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A Good Report

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Heard enough bad news? It's time for some good news!



"Pastor, come! Hurry" were screamed by phone as parishioners had just witnessed the [gunning down of a young man on their parking lot](#) during their annual Trunk & Treat. This church, a recent merger between a white and a black congregation had gone all out to share some love in the neighborhood. Once the Pastor arrived, he found the body lying on the parking lot and a church in shock through [the long reach of crime in our city](#). The young man gunned down had recently made his way into the church, doing small chores for some extra cash. The assaulter drove right up on the church parking lot and shot the young man who was scheduled to testify in court about a recent crime. The Trunk & Treat got postponed

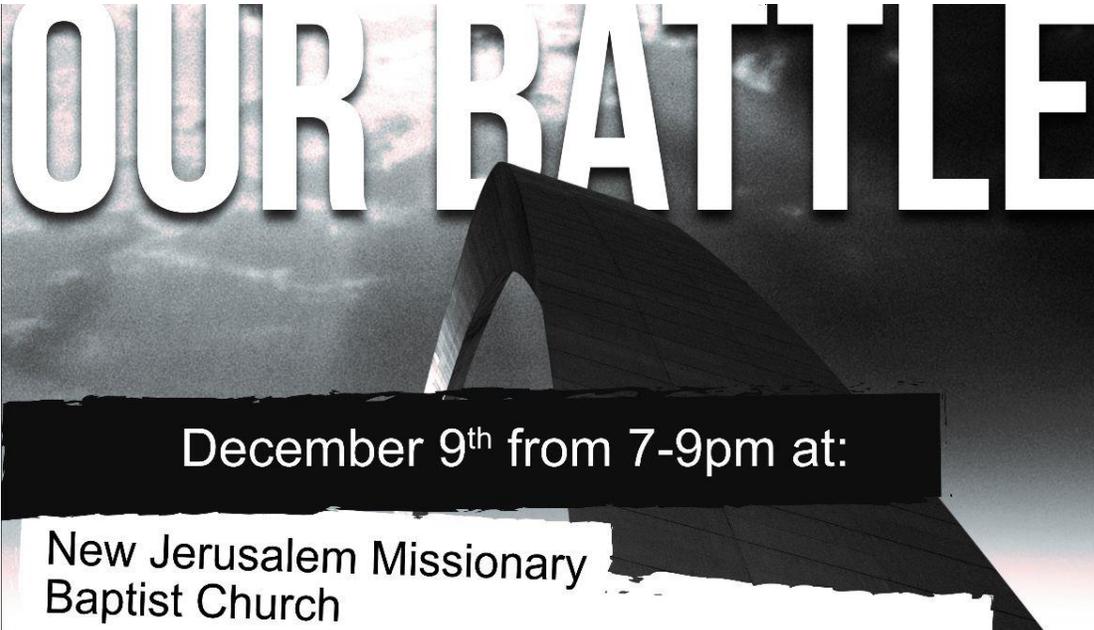


But God has his people: This is 'Our Battle' became a rallying cry for an interdenominational prayer gathering a week later on the site of the shooting, organized by Pastor Eric Ross and local Pastor Robert Loyd. It started when a group of pastors gathered right after the shooting to pray for and encourage this Pastor and we decided to come back a week later to his church to pray for the city, the pastor, the congregation and hold a discussion of what could be done together



In that service, we prayed for Pastor Loyd as he would lead the funeral service the next day. Eric reports: *"The gospel was preached during the funeral service and about 15 young men and women stood as a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ! We are now working towards a program to begin to disciple and mentor these young men and women to help keep them off the streets!"*

OUR BATTLE



December 9th from 7-9pm at:

New Jerusalem Missionary
Baptist Church

This prayer meeting has become a monthly prayer gathering, with the next one scheduled December 6 at 1 N. Dade Avenue in Ferguson. Join us! An initiative to minister to other victims and their families by providing funeral services and grief support is also being considered



This Christmas, may 'light shines into the darkness'. God is not at all intimidated by evil but uses it as an opportunity to show His Glory by sending His Son, the Ultimate Hero, into our world!

Thank you for your support, your friendship and your prayers!