

ELEOS MINISTRIES

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Our dedicated Board of Directors praying for our neighborhood and ministry

RUN THE RACE, WATCH THE SKY

What motivates you to do the things you need to do? Is it the thought of the mess that will result from something left undone, or the feeling of accomplishment you have when you've pushed through and completed a difficult task? This year at Eleos, we're exploring two Biblical truths that are often connected in passages of Scripture. The first is the hard work of **running the race** of life faithfully, and the second is **anticipating the presence of God** someday. We can live a faithful and fruitful life as followers of Jesus, spurred on by the encouragement of Jesus' approaching return!

Our theme this year at Eleos is "**Run the Race, Watch the Sky**," based on Titus 2:11-15. It says, "*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.*"

Would you pray for us as we seek to faithfully communicate this truth in our daily Bible study at Eleos? We will be exploring the many New Testament passages that encourage and challenge us to consider what God says about our future and allow those truths to bring us to absolute surrender to Jesus. We want to faithfully run the race that He has set before us. Thank you for your partnership and prayers to this end!

-Dan Smith (Eleos Ministries Founder)

Birth Certificates and IDs

Hear about our ministry to provide these important documents, and how you can help!

Friends that have finished the race

In the midst of loss, we learn what it means to faithfully finish the race.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood

Vandalism won't stop the mission of God! We share an update on the coffee truck.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND IDS

So far in 2025, we're seeing a greater need for obtaining Birth Certificates and ID cards. This has turned into an easy and practical way for Eleos to help those in need take their first step to stability. These documents open doors for employment, housing, and other resources. Eleos employees assist an individual with the paperwork and payment, and can provide a needed mailing address for the homeless. It costs Eleos about \$40 to help someone get both their Birth Certificate and ID. Please consider a gift to help with this practical service!

One employee Gary, said, "Most people that need a Birth Certificate or ID don't have the money to pay, and it's usually the way for them to get back to being self-sufficient. Being able to get services or a job by having these documents really is something that gives them motivation to get work and move forward from homelessness or just a better living situation".



Gary taking a man to get his ID.



Scan the QR Code or visit eleoscoffee.com/support to make your gift today!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, May 10th

Mother's Day Paint and Sip

A perfect gift and experience to share with a Mom in your life!



Saturday, June 7th

Northeast Resource Fair

We will be hosting different organizations to provide services and information to our neighbors in need.



July 14th – July 19th

Eleos Summer Break

The coffee house will be closed this week to give our staff a much-needed break.

NEW SHIRTS: SUPPORT IN STYLE

Have you seen our new t-shirts?! They're available for purchase in the coffee house or online at eleoscoffee.com. Remember, your purchase goes directly into the ministry fund to keep providing essential services to the underserved in Northeast KC. So you can partner with us and look good doing it!



OPPORTUNITY FOR REST

Dan Smith will be on sabbatical from Monday, March 17th to Monday, May 12th. He will be taking this extended time to be encouraged and strengthened in his walk with the Lord, passion for ministry in Northeast, and vision for the future impact of Eleos Ministries. Please pray for his refreshment, renewal, and revival in body, mind, and spirit through rest, family time, meetings with ministry leaders, academics, time alone in prayer and the Word. If you need anything during this time, please reach out to Nicole Cumberford at nicollec@eleoscoffee.com. Thank you!

Friends that have finished the race



Katie with her friend and Eleos employee, Jodi.



Tony shining in the window light, in his usual Bible Study seat.



Our dear friend "Radio Voice" Tony.

This year, we've sadly lost two longtime Eleos friends. You may remember Katie who spoke at our past Generosity Dinner. Tony was a faithful Bible Study attendee who had been coming to Eleos for years. We are thankful that both of these friends claimed Jesus and showed us the fruit from their relationship with God. After their passing, Eleos staff and volunteers were able to play large roles in their memorial services; even hosting Tony's in the coffee house. We are thankful to be a pseudo family to so many individuals and do not take it lightly that we have walked from life to death with so many individuals. They have been an example to us of what it looks like to faithfully "run the race, and watch the sky".

Latte Art Throwdown



On Friday, April 11th, Eleos hosted our first Latte Art Throwdown! We invited baristas from two other coffee houses to show off their skills in a friendly competition to see who could create the best latte art under pressure. We also had a "coached pour" round where the baristas had to coach an audience member on how to pour latte art.

Ultimately, we were able to share what makes us different: a deeper mission to impact the community through the Gospel. In addition to having fun, we hope events like this will bring other people to the coffee house who normally would not come in, and that seeds of the Gospel could be planted.



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"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood..."

You probably saw our recent Facebook post about an unfortunate incident involving the coffee truck. Early one morning a man was able to get into our back parking lot and took a pipe to the coffee truck service windows. All of the side windows are completely broken out and will need to be replaced. This has put the coffee truck out of commission for the time being while we make repairs and clean up the damage.

While this is disappointing, we thank God that nothing else was damaged or stolen. It could have been much worse! As we reflect on this and other incidents that have happened in and around the coffee house, we are reminded of Ephesians 6:12 that says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places". Would you join us in praying against these "cosmic powers"? Pray for the safety of our staff, and protection for our building and truck. Pray for God's light to overtake the darkness of the Avenue! Thank you.





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