

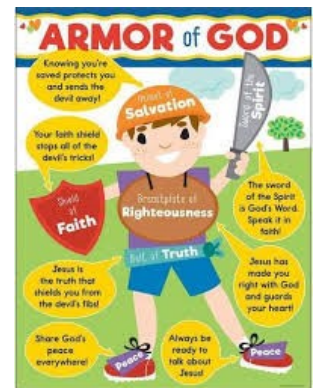
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WINGS Update

The battle is all around us. We just can't see it. Flaming arrows are finding their way toward us. We can dodge and duck, but sometimes they hit their mark. We need armor... the Armor of God! At WINGS we are studying each piece of the Armor of God, why it is so important, and where and when we need that armor (everywhere and always!) Every other week, our hero has choices to make and situations that happen in real life. Our hero is learning to put on their Belt of Truth (you must say that with a deep, powerful voice!) so the enemies lies are overcome. God loves us, God is with us, there is a right and wrong . . . truth is a very important piece of armor! Our hero also put on the Breastplate of Righteousness knowing that as followers of God we need to be obedient to Him. Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace were next. We learned that soldiers used to put nails through their shoes while fighting so when things were rough or slippery, they gripped the ground better-like soccer or baseball cleats. The nails also made it harder for the enemy to knock them down! Our enemy is trying to get us to slip and he wants to knock us down, but knowing the God's peace that passes understanding helps us stand firm. We also need to be ready to share that peace with others, so they can stand firm, too! Our hero then took up the Shield of Faith and extinguished many flaming arrows as we got thrown into a blazing furnace for not bowing down to an idol. Because our hero trusted God, God was with him in the fire and rescued our hero. When we trust in God, He will never forsake us! Our hero still has more pieces of armor to put on, but we at WINGS are already learning how important that armor is! We have come up with many areas of our lives that we need the armor of God to face. Please keep praying for all of us as we learn to know God more and more and allow Him to grow our faith from a tiny mustard seed to a huge shield that covers everything. Thank you! ~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

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Prayer Retreat Opportunity with Five Church Network...From Pastor Jacob Dodson, Wooster Mennonite. Dear Friends, It has been so good partnering with you in the Five Church Network! Our members continue to discover new ideas for things we can do together including a prayer retreat! How great would it be to get together for spiritual reflection and prayer? We would cherish the opportunity of gathering together for this. You are invited to attend the Fall Prayer Retreat on Saturday, October 12, 9:00 - 3:00 pm at Camp Luz. Theme for the day is "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," I Samuel 3:1-10. How do we recognize that God is speaking? Come and experience this day apart. Lunch provided. Contact Beulah Steiner at bsteiner25@gmail.com to register.

Central Christian School Announcements

- ◆ Central Christian School is celebrating their 50th Annual Community Service Day (CSD)! CSD is an outreach event which allows the student body, faculty and staff to live out our faith in Jesus through hands-on service in our local communities. Faculty, staff and students secure sponsors for their day of service and the dollars raised go toward our Fair Balance Fund. Your generosity ensures that Central Christian can have variable rates of tuition to families who want to invest in a Christ-centered education. Want to donate? Visit CCSComets.org - click support and select CSD.
- ◆ Central Christian School is currently seeking individuals to fill the following positions:
 - Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach
 - Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach

Please visit CCSComets.org/about for more information about these positions, or email Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi at JeanneJ@CentralChristianSchool.org to submit your letter of intent.

- ◆ Central Christian School invites you to attend the first high school concert of the school year, *Prelude and Dessert*, on Friday, October 11 at 7:00 pm. Enjoy the orchestra, choirs, and instrumental ensembles perform as well as fellowship and dessert after the concert. For family and friends who are unable to attend, the concert will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.
- ◆ Join us for an evening of laughter and fun as Central Christian High School presents, *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased by visiting CCSComets.org or purchase at the door the night of the show.

An Announcement from Ohio Conference Minister, Dick Barrett:

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The early application deadline for Winter 2020 is **December 16**. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey or contact Conference Minister Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or at 937-935-2549.