

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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## Bible Verse

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

## 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 about an hour or so cleaning the family

## Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 8/28/15

Greetings!



This week, we started by discussing some things that we would consider to be awesome. We also agreed that God was awesome and we mentioned some of the things that made Him so awesome.

We decided we should probably look at what the actual meaning of awesome was and found that it basically applies to things that "invoke awe" or leave us totally speechless as we experience something so overwhelmingly amazing that there is no way to describe it in mere words.

We said that God is much more than our minds can think or even imagine. We said that understanding how truly awesome God is can help strengthen our faith which is what Paul used in his letter to the Church in Colossae.

We saw that the Colossians were mixing a little from this religion and a little from that religion to create their own "brand" of Christianity. We mentioned we could see some Churches doing the same thing today.

Rather than reprimanding them and focusing on what they were doing wrong, Paul chose to focus on the solution, Jesus, and help them to understand how amazingly awesome He was. Paul reminded them who Jesus was and what He had done for them. He reminded them how awesome God is.

**Side note:** You get what you focus on. So, if you focus on your problems you'll get more problems but you get solutions when you focus on the solution.

Paul reminded them that before Jesus, our relationship with God was broken and there was nothing we could do to fix it. But, through Jesus, our relationship has been restored and God sees us without fault, not by anything we have done but by what Jesus has done for us.

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.

That doesn't mean that we never mess up but like the Colossians, by understanding who Jesus is and what He has done for everyone who accepts Him we naturally want to do our best to please Him.

We were reminded that we can't "fix" ourselves or change anyone's heart. But, by accepting Jesus we allow God to start His work in us from the inside out.

Like Paul did with the Colossians, God does not focus on the wrongs we may have done, His focus is what is in our heart and if we believe in our heart that Jesus is our Lord & Savior He sees us through the righteousness of Jesus and our relationship with Him is restored as it was created to be.

We said that once we understand how amazingly awesome God is and what it means that He would do anything for us to be in a relationship with Him, it should shape the way we see ourselves and the world around us. It should change the way we live our lives.

We said that many Christians go to Church and have even been saved yet still live their lives as they did before their spirit was reborn. Their minds cause them to fall back into their old ways of doing things. When we renew our mind to align with our renewed spirit we can truly live in the benefits of being saved. We can live in the peace that comes from truly knowing we are loved and cared for in a relationship with God and that is **AWESOME!**

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series when we look at a letter from James.

## Upcoming Events!

# Winter Jam 2016!!!

It's that time again! Join us for an awesome concert featuring 10 of your favorite Christian artists. This year's artists are shown below along with a promo video. We will be going VIP again which let's us enter at 4:30 (1-1/2 hours before general admission) so we can get the best seats. Plus you receive a collectable VIP pass and lanyard and can participate in a special Q&A session with the artists. **All for just \$35 each!**

We will meet at LWA and travel together to the Glendale

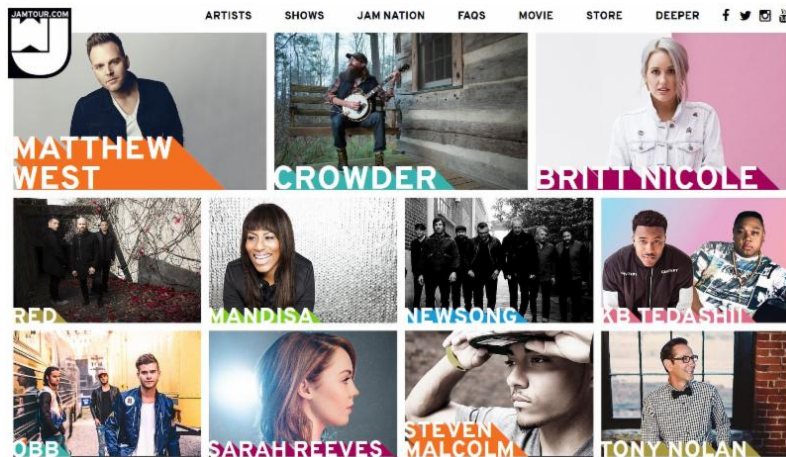
Arena (Time to be determined). Concert is typically over by 11PM.

You must sign-up and pay with Chris or Michelle as soon as possible. Space is limited to the first 25 tickets.

1 Youth Students will have first opportunity for tickets. Friends can be invited if there are still tickets available. We will have a sign-up sheet in the youth room during Sunday services.



## Winter Jam 2016



### 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: Colossians 1:15-23, Ephesians 1:3-6**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller

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