

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

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.

looked at the meaning of being a 'peacemaker' and found that they resolve arguments, disagreements, etc. and bring people together in love and in peace, especially when it is most difficult.

These are attributes of Children of God and when people see us in this way they will see us as true **Children of God**.

We then finished up our series with **verses 10-12**. We talked about what it means to be persecuted and found different levels of persecution ranging from Physical death to Social discrimination to Mental or Spiritual threats.

We talked again what it means to be Righteous or '**Right Before God**' and then what it means to be Persecuted for doing what is "Right Before God". We looked at different ways Christians are persecuted for simply following Jesus back in the 1st Century as well as today in other countries and even in our own country.

We saw that Jesus took this idea even further in **verse 11** and made it a little more personal by inserting "**you**" and "**me**" saying "Blessed are **YOU** when people insult **YOU**, persecute **YOU**, and falsely say all kinds of evil against **YOU** because of **ME**".

Jesus is very clearly letting His Disciples know that there are people who will not like what they are saying or doing, as a matter of fact they will be hated and despised for doing what is right before God.

He's also telling them to not give up for they will experience the great reward of life in the Kingdom of Heaven no matter what is going on around them.

We reviewed what we learned about all of the **Beatitudes** and compared them to an introduction to a book. We said that just as the forward, introduction or preface, of a book gives a summary, background, and even the purpose of the book you are about to read, the Beatitudes do the same for the journey the Disciples are about to embark on as they learn what it means to be Disciples of Jesus spreading the Gospel to the world.

We said that in the Beatitudes can be found the basis for all of Jesus' teaching and it can be looked at as Jesus' introduction to all of His teaching and to the greatest "book" ever written.

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.

More Upcoming Events

Details to come

September 18 - Game Night at LWA

October 10 - Viewing of 2020 Save a Life Tour

October 30 - Halloween Party LWA

November 13 - Movie Night LWA

December 11 - Christmas Party Wagner Home

All 1 Youth Students and their friends in Grades 7-12 are invited to all events.

See you there!

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,

Chris & Michelle Miller
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