

What Does NVC Have Ready?

- Purple Room
- Learning some ASL songs for worship (kids and adults!)
- A plan in place for wheelchair accessible baptisms (open water!)
- Training

What Does NVC Have As Ideas?

- Special needs community fair
- Respite Days
- Increased involvement in Everyone Belongs and/or Night to Shine

What Can I Do?

- Be Aware
- Be Loving
- Be Serving



Special Needs Awareness Sunday

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Today's Sermon:

Special Needs Awareness Sunday

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What Is Special Needs?

A broad term used to describe various conditions that may impact a person's ability to function in daily life and/or in certain circumstances.

- Neurological
- Physical
- Medical
- Emotional
- Mental
- Learning

What Are NVC's Current Needs? - Upstairs

- Sound sensitivities
- Mental health struggles
- Social anxieties
- Physical struggles
- ADHD
- Migraines

What Are NVC's Current Needs? – NVKids

- ADHD
- Physical struggles
- Sound sensitivities
- Social anxieties
- Sensory processing disorders

What Is God's View?

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

¹⁸But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²²On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ... ²⁴But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. (1 Corinthians 12:12,18-22,24-25)

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:12-14)

What Does NVC Do Now?

- Inclusion training (NVKids, A/V)
- Car seat checks
(regular and special needs)
- Ear Plugs
- Words on Slides
- NV Cafe
- Chairs with arms
- Wheel Chair accessible bathrooms
- Help at Everyone Belongs every year (volunteers and supplies)