

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Bible Verse

1 John 4:18

18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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 the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 7/31/15

Greetings!



This week, we started by discussing Karma or the belief that good or bad things happen to us based on our good or bad actions in the past or more directly, as we use it, you get what you deserve. We said it was a belief based on our works.

Our lesson involved Saul and how he not only did not get what he deserved for his relentless killing of Christians, by the Grace of God, he became one of the most important people in the New Testament.

We said that while Saul certainly did bad things toward Christians, he was not a bad person. In fact, from his point of view, he was doing what he thought was good by arresting and killing the blasphemous Christians according to Jewish law.

We saw Saul's transformation, after meeting Jesus on his way to Damascus to arrest more Christians, and we saw God's amazing grace in action when Saul's eyes and heart were opened to who Jesus really was as he became one of the most influential Apostles spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

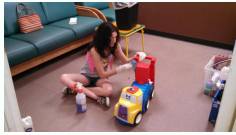
We said this shows that God's grace is powerful enough to do really amazing things in the most unlikely of people. We discussed why Saul would make a good choice to become the Apostle Paul.

For one thing, while his zealousness and passion were misguided, God knew that once his heart was opened to the Holy Spirit, he would be just as passionate in spreading and teaching the Gospel. Plus, he also had the ultimate testimony in one of the most amazing conversion experiences ever recorded.

We noted that just as Saul was spiritually blind and dead in his sin before his relationship with Jesus, so were we. Jesus

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.

rescued Saul by His grace just as He rescues all of us who put our faith in Him.

We talked about how we are saved not by our works or anything we do but by the gift of grace and everything that Jesus has done for us. This takes the pressure off of us to try to be "good enough" and puts it all on Jesus who IS "good enough".

We then talked about while we are not saved by our good works, we are saved to do good works. Just as Saul was saved to help build Churches and spread the Gospel, so are we saved for a reason.

God's gift of grace removes the burden of sin from us so that we are free to do what He originally created us to do, to do good works and spread the good news of God's love making Disciples of all nations.

We finished by saying that just as Saul was placed where he was for a purpose, to influence the people he did, so are we.

We talked about each of our individual spheres of influence in our daily lives and the people we each interact with. We said that not only has God placed us where we are for a purpose; He has also placed those people in our lives for a purpose; His purpose that He created us for; to do good works and spread the good news of God's love and grace to the world. We said that the best way for us to spread the Gospel is for people to see us living the Gospel and seeing the changes it has made in our lives.

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series when we look at the book of Romans.

Upcoming Events!

Saturday, August 13th: Family Movie

LWA Summer movie series continues with "Mom's Night Out" on Saturday, August 13th, starting at 6:00pm. A fun movie that the whole family will enjoy (PG). See the trailer below:



The Youth will be selling snacks and drinks during the movie.

Personal Care Items Drive:

1 Youth is again collecting "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care. 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.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Acts 9:3-19, Ephesians 2:3-10

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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