J.E. & L.E. Mabree Foundation!

**We need your help to raise \$890,000 before October 2024 & FINISH the campaign!**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 15** Last Friday Night Worship of 2023
- Dec 18** Office Closed
- Jan 1**
- Jan 5** Friday Night Worship Returns
- Jan 19** Vocational Training Program CDL Class Begins
- Jan 29** Children's Ministry Programs Return



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