

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

Proverbs 10:12
 12 Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.

Community Service

The LWA Youth, along with several adult volunteers provide an ongoing monthly community service project with the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00 am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 2/26/17

Greetings!



This past Sunday we looked at our identity in who we are in Christ. We began with an activity showing some of the words we use when we identify others. We then moved into how others may identify us and finally, we looked at some of the words we used to identify ourselves.

We discussed the list of words we came up with and while many were positive, many more, especially those we use to describe ourselves, were more negative. We agreed that we are most often our own toughest critics.

We then took a look at how David identified himself in **Psalm 139:13-15** and saw that he described himself as being "Fearfully and Wonderfully made". We talked about what David might have meant and looked at what the words he used mean in Hebrew. We saw that in the original Hebrew text of the Bible, the word fearfully means: with great reverence, heart-felt interest and with respect and the word wonderfully means: unique, set apart, marvelous. Quite simply put, according to David, we are amazingly awesome!

We then looked at **Genesis 1:27** to see that we are created in the image of God. God created each of us in His image. We said that to be created by God in His image means that we can be nothing less than amazing.

We spent some time listing all the words that describe how God sees us through Jesus Christ. We agreed that it's easy to accept and believe who the world says we are and those words are even more powerful when we start to speak them to ourselves.

We asked why we would ever put more value in words spoken against us or even spoken by us when the only words that really matter are those describing how God sees us. What if we let God's opinion of us be the ONLY one we listen to?

We watched a couple of videos about how God sees us and added some more words to our list (videos are included below).

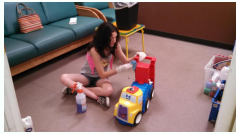
Finally, we handed out small mirrors and markers to each student and had each student pick a word from the list of how God sees them that means the most to them and write that word across their mirror.

We said to place the mirror where you can see it every day and to look in the mirror and tell yourself the word written on it. Do this at least once a day or whenever you need a little extra reminder of who you are.

We said to keep doing it until we truly believe it in our heart then change it to another word and start over until we know who we are in Christ.

We added one more thing to do after truly believing how amazingly awesome we are. We said to remember that God created EVERYONE and he sees them all as Fearfully and Wonderfully made.

bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.



Life Skills Class

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

Young Adult Service

Our weekly young adult service, lead by Jake, is every Thursday at 6:30pm for ages 18+.

Join us for Worship, a great lesson, fellowship, and donuts!

There will also be monthly activities as well as mission opportunities.

What if we were not only able to see ourselves the way that God sees us but also were able to see others the way that God sees them?

Join us next Sunday at 9:15 & 11:00.



Women



Men

Upcoming Events!

LWA Children's Ministry presents Gospel Magician

Join us for this fun, family friendly event to help raise money for the LWA Children's Ministry.

When: Friday March 3rd

Time: 7:00pm

Where: At Living Word Ahwatukee

Cost: \$15 per adult ; \$10 Per child

For more information call Jake at 207-891-1928

Personal Care Items Drive:

1 Youth is now continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller
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