

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.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

1 Youth is 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.

We said that we can get off the continuous emotional roller coaster by truly believing just two facts from the Bible.

1. God values you more than anything. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for you. (**Romans 5:8**).
2. God never changes. He is the same yesterday and today and forever (**Hebrews 13:8**)

If we believe in just these two facts then it doesn't matter what we have, what people say about us, whether we win or lose, if people like us or hate us, whether we think we're fat or ugly or stupid or unwanted, **NONE** of that can ever change our value to God. God always values us above everything no matter what (He really does!).

We then said that Satan despises how much God values us and he will do whatever he can to try to convince us that we're worthless and unworthy of God's love.

Some things that Satan does is to get us to listen to what other people say about us or to compare ourselves to others making us feel that we're not "good enough". He gets us to base our own value and self-worth on our Performance, Possessions, or Popularity.

We looked in **Matthew 4** to see how Jesus was tempted by Satan using these very same methods (as were Adam & Eve). We saw that Jesus overcame Satan by clearly knowing, without a doubt, that His value came from God and it didn't matter what anyone, not even Satan, said or did to try to take that away.

When you truly get your value as a **Child of God**, nobody, not even Satan can ever make you feel worthless again.

We finished up by telling everyone to say aloud to themselves every single morning, as soon as they wake up,

"God says that I am amazing and worth dying for!"

If you do that, you won't need to waste your life searching for your value anywhere else, riding the emotional roller coaster. It won't matter what happens or what people say or how people treat you. You will know in your heart that the same God who created the universe also created you and He values you above all else and nobody, not even Satan, can ever take that away.

Watch for our next event here!

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Romans 5:8, Hebrews 13:8, Matthew 4:3, Matthew 4:8-10, Matthew 4:5-6, Psalm 139:13, Psalm 100:3

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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1 Youth Ministry