

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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## Attention!

Attention all High School & College Age Students!

Trinity Zubeck is putting together a 'small group' for High School and College Age students. Contact Trinity for more information at [trinityzubeck@gmail.com](mailto:trinityzubeck@gmail.com)

## Community Service

Temporarily Paused

The LWA Youth, along with 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 3925 East Broadway, Phoenix, AZ.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and

## Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update

### Join us now every Sunday at 9:45

Remember: If you need to speak with one of us just text Michelle at 602-684-1665 anytime.

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### The Beatitudes Part 4



A few weeks ago, we continued our series on the Beatitudes as we looked at the 4th and 5th Beatitudes in **Matthew 5:6-7**

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

We looked at the Biblical definitions of the words and talked about **Psalms 42:1-2** which Jesus is paraphrasing here where it says "My soul thirsts for God".

Jesus is not talking about the hunger you feel because your dinner is late. He's not even talking about food and water at all. He's talking about the deep intense hunger in our soul in seeking God, so much that we would surely die without Him.

So, He is talking about the divine joy and happiness that comes from being so completely and passionately hungry in your very soul to be "right before God" that your life literally depends on it because when you seek God in this manner, He will completely satisfy your hunger and fill your soul to overflowing.

We then looked at the next Beatitude in **Matthew 5:7**.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Jesus gets this one from **Psalms 18:25**. We first looked at what it is to be 'merciful' and found it to be compassion or forgiveness toward someone and to withhold punishment or condemnation.

Mercy is actually a form of love. Mercy is giving love and kindness when punishment or condemnation is expected or even deserved, especially when it is deserved.

We said that a merciful person looks beyond the present circumstances to the potential good that may result from

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 bin 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 bin.

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

### Bible verse of the week

#### John 15:18-20

18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' [a] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

their compassionate handling of the matter in question. This person is willing to forgo the other's punishment, or his own desire for revenge in an attempt to produce good fruit from a bad situation.

We agreed that sounds very familiar. God's very nature is to be merciful. We found a good example of God's divine mercy in **Romans 5:8**. When we most certainly did not deserve it, God showed His divine mercy on us.

Jesus is telling us of the divine joy we have when we truly understand the amazing love and mercy that we receive from God and it leads us to extend that same love and mercy toward each other. Especially when it is most difficult.

We said that being merciful and kind to each other is evidence that we have the Holy Spirit in us and that the love of God is in our hearts. When we show mercy to each other, we bring glory to God and show His love and mercy on us.

While the summaries may be a little behind, we'll actually be finishing up this series on the Beatitudes **this Sunday (9th) at 9:45am**. We hope to see you all there!

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## Upcoming Events



Get ready for our first big 1 Youth event this year! Josh & Jenni Wagner have graciously offered their nearby home to host a BBQ/Pool Party for all of our 1 Youth students and their friends in grades 7-12.

We will meet at LWA at 4:00pm then carpool over and return to LWA at 8:30 for pick-up.

We will supply burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks but feel free to bring your own refreshments or deserts if you like.

Please let us know if you plan to make it so we know how much food we need.

# See you all there!

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,

Chris & Michelle Miller  
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