

1 Youth Ministry

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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

Community Service

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

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update

Who Are You?



We started this past week introducing ourselves and talking about who we are or our identity.

We said that many times we tend to identify ourselves by the things

that we do or by the things that we achieve. We also even sometimes identify ourselves by how others define us.

We said that whether it is pretty or ugly, smart or stupid, successful or failure, it doesn't really matter at all because God sees us just as He created us.

We said that when we get our identity in things that we do, how we look, what we wear, or the friends we hang out with, any of those things can be taken away in an instant.

When our identity is in something or someone outside of ourselves, when we lose it, we suddenly lose our identity. We lose purpose and our very reason for being. This can sometimes lead us to severe depression or even suicide.

Our true identity is given to us by God when we were created and it can never change or be taken away, ever.

We read Psalm 139 to see how King David described himself as "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made". We went back to Genesis 1 to see that we are created in the image of God. Each of us was individually created on purpose and for a purpose, by the creator of the universe, in His image.

We said, in God's eyes, we are Beloved, Set Apart, A Masterpiece, Fearless, A Child of God, and Unconditionally Loved. We can never be anything less.

We said that it's very easy to accept and believe who the world says we are but why would we believe who the world tells us we are when we know who God says we are.

We looked through several more passages describing who we are as children of God and talked about what that means to us.

We said it is important to know who we really are because it gives us purpose and direction. Knowing who we are protects us, gives us confidence, and strength. Knowing our identity in

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 month

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Christ gives us peace when the whole world seems to be falling apart around us.

It's also important to know who we are and what it means to us so that we can help others better understand who they are as well. Also, knowing and understanding how God sees us helps us to see others in the same way to help make it easier to love even the most difficult people among us.

We finished up by handing out framed 8x10 lists of who God says we are, with the associated verses, so that we can place it somewhere that we can look at it every single day to remind us who God says we are.

We said that once you understand who you truly are, nothing that anyone says or does to you or any negative circumstance will ever make any difference. You are and always will be a **Child of God**.

Upcoming Events

Keep your eye out as we continue to restart other Youth activities and events.

Remember to text Michelle at 602-684-1665 if you need to talk with somebody any time.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,

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