

1 Youth Ministry

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Bible Verse

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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 10:00am at

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 6/12/15

Greetings!

This week we discussed the events that took place in the arrest and trial of Jesus. We started out by remembering a time when we had been falsely accused. This activity was meant to understand the feelings of being accused of an action you didn't do, and possibly any action that you would have been taken to make the person understand that you were not at fault.

Next we read that immediately after the Last Supper Jesus and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane. There Jesus prayed to the Father before his arrest. We stopped there to understand Jesus' emotions at the time of the prayer and what he may have been feeling as he prayed God's will over the situation. We then moved into Judas' betrayal of Jesus and how it was God's will for it to happen in the way that it did.

We reminded the students of three major points in this section 1) Jesus is willingly laying down His life; 2) God's will is for Jesus to suffer at the hand of sinners; and 3) the Scriptures foretold this would happen.

Once arrested by the Jewish high priest Jesus was brought before the Roman leader, Pilate to face sentencing. Pilate could not find any crime that Jesus had committed and in order to not upset the Jewish leaders he allows the crowd to decide Jesus' fate. As it turns out the crowd had been bribed by the Jewish leaders to demand Jesus' crucifixion.

To tie things all together we went back to the Old Testament to review the words of Isaiah and his prophecy of the coming Messiah. God's plan all along was to redeem His people through the false accusation, arrest, trial and conviction of Jesus even though he was completely innocent.

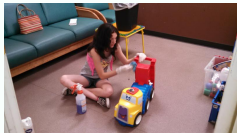
We concluded by reminding the students that Jesus willingly laid down his life in order to rescue all from sin and death, and that is the picture of the greatness of God's love.

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series when we look at the crucifixion.

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 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.

Upcoming Events!

LWA Summer Movie Series

LWA will be having a monthly Saturday night movie series for the Summer months. Our next movie is "Courageous" (see below) **Starting at 6pm on Saturday, June 18th.**



The Youth will be selling popcorn, drinks, etc. to help raise money for upcoming Youth events. Please come at 5:30pm if you can volunteer to work concessions.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Matthew 26:36-56, Matthew 27:11-26, Isaiah 53:7-10

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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