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1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

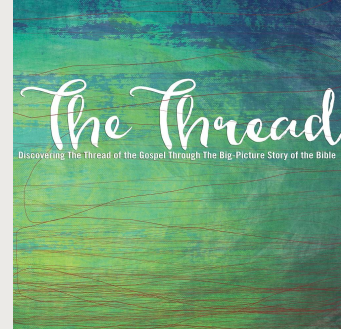
December 10, 2021
Talking to God



Sundays at 9:30
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Friday Jan 7th 6:30pm



Wed January 5th

The Chosen
Official Trailer

Questions answered
about The Chosen by
the director

View the entire first
two seasons here

Midweek Youth

On break until January 5th

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens

Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female youth are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

On break until January 5th

Join us every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for an exciting new series about seeing the "Thread" of the Gospel through the entire Bible.

Together, we will see that Jesus was God's word made in the flesh, as both messenger and the message of God's salvation for all and He can be seen throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and everywhere in between.

Sundays at 9:30am

personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Bible verse of the week

Matthew 6:5-13

⁵ “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come.
Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.



Talking to God

This past Sunday, we talked about how difficult it can be talking to God. It can seem like God is some far-off person who is hard to talk to or who doesn't have time for us. We said it can sometimes also feel awkward not knowing what to say or how to say it. We can be worried that we might stumble over our words or mess it up.

We said that the Disciples also had the same issues. They would watch as Jesus went off by Himself to pray and one day, one of them finally asked Jesus to teach them how to pray like He does.

We looked in **Matthew 6:5-13** to find Jesus' answer. He told them to not be like the hypocrites (Pharisees) who like to be seen praying in the synagogues and streets but instead we should go to a quiet place to pray in private. Jesus also said we should not use repetitions just repeating words over and over.

Jesus then showed them an example of how to pray saying what we now call "The Lord's Prayer". We noted that many people use it to simply repeat memorized words as Jesus specifically told the Disciples to not do. We noted that Jesus was not saying to pray that specific prayer but to use it as a guide to help make it less awkward to find the right words when speaking to God.

We then broke "The Lord's Prayer" up into pieces and looked at the meaning of each piece so that we could then pray in a similar manner but using our own words.

We said that anyone can just recite the words in a memorized prayer but, while it is helpful when we are learning, that's not what God wants our conversations with Him to be. God wants a relationship with us so it's important for us to think about what it is we are saying and speak from our heart instead of just repeating words.

We can do the same with the "Salvation Prayer" (based in **Romans 10:9**) or any other prayer for that matter. We said

Amen.

we can look at each part to understand what it is we are actually saying and what it means to us so that we can learn to speak to God in our own words from our heart instead of just repeating words.

Prayer is our own special way of talking to God and there is really no right or wrong way to do it. No matter where we are, what we say, or how we say it, God will hear us.

We said that the easiest way to talk to God is to just talk to Him like a friend, using your own words. We said that God loves us and wants us share everything with Him. Of course He already knows everything about us but He wants to hear our joys, our concerns, our worries, and our praises because that's what helps make a relationship.

If we stumble over our words sometimes, God doesn't mind. The more we talk to God, the more comfortable we will feel and the less awkward our conversation will seem.

So, talk to God every day, any way, any time, and in any place. God can't wait to hear what you have to say.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on January 7th, at 6:30pm for Youth Movie Night!

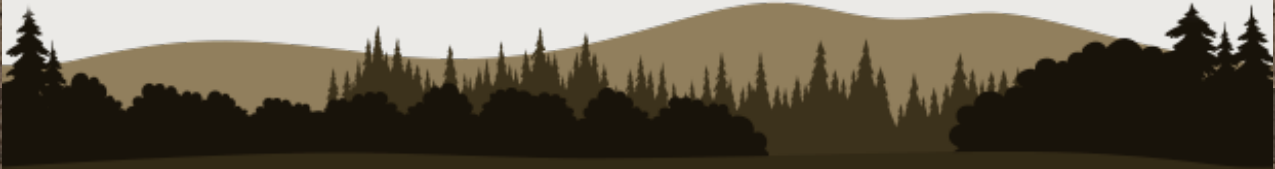
The movie will be the 2014 drama, "When The Game Stands Tall".
For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.

Rated PG



In 2003, high-school football coach Bob Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel) and his De La Salle Spartans have just completed an incredible 151 consecutive victories and 12-straight state championships. While the team's seniors receive offers from colleges all over the country, the advancing juniors look forward to making their mark. However, beloved "Coach Lad" has a brush with calamity, while the Spartans face their most-challenging, most-unpredictable season yet.

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