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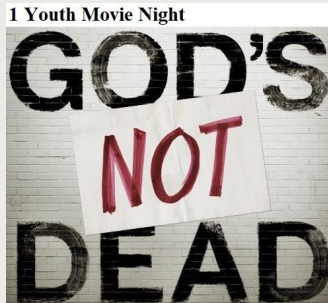
1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

November 3, 2021
 What's Your Story?

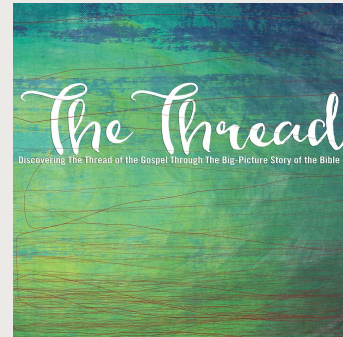


Sundays at 9:30
 What's Your Story?



1 Youth Movie Night
 November 5th at 6:30 Rated PG

Friday Nov 5th 6:30pm



Wednesdays 7:00 PM

The Chosen
 Official Trailer

Questions answered
 about The Chosen by
 the director

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 two seasons here

Midweek Youth

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 teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

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

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him



What's Your Story?

A couple of weeks ago, we talked about stories and how everyone loves to tell and to listen to stories of all types at all different times. We talked about what makes the best stories and said the best stories that really stick with us are the ones we can personally relate to as if it was being told about us.

That's what Jesus did when He told parables. Simple stories with important lessons that His listeners could relate to as if the stories were about them.

When we think about defending our faith we sometimes imagine a dramatic and intense back-and-forth debate or even a heated argument. But, that's not how Jesus did it. He told stories.

We agreed that Jesus is never a bad example to follow so instead of getting into arguments with people, consider telling a story.

We looked at an example of Jesus using a story to answer the "expert in the law" when he asked Jesus "who is my neighbor" when referring to loving your neighbor as yourself. The story we looked at is found in **Luke 10:25-37** and is referred to as The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Instead of Jesus trying to explain to His listeners who their neighbor is who should be loved as themselves, Jesus chose a story that they could easily understand and relate to and then allowed them to answer their own question.

We said that the characters in His story were very specifically chosen to speak directly to them and to show them that indeed everyone, even a Samaritan, is a neighbor who should be loved.

We said that our own faith story does not need to be dramatic or big or exciting. A simple and honest from the heart personal story about how Jesus made a difference in your life is all you need.

Next time you're having a deep conversation with your friend about what's important in life or your friend asks you why you go to Church every week, don't just give them an answer, answer them with your faith story and see what happens.

to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

This weeks question: A person used a verse from the Bible to argue that Christians should not be "rich" and they should give away all their money to help the poor. The verse they used was **Matthew 19:21** which is a verse, taken completely out of context, from the story of the **Rich Young Ruler**.

We looked at the one verse they used and agreed that, by itself, it does seem to say what the person said it did. But, it didn't make sense to us so we looked into it further.

We decided to take a look at the entire story in **Matthew 19:16-26** to understand the context it was said in so we could understand the true meaning of what Jesus said.

We looked at the entire story and discussed it in depth and found that the story as a whole was not even about money or rich Christians at all. The problem with the Rich Young Ruler was not that he had money but that he placed his identity in his wealth and showed Jesus that he valued his wealth more than he valued God. Plus, his very first question, "what good thing must I do..." showed a self-reliance and lack of devotion to God. He was trying to save himself by his good works and by following God's law.

Jesus gives us the answer in the last verse when He tells His Disciples that with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Overall, this story is not about rich people not going to Heaven and Christians can't have a lot of money. What Jesus is really telling us through this story is that we can't save ourselves by works, it's impossible, it can't be done, don't even try, but God can, and will, save you.

We were reminded that Satan used Bible verses to tempt Jesus in the wilderness. In order to defend our faith against people using Bible verses against us, the first thing for us to do is to know the context it was said in to help us understand the true meaning.

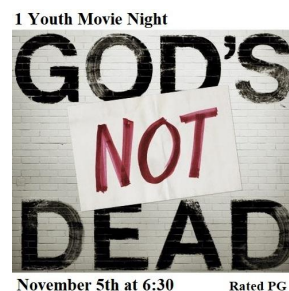
Upcoming Events

First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on November 5th, at 6:30pm
for Youth Movie Night!

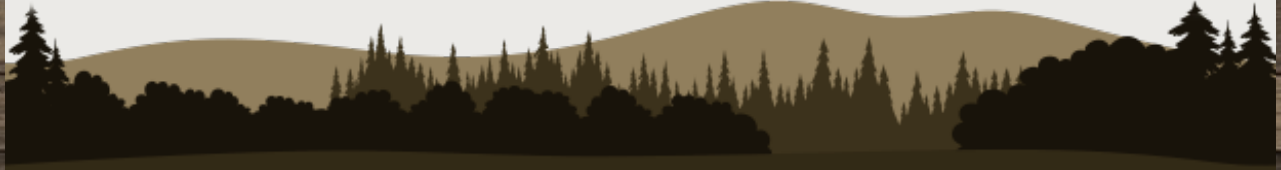
The movie will be the 2014 movie, "God's NOT
Dead". For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.

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Freshman university student Josh Wheaton attends a philosophy class, where Professor Radisson requires all students to submit a signed statement stating "God is dead" and never existed. When Josh refuses because of his own beliefs, the professor challenges him to defend his position, which leads to a series of confrontational presentations between himself and the professor, with the class as jury.

[See Trailer Here](#)



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