

THE FLAME

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Summer Adventures

Lily Freeman has accepted the position of
Summer Activities Director.

Plans are being made for events,
not only for youth and children,
but events in the Pavilion that will
draw the community into our church.

Do I hear a sock hop on the horizon?
Get ready for a summer of fun and games!





A LOT TO CELEBRATE!

It's so easy to focus on our struggles and uncertainties, and in so doing to miss out on celebrating what's right and good and joyful! While much of what we hear these days pertaining to our denomination is not pleasant, and much of it is not accurate, we really don't need to cave to the temptation to divert our attention to the negativity. We are called to be the Body of Christ in our community and to each other. We are the people of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News for ALL people!

With that in mind, we have a lot for which to be grateful and joyful. Six of my favorite reasons to celebrate this season are the six young people who will be Confirmed in their Christian faith and become full members of The United Methodist Church and our local congregation on May 21st. Two of them will be baptized and all six will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. They are saying "Yes" to the invitation of Jesus Christ to follow him and taking personal responsibility for their continued journey of faith and spiritual growth!

In addition to celebrating two baptisms and six confirmations, on May 21st we will all be invited to "remember our baptism" and will receive holy communion from these six newly confirmed members of the Lord's church! I pray you will be able to celebrate their big day with us and vow to support them along their journey.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Leon

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is now open for a variety of Youth Summer Camps for all ages. There is no better place to connect with others your age or to God than through a summer camp experience. Please consider signing up for a summer experience. Bring your friends. Scholarships are available.

Sonshine Camp is an overnight camp for 1st and 2nd graders. June 24-25 or July 15-16.

Growin' in Grace Camp is for 3rd-5th graders. June 12-14 or July 12-14.

Clue Camp is for 6th-12th graders. June 5-9.

Lead Camp is for 6th-12th graders who would like to learn how to be a leader. July 3-7.

Contact the church office if you are interested in a wonderful camping experience this summer.



QUILTS GALORE

Apple butter, pear jelly, hen eggs and goose eggs. How are these connected? Thanks to the chickens, geese, donations of many and lots of shared work and fellowship have made it possible to have baby quilts and lap quilts quilted for residence in the Cookson Hills Mission area. Colorful quilts have been pieced with love by Mary Lou Lorette. The proceeds from the apple butter, pear jelly, hen eggs and goose eggs have paid to have the quilt tops professionally quilted. These quilts will touch the lives of many as each recipient is wrapped in love. Thanks to Mary Lou and all who were part of the small projects which made a very warm and loving project possible.



Sunday School Curriculum Now Available for Check Out in Library

In an effort to better provide adult educational resources for our church members, the archives of the adult Sunday School curriculum have now been combined, organized, packaged and placed in the library on the east wall. The church library is located next door to Pastor Leon's office. The packets are alphabetized according to the author such as: Max Lucado in the "L" section and Adam Hamilton in the "H" section. Each packet can be checked out for adult education use, either for a class, seminar or for an individual to use. To do so, list your name, the date checked out and the item's name on the checkout list found on the library table. After completion, please return the packets to the library in the section wherever they were found and indicate your name on the list as returned. Thank you. With questions, call Jayne Detten at 580-716-7641.





Rebekah Simon-Peter

SAVE THE DATE

August 27-28

Rebekah Simon-Peter is coming to Ponca City First United Methodist Church to work with the congregation to help Deepen Your Faith and Bring the Impossible to Life. Through her seminars she helps transform church leaders and their congregations “Our mainstream congregations are in trouble,” says Rebekah Simon-Peter, author of **DREAM LIKE JESUS: *Deepen Your Faith and Bring the Impossible to Life***

Simon-Peter wants to show Protestant congregations how they can imbue new life in their church if they would only embrace the empowerment that is their Christian heritage.

Her handbook teaches clergy and lay leaders how to recapture the vision that is at the core of Christian belief, the new, empowering conversations that Jesus inspired through sharing visions that had never been uttered before. Rather than the nice, safe, predictable Jesus of mainstream religion, Simon-Peter shows how the rabble rouser of the New Testament can inspire congregations to dream big dreams and develop big, bold visions where the church is the agent of the vision, rather than the recipient.

To get started, Simon-Peter identifies the eight symptoms of a church without vision, which

include:

- **Shrinking numbers:** The first warning sign of a church in decline.
- **Problem people:** Conflict increases as the pool of resources decreases.
- **Stagnant giving:** If you don’t lead with vision, people won’t be inspired to give.
- **Listless worship:** Without vision, worship is like throwing a party where the guest of honor never shows up.
- **Gutless prayer:** Pastoral prayer reveals which churches are playing it safe, and which are playing full out.
- **Bait-and-switch evangelism:** Young people are looking for a vibrant community of faith, not a poorly disguised attempt to increase donations.
- **Insulated focus:** A congregation that isn’t an integral part of the life of the community.
- **Dead-end decision making:** When caution elbows faith out of the driver’s seat, nothing gets accomplished.

To address these problems, Simon Peter introduces the DARE model dreaming like Jesus—

- Dream (like Jesus),
- Align (others to your dream),
- Realize (the dream) and
- Expand (the dream).

She encourages congregations to dream big and own their spiritual authority. To understand their role as a partner in creation of a better world, a world where anyone can reclaim Jesus’s power to dream and co-create miracles. A world where new and better realities are brought

into being. And the time to start is now.

Cost of the seminar to members of the church will be \$50. The cost will include lunch on Saturday and snacks. A potluck dinner is being planned following church on Sunday. We hope you will join us and be a part of transforming and revitalizing our congregation.



FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT ELEPHANTS

- ◆ Elephants can spend up to 18 hours a day eating and grazing.
- ◆ Their trunks can suck and store about two gallons of water.
- ◆ Elephants can pick up sound vibrations from 50 miles away.
- ◆ Their skin is about one inch thick.
- ◆ The Sumatran elephant is the smallest subspecies, weighing around five tons.
- ◆ Elephants eat about 330 pounds of food daily.
- ◆ The African species can weigh over 6.6 tons.
- ◆ Elephants can recognize themselves in the mirror.
- ◆ At birth, they can weigh around 264 lbs.





MUSIC NOTES

Choir Notes:

Beginning with the Meet the Composer event with Pepper Choplin, the past months have been busy ones for the Chancel Choir. Much of March was spent preparing for Holy Week. Rehearsals were extended and extras anthems presented during Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of each choir member, Debbie Rue our talented accompanist, and instrumentalist who made these services special.

Handbell Highlights:

Seeing the need for additional handbell ringers, a Beginning Handbell clinic was offered in January. I am pleased to announce that Kim Walling, Suzi Lenhart, and Debbie Rue, graduated with flying colors and are now ringing with the Carillon Handbell Choir. Congratulations to the new ringers!

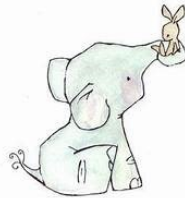
If you noticed the bells were extra shiny on Sunday, it was due to having recently been professionally cleaned, polished, and serviced. They returned to us looking brand new. The other set of bells, the White Chapel set, is scheduled for maintenance in June, in Irmo, SC. This is the original set purchased by the Yeary family in honor and remembrance of their daughter, Ann. Scheduled maintenance for the bells is every 10 years or as needed.

I'm pleased to announce, on May 4th at 7:00pm, the Tulsa Festival Ringers will perform their spring concert, "An Original Composi-

tion By...", in our sanctuary. The local community group, Prairie Carillon, will join them to perform a double choir piece. The concert is free and open to the public. Please encourage your friends and family to attend.

Finally, I want to thank those responsible for offering me the opportunity to serve as Interim Music Director. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve FUMC. Thanks to Pastor Leon and everyone for showing me kindness, love, and support.

With blessings,
Marta



MAY HAIKUS

Beautiful flowers;
Budding and blooming all
'round,
God's Glorious Gift !

May flowers blooming.
Showing God's Grace for us all.
Lighting up our souls.
~Wayne Moore



"I meant what I said and I said what I meant. An elephant's faithful one-hundred percent!"

~ Dr. Seuss,

Horton Hatches the Egg

GUESS WHO

Who wrote one of the all-time best selling medical texts?

Who coined the phrase "agree to disagree"?

Who rode far enough on horse back to circle the earth 10 times?

Who taught that doubt was a part of faith?

Who counseled people to "eat a little less than they desired?"

Who taught that you could not be a Christian on your own?



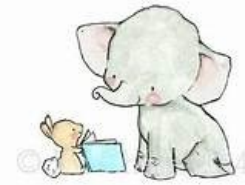
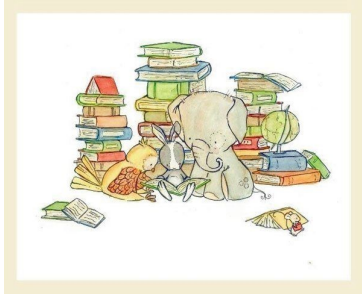
If you answered John Wesley on all of the questions, you would be correct.

It should be noted, John Wesley never intended to separate from the Church of England.

Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley's lifetime. The beginning of Methodism was a group of four who called themselves the "holy club" at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.

Remember, Mother's Day

May 14th!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

2023 READING PROGRAM

Education for Mission:

- Pachinko, *Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice*
- *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*
- Angeline Collins, *With a Hallelujah Heart*
- *The Watchman's Daughter: The True Story of World War II Heroine Corrie Ten Boom*

Leadership Development:

- A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice and Freedom

Social Action:

- Cousins: Connected Through Slavery, A Black Woman And A White Woman Discover Their Past – And Each Other
- The Four Winds

Spiritual Growth:

- *Daughter Of Cana (Jerusalem Road, Book 1)*
- *What Is God Like?*

Nurturing For Community:

- *Eyes That Kiss In The Corners*
- *Nevertheless: American Methodists And Women's Rights*

Confirmation Sunday will be May 21st. We have two who will be baptized that morning and six who will be confirmed. If you would like to give them a card congratulating they are:

Kelsey Baichtal

- ◇ Alex Biery
- ◇ Nicholas Biery
- ◇ Samantha Biery
- ◇ Ruby Cervantes
- ◇ Trent Fleming

Congratulations to all of you for the hard work you have done.

"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."

—St. Ambrose

LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOW

When you are looking out your window
With your eyes fixed on the sky,
Do you marvel or question?
Do you feel the urge to cry?

Do you say a silent prayer
To the heaven's, God above
Thank Him for all His goodness
Tugging so close at you soul?

When you look outside your window
Do you rejoice in what you see
All those tall trees reaching high
Trying to say "Look at Me?"

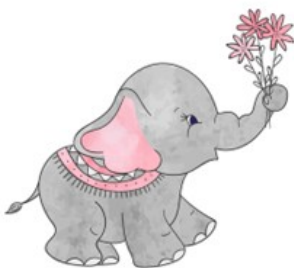
Next time you are looking out your window
Try to focus and see all the wonderful things
That God made for you and me.

~Dan Flewelling



"When you have got an elephant by the hind legs and he is trying to run away, it's best to let him run." – Abraham Lincoln.

"God is really only another artist. He invented the giraffe, the elephant and the cat. He has no real style, He just goes on trying other things." – Pablo Picasso.



SUMMER STUDY GROUP

Be sure to watch the Bulletin and Facebook for news about a summer study group. This group will be designed to reach people in our community that are currently unchurched.



HISTORY HIGHLIGHT #3

Did you know....

The years of 1940 to 1960 began with World War II which made the operation of First Methodist Church difficult. Rev. Phil Drescher was the pastor. In addition to his regular duties, Dr. Drescher performed a commendable service by conducting religious services at the Prisoner of War Camp north of Tonkawa by addressing the prisoners in their native tongue of German. There were 52 young men from the Ponca City area who served in the war with 6 of them losing their lives.

In the fall of 1944, the church celebrated its 50th anniversary. The operating budget of the church was set at \$8000 and included an increase of the pastor's salary to \$1200. Rev. Drescher saw potential for growth in the downtown church, but instead recommended that other locations be opened elsewhere in the city.

One of the most important additions to the church during the first 50 years was the music department. The choir had been organized in 1903 and originally had only 4 members. Youth choirs were added in 1935. By the time of the 50th celebration in 1944, the number of church

choirs had increased to 7: adult, senior high, junior high, junior girls, primary, beginners and boys. For many years, the church also had a Sunday School orchestra, but war conditions terminated its existence.

In 1948, due to the over-crowded Sunday School classrooms, the church thought it necessary to purchase land to build a new Religious Education Building. The lot at 208 S. 6th St. next door to the church was not available for sale, but the adjoining lot at 210 6th St. was. The church acquired the 210 property, only later to then acquire the 208 lot. By 1950 the RE building was ready for occupancy.

The minister's salary had grown to \$5400 and the total budget of the church had risen to \$24,208.

The original parsonage at 211 S. 5th St. was in poor condition and was not inadequate for the pastor and family anymore. The Board of Trustees decided to purchase a new property at 309. N. 10th St. for a sum of \$19,500.

In 1952 a smaller chapel was added to the northwest room beside the sanctuary. This was done through a donation by the Parker family. The Parker Memorial Chapel would

serve the church by holding small weddings and Sunday School classes until the present day. In 1954 air-conditioning was added to all the church buildings. Parking had become a problem for the growing church. Several lots across the street to the east were purchased in 1956 to create more space for cars and buses.

In 1959 a living memorial was given by the Yeary family to purchase handbells for the church choir. The bells were cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England. This same company cast the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

First Church was now sending missionaries around the world to countries such as the Belgian Congo. By 1962 the church had become quite active in Ponca City, so a new position for an associate pastor was created with a salary of \$4200. In 1964 the pastor's salary was raised to \$9500 and the budget had grown substantially to a whopping \$100,287.





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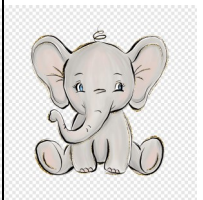
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	1 9:00 Staff Meeting	2 8:30 Men's Coffee Group Intercessory Prayer	3 6:00 GLOW 7:00 Choir	4 6:00 UWF Kay Whitlock	5 5:00 Cinco de Mayo	6 Charlene Carmichael Lindsey McGee
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 UMY Suzi Lenhart	8 9:00 Staff Meeting	9 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 Trustees Tamara Behara	10 6:00 GLOW 7:00 Choir	11 Claire Scott	12 1:30 UWF Sandwiches for the Mid High Haylee Kyler Dale Petty	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 UMY	15 9:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Friendship Feast	16 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer Don Nuzum Khaliah Rhodd	17 6:00 GLOW 7:00 Choir Nancy Murphy	18	19	20 Pam Elliott
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Confirmation and Baptism 6:00 UMY Marlys Cervantes	22 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Quilters	23 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer	24 6:00 GLOW 7:00 Choir Linda Long	25	26 Connie Scott	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Memorial Sunday	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer	31 6:00 GLOW 7:00 Choir			Birthdays shown in red.



You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:6-9

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We have a NEW NAME!!
 (Formerly Mother's Day Out)
 We're going through many good
 changes in the coming months.
 First and foremost we'd like to
 welcome **ASHLEY COGGINS**
 as our new Angel Academy Di-
 rector. She is such a visionary
 with new ideas to promote our
 program by leaps and bounds!

Effective **June 1, 2023**

- We will have a year-round program
- New hours will be from 8:30 -3:30 on Monday and Wednesday's
- In the future we hope to provide a facelift to our Angel Academy facilities by adding a splash of color and design
- Segments for the year will be divided into fall, spring and summer semesters
- We are updating our Angel Academy Handbook that will be handed out prior to the fall semester
- We are working toward getting all of our Angel Academy teachers CPR certified



My name is Ashley Coggins. I am very excited to be the new director of Angel Academy.

My husband and I moved to Ponca City from Tulsa 5 years ago and love being a part of this community. We have two boys; Coulter who is 7, and Baker who is 3.

The past few years I have been the Office Administrator and Children's Ministry Coordinator at Agape Church of Christ in Tulsa. I served two summers as a Children's intern at Memorial Drive Church of Christ. I grew up babysitting and teaching kids classes at church. I love watching kids learn and grow.

As the new director of Angel Academy, I hope and pray that this program grows and flourishes into something wonderful for the Ponca City community. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ashley Coggins

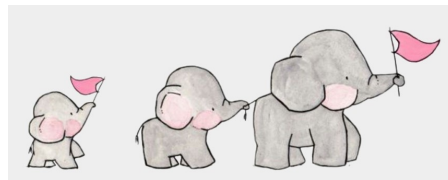
I would like to thank all of you who so graciously brought food, sent cards or took time to lift my family up in prayer after the death of my husband. This congregation has shown me more love and compassion than I could have ever expected. I firmly believe your prayers gave me a sense of comfort and peace that has been truly amazing. God bless and keep you all.

Dianne Clark and family



Thank you so much to everyone who sent a card for my 100th birthday. I loved each and everyone one of them and you. They were appreciated so very much.

Freida McGee



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May 2023

Daily



Prayers for YOUTH

- Our Sons/Daughters, Grandsons/Granddaughters
& all the ones we love.

1

...your ears will hear a voice behind you,
saying, "This is the way; walk in it."
~ Isaiah 30:21

Savior Jesus, please attune (name)'s ears to
Your voice, so that she hears You when You
say - this is the way. Please convict her to
obey, walking as You have directed, even
when it makes no sense to her. Amen!

2

Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly
hold it back. ~ Proverbs 29:11

Eternal Lord, may (name) not be a fool
who gives full vent to her anger. May he
be wise, quietly remaining in control.
Amen!

3

... making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
~ Proverbs 2:2

Awesome God, may (name)'s ears perk
up at wisdom and her heart be inclined
to understanding, so she can easily
distinguish between right and wrong.
Amen!

4

... but set an example for the believers in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
~ 1 Timothy 4:12

Dear Father, please whisper in
(name)'s ears and remind him You
created him to be a leader; an example
in speech, conduct, love, faith and
purity. Amen!

5

"If you love me, obey my commandments.
~ John 14:15

Sovereign Father, please convict
(name)'s heart. Help her express
her heartfelt love for You by
obeying Your commands. Amen!

6

You can make many plans, but the LORD's
purpose will prevail. ~ Proverbs 19:21

Jehovah God, please cleanse (name)
of destructive self-talk, and self-
dependence. Imprint the truth that
You have a plan and purpose for his
life which will prevail if he seeks and
follows Your will. Amen!

7

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust.
Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and
peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on
the Lord with pure hearts. ~ 2 Timothy 2:22

Father God, I pray (name) will run from
anything that stimulates sin. May he pursue
righteousness, faith, love, and peace. Please
prompt him to seek and enjoy the
companionship of only those who love You
Lord. Amen!

8

Understand this, my dear brothers and
sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to
speak, and slow to get angry. ~ James 1:19

Everlasting Lord, may (name) be an
attentive listener; one who is quick to
listen, slow to speak, and even slower
to take offense, or become angry.
Amen!

9

I know how to live on almost nothing or with
everything. I have learned the secret of living in
every situation, whether it is with a full stomach
or empty, with plenty or little. ~ Philippians 4:12

Abba Father, may (name) learn the secre
to contentment is to trust You to provide
all her true needs, and not be consumed
with materialism or anxiety. Amen!

10

And so the Lord says, "These people say they are
mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts
are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing
but man-made rules learned by rote.

~ Isaiah 29:13
Gracious Lord, may (name) honor You,
God, with all his heart, and not just his
lips. May his worship be heartfelt, not
simply a pretense to comply with man-
made rules. Amen!

11

But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid.
Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue
you today. ~ Exodus 14:13

Precious Lord, may (name) stand
firm, and fear not! Open her eyes to
see Your salvation which You will
accomplish for her today. Amen!

12

Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the
enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and
crush them. Nothing will injure you. ~ Luke 10:19

Savior God, when fearful, please remind
(name) that You have given him authority
over all the power of his enemies, thus he
can therefore walk among the snakes and
scorpions in his life, and crush them.
Nothing will injure him. Amen!

13

No weapon that is formed against you will prosper;
And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you
will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of
the LORD. And their vindication is from Me," declares
the LORD. ~ Isaiah 54:17

Almighty Father, may no weapon formed
against (name) prosper. May every tongue
that accuses her in judgment receive Your
condemnation. May this be her heritage as
a servant of the LORD. Amen!

14

Let your face shine on your servant; save
me in your unfailing love. ~ Psalm 31:16

Loving God, may Your face shine on
Your servant, (name). May he enjoy
Your gracious presence. Please save
him in Your unfailing love. Amen!

15

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual
immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed,
because these are improper for God's holy people. ~
Ephesians 5:3

Holy Father, please imprint Your guidelines for
a pure life on (name). Give her a distaste for all
sexual immorality, and indecent, offensive
behavior. May it be a way of life she shuns. Ma
she learn to control her body so there is not
even a hint of impropriety about her. Amen!

16

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. ~ 1 Corinthians 6:12

The internet and social media are woven into all aspects of life including school, work, and entertainment. Yet, not all lawful things are beneficial. Almighty God, please protect (name) from the dark side of this phenomenon. May he learn how to use it in moderation and not be enslaved by it. Amen!

17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ~ Ephesians 6:17

Dear Lord, may (name) don the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, each and every day. Amen!

18

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ~ 1 Peter 5:7

Everlasting Father, please stir (name) to cast all his concerns, worries and disappointments upon You, Lord, knowing that You care for him. Amen!

19

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; ~ Psalm 32:8

Gracious Father, whenever (name) is uncertain about what to do, please stir her to seek your will, as You have promised to instruct and teach her the way she should go. Amen!

20

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." ~ John 13:35

Loving Lord, please show (name) how to love others the way You love them. Amen!

21

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ~ 1 John 4:4

Blessed Lord, please imprint on (name) the awareness she is Your child, the child of the Most High, and greater is He who is in her, than he who is in the world. Amen!

22

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ~ 1 Corinthians 16:13

Sovereign God, may (name) grow into a mighty man of valor - be watchful, stand firm in his faith, act like a man and be strong. Amen!

23

For we walk by faith, not by sight. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:7

Jehovah Father, may (name) learn to walk by faith and not by sight. Amen!

24

... and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ~ Colossians 3:16

Everlasting God, may (name) develop an appreciation for how much You have blessed him. May he readily sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in his heart to You. Amen!

25

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9

Savior Lord, may (name) understand that in all circumstances, Your grace is sufficient for her, as Your strength is perfectly manifested in her weakness. Amen!

26

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ~ Colossians 3:23

Eternal God, may (name) learn to work with all her heart at any tasks she embarks upon, knowing she is actually serving You, Lord. Amen!

27

If you return to the LORD, ..., for the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him. ~ 2 Chronicles 30:9

Loving Father, when (name) errs, may he never forget that You, the Lord his God are gracious and merciful. You will not turn Your face from him if he repents. Amen!

28

Finally, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, affectionate, compassionate, and humble. ~ 1 Peter 3:8

Mighty God, may (she) be inclined to be peace loving, living in harmony with others. May she be sympathetic, affectionate, compassionate, and humble in her interactions. Amen!

29

Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave. ~ Proverbs 12:24

Sovereign Lord, please instill strong work ethics in (name). May he work hard and become a leader amongst his peers. Amen!

30

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see. ~ Hebrews 11:1

King of Kings, please strengthen (name)'s faith so her confidence that You will bring to fruition all she is hoping and praying for, is unwavering. Amen!

31

Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king. ~ 1 Peter 2:17

Awesome Father, please teach (name) how to develop respectful, good relationships with the people in his life; his parents, relatives, friends, and even acquaintances. Amen!