

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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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 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**

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update

Join us now every Sunday at 9:30
(New Service Time)

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

Unlearning Our Fears



A few weeks ago, we talked about fear and about living in fear. We talked about "rational" fear that can be a tool for survival and "irrational" fear or phobias that can actually hurt us.

We said that, according to **2 Timothy 1:7**, God has not given us a Spirit of fear. We said that if we were not given a Spirit of fear then every fear that we have is something that **we** have learned, something the world has taught us.

We talked about what fear does to us both physically and mentally. We said that living in fear can cause actual physical sickness and real mental illness. We were not created to live in constant fear, hiding from the world. We were created to stand out and be an example to the world.

We also said that fear affects us spiritually. Fear keeps us stuck where we are and afraid of going forward into the amazing life that God has planned for us.

We looked at the story of Benaiah in **2 Samuel 23:20-21** and said that we were not created to be ordinary but were created to stand out from the world and be extraordinary. Extraordinary people do not allow fear to rule their lives and stop them from doing what God has planned for them.

We said that we all have our own fears that are holding us back and we listed just a few of them. Fear of letting someone down, fear of failure, fear of being embarrassed, fear of what others might think

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.

or say, fear of not fitting in, etc. All of these help to keep us stuck where we are instead of moving forward in God's plan for us.

We said that the good thing about fear being something that is learned is that it is also something that we can **unlearn**.

We said that the first step to unlearning our fears is to understand that God is bigger and stronger than **ANY** fear we could ever possibly have.

When we focus on our problems and fears they become intimidating, overwhelming, and far too much for us to ever overcome them.

But as we keep our focus on Jesus and make God a bigger part of our life, our problems and fears become much smaller and easier to overcome. We said that God may not remove our fears for us but He will definitely help us to overcome them ourselves.

We said that being a Christian isn't all about being safe and comfortable all the time. God needs us to face and overcome our fears to fulfill His plan for us which He has already prepared us for.

Living in Love and Faith with God at the center of our lives and always keeping our focus on Jesus can help us to unlearn and overcome any fear and allow us to be who God created us to be.

Upcoming Youth Events

More details to come

October 30 - Halloween Party at LWA - 6-9pm

Invite your friends!

Costumes are encouraged

Church appropriate costumes please

November 13 - Movie Night LWA - TBD

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

